



# Moving to Latvia:

## Useful tips for new residents



**Welcome to Latvia - an amazing country with a rich history, beautiful nature and hospitable people.**

Moving to a new country is always an emotional step, but with the right preparation and helpful tips, you can make it more comfortable. In this guide, we will tell you about some useful things to know when moving to Latvia.

We have prepared information for you that will help you get comfortable in this beautiful country. Let's go!

## USEFUL LINKS

In this chapter, we will provide you with useful links to important official and information resources that will be useful to you at different stages of your stay in the country.

- [All information for migrants](#)
- [Information about Latvian labor laws](#)
- [Current information about Covid-19](#)
- [Up-to-date information and e-services for Riga residents](#)

- **Telecommunications:**

[www.tele2.lv](http://www.tele2.lv)

[www.lmt.lv](http://www.lmt.lv)

[www.bite.lv](http://www.bite.lv)

- **Banks:**

[www.swedbank.lv](http://www.swedbank.lv)

[www.citadele.lv](http://www.citadele.lv)

[www.seb.lv](http://www.seb.lv)

- **Rental of property:**

[www.ss.com](http://www.ss.com)

## USEFUL LINKS

- **Purchase of transport:**

[www.ss.com](http://www.ss.com)

[www.bravo-auto.lv](http://www.bravo-auto.lv)

[www.longo.lv](http://www.longo.lv)

- **Short-term rental of transport:**

[www.citybee.lv](http://www.citybee.lv)

[www.figsy.com](http://www.figsy.com)

- **Public transport in Riga:**

[www.rigassatiksme.lv](http://www.rigassatiksme.lv)

- **Intercity transport:**

[www.1188.lv](http://www.1188.lv)

- **Taxi services:**

[www.rigamap.lv](http://www.rigamap.lv)

- **Car registration and obtaining a driver's license:**

[www.csdd.lv](http://www.csdd.lv)

- **Delivery of groceries:**

[www.nuko.lv](http://www.nuko.lv)

[www.barbora.lv](http://www.barbora.lv)

[www.rimi.lv](http://www.rimi.lv)



# USEFUL APPS

We have prepared a list of useful mobile applications that will help you navigate a new country, make it easier to communicate with local residents, and also simplify many other aspects of your life.

- **Delivery of ready-to-eat food:**

Wolt food

Bolt food

Qfer

- **Order a taxi:**

Bolt

- **Payment for parking, train, bus tickets and taxi:**

Mobily

EuroPark

- **Bicycle rental:**

Nextbike

- **Order flowers and gifts:**

Flowerty

- **Gas stations:**

Circle K

Neste

# DOCTORS AND POLICE

We have prepared information for you about medical institutions, health insurance and interaction with the police in Latvia, so that you feel confident and protected in a new country

- **Details about healthcare in Latvia:**

[www.integration.lv](http://www.integration.lv)

- **Treatment and examination by specialists:**

[www.stradini.lv](http://www.stradini.lv)

[www.arsmed.lv](http://www.arsmed.lv)

[www.1slimnica.lv](http://www.1slimnica.lv)

[www.capitalclinicriga.lv](http://www.capitalclinicriga.lv)

[www.mfd.lv](http://www.mfd.lv)

[www.aiwaclinic.lv](http://www.aiwaclinic.lv)

- **Dentist services:**

[www.idental.lv](http://www.idental.lv)

[www.arsmaidu.lv](http://www.arsmaidu.lv)

[www.malmane.lv/ru](http://www.malmane.lv/ru)

[www.skydream.lv](http://www.skydream.lv)

- **Police:**

[www.vp.gov.lv](http://www.vp.gov.lv)

[www.rpp.riga.lv](http://www.rpp.riga.lv)

**Emergency phone number: 112**

# THINGS TO DO IN LATVIA

In this chapter we will look at the various opportunities for entertainment and active pastime in Latvia.

- **What to see in the country:**

[www.latvia.travel](http://www.latvia.travel)

- **Information about events in Riga:**

[www.rigathisweek.lv](http://www.rigathisweek.lv)

[t.me/vrigeneskuchno](https://t.me/vrigeneskuchno)

- **Cinemas:**

[www.apollokino.lv](http://www.apollokino.lv)

[www.forumcinemas.lv](http://www.forumcinemas.lv)

[www.cinamonkino.com](http://www.cinamonkino.com)

- **Upcoming concerts and cultural events:**

[www.bilesuserviss.lv](http://www.bilesuserviss.lv)

[www.bilesuparadize.lv](http://www.bilesuparadize.lv)

- **Holidays and memorable dates in Latvia:**

[www.latvia.eu](http://www.latvia.eu)

- **Shopping in Riga:**

[www.akropoleriga.lv](http://www.akropoleriga.lv)

[www.domina-shopping.lv](http://www.domina-shopping.lv)

[www.spice.lv](http://www.spice.lv)

[www.origo.lv](http://www.origo.lv)

[www.akropolealfa.lv](http://www.akropolealfa.lv)

# TO DO AND NOT TO DO

## Do not disrespect Latvian culture:

Try to learn the basics of local culture and traditions so as not to violate generally accepted norms of behavior and not cause misunderstandings.

## Don't ignore language skills:

Although many Latvians speak English, try to learn at least a few basic phrases in Latvian. This will show your respect for the local culture.

## Avoid being rude or fussy:

Latvians are usually characterized by calmness and moderation. Avoid loud behavior or disrespectful behavior.

## Do not take photographs without permission:

If you want to photograph people or their property, it is best to ask permission first. This is especially true in places related to religion or people's personal lives.

## Do not wear clothes that may offend:

Avoid clothing with Nazi symbols, as well as images and messages that may be offensive or provocative.



# TO DO AND NOT TO DO

## Do not violate public rules:

Keep the streets tidy and clean, do not litter public places, follow the rules of public transport.

## Avoid touching historical and cultural sites:

Remember that many monuments and historical sites are part of the national heritage. Do not touch them or damage their integrity.

## Do not smoke in unauthorized places:

Obey smoking laws and regulations. Smoking is prohibited in some places and violation may result in a fine.

## USEFUL TIPS

### Greetings:

When meeting and parting, we usually greet with a handshake and say the phrase "Labdien!" (good afternoon) or "Sveiki!" (Hello). When saying goodbye, it is customary to say "Uz redzēšanos!" (goodbye) or "Atā!" (Bye)

### Respect for holidays and traditions:

If you are in the country during a national holiday, you should respect traditions and participate in the festivities.

### Removing shoes:

It is customary to remove shoes in homes and some public places. If you see shoes at the entrance, this is a hint.

### Punctuality:

It is important to stick to time, especially in a work and business context. Accuracy is valued here.

### Respect for nature:

Latvians care about nature. Keep public places clean and do not litter.

## USEFUL TIPS

### Clothing:

Wearing neat clothing in public is recommended, especially in more formal situations.

### Respect for elders:

In Latvian culture respect for elders is an important part. Address people by their first and last names, using the form "kungs" (Mr.) or "kundze" (Mrs.).

### Invitation to visit:

If you are invited to visit, it is good form to bring a gift to the hosts, for example, flowers or sweets.

## WELCOME TO LATVIA