

Finding the right spot during a short visit can get overwhelming, we know.

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FOODIE WALKING TOUR AROUND RIGA



A great start for the vacation is an almond croissant from the bakery Mīkla together with excellent coffee.

Next, we'll explore Riga's nearby parks – Esplanade, Kronvalds Park, and Bastejkalns. Each with its own charm. Don't forget to try the excellent Molberts ice cream near Bastejkalns! Then, wander through the Old Town, crossing the Stone Bridge to the AB Dam for its peaceful atmosphere and stunning view of Riga. Finally, we'll head back to Peppo's for what I believe is the best pizza in Latvia.

To wrap up the day, head to the Sporta 2 quarter – the local hangout spot. Grab some cold drinks at Zefīrs or Flautas terrace, where local DJs often perform, or satisfy your cravings with the best burger in town at Objekts x Boar BBQ!

Vilhelms Meisters
Entrepreneur, food enthusiast

TOP 3 PLACES TO VISIT IN RIGA



The most interesting place in the quiet center is Space Falafel, with its nice interior, music and food. Here, you can both eat deliciously and indulge in something stronger if needed. On weekends, during the night hours, the space is filled with a vinyl record collection and DJ sets.

Down Street Record Shop is a vinyl record store/cafe that offers music enthusiasts plates of various genres. The place is filled with a cozy atmosphere and a positive attitude from the owners.

Brūklene is a bicycle shop that will not only fix your bike but also offer you delicious coffee and take care of your well-being.

Ozols
Music artist, founder of HoodShop

PLACES WHERE I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME



I am truly happy to live in Riga. It's full of parks and greenery, and it has preserved wonderful Art Nouveau districts, which are also my TOP places where I spend most of my time. The environment I'm in when I work is very important to me because it greatly helps my creative spirit, so I especially enjoy grabbing a coffee and perhaps indulging in a delicious pastry at Sienna Cafe. During the summer season, they have a great terrace, but in winter, it's cozy inside with its very extravagant interior, where you can also flip through a book or fashion magazine over a cup of coffee. They have a very large collection of those.

In the evenings, I enjoy tasty cocktails at XIII bar. Both the interior and the hospitality and quality of cocktails.

Agnija Grigule
Art director & photographer

MY PERFECT DAY LOOKS LIKE



I'd start my perfect day at the Kalve café at Baznīcas Street. They make excellent specialty coffee that you can take from Riga as a souvenir. If you're hungry, I recommend grabbing a bagel with salmon from Big Bad Bagels across the street and heading to Ziedoņdārzs on Čaka Street. While you're walking, listen to Latvian bands such as Dominique Dumont and Kasetes on your headphones. They will add their own charm to your stroll.

Be sure to catch the sunset at Andrejsala in the summer, but if the weather isn't nice, go to the Splendid Palace cinema. They always have a very high-quality selection of movies, especially during the RIGA IFF film festival.

Martina
Brand designer at Asketic

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CAFÉS

- 1 **Kalve**, Baznīcas Str. 13, Stabu Str. 38, Miera Str. 19
Tiny yet so popular spot for fresh-roasted coffee
- 2 **Kūre**, Baznīcas Str. 33*
Freshly baked pastel de nata with various flavors
- 3 **Miit Coffee**, Lāčplēša Str. 10
Good coffee, kind service and great vegan & vegetarian meals
- 4 **Rocket Bean Roastery**, Dzirnāvu Str.39, Miera Str. 29/31
Local coffee roastery with a hip coffee shop & good food
- 5 **Better Bread LAB**, Pulkveža Brieža Str. 7*
Gluten free goods, bio food & speciality coffee
- 6 **Mikla**, Dzirnāvu Str. 42
Fresh pastries, fine sourdough sandwiches & specialty coffee
- 7 **Troubadour Gourmand**, Kr. Barona Str. 52, Elizabetes Str. 83/85*
The tastiest croissants and bread rolls

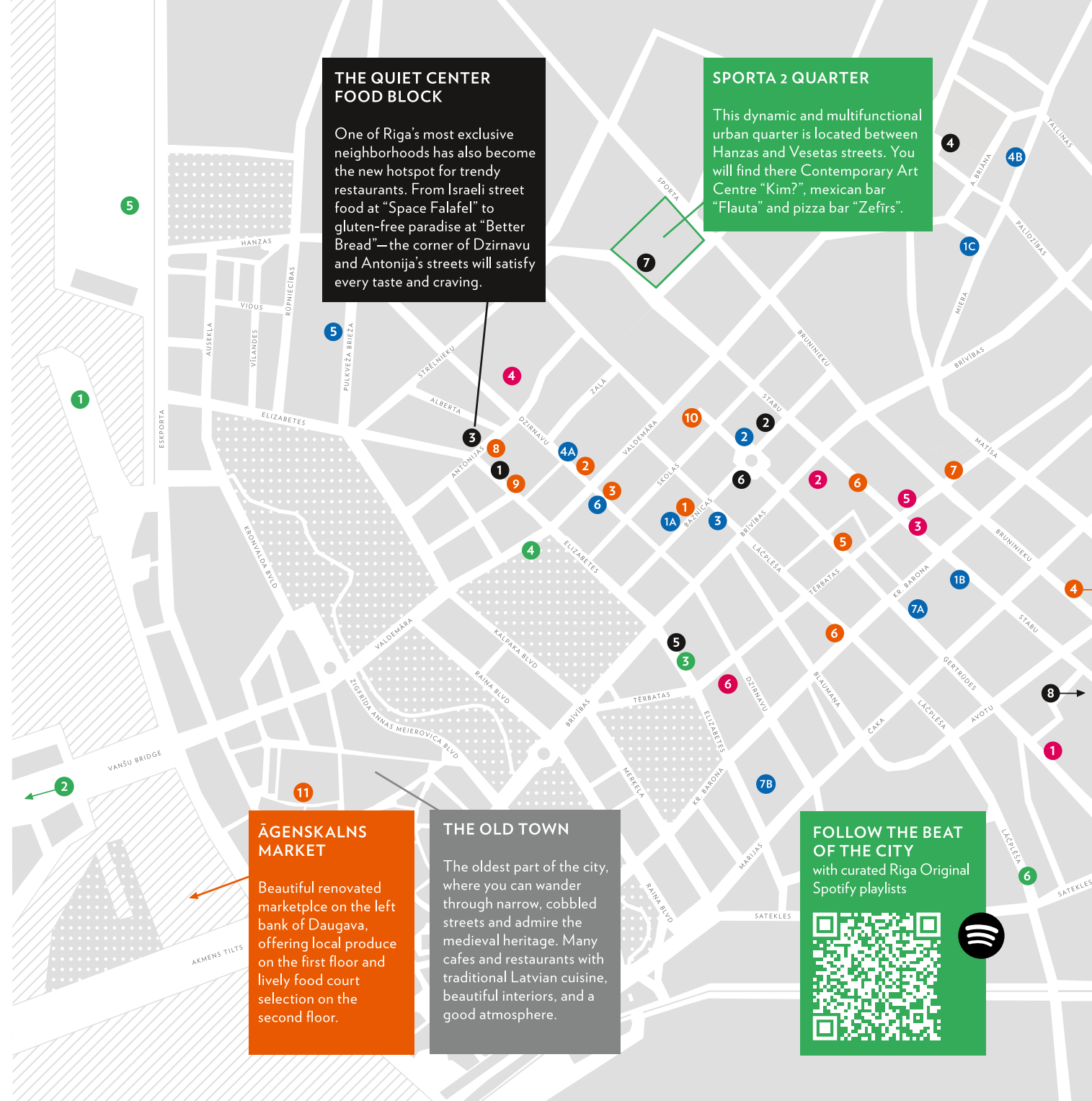
EAT OUT

- 1 **Mazā Terapija**, Baznīcas Str. 15
Casual yet delicious vegan food, cakes and desserts
- 2 **Zivju Lete**, Dzirnāvu Str. 41
Seafood restaurant & oyster bar
- 3 **Lowine**, Dzirnāvu Str. 43
Natural wine bar, kitchen & all day breakfast
- 4 **Oak'A Burgers**, Avotu Str. 77*
Smash burgers prepared according to American recipes
- 5 **Bistro Balts**, Ģertrūdes Str.27
Healthy & quick meals for both sit-down and take-away
- 6 **RamenRīga**, Stabu Str. 14
Japanese street ramen & noodle soups
- 7 **RIIS**, Tērbatas Str. 71
Rice, wontons & more
- 8 **Space Falafel**, Antonijas Str. 8*
Contemporary Israeli street-food place & bar
- 9 **Snatch**, Elizabetes Str. 39
Modern italian restaurant
- 10 **Stockpot**, Krišjāņa Valdemāra Str. 36*
Popular lunch spot offering Middle Eastern, Mediterranean food
- 11 **Peppo's pizza**, Miesnieku Str. 8*
Contemporary neapolitan pizzeria

BARS

- 1 **Noble Wine**, Elizabetes Str. 33
Excellent wine and champagne selection bar & shop
- 2 **Gimlet**, Baznīcas Str. 37*
Nordic flavour cocktail bar

* Recommended by Riga Original community



THE QUIET CENTER FOOD BLOCK

One of Riga's most exclusive neighborhoods has also become the new hotspot for trendy restaurants. From Israeli street food at "Space Falafel" to gluten-free paradise at "Better Bread"—the corner of Dzirnāvu and Antonija's streets will satisfy every taste and craving.

SPORTA 2 QUARTER

This dynamic and multifunctional urban quarter is located between Hanzas and Vesetas streets. You will find there Contemporary Art Centre "Kim?", mexican bar "Flauta" and pizza bar "Zefirs".

ĀGENSKALNS MARKET

Beautiful renovated marketplace on the left bank of Daugava, offering local produce on the first floor and lively food court selection on the second floor.

THE OLD TOWN

The oldest part of the city, where you can wander through narrow, cobbled streets and admire the medieval heritage. Many cafes and restaurants with traditional Latvian cuisine, beautiful interiors, and a good atmosphere.

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- 3 **Truff Le Pig**, Antonijas Str. 11
Champagne bar
- 4 **Labietis**, Aristīda Briāna Str. 9A - 2
Great spot for enjoying locally-made craft beers
- 5 **Vīna Studija Splendid**, Elizabetes Str. 61
Wine, cocktails & dine bar
- 6 **WCMW (When Coffee Meets Whisky)**, Baznīcas Str. 20-22
Listening bar, Japanese whisky, specialty coffee
- 7 **Zefirs**, Sporta Str. 2*
Industrial venue with laidback vibe offering cocktails & beer
- 8 **Nurme**, Vagonu Str. 21
Local craft brewery & bar offering local beer and cider.

SHOPS

- 1 **Miesai Design concept**, Ģertrūdes Str. 121
Iconic Riga Original® design gifts
- 2 **HoodShop**, Brīvības Str. 72 K-2 (entrance from the courtyard)
Streetwear and clothing store
- 3 **Brūklene**, Stabu Str. 42
Bikes, Coffee & Workshop
- 4 **Pas de marque**, Antonijas Str. 17a
Handmade jewelry studio
- 5 **Manilla**, Tērbatas Str. 55
Paper goods & gifts for design lovers
- 6 **RIIJA**, Tērbatas Str. 6/8
Latvian design and lifestyle concept store

THINGS TO DO

- 1 **Rīgas Laivas**, Eksporta iela 3b
Explore the city by kayaking along Riga waterways
- 2 **Kalnciema quarter**, Kalnciema Str. 35
Wooden architecture quarter with regular traditional market fairs
- 3 **Splendid Palace cinema**, Elizabetes Str. 61
Neo-Rococo style movie house featuring festival favourites
- 4 **Latvian National Museum of Art**, Jaņa Rozentāla square 1
Fine examples of Latvian works of art in a wonderful building
- 5 **PanCars**, Andrejostas Str. 18
City Race scavenger hunt with a tiny Fiat 126 street-art cars
- 6 **Zuzeum**, Lāčplēša Str. 101
Art Centre with the most expensive private collection of Latvian art

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