

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

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Usually, we get around the city by bicycles and if it’s a sunny day, we begin with a bike ride through the streets of Āgenskalns area followed by a slice of pizza at “Street Pizza”.

Afterwards, we head towards the other side of Daugava, to the city centre, and once hunger approaches again, we grab a takeaway meal at “Ausmeņa Kebabs” and enjoy it in the nearby Esplanade Park. It’s also a great place where to hang out with friends or just lie in the grass and dream about life.

When tiredness takes over, we head to one of the best quality coffee spots in town - “Stars Coffee” on Čaka street - and take a cup of hot, energizing beverage.

A great finish to our day would be heading to Kalngale beach just 30 minutes away for a yoga-on-the-beach class.

Carnival Youth
Music band



For me the biggest value for living in Riga is the empty streets, lack of traffic jams and most importantly – nature. There are not a lot of capital cities that offer that. Of course, Riga offers a lot of healthy food places, restaurants and things to do, but most importantly - a lot of greenery, clean parks, river Daugava in the city center, and sea, forests, and large nature parks just a 20 minute drive from the city center. My favorite way of getting around the city is by foot or by bicycle and getting around is easy!

My favorite areas of Riga are the forests around Ķīšezers lake and Bukulti area. But I enjoy Riga the most with its empty streets, a walk through a park and the sound of birds chirping in the morning.

Armands Tripāns
Journalist, TV Host



My morning usually starts with a flat white coffee + in my opinion the best pastel de nata in town at “Kalve coffee”.

Afterwards, I might check if there is an event/ exhibition going on at “KIM” – contemporary art center. I go there often as it is a great place to enjoy art, meet friends and hang out.

Lately one of my favorite lunch spots would be “Space Falafel” in quiet center on Antonijas street, they do the most epic, you guessed it, falafels in Riga.

After a tasty lunch I might take an easy stroll around the quiet center and get a coffee at “All Cappuccino” on Vilandes street.

Sunsets are best enjoyed with pizza and a glass of wine and “Naples” restaurant in Andrejsala area is a great place where to enjoy all three.

Mārtiņš Čirulis
Photographer



Once you are in Riga, don’t hesitate to see places outside the city Center - they have plenty to offer! Āgenskalns neighbourhood contains a lot of wooden architecture, calm atmosphere, fresh air and continous greenery! Start your walk or bike ride across Akmens bridge through parks to Āgenskalns market for fresh produce of Latvian farmers, bakers and butchers. Make a stop at Eduarda Smilga street for a cold beer in the hidden terrace of bars “Pils”. Get lost in the small streets and appreciate wooden architecture. Refuel yourself with a Neapolitan pizza at “Street Pizza”. If it happens to be wednesday, end your Āgenskalns tour at “Kalnciema quarter” - on wednesdays streetfood fair takes place over there.

Marta Dzene
Architect & Riga Original editor

OUR FAVORITE PLACES IN

RIGA

**QUICK TIPS
FOR GREAT FOOD,
DRINKS AND
FRIENDLY VENUES**

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CAFÉS

- 1 **Kalve Espresso Room**, Stabu Str. 38*
Tiny yet so popular spot for fresh-roasted coffee
- 2 **Stars Coffee**, A. Čaka Str. 41*
Specialty coffee café & micro-roastery in Riga
- 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
Sourdough bakery & breakfast place with local specialty coffee

EAT OUT

- 1 **Terapija**, Bruņinieku Str. 69
Delicious vegan food, cakes and desserts
- 2 **Zivju Lete**, Dzirnau Str. 41 (restaurant) & Dzirnau Str. 63 (bistro)
Seafood restaurant / bistro & oyster bar
- 3 **Meatchef**, Tērbatas Str. 41/43
Meat bar serving superb steaks, burgers & meat sandwiches
- 4 **Street Burger**, Blaumaņa Str. 10
Local burger joint with 100% grass fed meat
- 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 **Foodbox**, Andreja Pumpura Str. 3*
Modest yet incredibly tasty Turkish kebab place
- 8 **Space Falafel**, Antonijas Str. 8
Trendy Israeli street-food place / bar / social club
- 9 **The Catch**, Antonijas Str. 12 (entrance from Dzirnau Str.)
Japanese gastropub offering sushi, sashimi & robatayaki grill
- 10 **Mr Fox**, Dzirnau Str. 34A
Healthy food place with plenty of vegan options
- 11 **Street Pizza**, Meža Str. 4A*
Artisan Neapolitan pizzas on the other coast of Daugava

BARS

- 1 Vest**, Stabu Str. 1
A city bar & a casual hangout venue
- 2 Gimlet**, Baznīcas Str. 37 *
Nordic flavour cocktail bar
- 3 Bar Six**, Ģertrūdes Str. 14
Hidden speak-easy cocktail bar

* Recommended by Riga Original followers

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 Dzirnavu and Antonija's streets will satisfy every taste and craving.

TALLIN
QUARTER

Located in a large inner courtyard between Tallinas and Miera streets, this former industrial territory has become one of the most buzzing and lively parts of town. Several bars, street food hangar, and even a concert venue make this an attractive destination.

ACROSS THE RIVER

Less visited by tourists the west bank of Daugava river is a combination of wide-open green spaces and charming wooden architecture neighbourhoods.

THE OLD TOWN

The oldest section of Riga. Well-preserved medieval architecture and narrow cobbled streets. Many cafés & restaurants, mainly focused on tourists.

BERGS BAZAAR

Take a stroll through historic shopping arcade in the heart of Riga. Small boutique shops – both casual and up-market, along with restaurants & cozy cafés.

- 4 **Labietis**, Aristīda Briāna Str. 9A - 2
Great spot for enjoying locally-made craft beers
- 5 **Vieta**, Kr. Valdemāra Str. 61
Relaxed atmosphere & excellent wine selection
- 6 **Herbārijs**, Dzirnau Str. 67
Cocktail bar / greenhouse, located on the roof of a shopping mall
- 7 **Le Magnum**, Strēlnieku Str. 2A
Champagne and wine place, serving bubbles by-the-glass

SHOPS

- 1 Miesai Design concept, Ģertrūdes Str. 121**
Iconic Rīga Original® design gifts
- 2 RIĪJA, Tērbatas Str. 6/8**
Traditional Latvian products
- 3 Galerija Istaba, Kr. Barona Str. 31B**
Relaxed and artistic art gallery, shop and restaurant
- 4 Mr. Page, Miera Str. 4**
Unique bookstore & matchmaker between books and people
- 5 M50, Miera Str. 17**
Latvian arts & crafts store
- 6 Valmiermuižas Brewery, Aristīda Briāna Str. 9a**
Beer store & bar, offering the widest selection of Latvian craft beers
- 7 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 Zanis Lipke memorial, Mazais Balasta dambis 9**
Best hidden museum in Riga, devoted to the rescuer of Jews, Zanis Lipke
- 6 Angars, Tallinas Str. 10**
Street food market & event place, located at Tallinas quarter

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