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JANUARY

01.01.2025 | *New Year's Day (Jaungads)*

Like in many countries, Latvians celebrate the beginning of the year with fireworks, parties, and festive events.

06.01.2025 | *Epiphany*

Latvians celebrate Epiphany with various customs, including the blessing of water and the "swimming" of a wooden cross in ice-cold water.



FEBRUARY

14.02.2025 | *Valentine's Day*

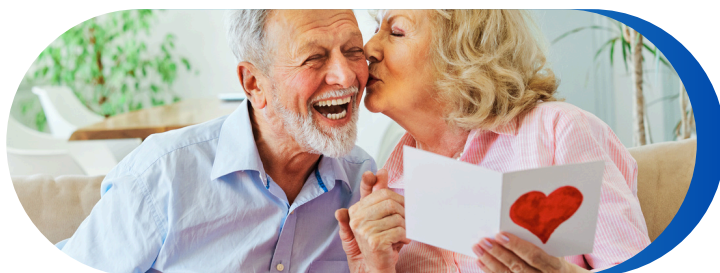
Numerous venues across the country organize romantic events and entertainment evenings.

*Mardi Gras in Riga.**

Celebration featuring parades, performances, winter activities, and cultural events celebrating the end of winter season.

*International Ice Sculpture Festival in Jelgava.**

Attracts local and international sculptors who bring joy to the eyes of visitors with incredible sculptures, lighting and atmosphere.



MARCH

17.03.2025 | *St. Patrick's Day*

In recent years, Latvia has also embraced St. Patrick's Day with events, parades, and festivities.

*Riga Fashion Week**

Event brings together local and international designers to showcase their latest collections.



APRIL

20-21.04.2025 | *Easter*

Easter is celebrated with various traditions, including painting and decorating eggs, attending church services, and enjoying special Easter meals.

30.04.2025 | *Walpurg Night at Tervete*

A traditional spring celebration featuring bonfires, folklore performances, music, and festivities.

*Riga Restaurant Week**

Enjoy the wonderful and undiscovered flavors in Riga's restaurant. Restaurants participating prepare special menus for Riga Restaurant Week.



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MAY

04.05.2025 | Latvia's Independence Restoration Day

Latvia celebrates Independence Restoration Day across the country.

9-10.05.2025 | Golden Wines Festival

Riga international wine festival introducing more than 100 different wines for tasting.

18.05.2025 | Night at the Museum

Celebrating International Museum Day, Latvian museums are opening their doors during the night for visitors to enjoy exhibitions, performances and educational programmes.



JUNE

23-24.06.2025 | Midsummer Festival

One of the most significant Latvian celebrations, that takes place on the summer solstice, usually around June 23rd. It involves various rituals, bonfires, dancing, and traditional foods.

Riga Opera Festival*

The festival includes renowned operas and ballet performances by world class performers.

Laiks Dejot*

International Contemporary Dance Festival in Riga and Stameriena showcasing contemporary dance performances from international artists and choreographers.



JULY

Song and Dance Festival*

Held every five years, this massive event brings together choirs, dancers, and musicians from all over Latvia to celebrate Latvian culture through music and dance.

Cesis Medieval Festival.*

This historical reenactment event takes place in Cesis and features medieval entertainment, crafts, and food.

Home Cafe Days*

More than 400 home cafes will open their doors to visitors, offering special dishes unique to their region or family.

Riga Ritmi Festival*

Music festival featuring performances by international and local jazz, world, and improvisational music artists.

Positivus Festival*

An annual three-day music festival in Latvia. It features a variety of amazing performers from various genres, including indie, pop, folk, electronic, and more.



AUGUST

Riga City Festival*

In the capital city, Riga, a festival is held to celebrate its founding. It includes concerts, parades, and various cultural activities.

Baltic Sea Festival*

Celebrated in coastal towns, this festival includes seafood feasts, maritime-themed events, and boat races.



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SEPTEMBER

Golden Autumn Festival*

Held in the Gauja National Park, this festival celebrates the beauty of the autumn season with outdoor activities and local products.

Mikelis Day Fair in Riga*

End of September. Celebration of autumn solstice showcasing the best of season's harvest.

Art Riga Fair 2024*

An annual international contemporary art fair in Riga, Latvia, featuring works from global artists and galleries

International Organ Music Festival in Liepaja*

Great performances from local and international musicians on the world's largest unaltered organ housed in a church.



OCTOBER

29.10.2024 | St. Michael's Day

Celebrated on September 29th, it marks the end of the autumn harvest and is associated with various rural traditions.

17-27.10.2024 | Riga International Film Festival

The most daring and important European cinema today.

26.10.2024 | Night of Legends in Latvia

Castles and Manors in Latvia are opening their doors to the public with new and unexpected programmes.



NOVEMBER

18.11.2024 | Independence Day

Latvia commemorates its declaration of independence from Russia in 1918 with parades and cultural events.

15-18.11.2024 | Festival of Light in Riga

A multi-day exhibition of light installations in Riga to celebrate the declaration of independence.

18.11-01.12.2024 | Valmiera Week of Restaurants

Valmiera restaurants offer special menus and unique dining experiences, highlighting regional cuisine and flavors.



DECEMBER

21.12.2024 | Winter Solstice Celebration

At Valmiermuiza craftsmen from various parts of Latvia offer countryside goods to the visitors of the market.

13-15.12.2025 | Baltic Expo Christmas Fair

The Baltic region's largest market will feature 500+ traders, craftsmen, and producers from Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia.

29.11.2024 - 02.01.2025 | Christmas Market in Riga

Visit a major Christmas Market in Riga for local delicacies and craftwork at Doma square.



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