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Sightseeing tours

Old Town Sightseeing (walking tour)

Time: 10:30 – 13:00

Price: 12€ per person

Payment: In cash, directly from the client on tour day

Meeting at Town Hall Square in front of the House of the Blackheads

Old Town Sightseeing (walking tour) + Riga Black Balsam degustation

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Price: 15€ per person

Payment: In cash, directly from the client on tour day

Meeting at Town Hall Square in front of the House of the Blackheads

Old Town

During the tour you'll walk along the narrow streets of the Medieval Hanseatic Old Town and enjoy the splendors of the Dome Cathedral, Big and Small Guild Houses and the Riga Castle. The tour starts at the Town Hall Square- the central square of the city from 13th up to 19th century. The most famous building on the square is the magnificent Blackheads' House. You will also see such famous spots as St. Peter's Church, the Swedish Gate, Powder Tower and many others.

The 2-hour tour includes the tasting of the magical elixir Riga Black Balsam, which is believed to have the power to cure all diseases.

Art Nouveau in Riga (walking tour)

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Price: 18€ per person

Payment: In cash, directly from the client on tour day

Meeting at Town Hall Square in front of the House of the Blackheads

Art Nouveau in Riga

Riga is proud of its magnificent heritage of Art Nouveau architecture. It was included in the UNESCO World Heritage list by virtue of the outstanding quality and quantity of Art Nouveau buildings, which is unparalleled anywhere in the world.

The walk will take you through Old Riga to the Art Nouveau district in the quiet centre of Riga, which features the creations of the Art Nouveau architect Mikhail Eisenstein, and where each building is well worth seeing. You will have a walk along the famous Albert Street, where Art Nouveau buildings range from richly decorated to modest, from Decorative Art Nouveau to National Romanticism. The buildings are highly decorative yet deeply functional. Decorated with various symbols and mythological characters, each building tells us a different story.

Highlights

Dome Cathedral

The foundation stone of Riga Dome Cathedral was laid on July 25, 1211. The last large-scale restoration took place in the late 19th century when the cathedral acquired its present appearance. Today, Riga Dome Cathedral holds services and provide for rich cultural life — various concerts of popular artists take place here.

Riga Castle

Riga Castle has stood on the right bank of the River Daugava for more than 700 years. Through the centuries, it has seen severe destruction, numerous rulers, and wars. Today it houses the residence of the President of Latvia.

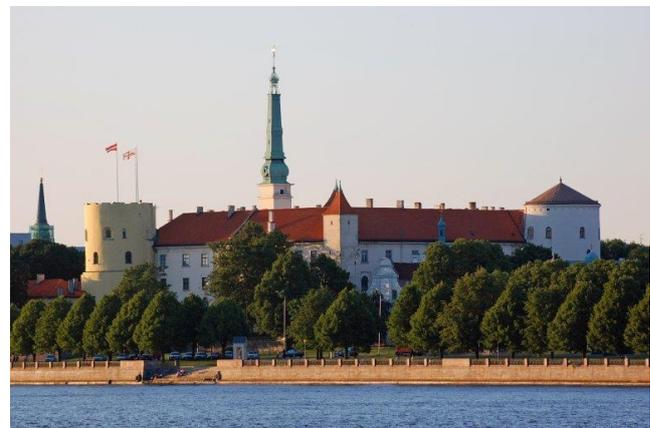


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House of the Blackheads

This beautiful building stands on the main square in Riga's old town and built in 1344. It was used by bachelor members of the blackheads merchant guild. Over the centuries it was expanded and embellished. However, it was completely destroyed in the bombings of 1941.

The building was completely rebuilt and was finally finished in the 1990s. This fits in nicely the inscription over the building's door "If I should fall, build me again".

The Swedish Gate

The Swedish Gate was erected 1698 as a part of the Riga Wall to provide access to barracks outside the city wall.

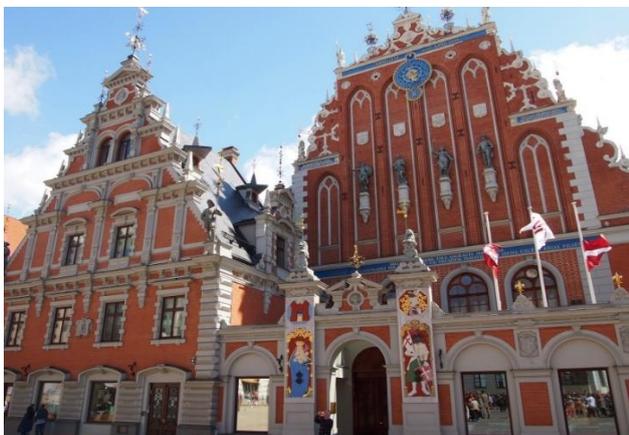


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