



How do locals choose where to go? I ask, because there are so many fantastic watering holes here, each within a few minutes' walk of one another!

MELISSA FROM AUSTRALIA

I don't know what gives me greater pleasure – the beer or the pub atmosphere.

A LADY FROM LITHUANIA

Before the excursion, I had three favourite beers in two pubs; now I have 15 favourite beers in all ten bars.

GATIS FROM RIGA

Can I transport a box of beer on the plane as hand luggage?

SASCHA FROM GERMANY

RIGA BEER DISTRICT

Beer is in Latvians' blood and brewing is part of their DNA. Therefore, it is no surprise that the craft brewery boom has found some highly fertile soil in Latvia.

Tellingly, the Riga Beer District is home to three historical breweries: Kimmel, Kunzendorff and Stritzky. Although these giants did not survive the turbulence of history, the spirit of beer lives on. First of all, Valmiermuiža Brewery established its Riga Embassy in the former von Stritzky Brewery, one after another, a host of new pubs opened their doors in this neighbourhood, some of which even installed their own brewing apparatus.

Actively encouraged by the founder of Valmiermuiža Brewery, and united by the desire to promote the diversity of flavours offered by small craft breweries to beer lovers from near and far, the neighbours decided to join forces and launch the Riga Beer District.

Welcome to a two and a half kilometre route with ten stops, where you can taste over 200 varieties of Latvian craft beer!

BEER TRADITIONS IN LATVIA

Every nation's identity is linked to its food and beverages, especially those served on festive occasions.

Latvia has always been a greenhouse for small brewers. Back in the Middle Ages, when the brewing of beer was dominated across Europe by abbeys and the nobility, the Latvian farmer could brew beer as he pleased.

The industrial brewing boom from the late 18th to the early 20th century was ended by the First World War. Thereafter, the government of independent Latvia passed various laws restricting the brewing and sale of beer. The Soviet occupation followed with the twists and turns of the socialist planned economy, which merely served to reinforce Latvians' belief that beer is something you should take personal responsibility for.

After the renewal of independence, many Latvian clans retained their knowhow and simple brewing equipment. Aided by their spirit of enterprise, this led to the birth of numerous craft breweries.



In the 19th century, Riga's breweries worked non-stop and beer flowed in torrents. Popular with locals, Riga's beer was also exported to cities across the empire.

Three great breweries stood shoulder to shoulder – it was said that the water here was simply perfect for brewing beer.

The first was opened in 1796 by Baltic-German trader Gustav Kunzendorff on Matveja Street. In 1850, a Peter Rudolf Kimmel long-established family brewery moved to a new beer and malt production facility on Bruņinieku Street. And in 1868, a Baltic-German trader and entrepreneur Karl Kristoph von Stritzky bought a brewery on Nikolaja Street. Today, these historic brewery buildings form the backdrop for the Riga Beer District.



AN ADVENTURE FOR EVERY BEER LOVER

Over 200 of Latvia's craft beer varieties in 10pubs, beer kitchens and brewpubs

Riga is worth visiting for its beer, architecture and history. In that order. And tonight we saw all three.

GŽEGOŠS FROM POLAND

 **30 min.**

Riga Beer District – only half an hour's walk from the Freedom Monument!

 **15 min.**

From the city centre, easy to get to on the No.11 tram No.3 or No.5 trolleybuses.

 **7–10 min.**

Starting from the city centre, a taxi will cost you from EUR 4 to 6, depending on the taxi firm you choose and how heavy the traffic is.



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**VALMIERMUIŽAS
BEER EMBASSY**

1

Aristida Briāna Street 9A

If you appreciate classic beer in new manifestations, visit the Valmiermuiža Beer Embassy! Tuck into a proper meal at the Beer Kitchen and enjoy the fusion of beer and food. In turn, visit the boutique and discover the widest selection of Latvian craft beers including around 100 bottled varieties and 17 on tap.

Kitchen 🍷 19 🍺 25 Boutique 🍷 17 🍺 100



LABIETIS

2

Aristida Briāna Street 9A

Intoxicating wonders are dreamed up at the Labietis beer workshop, brewed according to centuries' old traditions. At the workshop, you can enjoy beers brewed on site, as well as observe the brewing process. Here you'll find out how brewers collection their ingredients in forests and meadows and where the search for our ancestors' yeast takes place.

🍷 12 🍺 20



**ZIEMEĻU
ENKURS**

3

Matisa Street 8

The Ziemeļu enkurs brew pub was jointly founded by brewer Dāvis and sailor Klāvs, and it embodies the spirit and durability typical of Latvians as a proud nation of seafarers. Enkurs has a special aura, as exemplified by the view of the Kunzendorff brewery buildings from the pub terrace.

🍷 12



ALKĪMIĶIS

4

Lāčplēša Street 12

The four beer varieties that are always on sale at Alķīmiķis are complemented by four seasonal brews that vary depending on the time of the year. And to maintain the curiosity of regulars, a special beer of the month is available each and every month. Delicious food, a friendly atmosphere and audacious beer.

🍷 8 🍺 15



BEER PUBS



KANĒPES CC
Skolas Street 15

5

Immerse yourself in the epicentre of cultural life in Riga. Experience the very latest developments in contemporary art and a truly great selection of beers brewed in Latvia!

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TAKA

Miera Street 10

6

Taka is the testing ground for Latvia's small breweries – this is the place to come to sample all the latest experiments in the world of Latvian beer.

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ZOBENS UN LEMESS

Aristida Briāna Street 10

7

Heavy metal and proper beer – Zobens and Lemess is the pub for every pagan who appreciates the sturdy things in life.

🍷 6 🍺 18



WALTERS & GRAPA

Miera Street 41

8

When some friends got tired of partying in their apartment, they opened a bar, where they could party till dawn. Good music and good beer.

🍷 8 🍺 42



VEST

Stabu Street 1

9

At Vest, the robustness of the interior is offset by a refined selection of beers and food. Around 50 brews and vinyl on weekend evenings.

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AUTENTIKA

Bruninieku Street 2

10

This bar has made its home in an old brewery, where it hosts unique events, each with their own individual visual and musical aura, not to mention delicious beer.

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ALUS BĀRI