

Latvia

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal pre-cautions in Latvia.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

+(371) 6710-7000 or +(371) 2920-5708; US Embassy Riga, Samnera Velsa iela 1, Riga LV-1510, Latvia; askconsular-riga@state.gov;

<https://lv.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

371

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 112, 03; Fire: 112, 01; Police: 112, 02

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Latvia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

Climate

Maritime; wet, moderate winters

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Latvian, Russian

Major Religions

Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Orthodox

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

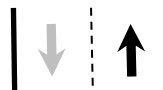
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Gauja National Park; Jurmala Resort; Rundale Palace & Museum; Turaida Museum Reserve; Riga (includes Freedom Statue, Saint Peter's Church, Blackheads House)

Major Sports

Soccer, ice hockey, basketball

Cultural Practices

Although friendly and informal with close friends and family, Latvians are reserved and formal when dealing with outsiders.

Tipping Guidelines

A 10% tip for good table service at a restaurant or lounge is appreciated. Round up the bill for bartenders and cab drivers.

Souvenirs

Amber jewelry and decorative items, ceramic items, wickerwork, silver, beer/liquor

Traditional Cuisine

Grey Peas and Bacon — grey peas cooked in smoked bacon, onion, and salt; rye bread

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