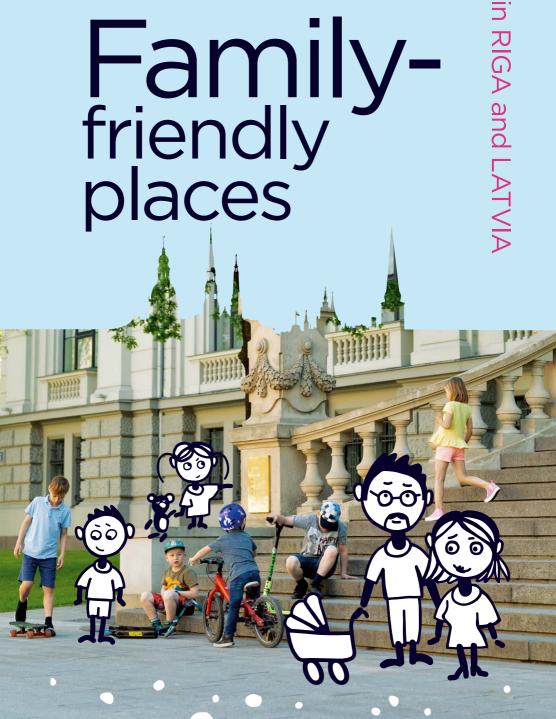
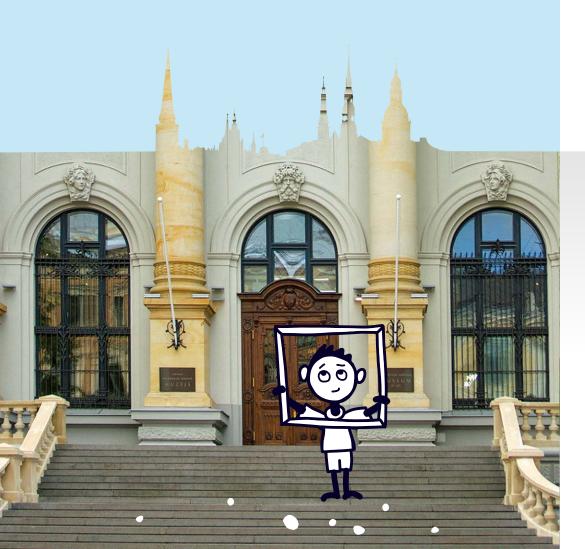


Family-friendly places





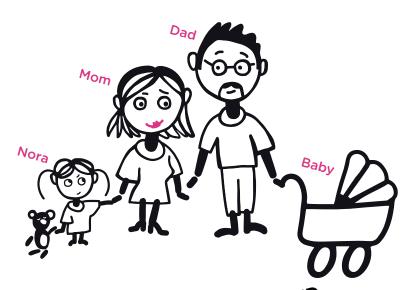




Familyfriendly places

Where does one find the most exciting places and events? Where can you go, so that everyone feels happy? Come along and you'll find out!





GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE FAMILY

On our trip around Riga and Latvia, we'll be accompanied by an enthusiastic and happy family: Nora and Verners, their Mom, Dad and the family Baby.

THE BABYROOM TEAM

The choice of places in the brochure is completely non-commercial: they are recommended by the founders of Babyroom: Linda, Laura and Anna, based on recommendations by young parents. The great ambition of this team is to try to make sure that Latvia, as it enters the next century of its existence, becomes the most family-friendly place in Europe.

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The association is both developing a map of such places and putting a special sticker on the places that are on the map, thus helping families with small children feel safer and more welcome in the city environment.













Family ticket 20 % discount



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III, V 10.00-17.00

IV 10.00-19.00

VI. VII 11.00-17.00

THE ETHNOGRAPHIC OPEN-AIR MUSEUM OF LATVIA

In just a half-hour from the center of Riga we reached Lake Jugla! One of the oldest and largest open-air museums is located in a pine forest over there. I have no idea how much 87 hectares is, but my sister and I could run and play around forever! Dad was mostly interested in the more than 100 traditional buildings, and mom decided to try various traditional crafts - with help from me and my sister!

> And I also saw how a crow was trying to drain a puddle!



I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII 1.05.-30.09. 10.00-20.00 1.10.-30.04.10.00-17.00











II, III, IV, VI, VII 10.00-18.00 V 10.00-20.00



0,50-6 €

Family ticket



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- Can I go to the history lesson at the Museum of Fashion if I don't go to school yet?
- No, Nora, you are too young. It's meant for older kids.
- But I like to dress nicely too!
- Then we can go to the workshop "How Clothing Is Made". It's meant for children below the age of 10. We'll also have a chance to make selfies in historical costumes! There are so many old clothes. Let's take a picture with mom as a lady from a bygone era! She'll look so beautiful, I'm sure. And the museum is in the very heart of Riga!



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I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII 11.00-18.00 3-7 €



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BLACKHEADS HOUSE

A chance to explore 500-year-old medieval cellars, try on a knight's equipment, strike your own coin and feel like a real prince or princess in the most lavish ballroom in Riga. Come and experience these adventures at the Blackheads House, one of the most luxurious buildings in Riga, originating from 1334.

> - Before this edifice was built there was almost nothing around it no buildings, no bridges, nothing.



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Family ticket 9-15 € Children free of charge







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LATVIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART Jaṇa Rozentāla laukums 1, Riga

It says here: "The Latvian National Museum of Art is the largest depository of professional art in the country. It regularly holds art exhibits, educational activities and cultural events. With its art masterpieces, the museum is an integral part of Latvian identity." Mommy, what's a masterpiece?

> - A masterpiece is something special and unusual.

- Then I am a masterpiece too! When no one is watching, I can get onto the top of the cupboard.



II, III, IV 10.00-18.00 V 10.00-20.00 VI. VII 10.00-17.00





Family ticket 5-7€



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MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN Skārņu iela 10, Riga

- I have an idea! The permanent exhibition of the museum introduces the styles and movements dominating decorative arts and design from the end of the 19th century to the present day. Its collection is made up of seven parts: textiles, ceramics, metal, leather, decorative wood, glass and design. There is so much I want to see! I'll ask my parents to come with me to one of the creative workshops and maybe I'll discover some talent in myself!



1,50-3,50 €

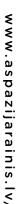




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Nora loves Aspazija's poem "Cricket's Christmas" and she and her parents are going to look at the house where the two poets used to live, a unique monument to 19th century buildings in the center of Riga. The museum involves a visit to the memorial apartment of Rainis and Aspazija, which keeps the memory of the outstanding poets alive and provides a glimpse of what their life was like in the 1920s and 30s. One can even meet them sort of. Before leaving, Nora says to her Dad:

- Dad, do you see how much sugar Rainis puts in his tea! So why don't you let me...



II, III, IV, V, VI 10.00-17.00 1.06.-31.08. 12.00-19.00

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Family ticket 3 € Children under school age free of charge



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Mommy, will you take me to the library again? I've lost my picture book... What if my childhood is over before I find it? The Latvian National Library has reading rooms with books of all kinds and also holds exciting exhibitions, concerts and events for children and adults alike! This library is so good that it received the International Prize for Library of the Year at the 2018 London Book Fair!



I-V 9.00-20.00 VI, VII 10.00-17.00 07. and 08. different working hours. see www.lnb.lv



Free of charge











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PAGALMS, A RESTAURANT
Kronvalda bulvāris 2b, Riga

TYPE CAFÉ

Its location is in one of the oldest parks in Riga. Here, historical and cultural heritage meets alluring nature. Pagalms is characterized by an abundance of contrasts and the knack for finding the right balance between the simple and the sophisticated. This welcoming place also has a special children's menu.

- Verners, do you know any proverbs about food?

 Yes! Better eight cakes and one candle!
 After all, Karlsson lived on his roof near a park just like this one!



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Fabrikas Hercogs is a cozy family restaurant suitable for parents with children. On weekdays it offers a wide range of business lunches. One of the best features of this place is a beautiful view of the Daugava. Here, just like at Hercogs in Mežaparks, there is a children's menu and play area, but Mārupes Hercogs also has a whole room and an outdoor playground for young visitors to explore.

- Mommy, is this your orange juice?
- It is.

- Let's share!



V-VI 11.00-23.00 VII-IV 11.00-22.00



15 % discount with family card 3+









KALNCIEMS QUARTER Kalnciema iela 35, Riga

On the left bank of the Daugava is one of the liveliest cultural centers in Riga: farmers' and craftsmen's markets as well as open-air concerts regularly take place there. A Street Food festival and other events are also held during which families with children can enjoy free concerts, performances and film screenings, or take part in creative workshops. Audio-guided walking tours are also an option.

- Dad, would you like to play in the sandbox?

- No.

- Now you ask me!

Free of charge

MEŽAPARKS CULTURE AND RECREATION PARK

This is the largest and greenest park in Riga, taking up 1.5 hectares. Here, in seven different zones, 40 different game, recreation and fitness elements have been placed to be used by both children and adults. The BMX track is the longest in Latvia, and the adventure area Mežakaķis offers an exciting walkway in the trees, several meters from the ground.

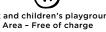




Park and children's playground











Shopping Center Galleria Riga, 5th floor Dzirnavu iela 67, Riga ZINOO RIGA \$

Several dozen exhibits, whose numbers are constantly expanding. Many of them provide answers to all kinds of interesting questions:

- How to move objects without touching them?
- How to make your brain work more efficiently?

Verners puts his hand on the Tesla Spool and says:

- Dad, I'm creating thunder! I guess I'll be a meteorologist!

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DA ROBERTA RESTAURANT Aleksandra Čaka iela 58, Riga



Da Roberta is a place with the atmosphere of Italy in downtown Riga. Here you can experience some of the joje de vivre, coziness, calm as well as hospitality and incomparable taste sensations we have come to associate with Italy. The restaurant has also included in its menu gluten-free dishes and moderately priced specials for children, who can also spend some time in the play area.

> Verners: - Mmmm... So delicious! They will get a hundred likes from me!

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RESTAURANT MĀKONIS MAKUNIS Gustava Zemgala gatve 78, Rīga



The restaurant with its search for unique taste of drinks and small but always changing menu fits nicely in Jaunā Teika - the Riga suburb where creative minds have been working and innovations are born. This is where tasty bread, cakes and cookies are baked, and one can nibble on them both inside and on the terrace next to the colourful fountain. The little restaurant guests have a playroom available, while a couple of steps away there are three different playgrounds that will attract even teens.



I-IV 10.00-23.00 V, VI 10.00-01.00 VII 10.00-18.00





VI-VII 11.00-24.00

CYDONIA GASTROPUB

In the very heart of Riga, Bergs Bazaar, there is a place for leisurely breakfasts, quick lunches and long dinners together with friends and family. Weekends are a particularly good time to come with children.

Enjoying his dessert. Verners says:

- Love is when you say to a girl that you love sour quinces, like the one on this whipped cream, and she is ready to eat them every day!











Summer I-VI 11.30-22.00 VII 11.30-20.00 Winter I-VI 11.30-21.00 VII 11.30-18.00



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VII 11.00-22.00

FAZENDA BAZÁRS

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RESTAURANT

Nometņu iela 7, Riga

Based on traditions, friendship and maximal use of local products, the restaurant offers tasty food, outstanding wines, homegrown teas and home baked bread. The Latvian elements in the interior are supplemented by the rural charm of the Mediterranean. Respect for taste, space and tradition translates into a homey feeling.

> - Little children first go to kindergarten, then to school, then to college and then to a restaurant. Hmm... But where do they go after the restaurant?



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ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

This fashion and entertainment centre is known for its family-friendly environment. Here you will find the largest playroom in Riga. AbrakaDabra, as well as numerous free playgrounds, organized events for families with children and other great activities. Families can play bowling at Fantasy Park or watch an animation or a family film at Multikino. Riga Plaza also has rooms where moms can feed or change babies in full privacy and comfort.

> - Mammy, let's buy gifts and present them! - And who will have the gifts?



- Me!

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Exterior Exposure 10.-03. 9.00-18.00 04.-09. 9.00-20.00

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Family ticket 5 € Children under 7 free of charge

MISHA THE BARBER HAIR SALON

In downtown Riga there is a special hair salon for children. The little clients can get their hair done sitting in chairs that are mini automobiles. While Verners is enjoying himself in a race car, Nora is busy with a real, living parrot by the name of Charlie - she is drawing his portrait.

After seeing his new hairdo, Verners announces:

- I now know what my wife will have to look like! She will have a good manicure, painted lips and high heels. Unfortunately, there are no girls like that in my class...



It is one of the largest collections of plants in northeastern Europe, where more than 14,000 different plants can be seen. Visitors who prefer active recreation can use the paths for bicycles, roller skates and Nordic walking. Verners exclaims:

- It's such a wonderful place for playing hideand-seek. Only we won't be doing it here.

At the spacious winter garden you can familiarize yourself with over 2,000 species of tropical and subtropical plants. At the same time, it serves as an art space where sculpture, painting and photo exhibits are held.











Family ticket

2 Adults

+ 4 Children -

17-20 €

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12.00-17.00

VI, VII

10.00-18.00

ZAGARKALNS

RECREATION COMPLEX

Cirulišu iela 70, Cēsis

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For the first time we went to Žagarkalns, where the largest professional skiing school in Latvia is open in winter. The school is perfectly suited for beginners of all ages, including children and families. On weekends, the little ones can attend a skiing or snowboarding school or use a special slope for sliding down on an inner tube. In summer, it's possible to go boating and camp by the Gauia. Nora has been watching the brightly dressed skiers and then exclaims:

- Look how many clowns there are!



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Winter season: II, III, IV, V 15.00-23.00 VI. VII 10.00-21.00



For children below the age of 7, the ski lift is free of charge. ages 8-12, 50 % off



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VINETAS UN ALLAS KĀRUMLĀDE Rīgas iela 12, Cēsis

The café-store in Cēsis Old Town is like a shade-providing rhubarb bush, which one can sit under and think on a hot day, listen to music and taste delicious pastries and full meals. While we were waiting for our lunch my sister was drawing cats and playing with toys while I was enjoying the wind out on the terrace.



06.-08. I-VI 9.00-21.00 The other months 9.00-19.00 VII 9.00-18.00

















MADAM BRIOS FRENCH BAKERY Mellužu prospekts 9, Jūrmala

Here you can choose from freshly baked pastries, as well as desserts without artificial coloring or taste enhancers. Their bread is baked with yeast or with a starter, with and without seeds, with buckwheat flour or added pumpkin mash. There is a separate room for children where they will have adult supervision so that their parents can have an unrushed meal.

As Nora goes to play, she admonishes:

- Mommy, tonight you should tell me the story of the hotdog hero!







Children's room: +371 20785555 07., 08. 9:00-22.00 5 € for 2 hours

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EDUCATION CENTER ZILI BRĪNUMI THE ENTERTAINMENT AND

The center is based on the book Zili brīnumi/Sociālā fizika bērniem (Social Physics for Children) and features interactive and unusual exhibits. After playing with the colorful construction set, Nora says to her mom:

- I really love playing here! I wish I could marry soon!
- How are the two related?
- Well, moms have to take care of children all the time. I will have a chance to play with construction sets from morning till night.





Family ticket 20-25€







CASTLE OF THE LIVONIAN ORDER IN SIGULDA pils jela 18, Sigulda

You can enjoy a medieval atmosphere, climb the Northern Tower or the main Gate Tower and take a walk on top of the walls. This is the oldest castle found in this area, and here you can even try shooting a crossbow. Concerts and festivals are held on the open-air stage.

> Nora finds that this description sounds like a fairy tale. She continues: "Once upon a time when I was three..."

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We visited Reina Trase. In summer, its hills become an 18 hectare golf course where you can enjoy the game together with your family and marvel at the landscape on the banks of the Gauja. For an exciting tour of the Gauja National Park, bicycles suitable for both children and adults are available, with maps of the prepared routes. In winter, a wide range of activities is available for snow lovers. After our outing, grandma asked me: - Where would you like to live the most - in the city or the country?

- I just simply like to live!



Summer season I-V 10.00-20.00 VI-VII 10.00-22.00 Winter season I-V 14.00-22.00 VI 10.00-22.00 VII 10.00-20.00



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1.11.-30.04. I-VII 9.00-17.00

1.10.-31.10. I-V 9.00-17.00 For pupils 1 €









MUSEUM RESERVE TURAIDA Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda

- Mommy, you probably know it already: the brick castle is the best known part of the Turaida Museum Reserve, which is visited by over 260,000 people every year. The open-air area covers 43.6 hectares. There you can learn about events in the history of Latvia and Europe for the past 1000 years. What do you think why did the cave people become extinct?

> - It's hard to say... - Don't you remember?

Spring/Summer season





Children -30 % discount







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For pupils 1.15 €



Family ticket 10.70 €

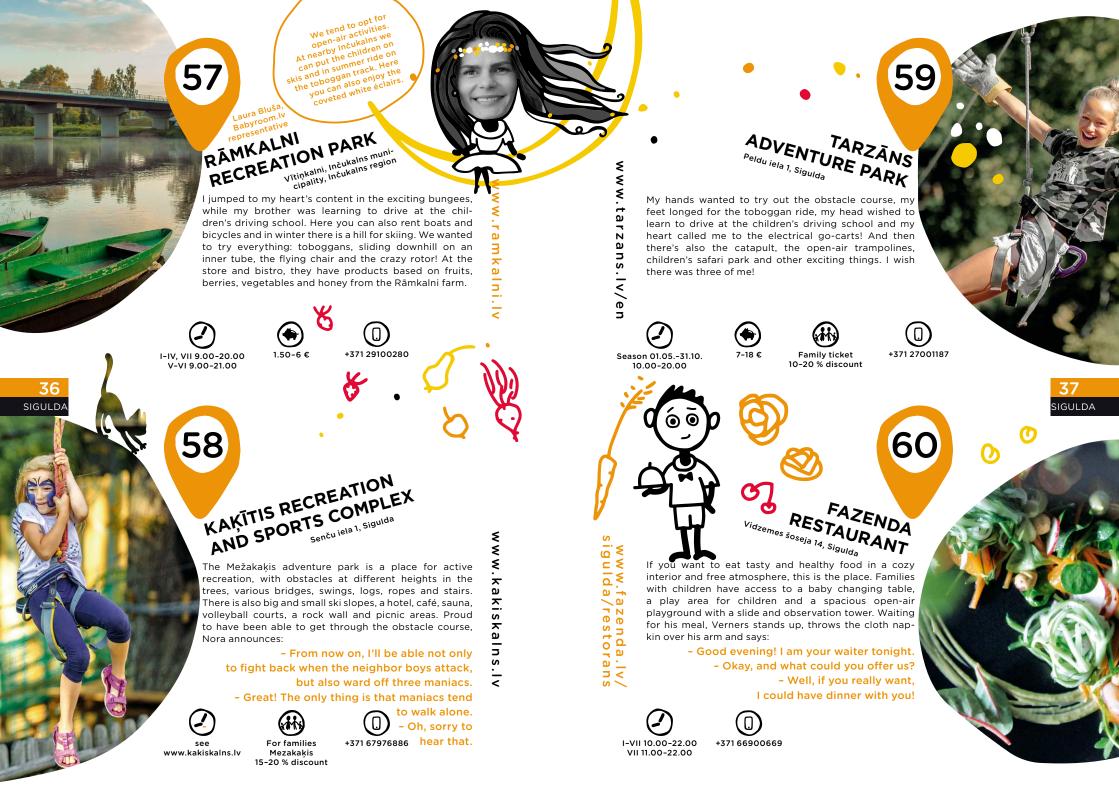


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47th kilometer of the Riga-AERODIUM Vidzeme highway, Sigulda

Oh, how I would like to try it! Aerodium is a vertical wind tunnel, where in the updraft a person can fly like a bird. By changing the position of your body and making use of aerodynamics, you can float up to the sky, make different movements and experience incredible emotions. One simply has to be at least four years old, physically healthy, without any serious back and joint problems and under 140 kilograms in weight.









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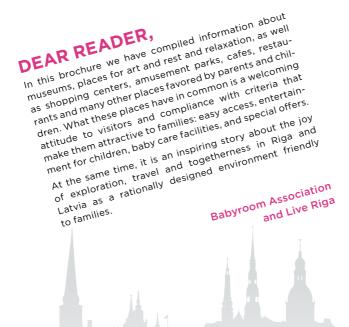
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