



BEST TIMES IN RIGA

8 steps of tips and tricks for your perfect visit

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WELCOME TO RIGA!

HELLO, OUR DEAR PARTNER, HOW DID YOU ARRIVE?

Most likely, you arrived by **airplane**.

Therefore, you just need to leave the airport and, in front of the exit, there will be the city **BUS 22** waiting for you! It runs extremely frequently, so you won't miss it, and will take you to the heart of the city!

Also - single ticket works for 90 minutes - no matter how many rides and transport changes!



two ways to get the ticket



At the driver on BUS 22

pay cash or card (but only on BUS 22);
drivers are not talkative – it's not your fault



“etalons” booth for any other ride

before exiting the airport or elsewhere – buy a
single or multiple ride, or a day ticket

BUS! BUT I CAME BY BUS!

If you arrived by any **international coach**, don't worry - the bus terminal is right next to Old Town and, after that - everything is walkable.

FYI. The area is under construction now, so it does not look like in tourism brochures. But, hey, as the saying goes - Riga is never ready!



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WHAT ABOUT SOME GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?

YES, RIGA HAS HOTELS FOR EVERYONE

We have made a selection of 3 hotels we think would suit your needs, are close to where things will happen during your visit,
AND are large enough to cater our needs.



all you need is love, bed and shower



Radisson Blu Hotel & SPA DAUGAVA

Close to oldtown and venue site, great location

E-mail: reservation.riga@radisson.com

Code: RIGA25



Wellton chain (Riverside SPA, Riga SPA, Centrum)

Oldtown, 15 min walk to the venue

E-mail: reservations@wellton.com

Code: LIVEABILITY

all you need is love, bed and shower



Bellevue Park Hotel Riga

Large, but cheaper and fantastic park and location

E-mail: info@bellevue.lv

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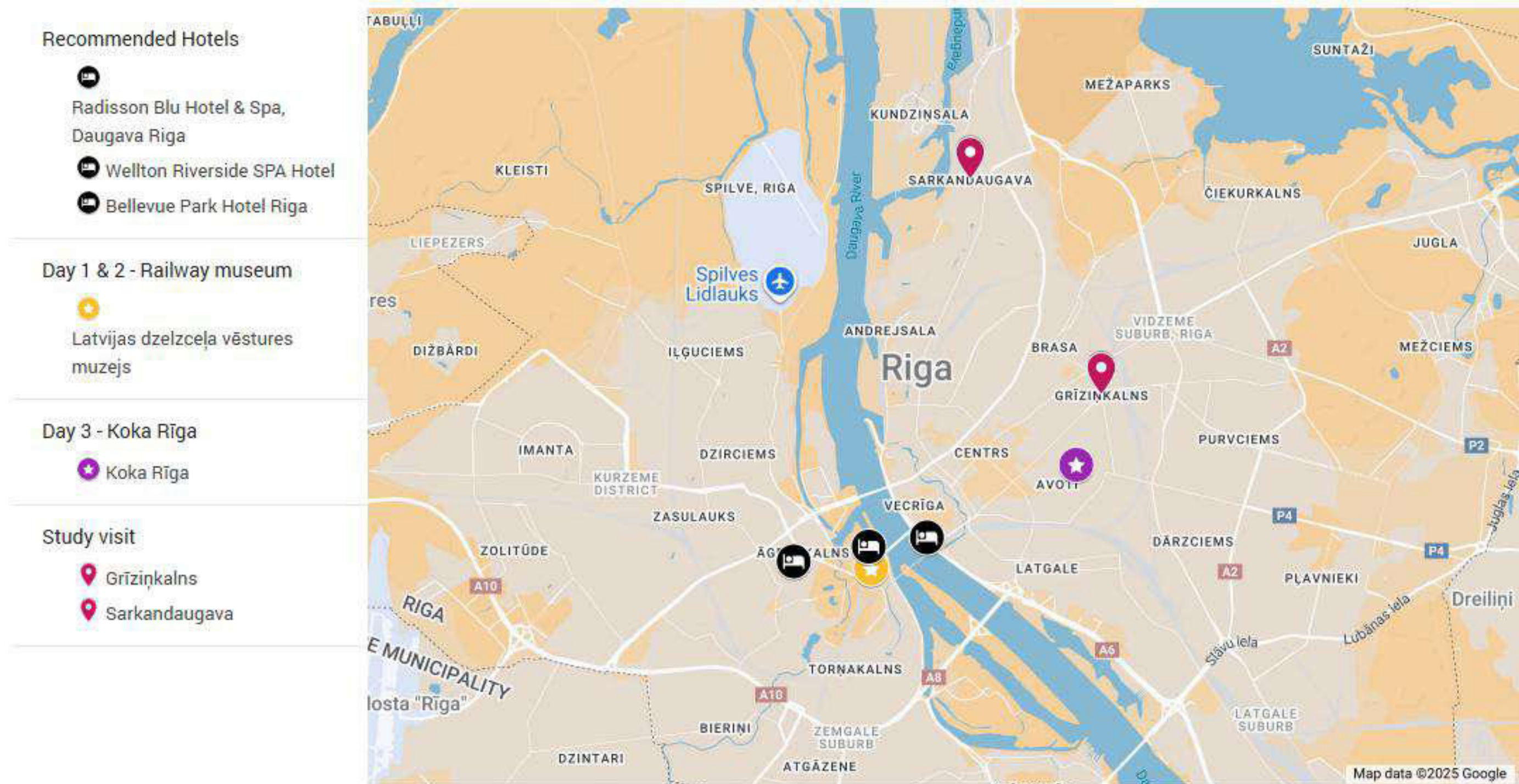
ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY

programme (to be updated with time)

November 12	November 13	November 14
<p>9:00 Arrival & Registration & Railway museum visit</p> <p>10:00 Opening</p> <p>10:35 Session I</p> <p>12:30 Lunch break & Networking activity</p> <p>14:00 Session II</p> <p>17:00 Free time</p> <p>19:30 Arrival at dinner (Railway museum)</p>	<p>09.00 Departing from Railway museum to Urban dives to 2 neighbourhoods and community centres in Riga (<u>for international guests</u>)</p> <p>09:30 <i>Parallel session in Railway museum <u>for local participants</u> (in Latvian): Liveability charter workshop</i></p> <p>12:30 Lunch break & Networking activity</p> <p>13:30 <i>Liveability Talks</i></p> <p>16:15 Closing session</p> <p>20:00 <i>Dinner (only for project partners, associated organizations and twins)</i></p>	<p>09:00 Arrival & Registration at Koka Rīga & Morning coffee</p> <p>9:30 Project internal meeting</p> <p>13:00 Lunch and farewell</p>

main locations (to be updated with time)

MAP AVAILABLE HERE – [LBY CONFERENCE LOCATIONS](#)



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NOVEMBER IN RIGA – WHERE HISTORY MEETS LIGHT AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

November in Riga – remembering and celebrating

A glimpse into Riga's November spirit — from dazzling light installations to solemn torchlit processions and festive gatherings. Here are Latvia's key national celebrations:

Lāčplēsis Day – 11 November

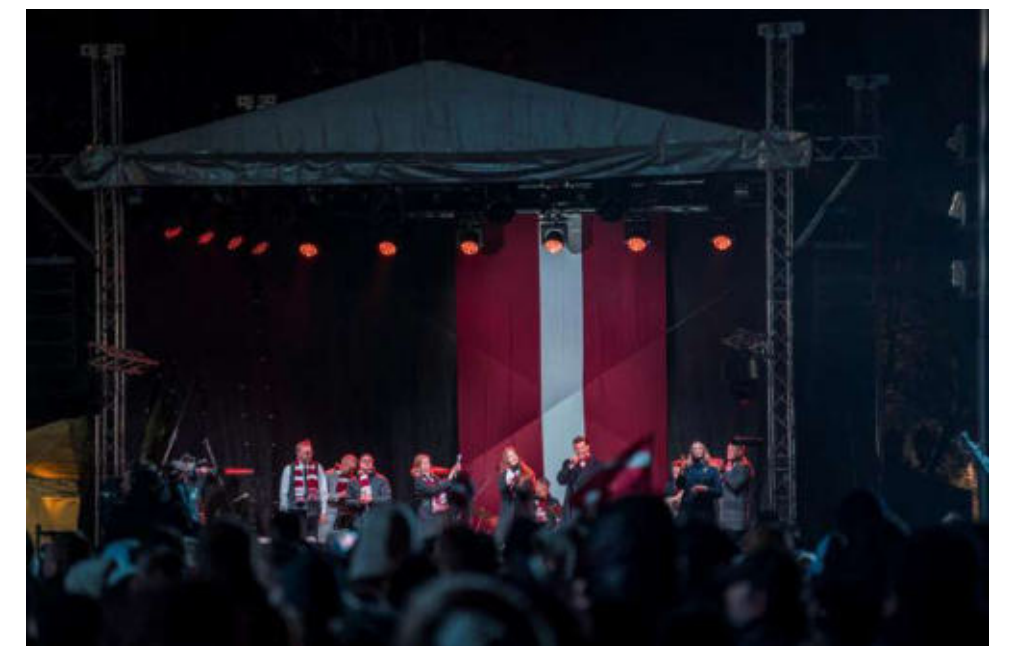
Commemorates the 1919 victory at the Battle of Riga, a pivotal moment in securing Latvia's independence.

Happenings: Candle lighting along Riga Castle's walls and at the Brethren's Cemetery, torchlight processions honoring freedom fighters.

Proclamation Day of the Republic of Latvia – 18 November

Marks the 1918 proclamation of Latvia's independence by the People's Council.

Happenings: A grand military parade, concerts, and evening multimedia shows.



festive spirit of Riga



Festival of light – Staro Rīga
15 – 18 November

The Staro Rīga light festival is a multi-day exhibition of urban objects that uses modern light and video technologies to transform Riga's landscape through illumination, at a time when Latvia celebrates its statehood.

concerts that we know of for now

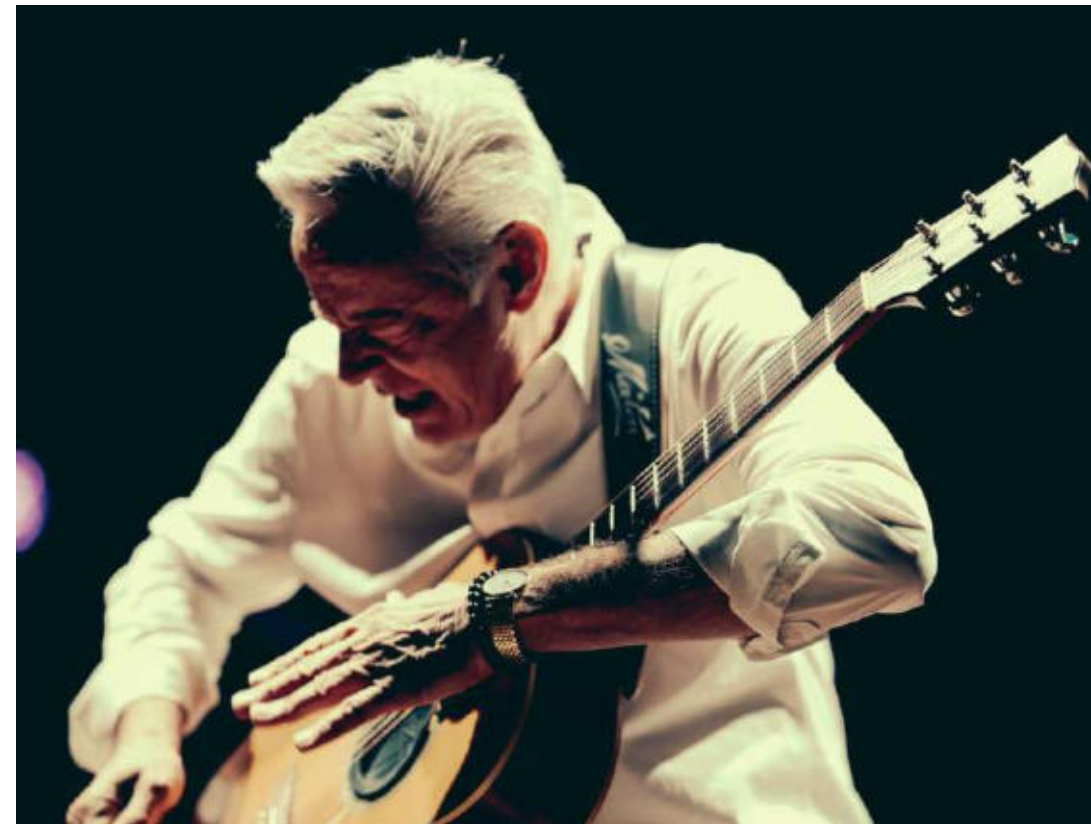


Concert with a twist.

ELIF SANCHEZ (Spain)

13 November

Western jazz with melodies of
the Middle East



TOMMY EMMANUEL

16 November

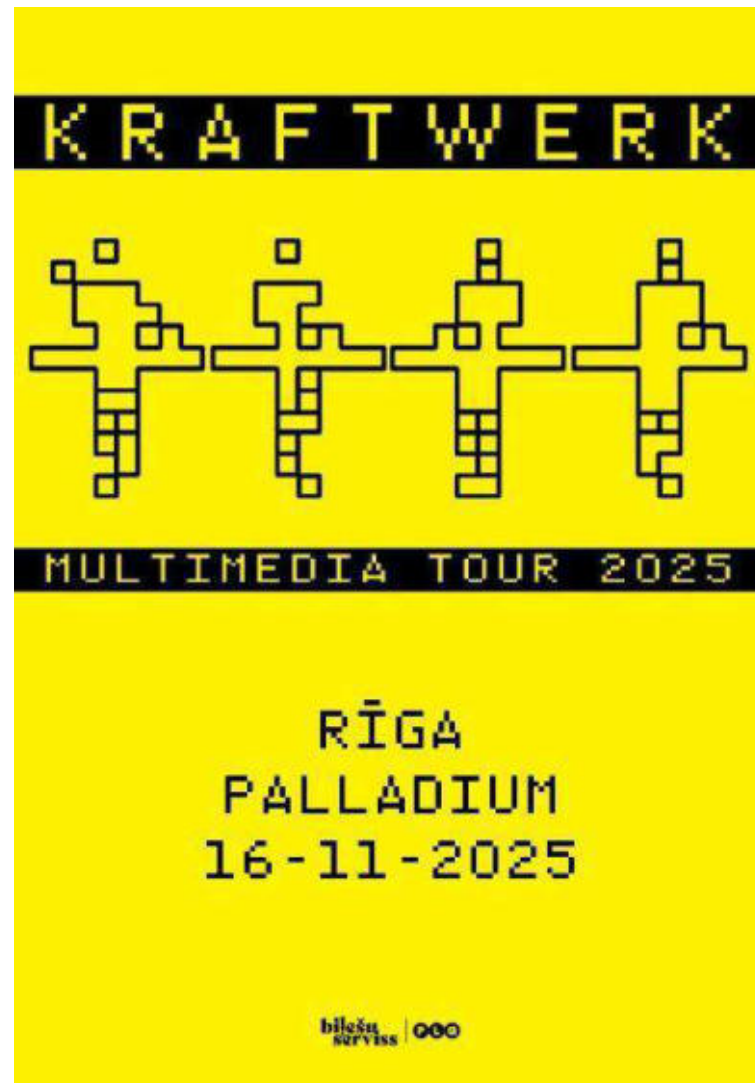
Probably the best acoustic
guitar virtuoso in the
world



**RIGA A CAPELLA
FESTIVAL**

8 - 16 November
live performances by
unique artists

concerts that we know of for now



KRAFTWERK

16 November

pioneers of electronic
music



ZARA LARSSON

16 November

multiplatinum chart-
topping global pop
powerhouse



Rock and Organ in the Lights of Candles

15 November

"Queen", "Metallica", "Pink
Floyd" and others in a
completely new light

theatre performances that we know of for now



ROTKHO

14, 15, 16 November
theatre performance on
the value of art
ENG surtitles available



DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES OF THE DEAD

11, 12 November
Vegetarian Thriller
ENG surtitles available

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RIGA - THE CITY OF SUBCULTURES

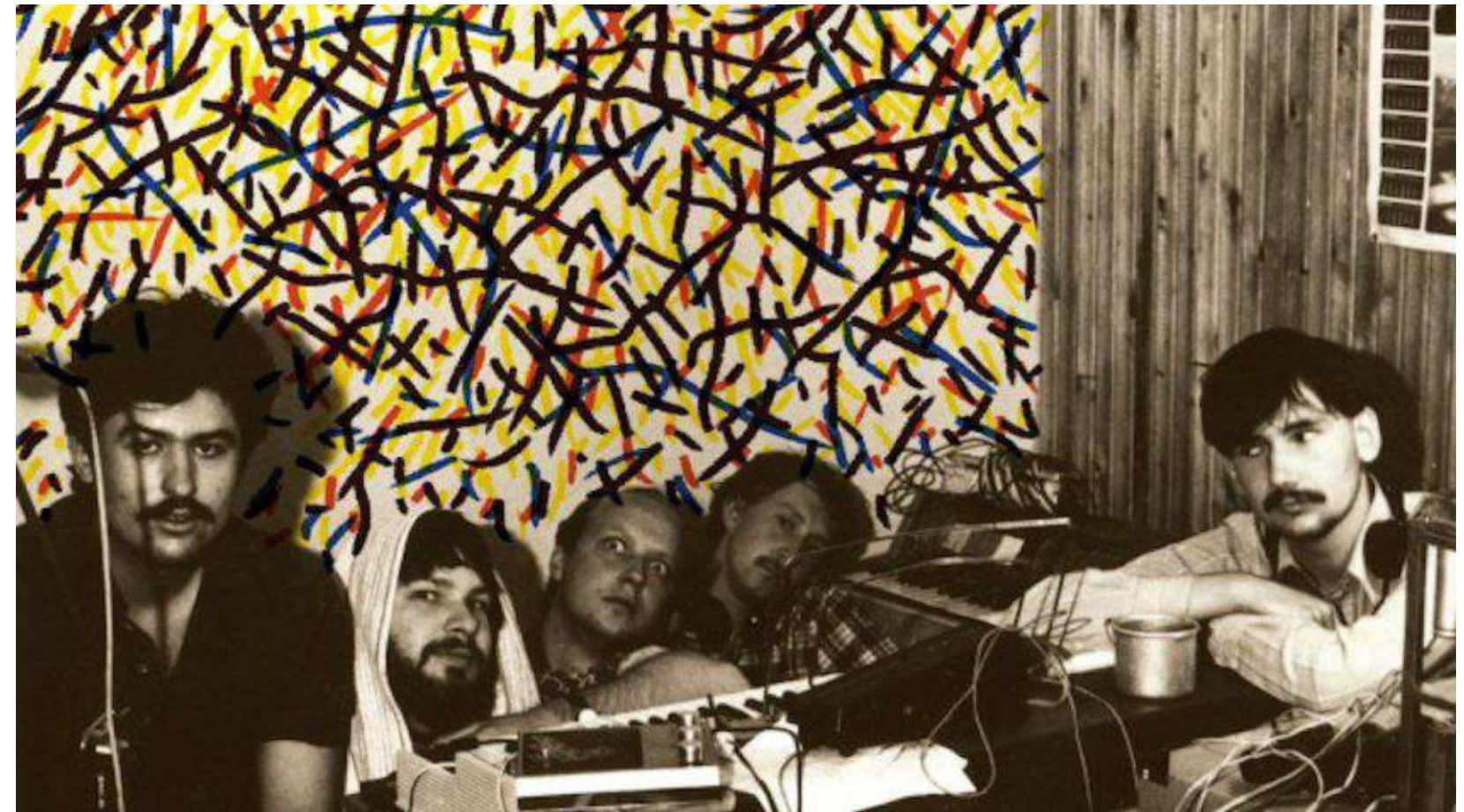
WE LIKE POP, YET WE PREFER SUBCULTURES

Have you heard about Latvian music?

Probably not.

There might be a reason - a very old tradition of sticking more to subcultural movements, genres and styles - nonconformism was often the most popular protest born in the Soviet era.

It means we like alternative music a tad more, and we tend to announce the concerts late. But they're great!



great subcultural spaces



ZUZEUM

Contemporary art collection and terrace



Kino Bize

Small film theatre with
contemporary, local and art house
movies

subcultural bars



Aleponija

true underground,
with live music
and DIY interior



KKC (Kaņepes Kultūras centrs)

one of Riga's oldest running
Berlin-style DIY
subcultural spaces



Bolderāja

underground bookstore,
and intelligent drunks
who don't care about you

subcultural bars



M.Darbnīca

club for jazz music
and other styles of the ilk



Skapis

Vibrant, fluid, sexy, colourful
and 110 % LGBTQ+ friendly



Pils

A very, very suburban pub
in the heart
of an old workers' district

value of fresh goods – farmers markets



Āgenskalns market

21st century market

with local production and food court



Central market

20th century market with funny people

and the amazing night market

two playlists for your pleasure



Sounds like Latvia 2021 - 2030

Selected contemporary greats
of Latvian pop and subpop



Women in Latvian music

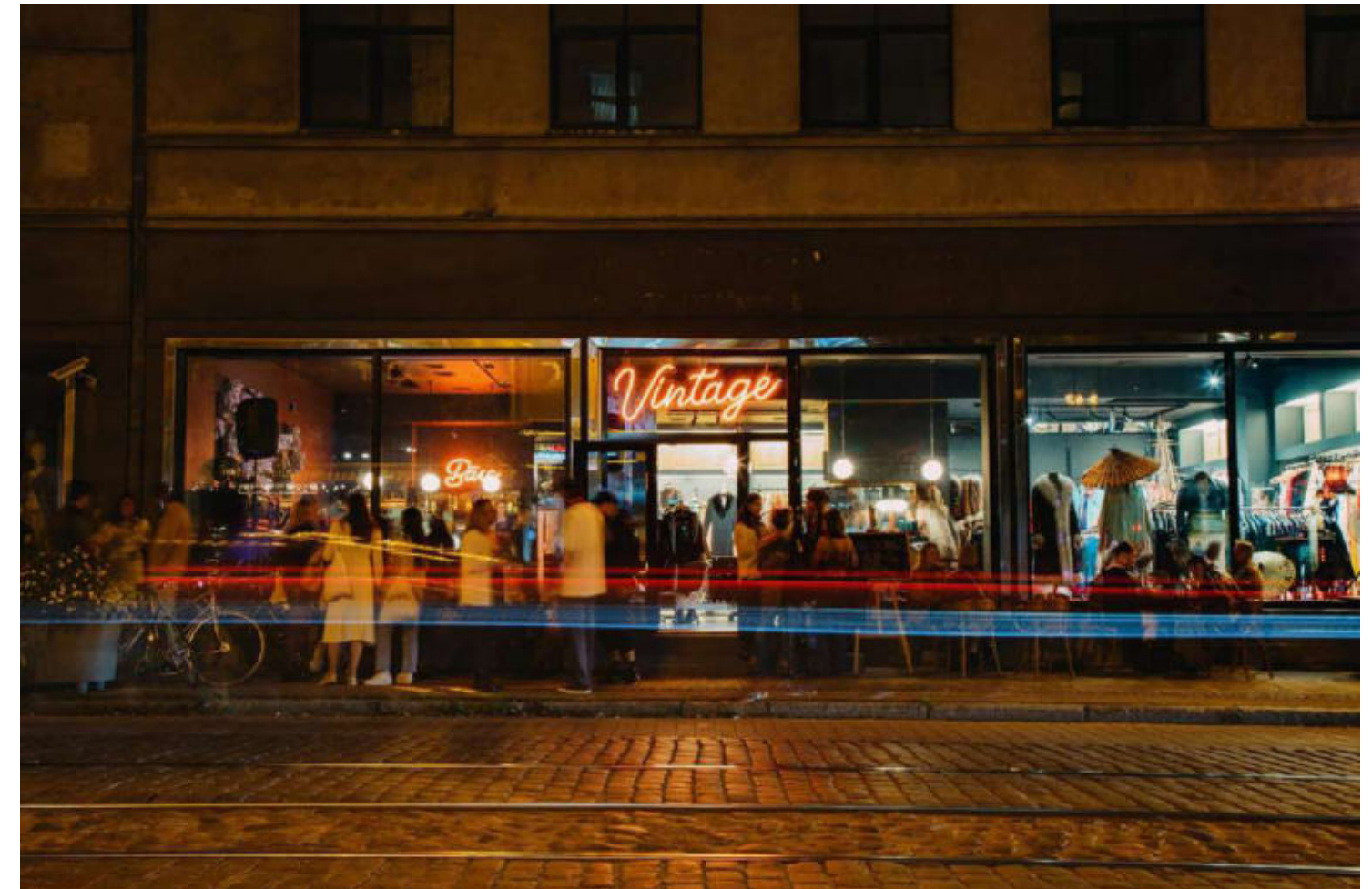
21st century greats of Latvian
contemporary sounds

second-hand capital of Europe



HUMANA

World chain of great vintage and suburban finds;
we suggest going all suburban for the best catch



Northern Grip

Local vintage stores with style, class
and sometimes events

RIGA - RESILIENT HOME FOR THE “OLD” CULTURES, TOO

When you look from a perspective of where classical-modern culture still lives in Riga, we are pretty unique.

Because everything that defines the old modernist culture around the world - still lives strong where it was inaugurated more than a century ago.



great classic cultural spaces



Latvian National Opera and Ballet

House of high-end stage arts

since 1861

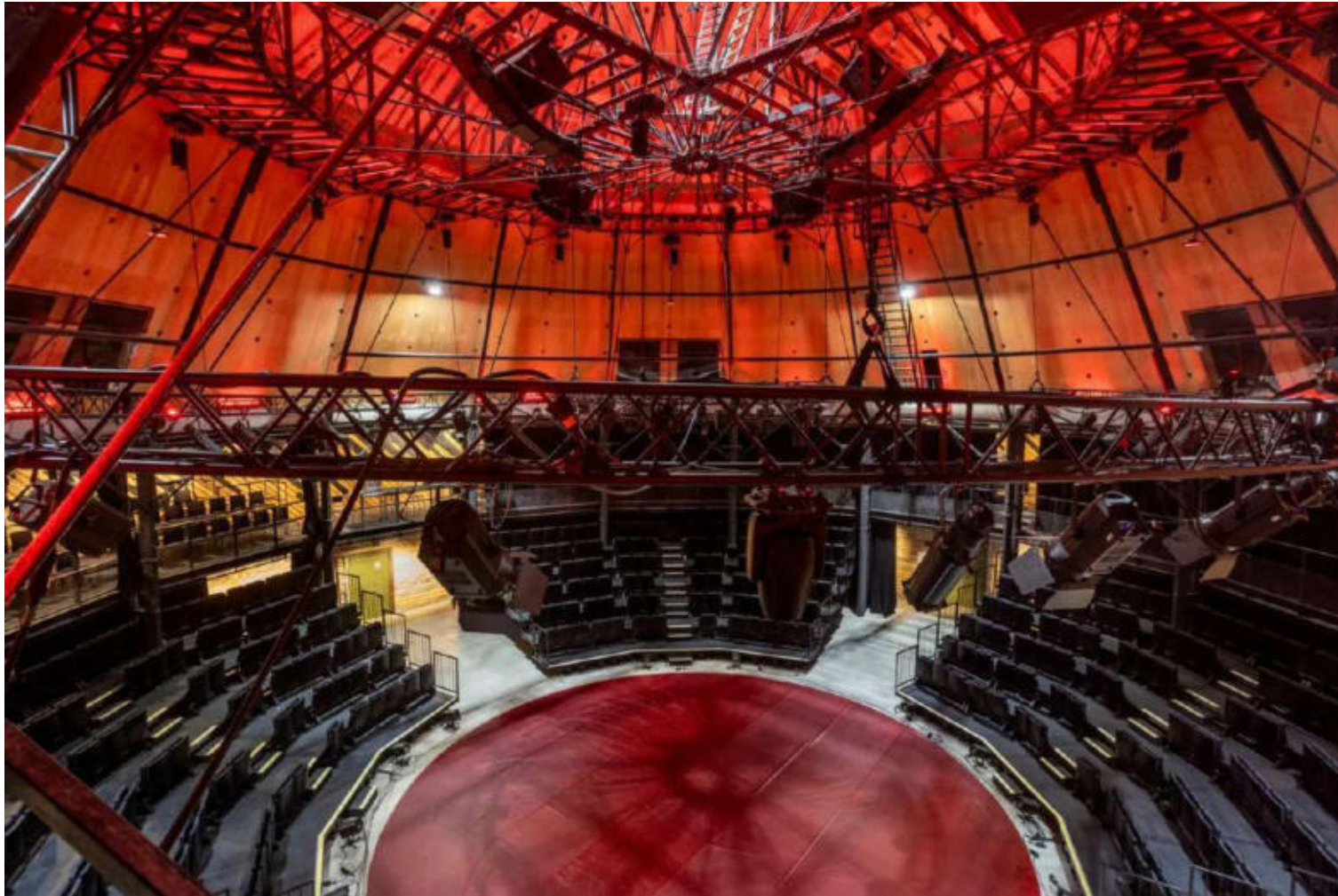


Splendid Palace

A real “movie theatre” still operating

since 1923

great classic cultural spaces



Riga Circus

Home to circus and physical stage arts

since 1888



Latvian National Museum of Art

Local classical and modernist fine arts

since 1905

CREATIVE QUARTERS - THE AMPHITHEATRES OF RIGA

The financial crisis came with many downs and also ups. One of them was the movement of creative quarters - often peripheral and post-industrial areas brought back to life via creative industries - art, culture, fashion, architecture, NGOs, and parallel lives.

If you never visited any creative quarter in Riga, have you ever really touched the city?

RĪGAS RADOŠIE KVARTĀLI
2011—2012



parallel lives in creative quarters



Tallinas ielas kvartāls

drinks, street art, food courts, concerts, pop



Vagonu kvartāls

concerts, craft beer, subcultures, decadence

parallel lives in creative quarters



Viskaļi

Visit FREE RIGA in their
work and life inhabitat



Lastādija

The epicentre of suburban placemaking
and subcultures

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BEAUTY AT COLD TEMPERATURES IS STILL BEAUTY

THE SHORTCUT OR THE SCENIC ROUTE?

Riga has 58 neighbourhoods. Many of them are recognised by generic Soviet modernist history, but most of them - by amazing and world renowned architecture ensembles of workers' districts, Art Nouveau, rich people's ambition and lust for nature.

Even if it's chilly - get out and don't miss the scenic route.



the scenic routes are much prettier



Quiet centre

World-class Art Nouveau, Alberta street,
and overly rich people



Bastejkalns and Boulevard circle

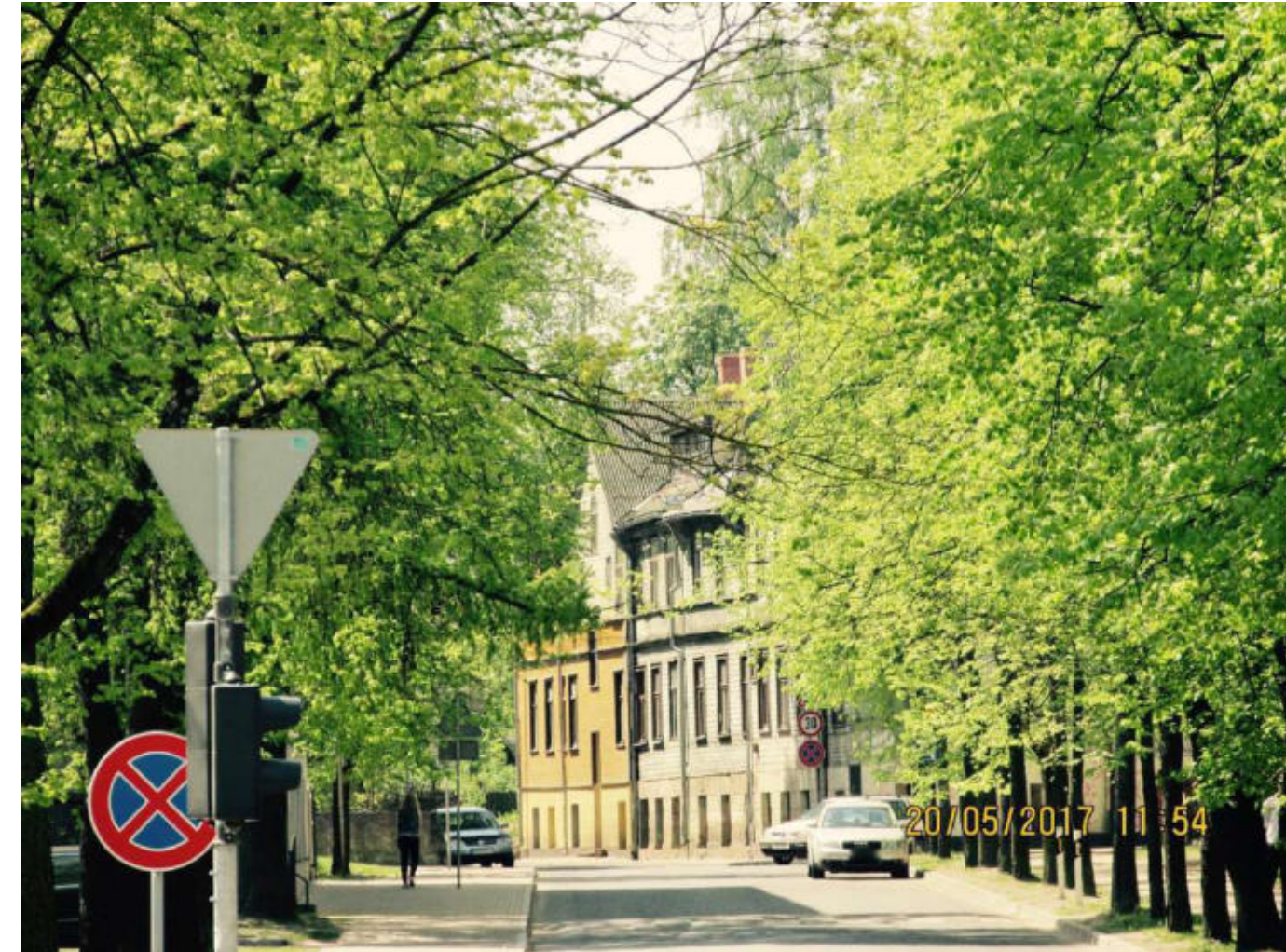
Follow the city canal for picturesque parks and
rich nature in the heart of Riga

the scenic routes are much prettier



Grīziņkalns

Wooden workers' district turned into
one of the best places to live in Riga



Āgenskalns

Mixture of workers' housing, old private villas
and hipster families

the scenic routes are much prettier



Mežaparks

Large urban park, old private villas,
open-air stage for 16 000 singers and
50 000 spectators



Daugavgrīvas cietoksnis

Old, lush and great maritime fortress waiting
for its renaissance

the scenic route is much prettier



Riga Free Tour

Pick your own route and join an alternative tour
that runs on donations

Vērmānes garden

Founded 200+ years ago by Ģertrūde
Vērmāne to be always open and always
public

some plants, peace, and quiet



Ziedoņdārzs

Subcentral park with many trees, plants, picnicking
and people having the time of their lives



Lielie Kapi

Former cemetery for famous people that has been
turned into a nature park

THE BEACH IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA

Latvia has almost 500 km of sandy beaches, and Riga has several dozens of those kilometres.

Even if the temperature is not for you to swim, visiting the seashore is the main way Latvians recharge their batteries, watch the sunset, have a picnic, appreciate the nature and avoid each other.



vamos a la pludmale



Majori - for the architecture

40 mins by train every half hour



Kalngale - for the nature

40 mins by train every hour

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POTATOES FIRST, OTHER MEALS SECOND

OUR CUISINE IS WHATEVER, OUR FOOD DIVERSITY IS FOREVER

Apart from 50 shades of potatoes, the cold “barbie” beet soup or traditional grey peas stew, we really have not much of local cuisine to offer. But that’s ok.

Because we have loads of great (often Western) food places that appreciate every ingredient and every person’s personal space - Riga is great for good meals in small places. And soups.



great taste, personal place



KozyEats

vegan, tasty
and large portions



Rione

real oven pizza
from real Italians



iesmi

famous chef,
contemporary shashlik

great taste, personal place



3 pavāri

new age Latvian cuisine
if you are ready to drop
50 - 100 EUR per person



Troubadour Gourmand

Legendary french-origin
bakery chain simply called
“franči”



Stockpot

Super affordable lunch cantine
serving great and spicy
world cuisine

great taste, personal place



Buono Buono

great oven pizza,
great local masters



Shoyu

Tiny and exclusive place
for authentic Japanese ramen
and other treats



Mikla

Great, a bit overpriced bakery,
yet atmospheric location

great taste, personal place



KALVE

fast-growing local franchise
of locally roasted craft coffee



Kafe Osiris

contemporary European cuisine
and famous Latvians
you don't recognise



Burzma

vivid and youthful food court
with great variety and
roof terrace

great taste, personal place



Mārtiņa Beķereja

it's buns.

juicy, oldschool pastry chain -
the best local bulciņa there is.



Cafe KASE

modernist interior,
theatre atmosphere and
sandwiches, snacks and cocktails



Herbārijs

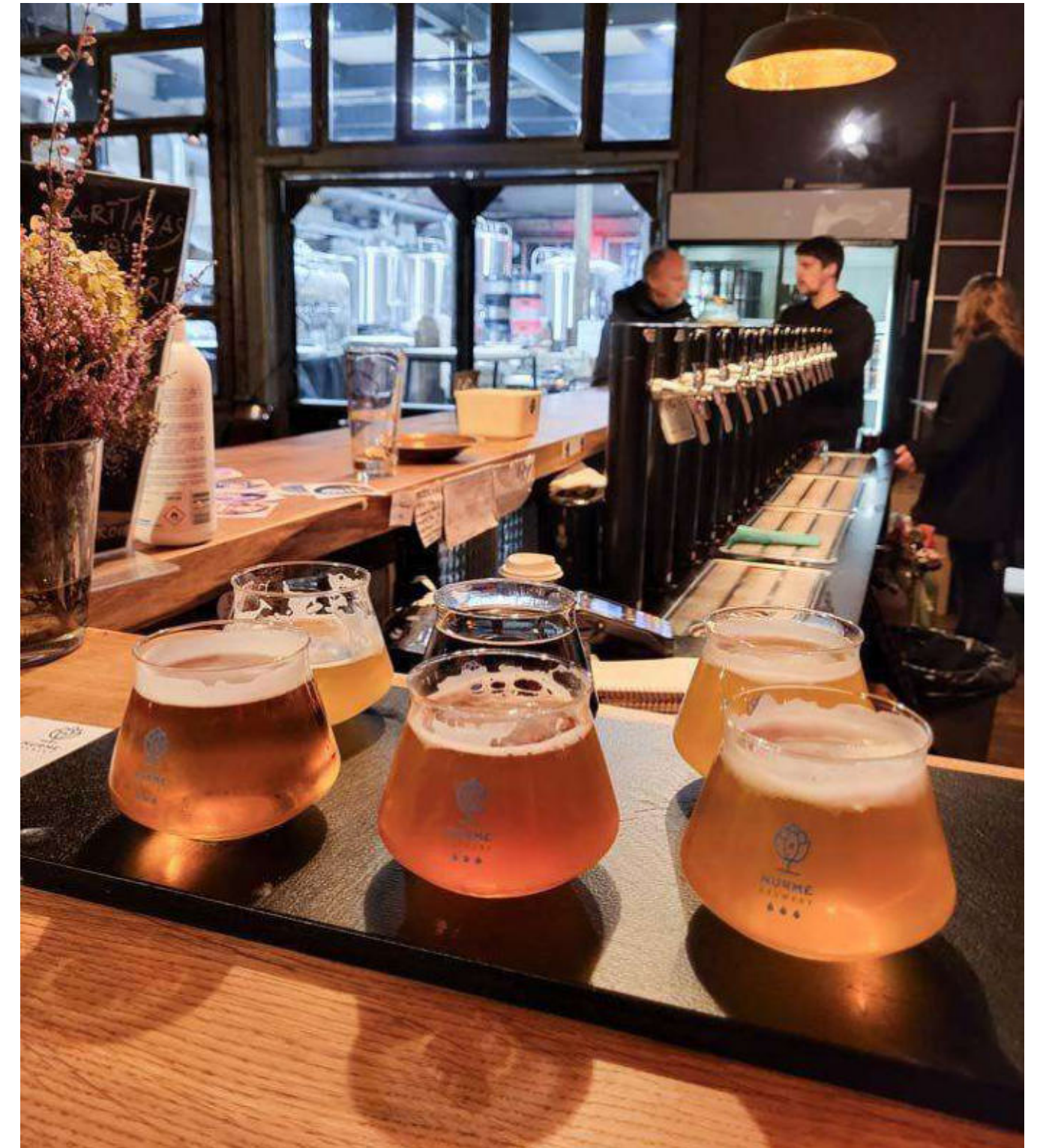
good cocktails,
great view

CRAFT BEER CULTURE - FOR EVERY TASTE

Many “local” brands have now been sold to large manufacturers or bottled abroad.

Thankfully our craft beer culture is super thriving, preserving the local taste and mastership of beers suitable for every taste - even very adventurous and non-alcoholic.

Beer local and be proud.



local beers also for being sober



Valmiermuiža

boutique and bar



Labietis

bar and brewery



Nurme

tap rooms and brewery

“local” beers but really not/don’t



Mežpils

no



Lielvārdes

also no



Madonas

nope



Lāčplēsis

hell, no

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JUST A REMINDER - WE ARE FROM THE NORTH

WHEN LATVIANS DON'T ANSWER, DON'T WORRY - IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

Latvians might be the best friends ever, but it takes around 156 years per average to become a friend with a Latvian.

We are (in)famous of being introvert - talking when it's really necessary, loving personal space, being friends with nature instead of people and often being too shy to become too ambitious.

So don't be afraid to be alone - it's Latvian (and Finnish?).



SO SEE YOU VERY MUCH IN RIGA!

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CONTINUED!

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