

# History and Heritage Route in Riga



*Latvia*



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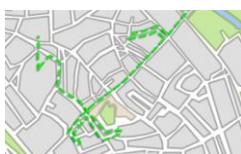
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# Riga



Riga is the capital of Latvia. It is on the Baltic Sea.

In Latvian it is written **Rīga**



It was founded about 800 years ago.



It is famous for its wooden buildings which are about 150 years old.



It also has large well-kept parks.

# Accessibility

You can find out more about travel and tourism for disabled people in Riga at:

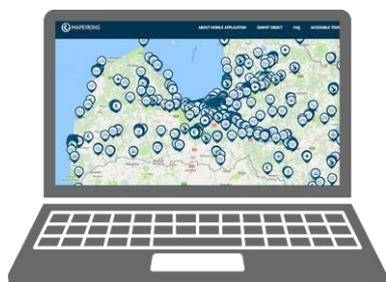
## Apeirons



Apeirons is an organisation that is led by people with disabilities and their friends.

They are working to make more places accessible.

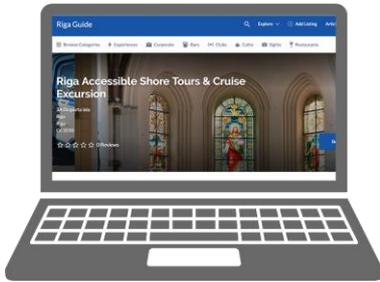
Web: [www.apeirons.lv](http://www.apeirons.lv)



## Mapeirons

This website gives information on more than 1,500 places in Latvia that are accessible to anyone.

Web: [mapeirons.lv/en](http://mapeirons.lv/en)



## ● **Holiday and travel directory**

**Web: [www.riga-guide.com/listing/accessible](http://www.riga-guide.com/listing/accessible)**



## ● **Information on accessible tourism in Latvia**

**Web: [www.accessiblelatvia.lv](http://www.accessiblelatvia.lv)**



## ● **Travel directory**

**Web: [www.latvia.travel/en/article/people-disabilities](http://www.latvia.travel/en/article/people-disabilities)**

# More information on accessibility



Getting around the streets of Riga can be difficult for anyone who uses a wheelchair, has a baby buggy or has a mobility impairment.

Check that you can get into your hotel and any other places before you travel.

You can get to most places in a car or taxi.

Some places in Riga and Sigulda provide different access choices: videos, audio information, audio description tours, induction loop, tactile maps.

Go to the website for each place you want to visit to see what they can offer.

Many hotels have adapted rooms. You need to contact them beforehand to ask for details.





Public transport in Riga city is mainly accessible with ramps, but not all vehicles are adapted.



You can get to **Sigulda** from Riga by train.

The trains have steps so you have to book assistance 48 hours before you want to travel by calling  
+37180001181 on weekdays  
8am-5pm.



Getting around **Sigulda** is tricky.

There are not many buses and they are not accessible for wheelchair users.



We suggest you get a taxi.

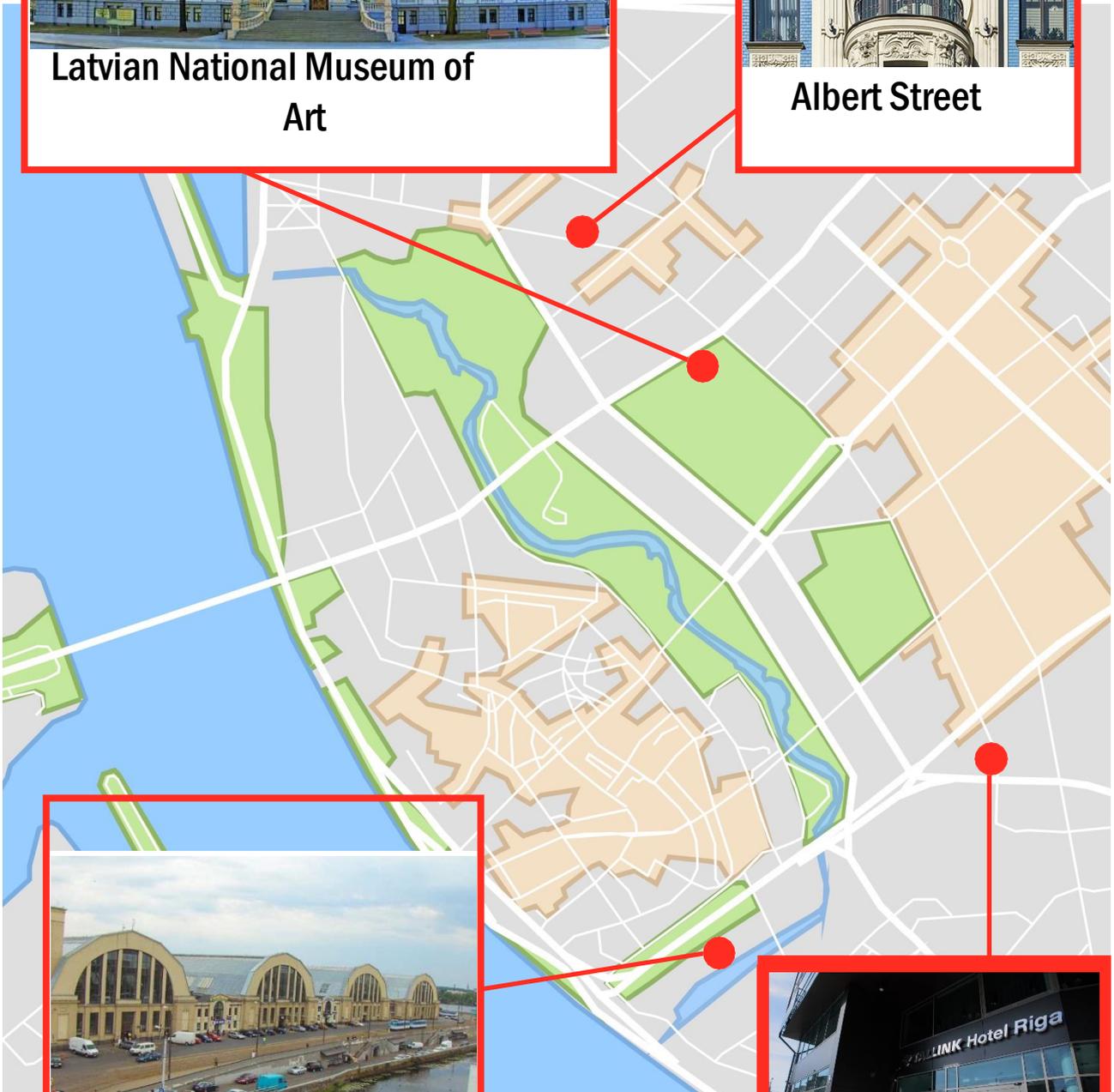
# Map of Riga



**Latvian National Museum of Art**



**Albert Street**



**Riga Central Market**



**Hotel Riga**

# Where to stay



## **Tallink Hotel Riga**

Tallink Hotel is on Elizabetes street 24 in the centre of Riga near the old town.



## **Radison Blu Latvia Hotel**

Hotel is on Elizabetes street 24 in the centre of Riga.



## **Albert Hotel**

Hotel is on Elizabetes street 24 in the centre of Riga.

# Places to visit



## **Latvian National Museum of Art**

This is the largest art gallery in Latvia.



It has Latvian art work from 200 years. It is accessible for disabled people.

It is on Jaņa Rozentāla laukums 1



## **Riga Motor Museum**

This Museum shows off more than a hundred antique vehicles.

It is at Sergeja Eizenšteina iela 8



## **Riga Central Market**

This is a large market with over 3000 stalls. It is in 5 historic buildings. they were originally used as Zeppelin hangars.



## **Albert Street (in Latvian Alberta Iela)**

This is famous for it's buildings built in the Art Nouveau style.

# Walk around Riga

This walk takes you around the old parts of Riga.

**Art Museum  
Rīgas Birža**

**Līvu square**

**Freedom  
Monument**

**Dome  
Square**

**Town Hall  
Square**

**Riga St.  
Peter`s  
Church**



## Freedom Monument

This is a monument to remember the people who died in the Latvian war of independence from 1918 to 1920.

At the top is a statue of a young woman holding three stars above her head.

Cross the bridge and through the park. Walk down Kalkulela.



**Līvu square (Līvu Laukums)** Turn right into one of the little walkways to get to Līvu square.

Go back to Kalkulela and turn right.

Walk right down Kalkulela until you get to to ...



## Town Hall Square and Blackheads House

The Town Hall square used to be the Market Square.

The Town Hall was destroyed during the second world war and rebuilt in 2003.



Opposite is Blackheads house. This is at least 700 years old. the Blackheads were unmarried merchants and captains of ships.

Merchants are people who buy and sell things.

It was also destroyed during the second world war and has been rebuilt.

Behind the Blackheads house is ...

## **Riga St. Peter`s Church**

Riga`s St. Peter`s Church is one of the oldest and most precious buildings in the region. It is about 800 years old.



Go back along Kunga Iela, past the Town Hall and down Tirgonu Iela.

Turn left down the narrow alley called Krāmu Iela and turn right at the end into Jauniela. This takes you to ...





## **Dome Square and the Cathedral**

Dome square is the largest square in the old town.

The cathedral is the largest **medieval** church in the region.



**Medieval** means the period of time in history from about the 5th century to the 15th century.

This is from the end of the Roman period.



It has a very old organ.

On the other side of Dom Square is ...

## **The art Museum Riga Bourse (Rīgas Birža)**

This art gallery was built about 200 years ago to look like a Palace from Venice.

It has a lot of art from countries outside Latvia.



# About us



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