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### International Ice Sculpture Festival

09.02.-11.02. ☐ Jelgava

Visit the park which has the largest exhibition of ice sculptures in the Baltics, and where musical shows, demonstrations of sculpture creation, and various activities for children will be organised. With the fall of night, visitors will be treated to synchronised ice sculpture, music and light performances.

[www.icelv.lv](http://www.icelv.lv)

### Easter

30.03.-02.04. ☐ Latvia

Mixing Christian and pagan traditions, Latvia celebrates Easter. For Christians, this is the time when Christ was resurrected. For those celebrating pagan traditions, this is the Spring equinox - honouring of the arrival of spring and return of the sun. Those celebrating the spring equinox carry out ancient rituals to help the land wake up from its winter sleep and ensure the fertility of the land and bless it.

[www.latvia.travel](http://www.latvia.travel)

### Swing Festival

30.03.-02.04. Sigulda

During festival in Sigulda will be located more than 100 environmental objects – swings.

[www.tourism.sigulda.lv](http://www.tourism.sigulda.lv)

### Riga Jazz Stage

05.04.-07.04. ☐ Riga

The festival gives a chance for young jazz artists to perform on international stage together with musicians from other countries. Each year along with the category "Jazz Vocal", a different music instrument category is selected.

[www.rigajazz.lv](http://www.rigajazz.lv)

### Lido zivis Festival

28.04. ☐ Kuldīga

The highly entertaining spring thaw festival, Lido zivis, which takes place in Kuldīga.

[www.visit.kuldiga.lv](http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv)

### Independence day Cycling marathon

04.05. ☐ Jūrmala

Join the race in a patriotic mood along Jūrmala.

[www.maratoni.lv](http://www.maratoni.lv)

### Magical Night of Senses

05.05. ☐ Valmiera

To open the summer season of the Park of Senses by the Gauja River Steep banks, visitors are invited to the Magical Night of Senses to enjoy the symphony of lights, colours, sounds and flavours.

[www.voc.lv](http://www.voc.lv)

### Lattelecom Marathon

19.05.-20.05. ☐ Riga

If you have never been to Riga, then participation in a marathon or half-marathon is a good reason to visit one of the most beautiful cities on the Baltic Sea coast. Since 2007, the Riga Marathon is officially in line with the AIMS standard, guaranteeing the race international recognition.

[www.lattelecomrigasmaratons.lv](http://www.lattelecomrigasmaratons.lv)

### Museum Night

19.05. ☐ Latvia

Museums, theatres, concert halls, libraries, universities, churches and other venues in Latvia open all night, or until the wee hours, in this annual Europe-wide happening.

[www.muzeju-nakts.lv](http://www.muzeju-nakts.lv), [www.muzeji.lv](http://www.muzeji.lv)

### Liiv Village Celebration

19.05.-20.05. ☐ Liepāja

One of the largest traditional culture events in Latvia combining folk and ethno music with traditional culture, arts&crafts, as well as food sampling. This huge trade show also highlights craftsmanship. A broad programme, including many other genres – folk dance and music, painting, modelling and others, showing Latvian heritage and history through old and contemporary ways of expression. This outdoor festival takes place at the Promenade of Liepāja and every year there are thousands of people in attendance.

[www.liepajaskc.lv](http://www.liepajaskc.lv)

### Liepāja Tweed Ride

19.05. ☐ Liepāja

Bicycle fans dressed in the traditional tweed outfits of the 1930s gather together to ride in the streets of Liepāja. Programme includes concerts, dances, old-style designed photo studio and other activities.

[www.liepaja.travel](http://www.liepaja.travel)

### Sigulda Region Festival

24.05.-27.05. ☐ Sigulda

Take part in fun and active events like a traditional festive procession, amateur performances, concerts and attractions for children. Holiday culmination will be a special concert and open-air party.

[www.tourism.sigulda.lv](http://www.tourism.sigulda.lv)

### Jelgava City Festival

25.05.-27.05. ☐ Jelgava

The biggest festival of the year in Jelgava with a wide range of activities, including performances, shows, exhibitions, concerts and parades.

[www.visit.jelgava.lv](http://www.visit.jelgava.lv)

### Marta's Ball

26.05. ☐ Daugavpils

A fancy-dress ball takes place in Daugavpils Fortress which turns into a real fairy tale kingdom just for one night.

[www.martasballe.lv](http://www.martasballe.lv)

### Lilac Festival

26.05. ☐ Dobeles

Let the magical scent of blooming lilacs get you carried away in one of the largest lilac gardens in Europe.

[www.lvai.lv](http://www.lvai.lv)

### Jūrmala Resort Festival

26.05. ☐ Jūrmala

You're welcome to join the very special celebration marking the beginning of the summer season in the largest resort town of the Baltics.

[www.visitjurmala.lv](http://www.visitjurmala.lv)

### Cycling festival and cycling night in Kuldīga

26.05. ☐ Kuldīga

Spend a day and night in a leisurely ride for families and cycling enthusiasts who love riding bikes and enjoying nature.

[www.velokuldiga.lv](http://www.velokuldiga.lv)

#### Latvian Folk Applied Arts Fair

02.06.-03.06. ☐ Riga

Don't miss the opportunity to buy products and pieces of art made by local craftsmen! Performances by folk and dance groups, ensembles of singers, choirs, masters of old games and toys, chefs presenting traditional dishes and other participants enrich the Fair.

[www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv](http://www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv)

#### Daugavpils City Festival

04.06.-10.06. ☐ Daugavpils

During the festival, the city's birthday is marked with an extensive programme of festivities. For one whole week, in various locations around the city, cultural, sporty, and rec/relax are held, and special care has been given to the younger set. Several thousand people from Latvia and abroad usually make this scene in the SE Latvia city.

[www.kultura.daugavpils.lv](http://www.kultura.daugavpils.lv)

#### Riga Opera Festival

07.06.-17.06. ☐ Riga

Founded in 1998 as the first festival of its size and scale in Eastern Europe, it has already become a treasured tradition. The festival is highly anticipated by both Latvian audiences and opera-lovers from abroad, which form the majority of all Riga Opera Festival fans.

[www.opera.lv](http://www.opera.lv)

#### Slitere Travellers Days

09.06.-10.06. ☐ Slitere National Park

You are welcome to experience a number of activities including popular nature and cultural history tours on foot, on bicycle or boat. Special attention is paid to local Livonian cookery heritage and cooking skills as well.

[www.visit.dundaga.lv](http://www.visit.dundaga.lv)

#### Lilium Vindaviensis Knight Tournament

09.06. ☐ Ventspils

The Livonian Order castle yard gathers together romantics who favour the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, participants of re-enactment groups - who will be fighting, winning and celebrating. Everything will be for real!

[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com)

#### Summer Signs International Sand Sculpture Festival

09.06.-10.06. ☐ Jelgava

The oldest and largest sand sculpture festival in the Baltics. More than twenty recognised sculptors from all over the world will be creating from 14,000 tonnes of sand. Live music is a key part of the festival, as are sand workshops for children. Be on hand and catch the process of sculpting. When darkness falls, the sculptures will appear in a different light, in a shadow play of sorts.

[www.festivali.jelgava.lv](http://www.festivali.jelgava.lv)

#### Riga Festival

12.06.-21.06. ☐ Riga

The Festival offers various theatre plays, art exhibitions, multimedia and open-air events, as well as activities for children. Usually also the street cafes and restaurants of Old Riga do their share in organisation of Festival events.

[www.rigasfestivals.lv](http://www.rigasfestivals.lv)

#### Pre-Summer Solstice Festival "Saulgriezis"

22.06. ☐ Valmiermuīža

Prepare yourself for the celebration and learn about traditions, buy tasty Jāņi beer, cheese and other goods and take part in lighting the festive bonfire, Latvian dances and songs in an ethno-concert.

[www.valmiermuiza.lv](http://www.valmiermuiza.lv)

#### International Folklore Festival "Baltica"

16.06.-21.06. Latvia

Baltica is the most popular traditional culture festival in the Baltic States. This is the largest and internationally recognised traditional culture festival in the Baltic countries, which cares for the preservation and development of intangible cultural heritage.

[www.festivalbaltica.com](http://www.festivalbaltica.com)

#### Summer Solstice celebration at open-air museum "Vītolnieki"

21.06. ☐ Pape

Summer Solstice celebration according to ancient traditions - warm up songs, tasting traditional food, watching the sun setting into the sea, singing songs about the sun, dancing around the bonfire and feasting till the next sunrise.

[www.liepaja.travel](http://www.liepaja.travel)



### Liigo! market on Old Town Riga's Dome Square

22.06. ☐ Riga

Celebration of the Latvian pagan holiday, the year's shortest night, is the 'most Latvian' of all traditions, and its key features are beer, caraway cheese, dances and Liigo! songs by the bonfire until dawn. Before you head out for the country, visit the special Midsummer Fair annually held on Dome Square to properly prepare. Impressive flower bunches and garlands, delicious smoked meat and fish, homemade cheese from all Latvian regions - all that along with cheerful singing, and shopping all day long at the Fair!

[www.kultura.riga.lv](http://www.kultura.riga.lv), [www.avesol.riga.lv](http://www.avesol.riga.lv)

### Big Latgale Market

23.06. ☐ Ludza

Craftsmen, farmers and singers from Latgale and elsewhere will gather at the Ludza Castle Mound to hail the Big Latgale Market and the Summer Solstice. Visitors will be able to enjoy demonstrations of olden day crafts, learn secrets from master craftsmen and buy their products for use or enjoyment, participate in ancient Latgallian battles and games, and sing or dance together with Latgallian folk ensembles. When the sun sets, we will join together to celebrate Summer Solstice, sing homages to and about the sun, and celebrate Midsummer festival Liigo! as our forefathers/mothers did.

[www.visitludza.lv](http://www.visitludza.lv), [www.ludzasamatnieki.lv](http://www.ludzasamatnieki.lv)

### Midsummer Liigo! festivities at 11.novembra krastmala and at Dzegužkalns

23.06.-24.06. ☐ Riga

In Riga, riverside, at the 11 Novembra krastmala (11 November Embankment), is where the city-sponsored Līgosim Krastmalā! event offers everyone [opting not to go countryside] the chance to enjoy a programme that is replete with folk singers, dancers, Latvian actors, artists, bands and DJs. The entertainment goes on into the wee hours and visitors can enjoy special foods and bonfires in the heart of the city. Riga-Pardaugava's Dzegužkalns Park is another setting for the traditional all-night celebration. All Rigans and visitors to the city are invited to learn how to make your own oak-leaf or flower crown, and take part in the bonfire lighting ritual. Free of charge.

[www.kultura.riga.lv](http://www.kultura.riga.lv)

### Garden Festival

30.06. ☐ Rundale Palace garden

Held when the rose bloom reaches its peak; thousands in attendance, including foreigners and gathers together thousands of interested visitors not only from Latvia but also from other countries. Every year the festival's theme has something to do with fruit trees and bushes, flowering bulbs, roses, and historic partners. This year is devoted to the tenth anniversary of the rose garden. It has already been a decade since it was first laid out and planted.

[www.rundale.net](http://www.rundale.net)

### Latvian Song and Dance Festival

30.06.-08.07. Riga

Over 30 000 participants, hundreds of thousands of viewers and one passion - Latvian songs and dances. This is how every 5 years the biggest celebration of Latvia brings joy and pride of tradition with the folk costume parades and concerts, which unites all of those present for the occasion.

[www.dziesmusvetki.lv](http://www.dziesmusvetki.lv)

### Bauska Country Music festival

06.07.- 07.07. ☐ Bauska

This is one of the four regular international festivals of its kind in Europe gathering leading country music artists of Latvia, Europe and sometimes guests from the USA. The festival has become a major leisure event for families. During the festival, attendees can live in a tent town, enjoy the picturesque surroundings of Bauska, as well as visit Bauska Castle and participate in various amusement and recreational activities.

[www.countrybauska.lv](http://www.countrybauska.lv)

### Dzīres Kuldīgā Festival

09.07.-22.07. ☐ Kuldīga

Held in one of the most beautiful towns in Latvia, this event offers a chance to experience wonderful and architecturally well-preserved sights of Kuldīga. Lasting several days, the bill includes a wide range of shows and performances day and night.

[www.visit.kuldiga.lv](http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv)

### International Early Music Festival

11.07.-14.07. ☐ Riga, Rundale Palace

Stands among the most sophisticated cultural happenings in Latvia; the concerts are held in the Medieval Riga churches and concert halls, as well as Rundale Palace – a brilliant Baroque palace. The festival brings back the masterpieces by Purcell, Vivaldi, Telemann, Gluck, Handel and other Baroque masters. There are gorgeous outfits, authentic instruments, all performed among Baroque architecture and interiors. Thousands usually flock to the closing concert in Rundale Palace Park - in the fragrance of blooming roses.

[www.smf.lv](http://www.smf.lv)

### Positivus Festival

13.07.-15.07. ☐ Salacgrīva

The largest and most important rock music festival in the Baltics offers a long lineup of international stars and high quality music, friendly atmosphere, and a good time for all the entire weekend. The location of the festival - the beautiful coastline at Salacgrīva, provides atmosphere that allows everyone to fully enjoy precious summer moments, greatly appreciated by the participating musicians themselves.

[www.positivusfestival.com](http://www.positivusfestival.com)

### Festival of Roses

13.07.-15.07. Tukums

The event gathers florists from Latvia and abroad to make innovative rose compositions, and everyone can contribute to making the largest garland of roses in the world or take part in "The Rose Wheels" - a crazy race in a self-made non-mechanical vehicle. You will have a chance to savour nature and the allure of the rose world at the rose nursery "Rozītes", which boasts the widest variety of historical, English, Chinese, Japanese and other types of roses, totalling more than 300 varieties.

[www.visittukums.lv](http://www.visittukums.lv)

### Street theatre festival "Earth. Sky. Sea"

14.07. ☐ Liepāja

Experience circus tricks, meet mimes, watch a flash improvisational performance and enjoy many other street theatre activities in the center of Liepāja. Professional Latvian street theatre artists and artists from other European cities will take part in the festival.

[www.liepajaskultura.lv](http://www.liepajaskultura.lv)

### Sea Festival

14.07. ☐ Ventspils, Roja

This is a festival for people who appreciate the true meaning of the salty sea, the wind in the sails, and returning home after a long voyage. This is a time where family, friends and colleagues who are sailing across other seas are remembered.

[www.visitventspils.com](http://www.visitventspils.com), [www.roja.lv](http://www.roja.lv)

### Dinaburg 1812: Festival of war history reconstruction clubs

14.07.-15.07. ☐ Daugavpils

Shots will be fired in Daugavpils Fortress, the smell of gunpowder will fill the air. Participants, dressed in historic army uniforms, will imitate old-time events, while audience members will be able to take a picture with the soldiers, ride horses, shop at the crafts fair, enjoy concerts and performances.

[www.visitdaugavpils.lv](http://www.visitdaugavpils.lv)

### Festival "Laima Vaikule Jūrmala Randevu"

19.07.-22.07. Jūrmala

The idea of the festival belongs to Laima Vaikule – popular Latvian and post-Soviet Union singer from Jūrmala. Title represents the desire to bring together friends and colleagues of Laima from Latvia and foreign countries, and join in great musical experience, brand new collaborations, beloved hits and sparkling nights with popular musicians.

[www.jurmalarandevu.lv](http://www.jurmalarandevu.lv)

### Cinema and Art Festival RojaL

26.07.-28.07. ☐ Roja

The festival's aim is to have the cinema and art industry spread its wings outside of Riga, gathering new and experienced professionals from the movie-making industry, local and foreign. Movie showings on the beach.

[www.rojal.lv](http://www.rojal.lv)





### LMT Summer Sound

27.07.-28.07. ☐ Liepāja

The festival's location on Liepāja's beach has been praised both by the artists and by fans. Every summer for two days this festival gathers together thousands of lovers of good music, diverse arts, and quality entertainment, and - for sure - the air is filled with great sound, fun and laughter. More than fifty bands, DJs and artists perform on the festival's stages, delivering a variety of music styles that will cater to any taste.

[www.summersound.lv](http://www.summersound.lv)

### International Sigulda Opera Festival

27.07.-29.07. ☐ Sigulda

The picturesque Sigulda Castle will become a luxurious framework for the traditional Sigulda Opera Music Festival. The festival brings many famous opera artists from Europe and all around the world to Latvia. Its highlight is a unique outdoor opera production, specifically adapted to Sigulda Castle ruins.

[www.opersvetki.lv](http://www.opersvetki.lv)

### Valmiera City Festival

27.07.-29.07. ☐ Valmiera

Along concerts, creative workshops, excursions and competitions, which are integral elements of the rich in variety programme of the festival, guests of the city will be tempted by a special offer for gourmands.

[www.visit.valmiera.lv](http://www.visit.valmiera.lv)

### Sand sculpture festival "Golden Sand Grain"

28.07. ☐ Ventspils

Professional artists and amateurs from Latvia and other countries will gather on Ventspils Beach by the Southern Breakwater to surprise Ventspils residents and guests with works of art made of "mere" sand and water.

[www.visitventsils.com](http://www.visitventsils.com)

### Musical August in Daugavpils

02.08.-30.08. Daugavpils

Great music sounds in Daugavpils every Thursday in August, the last month of the summer. Musicians from Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Spain, Ukraine, Russia and other countries provide an insight into a variety of different styles and genres of music during performances.

[www.visitdaugavpils.lv](http://www.visitdaugavpils.lv)

### Laba Daba International Music Festival

03.08.-05.08. ☐ Līgatne

On the stages you will be able to hear the bands and DJ unions from across the world, playing reggae, ethno-folk, rock, electro and other genres and variations: a total of more than 60 concerts will be held! Alongside the rich musical offer, the festival will offer you opportunities to participate in various creative workshops and sports activities.

[www.labadaba.lv](http://www.labadaba.lv)

### Ventspils City Festival

03.08.-05.08. ☐ Ventspils

The festivities will include the traditional Baltic Flower Carpet Festival and a parade. Wide variety of live music and sports activities throughout the day on the Osta Street Promenade, at Rātslaukums, on Dzirnavu Square, and a party will be arranged in the Reņķa Garden.

[www.visitventsils.com](http://www.visitventsils.com)

### Alūksne City Festival

03.08.-05.08. ☐ Alūksne

Enjoy concerts and performances, buy something tasty or items practical or frivolous at the crafts fair, marking the most important festival of Latvia's highest altitude town, together with its residents!

[www.visitaluksne.lv](http://www.visitaluksne.lv)

### Ethnic minority - the Liivs Festival

04.08. ☐ Mazirbe

Representatives of related nations from Estonia, Finland, Hungary, etc., come together to celebrate their traditions in one of the largest Liiv villages on the Kurzeme shoreline.

[www.livehes.net](http://www.livehes.net)

### Festival Summertime - Inese Galante&Friends

09.08.-15.08. ☐ Jūrmala

Enjoy an unforgettable meeting with festival's hostess Inessa Galante and other world known classical music performers.

[www.festivalsummertime.com](http://www.festivalsummertime.com)

### Ludza City Festival

10.08.-12.08. ☐ Ludza

The festival of Latvia's oldest town includes live music in the park from the open-air stage and the Livonian Castle Mound, art and theme exhibitions, sports competitions, shows, street theatre, workshops for kids and the Ancient Crafts Day with workshops of Latgale's craftsmen, skills school and culinary heritage.

[www.visitludza.lv](http://www.visitludza.lv)

### Medieval Festival in Jaunpils

11.08. ☐ Jaunpils

Medieval knights' tournaments, wedding ceremonies, theatre performances, dancing and other entertainment here. The crafts fair and workshops are open for grown-ups and children alike. The guests are entertained by Medieval characters, dungeon masters, court ladies, monks, servant girls, knights, and the rest of the castle clan. The ambience at this festival is more than special because it is organised in a castle seven centuries old.

[www.jaunpils.lv](http://www.jaunpils.lv)

### Riga City Festival

17.08.-19.08. ☐ Riga

Countless concerts in Riga's concert halls, gardens and parks, games, entertainment and sporting activities for grown-ups and children will take place during the festival. It is also a great opportunity to celebrate Riga and its wonderful architecture, as well as to get to know suburban areas better. Traditionally, the Riga Retro international antique car convention takes place annually. Events are also on at Vērmanes Dārzs, Doma Laukums, 11.Novembra krastmala, the Spiķeri Quarter, and in other locations. For one and all!

[www.rigassvetki.lv](http://www.rigassvetki.lv)

### International Festival of Author Dolls and Preiļi Municipality Celebration

17.08.-19.08. ☐ Preiļi

Preiļi invites you to the celebration of its municipality, to receive positive emotions and enjoy the international festival of dolls.

[www.visitpreili.lv](http://www.visitpreili.lv)

### General Latvian Milk, Bread and Honey Festival and Milk Carton Boat Regatta

25.08. ☐ Jelgava

150 craftsmen, farmers and entrepreneurs present their products and goods made in Latvia. During the festival take part in or observe cooking, milking cows, and eating competitions, tournaments and workshops for tots. As part of the festival, in Lielupe, the one and only Milk Carton Boat Regatta in Europe. The boats participating in this regatta are made of 40,000 air-filled cartons.

[www.festivali.jelgava.lv](http://www.festivali.jelgava.lv)

### Lamprey Festival

25.08. ☐ Carnikava

For a whole day visitors can enjoy a wide range of well-known artists as well as going by fisherman boat to the place where Gauja River meets the Baltic Sea. During the day it is also possible to taste grilled lamprey or lamprey soup that is made in the king-size pot, or purchase something memorable in the traditional craftsman's market.

[www.tourism.carnikava.lv](http://www.tourism.carnikava.lv)

### Narrow Gauge Railway Festival

01.09. ☐ Gulbene - Alūksne

Gulbene-Alūksne "choo-choo" train, Bānītis, is the only one of its kind in the Baltics - a regularly-running narrow gauge rail line. To celebrate anniversary of Bānītis, a festival hosts activities, concerts and performances.

[www.banitis.lv](http://www.banitis.lv), [www.visitgulbene.lv](http://www.visitgulbene.lv)

### White Night Forum of Contemporary Culture

08.09.-09.09. ☐ Riga

One night only for art, music, theatre, circus, dance, philosophy, anthropology and cooking, combined here to produce a single message about the time and space in which we live. White Night brings new meaning to public space: places that have been abandoned or which are closed to the public, isolated areas of the city, places that are part of our city's history, now re-discovered by artists in a new and decidedly innovative way.

[www.baltanakts.lv](http://www.baltanakts.lv)



### Bauska Old Town Courtyard Festival

08.09. ☞ Bauska

During the festival, visitors can take a look at more than twenty courtyards in Old Town; there are activities for children and adults, markets, musical performances, and the chance to learn facts about Bauska as the former capital of the duchy of Kurzeme-Zemgale. Through visiting the courtyards and collecting stamps on their events map, visitors can take part into the festival's closing lottery where they have a chance of winning prizes that have been provided by the entrepreneurs who support the festival. In tandem, the Porridge Eating Festival and the Big Murza Garage Sale are also held.

[www.bauskasvecpilseta.lv](http://www.bauskasvecpilseta.lv)

### Harvest Festival in Ate

08.09. ☞ Kancempji

Along with the local residents, friends and supporters of the museum you will be able to show various works and crafts done by the Latvian peasants in autumn and everyday life.

[www.atesmuzejs.lv](http://www.atesmuzejs.lv)

### Miķeļdiena Fair in Old Riga

29.09. ☞ Riga

The fair on Doma Square each year showcases home-grown/produced products such as apples, pumpkins, cranberries, herbal teas, honey, bread and bacon. One can also find the best basket for mushroom picking, pottery products, mittens, woollen socks, and many other lovely and practical items from Latvian craftsmen. Throughout the day, singers and dancers will entertain on the large stage.

[www.liveriga.com](http://www.liveriga.com)

### Art action "Everyone paints!" and Autumn Fair

30.09.-21.10. Sigulda

During the art action, everyone can become a real artist. In different spots throughout Sigulda city will be special painting spots with all the necessary equipment – cardboards, colours, brushes etc.

[www.tourism.sigulda.lv](http://www.tourism.sigulda.lv)

### Duke Jacob's fair

06.10. ☞ Kuldīga

Assess works of local craftsmen and taste the homegrown goodies in the garden of the castle. The yard of ancient games will be open. Local chefs will demonstrate their skills in the kitchen.

[www.visit.kuldiga.lv](http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv)

### Apple Festival

06.10. ☞ Dobeles

Dobele, the Latvian "Apple Capital" celebrates a very popular annual festival in honour of this local symbol. Visit the vast and beautiful breeding apple trees garden and enjoy various gastronomic activities such as apple exhibitions and tasting, a farmers' fair, cooking demonstrations, and gardening advice, as well as concerts and games.

[www.dobele.lv](http://www.dobele.lv)

### Rally Liepaja

10.10.-12.10. ☞ Liepāja

The picturesque roads of Kurzeme region will host the oldest international rally competition – FIA European Rally Championship. Come to Liepāja – the city where the wind is born, to witness Latvian heroes, uprising international stars, and current masters of rally all racing for a victory.

[www.lvrally.lv](http://www.lvrally.lv)

### Simjud's Fair

13.10. ☞ Valmiera

According to centuries old traditions this is the last fair before the winter when people can buy everything they needed for their households. Local producers and craftsmen offer rich selection of goods so everyone will find something for their needs and taste.

[www.visit.valmiera.lv](http://www.visit.valmiera.lv)

### International music and arts festival "ReStArt"

14.10.-15.10. ☞ Daugavpils

Appearing will be not only local artists, but also Daugavpils' and Latgale's musicians and artists, who are currently pursuing careers abroad.

[www.visitdaugavpils.lv](http://www.visitdaugavpils.lv)

### Staro Riga Light Festival

16.11.-19.11. ☐ Riga

Staro Riga offers an international programme of light and multimedia installations. Buildings, squares, bridges and monuments turn into unique pieces of light art, supplemented by performance art and musical and theatrical elements.

[www.staroriga.lv](http://www.staroriga.lv)

### Independence Day of Latvia

18.11. ☐ Latvia

This year we will celebrate Latvia's centenary with various events taking place across the country throughout the day. In Riga the celebration begins on the first half of the day with a parade and laying of flowers at the Freedom Monument with participation of the President of Latvia and other important government officials.

[www.lv100.lv](http://www.lv100.lv)

### Winter festival "Believe in Wonder!"

01.12. ☐ Kuldīga

Purchase Christmas gifts for yourself and others without any haste on Liepāja Street and renovated Town Hall Square. It will be hard to resist the heart-shaped gingerbread cookies, heaps of cotton candy, glittery glitters and other such marvellous things. Santa Claus will be working in the Elves' guest house, an Elves' Orchestra will perform, as will singers and dancers large and small.

[www.visit.kuldiga.lv](http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv)

### Snowmen Parade

01.12. ☐ Dobele

It is the only place in Europe where throughout winter, regardless of the weather conditions you can meet several dozens of mighty tall Snowmen.

[www.dobelev.lv](http://www.dobelev.lv)

### Christmas Tree Trail

08.12.-06.01.2019. ☐ Riga

The festival is an original art happening in the urban environment exhibiting the Christmas symbol – Christmas tree – from new, traditional or avant-garde perspectives and solutions. The Festival's spatial objects are original work created by both experienced creators and artists of urban spatial objects and students of the Latvian Academy of Arts.

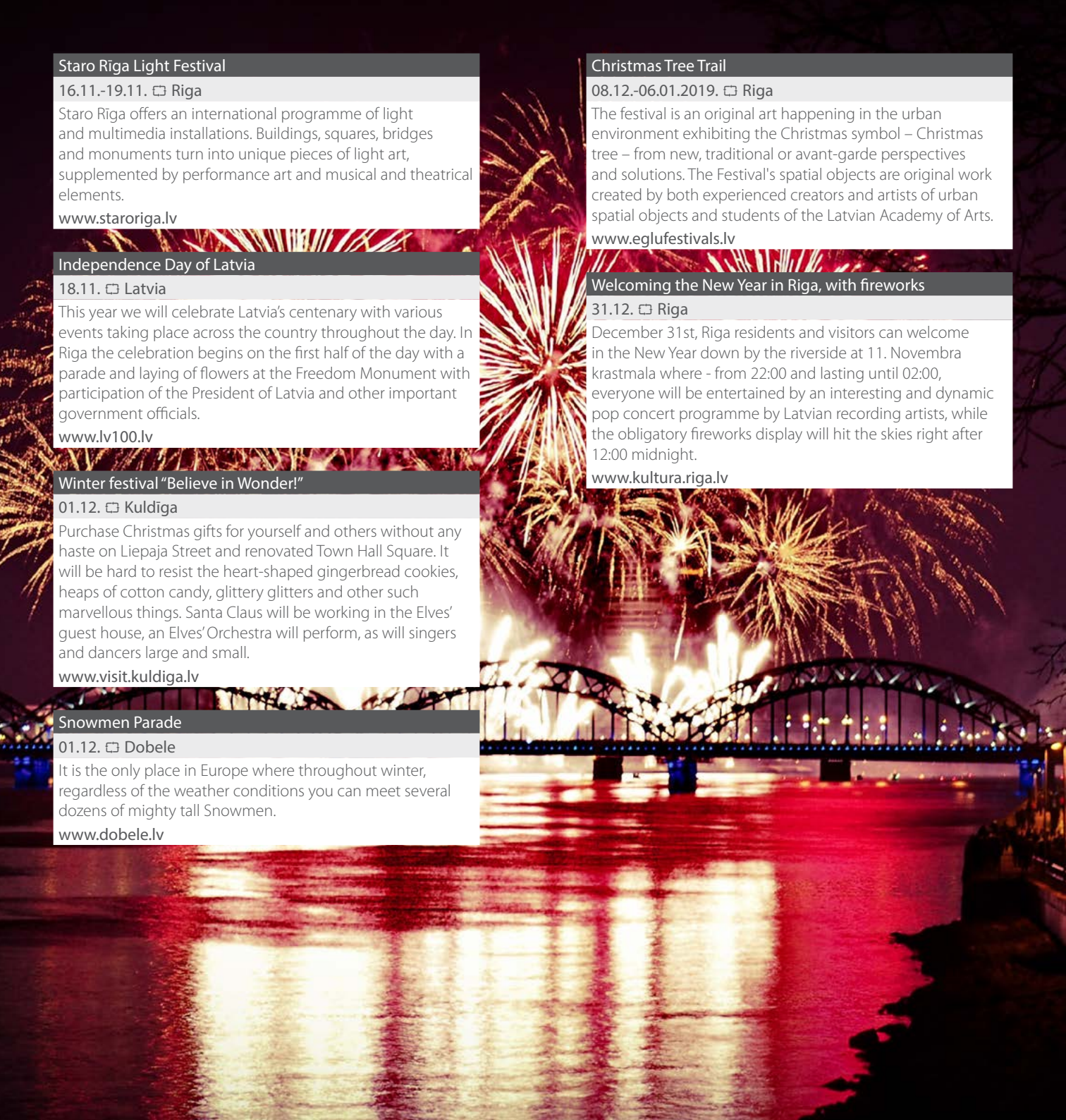
[www.eglufestivals.lv](http://www.eglufestivals.lv)

### Welcoming the New Year in Riga, with fireworks

31.12. ☐ Riga

December 31st, Riga residents and visitors can welcome in the New Year down by the riverside at 11. Novembra krastmalā where - from 22:00 and lasting until 02:00, everyone will be entertained by an interesting and dynamic pop concert programme by Latvian recording artists, while the obligatory fireworks display will hit the skies right after 12:00 midnight.

[www.kultura.riga.lv](http://www.kultura.riga.lv)





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### Working hours

October-April: 10:00-18:00

May-September: 9:00-19:00

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