

# Latvia


History of Latvia, interesting places to visit and much more!

HERE IS A MAP OF THIS COUNTRY



# THE HISTORY OF THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

In the late Middle Ages vikings came to Latvia land and Scandinavian settlements existed. In XII century the influence of the German started in Latvia. In 1202 on Latvia's land monastic state of the Knights of the Sword arose. German started to take over Latvia. Some of these lands, in 1561 joined Poland. G. Kettler got them as a hereditary fief. In 1605 the Battle of Kirchholm started, and Poland and Latvia came victorious out of it. By the power of peace in Olivia Poland kept Polish Inflants, and Northern part of Latvia joined Sweden. In XVIII century, as a result of partitions of Poland, Latvia joined Germany. During the 1st World War the grounds of Latvia was occupied by Germany. On November 18th 1918 the independence of this country was proclaimed. As a result of referendum in 1991 Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia announced independence, which was recognized by most countries of the world.



In 1991 parliament accepted a resolution stating that citizenship and rights to vote can only be obtained by inhabitants living in Latvia before its annexation by the Soviet Union. Later arrivals had to know Latvian language and live there for 16 years. In 1992 Russia agreed to educt its armies out of Latvia. This operaton ended in 1994, and until 1999 only the Russian Staff of the Skrunda radar station remained. In 1998, under pressure from world oppinion – civil rights were liberalized. In 1999, as a result of elections re-emigrant of Canada, Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga became a president of Latvia. On May 1st 2004 Latvia joined the European Union. In the same year Latvia got a membership of NATO. On June 2nd, 2005, Latvia ratified the EU constitution. On February 20th 2009, the four-party coalition broke up. As a result, president Valdis Zatlers had to look for a new head of government. It was an economist, Valdis Dombrovskis. On January 1st 2014, Latvia joined the euro area.



# INTERESTING PLACES THAT YOU SHOULD VISIT!

Latvia is a beautiful country, and it has a lot of interesting places! Here are some:

- Turaida castle
- Gauji National Park
- Palace in Pilrundāle
- Jelgava castle
- Ventas rumba waterfalls
- Bowsk castle ruins
- Sigulda city



- Césis town
- Aglona sanctuary
- Cesvaine palace
- Tērvete forest

I hope that these places will satisfy you!



# INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LATVIA

- The population density is 34.4 people/km<sup>2</sup>, and the population in there is 1,92 milion people
- This country is 4,8 times smaller that Poland! It has 64 589 km<sup>2</sup>
- The biggest mountain there is Gaizinkalns and it has 312 metres above the sea level.
- In this country there is over 28 thousand species of animals and plants.
- The most popular drink there is „Black Balsam”.
- Latvia is 4th in Europe in terms of size of the forested areas.
- In there, schools have 10-point grading scale.
- With almost 500km of coast, Latvia has tons of beaches!

These are the sites that i was using:

<https://podroze.onet.pl>

<https://poznajnieznane.pl>

<https://pl.wikipedia.org>



I think that's it! I hope  
that I will see you in  
Latvia!

