

Glimpse of Latvia
5 days – 4 days
Riga, Sigulda, Birini, Igate, Ungurmuiza, Cesis, Dikli
Discovery, Fun, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Latvia, this small European state and former province of the USSR is located on the coast of the Baltic Sea, neighbors of the other two Baltic states, with Estonia to the north and Lithuania to the south. The country's most popular destination is its capital, Riga.

-In Riga do not miss to visit: The Cathedral of Riga. Begun at the beginning of the 13th century, the cathedral is a brilliant alliance of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. The Central Market, which includes several gigantic sheds, was originally a zeppelin factory. -The National Opera of Latvia -The Art Nouveau district of Riga, one of the most surprising neighborhoods and rich in terms of architecture.

-Sigulda, for its many castles and historical sites (this is the most popular attraction outside Riga for foreign tourists).

-Cesis is for the charm of its cobbled streets and historic wooden buildings.

-Other attractions of Latvia are: Liepaja for its former Karosta military base and for its beaches.

Also enjoy the rugged beauty of Latvia's coastline stretching for 500 km long and consists mainly of sandy beaches. Half of Latvia is forested, there are also many lakes, especially in the Latgale region. The best time to travel to Latvia is from June to mid-September, when it is hot and the days are long. However, if you are fond of winter sports, Latvia is an excellent destination idea in winter, it is possible to practice cross-country skiing, and downhill skiing in Ramkalni, Baili and Zviedru. Listed accommodation, although you will not find many 5-star hotels in Latvia, you will find comfortable places to stay for reasonable prices. The network of youth hostels is also quite well developed. Campers will be spoiled for choice among the many campgrounds and free camping areas in national parks.

Day 1: Riga

Upon arrival at Riga's international airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Brussels. The rest of the day is free. An optional dinner can be arranged for this evening.

Recommended restaurant: Vincent's Restaurant (4.7)

Day 2: Riga

Explore Dom Square and St. Dom Cathedral. Continue to St. Jacob's Church and enjoy the skyline of Riga from St. Peter's Church tower. The tour will take you to Riga Castle, Great and Small Guild Halls, the fortification wall of Riga, the Swedish Gate, the building of Parliament, the Monument of Liberty. The Powder Tower and city walls will make you feel the spirit of the medieval. Overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: 3 pavāru restorāns "Tam labam būs augt" (4.6)

Day 3: Riga, Sigulda, Birini, Igate

Drive to Sigulda. The town is situated on a stretch of the Gauja River valley. Situated here are a few of the most important historical monuments like Turaida Medieval Castle built in 1214, Sigulda New Castle, and sculpture garden - Dainu Hill and Gutmanis Cave the biggest internal erosion cave in the Baltic States. The route continues to Birini Manor - located near a lake. The building had a rich décor of sculptures and bas reliefs which were lost during the First World War. Birini Manor is surrounded by a wonderful park that is excellent for leisurely walks. Continue the route through the Gauja National park which is situated on the both sides of the ancient river valley of the river



Gauja to the Igate Palace. Continue to the hotel for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Pansija (4.7)

Day 4: Igate, Ungurmuiza, Cesis, Dikli

On the way to the Old Hanseatic town of Cesis the route will pass the oldest preserved baroque manor in Latvia - Ungurmuiza Manor, situated in the Gauja National Park. Drive to Cesis. The history of Cesis is linked to Cesis Medieval Castle around which the town was built. The Cesis church and the old castle ruins with the beautiful castle park are places where you can relax and enjoy yourself. Drive to Dikli Manor. There are collections of valuable antique furniture, fireplaces and interior articles inside the Manor. Historically a home to barons and baronesses, the palace is now a hotel. Continue to the hotel for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Dikli Palace Hotel (4.5)

Day 5, Dikli, Riga, USA

Breakfast at the hotel and some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Riga
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Assistance at airports
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Full sightseeing program:
 - Old Riga
 - Dome Cathedral
 - St. Jacob's Church
 - Riga Castle
 - Great and Small Guild Halls
 - Freedom Monument
 - Swedish Gate
 - Parliament
 - Powder Tower
 - Gauja River valley
 - Turaida Medieval Castle
 - Dainu Hill and Gutmanis Cave
 - Birini Manor
 - Ungurmuiza Manor

- Old Hanseatic town of Cesis
- Dikli Manor
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation be A/C vehicle
- All local taxes

Tour does not include

- Airfare taxes and surcharges
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Recommended hotels for your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist		
Riga	Riverside Hotel	4.5
Igate	Spa Hotel Ezeri	4.5
Dikli	Karlamuiza Country	4.5
First Class		
Riga	Gutenbergs Hotel	4.5
Igate	Segevoid	3.5
Dikli	Villa Santa	4,5
Deluxe		
Riga	Grand Palace Hotel	4.5
Igate	Guest House	NR
Dikli	Dikli Palace Hotel	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$905 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.