



## Riga

### Facts & Figures

Population: 730,000

Foundation: 1201 by Bishop Albert, proclaimed Bishop of Livonia

Climate: Between maritime and humid continental

GMT Offset: GMT +2 hours



Riga is situated on the Baltic Sea coast on the mouth of the river Daugava. Riga was founded 1201 and is the largest city in the Baltic States, with a population of 730,000. The Historic Centre of Riga has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the city is particularly notable for its extensive Jugendstil (German Art Nouveau) architecture, which UNESCO considers to be unparalleled anywhere in the world.

### Courses

We offer Russian language courses in a specialized Riga language school. You can study Russian at any time of year whatever your proficiency. The teachers are highly qualified, who all have at least a Masters degree in Education and have long experience in teaching Russian for foreigners. All classrooms are fully equipped with the latest in learning technology, including free Internet access and Wi-Fi for students. Tea/coffee facilities are offered.

### Group courses

Teaching is conducted in small groups of 3-8 people and the groups are formed according to the level. The beginners' course is designed for those who want to acquire basic skills in speaking, reading, understanding and writing. At higher levels the courses are designed for foreigners who wish to improve their existing Russian language skills.

### Individual courses

Many of our students choose to take individual lessons as it is an effective way of learning the language in shorter periods of time and individual lessons can be tailored to meet your needs. Students taking individual lessons study anything between 10 to 30 hours a week. Choosing individual lessons allows you to dictate the intensity of your studies as well as area of interest, for example business, where focus lies on customer and bank service, joint companies, stock exchange, insurances, marketing, sales, finance etc.

### Accommodation

Accommodation is offered with a host family or in a self-catering apartment usually not far from the school in the central parts of the city. Accommodation is generally reserved from Sunday prior to the start of the course until Saturday following the end of the course. Extra nights before and after the course can be arranged at an extra fee.

### Excursions


Tours of the city as well as other day excursions are arranged on a regular basis, especially during the summer months. Excursions are arranged both locally and further away to for example Jurmala as well as competitions. We recommend that you also take the opportunity to go on one or more weekend trips during your stay in for example Tallinn, Stockholm or Vilnius. All arrangements and payment for excursions are made locally.

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*"Thank you so much! Everything was just wonderful - I miss Riga already... It's hard to learn Russian, but when teacher is so good it's very easy. I hope to come back soon... Thank you!"*

 **Patric M., USA**