

An aerial photograph of Riga, Latvia, at dusk. The city is illuminated by streetlights and building lights, with a mix of historic architecture and modern skyscrapers. The word "RIGA" is overlaid in large white letters. The foreground features the ornate, golden-domed St. Peter's Basilica. The background shows the city's skyline, including the modern Riga Tower and the Riga Bridge, under a cloudy sky.

# RIGA

**WELCOMES YOU!**





Modern metropolis



Business center



Comfortable living



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# RIGA – METROPOLIS OF THE BALTICS

## RIGA

OSLO TALLIN

STOCKHOLM

VILNIUS HELSINKI

COPENHAGEN

# 3<sup>rd</sup>

LARGEST NORTH –  
EUROPEAN CITY

Stockholm 976k

Oslo 681k

**Riga 632k**

Helsinki 631k

Copenhagen 602k

Vilnius 544k

Tallinn 426k



# RIGA METROPOLITAN AREA **1.1M**



**95%**

of the population speaks  
at least **2 languages**

**54%**

speak at least **3 languages**

# NATIONALITIES IN RIGA?

## RIGA

Latvians  47.1%

Russians  36.4%

**Belarusians**  **3.7%**

## LITHUANIA

Lithuanians  85.08%

Poles  6.65%

Russians  5.88%

**Belarusians**  **1.2%**

## TALLINN

Estonians  51.21%

Russians  36.68%

Ukrainians  2.89%

**Belarusians**  **1.34%**



# TRAFFIC / PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN RIGA

Rīgas Satiksme provides public transportation services in the city of Riga, providing bus, trolleybus and tram transport.



Pasažieru vilciens provides railway services in Riga and in the surrounding areas of Riga.



Also mini buses, express buses and during weekends – night buses – provide transportation services.

Source: Rīgas satiksme, CSB

Total length of the Riga public transport route is 1201.2 km.

In 2018, almost 150.6 million passengers were transported (as well 11.8 million by minibus).



Total number of passengers using railway services (Q2, 2019)



# THE MOST **DIGITALLY ADVANCED MICROMOBILITY** INFRASTRUCTURE IN BALTIC REGION

Carsharing



*(electric cars)*

Bike sharing



*(electric bikes)*

E-scooters



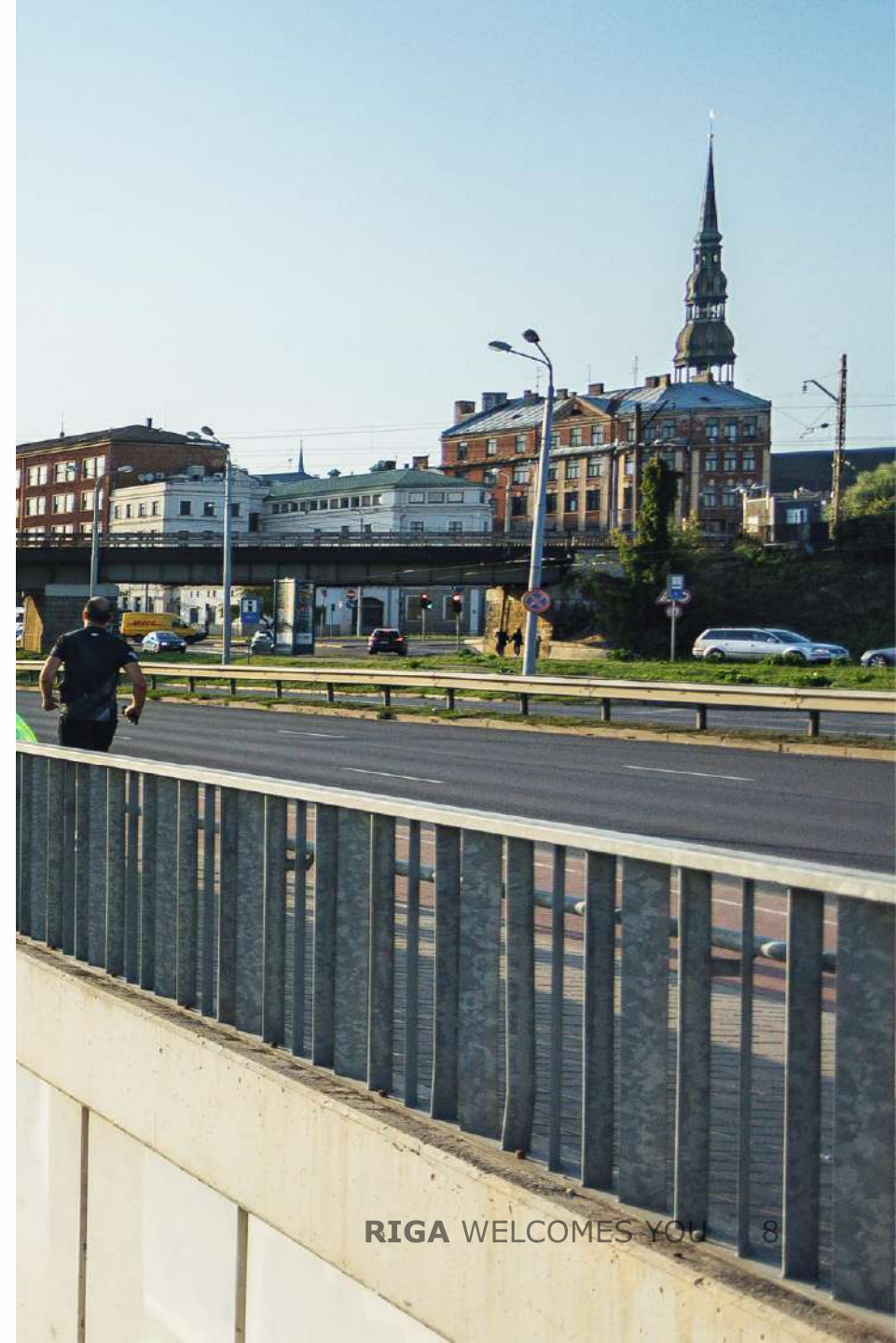
Electric mopeds



Taxi platform



Food delivery





A vibrant street scene in Riga at dusk. The image shows a lively outdoor cafe area with people sitting at tables. Colorful bunting hangs across the street, and a mural is visible on the left. The scene is illuminated by warm streetlights and cafe lights.

# **INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE CITY FOR EVERY TASTE**

ANDREJOSTA, VEF NEIGHBOURHOOD, TALLINA STREET, ALOJA  
NEIGHBOURHOOD, OLD RIGA





# BEAUTIFUL AND RICH ARCHITECTURE

OLD RIGA, QUIET CENTRE OF „ART NOUVEAU”,  
OLD WOODEN ARCHITECTURE





# **RICH CULTURAL LIFE**

THEATRES, OPERA, CINEMA, MUSEUMS, CONCERTS, ETC.



# **INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS**

**LATVIAN NATIONAL OPERA AND BALLET**

**RIGA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL OF  
CONTEMPORARY ART**

**RIGA JURMALA MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**SURVIVAL KIT**

**RIGA PHOTOGRAPHY BIENNIAL**

**MIKHAIL CHEKHOV RIGA RUSSIAN THEATER**





# SPORTS

HOCKEY

TENNIS

BASKETBALL

BEACH VOLLEYBALL





# ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREENEST AND CLEANEST CITIES





An aerial photograph of a wide, sandy beach stretching along the coast of the Baltic Sea. To the left of the beach are green, vegetated sand dunes. The beach itself is dotted with people, small blue beach huts, and wooden playground structures. The sea is visible on the right, with gentle waves lapping at the shore. The sky is clear and blue.

30 MIN AWAY FROM  
EXCITING **BEACHES**  
NEAR THE **BALTIC**  
**SEA, LAKES AND**  
**RIVERS**



# SHOPPING

Numerous shopping centers



154 000 sq m;  
shopping area 71 000 sq m



shopping area 55 000 sq m



98 000 sq m



etc.



**Riga Central Market** – 51 000  
sq m – one of Europe's largest  
indoor markets



Dana shopping centre in  
Minsk 96 000 sq m





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**Riga is one of Europe's  
fastest emerging  
locations for business.  
City of Riga is connected  
to over 106 international  
destinations via more  
than 1 600 weekly  
flights\***





# INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES



One of the  
**world's first**  
**countries** to  
introduce 5G  
stations



**The most**  
**extensive** optical  
cable network  
coverage  
**in Europe**



**The world's**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> largest**  
amount of mobile  
data consumption



Top 20 **fastest**  
**internet in the**  
**world**



**99%** mobile  
network **coverage**





# GLOBAL IT SECTOR IN RIGA & LATVIA

accenture

MikroTik

Cognizant

Evolution

Microsoft®

DRAUGIEM  
GROUP

tieto  
EVRY



# A DEVELOPED **STARTUP** ECOSYSTEM







# REAL ESTATE, OFFICES

TYPE	PRICE (EUR per m <sup>2</sup> )	VACANCY
A	14-16	29,5%
B1	10-14	14,5%
B2	8-12	13,6%



# THE LARGEST CONFERENCE CENTER IN THE BALTICS





# BELARUSIANS IN RIGA



**310** registered **Belarusian-backed companies**



Active Union of Latvia's  
Belarusians



The staff of municipal visitor  
reception centers are speaking also  
Russian and can assist preparing  
application in the official language  
for submission to the municipality.



Open market, equal opportunities and  
access to large markets with good  
elaboration foreruns





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# EDUCATION



The municipality provides equal opportunities to all residents



Education from **the age of 5-6** is mandatory



>75 municipal kindergartens where learning is available in Russian or bilingually



Municipal support is available for children under the age of 6 to attend a private kindergarten or to acquire certified nanny services. Besides the support, parents still have to finance approx. **100–150 EUR** per month.



# EDUCATION ACCESSIBILITY



>40 Russian schools. In these schools learning activities are organized in foreign languages up to 6th grade (including)



Capacity of Riga's schools allow to provide education in Russian for 800 additional pupils immediately



Children are provided with additional 2-hour Latvian language classes once a week – regardless of the child's age



Free Latvian language courses are offered to adults



# HIGHER EDUCATION IN RIGA



World class MBA programs:  
Stockholm Schools of Economics,  
Riga Business school



Double degree programs in IT with  
Buffalo University in NYC and  
**University of the West of England,**



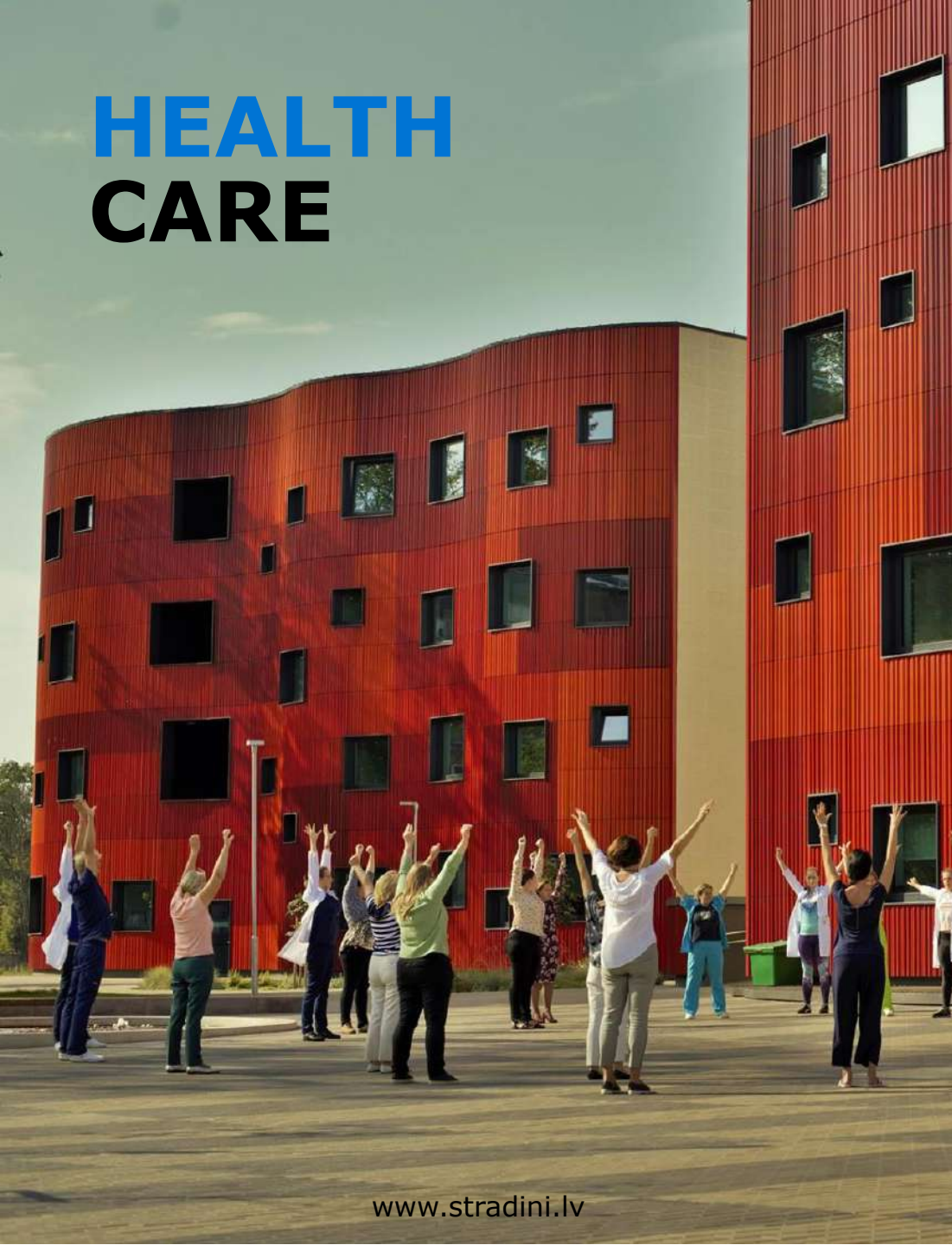
Excellent medical education (RSU,  
LU) that attracts foreign students  
from Germany, Sweden and other  
countries



Accessible education with  
reasonable prices



# HEALTH CARE



High quality of medical services that are characterized by a personal, committed, hospitable and benevolent attitude



Good balance and availability between state-operated health care institutions and private clinics



Attractive prices (30 EUR on average for a regular specialist visit)

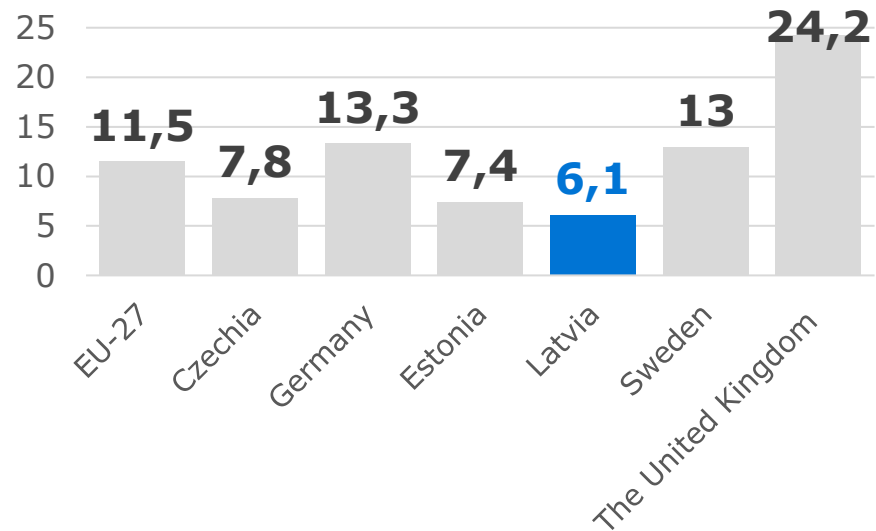


Active Medical tourism  
(The Latvian Health Tourism Cluster)



# Share of the population who perceived there was crime, violence or vandalism in the area where they live 2019

(% of total population)



Note: EU-27 and Croatia, 2010 instead of 2008  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: ilc\_mddw03)





# COST OF LIVING

**621€\***

Average expenses per  
**one adult** per month

**2,124€\***

Average expenses per  
**family** with 1-2 children  
per month



## TRANSPORT

**1.15€**

Price per ride

**50.00€**

Price per month

\* without rent, but including restaurants, cultural events







# REAL ESTATE, FLATS

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT		1 ROOM (EUR/ month)	2 ROOM (EUR/ month)
<b>Purvciems</b>	Soviet project	235	290
	New project	240	350
<b>Pļavnieki</b>	Soviet project	230	290
<b>Imanta</b>	Soviet project	240	295
<b>Centrs</b>	Prewar project	255	380
	New project	355	550

\* Special short-term rates for hotels



## UTILITY EXPENSES

Basic (Electricity, Heating, Cooling, Water, Garbage) for 85m<sup>2</sup> Apartment

## FOOD PRICES



**0.93€**

Milk  
1 liter



**0.89€**

White  
Bread



**1.89€**

Eggs



**7.47€**

Beef  
Round  
1kg



**0.50€**

Potato  
1kg



**0.69€**

Water  
1.5 liter  
bottle

## RESTAURANT PRICES

Meal,  
Inexpensive  
Restaurant

**8.00€**

Meal for 2 People,  
Mid-range Restaurant,  
Three-course

**40.00€**

McMeal at McDonalds  
(or Equivalent  
Combo Meal)

**5.50€**







Fitness Club, Monthly  
Fee for 1 Adult

**35.58€**



1 Pair of Jeans (Levis  
501 Or Similar)

**60.36€**



Cinema, International  
Release, 1 Seat

**8.00€**



1 Pair of Nike Running  
Shoes (Mid-Range)

**72.79€**







Borscht



Shkvarki



Kasha



Pelmeni



Solanka



Draniki  
(potato pancakes)





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