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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET AIRPORT > RIGA CENTER

Suggested hotel is nearby in Riga city center at [the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga](#) (Slokas street 1, Riga, LV-1048, Latvia).



From the Riga airport to Riga center and the Bellevue Park Hotel you can get by two options - bus or taxi:

*** BUS No. 22**

The slower, the cheapest but not bad at all!

Bus No.22 has direct services between the airport and the city center.

You will get out straight at the terminal on the ground level. To get on the bus at the airport look for bus stop located opposite the terminal behind the car park P1.

Frequency 10 – 30 minutes, journey time to the city center is about 30 minutes.

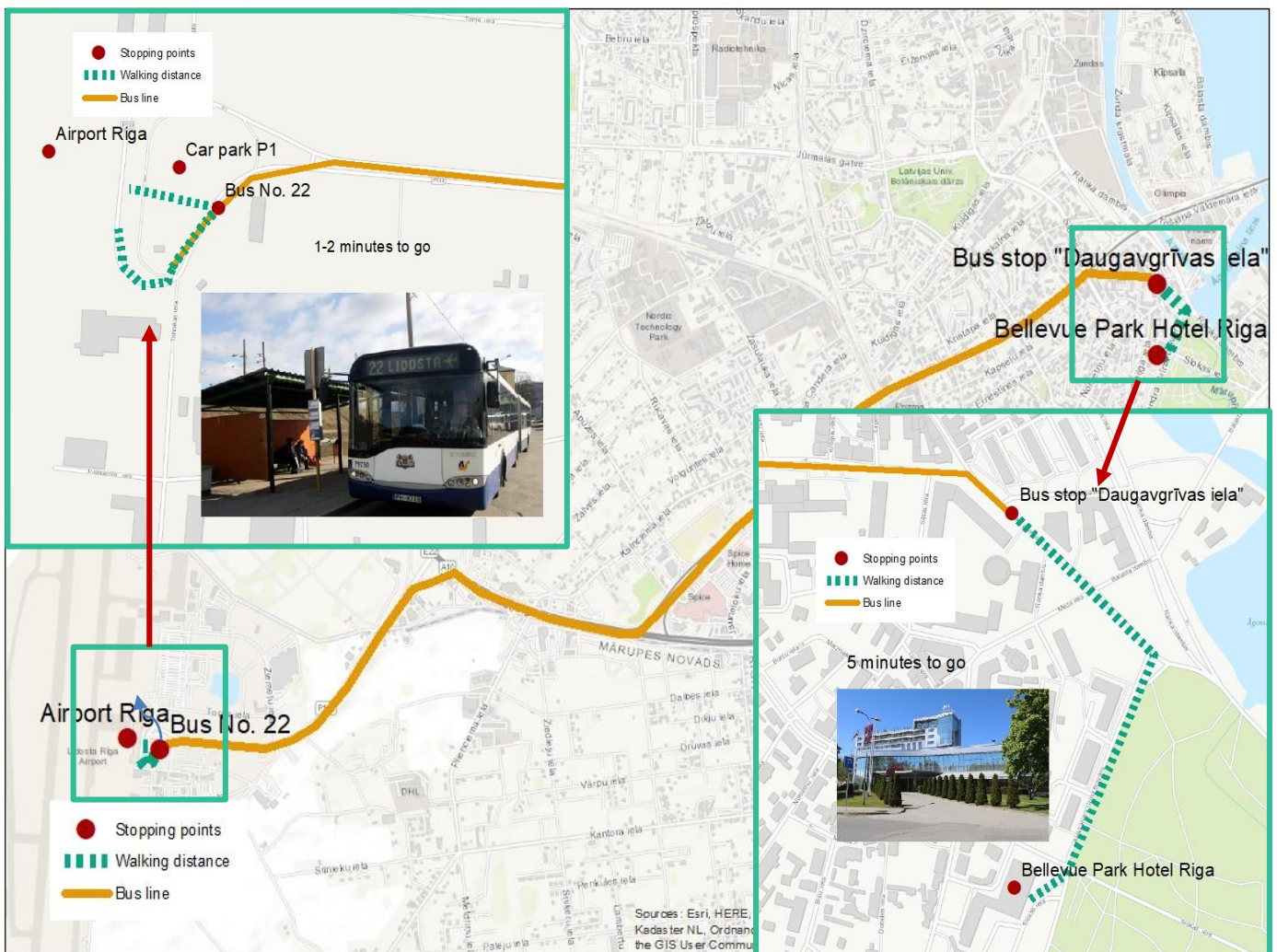
A regular ticket for one trip can be bought in a ticket vending machine at the stop of Bus 22 or in Narvesen press kiosks at Level 1 and 2 of the terminal. A regular one-way (one ride) ticket will cost you 1.15 EUR. More about tickets and their prices: <https://www.rigassatiksmē.lv/en/tickets-and-e-ticket/types-and-prices-of-tickets-1/>

To buy tickets at NARVESEN press kiosks, look for a sign:



Your bus stop by Bus No. 22 going to Bellevue Park Hotel Riga is “Daugavgrīvas iela” and the walking distance from the bus stop to the hotel is 5 min:

MAP: Airport > the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga



Google Map distance Airport > the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga:
<https://goo.gl/maps/tJgouGcsf26X1b498>

Additional information on bus lines and schedules at www.rigassatiksm.lv.
 Bus timetable: <https://saraksti.rigassatiksm.lv/index.html#bus/22/b-a/en>
 and route: <https://saraksti.rigassatiksm.lv/index.html#bus/22/b-a/1542/map/en>

*TAXI

The most convenient way, of course.

You will find the taxis just outside the arrival terminal.

There are 2 types of taxi there which we recommend: **"Red Cab" and the green "Baltic Taxi"**.

(It is recommended to only use these 2 in Riga as they are fair, really! The price to go to Riga Center from the Airport should not exceed by no means EUR 25!).

Or you can register always for **Bolt** which is our local Uber/Lift and always cheaper. "Red Cab" and "Baltic Taxi" accept credit cards.

Complaints about the services of taxi companies should be addressed to the respective taxi company or to the Consumer Rights Protection Centre, tel. +371 65452554.

Bellevue Park Hotel Riga > The Academic Centre of University of Latvia

Conference will start at the Academic Centre of [University of Latvia](https://www.lu.lv) (Jelgavas street 1, Rīga, LV-1004, Latvia).

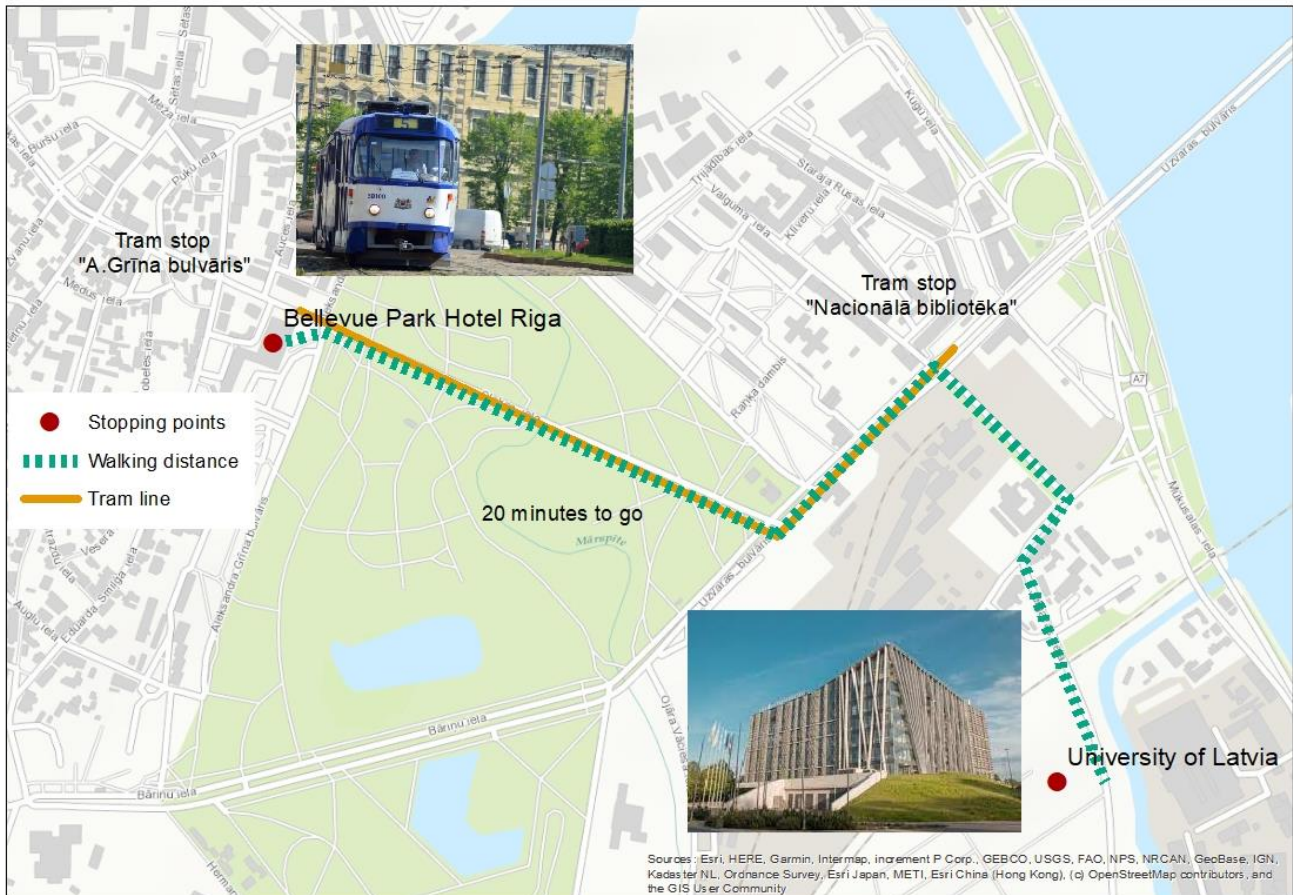


You will need to check out of the hotel and take your belongings with you. The distance between Bellevue Park Hotel Riga and the Academic Centre of University of Latvia is walkable and will take you 20 min. Of course, you can also take a taxi, e.g., Bolt. or a tram no. 5 (get on “A.Grīna bulvāris”, ride 2 stops and get off at “Nacionālā bibliotēka”). Tickets for the tram can be purchased in press kiosks Narvesen.



Tram timetable: <https://saraksti.rigassatiksme.lv/index.html#tram/5/a-b/3042/en>
And route: <https://saraksti.rigassatiksme.lv/index.html#tram/5/a-b/3042/map/en>

MAP: Bellevue Park Hotel Riga > University of Latvia



Google Map distance Bellevue Park Hotel Riga > University of Latvia:

<https://goo.gl/maps/Brffpg1jNSs3nLsZ9>

USEFUL PHRASES IN LATVIAN

airport – lidosta

I love Riga – es mīlu Rīgu

art – māksla

new media art – jauno mediju māksla

global control and censorship – globālā kontrole un cenzūra

hello/hi – sveiki/čau

bye – atā/čau ('čau' as adapted from Italian 'ciao' is very useful for informal greetings in Latvian, you'll see)

good morning – labrīt

good day – labdien

good evening – labvakar

please – lūdzu

thank you – paldies

good bye – uz redzēšanos

street – iela

excuse me / sorry – atvainojiet

price – cena

how much is it – cik tas maksā
where is it – kur tas atrodas

USEFUL NUMBERS

Dial code for Latvia: +371

Emergency: call **112**, the EU-wide emergency number for the police, fire and ambulance services

Alternatively, call:

Police: 110 or 112

Medical service: 113

Fire service: 112

Gas emergency: 114

Emergency medical care is available also 24/7 in ARS, Skolas iela 5, <http://ars-med.lv>, +371 67201003.

RESTAURANTS, BISTROS ETC.:

Here are some suggestions for places for your lunch/dinner/breakfast/coffee.

FOR DINNER:

Cafe Film Noir / Inside of cinema Splendid Palace)	Elizabetes iela 61	https://www.filmnoir.lv/
Riviera Restaurant	Dzirnavu iela 31	http://rivierarestorans.lv/en/
Neiburgs	Jauniela 25 (in Neiburgs hotel), Old City	http://www.neiburgs.com/en/restaurant/
Melnie mūki (The Black Monks)	Jāņa Sēta 1, Old City	http://melniemuki.lv
El Santo X	Pils iela 7-1 (Old City)	https://www.facebook.com/EISantoXRestorans/
Lidojošā varde (Flying Frog)	Elizabetes iela 31a	http://flying-frog.lv/en/varde.html
Koya	Andrejostas iela 4 – abandoned industrial area with a great view to Daugava river	http://koyarestaurant.com/en/
Aqua Luna	Andrejostas iela 4 – next to Koya	http://www.aqualuna.lv/en/
Andalūzijas suns	Elizabetes iela 83	http://www.andaluzijassuns.lv/
Hercogs Restaurant	Balasta dambis 70, also great view to the Old City	http://www.hercogi.lv/310299psala.html
Galerija Istaba (Gallery Room)	Krišjāņa Barona iela 31A, downstairs small shop + gallery, upstairs – bar / cafe / good food as well	https://www.facebook.com/galerijalSTABA/
Osiriss	Krišjana Barona iela 31	http://www.cafeosiris.lv/en/
Annas Dārzs	Mūkusalas iela 44, nice garden close to LNB	https://www.facebook.com/AnnasDarzs/
Terapija	Bruņinieku iela 69, vegan restaurant	https://www.facebook.com/auguterapija/
Singh's	Ģertrudes 32 / P.Brieža 2, indian restaurant	http://www.singhs.lv/

BARS/PARTIES, LOCALS GO:

KKC	Skolas iela 15	https://www.facebook.com/Zoo.KKc
Tallinas ielas kvartāls	Tallinas iela 10	https://www.facebook.com/Tallinasielaskvartals

Čē bar	Dzirnavu iela 82	https://www.facebook.com/exchomskybar
1983	Vagonu iela 21	https://www.facebook.com/Bar1983
Pils bar	Eduarda Smilga iela 35	https://www.facebook.com/Pilsbars/
Lokāls Veldze	Kalnciema iela 40f	https://www.facebook.com/LokalsVeldze/
Kalnciema Quarter in Riga	Kalnciema iela 35	https://www.facebook.com/Kalnciemaieiela/
Āgenskalna tirgus	Nometņu iela 64	https://www.facebook.com/Atirgus

and ask locals for more :)

WINE BARS:

Vīna Studija (Wine Studio)	Elizabetes iela 10, Stabu iela 30, Audēju iela 16 (Old City)	http://www.vinastudija.lv/en/
Tinto (Cafe Film Noir)	Elizabetes iela 61	https://www.tinto.lv/english
Garage	Elizabetes iela 83/85 (Berga Bazars)	http://vinabars.lv

BISTROS:

Buberts	Dzirnavu iela 15 (super close to RIXC)	https://www.facebook.com/KafeBuberts
Burga	Dzirnavu iela 36 (also close to RIXC)	http://www.burga.lv/
StockPot	Ģertrūdes iela 6, best asian kitchen in Riga (closes 20:30)	http://www.stockpot.lv/
Lido (Latvian cuisine)	Old City, Tirgoņu iela 6 (beer garden) Elizabetes iela 65 Dzirnavu iela 74/76 Ģertrūdes iela 54 also in Riga Airport!	https://www.lido.lv/en/
Šēfpavārs Vilhelms ("Pankūkas" / Panckakes) cheap and good	Skunu iela 6, Old City	https://foursquare.com/v/%C5%A1efpav%C4%81rs-vilhelms-pank%C5%ABkas-riga-latvia/4c99dcd2553cef3b3706d077

CAFES:

Rocket Bean Roastery	Miera 29 / Dzirnavu 39	https://www.rocketbean.lv/
MIIT	Lāčplēša iela 10	http://www.miit.lv/
All Cappuccino	Vīlandes iela 13 ("silent centre") Antonijas iela 11 ("silent centre") both close to RIXC	http://www.allcappuccino.lv/
Costa Coffee	P. Brieža iela 7 Blaumaņa iela 5 Kr. Valdemāra iela 21 Kungu iela 1 (Old City)	http://www.coffeeneration.lv/index.html
Cadets de Gascogne we call them "French cafes", more like patisseries	Z.A. Meierovica bulvāris 8 Elizabetes iela 83/85 Kr. Barona iela 52 Ģertrūdes iela 30 K. Valdemāra iela 37	http://www.cadets.lv/

and many others :)

ABOUT RIGA

Riga - capital of Latvia is located on the Baltic Sea and a third of all Latvians live here (800 thousand inhabitants). Riga is more than 800 years old. Officially founded in 1201

Riga was a major center of the Hanseatic League, deriving its prosperity in the 13th–15th centuries from the trade with central and Eastern Europe.

Riga once was a fortified city, walled in by high ramparts with turrets and fortified gates. These walls were eventually torn down, though a few small sections remain with the so-called Swedish Gate being the oldest remaining portion and the Powder Tower.

Riga became an important economic center in the 19th century, when the suburbs surrounding the medieval town were laid out, first with imposing wooden buildings in neoclassical style and then in *Jugendstil* (Art Nouveau). It is generally recognized that Riga has the finest collection of art nouveau buildings in Europe.

The city presents a mix of cultures and architectural styles developed throughout different historical periods. The Daugava, also referred to as the River of Destiny by Latvians, flows through Riga into the Gulf of Riga about 10 kilometres from the city center. Because of its location and harbour, which rarely freezes, Riga has developed into a significant transportation hub. Riga has always been a dynamic and innovative center, and remains to this day a vibrant and lively city with a host of creative quarters to explore. It is therefore with good reason that Riga has been called the ‘city of inspiration’. Enjoy a leisurely walk around the Old Town – the historic center of Riga, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and its surroundings. Riga has the population about 700 000.



View from the Old City across the Daugava River from Old City.

ABOUT LATVIA

Latvia (/ˈlætviə/; Latvian: Latvija [ˈlatvija]), officially the Republic of Latvia (Latvian: Latvijas Republika), is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe, one of the three Baltic states. It is bordered by Estonia to the north, Lithuania to the south, Russia to the east, and Belarus to the southeast, as well as a maritime border to the west alongside Sweden. Latvia has slightly less than 2 000 000 inhabitants and a territory of 64,589 km² (24,938 sq mi).

Weather: Latvia's geographical location makes it possible to enjoy the differences of four pronounced seasons. The presence of the Baltic Sea means that the climate is temperate and humid. Winter lasts from mid-December until mid-March, with an average temperature of around –6°C. Spring, with average temperatures of above 0 °C, comes at the end of March. For the latest forecast, please visit: <https://videscentrs.lv/>

Language: Latvian is the official language of Latvia. English is widely spoken.

Local time: Latvia Time is GMT+2 (from late March until late October Latvia participates in the Western European summer time scheme: GMT+3)

Currency: Latvia's currency is the euro (€). Other currencies can be exchanged for euros at most banks and exchange offices located in the city centre and at the airport.

ATMs and credit cards: there are many automatic teller machines (ATMs) in the city and all major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

Power supply: The power supply in Latvia is 220V AC at 50 Hz. An adaptor for the (European standard) round two-pin sockets may be required.