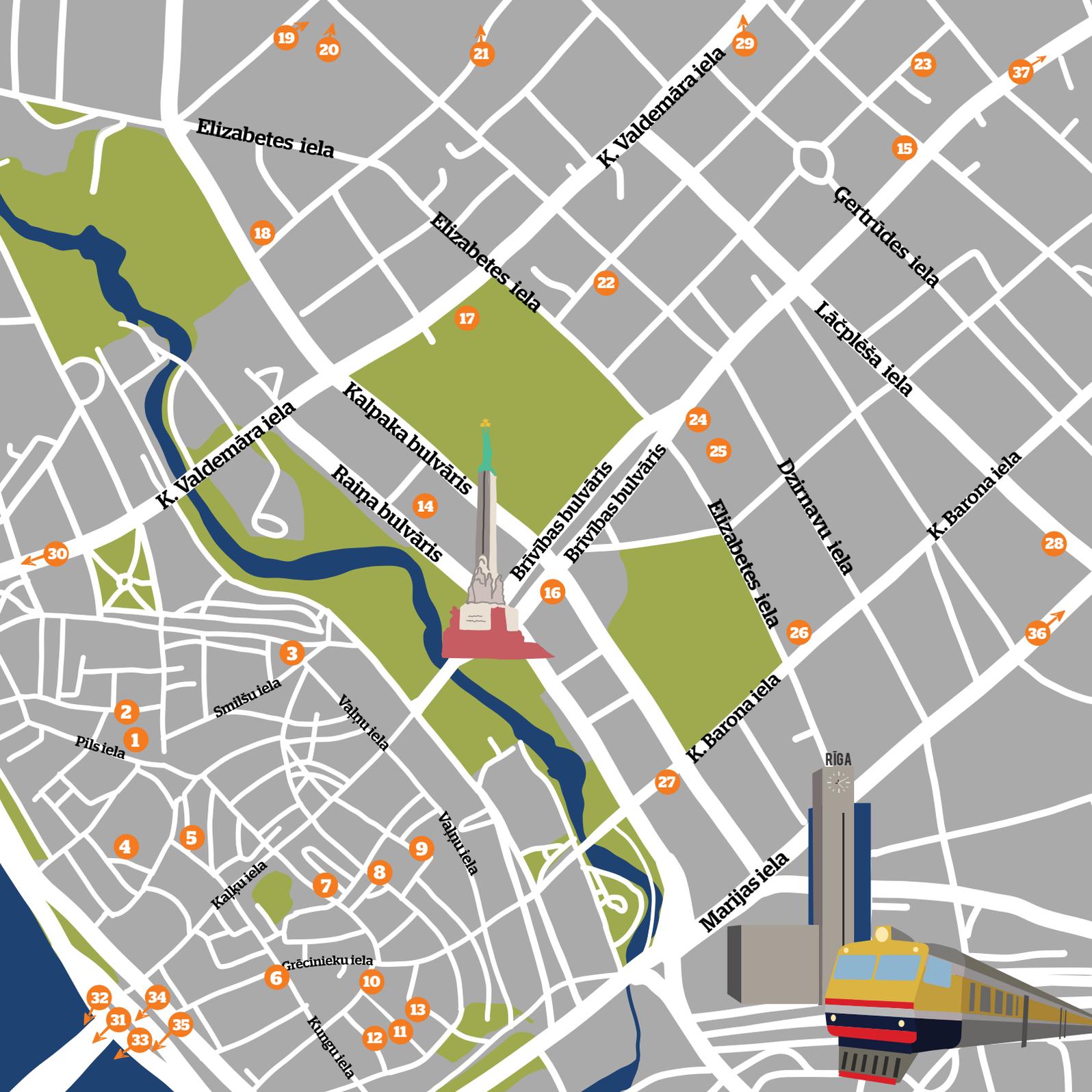




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RĪGA





1 ART MUSEUM "RIGA BOURSE"

Doma laukums 6, Riga
T. 67357534
www.inmm.lv

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Foreign art collections of the Latvian National Museum of Art are placed in the Art Museum RIGA BOURSE, reconstructed in 2011. Exposition includes 16th to 19th century Western European painting gallery, Western porcelain gallery, Silver Cabinet, Eastern art gallery, Ancient Greek and Roman Art, Ancient Egyptian Art and Paintings of by Nicholas Roerich. Various international art exhibitions are regularly held in the Museum.



2 LATVIAN MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE

Mazā Pils iela 19, Riga
T. 67220779
www.archmuseum.lv

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5 9 - 16
Free admission

The Latvian Museum of Architecture was established in 1994. It possesses a collection of nine thousand units: drawings, sketches and outlines created by Latvian-related architects; the archive includes a collection of documents and photographs. The museum does not host permanent exhibitions; however, the collection has been digitised and made available to the public. The exhibitions are held in the Exhibition Hall. The Museum is located in one of the buildings of the medieval ensemble "Three Brothers".



3 LATVIAN WAR MUSEUM

Smilšu iela 20 (The Powder Tower), Riga
T. 67228147, 67223743
www.karamuzejs.lv

01.11.-31.03.
Every day 10 - 17
01.04.-31.10.
Every day 10 - 18
Free admission

The Museum exposition reveals Latvia's military political history with a special emphasis on the 20th century, a period during which the Latvian people had to fight to gain their independence twice. There are exhibitions on medieval and modern military history, the First and Second World Wars, proclamation of the independent Latvian nation, the battles for freedom, and creation of Latvian state at the Museum.

We welcome you to visit the Museum branches outside Riga. The Christmas Battles Museum shows unique elements of field fortification that were used during the First World War and that are connected with the legendary Christmas Battles. O. Kalpaks Museum and Memorial Site "Airītes" is dedicated to Oskars Kalpaks, the first commander of the Latvian battalion.



4 MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF RIGA AND NAVIGATION

Palasta iela 4
(in the Riga Dom ensemble), Riga
T. 67356676, 67211358
www.rigamuz.lv

01.10.-30.04
3,4,5,6,7 10 - 17
01.05.-30.09. Every day 10 - 17
01.06.-31.08.5 12 - 19

This is the first public museum in Latvia and the Baltics and one of the oldest in Europe, the origin of which dates back to 1773. It is located in a significant 13th-20th century architectural monument - the Riga Cathedral ensemble, which comprises the Dome Cathedral - the largest Medieval Church in the Baltic States -, the Gothic Cross Gallery and the Museum. The Museum's exposition's 16 halls tell about creation and development of Riga over more than 800 years, as well as shipping in Latvia's territory from the 10th century until today.

- 1 January-31 December Exhibition "Used in Riga. Second half of the 19th century-1918".
- 1 January-31 December Exhibition "The Dome Museum - Temple for Science and Art".



5

MUSEUM OF BARRICADES OF 1991

Krāmu iela 3, Rīga
T. 67213525
www.barikades.lv

1,2,3,4,5 10 - 17
6 11 - 17

The museum devoted to the barricade events of 1991 was founded in 2001. In the Museum, one can see a layout of the placement of barricades, objects used at the barricades - thermoses, radios, posters, video cameras, gas masks and other exhibits, as well as specially selected photos. The exhibits include outfit of the Special Police Force and memorabilia of the deceased. Sitting at the "real" barricade fire, one can watch videos or listen to audio recordings and feel the breath of that legendary time.



7

MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Skārņu iela 10, Rīga
T. 67222235; 67830917
www.inmm.lv

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3 11 - 19

The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design is established as a museum of Latvian professional decorative applied art, which preserves predominantly artworks and "one off" design objects created by Latvian artists from the end of the 19th century. Museum is located in the former St. George's Church building (1204), which is the oldest preserved stone building in Riga.



6

MENTENDORFF'S HOUSE

Grēcinieku iela 18, Rīga
T. 67222636
www.mencendorfanams.com

01.10.-30.04.
3,4,5,6,7 10 - 17
01.05.-30.09.
Every day 10 - 17
01.06.-31.08. 5 12 - 19

Mentendorff's House with its 17th-18th century dwelling atmosphere is the only museum of its kind in the Baltics. The Museum introduces one to a wealthy Riga household's cultural traditions. Unique 17th-18th century ceiling and wall murals can be viewed in the exposition, matched with historic household items which create an exceptional character and mood in the rooms. Visitors can visit the old shop room, the kitchen with its fireplace and hearth, the family chapel and many other rooms, as well as having a look at the historic cellar vault and the romantic attic where the exhibitions are located.



8

RIGA PORCELAIN MUSEUM

Kalēju iela 9/11 (in the Convent Yard), Rīga
T. 67012944
www.porcelanamuzejs.riga.lv

01.10.-30.04.
2,3,4,5,6,7 11 - 18
01.05.-30.09.
2,4,5,6,7 11 - 18
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Riga Porcelain Museum introduces its visitors to articles produced at Riga's porcelain factories - the Kuzņecovs (established in 1841) and the Jessen (established in 1886) factories, and later the Riga Porcelain Factory. In a separate one can observe vases, plates and ceramic figurines dedicated to various events significant to Soviet ideology. Museum offers guided tours in Latvian, Russian and English and Porcelain painting workshop.



9 PHARMACY MUSEUM

R. Vāgnera iela 13, Rīga
T. 67213008
www.mvm.lv

01.10.-30.04.
2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17
01.05.-30.09.
2,3,4,5,6 10 - 18
7 10 - 16

The Pharmacy Museum is set up in a residential house, which is an architectural monument of the 18th century. The exhibitions reflect the historical development of the pharmacy and chemist shops, display documents and books, pharmaceutical vessels, signatures, forms of medicine and devices for their preparation in 17th-19th century, as well as the medicines by Latvian manufacturers in the 20-ties-30-ties of the 20th century and present-day medicines. The museum displays the 18th-19th century's alchemic laboratory, the little house of the folk healer and black bathhouse. In the inner yard - a little garden of herbs and stained glass panels by the artist T.Grasis. Museum offers guided tours in Latvian, Russian and English.



11 LATVIAN SPORTS MUSEUM

Alksnāja iela 9, Rīga
T. 67225127
www.sportamuzejs.lv

2,3,4,5 10 - 17
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01.06.-31.08.
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The largest repository of the Latvian nation's historic sports materials was established in 1990. The museum hosts exhibitions devoted to the Olympic Games and prominent Latvian sports personalities. The Museum offers schoolchildren a chance to climb a cliff wall, play board games and the opportunity of being photographed next to the museum exhibits.

- 1 January-31 December Exposition "Latvian Olympic Hall of Fame. Gold. Silver. Bronze".



10 LATVIAN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Mārstaļu iela 8 (entrance from Alksnāja iela), Rīga
T. 67222713
www.fotomuzejs.lv

3,5,6,7 10 - 17
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The only museum devoted to photographic art in Latvia has been open to the public since 1993. In the halls on the second floor of the Museum there is the exposition "Development of Photography in Latvia. 1839-1940", while the third floor space is devoted to Latvian and foreign photographers, as well as exhibitions from the Museum collections. The Museum has been set up in an old 16th century merchant's building. The building is located in one of the oldest built quarters in Riga, dating from 1500



12 RIGA FILM MUSEUM

Peitavas iela 10 (entrance from Mazās Peitavas iela)
T. 67358873
www.kinomuzejs.lv

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Founded in 1988, Riga Film Museum is the only museum devoted to this area in Latvia. The task of the Riga Film Museum is to collect, preserve and popularise the history of Latvian cinema, promote understanding of Latvian audio-visual cultural development in the context of the world culture and help the spectator to navigate in the modern cultural space.

- 1 January-31 December Permanent exhibition "Behind the Movie Screen". History of movie making in Latvia.



13

MUSEUM OF THE POPULAR FRONT OF LATVIA

Vecpilsētas iela 13/15, Rīga
T. 67224502
www.lnvm.lv

2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17

The museum's exposition is dedicated to one of the most vivid periods in the history of Latvia - the Third Awakening and the role of the Popular Front of Latvia in the renewal of the independence of Latvia. Contemporary design and technological means provide not only information but also contribute to the emotional experience of the displayed events. Visitors can use touchscreens to get acquainted with the Museum's materials about the Popular Front.



15

EXHIBITION "HISTORY OF KGB OPERATIONS IN LATVIA"

Brīvības iela 61, Rīga
info.kgb@omf.lv
www.okupacijasmuzejs.lv

Every day
10.30 - 17.30
Guided tours in English:
11.00; 12.00; 13.00; 15.00; 16.00

The exhibition "KGB Building" of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia offers a chance to visit an exposition on the operation of the Soviet KGB in Latvia and to walk through the KGB cells with a tour guide.



14

MUSEUM OF OCCUPATION OF LATVIA

Raiņa bulvāris 7, Rīga (temporary exhibition)
T. 67212715
www.okupacijasmuzejs.lv

Every day 11 - 18

The Museum reveals Latvia's history from 1940 until 1991, when the occupations by both the Soviets and Nazi Germany were experienced. In the exposition, one can see intergovernmental agreements and documents, which bear witness to the impact of the totalitarian regimes on Latvia and the lives of its people. Documents, photographs and museum objects tell of the tragedy which befell the residents of Latvia under the inhumane conditions created by these foreign powers, as well as the resistance against the occupying powers.



16

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LATVIA

Brīvības bulvāris 32, Rīga
T. 67221357
www.lnvm.lv

01.09.-31.05. 2,3,4,5,6,7 10 - 17
01.06.-31.08. 3,4,5,6,7 10 - 17
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The Museum is the largest repository of Latvian material cultural artefacts with a collection that includes more than a million objects that are important to national identity and are essential archaeological, ethnographical, historical, numismatic and art objects of Latvia.

The Museum dates back to 1869. From 1920 till 2014 the Museum was located in a significant historical and architectural monument - the Riga Castle - where it will return after its renovation. From spring 2014 the Museum is temporarily located at 32 Brīvības bulvāris, where the exposition of Latvian history is placed in more than 20 halls, showing the period from ancient times to the present day.

• 1 January-31 December A joint exhibition of Latvian museums "Latvia's Century".



17

LATVIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART

Jaņa Rozentāla laukums 1, Rīga
T. 67324461
www.inmm.lv

2,3,4 10 - 18
6,7 10 - 17
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The largest repository of national art in Latvia. The Museum building design by the German architect and art historian Wilhelm Neumann was built in 1905 to the, is one of the most impressive buildings of the Historicism style on the Riga Boulevard Circle. It was the first building in the Baltics specially constructed for the needs of a museum. The Museum exposition reflects the development of professional art in Latvia and the Baltics from the middle of the 18th century until today.



19

MUSEUM "RIGA ART NOUVEAU CENTRE"

Alberta iela 12, Rīga
T. 67181465
www.jugendstils.riga.lv

2,3,4,5,6,7 10 - 18

The spirit of the beginning of the 20th century and Art Nouveau charm in the very centre of Riga! Here everyone can become a milady or a gentleman by trying on a hat in an Art Nouveau style or by discovering the guest room, the fireplace room and the dining room with stained glass panels and ceiling paintings.

The Museum building was built in 1903 as the private house of the architect Konstantīns Pēkšēns according to his design. The apartment where the Museum is located is one of the few in Riga where the Art Nouveau interior characteristic only to Riga has remained and been restored authentically.



18

PAULS STRADIŅŠ MUSEUM FOR HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Antonijas iela 1, Rīga
T. 67222665, 67222656
www.mvm.lv

2,3,5,6 11 - 17
4 11 - 19
7 11 - 16

The largest museum of the field of medicine in Western Europe, and one of three largest museums of medicine in the world.

The exposition shows the development of Latvia's, and the world's medicine, starting from ethnomedicine until the middle of the 20th century. There is a unique exposition called "Outer space biology and medicine" which can be seen at the Museum.



20

JANIS ROZENTĀLS AND RŪDOLFS BLAUMANIS MUSEUM

Alberta iela 12 - 9, Rīga
T. 67331641
www.memorialiemuzeji.lv

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One of the founders of Latvian national professional fine arts, Janis Rozentāls (1866-1916) and his wife, the Finnish singer Elli Forssell (1871-1943) lived in Apartment No. 9 at Alberta iela 12, from 1904 until 1915. The artist's workshop built on an upper floor was meant specifically for Janis Rozentāls' family. Visitors to the Museum can view the Art Nouveau period apartment interior and Janis Rozentāls' creative work. Famous Latvian writer Rūdolfs Blaumanis (1863-1908) periodically lived in the apartment as a lodger from 1906 until 1908. There is a R. Blaumanis memorial room set up at the Museum.



21

FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM OF LATVIA

Hanzas iela 5, Rīga

2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17

T. 67331334

www.muzejs.vugd.gov.lv

The Latvian Fire Fighting Museum was established in 1978. The Museum allows its visitors to learn more about the specific character of firefighting and civil protection, the development of technology, equipment and facilities from the middle of the 19th century up to nowadays, acquire certain practical skills of fire extinguishing and acquire knowledge of security essentials.

The exposition shows historical documents, fire-fighting tools, equipment, uniforms, awards, alarm and alert appliances, hand, vapour and engine pumps, volunteer fire-fighting union flags, the existing security, alarm and automatic fire-fighting appliances, fire-fighting and rescue work equipment.



23

RAINIS AND ASPAZIJA HOUSE-MUSEUM

Baznīcas iela 30, Rīga

T. 67272643

www.memorialiemuzeji.lv; www.aspazijarainis.lv

2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17

01.06.-31.08.

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Rainis and Aspazija home is one of the Rainis and Aspazija museums. Here, one can see the environment in which Rainis (1865-1929) and Aspazija (1865-1943) lived in the late 1920s. The apartment is renovated and furnished with photos, memorable stories, diaries of the poets by using original objects stored in the Museum's collection.



22

MUSEUM "JEWS IN LATVIA"

Skolas iela 6, Rīga

T. 67283484

www.ebrejumuzejs.lv

01.09.-30.04.

1,2,3,4,7 11 - 17

01.05.-31.08.

1,2,3,4,5,7 11 - 17

This small, but informative and cosy museum is located in the historic Jewish theatre building, on the 3rd floor of the Jewish Community Center. The visitors are welcome to get acquainted with Jewish history and culture in Latvia from the 16th century until 1945: outstanding persons, education, religion, as well as art, politics and everyday life. A special part of the exhibition is dedicated to the Holocaust and the rescuers of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Latvia. Audio-guides, pre-booked tours and educational programs for different age groups are available.



24

ANDREJS UPĪTS MUSEUM

Brīvības iela 38 - 4, Rīga

T. 67289767

www.upisamuzejs.lv; www.memorialiemuzeji.lv

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This is one of the rare museums in Latvia, where recent history - the mid 20th century reality and the paradoxes of socialist ideology - has been preserved. Eminent Latvian conductor Mariss Jansons spent his childhood years (1945-1949) living in apartment No.4 of the building, whereas in January 1951 a writer Andrejs Upīts (1877-1970) - a powerful personality whose life embraces a whole epoch in Latvia's history moved into this apartment. He spent the last nineteen years of his life living here.



25

MUSEUM OF ROMANS SUTA AND ALEKSANDRA BEĻCOVA

Elizabetes iela 57A – 26, Rīga
T. 67288800
www.inmm.lv

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July 1-31, you can only visit the museum with a previous appointment by calling +371 67288800 or sending an e-mail to sbm@inmm.lv

The Museum is dedicated to two striking personalities in the history of Latvian art. Romans Suta (1896-1944) was versatile personality - he not only painted, illustrated books, created designs for theatre performances and films, but also ran his art studio, wrote reviews, established and worked in the "Baltars" porcelain painting workshop and created designs for furniture and interior arrangements. Aleksandra Beļcova (1892-1981) was both a charming and emancipated woman of the time, as well as one of the first Modernist artists in Latvia. The Museum exposition created as a story about the three aspects of their lives: creative work, social life and family.



27

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LATVIA

K. Barona iela 4, Rīga
T. 67356025
www.dabasmuzejs.gov.lv

3,5 10 - 17
6,7 11 - 17
4 10 - 19

Free admission: 3,5,6,7
half an hour just before the closing time and Thursdays 17-19

The Museum is one of the oldest multidisciplinary museums of natural sciences in the Baltic states and the widest repository of natural resources available to society in Latvia. The Museum has put Zoological, Botanical, Entomological, Palaeontological, Geological, Marine and Anthropological expositions on display, as well as the Environmental Education exposition "Man and the Environment", the exposition "Amber through the Ages", and the Nature Knowledge room "About the Earth, the Sun, and us" for the young visitors of the Museum.



26

KRIŠJĀNIS BARONS MUSEUM

K. Barona iela 3 - 5, Rīga
T. 67284265
www.memorialiemuzeji.lv; www.baronamuzejs.lv

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In 1919, distinguished Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons (1835-1923) moved to the Apartment, which was located in the third building on the former Suvorova street, and lived the last four years of his life with the family of his doctor son, University of Latvia Professor Kārlis Barons. Kārlis Barons is considered the founder of dentistry in Latvia. The most authentic part of the Museum exposition is Krišjānis Barons' room. Here one can also see a copy of the famous Dainu skapis [cabinet of folk songs] created by Krišjānis Barons, which stores late 19th century handwritten records of Latvian folk songs and was in 2001 included in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.



28

ALEKSANDRS ČAKS MEMORIAL FLAT

Lāčplēša iela 48-8, Rīga
T. 67105942
www.cakamuzejs.riga.lv

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The Aleksandrs Čaks Memorial Flat was established in 2000, at the Poet's former place of residence, where he spent his last 13 years of life. Audio guide is available in the Museum in Latvian, Russian and English - during 20 minutes the visitors not only get to know the last place of residence of the Poet, but also learn a lot of interesting things about his family, friends and creative activity. More detailed information to those who are interested in the life and work of A. Čaks is provided by the Museum's staff.

- 1 January-31 December Exhibition "Eight White Days. Baltica - 88".



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MUSEUM "DAUDERI"

Zāgeru iela 7, Rīga
T. 67392229, 67391780
www.lnvm.lv

3,4,5,6,7 10-17

The museum Dauderi is located in a historical house in a neighborhood of Riga - Sarkandaugava. It was a family villa of the former brewery Waldschlosschen owner Adolf von Bingner. Already in that time it was recognized as one of the most beautiful private houses in Riga. 1937-1940 it was used as a summer house for the President and Prime Minister of Latvia Kārlis Ulmanis.

The Museum offers the history of Dauderi house and the evidence of Latvian material culture from the collection of Gaidis Graudiņš, assembled in exile. It also presents the possibility to enjoy the Dauderi garden.



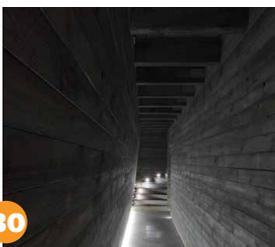
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LATVIAN RAILWAY HISTORY MUSEUM

Uzvaras bulvāris 2A, Rīga
T. 20032331
www.railwaymuseum.lv

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The Latvian Railway Museum offers the largest broad-gauge carriage collection in the Baltic States, narrow gauge (600 mm) steam locomotive, wagons and a snow plug, a 3rd class passenger wagon built in 1925 by the Riga joint stock company "Fenikss" and a rail bus of a peat factory. The Museum invites you to become acquainted with an interactive exposition "The Life of a Station" where you can live the part of a passenger, as well as the station's personnel. The Museum also offers a model railway with ten square meters of track where the train crosses bridges and overpasses until it reaches the station and then continues its journey. The Museum's vast exhibition hall offers more than only expositions related to railway history.



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ŽANIS LIPKE MEMORIAL

Mazais Balasta dambis 9, Ķīpsala, Rīga
T. 67202539
www.lipke.lv

2,3,5 12 - 18
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01.05.-30.09.
7 12 - 18



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OJĀRS VĀCIETIS MUSEUM

O. Vācieša iela 19, Rīga
T. 67619905, 67614015
www.vaciesamuzejs.lv;
www.memorialiemuzeji.lv

2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17
01.06.-31.08.
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The Museum was established in 1988, five years after the outstanding Latvian poet Ojārs Vācietis (1933-1983) passed away. The Museum is located in a building in Pārdaugava, where the poet and his family lived since 1960. The building is more than 200 years old, and was formerly the "Jeruzaleme" Tavern, which Garlieb Merkel and Richard Wagner visited in their time, and which was immortalized in his drawings by Johann Christof Brotze. The poet's memorial apartment, exhibition hall and garden are open to the public. At the Museum one can listen to recordings of O. Vācietis' voice, watch videos, and watch the digital exposition - the multimedia CD.

Žanis Lipke Memorial is the best hidden museum in Riga dedicated to a courageous Latvian dockworker who during Nazi occupation hid dozens of persecuted Jews in a bunker under his woodshed. Conceptually the shape of the Museum evokes Noah's Ark or an overturned boat as a shelter of life. Visit the award-winning museum on this picturesque fishermen island of Ķīpsala across the Old City.



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JĀNIS AKURATERS MUSEUM

O.Vācieša iela 6A, Rīga
T. 67619934

www.memorialleuzeji.lv

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After restoration of Jānis Akuraters museum in 2016, an opportunity was provided to look at the Poet's house in a much more complete form, the one as it could be during his lifetime. For the first time, the room of the Poet's daughter, translator Laima Akuratere, is displayed. The displays of Jānis Akuraters study room, the room of his spouse Marija and the Light Parlour have been supplemented with restored objects from the rich collection of the Akuraters family, thus bringing the layout of the premises closer to the spiritual content, image and mood of that time.

For the first time, the equipped kitchen and the bathroom have been added to the display, adding the impression of household developments and the distinctive scent of cosiness.

The new general image of the Jānis Akuraters home invites to return to the recent past - in 1933 and enjoy its calm and meditative nature.



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EDUARDS SMIĻĢIS THEATRE MUSEUM

E. Smiļģa iela 37, Rīga
T. 67611893

www.teatramuzejs.lv

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The Eduards Smiļģis Theatre Museum of the Latvian Academy of Culture in particular highlights the recognised person of the 20th century Latvian theatre - actor, director, founder of Daile Theatre Eduards Smiļģis. The Museum is arranged in a place where the Artist's private home was, preserving its outer appearance and a magnificent garden which surrounds the museum building. Displays of the second floor and the memorial premises are dedicated to promoting understanding of the creative work and personal life of Eduards Smiļģis.

Jubilee exhibitions and events are arranged in the Museum, popularising activities and significance of this recognised theatrical personality.



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CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM

Kantora iela 22A, Rīga,
T. 26414162, 29486512

www.automuzejs.lv

5,6,7 12 - 18
other times
by appointment only

The Museum shows the development of technical appliances in a Latvian context and also in the context of world history - as the first wheeled transportation used in Latvia, as also world scale achievements in vehicle construction. The Museum's founders maintain third-generation vehicle development testimonies - its characteristic surroundings, work skills and traditions in the territory of Latvia.

More than 150 items gathered in the Museum are placed in 4 exhibitions: The Bikes and Mopeds of Latvia; a Collection of English Motorcycles from the 1930's and 1940's; the Most Splendid Vehicle Models of the 1930's and 1940's in Germany; a Glimpse in the History of the "Auto Union".



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RIGA MOTOR MUSEUM

S. Eizenšteina iela 8, Rīga
T. 67025888; 67025856

www.motormuzejs.lv

Every day 10 - 18

Riga Motor Museum has the largest and the most diversified collection of old vehicles in the Baltics, which characterise the early days of the world automotive industry, including the world's first car - Benz Patent Motorwagen, the unique Kremlin limousine, the legendary racing car, "grandparents" of modern car brands, Soviet car nostalgia, as well as pride of the automotive history of Latvia. Overall, the Museum demonstrates more than 100 old vehicles, each with its own unique story, which is presented on interactive screens, videos, in a virtual reality and with the help of other modern technologies.

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LATVIAN ETHNOGRAPHIC OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Brīvības iela 21, Rīga
T. 67994510,
67994106

www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv

01.10.-31.01.
Museum territory:
every day **10 - 17**
01.02.-31.03. 3,4,5,6,7 **10 - 17**
01.04.-30.04. every day **10 - 17**
01.05. - 30.09.
Exposition buildings:
every day **10 - 17**
Museum territory:
every day **10 - 20**

This is one of the oldest Open-air museums in Europe. The Museum exposition represents authentic Latvian and other in this territory historically living inhabitant's peasant, fisherman and craftsmen life. All farmsteads contain permanent exhibitions - household and working tools, interior furnishings - which characterize the time period, the district, and the owner's vocation from end of 17th century until 30-ies of 20th century. Craftsmen such as potters, weavers, blacksmiths, woodworkers, and teachers of traditional games work here, we celebrate different rites and in exhibition hall is exposed new thematic expositions.

“VĪTOLNIEKI” - RURAL EXHIBITION OF THE OPEN-AIR MUSEUM IN RUCAVA

Pape, Rucavas novads

T. 29262283

www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv

01.05.-30.09.
3,4,5,6,7 **10 - 17**
other times by appointment only

The fisherman's homestead “Vitolnieki” is exhibition of the Open-air Museum in Pape Koņu Village of Rucava municipality. The museum preserves, researches and popularises a classic fisherman-farmer's homestead of a seaside village, where in addition to the national building values one can view fisherman's tools, clothes and household items.

“VĒVERI” - RURAL EXHIBITION OF THE OPEN-AIR MUSEUM IN VECPIEBALGA

Vecpiebalgas pagasts, Vecpiebalgas novads
T. 29181219

www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv

01.05.-30.09.
Every day **10 - 17**
other times by appointment only

The history of “Vēveri” in Vecpiebalga dates as far back as 400 years. It is mentioned for the first time in Swedish accountant documents in 1601 as one household and at the end of the 17th century it was marked on the map. The layout and construction of the homesteads that we see now started forming after the Great Northern War.



JŪRMALA

JŪRMALA TOWN MUSEUM

Tirgoņu iela 29, Jūrmala (Majori)

T. 67764746, 67761915

www.jurmala.lv

15.09.-14.05.
3,4,5,6,7 **10 - 17**
15.05.-14.09.
3,4,5,6,7 **10 - 18**
Free admission

The Jūrmala Town Museum tells its visitors the story of Jūrmala's beginnings as a resort town, as well as its development from the end of the 19th century until today. It includes a souvenir shop, and multiple exhibition halls.

We invite you to visit Jūrmala Open-air Museum which is located along Ragakāpa Nature Trail, near the place where the Lielupe river flows into the sea. Exposition includes buildings characteristic to the end of 19th and beginning of the 20th century fisherman's farmstead. Aspazijas' House (Z. Meierovica prosp. 20, Dubulti) is located in the narrowest place of the city, where Lielupe is separated from the sea by only a 320 meter land-strip. The great Latvian poetess Aspazija spent her last 10 years in this house.

Jūrmala House of Artists is fully dedicated to art and creative processes. Apart from two exhibition halls, there is a folklore community and a weaving studio whose participants will be happy to share the secrets of their trade to visitors.



RAINIS AND ASPAZIJA SUMMER COTTAGE

J. Pliekšāna iela 5/7, Jūrmala (Majori)

T. 67764295, 29239472

www.memorialiemuzeji.lv; www.aspazijarainis.lv

2,3,4,5,6 **10 - 17**
01.06.-31.08.
3 **12 - 19**

Rainis (1865 - 1929) and Aspazija (1865 - 1943) acquired a summer cottage in Majori, Jūrmala, in autumn of 1926. Rainis spent his last summers there, from 1927 to 1929.

The Museum introduces the environment in which the poets lived in the 1920s. Memorial premises are created by using original things.

The Museum is dedicated to love and spiritual closeness of these outstanding personalities. The literary exposition of the Rainis and Aspazija summer cottage “I and You” presents top works of their creative art.

VIDZEME**TURAIIDA MUSEUM RESERVE**

Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda
T. 67972376

www.turaida-muzejs.lv

01.11.-31.03.
Every day 10 - 17
01.04.-30.04.
Every day 10 - 19
(17 - 19 open-air exhibitions)
01.05.-30.09.
Every day: Expositions 10 - 18
Museum grounds, the Main Tower
and southern section 9 - 20
01.10.-31.10.
Every day: Expositions 10 - 18
Museum grounds, the Main Tower
and southern section 9 - 19

The Museum Reserve includes the historic centre of Turaida and explains Turaida's and Latvia's millennial history in the context of European events. One can learn about the rich cultural legacy of the Gauja Livs, Turaida's medieval brick castle and its expositions, the Turaida Church hill with its old wooden church and Turaida Roze's memorial at the extensive 42 ha open-air territory. The scenic Manor centre reveals the Manor's economic activities over its 300 years.

**CĒSIS HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM**

Pils laukums 9, Cēsis
T. 64121815, 26576111
www.cesupils.lv

01.10.-30.04.
2,3,4,5,6 10 - 17
7 10 - 16
01.05.-30.09.
2,3,4,5,6,7 10 - 18

The Cēsis History and Art Museum was founded in 1925. Since 1949, it has been located in Cēsis New Castle, which has undergone a restoration and in 2012 regained its historic facades and interiors. The new exhibition "Cēsis - a Symbol of Latvian History", has been opened in the halls of the castle.

LATGALE**RAINIS MUSEUM "JASMUIŽA"**

Aizkalne, Preiļu novads
T. 65329313; 29427554

www.memorialiemuzeji.lv

01.05.-31.10.
3,4,5,6,7 10-17

Museum is located in Aizkalne, on the right shore of the Jaša River. Jasmuiža Manor from 1883 to 1891 was rented by Rainis' father; therefore, it was a holiday dwelling place for the famous poet. The museum offers a wide collection of Latgalian ceramics. Along the left side of the Jaša River there is a shop and kiln of ceramist Andrejs Paulāns.

ZEMGALE**RAINIS MUSEUM "TADENAVA"**

Dunavas pagasts, Jēkabpils novads
T. 29250484

www.memorialiemuzeji.lv

01.05.-31.10.
3,4,5,6,7 10-17

Tadenava is the birth place of Jānis Pliekšāns, or Rainis. Rainis spent his first three and a half years in the manor's log house built by his father Krišjānis Pliekšāns in 1866. The renovated museum complex offers visitors to become acquainted with the poet's life and creative work through a child's point of view, probably in the same way as the little boy did - through games, plays and educational activities. A visit to Tadenava - a discovery of the personality and literary heritage of Rainis - will be an emotional and educational adventure to all generations.

ZEMGALE



RUNDĀLE PALACE MUSEUM

Pilsrundāle, Rundāles pagasts, Rundāles novads
T. 63962197, 26499151
www.rundale.net

	01.11.-30.04.	01.05.-31.05.	01.06.-31.08.	01.09.-30.09.	01.10.-31.10.
Museum	10 - 17	10 - 18	10 - 18	10 - 18	10 - 18
Garden	10 - 17	10 - 18	10 - 19*	10 - 19	10 - 18

*5,6,7 garden is open till 21.
on 25 December the museum and garden will be opened from 13.

Rundāle Palace, one of the most outstanding monuments of Baroque and Rococo architecture in Latvia with the most significant Baroque style French garden in the Baltics, was built between 1736 and 1740 as a summer residence for Ernst Johann Biron, Duke of Courland. Both the Palace's architecture, as well as the authenticity of the interiors of the rooms has been preserved, revealing the detail and originality of the period when it was constructed.



EXPOSITION "TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND" IN JELGAVA PALACE

Lielā iela 2, Jelgava
T. 63962197, 26499151
www.rundale.net

01.05.-31.10.
Every day 9 - 17

The foundation of Jelgava Palace on the bank of the River Lielupe was placed in 1738 after Ferdinand, the last duke of the Kettler dynasty, died and the favourite of the Russian empress Anna Ivanovna, Ernst Johann von Biron, was elected to be the new Courland - Semigallia monarch.

Jelgava Palace is the largest baroque building in the Baltics, and its grandeur can only be compared to Rundāle Palace in the surroundings of Bauska and Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg. Latvia University of Agriculture has been located in Jelgava Palace since 1963, and it is the only university in the country located in a palace.

The exposition of Rundāle Palace Museum has been on display in the tombs of the dukes of Courland since 1990. There are 21 sarcophagi and 9 coffins in the tombs.



BAUSKA CASTLE MUSEUM

Pilskalns, Bauska
T. 63923794, 20011880
www.bauskaspils.lv

01.11.-30.04.
2,3,4,5,6,7 11 - 17
01.05.-30.09.
Every day 9 - 19
01.10.-31.10.
Every day 9 - 18

The Castle is situated on a hill, in a place of confluence of the rivers Mūsa and Mēmele. It consists of the oldest part - Livonian Order Castle, built in the middle of the 15th century, and the newest - residence for the Duke of Kurzeme (Courland), built at the end of the 16th century. Reconstructed rooms of residence now give place to exposition on history of Bauska Castle and interiors. With a previous appointment, educational events and guided tours are available for visitors throughout the year, such as "Dance Lesson at Court", "Dressing culture in Duchy of Courland", "Court culture: end of the 16th century till first half of the 17th century".

On national holidays, museums may be closed or have shortened working hours.

National holidays: 1 January; Easter; 1 May, 4 May, 23-24 June, 18 November, 24-26 December, 31 December.

Key:

- 1 - Monday
- 2 - Tuesday
- 3 - Wednesday
- 4 - Thursday
- 5 - Friday
- 6 - Saturday
- 7 - Sunday

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