





Top 10 tourism destinations in Latvia

**1. Rundāle Palace**  At Rundāle Palace, one of the most outstanding architectural monuments in Latvia, one can relish the luxurious interiors of the 18th century, grow dizzy from the fragrant rose garden, enjoy the fountain sparkling in the colours of a rainbow and experience the carefree everyday life of the court of Duchy of Courland.




 www.rundale.net

**2. Old Riga**  The heart of Riga lies in its old town - Old Riga. Each step on its cobbled streets reveals a page of the eight centuries long history of the city. It is small enough to make you feel at home and at the same time also big enough to keep you enraptured by its history and UNESCO world heritage. Take your time to enjoy it!



 www.liveriga.com

**3. Aglona Basilica**  Latgale is the land of hundreds of picturesque lakes and numerous churches including one of the most noted sanctuaries in the world - Aglona Basilica, which gathers thousands of Catholic believers every year. The special atmosphere and splendid interior of the church makes you forget about your everyday worries and think about the most important things in your life.



 www.aglona.lv

**4. Jūrmala Seaside Resort**  Jūrmala is the most popular seaside resort in Latvia and the biggest one in the Baltic States. With its white, sandy "Blue Flag" beaches, healthy pine forest air, mineral waters, SPA and health centres Jūrmala will help you renew your strength and fully enjoy life. Come and spend your next vacation here! Visit Jūrmala - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!



 www.tourism.jurmala.lv

**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 primeaval nature and return in the mysterious medieval times or experience various opportunities of active recreation all year round. Visit Līgatne - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!




 www.visitligatne.lv

**6. Kuldīga**  Kuldīga 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"!



 www.visit.kuldiga.lv

**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.



 www.tourism.sigulda.lv

**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.



 www.tourism.cesis.lv

**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 wooden architecture 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"!



 www.liepaja.travel

**10. Ventspils**  Ventspils is an ancient 13th century mariner and fisherman 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.



 www.visitventspils.com



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as well as Rēzekne and Tērvete.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/eden>



Plane

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 times are:

Less than 1 hour	1-2 hours	More than 2 hours
Helsinki, Minsk, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Tampere, Vilnius, Warsaw	Berlin, Copenhagen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Kiev, Moscow, Oslo, Prague, Vienna	Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dusseldorf, Dublin, Geneva, Istanbul, London, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Paris, Rome, Tashkent, Tel Aviv

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

Riga International Airport

- Address: Lidosta "Rīga" 10/1, Mārupes novads
- Information line: +371 29311817 (pay per minute)
- Lost and Found: +371 67207236, [arrival.service@riga-airport.com](mailto:arrival.service@riga-airport.com)
- Website: [www.riga-airport.com](http://www.riga-airport.com)

Airport bus: No. 22

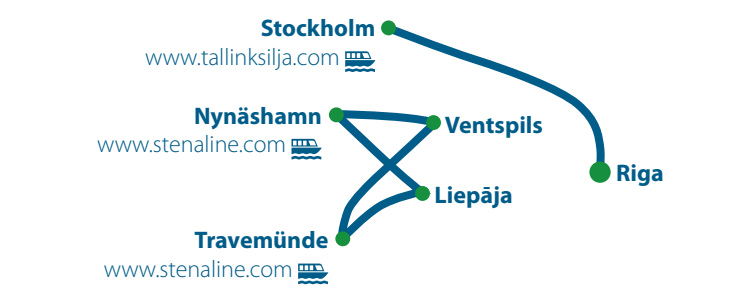
- Travel time: 30 min (approximately)
- Bus schedules, tickets: [www.rigassatiksm.lv](http://www.rigassatiksm.lv)
- Information line: +371 80001919 (toll-free)

Taxi

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 EUR 12,00 - 15,00.

Ferry, yacht, boat

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



- Freeport or Riga ([www.rop.lv](http://www.rop.lv))
- Port of Liepāja ([www.liepaja-sez.lv](http://www.liepaja-sez.lv))
- Freeport of Ventspils ([www.portofventspils.lv](http://www.portofventspils.lv))

Yacht

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](http://www.seaclub.lv)

Boat

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 "Lielais Kristaps".

- Tel: +371 67147900, +371 29237123
- Website: [www.pie-kaiteina.lv](http://www.pie-kaiteina.lv)

Bus

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 permits. Buses tend to be very full going from Riga on Fridays and Saturdays. For tourists' convenience there is an information centre located in the main terminal building.

Riga Coach Terminal

- Address: Prāgas iela 1
- Bus schedules: [www.autoosta.lv](http://www.autoosta.lv)
- Online booking: [www.bezrindas.lv](http://www.bezrindas.lv), [www.buseurope.eu](http://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

Amsterdam	1840 km	Munich	1770 km
Berlin	1221 km	Paris	2250 km
Hamburg	1501 km	Prague	1339 km
Kaliningrad	585 km	Rome	2475 km
Kaunas	265 km	St. Petersburg	570 km
Kiev	1009 km	Tartu	302 km
London	2276 km	Tallinn	310 km
Minsk	479 km	Vilnius	293 km
Moscow	918 km	Warsaw	654 km

Train

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.

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](http://travel.ldz.lv), [www.pv.lv/en](http://www.pv.lv/en)
- Mobile app (Google Play • App Store): Pasažieru vilciens
- Information line: +371 67231181 (toll-free)
- E-mail: [uzzinas@ldz.lv](mailto:uzzinas@ldz.lv)
- Ticket desk opening hours: 4:30-23:40



Tourist information centres

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| 1. <b>Aglona</b> <a href="http://www.aglona.lv">www.aglona.lv</a>   | 37. <b>Līgatne</b>  <a href="http://www.visitligatne.lv">www.visitligatne.lv</a>            |
| 2. <b>Aizpute</b> <a href="http://www.visitazpute.lv">www.visitazpute.lv</a>  | 38. <b>Limbaži</b>  <a href="http://www.visitlimbazi.lv">www.visitlimbazi.lv</a>           |
| 3. <b>Aloja</b> <a href="http://www.staicele.lv">www.staicele.lv</a>  | 39. <b>Līvāni</b> <a href="http://www.livani.lv">www.livani.lv</a>   |
| 4. <b>Alūksne</b> <a href="http://www.aluksne.lv">www.aluksne.lv</a>  | 40. <b>Ludza, Cibla</b> <a href="http://www.visitludza.lv">www.visitludza.lv</a>   |
| 5. <b>Ape</b> <a href="http://www.apel.lv">www.apel.lv</a>  | 41. <b>Madona</b> <a href="http://www.visitmadona.lv">www.visitmadona.lv</a>   |
| 6. <b>Auce</b> <a href="http://www.auce.lv">www.auce.lv</a>   | 42. <b>Mazsalaca</b> <a href="http://www.mazsalaca.lv">www.mazsalaca.lv</a>  |
| 7. <b>Balvi</b> <a href="http://www.balvi.lv">www.balvi.lv</a>  | 43. <b>Naujene</b> <a href="http://www.naujene.lv">www.naujene.lv</a>  |
| 8. <b>Bauska</b>  <a href="http://www.tourism.bauska.lv">www.tourism.bauska.lv</a>           | 44. <b>Nica</b> <a href="http://www.nica.lv">www.nica.lv</a>   |
| 9. <b>Burtņieki</b> <a href="http://www.burtņiekunovads.lv">www.burtņiekunovads.lv</a>  | 45. <b>Ogre</b> <a href="http://www.visitogre.lv">www.visitogre.lv</a>   |
| 10. <b>Carnikava</b>  <a href="http://www.tourism.carnikava.lv">www.tourism.carnikava.lv</a> | 46. <b>Pārgauja</b> <a href="http://www.pargaujashnovads.lv">www.pargaujashnovads.lv</a>   |
| 11. <b>Cesvaine</b> <a href="http://www.cesvaine.lv">www.cesvaine.lv</a>  | 47. <b>Pāvilosta</b> <a href="http://www.pavilosta.lv">www.pavilosta.lv</a>  |
| 12. <b>Cēsis</b>  <a href="http://www.tourism.cesis.lv">www.tourism.cesis.lv</a>             | 48. <b>Plaviņas</b> <a href="http://www.plavinunovads.lv">www.plavinunovads.lv</a>   |
| 13. <b>Dagda</b> <a href="http://www.visitdagda.com">www.visitdagda.com</a>   | 49. <b>Priekule</b> <a href="http://www.priekule.lv">www.priekule.lv</a>   |
| 14. <b>Daugavpils</b> <a href="http://www.visitdaugavpils.lv">www.visitdaugavpils.lv</a>  | 50. <b>Priekule</b> <a href="http://www.priekulesnovads.lv">www.priekulesnovads.lv</a>   |
| 15. <b>Dobele</b> <a href="http://www.dobele.lv">www.dobele.lv</a>  | 51. <b>Rauna</b> <a href="http://www.rauna.lv">www.rauna.lv</a>  |
| 16. <b>Dundaga</b> <a href="http://www.dundaga.lv">www.dundaga.lv</a>   | 52. <b>Rēzekne, Viļāni</b> <a href="http://www.rezekne.lv">www.rezekne.lv</a>  |
| 17. <b>Durbe</b> <a href="http://www.durbe.lv">www.durbe.lv</a>   | 53. <b>Rīga</b>  <a href="http://www.liveriga.com">www.liveriga.com</a>                   |
| 18. <b>Ērgļi</b> <a href="http://www.ergli.lv">www.ergli.lv</a>   | 54. <b>Roja</b> <a href="http://www.roja.lv">www.roja.lv</a>   |
| 19. <b>Gauja National Park, Gūtmaņala Cave</b> <a href="http://www.gnp.lv">www.gnp.lv</a>   | 55. <b>Rucava</b> <a href="http://www.rucava.lv">www.rucava.lv</a>   |
| 20. <b>Gauja National Park, Ligatne Nature Trails</b> <a href="http://www.gnp.lv">www.gnp.lv</a>  | 56. <b>Rūjiena</b> <a href="http://www.rujiena.lv">www.rujiena.lv</a>  |
| 21. <b>Gaujiena</b> <a href="http://www.gaujiena.lv">www.gaujiena.lv</a>  | 57. <b>Sabīle</b> <a href="http://www.sabile.lv">www.sabile.lv</a>   |
| 22. <b>Gulbene</b>  <a href="http://www.visitgulbene.lv">www.visitgulbene.lv</a>             | 58. <b>Salacgrīva</b> <a href="http://www.tourism.salacgriva.lv">www.tourism.salacgriva.lv</a>   |
| 23. <b>Ieriķi</b> <a href="http://www.tourism.amatashnovads.lv">www.tourism.amatashnovads.lv</a>  | 59. <b>Salaspils</b>  <a href="http://www.salaspils.lv">www.salaspils.lv</a>              |
| 24. <b>Ikšķile</b> <a href="http://www.ikskile.lv/turisms">www.ikskile.lv/turisms</a>   | 60. <b>Saldus</b>  <a href="http://www.saldus.lv">www.saldus.lv</a>                       |
| 25. <b>Jaunjelgava</b> <a href="http://www.jaunjelgava.lv">www.jaunjelgava.lv</a>   | 61. <b>Saulkrasti</b>  <a href="http://www.visitsaulkrasti.lv">www.visitsaulkrasti.lv</a> |
| 26. <b>Jēkabpils</b> <a href="http://www.jekabpils.lv">www.jekabpils.lv</a>   | 62. <b>Sigulda</b>  <a href="http://www.tourism.sigulda.lv">www.tourism.sigulda.lv</a>    |
| 27. <b>Jelgava</b>  <a href="http://www.visitjelgava.lv">www.visitjelgava.lv</a>             | 63. <b>Skrunda</b> <a href="http://www.skrundashnovads.lv">www.skrundashnovads.lv</a>  |
| 28. <b>Jūrmala</b> <a href="http://www.tourism.jurmala.lv">www.tourism.jurmala.lv</a>   | 64. <b>Smiltene</b> <a href="http://www.smiltene.lv">www.smiltene.lv</a>   |
| 29. <b>Jūrmalciems</b> <a href="http://www.jurmalcieklamajumiviss.lv">www.jurmalcieklamajumiviss.lv</a>   | 65. <b>Strenči</b> <a href="http://www.strencunovads.lv">www.strencunovads.lv</a>  |
| 30. <b>Kandava</b> <a href="http://www.visitkandava.lv">www.visitkandava.lv</a>   | 66. <b>Talsi</b>  <a href="http://www.talsitourism.lv">www.talsitourism.lv</a>            |
| 31. <b>Koknese</b> <a href="http://www.koknese.lv">www.koknese.lv</a>   | 67. <b>Tērvete</b> <a href="http://www.mammadaba.lv">www.mammadaba.lv</a>  |
| 32. <b>Kolkasrags</b> <a href="http://www.kolkasrags.lv">www.kolkasrags.lv</a>  | 68. <b>Tukums</b> <a href="http://www.visittukums.lv">www.visittukums.lv</a>   |
| 33. <b>Krāslava</b> <a href="http://www.visitkraslava.com">www.visitkraslava.com</a>  | 69. <b>Valdemārpils</b> <a href="http://www.valdemarpils.lv">www.valdemarpils.lv</a>   |
| 34. <b>Kuldīga</b>  <a href="http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv">www.visit.kuldiga.lv</a>         | 70. <b>Valka</b> <a href="http://www.valka.lv">www.valka.lv</a>  |
| 35. <b>Ķekava</b>  <a href="http://www.kekava.lv">www.kekava.lv</a>                        | 71. <b>Valmiera</b>  <a href="http://www.visitvalmiera.lv">www.visitvalmiera.lv</a>     |
| 36. <b>Liepāja</b>  <a href="http://www.liepajaturisms.lv">www.liepajaturisms.lv</a>       | 72. <b>Varakļāni</b> <a href="http://www.varaklani.lv">www.varaklani.lv</a>  |
|   | 73. <b>Ventspils</b> <a href="http://www.visitventspils.com">www.visitventspils.com</a>  |
|   | 74. <b>Viesīte</b> <a href="http://www.viesite.lv">www.viesite.lv</a>  |
|   | 75. <b>Zaņa</b> <a href="http://www.zana.lv">www.zana.lv</a>   |

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

Regional tourism associations

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| <b>Kurzeme</b>  <a href="http://www.kurzeme.lv">www.kurzeme.lv</a>           | <b>Vidzeme</b>  <a href="http://www.vidzeme.com">www.vidzeme.com</a>           |
| <b>Latgale</b>  <a href="http://www.visitatgale.com">www.visitatgale.com</a> | <b>Zemgale</b>  <a href="http://www.travelzemgale.lv">www.travelzemgale.lv</a> |

Car

- 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 hours.
- The blood alcohol while driving must not exceed 0.2‰.
- Seatbelts and baby car seats must be used at all times.
- 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 tyres from 1st May to 1st October.
- Motor vehicle permits for entering Jūrmala: [www.tourism.jurmala.lv](http://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](mailto:office@csdd.gov.lv)
- Website: [www.csdd.lv](http://www.csdd.lv)

Traffic Information Centre

24-hour information line: +371 65025555

Parking in Riga

[www.rigassatiksm.lv](http://www.rigassatiksm.lv), [www.europark.lv](http://www.europark.lv)

Car rentals at Riga International Airport

[www.avis.lv](http://www.avis.lv), [www.budget.lv](http://www.budget.lv), [www.europcar.lv](http://www.europcar.lv), [www.sixt.lv](http://www.sixt.lv)

24-hour car help and information service

Latvian Automotive Club (LAMB): 1888, [www.lamb.lv](http://www.lamb.lv)