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A WALK ACCROSS THE RIVER DAUGAVA



My favorite days in Riga start with “austiņas” aka “little ears” from a local bakery, “Bulkotava”. Although not so little at all — they are literally face sized. They are baked fresh every day after 10 am.

Almost around the corner — “Boar BBQ” is a tiny Latvian/Georgian chefs barbeque restaurant that serves only a few dishes made from local produce. A bit pricey, but the food is fantastic. 4.9 out of 5 stars in Google is worth it!

I love to walk everywhere so I would take a stroll from the city center and cross the river Daugava to “Āgenskalns market” — the market is buzzing with local farmers and vendors. Grab a beer or excellent coffee, have a pizza, taco or Ukrainian borsch (you name it), and enjoy a concert over the weekend.

Finish the day with a movie night in a historic 1920’s vintage movie theater, ‘Splendid Palace’ and enjoy the evening!

Anda Upmane
Food and lifestyle photographer

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER



Mornings usually start with a croissant from either Cadets de Gascogne or Troubadur Gourmand. Cozy atmosphere and great price/performance.

At lunchtime, it’s Stock Pot, a fast food spot specializing in Indian, Mexican, and Asian food. Favorite among locals and good value for money, but be prepared to wait in line.

After lunch snack — freshly baked muffin from Muffins and More. A bit pricey but well worth it.

Finish the day with a burger, fries and champagne at Boo The Burger—a casual spot with no reservations.

Elvijs Puce
Graphic designer



RIGA CITY LIFE & NATURE

I see Riga as a mid-size Metropolis where you can get both: get troubled by the noise of the city and enough corners of nature where to cease from that noise. That’s why my day starts with a refreshing run from Riga City centre to the suburbs of Mežaparks.

On my way to work, I drive by “Mikla” bakery to get a bite of their superb meat sandwich. Pricey, but top-notch!

Later in the day, the quiet centre is an excellent area for a lunch + post-lunch coffee combination. The best place for a comfort lunch is “Foodbox” Kebab spot (arguably the best kebab in the world). After lunch, stroll Kronvalda Parks to get away from the city, inside the city.

On Fridays, and Saturdays, I enjoy a Japanese-style Cocktail menu at the restaurant “The Catch” and later head to the “Teritorija” club to dance until the sun rises.

Gustavs Ķibilds
Producer, Entrepreneur

GRĪŽĪNKALNS NEIGHBOURHOOD



Nature has always been essential to me, so I enjoy the variety of parks in Riga. I usually start and end my day with a walk either in Ziedonārs Grīziņkalns parks with my dog Mango.

I live close to Grīziņkalns, which used to be an old workers’ district, but is now booming with pubs, cafes, and culture. My personal favorites are: the brewery & bar “Nurme” for a glass of local craft beer, cafe “Karbonādes” for a comforting meal like your grandma used to make.

Then — the art galleries “LOOK” and “427” to keep an eye out for what’s new in the art scene.

Madara Kvēpa
Visual artist

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CAFÉS

- 1 **Kalve Espresso Room**, Stabu Str. 38; Baznīcas Str. 13 *
Tiny yet so popular spot for fresh-roasted coffee
- 2 **Kūkotava**, Tērbatas Str. 12
Freshly baked exquisite croissants, eclairs and pastries
- 3 **Miit Coffee**, Lāčplēša Str. 10
Good coffee, kind service and great vegan & vegetarian meals
- 4 **Rocket Bean Roastery**, Miera Str. 29/31 & Dzirnavu Str. 39
Local coffee roastery with a hip coffee shop & good food
- 5 **Better Bread**, Dzirnavu Str. 31
Gluten free bakery & specialty coffee place
- 6 **Mikla**, Dzirnavu Str. 42
Fresh pastries, fine sourdough sandwiches & specialty coffee
- 7 **Mr Bunny**, Dzirnavu Str. 63
Family friendly breakfast & lunch spot

EAT OUT

- 1 **Terapija**, Baznīcas Str. 15
Casual yet delicious vegan food, cakes and desserts
- 2 **Zivju Lete**, Dzirnavu Str. 41
Seafood restaurant & oyster bar
- 3 **Lowine**, Dzirnavu Str. 43
Natural wine bar, kitchen & all day breakfast
- 4 **Boo The Burger**, Dzirnavu Str. 31
Burgers & champagne
- 5 **Balts**, Ģertrūdes Str. 27
Healthy & quick meals for both sit-down and take-away
- 6 **Osiris**, Kr. Barona Str. 31
One of the most legendary restaurants in Riga
- 7 **Ausmeņa Kebabs**, Skolas Str. 12
Modest yet incredibly tasty kebab & falafel joint
- 8 **Space Falafel**, Antonijas Str. 8
Contemporary Israeli street-food place & bar
- 9 **The Catch**, Antonijas Str. 12 (entrance from Dzirnavu Str.)
Japanese gastropub offering sushi, sashimi & robatayaki grill
- 10 **Stockpot**, Krišjāņa Valdemāra Str. 36 *
Popular dinner spot offering Middle eastern, Mediterranean food
- 11 **Street Pizza**, Meža Str. 4A *
Word class artisan pizzas on the other coast of Daugava

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



- 3 **XIII**, Strelnieku Str. 1A
A small yet posh cocktail bar
- 4 **Labietis**, Aristīda Briāna Str. 9A - 2
Great spot for enjoying locally-made craft beers
- 5 **Wine Studio**, Elizabetes Str. 33
A legendary spot in the quiet center of Riga for wine & cocktails
- 6 **Valmiermuižas Brewery**, Aristīda Briāna Str. 9a
Beer store offering the widest selection of Latvian craft beers
- 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.
- 9 **AOK**, Andrejostas iela 5, k-14
Trendy food, culture and social hub

SHOPS

- 1 **Miesai Design concept**, Ģertrūdes Str. 121
Iconic Riga Original® design gifts
- 2 **RIIJA**, Tērbatas Str. 6/8
Traditional Latvian products
- 3 **Galerija Istaba**, Kr. Barona Str. 31B
Relaxed and artistic art gallery, shop and restaurant
- 4 **Down Street Riga**, Stabu Str. 2
Vinly shop with cafe & bar
- 5 **Manilla**, Tērbatas Str. 55
Paper goods & gifts for design lovers

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 **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 **Angars**, Tallinas Str. 10
Street food market & event place, located at Tallinas quarter

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