

## Ports & Excursions



### Riga, Latvia

Capital of Latvia and the largest city of the Baltic Republics, Riga has long been a center of commerce and culture. Founded in the 13th century, the city rose to prominence as a member of the Hanseatic League, the great German-Baltic trading consortium that dominated Northern Europe during the Middle Ages. In the long struggle for Latvian independence, Riga has been ruled by Germans, Swedes and Russians. Today this "Little Paris of the Baltic" is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its architecture including one of the finest collections of Art Nouveau buildings in Northern Europe.

The city's German heritage contributed to the city's rich architecture. Riga's Art Nouveau buildings are outstanding examples of the German style known as Jugendstil.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Old Riga

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Old Town of Riga was founded in the early 13th century and is a wonderland of medieval culture and Art Nouveau architecture, from Riga Castle to the Dome Cathedral.

#### 2 Ethnographic Open-Air Museum

Immerse yourself in Latvian culture at this living history museum, where costumed villagers share their traditional celebrations and crafts such as jewelry-making and pottery.

#### 3 Jurmala

With nearly 20 miles of white-sand beaches flanked by historic wooden homes, this Latvian resort town also boasts Northern Europe's largest water park.

#### 4 Big Choral Synagogue

Burned to the ground with more than 300 Jews trapped inside during the German occupation of Riga, a poignant memorial is all that stands near the once magnificent synagogue's brick foundation today.

#### 5 Dome Cathedral

Dominating Riga's Old Town cityscape are the tower and spire of this centuries-old cathedral, perhaps best known for its colossal organ, which is comprised of over 6,800 pipes.

#### 6 "Bikur Holim," the Jewish Hospital

Sponsored by benefactors across the globe, this historic hospital's bronze doors have been open almost 90 years, providing free medical services to hundreds of people in need.

#### 7 Vilnius

The charming Old Town of this Lithuanian capital is a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring beautiful medieval, Gothic and Renaissance architecture, brilliantly designed churches and castle ruins. Vilnius is capital city of Lithuania. It is 300 km away from Riga, Latvia.

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



**Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum**  
RIX-205 | Riga, Latvia | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



3.5 hours

from \$79.95

Step back in time and immerse yourself in Latvian history and culture on a walking tour of the Ethnographic Open-Air Museum. Stroll through the beautiful grounds, past structures dating back hundreds of years before stopping for a refreshing drink and traditional Latvian meat pies.



**World Heritage Site**  
**City Drive & Walk**  
RIX-380 | Riga, Latvia | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



You will see:



3.5 hours

from \$79.95

This fascinating tour offers all the colorful sights that Riga is famous for. Walk along the cobblestone streets of Old Riga, marvel at the world's largest collection of Art Nouveau buildings, see the medieval Dome Cathedral and make a photo stop at Black heads House, which now hosts the official President's office.

### Special Interests



**The Baltic Spa of Jurmala**  
RIX-215 | Riga, Latvia | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



3.5 hours

from \$69.95

Travel to the heart of the resort district known as Jurmala and enjoy a walking tour through this charming coastal city. Famous for its mud baths, mineral springs, and endless stretch of sugar-white beaches, Jurmala is also renowned for the captivating Art Nouveau structures scattered throughout the town.



**Riga's Jewish Heritage**  
RIX-235 | Riga, Latvia | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



You will see:



4 hours

from \$69.95

Take a guided tour of some of the most notable sights in Riga's Jewish history. Poignant reminders of its proud yet tragic past include the Big Choral Synagogue Memorial, the Old Jewish Cemetery and the Rumbula Monument among others.