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To the Bella Dvina region

# Traveller's Guide

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## Geography

The Bella Dvina region is located right in the centre of Europe and occupies a part of Vitebsk region of Belarus (Verhnedvinsk district, Rossory district, Bešenkoviči district, Miory district, Šarkovščina district, Vitebsk district, Gorodok district) and Latgale (Latvia). Vitebsk region is located in the north of Belarus, right in the Zapadnaya Dvina midstream and in the upper reaches of Dnepr. The total area of the region is 40,000 sq.km or 19,4 % of the area of the Republic of Belarus.

The region is 75 to 176 km from north to south and more than 300 km from west to east. The region borders on Lithuania, Latvia and the Russian Federation (Smolensk, Pskov regions). In the west, the region borders on Grodno region, in the south – Minsk and Mogilev regions of the Republic of Belarus. Latgale ([www.latgale.lv](http://www.latgale.lv)) is located in the south-east of Latvia.



## Major cities

Vitebsk (346,000 people), Daugavpils (105,000 people), Novopolotsk (101,000 people.), Polotsk (84,000 people), Rezekne (37,000 people).



## Climate

The climate of the region is mild continental influenced by Atlantic air masses, with rainy indulgent summer, mild winter with thaws, changing weather in fall and winter. July is the hottest month of the year with average temperatures of 18°C rising up to +32°C. The average winter temperature is - 5°C with possible severe frosts. Snow cover is not stable, sometimes reaching 40 cm. The region's mean annual rainfall totals at 700 mm. 70% of rainfalls fall on April-October (weather forecasts from [www.pogoda.by](http://www.pogoda.by), [www.meteo.lv](http://www.meteo.lv)).

## Time zone

The region is part of East European Time zone, two hours ahead of Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT+2).



## Language

The official language of Latvia is Latvian (Latin alphabet), in Belarus — Belarusian and Russian (Cyrillic alphabet). Foreign language competence is not common everywhere in the region (most Latvians, however, understand and speak Russian).



Know state  
holidays to get  
a chance to see  
festive events or  
not to be caught  
by unexpected  
days off...

# Holiday calendar

## BELARUS

**January 1** – New Year

**January 7** – Christmas (Orthodox)

**March 8** – Women's Day

**9-th day after the Orthodox Easter** – Radunitsa  
(commemoration of the dead)

**May 1** – Labour Day

**May 9** – Victory Day

**July 3** – Independence Day of the Republic of  
Belarus

**November 7** – October Revolution Day

**December 25** – Christmas (Catholic)

## LATVIA

**January 1** – New Year

**2nd weekend of April** – Easter

**May 1** – Day of Latvian Republic Constitutional  
Convention

**May 4** – Day of Latvian Republic Independence

**May 10** – Mother's day

**June 23** – Ligo feast

**June 24** – Jan feast

**November 18** – Day of Latvian Republic  
Annunciation

**December 25** – Christmas Day

**December 26** – Second day of Christmas

**December 31** – New Year's Eve





Christianity is the most popular religion in Belarus (official portal of Belarusian Orthodox church: <http://www.church.by>). Belarusian Christians profess Russian Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Uniate religion, Protestantism. Judaism and Islam are the most popular religions among all the rest. In general there are more than 25 religious confessions in Belarus. The most popular denomination in Latvia is the Evangelic Lutheran Church, the eastern part of the country are Roman Catholic. The Russian Orthodox community of Latgale is also quite large.



Exchange money in  
advance -  
currency exchange  
offices can be  
scarce.

## Currency

The national currency of Belarus is Belarusian ruble (BYR); it is not a fully convertible currency, so you cannot buy it before arriving to the country. There are 11 types of bank notes circulating in Belarus with the values of 10 to 100,000 rubles. The exchange rate is 1 EUR = 4010 BRB, 1 USD = 2890 BRB (currency exchange information – [www.nbrb.by](http://www.nbrb.by)). You can exchange the foreign currency for Belarusian rubles in bank branches or currency exchange offices in hotels, supermarkets or major shops. Bank branches work 9am to 6 pm 24/6, Sundays off. Exchange offices of supermarkets or shops work up to the closing time of the latter. Exchange offices of railway stations or shops, working day-night, work 24/7 as well. ATTENTION! Do not try to exchange currency with private individuals, as it violates the Belarusian legislation, and can result in money withdrawal; please, note that these operations are scam by most part.

Credit and payment cards have not been used in Belarus up to the 1990s. Even today plastic cards are not that well-spread; however major hotels, restaurants, shops and service centres accept Visa and MasterCard. Other cards are quite limited (pay attention that Discovery and American Express cards do not operate in the Republic of Belarus).



Traveller's checks American Express and Thomas Cook are accepted by major exchange centres, banks, but not by retail trade centres and shops.

The national currency of Latvia is Lat (Ls or LVL), which equals to 100 santīms. Bank note values are 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 500 lats, coins -1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 santīms, as well as 1, 2 and 100 lats. Lat is a fully convertible currency. Exchange rate is 1 EUR = 0.7028 LVL, 1 USD = 0.4890 LVL (currency exchange information - [www.bank.lv](http://www.bank.lv)). Latvian hotels, restaurants, cafes and major shops accept international cards Eurocard, Mastercard, Visa, JCB, Diner's Club, American Express, Eurocheque, electronic cash cards, issued by Latvian banks. You can also get cash day-night in banks and ATMs of Latvia. The most popular traveller's checks in Latvia are American Express and Thomas Cook.

When traveling  
abroad, don't  
forget to get your  
roaming!

...otherwise, buy a  
phone card.

## Phone service

long distance call from Belarus:

8 + city code + telephone number

long distance call to Belarus:

international access code + 375 + city code  
(without "0") + telephone number

telephone codes information service: 153,  
[www.beltelecom.by](http://www.beltelecom.by)

international dialling codes of the Bella Dvina  
region:

Vitebsk 0212

Bešenkoviči 02131

Verhnedvinsk 02151

Gorodok 02139

Miory 02152

Novopolotsk 0214

Polotsk 0214

Rossony 02159

Šarkovščina 02154

long distance call from Belarus:

8 + 10 + country code + city code +  
telephone number

call from Belarus to Latvia:

8 + 10 + 371 + city code+ telephone number

call from Belarus to Daugavpils (Latvia):

8 + 10 + 371 + 54 + telephone number

call from Belarus to Russia:

8 + 10 + 7 + city code+ telephone number

call from Belarus to Moscow (Russia):

8 + 10 + 7 + 495 + telephone number

call from Belarus to Lithuania:

8 + 10 + 370 + city code+ telephone number

call from Belarus to Estonia:

8 + 10 + 372 + city code+ telephone number

call from Belarus to Poland:

8 + 10 + 48 + city code+ telephone number

call from Belarus to Germany:

8 + 10 + 49 + city code+ telephone number

fixed-to-mobile call:

8 + network provider code + 7-digit number.

Phone booth system is wide spread in the majority of Belarusian cities; however most of the phone booths cannot be used for long distance calls. Phone booth system is developed only in big cities; in small towns broad-based phone booths are installed at the central post-office (general post office). A special dial-up card can be used for calling from phone booths in Belarus. Most of the time, you will not be able to use cash, credit and payment cards for that purpose, but you can easily buy calling cards at any post office or news-stand.

In Latvia you can use either any public phone booth or ordinary telephone to make a long distance call, the only thing you have to know is international dialling code. You can find booths of public telephones in the streets or any public places - stations, bus service stations, supermarkets, etc., inside you will find information on the use of telephone in Latvia, international dialling codes as well as catalogues of Latvian telephones. In order to make a call from any public telephone, you need a phone card, which can be purchased at almost any kiosk or shop ( Ls 2.00, 5.00 and 10.00). An optional service of public phone booth is a possibility to receive a call and order a call, paid by the call recipient.

**Long distance call to Latvia:**

**code of Latvia (+371) + regional code + telephone number**

**Call from Latvia to Belarus:**

**00 + 375 + city code + telephone number**

**Call from Latvia to Russia:**

**00 + 7 + city code + telephone number**

**International dialling codes of the Bella Dvina region:**

**Daugavpils 54**

**Kraslava 56**

**Ludza 57**

**Local call provider 116**

**International call provider 115**

**Support service Lattelekom 8008008 (<http://www.lattelecom.lv>)**



## MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Belarus:

Velcom [www.velcom.by](http://www.velcom.by)

Mobilnye TeleSistemy [www.mts.by](http://www.mts.by)

life:) [www.life.com.by](http://www.life.com.by)

Latvia:

Latvijas Mobilais Telefons [www.lmt.lv](http://www.lmt.lv)

Tele 2 [www.tele2.lv](http://www.tele2.lv)

Bureau LLC "ZetCOM" [www.amigo.lv](http://www.amigo.lv)

## EMERGENCY

Belarus:

**101** – Rescue service

**102** – Police

**103** – Emergency Call service

**199** – Information service of emergency numbers

Latvia:

**01** – Fire emergency

**02** – Police

**03** – Rescue service

**04** – Gas service

**112** – Emergency Medical Service

**7377000** – Road accidents service

## INTERNET ACCESS

There are several ways to get access to Internet in Belarus.

First is telephone connection through your computer. If you have your computer (laptop) with you, make a dial-up connection at the computer.

You don't have to sign up any service contract in order to use this service.

Here you have two variants:

- Internet card (the majority of internet service providers sell internet cards with a password and an identification number for a certain period of time. At the reverse side of the card find information (in Russian) on the internet access setup);
- "Pay as you go" access by "Beltelecom". Belarusian state company "Beltelecom" ([www.beltelecom.by](http://www.beltelecom.by)) provides "pay as you go access" service by means of dialling a number from your computer. The cost of the Internet time will be included in the telephone bill of the telephone line owner. To make a connection, dial the number p8w600100 and use any user name and password.

### Internet Cafes.

Use an Internet Cafe to have internet access; there are both state ("Beltelecom") and private Internet Cafes.

### Wi-Fi in Belarus

Check all Wi-Fi hotspots in Belarus at <http://it.tut.by/wifi.html>.



Latvia is characterized by a very high level of Internet technologies. Recent research of the world broadband Internet quality, conducted by Oxford University (UK) and Oviedo (Spain) with support of Cisco Company, proved that Latvia is among world leaders of Internet access quality, ranking sixth after South Korea, Japan, Sweden, Lithuania and Bulgaria. According to the information provided by the Latvian Public Service Control Commission, there are more than 160 official Internet providers in the country, maintaining more than 450 Wi-Fi hotspots. Starting from 1 October 2009, Wi-Fi access is available to passengers of the train Moscow - Riga. No additional payment is charged only on the territory of Latvia, but Wi-Fi provider Triatel promises to provide Internet access along the whole route. The train St. Petersburg-Riga is next in turn. In the near future, regional trains and buses will also get free Internet access. As of today, Triatel holds negotiations with Latvian railway and local bus transporters. Almost all (82%) workplaces in Latvia have wireless Internet access. According to the information of Latvian Internet Association, the number of Internet users in 2009 reached 1 500 000 people. Hotel internet access provision is a usual practice. Read more about Internet access and Wi-Fi in Latvia on the website of Lattelecom (<http://www.lattelecom.lv>)

## POST SERVICE

### Postal codes:

Vitebsk 210000  
Bešenkoviči 211350  
Verhnedvinsk 211620  
Gorodok 211540  
Miory 211930  
Novopolotsk 211940  
Polotsk 211400  
Rossony 211460  
Šarkovščina 211910

### Postal codes:

Daugavpils LV-5401, LV-5402  
LV-5405, LV-5410, LV-5417, LV-5420  
LV-5422, LV-5465  
Rēzekne LV-4601, LV-4604, LV-4605  
Aglona LV-5304  
Balvi LV-4501  
Krāslava LV-5601  
Ludza LV-5701, LV-5301  
Jēkabpils LV-5201, LV-5202, LV-5206  
Dagda LV-5674  
Līvāni LV-5316

More information:  
[www.belpost.by](http://www.belpost.by)  
[www.pasts.lv](http://www.pasts.lv)

# Insurance

*Never hurts,  
can come to  
help!*

According to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, all foreign temporary residents of the country must have a compulsory medical insurance for medical treatment in state medical and emergency facilities in cases of unexpected disease or accident. In order to obtain Belarusian visa one should have tourist insurance. Apart from that all foreign citizens must have medical insurance agreement with Belarusian insurance company or authorized foreign insurance company, and an insurance policy issued by an insurance company. Insurance policy, issued by foreign insurance company, must be valid on the territory of the Republic of Belarus within the duration of stay and must cover all insured cases, stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Belarus. Minimal insurance liability sum is five thousand US dollars. You can purchase medical insurance policy at borders of Belarus as well at airports and railroad stations in the offices of Belarusian insurance companies. Medical insurance policy is not obligatory for the individuals which cross the Belarusian territory with transit visas, for diplomatic officials and official delegations, air and railway transport personnel, citizens of CIS, bearers of "Titre de Voyage", i.e. documents issued to the stateless persons and refugees. More information <http://www.belgosstrakh.by>



Foreign citizens who cross Latvian border must also have a valid life and health insurance policy covering the expenses for the healthcare services, emergency medical care, treatment of chronic diseases aggravations, transportation to the nearest medical treatment facility or back to the home country.

Vaccination is not obligatory before leaving for Latvia or Belarus; however, if you plan to stay on the territory of the Bella Dvina region within the period of March-October, you should rather be vaccinated against tick-borne encephalitis. If you plan to spend your vacation in nature's lap, go hiking or camping in the countryside or in the forest, take care of vaccination.

Prepare your documents beforehand, check their expiration dates! :



## Visa

Entry of foreign citizens to the Republic of Belarus is allowed upon presentation of valid passports or similar documents with visas, except for the citizens of CIS, Cuba, North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Macedonia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Serbia, Montenegro and the bearers of diplomatic passports of certain states.

### How to obtain a visa?

Visas are issued by:

- consular departments of Belarus
- diplomatic representations of Belarus
- consular office of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the National Airport "Minsk" (for the countries that have no Belarusian representations)

In order to obtain a visa you should submit the following documents to the local consular department or representative office:

- filled-out **visa application**

- **1 photo of passport format**
- **supporting documents** (original of **written invitation** with the seal and signature of the host company)
- **other documents, specified by the consular department** (depending on the purpose of the visit and the type of visa required)
- **passport** (expiration date shall not be less than 90 days from the date of visa expiration)

As a rule, Belarusian visa is issued within 5 working days; it is also possible to get an express visa (within 48 hours) with double payment. Standard costs for Belarusian single visit and business visas are 40 and 140 US dollars respectively.

Children up to 16 years old can obtain a visa on free basis, except for certain Belarusian embassies and consular departments, where you have to cover visa issue expenses.

Border crossing points of the Republic of Belarus have no consular departments and do not deal with the questions of visa issue (apart from the National Airport "Minsk" [www.airport.by](http://www.airport.by)).

Starting with 1 January 2010, several changes have been introduced to visa procurement procedure.

Three types of visas, namely B (transit), C (short-term) or D (long-term) can be obtained in order to enter the Republic of Belarus. Visa types can be subdivided into single entry visas, double entry visas and multiple entry visas.

Transit visa (type B) is obtained for transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus for the stated term, but for no more than 1 year, and is valid within the period of 2 days from the day of entering the territory of the Republic of Belarus.

Transit visa can be issued for single, double and multiple transits through the territory of the Republic of Belarus upon presentation of the destination country visa.

If the visa to the third destination country is not required, other grounds are considered for transit visa procurement, including railway, airway, vehicular transportation tickets, or booking confirmation.

The following documents are considered as visa support documents, required for obtaining short-term visa (type C) for the term of up to 90 days:

- business contacts: original copy of request of legal entity of the Republic of Belarus, drawn at company's letterhead paper, stating full name of the person, postal address and telephone number.

If it is the first time when a legal entity applies for a visa, it has to submit some extra documents on annual basis, proving its state registration (copy of registration certificate, copy of tax identification number).\*

\*(representatives of foreign companies, banks, individual entrepreneurs etc. have no legal entity status and, correspondingly, have no right for drawing applications);

- private business: original copy of an invitation, written in due order through the Department of Citizenship and Migration of Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus at the place of residence of the inviting party.

The visa can be drawn without the corresponding invitation with presentation of:

- a statement confirming the necessity of an urgent trip to the Republic of Belarus in the event of serious illness or death of close relatives, approved by a doctor;
  - document, proving the availability of immovable property on the territory of the Republic of Belarus;
  - legal notification;
  - information of the Belarusian Red Cross Society or executive committee, proving the burial in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and preservation of the grave of close relatives of foreign citizens;
  - other documents;
- tourist purposes: sealed request of a Belarusian tourist agency, drawn at company's letterhead paper stating the full name of the tourist agency, its address and telephone number; or request of a resort or recreation centre, drawn at company's letterhead stating the full name, its address and telephone number, purpose, period of residence of a foreign citizen, services provided, voucher reservation and full or partial service pre-payment, as well as sealed obligations of a resort or recreation centre on observance of rules of stay on the territory of the Republic of Belarus; or request of the citizen of the Republic of Belarus and copies of documents, proving his right to render services in the sphere of agroecotourism.

A visa can be issued for the term stated in the request, but not more than for 30 days.

Resolution on visa issuance is taken by the Consular Department official, on the grounds of documents submitted, results of the enquiry and interview.

Consular Department official has the right to reduce the multiplicity and validity term of visa.

Resolution on issue or visa denial is final. Consular Department official does not have to state the reasons for visa denial.

At the end of 2009, the Government enacted a Special part to the Tax Code of the Republic of Belarus resulting in the **unification of charge rates** for consular services by foreign institutions.

That means the charges for visa issuance are determined by the Special part of the Tax Code of the Republic of Belarus as following: **60 Euro** – for single short-term visa and **150 Euro** – for multiple long-

term visa. The price of **group visa (5 persons), including tourist visa is 10 Euro** per person.

Citizens of Great Britain and USA are charged in reciprocal way as citizens of Belarus in British and American embassies: **78 and 100 US dollars** – for transit visa (without considering multiplicity), **114 and 131 US dollars** – for short-term visa (without considering multiplicity), **366 and 350 US dollars** – for long-term visa correspondingly.

Charge rate on basis of reciprocity are applied to citizens of Hungary, Iran, China, Malta, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Turkmenistan.

Visa procurement for citizens of Serbia (for the term of more than 30 days) and Japan is free in compliance with the existing international agreements with the Republic of Belarus.

Please, take into account that visas to citizens of neighbouring countries – Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Estonia – are procured at reduced rates, introduced by Belarus **unilaterally: 25 Euro** – for single short-term visa and **60 Euro** – for multiple short-term visa.

#### **Visas procurement at the National Airport “Minsk”**

The world system of **visas procurement in airports** is not well-developed. For example, major Schengen states and other leading world countries do not have such a system. In airports of some countries it is still possible to get a permission for short-term stay (up to 5 days), in other – just tourist visas.

National airport “Minsk” applies such system **primarily** in order to render consular services to the citizens of the states, **which do not have diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Belarus**, and deals with procurement of all types of visas. They are **granted within half an hour and in the presence of a foreign citizen**. It is evident that such a procedure and the corresponding airport infrastructure **are quite expensive**, and ultimately affects the **final cost of visas issued (the visa is 2 – 3 times more expensive)**. All these procedures fully **correspond to the applied international world system of document execution at the earliest possible date**.

Department of Foreign Citizens of the Main Consular Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as DFC) considers the requests for Belarusian visa procurement from foreign citizens and stateless persons which arrive at the National airport “Minsk” from the states, where there are no diplomatic representations and consular departments of the Republic of Belarus.

Visa procurement requests of the states with diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Belarus (Austria, Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Great Britain, Hungary, Vietnam, Germany, Egypt, Israel, India, Iran, Canada, Korea, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, the Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, the USA, France,



Czech, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Estonia, Republic of South Africa, Japan) are considered by DFC on extraordinary occasions. DFC deals with procurement and issuance of all types of entry permits: type B – transit, type C – short-term, and type D – long-term.

Documents for long-term multiple visa procurement (type D) must be submitted to the Main consular department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (37a, K. Marx str., Minsk) after preliminary approval of the list of documents to be submitted (contact telephone number +375 17 222 26 61).

The following documents must be submitted to DFC in order to procure visas to the Republic of Belarus:

1. one copy of **visa application form** for the entry to the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as visa application form) with one photo + one copy of **Annex to visa application form** – for citizens of the states with unfavorable migration policy, stating the name of the inviting party and its address in Belarus.

Visa application form must be legibly filled in by the foreign citizen manually or with the help of technical facilities in Russian, Belarusian, English or any other international language.

The answers to visa application form questions must be full and logical and state the actual aim of the trip.

Visa application form must contain the personal signature of a foreign citizen;

2. original passport or any other travel document. The documents should not raise any doubts in respect of authenticity and must belong to the owner, shall not contain notes, records, erasures and amendments, not certified by the competent authorities of the corresponding foreign state, torn or untapped pages, must have blank visa sheet, and their validity term should expire not earlier than 90 days from the date of visa expiration;

3. visa support documents (see detailed information below);

4. additional documents required for taking decision on visa procurement (upon request of the consular official).

5. confirmation of consular fee payment.

For further information on visas and consular fees please refer to the official site of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus ([www.mfa.gov.by](http://www.mfa.gov.by)).

### **A tour abroad: a few tips on how to get ready for it**

In order to enter a foreign country you must have a valid passport and visa or any other authorization document, stipulated by the national legislation of a foreign state.

Before leaving the country, learn as much information as you can about the country you are going to, i.e. political situation, customs and behaviour.

### **Going abroad**

Check validity term of your passport and your visa to the destination country. Make a photocopy of your passport or write down the number, the date and the place of passport issue on a separate sheet of paper.

Please note that your passport must not be damaged, shall not have any spots or unauthorized records. Always carry your passport on you and never use it as a documentary pledge.

Take other documents proving your identity; you may use them in case you lose your passport or in case it is stolen. It might also be a good idea to have 2-3 photos, including those of your children in case they are travelling with you.

Check and carry on you the address of the host company; do not forget tourist vouchers and official invitations.

Your medical insurance is quite important, so refer to tried-and-true agencies and learn more about medical services provided in the host country and payment terms.

Should you need any competent legal advice, please, ask at the consular department of Belarus (for citizens of Belarus), Latvia (for citizens of Latvia) or other relevant state.

### **In case of emergency**

Should you be arrested by local law enforcement agencies, in case of any threats from any third parties, road traffic accidents or any other emergency situations, immediately contact the embassy or consular department of the Republic of Belarus (for citizens of Belarus), Latvia (for citizens of Latvia), or other relevant state.

Do not sign any protocols or other documents in foreign language without an official from the consular department. According to the legislation of several countries, these documents can be considered the basis for criminal charge.

Do not forget to fill the customs declaration when crossing the border of some countries, according to the local legislation.

Please, bear in mind that your medical insurance is important, and if there arise any problems with it, you can have big expenses in case of illness or accident.

Do not forget to make copies of all your trip documents; that can help you if you lose your passport or in any other similar situations in the host country.

### **Latvian visa**

EU citizens do not have to obtain a visa to enter Latvia. Citizens of Russia and CIS need a national **Latvian** or **Schengen visa** to enter Latvia, as on December 21 2007 Latvia became the member of **Schengen zone**.

In case you have residence permit in one of Schengen countries, you can cross the Latvian border without visa for the term of up to three months

within half a year. The citizens of EU, the USA, Canada, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and some other countries do not need a visa.

Latvia, as well as other countries of **Schengen zone**, can issue **the following categories of visa**:

**Schengen transit visa** (type A and B). This type of visa is issued only for transit cross through the territory of Latvia for the period of no more than 5 days. In order to obtain such a visa you need a proof that the shortest route goes through Schengen countries. A visa is issued on the ground of valid visa to the destination country.

**Schengen entry visa** (type C). Validity term of such a visa is from 1 month to 5 years (depending on the aim of your visit), in such case the continuous stay in Schengen zone will be up to 3 months within half a year.

**Visa with a limited territorial validity** (type B or C). You need such a visa if you do not have an entry permit to at least one Schengen country. The visa shall be valid only for entering the countries, stated in the visa, but not to all Schengen countries; meaning that if visa information states that it is valid only in the territory of the Latvian Republic, you cannot enter any other Schengen country with such a visa.

**National (long-term) visa** (type D). You will need such a visa if you plan to stay in Latvia for more than 3 months within half a year. In this case you will not be able to move freely through the territory of other Schengen countries – the visa is valid only for Latvia. This visa shall be valid for transit cross through the territory of other Schengen states in order to get to Latvia.

The aforementioned visas can be **single/double entry and multiple**:

If you have **single/double entry visa**, issued by the embassy of Latvia, you can enter the territory of Schengen countries through Latvia only once (or twice). You should better follow this rule, because if your visa is issued by the Latvian embassy, and you are going to the country other than Latvia, you will have to provide explanations while crossing the border; if your answer is unpersuasive, the authorities can deny your entry. You can return back from any Schengen country whatsoever.

If you have **a multiple entry visa (multivisa)** you can enter not only Latvia but any other Schengen state as many times as you like; however do not forget that the total duration limit of your stay in the territory of Schengen states shall not exceed 90 days in half a year.

**Where I can obtain a visa: embassies and consular departments of Latvia**

**The reason** for obtaining either Schengen or national visa, depending on the purpose of your visit (private, business, education, tourism) can be the following:

- Invitation of an individual, company, enterprise or tourist company
- Information proving enrollment in an educational institution
- Confirmation of hotel reservation

### Who has to make an invitation?

In fact, it depends on the aim of your visit; you friends, relatives, business partners or even a tourist company can act as an inviting party. Citizens, non-citizens of Latvia, stateless persons, having a valid travel document, issued by Latvian authorities as well as individuals having permanent residence permit in Latvia shall have the right to write an invitation.

- If you go to Latvia to visit your friends or relatives, they have to write and send you an invitation;
- An invitation, approved by the Department of Migration and Citizenship, can be replaced by the original written invitation from the host legal entity: organization, company, enterprise, educational institution etc., in case the aim of your trip is business meeting, conference, seminar and other scientific, cultural and art events.

The following information about the person invited shall be available for drawing the invitation: full name, nationality, place and date of birth, permanent address, ground and purpose of the trip, the planned residence place and duration of stay in Latvia, supposed place of visa application submission.

The number of invitation, drawn and approved by the Department of Migration and Citizenship, shall be introduced to the centralized database – the only thing you need is to write down this number in the visa application.

The application number is valid within **6 months** as from the date of its approval. For example, if you received the invitation in November, submitted all the documents at the end of validity term of the invitation in April, you may obtain your visa for the term of up to 90 days, that means up to July inclusively.

It is highly recommended to apply for visa for the maximum term, stated in the invitation, as it is possible to prolong the Latvian visa only in emergency situations.

**Terms and costs.** The term of visa procurement is 7 working days; for express visa – 3 days. The cost of Schengen visa for the citizens of Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and some other countries, having bilateral agreements with EU, is 35 EUR.; for other countries (including Belarus and other CIS countries) – 60 EUR.

### The following bodies are exempt from the fee for visa application consideration:

- children up to 6 years old;
- pupils, students and accompanying teachers; the purpose of the visit is studies or study placement;
- research scholars from third countries, entering the EU territory with the purpose of scientific research.

### **Documents required to obtain a visa:**

- 1. International passport** (the validity term of the passport must be three months more than the visa term, the passport must have a minimum of two available pages for visas).
- 2. Filled-in application for visa procurement.** You can either take the application in the consular department or print it from the website. The application is to be signed by the applicant only. Mistakes can be considered sufficient reason for visa denial; pay attention to the fact that sometimes the consular department officials accept the applications, but you learn about the mistakes only after visa denial.
- 3. 1 colour photograph 35 mm x 45 mm.** The consular department imposes strict requirements in respect of photographs, for example the photograph term. The validity term of photographs for persons older than 20 years makes 4 years, for persons younger than 20 and for children - from 6 months to 2 years.
- 4. Health insurance policy.** The policy must be valid in Schengen countries within the period of your stay in the territory of the countries. The policy amount sum should be no less than 30,000 EUR. The order and the terms of visa arrangement can change; for this reason, you are highly recommended to contact the embassy of Latvia or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvian Republic ([www.mfa.gov.lv](http://www.mfa.gov.lv)) beforehand.

### **Embassy of Latvian Republic in the Republic of Belarus**

6a, Doroshevicha str., Minsk, 220013  
Tel.: + 375 17 211 30 33, 217 51 15  
Fax: + 375 17 284 73 34

### **Consular Department of Latvian Republic in Vitebsk**

27a, B. Hmelnitskogo str., Vitebsk, 210015  
Tel.: + 375 212 23 55 18  
Fax: + 375 212 23 55 17

### **Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in Latvian Republic**

Jēzusbaznīcas iela 12, Rīga LV-1050  
Tel.: + 371 6 722 25 60  
Fax: + 371 6 732 28 91  
e-mail: [latvia@belembassy.org](mailto:latvia@belembassy.org)  
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### **Consulate General of the Republic of Belarus in Daugavpils**

44, 18-th November Str., Daugavpils, Latvia LV 5403  
Tel.: + 371 6 542 09 65  
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# Border

## BORDER CROSSING POINTS BETWEEN BELARUS AND LATVIA

**Bigosovo (Indra)**, Vitebsk region, Verhnedvinsk district, railway station Bigosovo – checkpoint at railway terminal (station). Types of control (other than border and customs control), which can be performed: sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, phytosanitary.

**Grigorovščina (Paternieki)**, Vitebsk region, Verhnedvinsk district, village of Grigorovščina – road checkpoint. Types of control (other than border and customs control), which can be performed: sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, phytosanitary, automobile.

**Urbany (Silene)**, Vitebsk region, Braslav district, village of Urbany – road checkpoint. Types of control (other than border and customs control), which can be performed: sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, phytosanitary, automobile.

**Gavrilino (Meikšany)**, Vitebsk region, Verhnedvinsk district, village of Gavrilino – general checkpoint; only border control is performed.

**Druja (Piedruja)**, Vitebsk region, Braslav district, village of Druja – general checkpoint; only border control is performed.

**Lipovka (Vorzovo)**, Vitebsk region, Verhnedvinsk district, village of Lipovka – general checkpoint; only border control is performed.

**Pljusy (Kaplava)**, Vitebsk region, Braslav district, village of Pljusy – general checkpoint; only border control is performed.

*When approaching  
a state border,  
double-check all  
your documents!*

*You never know...*

## HOW TO ENTER THE BORDER ZONE

Citizens of the Republic of Belarus, stateless persons and foreign citizens, residing in the Republic of Belarus, only need to notify border officials about their intention to cross any border zone and pay a state duty. State duty equals to 0.2 of a base rate, to be paid in any bank which accepts payments from citizens. The receipt is valid within one year from the moment of the state duty payment, and is used as a confirmation of the state duty payment. It is not necessary to arrive at the department of the Border Service; it is enough to make a call or oral statement.

Procedure of the statement drafting. **Not later than 24 hours** before the arrival to a border zone the citizen should notify by phone the corresponding local agency of the Border Service:

State border committee  
of the Republic of Belarus  
24, Volodarskogo street, Minsk 220050  
tel.: + 375 17 328 54 06  
[www.gpk.gov.by](http://www.gpk.gov.by)

Polotsk border unit  
Village of Farinovo, military unit 2034, Polotsk district, Vitebsk region 211654,  
tel.: + 375 214 42 21 72

Verhnedvinsk district (Osveja village Council, Bigosovo village Council), Miory district (Povjat'e village Council), Braslav district (Druja village Council, Pljusy village Council, Mežany village Council) are included into the border zone of the Bella Dvina region.



## STATE BORDER CLEARANCE

State border clearance of persons, vehicles and goods includes border, customs, and if necessary, sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, phytosanitary and other types of control. Submission of valid documents proving right to cross the state border, transfer of vehicles and goods should be the ground for state border clearance of persons, vehicles and goods.

By order of officials executing border, customs and other types of control, the owners of vehicles and their representatives must pass the vehicles crossing the state border and the goods transferred for inspection. Owners or their representatives should bear the responsibility in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus for presence of embargo list or prohibited imports in a vehicle crossing the state border, as well as illegal stay of unauthorized persons in a vehicle.

Border Service authorities of the Republic of Belarus, in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, have the right to check the documents of persons crossing the state border for the right to enter and leave the territory of the Republic of Belarus, to enter a check in such documents, and if necessary, to temporary seize the documents, or persons who do not have valid documents for crossing the state border.

### **In respect of the issues relating to regulations of state border crossing, you can:**

- refer to the State Border Committee of the Republic of Belarus at address: 24, Volodarskogo street, Minsk, 220050; make a call: + 375 17 216 25 40,
- make a call: + 375 17 328 54 06, 216 22 81, 216 26 51, 216 26 12;
- send e-mail to the State Border Committee: [post@gkpv.gov.by](mailto:post@gkpv.gov.by);
- make a call to the duty service of Border Service authorities: Polotsk (+ 375 214 42 21 72)  
Minsk (+ 375 17 287 01 76).

## BORDER CROSSING REGULATIONS

The following documents grant the right for the citizens to arrive or leave the territory of the Republic of Belarus: passport of a citizen of

the Republic of Belarus, diplomatic and other passports of the Republic of Belarus, identity card of a sailor, upon availability of a crew list or its extract, laissez-passer to the Republic of Belarus (only for entering the Republic of Belarus).

Underage citizens of the Republic of Belarus can leave the country upon presentation of their passports and must be accompanied by legal representatives or under their written accord, certified by the body (person) having the right for commitment of notary activities, or by the authorized official of structural subdivision of citizenship and migration of internal affairs bodies, or the head (its deputy) of the state housing and operating entity at the place of residence of legal representatives. Departure for treatment, rehabilitation or consultation on these issues is possible under the written consent of one of the legal representatives or in case they accompany such an individual.

Check the passport validity, and consult the consular department of MFA of the Republic of Belarus about the necessity of obtaining a visa of the destination country.

If passport validity expires abroad refer to the nearest consular department of the Republic of Belarus abroad.

In case your passport is stolen or lost outside of the territory of the Republic of Belarus (or it is damaged by any reason) you should immediately refer to the nearest police office for acquisition of the corresponding document, and then inform the nearest consular department of the Republic of Belarus for acquisition of a binder (laissez-passer to the Republic of Belarus), proving the identity. On return to the Republic of Belarus this certificate should be submitted to the state body that issued your passport.

Keep an eye on safety of your passport, carry it on you, do not leave it in a suitcase, bus, hotel accommodation or car. Keep the passport separately from your documents and money.

## **PROCEDURE OF THE BORDER CROSSING BY FOREIGN CITIZENS AND STATELESS PERSONS**

Foreign citizens and stateless persons (hereinafter referred to as the foreigners) arrive to and leave the Republic of Belarus at border crossing points of the state border of the Republic of Belarus upon

submission of the departure document and upon availability of a visa of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the visa), in case otherwise provided by international contracts of the Republic of Belarus.

Foreigners staying in the Republic of Belarus should have a valid passport or other document replacing it, assigned for leaving abroad and issued by the corresponding state agency or authorities at the place of residence of a foreigner or by international organization (hereinafter referred to as the document for leaving abroad), and to present it on request of the representatives of Border Service authorities of the Republic of Belarus, national security bodies or internal affairs bodies of the Republic of Belarus.

Foreigners can freely move through the territory of the Republic of Belarus, except from areas, which require special authorization issued by the internal affairs bodies, other bodies or authorized organizations, or objects which require special authorization issued by administrations of these objects.

Foreigners entering the Republic of Belarus should have money in amount equivalent to no less than 25 base rates (1 base rate is about 9 €) for each month of stay determined in the Republic of Belarus on the date of entering the Belarusian territory.

Foreigners entering the Republic of Belarus for a term less than a month should have money in amount equivalent to no less than 1 base rate for each day of stay.

Foreigners entering the Republic of Belarus should fill in the migration card, except for the foreigners who do not need to fill in the migration card when crossing the border of the Republic of Belarus and do not submit them on the ground of legislative acts and international agreements of the Republic of Belarus, which together with documents for leaving abroad should be provided to the official of the Border Service authorities of the Republic of Belarus in the border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus.

The official of the Border Service bodies of the Republic of Belarus marks arrival of a foreigner in the migration card or document for leaving abroad.

Foreigners who arrive to the Republic of Belarus within three days, except for the days off, state holidays and public holidays, announced

by the President of the Republic of Belarus, should register in the registration agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, or internal affairs body, or hotel registering the foreigners, under the personal reference or written petitions of inviting organizations.

Registration of a foreigner should be executed upon presentation of the migration card with a mark of an official of the Border Service authority of the Republic of Belarus on arrival of a foreigner, and a document for leaving abroad.

Registration of a foreigner who, in compliance with the legislative acts and international contracts of the Republic of Belarus, does not fill the migration card when arriving to the Republic of Belarus and does not present it when leaving the Republic of Belarus should be carried out based on the document for leaving abroad.

In the Republic of Belarus the foreigner should reside only at the place stated in the register document issued by registration authorities.

When changing the place of residence the foreigner should within three days, apart from the days off, state holidays and public holidays, announced by the President of the Republic of Belarus, register in the registration authorities at new place of residence.

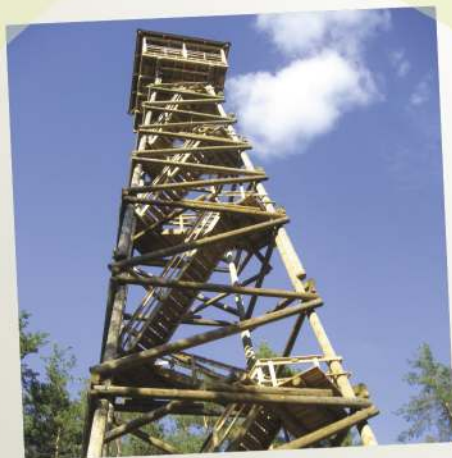
Before the registration expiration, foreign citizens and stateless persons should leave the Republic of Belarus, or renew registration, or duly formalize a permit for temporary visit in the Republic of Belarus, upon receipt of the corresponding visa of the Republic of Belarus.

When leaving the Republic of Belarus, a foreigner should submit the migration card to the official of the Border Service authorities of the Republic of Belarus in the checkpoint of State border of the Republic of Belarus. The official of the Border Service authorities of the Republic of Belarus marks departure of a foreigner in the migration card or document for leaving abroad.

Transit of foreigners through the territory of the Republic of Belarus is carried out not later than two days from the day of arrival to the Republic of Belarus, apart from the case of forced stay.

Foreigners making transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus by car can use only the international highways of the Republic of Belarus.

Stopping for food, rest and night lodging are possible only in places



located on itinerary of travel, where hotels, motels, camping or dedicated security parking areas are situated.

A foreigner should dispose of the assets for covering transit expenses in amount equivalent to no less than 5 base rates, determined for the Republic of Belarus as of the date of arrival to the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the base rate) for each transit day.

Foreign citizens or stateless persons who transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus by railway have the right to get out of trains during scheduled stops.

In case of loss or theft of a passport on the territory of the Republic of Belarus (damage by various reasons) foreigners or stateless persons should immediately contact the nearest internal affairs body, and then inform the nearest consular department of its state for acquisition of a binder (*laissez-passer*), proving their identity.

## BORDER CONTROL IN LATVIAN REPUBLIC

Starting with 1 May 2004, border control is carried out at exterior border points of EU, at interior border points of EU (including border-crossing stations) on borders between Latvia and Lithuania, and between Latvia and Estonia. Border control is performed by the State Border Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Latvian Republic. During border control the following checks are carried out (depending on state affiliation of a person):

- In relation to the citizens of EU/EEZ/CH, as well as citizens of states other than Latvian Republic, in most cases minimal border control is performed;
- Identity check on the ground of the document provided, valid for visit abroad;
- For citizens of third states and in specific cases for persons mentioned in the first subparagraph, full or partial border control should be performed; identity check, control of other conditions for arrival and stay in the country (visas, permit for stay, labour permit, insurance policy existence and its validity, and observance of stay term), check of a vehicle owned by the person (including compulsory general liability insurance), baggage, and other forms of border control.

To cross the border a person should have a valid travel document and, if necessary, other documents required to enter the country and stay in it (visa, permit for stay, labour permit, insurance policy existence etc.). EU citizens can use valid identification card for entering the country.

For persons crossing EU border there are two corridors at border points in ports and on railways, and at separate highway border points in EU external border:

- EU/EEZ/CH citizens and members of their families, which are not the citizens of these states, but cross the border together with them, can use the channel which says "For EU/EEZ/CH citizens" or channel which says "For all passports holders";
- Citizens of all third states and non-citizens should use channel which says "For all passports holders". More information about border control - [www.rs.gov.lv](http://www.rs.gov.lv)



## Customs

### Import and export restrictions in relation to some types of goods for personal use

- Goods (commodities) for personal use with import and export restrictions in the Republic of Belarus;
- Firearms of all kinds and producers, hunting and sport weapons and ammunition, gas spray guns and ammunition, cold arms of all kinds, imitators of fire arms with blank cartridge, custom devices and appliances for infliction of bodily harm or paralyzing, pressure packs with irritant gases, neuro-paralytic agents or poison gases – upon permission of MIA of the Republic of Belarus;
- narcotic drugs in quantity not exceeding three days needs, and psychotropic substances in quantity no more than 90 single doses - upon presentation of documents issued by health care facilities of an export state and proving the necessity of its transfer;
- ionizing radiation sources, toxic agents – upon permission of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (Department for safe operation in industry and atomic energy supervision);



- samples of wild fauna and flora species, falling within the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) – upon permission of the Ministry of natural resources and environmental protection.

**For import:**

communication electronics – permit of the State inspection on telecommunications in the Ministry of Telecommunications of the Republic of Belarus. No permit is needed for import of a mobile phone.

**For export:**

- cultural valuables – permit of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus;
- extra valuable botanic collections or their parts – permit of the Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental protection;
- zoological collections or their parts – permit of the Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental protection;
- paleontological collections or their parts – permit of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus;
- plants and animals listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus, their parts and derivatives – permit of the Ministry of Natural resources and Environmental protection

Goods (commodities) for personal use **with export prohibition:**

- raw herbal materials;
- scrap and waste of ferrous and nonferrous materials, and precious metals, including semi-finished products and provisions;

Goods (commodities) for personal use **with import prohibition:**

- more than 4 previously used air-driven rubber tires;
- more than 5 litres of alcohol, more than 200 pieces of cigarettes or 200 grams of tobacco or other tobacco goods;
- more than 5 litres of non-food alcohol-containing products, non-food ethanol and ethyl alcohol, relative to alcohol products;

Goods (commodities) for personal use **with import and export prohibition in the Republic of Belarus:**

- publishing and audiovisual materials, other record media, containing data which can adversely affect political or economical interests of the republic, its state safety, health and morality of the citizens;
- explosive agents, explosive devices, firing agents;
- opportunistic pathogens and other pathogenic biogenetic organisms.

**YOU DON'T NEED TO FILL IN A DECLARATION AND MAY PASS THROUGH THE GREEN CHANNEL IN FOLLOWING CASES:**

**ARRIVAL TO BELARUS**

1) In your personal baggage, you carry goods that are not subject to customs fees:

- goods for personal use (apart from alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, tobacco, other tobacco products, jewellery, foodstuff, vehicles and spare parts, and goods for personal use), dutiable value of which doesn't exceed the amount equivalent to 1000 Euro, and total weight of which is no more than 35 kilograms;
- alcoholic beverages in quantity of no more than 2 litres, cigarettes in quantity of no more than 200 units or tobacco and other tobacco products in quantity of no more than 200 grams per a person, reaching 18-years of age;
- jewellery in quantity of no more than 5 units;
- food products:
  - from states – members of Commonwealth of Independent States:
  - from June 1 till October 31 with total weight of no more than 30 kilograms;
  - from November 1 till May 31 with total weight of no more than 5 kilograms;
  - from other states of total weight of no more than 5 kilograms;
- previously used personal goods according to annex 3 notwithstanding their dutiable value and weight, domestic animals, including those raised for hunting, sport, tourism, temporary imported by a non-resident of the Republic of Belarus;
- first aid kit, fire extinguisher, breakdown triangle, hand screw, spare wheel, two wheel chocks, trailing line, hand guided tools for removal and installation of wheels, cut-out fuses and five lamps of external light apparatuses, imported in vehicles by persons.

2) Goods which you carry in your baggage, as set forth in clause 1, are permitted and not limited for import

3) You carry Belarusian rubles and foreign currency that are not subject to declaration:

- foreign currency in amount no more than the equivalent at the rate of 10 000 USD (exclusive of those imported as a grant aid from abroad)
- Belarusian rubles in amount no more than 500 base rates (excluding those imported as a grant aid from abroad)

4) You have no **accompanied baggage** (including the baggage which did not arrive at a place of destination)

5) You are a **resident of the Republic of Belarus** (citizen of the Republic of Belarus holding a passport with series "PP", or a foreign citizen, or a stateless person with a residence permit of the Republic of Belarus) and import a vehicle registered in the territory of the Republic of Belarus or Russian Federation, driving it

6) You are a **non-resident of the Republic of Belarus** (citizen of the Republic of Belarus holding a passport with series "PP", or a foreign citizen, or a stateless person without a residence permit of the Republic of Belarus) and import a vehicle registered on the territory of any foreign state.

### **DEPARTURE FROM BELARUS**

1) The goods exported are not subject to customs charges

2) The goods exported are not prohibited and the amount of goods exported is not limited

3) You carry Belarusian rubles and foreign currency that do not have to be declared:

- foreign currency in amount not exceeding the equivalent of 3,000 US dollars
- Belarusian rubles in amount not more than 500 base rates

**ATTENTION!** Transfer of goods subject to customs declaration and customs clearance through the green channel is considered violation of customs rules and will be followed by administrative liability and in some cases by criminal liability.

Should you have any doubts in respect of channel, move through the **RED CHANNEL**.

### **FILL IN THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION AND MOVE THROUGH THE RED CHANNEL IF:**

#### **ARRIVAL TO BELARUS**

1) You carry goods subject to customs charges:

- goods with the price exceeding the equivalent of 1 000 Euro or exceeding 35 kg
- jewellery in quantity exceeding 5 units
- alcoholic beverage more than 2 litres (for one adult person)
- foods, imported from:
  - CIS member states: June 1 – October 31 – with the weight of more than 30 kg, from November 1 – May 31 – 5 kg
  - other states: total weight of more than 5 kg
- Other goods subject to customs charges at uniform rates

- 2) You import goods prohibited or the import of which is restricted
- 3) You import Belarusian rubles and foreign currency subject to customs declaration:
  - Belarusian rubles exceeding 500 base rates
  - Foreign currency exceeding the equivalent of 10 000 US dollars
  - Cash imported in the form of foreign gratis aid
- 4) You have unaccompanied luggage (particularly if your luggage or part of the luggage did not arrive) or the goods arrived through freight shipment or overnight delivery service
- 5) You would like to declare the goods imported
- 6) You import goods free from customs charges upon presentation of the corresponding documents, (for example if you move to a place of permanent residence, if you inherit the goods, in case of goods re-importation, earlier re-imported out of the Republic of Belarus etc.)
- 7) You are a resident of the Republic of Belarus (citizen of the Republic of Belarus with the passport series other than "PP", or foreign citizen, or stateless citizen upon presentation of residence permit in the territory of the Republic of Belarus) and import transport vehicle, registered in the territory of foreign country, apart from the Russian Federation
- 8) You import a transport vehicle, deregistered in the country of previous registration with the purpose of permanent use in the territory of the Republic of Belarus.

## **DEPARTURE FROM BELARUS**

- 1) You carry goods subject to customs charges:
  - precious metals in the form of small bars:
    - gold and platinum – more than 500 g.
    - silver – more than 5 kg
- 2) You carry goods which are prohibited or export of which is limited
- 3) You export Belarusian rubles and foreign currency subject to customs declaration:
  - Belarusian rubles exceeding 500 base rates
  - Foreign currency exceeding the equivalent of 3 000 US dollars
- 4) You would like to declare the goods exported
- 5) You are a resident of the Republic of Belarus (citizen of the Republic of Belarus with the passport series other than "PP", or foreign citizen, or stateless citizen upon presentation of residence

permit in the territory of the Republic of Belarus) and export transport vehicle, registered in the territory of foreign country, apart from the Russian Federation

For more information refer to the website of the State Customs Committee [www.gtk.gov.by](http://www.gtk.gov.by)

**Individuals transferring goods through the border of Latvian Republic should be aware of the following information:**

After Latvia joined EU, the following differentiation of goods must be observed: import of goods from EU member states and import of goods from non-EU countries. Regulation No 918/83 stipulates the system of fiscal and customs exemption which in its turn exempts EU from customs charges.

The following countries are EU members: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Great Britain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Spain, Germany, Sweden, and new EU member states: Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary

**From the European Union member states:**

Customs clearance of the goods imported or exported through the EU internal boundaries is performed only in case customs offices hold the corresponding information about goods flow forbidden by law. Any person can transfer all the required household goods for personal use through the country border, with observance of exceptions, determined by the corresponding acting normative acts of Latvian Republic.

Excise goods imported by an individual for personal use only, purchased freely in another EU member state are exempt of taxes, should all the corresponding taxes be paid in this EU member states in respect of the aforementioned goods.

**Tobacco products:**

**800 cigarettes**

**400 cigarillos (cigars weighing not more than 3 grams each)**

**200 cigars**

**1 kilogram of smoking tobacco**

**Alcoholic beverage:**

**110 litres of beer**

**90 litres of wine (specifically no more than 60 litres of sparkling wine) or any other fermented drinks**

**20 litres of semifinished products**

**10 litres of other alcoholic beverages**

**Coffee – 10 kilograms**

**Non-alcoholic beverages – 110 litres**

**Fuel, in a standard fuel tank of the transport vehicle or motorcycle crossing the border of Latvian Republic, as well as in portable fuel can, with the volume of not more than 10 litres.**

Since there is no special permanent customs clearance at EU internal boundaries, contrary to the law applied before Latvia joined EU, starting with 1 May 2004, the amount of goods stipulated by law can be imported to Latvia through any state border crossing point.

#### **From non-EU countries**

Personal luggage of individuals moving in Latvia from the countries which are not members of EU are exempt from import customs duty, should the import of such goods be non-profit.

The import of goods is considered non-profit if it bears random character and if the goods are imported for traveller's personal use only, use in the family, as a present and their exterior appearance and quantity do not prove their profit character.

An individual aged 17 and older can import the following goods customs charge-free:

#### **Tobacco products:**

**200 cigarettes**

**100 cigarillos (cigars, weighing not more than 3 grams each)**

**50 cigars**

**250 grams of smoking tobacco**

#### **Spirits and alcoholic beverages:**

**1 litre of beverage with the alcoholic strength of not more than 22 % or non-industrial alcohol with the alcoholic strength of 80% and more,**

**2 litres of beverage with the alcoholic strength of not more than 22 % (aperitifs based on wine or spirit, sake, tafia or similar drinks),**

**2 litres of sparkling wine, still wine, dessert wines**

**50 grams of perfume and 0.25 litres of eau de toilette,**

**medications for traveller's personal use, used in the course of treatment of up to three months upon presentation of the corresponding documents, for example, the copy of prescription.**

**Fuel, in a standard fuel tank of personal transport vehicle or motorcycle crossing the border of Latvian Republic, as well as in portable fuel can, with the volume of not more than 10 litres.**

The goods with the price exceeding the stipulated goods transportation benefits or customs duty shall be imported upon payment of the corresponding customs charges. Food products, being a part of traveller's personal luggage for personal use, can be imported up to 10 kilograms only. Other goods, the cost of which does not exceed 175 Euro.

### Goods declaration

Goods declaration is obligatory for any individual crossing the border. If the goods do not exceed the benefits for goods transportation or customs charges stipulated by the legislation, this individual can declare goods verbally.

When crossing the Latvian border, the individuals can cross it either through the **green** or **red** channel.

Green channel is to be used by individuals who do not carry goods to be declared or individuals who have goods not subject to tax payments.

Red channel is to be used by individuals who carry goods to declare. Should an individual travel **on board a ship**, with the transport vehicle on deck, the ship owner (franchisee) can provide either a green or red sticker to every transport driver meaning goods declaration before he/she arrived at the port. The sticker is to be placed at the wind screen of the transport vehicle.

Should an individual travel **by train**, the customs is to exercise passenger's luggage control at the border.

The luggage of individuals is controlled in the train or at the customs office, located near the destination point (station) of the individual. In exceptional circumstances control can be exercised at the border station.

The luggage is taken in custody if the customs laws are violated or in case suspicion arouses in respect of such violation. The individual must fill in a customs declaration – Unified administrative document (UAD) about:

- 1) goods transported through the border exceeding the goods transportation benefits and taxes stipulated by the stated normative and legal acts;
- 2) goods to be alienated for remuneration irrespective of their number and cost;
- 3) operating supplies and other goods imported by individuals

engaged in personal business, irrespective of their number and cost;

4) goods to be transported in the form of separate luggage;

5) fire weapon, cold steel arms, explosive agents, drugs and psychotropic substances, precursors, radioactive agents and other items, the transportation of which is limited or prohibited, upon presentation of special permissions, issued by competent authorities for such goods (with the permission number stated in the declaration, bearer and service life).

## Tax free receipts

Upon leaving Latvia, you can get back 12 to 15% of the goods value with the corresponding tax-free marking. In order to get back the VAT amount, total purchase sum in one shop in one day shall not be less than 59 LVL (inclusive of VAT).

You cannot use the goods purchased with the help of tax free receipts until you have a customs seal at your receipt.

The goods stated in the receipt are to be transported from the Latvian territory not later than 3 months after the purchase date.

- Ask for tax free receipts when purchasing goods in the shops with the tax free shopping logo at the shop window.
- Tax free receipts must bear a note (seal) of customs officer. Before you leave the Latvian territory, the customs officer may ask you to show the goods purchased in tax free shops.
- Present your tax free receipt in the cash office dealing with VAT return, located in the territory of the International airport Riga, sea-water port, at land customs Ainazi, Valka, Terehovo, Grebnevo,



Grenstale, Medumi, and they will return to you more than 2/3 of the tax paid (12-15% of the cost of purchase). However, if you go back by train, the only thing you would be able to do is to put a seal on the receipt; the tax cost will be returned to you by post.

### **VAT return by post**

1. You can put your tax free receipt in the envelope. But remember that a tax free receipt must bear a note (seal) of the customs officer.
2. Fill in the gray section of the tax free receipt, send it by post, and the corresponding amount will be transferred to the bank account stated by you, or you will receive a banking check at the address stated by you.

For more information [www.taxfree.lv](http://www.taxfree.lv)

### **VAT return in Belarus**

Belarusian tourists will have an opportunity to return VAT for the purchases made abroad right after they return to Belarus according to the agency agreements signed between JSC "Tehnobank" and leading international companies on VAT return, Global Refund and Premier Tax Free.

You can receive VAT compensation on the following terms:

1. The purchaser cannot be a resident of the country/group of countries where the purchase was made.
2. Purchase sum must not exceed the minimum amount stipulated for that country.
3. The goods must be exported within a certain term from the purchase date (30 days - 3 months).
4. The purchaser must put a customs stamp on the receipt while leaving the country/group of countries of the purchase.
5. Receipts must be properly filled in.

### **Step 1. In the shop**

While doing your shopping in the shops with a logo "Tax Free", "Tax Free Shopping", "Tax Free for Tourists", just ask for a tax free receipt. After you have purchased everything you want, ask the shop-assistant

to draw the tax free receipt for that purchase; the shop-assistant will fill in your personal information from your passport. Apart from the tax free receipt, ask for cashier's receipt. The shop-assistant will put a note at your receipt with the brief description of the goods purchased (name of the goods and the number of units) and state the purchase sum and VAT amount. VAT rate must be printed on the receipt.

### **Step 2. At the customs**

While leaving a foreign country, show you purchases in package, cashier's receipts and your passport to the customs officer and ask him to put the customs seal on your tax free receipt. In order to have the customs stamp, you should cross the border through the red channel

### **Step 3. How to return the tax**

After all these procedures, the only thing left is to go to JSC "Tehnobank" with your passport and a properly filled receipt and get your money back.

For more information please contact JSC "Tehnobank",  
tel.: (+375 17) 283 16 00  
to the Individual Customer Support Department.

## *Transport*

### **Bus and/or car**

All district centres of the Bella Dvina region have transport connections with Minsk, Vitebsk and Polotsk; in fact, there is at least one scheduled bus route in each direction. Of all district centres, Gorodok has the most intensive connection with Vitebsk (7 scheduled routes bus and 27 daily scheduled minibus routes). Vitebsk, Polotsk,

Verhnedvinsk, Šarkovščina have direct traffic communication with Riga, Vitebsk, Polotsk. Verhnedvinsk has direct connection with Daugavpils.

Paved roads pass through Vitebsk, Polotsk, Verhnedvinsk and then go through Kraslava (P20), Vitebsk, Gorodok, Ezerišče and to the border with the Russian Federation (M8). Miory and Šarkovščina are road intersections of various directions. Every district has good local bus service system between its district centre and other towns and villages in the district.

You can arrive to Belarus on your own car. In this case, you should carry an international driving license on you as well as the original documents proving your rights for this car. All transport vehicles' owners crossing the Belarusian border (transit included, apart from non-transit passenger cars) shall pay a certain fee which can vary from 20 to 155 US dollars. When crossing the border, you will have to fill in the customs declaration, specifying the information about your car, and draw a general liability insurance policy. Belarusian road police (GAI in Russian or DAI in Belarusian) controls the traffic on Belarusian roads; GAI inspectors wear a uniform with yellow fluorescent lines. If you see the road inspector pointing at your car with a special stick (striped or red cube-corner reflector), stop and show your driving license, insurance and technical certificate of your car

If you decide to go to Latvia by car, make sure that you have your car insurance Green Card) ; after you have crossed the Latvian border, switch on dim lights at any time of day (if you violate the rule you will have to pay a fine in the amount of 10LVL); maximum speed in cities is 50 km/h in the countryside – not more than 90 km/h (fine up to 50LVL), fine for illegal parking is 10LVL, for drunk driving - up to 400LVL.

### **Additional insurance in Belarus**

Green Card international insurance certificates are valid on the territory of the Republic of Belarus. If you do not have a Green Card international insurance certificate, you need to purchase an automobile insurance from the representatives of Belarusian insurance companies. All border crossing points have insurance offices; usually the policy is issued within 10 minutes.

The price is from €5 to €50, depending on the duration of your stay in Belarus.

### **Traffic regulations**

- The traffic in Belarus and Latvia is right-hand.
- Speed limits: in population centres no more than 60 km/h (in Latvia – no more than 50 km/h), except as otherwise stated by the road signs; out of population centres – 90 km/h; at highways – 110 km/h.
- It is strictly forbidden to drink and drive both in Belarus and Latvia (any alcoholic beverages, including beer).
- Radar speed control is quite common; it is not allowed to use radar detectors.
- Major road signs of Belarus are in Cyrillic (not in English).
- In Latvia, low-beam headlamps shall be switched on all year round.

### **Taxi**

You can use taxi services in Vitebsk, Polotsk, Verhnedvinsk, Gorodok, Šarkovščina, Rossony. Service price is €1 per 1 km.

### **Railroad**

Part of the main Belarusian railroad goes through the Bella Dvina region, covering Vitebsk, Polotsk, Bigosovo, Daugavpils and Verhnedvinsk. There is a train communication between Polotsk, Vitebsk and Minsk with Miory and Šarkovščina (train route Druja–Minsk, Druja–Vitebsk).

**For more information check the website of Belarusian railway [www.rw.by](http://www.rw.by), Latvian railway [www.ldz.lv](http://www.ldz.lv)**

Inland bus and railway traffic are considerably cost-effective and comfortable means of travelling; schedules and tickets are available at the bus station or railroad station correspondingly.

### **Air connection**

On the territory of Belarus, the only existing flight connection is between Vitebsk and Minsk. The nearest international airports are located in Minsk ([www.airport.by](http://www.airport.by)) and Riga ([www.riga-airport.com](http://www.riga-airport.com)).

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## "Eridan"

## "Luchesa"

## "Vetraz"

## "Vitebsk"

## "Sportivnaya"

12, Liudnikova ave.  
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**"Zolotoi telenok"**

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tel.: + 375 212 36 27 91  
www.zt.by

**"Dvina"**

41/18, Ilyinskogo str.  
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**POLOTSK**

**HC "Slavianski"**

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tel.: + 375 214 42 22 35

**BEŠENKOVIČI DISTRICT**

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**Holiday centre "Krupenino"**

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**Homestead "Yelochki-Holiday"**

42, v. Dolgoe, Bešenkoviči district  
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**VERHNEDVINSK DISTRICT**

**Hotel**

65, Sovetskaya str, Verhnedvinsk  
tel.: + 375 2151 5 32 71, + 375 2151 2 12 71

**Hotel**

6, Solnechniy per., Verhnedvinsk  
tel.: + 375 2151 5 21 68  
e-mail: dvina-hunting@mail.ru

**GORODOK DISTRICT**

**Hotel "Raubichi"**

3 Gagarina str., Gorodok,  
tel.: + 375 2139 4 42 10

**Hotel "Praleska"**

tel.: + 375 2139 3 45 88



## **MIORY DISTRICT**

### **Hotel**

10, Kommunisticheskaya str., Miory

tel.: + 375 2152 2 12 71

### **Hotel**

26, Yubileinaya str., Disna

tel.: + 375 2152 3 73 86

### **Holiday centre "Aktam"**

tel.: + 375 2152 3 51 44

### **Recreation centre "Rosinka"**

v. Muraški

tel.: + 375 2152 3 51 59, + 375 2152 3 52 43

## **ROSSONY DISTRICT**

### **Hotel**

5, Sovetskaya str., Rossony

tel.: + 375 2159 4 12 71

### **Homestead "Horen"**

v. Kljasticy

tel.: + 375 2159 3 43 43

### **Homestead "Krolova khata"**

v. Zaborje

tel.: + 375 2159 3 57 10

## **ŠARKOVŠČINA DISTRICT**

### **Public hotel**

17, Komsomolskaya str., Šarkovščina

tel.: + 375 2154 2 14 00

## **DAUGAVPILS**

### **Hotel "Park Hotel Latgola"**

46, Ģimnāzijas str., Daugavpils

tel.: + 371 65404900

reception@hoteldaugavpils.lv

www.hotellatgola.lv

### **Hotel "Dinaburg"**

39, Dobeles str., Daugavpils

tel.: + 371 65453010, 65453009

info@hoteldinaburg.lv

www.hoteldinaburg.lv

**Hotel "Flora"**

45, Krimuldas str., Daugavpils  
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**Hotel "Rebir"**

19, Vienības str., Daugavpils  
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**Sports centre "Olimpija"**

2u, Valkas str., Daugavpils  
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info@hotel-olimpija-sk.lv  
www.hotel-olimpija-sk.lv

**Sports centre "Celtnieks"**

7, Elgavas str., Daugavpils  
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**Guest house "Villa Ksenija"**

17, Varšavas str., 17, Daugavpils  
tel.: + 371 65434317  
villaks@villaks.lv  
www.villaks.lv

**Guest house "Leo"**

58, Krāslavas str., Daugavpils  
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lauma@apollo.lv  
www.hotelleo.lv

**Guest house "Duets"**

1, 2 Preču str., Daugavpils  
tel.: + 371 27026227, 65435607  
www.hotelduet.lv

**Guest house "Viesnīca Verina"**

44, Ģimnāzijas str., Daugavpils  
tel.: + 371 65422190  
hotelis@verina.apollo.lv  
www.verina.lv

**Guest house "Teika -D"**

4, Varšavas str., Daugavpils  
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nina-hotel@mail.ru  
www.hotelteika.lv



**Recreation centre "Vilnis"**

74, Dzintaru str., Daugavpils

tel.: + 371 29119558

info@stropuvilnis.lv

www.stropuvilnis.lv

**Daugavpils State Gymnasium Hotel**

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**AGLONA****Guest house "Silmalas"**

Rušona, Aglona region

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**Guest house "Upenīte"**

7, Tartakas, Aglona

tel.: + 371 26312465

**Guest house "Pie Vijas"**

7, Daugavpils, Aglona

tel.: + 371 29287044, 65321905

**Guest house "Mežinieku mājas"**

Gūteņi, Aglona region, Aglona district

tel.: + 371 29234425, 25820461

**Guest house "Aglonas Cakuli"**

4, Ezera str., Aglona

tel.: + 371 29194362, 2933422

www.aglonascakuli.viss.lv

**Hotel of Aglona Basilica**

8, Ciriša str.

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**KRASLAVA****Guest house "Zīve"**

Pārceltuves str., Kraslava

tel.: + 371 29185835

**Guest house "Priedaine"**

2, Klusā, Kraslava

tel.: + 371 26430798

**Cottage "Vilnis"**

10, Raiņa str., Kraslava

tel.: + 371 26355115

**Youth hostel 'Zvaniņš'**

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**Stable yard "Klajumi"**

Kaplava, Kraslava region

tel.: + 371 29472638

ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

www.klajumi.lv

**Cottage "Arkādija"**

Gandeji, Kraskava region

tel.: + 371 27006998, 29709006

**Cottage "Skerškāni"**

Ūdriši, Kraskava region

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skerskans@inbox.lv

**DAGDA****Guest house "Avotiņš"**

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**Guest house "Tinēji"**

Beitāni, Dagda region

tel.: + 371 26832249

www.tineji.lv

**Guest house "Vējrozes"**

Beitāni, Dagda region

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**Recreation center "Obiteļa"**

Obiteļa, Dagda region

tel.: + 371 29152078

**LUDZA****Hotel "Ludza"**

1, Maija str.

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hotelludza@inbox.lv

**Hotel "Pie stacijas"**

86, Stacijas, Ludza

tel.: + 371 26199290

**Hotel "Valensija"**

20, Kr. Barona, Ludza  
tel.: + 371 28629829  
[www.valensija.lv](http://www.valensija.lv)



**REZEKNE**

**Hotel "Latgale"**

98, Atbrīvošanas avenue, Rezekne  
tel.: + 371 64622180  
[www.hotellatgale.lv](http://www.hotellatgale.lv)

**Hotel "Kolonna Rēzekne"**

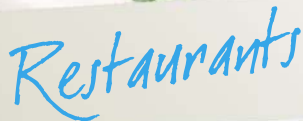
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[www.hotel.kolonna.com](http://www.hotel.kolonna.com)

**Hotel "Rebir"**

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**Guest house "Zaļā sala"**

Greiškāni  
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**Cafe "Razdol"**

15, Tolstogo str.

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**Cafe "Spatkanne"**

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**Pizzeria "Damianika"**

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**BEŠENKOVIČI DISTRICT****Restaurant "Sputnik"**

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**Cafe "Rendezvous"**

31, Uritskogo str., Bešenkoviči

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**VERHNEDVINSK DISTRICT****Restaurant "Drissa"**

55, Sovetskaya str., Verhnedvinsk

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**Restaurant "Flora-Plus"**

171, Sovetskaya str., Verhnedvinsk

tel.: + 375 2151 5 71 14

**Cafe "Labirint"**

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**Cafe "Nesterka"**

Zavodskaya str., village Bigosovo

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v. Shaiterovo

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**Cafeteria**

v. Senkovo

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**Cafeteria**

v. Bigosovo

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**GORODOK DISTRICT****Restaurant "Raduga"**

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**Cafe "Vstrecha"**

13, Proletarskaya str., Gorodok

tel.: + 375 2139 4 31 57

**Cafe "Yuna"**

16, Leninskaya str., Gorodok

tel.: + 375 2139 4 33 94

**MIORY DISTRICT****Cafe "Chaika"**

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**Cafe "Molodezhnoe"**

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**Shop-bar "Brigantina"**

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**ŠARKOVŠČINA DISTRICT****Restaurant "Disna"**

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**Cafe "Beloruskoe bistro"**

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v. Lužki

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**Cafe "Ukrainskaja hatka"**

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**Cafe "Vita"**

22a, Rīgas str., Daugavpils

tel.: + 371 654 27706

**Restaurant "Gubernators"**

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tel.: + 371 654 22455

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**Guest house "Pie Vijas"**

7, Daugavpils, Aglona

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**Cafe "Turība"**

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### Board house "Daugava"

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### Cafe "Mārīte"

2, Tīrgus, Kraslava

tel.: + 371 656 24039, 29112899

### Cafe "Todes"

58, Rīgas, Kraslava,

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### Cafe "Zodiak"

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### Guest house "Zīve"

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## LUDZA

### Cafe "Kristīne"

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### Cafe "LEAN"

30, Stacijas, Ludza

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### Cafe "Larina"

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22/24 Latgales str., Rezekne  
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### Cafe "Baravika"

11, Brāļu Skrindu, Rezekne  
tel.: + 371 646 25072

### Cafe "Marijas kafija"

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sights  
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region

## BELARUS

### 1. City Hall (Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)

36, Lenina str., Vitebsk, [www.gorod.vitebsk.by](http://www.gorod.vitebsk.by)  
tel.: + 375 212 364712; 212 360587  
[tic\\_vitebsk@belladvina.com](mailto:tic_vitebsk@belladvina.com)

### 2. Governor Palace, Vitebsk

18, Sovetskaya str., Vitebsk  
[tic\\_vitebsk@belladvina.com](mailto:tic_vitebsk@belladvina.com)

**3. Marc Chagall House Museum, Vitebsk**

11, Pokrovskaya, Vitebsk  
tel.: + 375 212 363468  
tic\_vitebsk@belladvina.com  
www.chagal-vitebsk.com

**4. Church of the Annunciation, Vitebsk**

1, Zamkovaya str., Vitebsk  
www.gorod.vitebsk.by

**5. Repin's museum-estate "Zdravnevo"**

v. Ruba, Vitebsk region  
Village Ruba, Vitebsk region  
tel.: + 375 212 29 16 73  
www.gorod.vitebsk.by  
tic\_vitebsk@belladvina.com

**6. Monastery of the Savior and Saint Euphrosyne, Polotsk**

89, Euphrosyne of Polotsk str., Polotsk  
tel.: + 375 214 46 20 99; 214 42 69 49  
www.polotsk-turizm.by, tic\_polotsk@belladvina.com

**7. Saint Sophia Cathedral**

1, Zamkovaya str., Polotsk  
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muzey@vitebsk.by  
www.polotsk.museum.by

**8. Fraternal Seminary at the Bogoyavlensky monastery, Polotsk**

22, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., Polotsk  
tel.: + 375 214 42 57 25, 214 42 69 49  
tic\_polotsk@belladvina.com  
www.polotsk.museum.by

**9. Former Jesuit collegium complex, Polotsk**

4, Streletskii per., Polotsk  
tel.: + 375 214 42 69 49  
tic\_polotsk@belladvina.com

**10. Holy Virgin Maria Ascension Roman Catholic Church**

Vidzy, Braslav region  
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**11. Holy Virgin Maria Assumption and St. Iosafat Kuntsevich Catholic Church**

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tel.: + 375 2152 41836  
tic\_miory@belladvina.com

**12. Holy Mother Assumption Church (Sarja Catholic Church)**

Stroitel'naya str., v. Sarja, Verhnedvinsk district

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**13. Khreptovichi palace**

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tel.: + 375 2131 42183

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**14. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Cathedral**

3, 17 September sq., Glubokoe

tel.: + 375 2156 23520

**15. Troitsky Catholic Church**

1, Sovetskaya str., Glubokoe

tel.: + 375 2156 23000, 2156 23260

**16. St. Anna Catholic Church**

v. Mosar, Glubokoe district

tel.: + 375 2156 32949

**17. Tyzenhaus Palace, Postavy**

2, Sovetskaya str., Postavy

**18. Saint John the Forerunner Catholic Church**

v. Kamai, Postavy district

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**19. Landowner Glazko estate**

23, Komsomolskaya str., Rossony

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**20. St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church**

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tic\_sharkovshchina@belladvina.com

**LATVIA**

**1. Aglona Basilica**

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**2. Daugavpils fortress**

Daugavas str., Daugavpils, Daugavpils region

tel.: + 371 65422818, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

www.visitdaugavpils.lv

### **3. Aglona Bread Museum**

7, Daugavpils iela, Aglona, Aglona region

tel.: + 371 29287044

[www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv](http://www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv)

### **4. Natural park "Daugavas loki"**

Daugavpils region and Kraslava region

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[www.naujene.lv](http://www.naujene.lv)

### **5. Latgale potters workshops**

tel.: + 371 64605005, 26332249

[www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv](http://www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv)

### **6. Wooden building of the Ludza historic centre**

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[www.turisms.ludza.lv](http://www.turisms.ludza.lv)

### **7. Latgale art and industrial centre**

Domes iela 1, Livani

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[lmac@livani.lv](mailto:lmac@livani.lv)

[www.latgalesamatnieki.lv](http://www.latgalesamatnieki.lv)

### **8. Puppet Museum**

Daugavpils iela 21, Preili

tel.: + 371 65321737, 26423837

[lenalisa@inbox.lv](mailto:lenalisa@inbox.lv)

[www.lellukaralvalsts.lv](http://www.lellukaralvalsts.lv)

### **9. Outdoor Ethnographic Museum "Andrupenes lauku sēta"**

Andrupene, Dagda region

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[laukuseta@inbox.lv](mailto:laukuseta@inbox.lv)

### **10. Private antiquities collection "Saipetnieki"**

"Saipetnieki", Lazdukalns district, Rugaisk region

tel.: + 371 26519360

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