



TRAVEL TO LATVIA, RIGA



Latvia is a country on the Baltic Sea between Lithuania and Estonia. Its landscape is marked by wide beaches as well as dense, sprawling forests. Latvia's capital is Riga. Riga, Latvia's capital is set on the Baltic Sea at the mouth of the River Daugava. The pedestrian-only Old Town has many shops and restaurants and is home to busy Livu Square, with bars and nightclubs. Latvia is one of the smallest countries in the Europe, but definitely welcoming for Drift.

- ✓ Language: Latvian, but most locals speak also English and Russian.
- ✓ Currency: EUR
- √ Time Zone: GMT +2

To learn more about the city of Riga and its leisure options, please visit www.liveriga.com



HOW TO GET TO RIGA?!

- ✓ <u>BY CAR</u>- Several national roads have their beginning in Riga and the Via Baltic, European route E67 crosses Riga from the south and north. It is a significant road connection between the Baltic States. Riga is 300 km from Tallinn, Estonia, and 260 km from Vilnius, Lithuania. In Latvia, just like elsewhere in the continental Europe, traffic flow is organized on the right side of the road. The driver needs an internationally recognized driver's license, but the car needs to be insured.
- ✓ <u>BY FERRY</u>- Every day a passenger ferry drives direct from Stockholm to Riga. The trip lasts approximately 15 hours. More information about daily ferry traffic between Stockholm and Riga can be found here: www.tallinksilja.com
- ✓ <u>BY BUS</u>- Riga has good developed bus traffic to many cities in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Great Britain, France and etc. Riga International Bus Terminal is located in the very centre of the city and 15 minutes' walk from the Astor Riga Hotel. www.luxexpress.eu, www.hansabuss.ee, www.klap.lt, www.klap.lt, www.klap.lt, www.hansabuss.ee, www.klap.lt, www.minsktrans.by, www.nordeka.lv, www.ecolines.net
- ✓ <u>BY PLANE</u>- Rīga International Airport (RIX) is located just 20 kilometres, or around a half an hour drives, from the Biķernieki track. With more than 80 direct flight destinations in over 30 countries, Riga airport is the quickest and most convenient way to come to Latvia. Riga has a range of direct flights with European cities: London, Manchester, Liverpool in the Great Britain, Paris and Nice in France, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Dusseldorf in Germany, Amsterdam in the Netherlands, Barcelona in Spain, Rome in Italy, Istanbul in Turkey, Tel Aviv in Israel and more others. You can use different airlines to fly to Riga. Air Baltic is the Latvian national airline that flies to Riga from more than 25 international cities. Riga International Airport is the biggest in the Baltic States. It offers flights to 78 destinations in the entire world. Schedule and map of flights is available here: www.riga-airport.com
- ✓ <u>By Rail</u>-The central train station is located in the very centre of the city and 15 minutes' walk from the Astor Riga Hotel. Direct trains link Riga with St. Petersburg, Moscow and Minsk. See more detailed information about local and international train timetables <u>www.ldz.lv</u>



BIĶERNIEKI RACE TRACK

Biķernieki track is located just 10 kilometres from the city centre, in a beautiful forest. Typically, the trip from city centre to the track will take around 20 minutes. In weekend traffic it might even take a little less time, but during rush hours in the working days it can take 30-40 minutes or more. Biķernieki track is not only the epicentre of motorsports in Rīga, but is also a place where runners, rollerblades or cyclists can practice every day. The track is also used for walks by mothers with young children. In winter, the Biķernieki track becomes a country skiing complex.

When you come to track don't forget to visit Riga Motor Museum . Museum is the biggest antique vehicle museum in the Baltic countries, located near to Bikernieki race track.

Address: Biķernieku kompleksā sporta bāze, Eizenšteina iela 4, Rīga

Public transportation in Riga to get to track:

- ✓ Trolleybus from city centre Riga to S.Eizenšteina iela. Numbers: 14 and 18
- ✓ Bus from city centre to S.Eizenšteina iela. Numbers 15/16 and 31

Plan your route here:

http://saraksti.rigassatiksme.lv/index.html#riga/map,page/en

✓ Taxi- average taxi prices is from 5-15 euro from Riga centre to Biķernieki race track.







LATVIA CELEBRATE 100 YEARS



On 18 November 2018 we will celebrate Latvia's centenary. We will greet the day with honour and dignity, proud and happy for having prepared a wide range of celebratory events and festivities that will take place from 2017 to 2021. Everyone who calls Latvia home and feels a sense of belonging to this country is invited to participate, regardless of age, occupation, education, mother tongue, or place of residence.

Latvia is created by our thoughts and deeds, through our daily contributions to Latvia's prosperity. 'I AM LATVIA' is the central message of the centenary celebrations, and the participatory theme 'I create Latvia. I make Latvia' permeates the many events. This message reminds us that Latvia's greatest resource is our people; those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, those who have dedicated their lives to the creation and maintenance of an independent state, create our present reality with the work they do on a daily basis, and, together with the new generation, are laying the foundation for our future.

The centenary celebrations also come into being when we all work together. The celebration program defines the overall goal and guiding message for the celebrations, enumerates the key tasks we must accomplish together, and a number of nationwide events, of centenary extravaganzas, encouraging each and every person living in Latvia to contribute their ingenuity and good deeds as gifts to our nation on its 100th birthday. More than 5 000 people have already shared their ideas in various public discussions, and everyone is invited to add their own ideas, dedicated to Latvia and corresponding with the goals of the celebration, to the open calendar of centenary events on the digital platform **www.lv100.lv.**

WELCOME TO LATVIA!