



Riga City Center – Vecāķi

Riga Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage site



Initially, the itinerary takes you on a small stroll around *Riga City Center*, *Riga Old Town*, leads along the City Canal through *Kronvalds Park*, via *Alberta iela* (Art Nouveau buildings) and further on via *Miera iela* through the *Lielie kapi* Cemetery, via *Kokneses* and *Ostas prospekts* through *Mežaparks* and then it reaches *Jaunmīlgrāvis* and crosses *Mīlgrāvis*. Then it meanders along *Vecāķu prospekts* up to *Ziemeļblāzma* and the banks of the Old *Daugava River* (*Vecdaugava*) separated by only a couple of kilometers from *Vecāķi*. After a two-day hike through *Riga*, the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* leads you out to the beach again.



USEFUL INFORMATION

..... 24 km

🕒 8–10 h

🚩 *Riga Town Hall Square* next to the *Riga* tourism information center.

🚩 *Vecāķi beach* opposite *Pludmales iela* **P**

📍 *Riga Old Town – Miera iela – Mežaparks – Ziemeļblāzma – Vecdaugava – Vecāķi*

🚶 There are pedestrian sidewalks and lanes for pedestrians and cyclists

(separated lanes) throughout the entire length. Asphalt, in some places, cobblestones.

🚦 Medium

🚧 None.

⚠️ When on a road for pedestrians and cyclists, you have to stay in the lane meant for pedestrians. Be careful when crossing bicycle lanes, railway and tram lines and streets. **Good to know!** When travelling in the city, road traffic regulations must be observed.



Alternatives: Bicycle rental is available in the *Riga City Center*. You can go from *Riga City Center* (*Skanstes iela*) to *Vecāķi* via a bicycle lane (~ 18 km). Buses and the train runs between *Riga City Center* and *Vecāķi* (stations: *Zemitāni*, *Brasa*, *Sarkandaugava*, *Mangaļi*, *Ziemeļblāzma*, *Vecdaugava*, *Vecāķi*), you can go to the *Mežaparks* neighborhood by tram (No. 11). Transport timetables:

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **Riga Old Town.** The most ancient part of Riga City representing the city center and also a UNESCO site.
- 2** **Līvu Square.** It was built after World War II and contains an 18th century complex of dwelling buildings.
GPS: 56.949563, 24.109073
- 3** **The Laima Clock.** One of the symbols of Riga built in 1924.
GPS: 56.95041, 24.11199
- 4** **The Freedom Monument.** A symbol of the freedom of Latvia that was built in 1935 and financed entirely from public donations.
GPS: 56.95148, 24.11328
- 5** **Kronvalds Park.** A part of the greeneries on the banks of the Riga Old Town canals covering an area of 11,92 ha.
GPS: 56.95677, 24.10502
- 6** **Alberta iela, the Art Nouveau Museum.** Historic Art Nouveau buildings are displayed throughout the whole length of the street.
GPS: 56.95941, 24.10855
- 7** **Stūra māja (The Corner House)** Built in 1911 representing the National Romantic and Art Nouveau styles. Starting in 1940, it housed the headquarters of the Latvian SSR State Security Committee (KGB) also called cheka which carried out interrogations and capital punishments. In 2014, it was turned into a museum.
T: +371 27875692;
GPS: 56.95813, 24.12412
- 8** **Dailes Theatre.** One of the most ambitious 20th century cultural buildings in Riga and an illustrative example of Soviet Modernist architecture.
GPS: 56.95974, 24.12620
- 9** **The Laima Chocolate Museum.** AS Laima was founded in 1925 and represents a flagship of Latvia in the production of chocolate and chocolate candies.
T: +371 66154777;
GPS: 56.96305, 24.13174
- 10** **The Riga Brethren Cemetery Memorial Ensemble** The most excellent and important memorial ensemble in Latvia. Inaugurated in 1936.
GPS: 56.98738, 24.14448

- 11** **The Riga Zoo.** A garden with a total area of 20 ha with 430 animal species, more than 40 of which are included in the Red Data List. T: +371 67518409;
GPS: 57.00619, 24.15752
- 12** **Mežaparks.** One of the most beautiful, greenest and most prestigious neighborhoods in Riga that is also a popular rest area. GPS: 57.00581, 24.15535
- 13** **The Culture palace Ziemeļblāzma.** Built in 1913 by the timber industrialist and art patron A. Dombrovskis. Today it is used as a concert hall. T: +371 20270966;
GPS: 57.03673, 24.10123.
- 14** **The Vecdaugava Nature reserve.** A significant territory made to protect open dune meadows and seaside meadows, an important bird nesting site.
GPS: 57.05891, 24.09558
- 15** **The Parabolic dune.** A 10 m high and 1 km long sand dune that is around 200 years old. GPS: 57.07789, 24.09832
- 16** **Vecāķi beach.** Volleyball courts and football pitches, kiteboarding on windy days. GPS: 57.08137, 24.10398

SERVICES

-  **Accommodations.** Very many possibilities for accommodation.
-  **Catering.** The city offers very many catering possibilities.
-  **Shops.** Available throughout the whole length of the itinerary.
-  **Public transport**
Train: Riga City Center – Vecāķi www.pv.lv
Riga City Center – Vecāķi: Bus No. 24 rigassatiksmel.lv

TOURIST INFORMATION

-  **Riga TIC, Town Hall Square, Rātslaukums 6, www.LiveRiga.com, T: +371 6703 7900; GPS: 56.947260, 24.107069**
-  **Riga TIC, Līvu laukums, Kaļķu iela 16, www.LiveRiga.com, T: +371 6722 7444; GPS: 56.948933, 24.109274**

