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This guide is a selection of the best local flavour of Riga — our favourite spots and friendly places. A collection of good design, happy people & simple things that make everyday life better.

From fresh local coffee roasteries, exquisite cupcakes and Latvian delicacies to design concept stores, public city beaches and splendid rococo style film theater.

A warm welcome to our friends and guests of Riga.

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**City wildlife**

In the wake of strong winds surfers and kiteboarders converge on Daugavgrīva Beach along with people looking to bask in the glow of a beautiful sunset. While you won't find ice cream kiosks there, you will find lots of local colour, secrets of history and testimonies to war.

Then take a walk alongside the trails of the tiny river Mārupīte – an urban jungle in the most authentic sense. A place where one can hear the voices of the most diverse range of birds from over 200 species observed in Rīga.

**Kristīne Garklāva**

TV host, World Wildlife fund ambassador



**Architecture in Riga**

I'm lucky to live in Rīga's most beautiful villa suburb, Mežaparks, where many Rigans gather at weekends to spend quality time outdoors, and to admire the neighbourhood's elegant German Art Nouveau and Latvian functionalist pearls.

While we've long since got used to it, visitors to Rīga are still awestruck by the city's wealth of wooden architecture, most of which can be found on the left bank of the Daugava in Ķīpsala and Āgenskalns.

An oasis in an Old Town of Riga often overrun by tourists is the St. Petrus restaurant next to St. Peter's Church. Located in the Old Town's most beautiful building, which was built just three years ago. In turn, the best place to enjoy evening cocktails is the Herbārijs bar, which looks down over the city's roofs at Galleria Rīga.

**Mārtiņš Ķibilds**

Architecture and history journalist



**Comfort food**

I love starting my morning with fresh coffee from «Stars». At lunchtime, my colleagues and I head to «StockPot». For dinner, I join my family at «Street Pizza» across the River Daugava. Then end the day with an evening stroll through *Maskachka*.

**Aigars Mamis**, graphic designer



**Culture trip**

On a warm Saturday morning, take a walk along Barona Street to enjoy coffee at Café Osiris en route to visiting Robert's Books, a bookshop, which can turn into a miniature concert venue at the drop of a hat.

Latvians have a deep passion for good theatre. I'd suggest visiting the New Rīga Theatre or the Rīga Puppet Theatre.

**Jānis Šipkēvics**

Composer & musician



**Arts & Design**

Among my favourite places in Rīga is Splendid Palace — a cinema that offers film lovers the chance to enjoy films under golden palms set among inimitable 1920s architecture.

Meanwhile, art lovers should definitely check out the Latvian National Museum of Art. A pristine example of the symbiosis of modern and historical architecture in Latvia. For lunch or dinner, you're in for a treat if you dine at Café Osiris, a restaurant that's bona fide legend, having consistently retained its standing for over two decades as one of the most popular hang-outs.

**Jeļena Solovjova**

Designer, lecturer and design critic



**Get moving**

We're an active family and love visiting Barona Street skatepark with its pump track. Definitely check out the newly opened alternative sports centre, «The Spot». We enjoy cycling along Rīga's cycle tracks, stopping off en route to enjoy a delicious «Ausmaņa kebab» or dessert from the vegan paradise «Terapija».

**Dace Alpa**, active lifestyle mom

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FOR GREAT FOOD,  
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CAFÉS

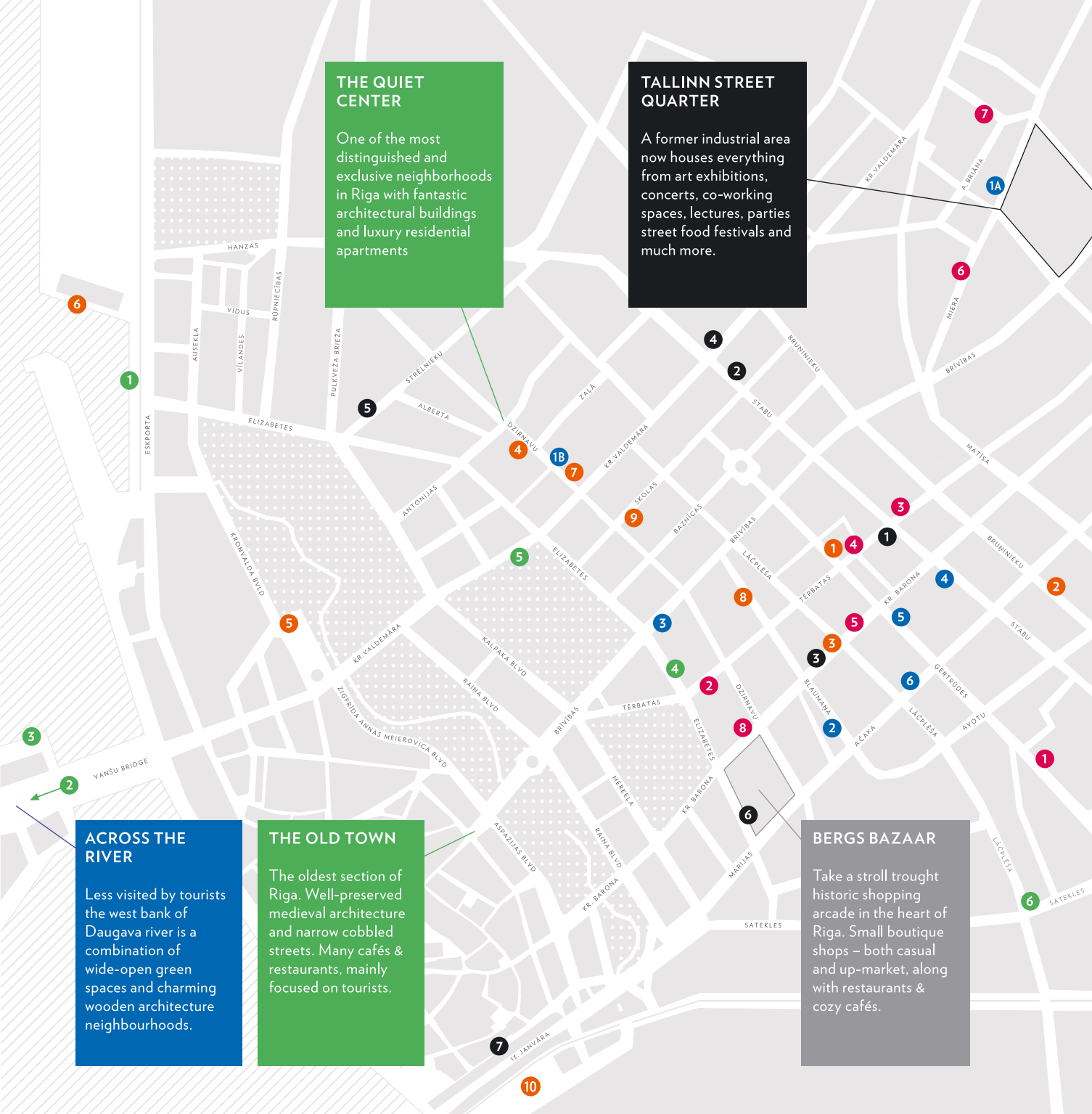
- 1 **Rocket Bean Roastery**, Miera Str. 29/31 & Dzirnavu Str. 39  
Local coffee roastery with a hip coffee shop & good food
- 2 **Innocent Cafe**, Blaumaņa Str. 34  
Cappuccinos, espressos and great breakfast
- 3 **Image House**, Brīvības Str. 40  
Interior design, contemporary fashion and a café
- 4 **Kalve Espresso Room**, Stabu Str. 38  
Specialty coffee shop run by «Kalve» coffee roasters
- 5 **Cadets de Gascogne**, Ģertrūdes Str. 30  
Fresh butter croissants, pastry & homemade ice cream
- 6 **Stars Coffee**, Aleksandra Čaka Str. 41  
Specialty coffee café & micro-roastery in Riga

EAT OUT

- 1 **Balts**, Ģertrūdes Str. 27  
Healthy & a quick meals for both sit-down and take-away
- 2 **Terapija**, Bruņinieku Str. 69  
Delicious vegan food, cakes & deserts
- 3 **Osiris**, Kr. Barona Str. 31  
One of the most legendary restaurants in Riga
- 4 **Mr Fox**, Dzirnavu Str. 34A  
Busy breakfast spot, vegan pancakes & nutritious buddha bowls
- 5 **Pagalms**, Kronvalda bulv. 2B  
Tasty food hidden in one of Riga’s oldest parks
- 6 **Koya**, Andrejostas Str. 5k  
Restaurant in a renovated boat shed overlooking the river Daugava
- 7 **Zivju Lete**, Dzirnavu Str. 41  
Seafood bistro located in Riga’s Quiet Center.
- 8 **Street Burger**, Blaumaņa Str. 10  
Local burger joint with 100% grass fed meet
- 9 **Reigys Ausmeņa Kebabs**, Skolas Str. 12  
Bizarre, yet brilliant kebab from Latvian hinterlands
- 10 **Silķītes un dillītes**, Nāģu Str. 7  
Restaurant in the middle of seafood pavilion of Riga Central market

BARS

- 1 **Wine Studio**, Stabu Str. 30  
Relaxed atmosphere & excelent wine selection
- 2 **Vest**, Stabu Str. 1  
A city bar & a casual hang-out venue
- 3 **Modernists**, Kr. Barona Str. 31  
Boutique champagne bar and design furniture shop
- 4 **Vieta**, Kr. Valdemāra Str. 61  
The best wine list in the Baltics



- 5 **Cocktail Bar XIII**, Strēlnieku Str. 1A  
Fancy drinks in the charming Art Nouveau section of the city
- 6 **Garage**, Elizabetes Str. 83/85  
Chic little wine bar and cafe at the heart of «Bergs Bazaar»
- 7 **Miezis & Ko**, 13. Janvāra Str. 21  
Great selection of craft beers

SHOPS

- 1 **MIESAI Design concept**, Ģertrūdes Str. 121  
Iconic Riga Original® design gifts
- 2 **RIIJA**, Tērbatas Str. 6/8  
Traditional Latvian products
- 3 **Manilla**, Tērbatas Str. 55  
Paper goods, gifts & beautiful stationery
- 4 **Bold**, Blaumaņa Str. 7  
Fashion, design & lifestyle concept store
- 5 **Galerija Istaba**, Kr. Barona Str. 31b  
Relaxed and artistic art gallery, shop and restaurant
- 6 **M50**, Miera Str. 17  
Latvian arts & crafts store
- 7 **Valmiermuiza Brewery**, Briāna Str. 9a  
Beer kitchen & Latvian delicacies boutique
- 8 **Bio Bio**, Kr. Barona Str. 11  
First 100% organic, 100% vegan shop & bar

THINGS TO DO

- 1 **Riga Boats**, Eksporta Str. 1a  
Explore the city by kayaking along Riga waterways
- 2 **Kalnciema quarter**, Kalnciema Str. 35  
Wooden architecture quarter with regular traditional market fairs
- 3 **Kipsala public beach**, Balasta dambis  
A wonderful city beach on the left bank of the river Daugava
- 4 **Splendid Palace cinema**, Elizabetes Str. 61  
Neo-Rococo style movie house featuring festival favourites
- 5 **Latvian National Museum of Art**, Jaņa Rozentāla square 1  
Fine examples of Latvian works of art in a wonderful building
- 6 **Zuzeum: The Ear**, Lāčplēša Str. 101  
Curated shop-movie place with a rooftop terrace

GOOD TO KNOW

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** RigasSatiksme.lv/en  
**TAXI:** Bolt app (use promo code RIGAORIGINAL to get €5 off)  
**EMERGENCIES:** Call 112

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