



IS IT SAFE?

Riga

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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Riga has a relatively low crime rate and a compact, walkable Old Town and Art Nouveau district that make solo exploration genuinely comfortable. Violent crime against visitors is rare. The realistic risks are pickpocketing in the busiest Old Town squares and around the Central Market, along with standard nighttime caution in less central residential areas the average visitor won't have much reason to visit anyway.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

Old Town ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣

Safe day and night, well-lit and busy in the main squares.

Art Nouveau District (Alberta iela) ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣

Safe and quiet, primarily residential with good foot traffic.

City Center (outside Old Town) ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣

Safe, contemporary, and where locals actually live and work.

Central Market ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣

Safe by day; standard bag awareness in the busiest stalls.

Outer residential districts (evening) ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣

Not typically visited by tourists; standard caution applies if venturing beyond the center after dark.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

- Trams and buses are efficient and safe to use at any hour; e-ticket passes are available from kiosks and machines.
- Bolt (rideshare) is widely used and reliable, a good option for late returns to accommodation.
- The Old Town and Art Nouveau district are both comfortably walkable in daylight and evening hours.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

Overpriced Old Town restaurants without posted menus

Check prices before sitting down, particularly near the main squares in peak season.

Distraction pickpocketing at the Central Market

Standard bag-forward awareness in the busiest stalls is enough.

Unmetered taxis at the airport or station

Use Bolt or a marked, metered taxi rather than accepting an approach from a stranger.

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