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“My country and my city”

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LATVIA





SOME IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT LATVIA

- Latvia is located in the north of Europe.
- Our neighbouring countries are: Russia, Estonia, Lithuania and Belarus.
- We are one of three Baltic states.
- Latvia declared its independence on November 18, 1918, making Latvia only 102 years old.





Finland

Estonia

Sweden

Gulf of Riga

Russia

Latvia

Riga★

Lithuania

Belarus

Baltic Sea







THE INFAMOUS LEGEND ABOUT LATVIAN FLAG

- The flag was first used in the 13th century making it the 3rd oldest flag in the world.
- A legend refers to a mortally wounded chief of a Latvian tribe who was wrapped in a white sheet. The part of the sheet on which he was lying remained white, but the two edges were stained in his blood.



SOME IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT LATVIA

- The capital city of Latvia is Riga.
- Latvia was established in 1201 by German bishop Albert.
- There are roughly 1,887,000 inhabitants in Latvia right now as we speak.
- The official language of Latvia is Latvian, Russian being the secondary language in Latvia.



LATVIA POPULATION



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | CENTRAL STATISTICAL BUREAU OF LATVIA

Riga





HISTORY OF RIGA

- The history of Riga begins as early as the 2nd century, when Livs used to live here.
- In 1207, Bishop Albert started on fortification of the town.
- First arrival of German merchants in Riga started Christianization.
- Riga's Central Market is one of Europe's biggest markets. It is famed for its pavilions housed in giant zeppelin hangars left behind by the German army after World War I.





INFO ABOUT RIGA

- One third of Latvia's population live in Riga (approx. 630,000).
- Riga is the biggest city in the Baltic states followed by Vilnius and Tallinn.
- The radio and TV tower of Riga is the tallest structure in Latvia and the Baltic States, and one of the tallest in the European Union, reaching 368.5 m.
- The city name is pronounced like: Ree-gah.





RIGAS SYMBOLS

The flag of Riga



Coat of Arms

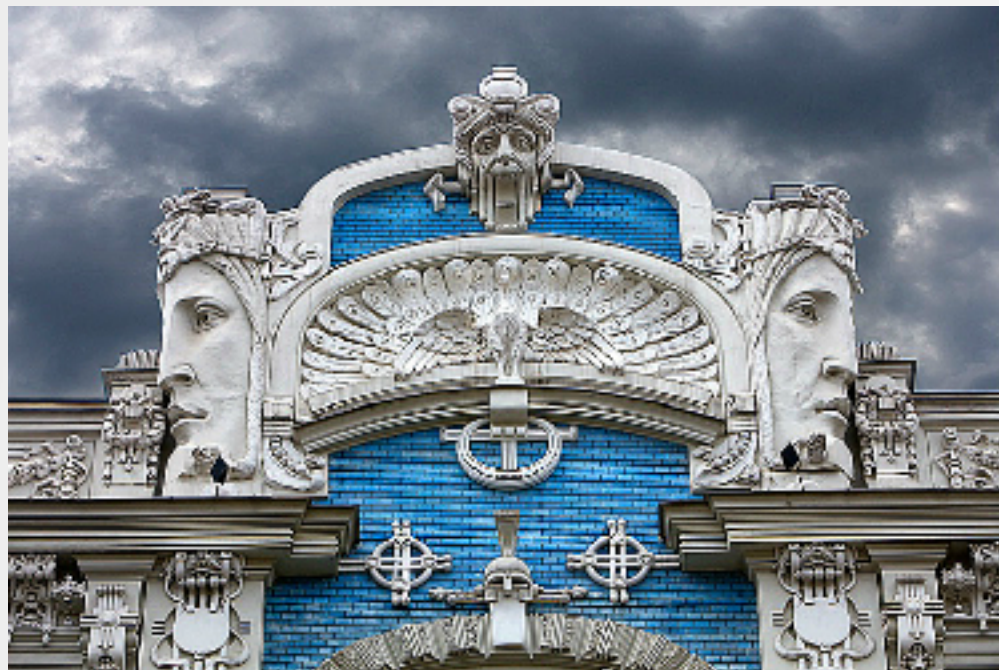




ARCHITECTURE IN RIGA

Riga's historical centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture.

The territory of Latvia changed hands among the rule of Germans, Poles, Swedes and Russians who all brought their architectural influences still visible today.







TOP PLACES TO VISIT IN RIGA



Old Riga



The Freedom Monument



Railway bridge



House of Blackheads



Riga Dome Cathedral



Riga Canal



Latvian National Theatre



Latvian National Opera



SHORT WALKING TOUR THROUGH RIGA





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