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Welcome to Latvia!

neart beat faster in delight. ecreation will allow you to notice things that will make your and only and inimitable. Careful observations and unhurried a vast culture historical heritage; however, it is unique - the on rterest to them. Latvia, like other European countries, can offe zountries feel comfortable in Latvia and bnd things that are of ourists coming both from Western Europe and the Eastern

nvironment, the like of which is not to be found anywhere in raditions of all these countries have merged, creating a unique outh. Therefore, Latvia is a multi-cultured state, where the ass been at the crossroads between East and West, North and on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Since ancient times Latvia Union member states and is situated in the Morth of Europe atvia, the pearl of the Baltic States, is one of the European





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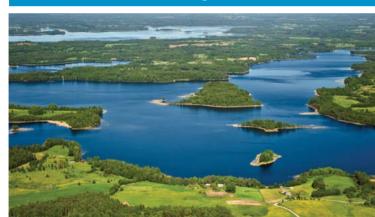


Baltic Sea Coast

Where else will you find a beach over 500 km long and with sand so white?

The Baltic Sea coast impresses passers by with 16 meter high seashores in Jūrkalne, ancient settlements of the endangered Liv people, Kolkasrags where the waves of the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Riga crash together, and unique seaside meadows for birdwatching near Ainaži. Broad, sandy beaches will be found not only in Jūrmala, Saulkrasti, Liepāja and Ventspils, bet also in many secluded corners, where no one will bother you and you'll be able to relax to your heart's content. Several beaches are Blue Flag certified, which symbolise well-equipped, safety and cleanliness standards. The coast in Kaltene, Tūja and Oviši are pebbled, and they're practically asking to be photographed. Observant passers by might notice the most valuable of the objects washed up on the shore lodged in between seaweed - Baltic gold, or rather, amber, to be taken home as an authentic and hard-earned souvenir of the trip. Small fishermen's villages on the coast of the Gulf of Riga still smoke freshly caught fish and will offer travellers to try them - you can smell them a mile away. An impressive military history can be seen in the Liepāja Karosta (war port), which since the 19th century had been the Czar's navy base, but now anyone can experience the history in the museum prison and fort. Don't miss out on the archaic Kurzeme lighthouses to get a feel for the sea's and seaside forest's vastness, fill your lungs with fresh air and new

Lake Region



Would you believe that in ancient times Latvia's lakes flew through the air until they found a place to land? That's what ancient tales and legends tells us, which now, of course, only make us smile. But there are still whimsically beautiful places where there are more lakes than in other places, and it's called the land of the blue lakes. One of them - Velnezers - is an unnaturally crisp blue hue. Grab a boat and go dream on Latvia's deepest lake in the beautiful gulfs of Dridzis. Or bike around the lake with the most islands on the banks of the Ežezers lake. And if that's not enough, take a boat to wander the five interconnected lakes. During the summer their water is so warm that it makes swimming unbelievably pleasant, but during the spring and autumn it wonderfully cools the body after a traditional, Latvian sauna. If you have enough patience to sit around a lake with a fishing rod in hand, the hospitable local Latgalians will gladly help you prepare a tasty fish soup from your catch, and offer you their freshly baked rye bread. This sort of peace, relaxation and well-being can only be attained by the serene lake waters, the gentle rustle of the long reeds and the birds' songs.

Hill Region



Latvia's highest peak only reaches a little more than 300 meters above sea level, but the locals still take pride in what they call a mountain - Gaizinkalns. On a sunny day you can observe other forest-covered "mountains", as well as the surrounding churches and castle towers. In the summer, the Vidzeme hills seem made for active relaxation like obstacle courses, but during the winter you can even grab your skis and make your way down, enjoying the view and fresh air. The "Picturesque Latvian Peaks" tourism trail invites you to get to know the Gaizinkalns nature reserve and its surrounding cultural heritage. On the way you'll find no shortage in classical Latvian literature authors' homes and you'll see, even if you're not familiar with them, the surrounding nature that inspired them to form their illustrative descriptions of nature. The Kalsnava arboretum is a garden filled with wonder, where something's in bloom all year round, and particularly during the spring people walk around slightly dulled by the sweet scent. Here you can begin your winding path along the longest and most magnificent of Latvia's rivers, the Gauja, the namesake of the tourist-loved Gauja national park.

Gauja National Park

Gauja National Park is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Latvia. Travellers were walking the paths around Sigulda as early as in the 19th century leaving engravings on the walls of sandstone caves behind them. Visitors are drawn by the unique scenery of the Ancient Valley of the River Gauja and the largest Devonian rock outcrops in Latvia - sandstone precipice, cliffs Raven (Kraukļu) Ravine, Devil's (Velnalas) Cave Cliffs, Spriņģi Rock, Glūdu Cliffs, Zvārte Rock, Ērgļi Cliffs, Sietiņiezis Rock) and caves (Gūtmaņala Cave in Sigulda is the biggest and highest cave in the Baltics). To capture the magic of the park fully one day will not be enough. The national park is a home to over 500 historic-cultural monuments: castle mounds, stone castles, churches, manors, watermills and windmills as well as other archeological, architectural, and art monuments. The main tourist destinations are Sigulda and Turaida Castle as well as Līgatne and Cēsis, however, true travellers should not miss out on many other things and places.

i www.entergauja.com

Jūrmala - the most popular resort in the Baltics is home

to Ķemeri National Park which offers its visitors various options for outdoor recreation. It is Natura 2000 area notable for the great biodiversity: Kemeri Moorland (Kemeru tīrelis) rich in small lakes; nearly all types of forests characteristic of Latvian latitudes; meadows grazed by forest animals as well as wild cows and horses; seaside with white sandy beaches and dry pinewoods; 3 big lakes which are not only easy on the eyes but also create a miraculous sense of peace with their vast and calm waters. Ķemeri area is rich in various minerals and healing waters. Ķemeri resort was founded back in the 18th century and people from all over Europe came to enjoy its

Ķemeri National Park

i www.daba.gov.lv/kemeri

sulphur springs and moor mud baths.

i www.gnp.lv

Rāzna National Park

Latgale's special feel, marvellous landscapes with castle mounds, waters, and woods, Lake Rāzna - great natural diversity characterizes the newest Latvian national park. The area is home to several lakes. One of them - Lake Rāzna is the second biggest lake in Latvia. Thanks to its sandy beaches Lake Rāzna is referred to as the Latgalean Sea. The lake is abundant in fish and there are several equipped resting areas ashore. Lake Ežezers is notable for about 70 island-like formations about half of which are overgrown with reeds and canes. There are estimated 33 - 36 islands in the lake. Rāzna National Park is home to the 3rd highest hill in Latvia -Lielais Liepukalns (289 meters above mean sea level) which is notable for its relatively impressive altitude for our conditions. Next to Lake Rāzna on top of Mākoņkalns Hill (248 m above mean sea level) there are pieces of the unassailable Volkenberg stone castle built in the 13th century by the

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Slītere National Park

The territory of Slītere National Park may be considered a unique museum of the geological history of the Baltic Sea. It is home to a 30-50 m high ancient shore precipice of Baltic ice lake covered with a broadleaf forest rich in terms of species as well as a dune ridge and narrow hallow complex. Seaside with sandy beach and dunes, dry dune pinewoods, seashore aquatorium and several kilometers long dune ridges (kangari) interchanging with narrow hollows (vigas) are an integral part of the park. National park is located on the migratory bird flyway, in spring a huge amount of migratory birds can be spotted out here. The park is inhabited by rare and endangered reptiles, such as a pond turtle and copperhead snake and in the vicinity of Kolka - natterjack toad. In fishing villages on the seaside one can get to know the Liv or Livonian cultural heritage - an essential part of cultural-historic heritage of Northern Europe.

i www.slitere.lv

Northern Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve

The Northern Vizeme Biosphere Reserve is the only one of its kind, an environmentally protected wetland, in Latvia. Here you'll find one of the largest untouched raised bogs in the Baltic countries. The Salaca river with its picturesque sandstone cliff coasts is the most notable salmon spawning bed on the coast of the Baltic sea, while the Burtnieki drumlin field is one of the widest glacial landforms of Europe. Coastline or Randu meadows span between Salacgrīva and Ainaži - the largest coastline meadow complex of Latvia, where you can find over 600 plant species in one place, and it's a wonderful place to observe both nesting and migrating birds. Take a look at the northernmost white stork colony of Europe. The pebbled seaside of Vidzeme by Tūja is the only place on the Baltic sea where you'll find surrounding sandstone coasts, while the sandy beaches are littered with different sized boulders.

i www.biosfera.gov.lv

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Traditions

Liv Coast. 12 ancient fishermen's settlements on the Baltic sea's coastline are still inhabited by one of Latvia's nations - the Livs, who not only speak in their own language, but prepare their own meals and once a year celebrate their own cultural celebrations. Quiet, sandy beaches, fishermen's boats, traditional wooden houses and Kolkasrags are what attract those who value unhurried relaxation.

Suiti Region. The Suitu wives in their vibrant ethnic costumes, who've already captured the attention of the world with their stretched harmonic singing - this is one of the things the catholic region is known for. Take a look at the picturesque Alsunga and the Jürkalne cliff where pine trees tumble into the sea!

Jāṇi Festival. Hearty songs, drinking and dance by the bonfire on the year's shortest night, naked runs and other mystic rituals, even making love in nature - that's Jāņi. They're celebrated on summer solstice - on the 23rd and 24th of June all over Latvia in the company a friends and family. These are remarkable outdoor celebrations.

Black Sauna. In the countryside you can enjoy the most ancient Latvian sauna, called the black sauna. Since there's no chimney, while it's being heated the smoke makes its way out the windows and doors. The soot that covers the sauna has many healing properties, none of which hinder you to enjoy the heat on the cedar benches. And if you cool down in cold water after the sauna, your body will be cleansed, resilient, but your skin will have gained elasticity and a healthy glow.

Architecture

Art Nouveau. If you feel like your walk through Riga or Liepāja is being watched, don't be surprised! The Art Nouveau "spy network" of faces on building facades seem to be encountered at every step. Rich decor, sculptures, ornamental lines, stained glass and other artistic elements on both the outside and inside of buildings never cease to excite with their variety and refinement.

F.B.Rastrelli's Masterpieces. Barons also once reigned in Latvia and they wanted to live as richly as in the court of czarist Russia. For this reason the famous Italian architect F.B.Rastrelli was invited to build the glamorous Saint Petersburg's Winter Palace's equivalent in Jelgava, and Latvia's most regal baroque and rococo castle in Rundāle. Make a point to go

Military Heritage. Ancient fortresses, military prisons, underground bunkers from the Soviet times and radio locators, nuclear missile shafts - that all used to be shrouded in secrecy. Now history enthusiasts and action seekers can not only satisfy their curiosity, but get a feel for that time's day to day life for themselves in enthralling games and shows.

Crafts

Amber. For Latvians, amber is the most valuable jewel from which you can create the longest string of amber beads, make all sorts of jewellery and even weave fabric. Not to mention its energetic power with strengthening and healing characteristics! It's no coincidence that the Baltic sea is also called the Amber sea, because after each storm the Kurzeme beach is often littered with little pieces of amber. Whereas in souvenir shops amber is always in abundance - from rings, sets and even pictures.

Mechanical Pipe Organ. Liepāja's Holy Trinity church can pride itself with the world's largest mechanical organ, which not only play for celebratory concerts, but also for the International Organ Music Festival. Go listen some time as this unique musical instrument fills the church's vaulted ceilings with heavenly

Black Pottery. The northerly reservedness and simple elegance characteristic of the black ceramics, are the secrets of their beauty. This century-old ancient pottery technique is still upheld by Latvian potters - to create not only decorative, but also functional kitchen

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Undoubtedly, the Pokaiņi forest is an to the feelings!

Aerodium. Millions of people in the world have seen flying people at the Turin Olympic games and at the EXPO in Shanghai. This unique wind tunnel was invented in Latvia, and everyone has the chance to feel the uncensored joy and absolute feeling of freedom while flying not far from Sigulda. Want to fly?

days doesn't have a mobile device with them for communication or entertainment? Latvia has one of the fastest internet connections in the world and over 4 500 wifi internet access points, which only continue to grow. Riga is already Europe's wifi capital! Find any necessary tourism information and share your experiences online while you travel through Latvia.



Music

Food & Drink

Classical Music. The world knows many of

Latvia's most accomplished opera soloists,

audiences with heartfelt and touching

and more.

concerts, which can only be experienced

on the stages of their home country. Enjoy

Song and Dance Festival. Over 30 000

participants, hundreds of thousands of viewe

every 5 years the biggest celebration of Latvia

brings joy and pride of tradition with the folk

costume parades and concerts, which unites

Regional Cuisine. What is a sklandrausis,

hemp butter, grey peas with bacon, bukstin

porridge, potato pancakes, shmakovka and

birch juice? If you want to really taste Latvia,

you have to try these maybe slightly odd, yet

traditional foods and drinks, which often can

only be found in particular regions.

Riga Central Market. In ex-zeppelin

construction hangars you'll find one of

the largest markets of Europe, which is

practically its own guide to the Latvian

culinary world. Besides local farmer-grown

countryside produce, here you can buy fresh

bread, cheese, smoked fish, honey, flowers,

craftsmen's products and much more.

Sabile Wine Hill. If you leaf through an

find that this used to be the home of the

northernmost vineyard, where grapes are

grown in open nature. Still in modern days

but also from apples, black currant berries,

roses, rhubarb, birch juice and even more

uncommon ingredients. And why not, if it's

Blue Cows. As legend has it, these cows have

emerged from the sea and began to graze in

the seaside meadows. That's why they're the

there is to it, but these blue-grey cows can

still be encountered in the seaside villages of

Kurzeme. What do you think the colour of their

milk is? Come and take a look for yourself!

Ventas Rumba Waterfall. Did you know

Latvia? Together with the old brick bridge it

fish fly over the waterfall to catch a glimpse

at Kuldīga's old town shingled rooftops and

the Venta river valley's magnificence. This

has given inspiration not only to painters

and movie operators, but also countless

Pokaiņi Forest. Puzzling stone rivers,

- this is Latvia's Stonehenge, which has

piles of rocks, barriers and odd boulders

photographers

that Europe's widest waterfall can be found in

looks so idylic, that in the spring and autumn

colour of the sea. Who knows how much truth

atvia brews wine not only from local grapes,

older Guinness book of world records, you'll

all of those present for the occasion.

and one passion - Latvian songs. This is how

performances in Latvia by stars such as Elina

Garanca, Aleksandrs Antonenko, Inese Galante

conductors and other musicians who please









Location

Climate

Nature protection



Local time: Latvia Time is GMT+2 (From late March till late October Latvia participates in the Western European summer time scheme: GMT+3)

Currency: Latvian currency is Euro (€). Currencies can be exchanged for Euros at most of the banks and exchange offices located at city centres, shopping malls and major transport hubs.

ATMs and Credit cards: There are many automatic teller machines in Latvia and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Power supply: The power supply in Latvia is 220V AC at 50 Hz. An adaptor

Useful phone numbers

Dial Code for Latvia + 3 7 1



Where to call in an emergency (toll free)

Emergency

Fire-fighters

1 1 4 Gas emergency

24 hour information

All kind of information about

LMT

• Tel: +371 29319911

• Tel: +371 25851601 Website: www.bite.lv

• Tel: +371 29500300

• Website: ww.tele2.lv

Foreign embassies and consulates

Contact information on foreign embassies in Latvia can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs **www.mfa.gov.lv/en/mission**

Consular department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia Tel: +371 67016364 (working hours), +371 26337711 (24h)

WiFi network

Lattelecom has set up the largest public WiFi network in Latvia with more than 4 500 access spots in cafes, shops and shopping centres, bus and railway stations, parks and other places. Most of them are accessible free or charge - choose "Lattelecom-free" network on your device.

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Latvian travel videos

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1 988 400 inhabitants - almost as many as in

North East Europe, east coast of the Baltic Sea

64.589 km² - 2 times bigger than Belgium

Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania

31/km² - one of the smallest in Europe

Riga - the biggest city in the Baltic States with the Historic Centre listed by UNESCO

4 distinctive seasons

Facts about Latvia

54% of the territory covered with rich flora Forests 633 protected nature areas, 336 included in

"Natura 2000"

500 km of white sandy beaches

Practical information

for the ground two-pin sockets (European standard) may be required.

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services

Latvia (pay per minute)

The EU-wide emergency

number for police,

fire-fighters and

medical service.

Mobile phone companies

Website: ww.lmt.lv

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Technologies

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5. Gauja National Park - Līgatne The picturesque ancient valley of the Gauja River has been attracting tourists from all over the world for centuries. Here you can both enjoy the charm of the primaeval nature and return in the mysterious medieval times or experience various opportunities of active recreation all year round. Visit Ligatne - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

6. Kuldīga Muldīga has always been admired and praised by both poets and painters. The red roof tiles and the calm atmosphere of the charming small town of Kurzeme encourages taking a slow stroll through the silent streets, riding a bike or watching a movie under the open sky. Visit Kuldīga - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

7. Turaida Museum Reserve - Sigulda The name Turaida means "God's garden" in the language of the ancient inhabitants of Latvia. When viewed from a hot-air balloon or the opposite bank of the Gauja River on an autumn evening, Turaida castle rises above the green foliage like a mighty ship built of red brick. All you have to do is walk upwards and enjoy this incredible nature and human created beauty.

8. Cēsis Cēsis is one of the oldest and undoubtedly one of the most beautiful towns in Latvia. Since the 13th century, the medieval Cēsis Castle has shared its destiny with the town in fights against Russian, Polish and Swedish troops and now together with both parks, the curved cobbled streets and hospitable people enchants the visitors of the town with its romantic atmosphere.

9. Liepāja Liepāja is home to both broad and sandy beaches to enjoy the summer at and a peculiar cultural, architectural and military heritage. You have to see the adorable itecture and Art Nouveau buildings, visit art galleries and walk through the fortifications built at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Visit Liepāja - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

10. Ventspils Ventspils is an ancient 13th century mariner and fishermen city, where a harbour and a "Blue Flag" beach live in a perfect harmony. Its inhabitants possess the stubbornness of the sea wind and the soul of flowers. Take your children and friends and visit the capital of flowers and fountains, the family and recreation friendly seaside city.









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Air traffic is an exceptionally convenient way of reaching Latvia. The Riga airport is the fastest growing airport in Europe; it offers direct flights to more than 80 cities of the world. The main destinations with approximate flight

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Riga airport is close to the centre of Riga (13 km) and the popular resort town Jūrmala (20 km).

Riga International Airport

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Tourist information centre

Top tourism destination

National park

• Information line: +371 29311817 (pay per minute)

 Lost and Found: +371 67207236, arrival.service@riga-airport.com Website: www.riga-airport.com

Airport bus: No. 22

• Travel time: 30 min (approximately)

 Bus schedules, tickets: www.rigassatiksme.lv • Information line: +371 80001919 (toll-free)

Official taxi companies "Baltic Taxi" and "Rīgas Taksometru parks" (Red Cab) cabs will take you to the centre of Riga in approximately 15 min and will cost

Ferry, yacht, boat

Vidzeme

Sauli

The major ports of Latvia have ferry connections with other ports in the Baltic Sea Region.

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Resort

"Blue Flag" beach

Baltic Sea Coast



Freeport or Riga (www.rop.lv)

Port of Liepāja (www.liepaja-sez.lv)

Freeport of Ventspils (www.portofventspils.lv)

Latvia also has a number of smaller ports, open to those who prefer travelling by yacht. A list of contact information of yacht ports and wharfs: www.seaclub.lv

During summer season you can get from the centre of Riga to Jūrmala (Majori) by the river motor boat "New Way". The travel time is about 2,5 hours. Departure is from the pier between Akmens bridge and the sculpture

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- Website: www.pie-kapteina.lv

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Main road

Other roads

Road with separated traffic zones

Latvia has an extensive coach transport network with almost all major European and Russian cities. The Riga Coach Terminal is located next to the Central Market. From here, buses depart for all parts of Latvia. The level of comfort and price varies according to individual routes and operators. Some routes are served by minibuses and express buses. Tickets can be bought at the ticket desk inside the station as well as onboard for cash if space ermits. Buses tend to be very full going from Riga on Frida For tourists' convenience there is an information centre located in the main terminal building.

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- Online booking: www.bezrindas.lv, www.buseurope.eu
- Mobile app (Google Play App Store): Bezrindas • Information line: +371 90000009 (pay per minute)
- Ticket desk opening hours: 6:00-22:00

Distances from major European cities to Riga

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Kaunas	265 km
Kiev	1009 km
London	2276 km
Minsk	479 km
Moscow	918 km

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The railway is the most reliable and cheapest mode of transportation in Latvia. The level of comfort on board varies. Trains tend to be full during the morning and evening rush hours on the most popular routes. Tickets can be bought at the railway ticket desks or from the conductor on the train for cash at an additional cost per ticket. An information desk is located in Riga Central Railway Station.

Train

Railway

International train routes to Riga

From Russia	From Belarus	
Moscow, St. Petersburg	Minsk	

Riga Central Railway Station

Address: Stacijas laukums 2	
• Information about trains and timetables: travel.ldz.lv, www.pv.l	v/en

- Mobile app (Google Play App Store): Pasažieru vilciens Information line: +371 67231181 (toll-free)
- E-mail: uzzinas@ldz.lv
- Ticket desk opening hours: 4:30-23:40



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41. Madona www.visitmadona.lv

42. Mazsalaca www.mazsalaca.lv

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www.pargaujasnovads.lv

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50. **Priekule** www.priekulesnovads.lv

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53. **Riga Q** www.liveriga.com

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www.visitsaulkrasti.lv

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66. **Talsi** \mathbf{Q} www.talsitourism.lv

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65. Strenči www.strencunovads.lv

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Aizpute www.visitaizpute.lv

www.tourism.amatasnovads.lv 24. **Ikšķile** www.ikskile.lv/turisms

25. Jaunjelgava www.jaunjelgava.lv 26. **Jēkabpils** www.jekabpils.lv

27. **Jelgava {f Q}** www.visit.jelgava.lv

28. Jūrmala www.tourism.jurmala.lv 9. Jūrmalciems www.jurmalciemaklajumi.viss.lv

80. **Kandava** www.visitkandava.lv 31. **Koknese** www.koknese.lv

32. **Kolkasrags** www.kolkasrags.lv 3. **Krāslava** www.visitkraslava.com

34. **Kuldīga {f Q}** www.visit.kuldiga.lv

35. **Ķekava \mathbf{Q}** www.kekava.lv

Kurzeme www.kurzeme.lv

Latgale www.visitlatgale.com

74. **Viesīte** www.viesite.lv 36. **Liepāja {f Q}** www.liepajaturisms.lv 75. **Zaṇa** www.zana.lv

Q - owner of the "Q-Latvia" quality system certificate

Regional tourism associations

Vidzeme www.vidzeme.com **Zemgale** www.travelzemgale.lv

Vehicles drive on the right-hand side of the road.

• The speed limit for motor transport in built-up areas is 50 km/h, outside built-up areas - 90 km/h; some sections 100 km/h.

Short-distance lights have to be used all the year round including daylight

• The blood alcohol while driving must not exceed 0.2‰

Seatbelts and baby car seats must be used at all time • All vehicles not exceeding 3.5 t fully laden have to be equipped with winter

tyres during winter months. It is forbidden to drive with spiked tires from 1st May to 1st October.

Motor vehicle permits for entering Jūrmala: www.tourism.jurmala.lv • Non-EU residents entering Latvia by car must have a Green Card insurance.

Road Traffic Safety Department (CSDD) • Tel: +371 67025777

• E-mail: office@csdd.gov.lv Website: www.csdd.lv

Traffic Information Centre 24-hour information line: +371 65025555

Parking in Riga www.rigassatiksme.lv, www.europark.lv

Car rentals at Riga International Airport

www.avis.lv, www.budget.lv, www.europcar.lv, www.sixt.lv

24-hour car help and information service

Latvian Automotive Club (LAMB): 1888, www.lamb.lv