Riga – The Capital City of Latvia

Founded in 1201 by joint efforts of early Hanseatic merchants and German crusaders summoned by the bishop of Livland Albert, today Riga reveals the heritage of 800 years dynamically combining the pace of modern city and attraction of a popular tourist destination. Narrow cobbled streets and splendid boulevards, stylish restaurants and cozy taverns, tiny shops for high quality traditional craft ware and shiny department stores, Medieval Gothic basilicas and Europe’s largest food market inside old Zeppelin hangars are just some of the symbols.

We invite you to join our sightseeing to have a closer look!

**Price per tour/per person: 30 EUR (cash payment only)**
(including boat ride and professional English speaking guide)
Riga City Tour Route Description

Neither Venice, nor Amsterdam. But not without a reason Riga is called a “green blue city”. Jump on board and experience the city from the water side. Enjoy an original sightseeing tour and explore it's waterways with a wooden boat built in 1901. Moreover, as driven by electric engine, it is considered to be an ecological transport as well. The tour will start right in front of Radisson Blu Daugava and lead through the river which the hotel is named after - largest river in Latvia and widest city river in Europe. It is dearly called „mother” or „river of destinies” by locals. But you need to feel its breeze to understand why! Then down the canal right along the old city gate and former bastions. Explore the “green belt” of Riga and arrive to the National Opera which is the starting point of the walking tour.

Our romantic impressions are not fading as we find our way through small court-yards of Konventhof and St.John’s church discovering well preserved piece of 13th century town-wall. We continue on to the Dome Church began by Bishop Albert in 1211 but finished just a little more than century ago with Stuttgart organ building company Walker&Co. installing the new organ which rates among the five biggest tracker organs in the world today.

Leaving the site of Riga Dome we enter perhaps the most romantic area of Old Town, never too crowded and any season offering many charming photo shots, so we stroll by Three Brothers – the complex of distinctive 16th-18th century local Merchant houses once again reminding of Dutch influence as we appreciate decorative gables, the Parliament House in strict Florentine Renaissance style or the 17th century Swedish Gates favoured by sweet loving couples at midnight.

Yet, we haven't seen where Riga was born before reaching the site of St.Peter’s church and the old chapel of early nights castle just across dating back to 1209 and showing the first stone building on the site of Riga. Indeed, this is the spot to discover the good old Hanseatic town!

A few meters of the Riflemen Monument we step on the Town hall square famous for The House of Blackheads – once the pride of wealthy bachelor merchants’ fraternity. This is also the final stop of our tour. And the right moment to start the city exploration on your own!