

EXETER INTERNATIONAL

A Sample Private Shore Excursion
Riga, Latvia
with your personal English-speaking guide.

Featuring Exeter International Extraordinary Experiences
Backstage Tour of the Riga Opera House



Day 1

Riga

This morning you will be met by your guide on the pier for a tour of Riga's Old Town. You will visit the 13th Century St. Peter's Church which was destroyed during World War II and rebuilt by the Russians. A good place to start any tour is atop the spire, where you can see the whole of Riga laid out before you. This is the perfect way to get your bearings before you actually wander down the cobble-stoned streets.

From here you may see the exterior of the Dome Cathedral one of the largest and most distinctive houses of worship in the region (it is under reconstruction for the next few years). Begun in the 13th Century, the cathedral has gone through one construction after another and is now a curious combination of Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque and other styles. The church walls are crammed with plaques celebrating the glories of Latvia's medieval rulers. The Dome Cathedral is also renowned for its gigantic church organ, complete with 6,768 pipes. It's the fourth largest organ in the world.

Later this morning you will view the famous House of Cats with cat sculptures perched on the top of its roof and hear about the intrigue surrounding these feline figures. Good examples of medieval dwellings are the Three Brothers, dating to the 15th Century when Riga was part of the Hanseatic League. It's the oldest stone house in Latvia and houses an architecture museum. Also see the House of Blackheads and the Town Hall miraculously risen from the ashes of war. These buildings and the cobblestone square around them were destroyed in a 1941 bombing raid. The Swedish Gate, an old city gate built by ruling Swedes in 1698, is the only gate still standing from Riga's old-city wall torn down in the 1800's.



You will also visit the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, dedicated to the Nazi and Soviet occupations of Latvia. The various exhibits display the atrocities committed against the people of Latvia and the systematic destruction of their

nation's sovereignty. Visitors can walk into a reconstructed gulag barracks and catch a glimpse of the intolerable living conditions in Siberian labor camps.

Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

Join your guide at the Riga Opera House for your exclusive backstage tour! The magnificent 19th-Century Opera House, has undergone a thorough renovation. Your private tour will be guided by a local historian and expert on the history of the Opera House itself, as well as its famous performers, such as the legendary ballet dancer Baryshnikov.

Exeter Services

Full-day Vehicle Driver and Guide



Prices:

Number of Travelers	2011 Per Person Price
2	\$750
3 - 4	\$575
5 - 9	\$450
10 - 15	\$300

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

*Your itinerary includes...***Services**

Private vehicle and driver at your service as described. Private English-speaking guide at your service as described. A full-day is generally eight hours in duration. A half-day is generally three and a half hours in duration.

Transfers

All transfers to and from your cruise ship are included in the program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal between as noted in your itinerary. Guides may assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater tickets at your request.

Theater

None Included.

Tickets

All museum tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Independent Shore Programs

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal for full or half-day sightseeing programs as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, your driver and guide are at your disposal, so you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Your copy of "Travel Tips" contains suggested gratuity guidelines for your consideration. Gratuities may be extended in the local currency, U.S. Dollars or Euro.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

PAYMENT

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 10% of the total program cost or \$250 per person, whichever is greater, before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

All Exeter International U.S. Resident guests receive \$50,000 per person in emergency medical coverage and emergency medical evacuation insurance.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2011. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International is under no obligation to give breakdown costs involved in any Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
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