



Travel Advisory

Riga

Riga International Airport

Riga International Airport is not only the largest airport in Latvia but also in the Baltic region.

Services at Riga airport include:

- * Car rental (car hire costs lower than European average),
- * Transportation to hotels in Riga
- * Business class lounge "Solo Club"
- * Duty-free shops
- * Tourist information office

Reval Hotels in Riga are all a short taxi ride from the airport.

During recent modernisation, this main airport of Latvia was completely renewed with modern passenger check-in counters, luggage conveyors, flight information displays and waiting rooms both for check-out and arrivals area.

Tourist information (and maps of Riga, Latvia) is available on spot with possible assistance for travel and booking to neighbouring Estonia and Lithuania.

It's 13km from the airport to the centre of Riga:

- * **Taxi** – 15-20 minutes ride, expect to pay 6LS (8.5 €) for it. The taxis stop is in front of the airport.
- * **Bus** – 20-30 minutes ride, the bus stop near the car park. Bus N. 22,
- * **Rent a car** – various options at Riga Airport car hire offices, with insurance and maps

The Riga International Airport in Latvia serves well-known airlines such as Aeroflot, British Airways, CSA, Finnair, Lufthansa, SAS and the national airline Air Baltic.

How to get to Riga:

By Air:

You can fly to Riga from all major cities in Europe. Riga airport is situated 8 km from the city centre. Read more detailed information about flights to Riga.

By Sea:

Riga port is connected to Travemünde in Germany and Stockholm in Sweden by direct ferry lines.

By Road: Riga is 300 km from Tallinn, Estonia, and 700 km from Warsaw on the E67 Highway that runs to Prague.

By Bus:

There is a choice of international bus lines connecting Riga with Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Belarus, Estonia and Lithuania. The Riga International Bus Station (or Autoosta) is a few hundred meters from the train station.

By Rail:

Overnight trains with sleeper carriages link Riga with St. Petersburg, Moscow and Minsk. The central train station (or Centrālā stacija) is in the very heart of the city -a few minutes' walk from Riga's old city centre and from the Reval hotels in the city. Press here to see more detailed information about local and international train timetables.



Meeting Place

Reval Hotel Latvia

Address:
Elizabetes street 55
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Latvia

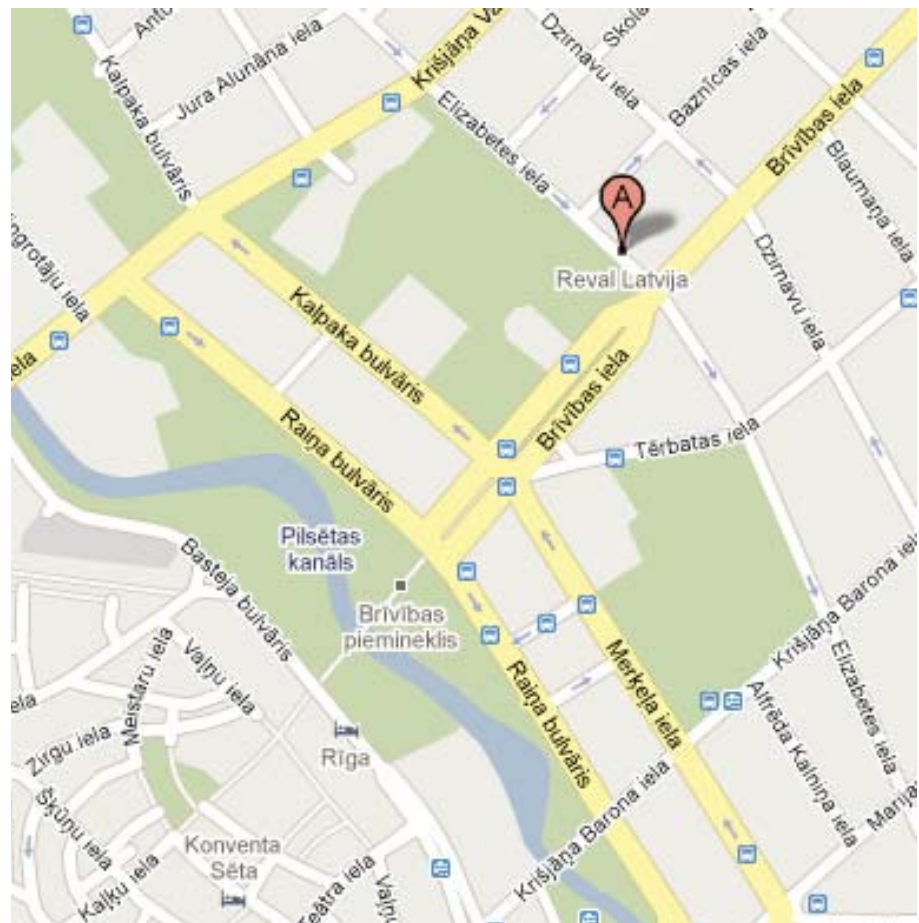
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The 93rd IEEE R8 Committee Meeting is at Reval Hotel Latvia located in the city centre, Elisabethes street 55.

How to arrive to Reval Hotel Latvia from the airport:

By taxi. Suggested taxi are RED cars and GREEN Air Baltic cars. They stop in the front of the Airport and take you to the Hotel in 20 - 25 minutes.

By bus - Bus N. 22 towards: Abrenes iela, Change Bus N. 53 towards: Esplanāde. (40 minutes ride)





Reception

Melngalvju nams/ The Blackheads house

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The Blackhead's House was first mentioned in 1334. The building was owned by the Great Guild that sprang up not later than in the 14th century. The Guild consisted of the privileged groups of merchants and landholders in the Baltics and had a great influence on the town council work.

In the 15th century, the house was rented out to the Blackheads Merchant Guild and became their property in 1713. Blackheads organization was a union of unmarried foreign merchants who lived in the Baltic towns without families. Blackheads' houses were clubs and communities at the same time.

This beautiful Gothic building with a Dutch Renaissance facade was destroyed in 1941, during World War II. It was just recently rebuilt in honor of the city's 800th anniversary in 2001. The building is now open to the public. The renewed building, wide and squat topped with mechanical clocks, is so authentic that it looks like as if it was transported directly from the 14th century.

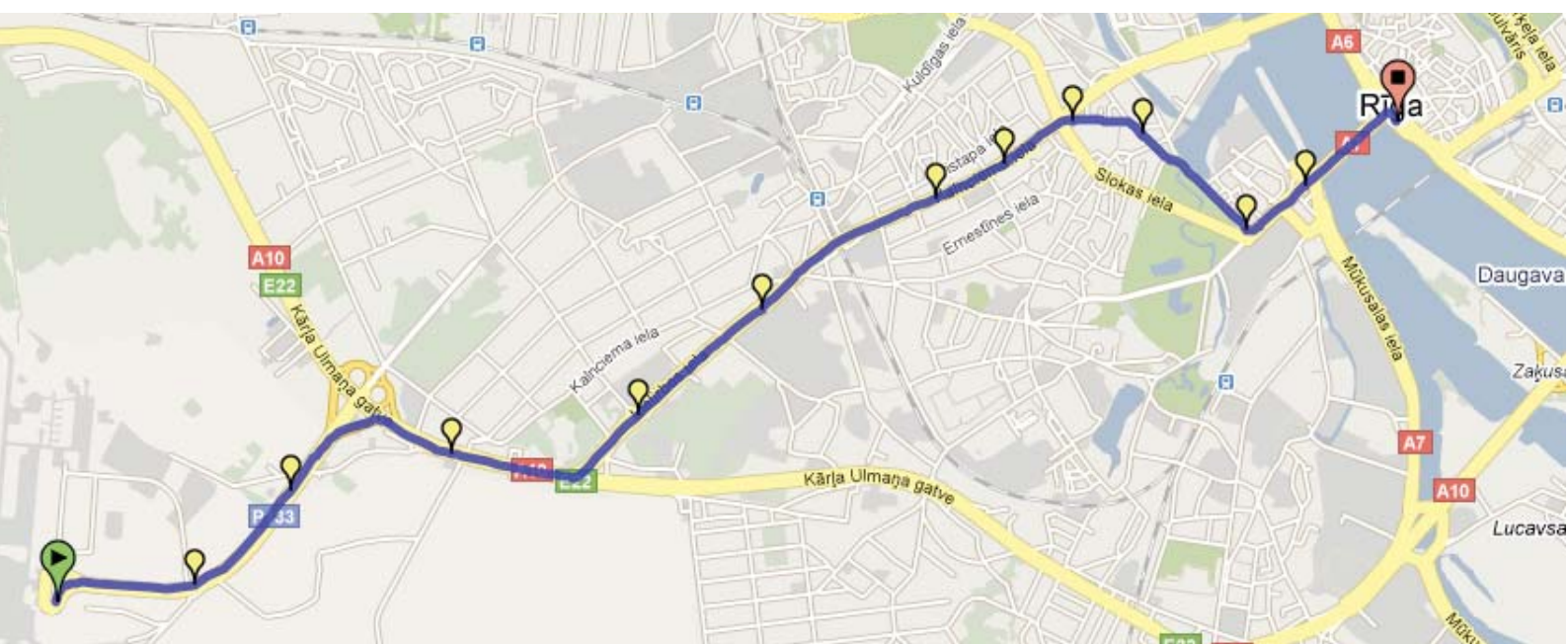


How to get to Riga city centre from Riga International Airport:

By bus - 20-30 minutes ride, the bus stop near the car park. Bus N. 22



By Taxi – 15-20 minutes ride, expect to pay 6LS (8.5 €) for it. The taxis stop is in front of the airport. Suggested taxi are Rigas Taksometru Parks - RED CAB and Airbaltic GREEN TAXI.



How to get to Melngalvju nams from Reval Hotel Latvia:

It takes 10 - 15 minutes walking.

