LSI Riga 2015

CITY DETAILS

Riga is known as the capital of the Baltics. With the population of nearly 800,000 people Riga is one of the largest cities in the northern Europe, although few would ever guess by looking at a map. The quaint beauty of the Old Town, the splendor of the City Centre architecture, the winding stretches of parkland and the nearby beach resort Jurmala are sure to charm everyone. As soon as you come, you will find a typical European city with a lot of brand shops with its guaranty of security and comfort. Moreover, Riga is the largest centre of education and science.

SCHOOL DETAILS

The Education Centre DURBE (partner school of LSI) has more than 17 years experience in international language tourism. The EC DURBE is the only private language school recognized by the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia. To be a member of such international organisation as EAQUALS allows us to be up-to-date with the latest field trends and guaranties the highest possible quality for money you pay for your course.

The Russian Language School DURBE moved to new premises in the heart of the capital of Latvia—RIGA, just across the street there is the National Opera House in one direction and the central train and bus station in another, just a block away is the central building of the Latvia University, across the park is the Old City...

The School has 10 bright classrooms, all are fully equipped with the latest in learning technology, including computers with the Internet access. We have our own residence, a computer room and Wi-Fi for students, in students' lounge there is a drink machine to have a cup of coffee, tea or even chocolate. And being in the very city center we are happy to have the inner yard with a direct access to students' lounge. You are welcome soon to get the maximum progress in Russian and now
in a much better environment.

**What is the building/area like?**

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Art Nouveau elegant building in the very center of beautiful Riga. The school is situated on the third floor. There is a hostel on the first and second floor and a bar on the ground floor.

**OUR TEACHERS**

**How many teachers do you have?**

6 - 15 teachers depending on a season.

**What are your teacher qualifications?**

Our tutors – experienced professionals with a higher education, specialized to teach Russian as a foreign language with additional qualifications in culture studies, business, science, law etc. They are like actors who invite you to join a performance, at the same time motivating you to master Russian grammar through games and songs.

**OUR STUDENTS**

**Where do your students come from?**

The school has students from all the world (including South Korea, Japan, New Caledonia) with majority of them being from Europe: Germany, UK, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Scandinavia
How many students do you have during high and low seasons?

Low season up to 20 students, high season up to 45.

What is the minimum and average age of your students?

Minimum age is 16, average age is 32

OUR COURSES

When are the start dates?


Courses we offer

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Standard - 20 /w, Intensive 25 l/w, Superintensive 30 l/w, One to one (15 to 40 lessons per week), Language + module (Bussiness Russian, Russian Music, Literature, TRKI exam preparation), Russian Teacher Development Course.

**Do you offer work experience?**

Yes, can be book with a course only.

**What is the length of each lesson?**

50 minutes

**What is a typical class time table like?**


**What is the maximum/average class size?**

There are maximum 8 students in the class, average 4-5.

**What levels are offered and how fast does a student progress from level to level?**

It takes about 4-6 weeks to reach a next language level.
Are textbooks included in the fees?
Yes, the first set of studybook is included.

Do you receive a free certificate once the course has ended?
Once the course has ended students get free course certificate.

Can I switch my course type/length once I have started it, or decide to add an additional course?
Students may prolong a course length, switch to a more intensive course or add Individual or Module course during their study stay at the school (subject to availability).

When are the school holidays?
January 1, April 18, April 21, May 1, June 23-24, November 18. All group courses end on December 19, 2014 and resume on 12 January 2015.

How do we teach?
Only Russian language is used during the study day from the very first day. In our year-round group courses we teach five levels and all Russian language courses, offered at Education centre Durbe are linked to the Council of Europe’s Common European Framework.

What is a typical class time table like?

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<td>10.50 - 12.30</td>
<td>Lessons 3&amp;4</td>
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<td>12.30 - 13.30</td>
<td>Finish</td>
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<td>Lessons - twice per week</td>
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ORIENTATION

What time should I arrive on my first day and what should I bring?
Your home-stay providers will show you the way to school and when you arrive at school, you will be given your course instructions. We would like to remind you that you will not have your placement.
test at school, therefore we kindly advise you to take this test online in advance in order to save your time and money. Your first lesson on Monday starts at 9:00 am. You are welcome to arrive at school starting 8:45 in the morning. Upon your arrival you will be given a tour of the school by EC Durbe staff.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

Who meets me at the airport and where?
A taxi company drivers will meet a student at the arrival area of the airport. Student will get all information and instructions about transfer before arrival to Riga.

What alternative transport is there from the airport to the City or my host family accommodation?
A public bus Nr 22 goes directly to the city center or alternatively students may take a taxi.

Are airport transfers available?
Airport transfers are available. For students, who booked Host family, residence, shared flats or Hotel Irina accommodation arrival transfer is included at the accommodation fee.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Bus System
The main public transport system in Riga are buses and trolleybus. To reach Jurmala, students may use both train and bus shuttle.

On the first day at school, students will be given information about the appropriate bus / trolleybus pass for them to buy, as well as costs, and where they can buy the passes. Alternatively each trip can be paid for individually with cash on board.

Other Travel Options
The are also trams system in Riga. Public transport system is very convient and there is a great publick transportation options just 1-5 minutes away from the school (bus, trolleybus, tram, train).
PAYMENTS/ CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS

Can I receive an invoice?
Your course and accommodation invoice will be send together with an enrolment confirmation.

What are your payment terms and conditions?
We will send you an online payment key if you would like to proceed with online payment. You will get your booking confirmation, an invoice for deposit of 200 EUR within the next working day after the receipt of the Application and Placement test; Full payment invoice 4 weeks before program's start date and it has to be paid by return.

How do I cancel a course and will I get a refund for the course and/or the accommodation?
If the enrolment is cancelled, the deposit of 200 EUR will not be returned, and if the enrolment is cancelled less than 1 week before the course starting date, the payment for the first week will not be returned. If a student does not complete the course, fails to arrive or is arriving late, the fees will not be refunded.

How do I pay for my course?
You may proceed with both online payment or bank transfer.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you offer insurance?
Yes, students are strongly advised to purchase an insurance either in their home country or from the school's administration. One week basic insurance cost is from 9 EUR per week.

Can I get a job while I am studying at the School?
Students may try to get a job if they have an appropriate allowance for it. The school does not arrange or help with a job.

Can I take a holiday during my course?
Student may take a holiday during their stay with previous notice and negotiating about a holiday dates with the school.

Can I arrange work experience through the School?
Work experience program might be arranged and should be paid together with course fees.
Do I need a visa to study at your school?


How much spending money should I bring?

If you have booked homestay half-board accommodation, we recommend you allow for 60 - 100 EUR per week for spending money and transport, as well as some activities. If you are staying in a hostel you will need to allow more money for food.

Who can I talk to if I have a problem? Can I speak my own language?

Should you have any problems with you stay you may speak both to a student manager who is always ready to help you. With regards to study problems you are welcome to speak with our Study Director.

What happens if I get sick?

The school will help to arrange a visit to the Doctor who is able to speak English.

RIGA FACILITIES

What facilities are available to students?

There is a cosy student lounge with a tea/coffe facilities (Kettle, cutlery, cups and glasses are provided), a separate WC for males and females, coffe/cacao /tea machine, internet point, WI-FI (free of charge), computor and study room, library.

How many classrooms are there?

The school has 10 light and very cosy classrooms.

Do you have a cafeteria?

There is no cafeteria, but we have tea/coffe mashince and student may prepare own drink at our small kitchennete.
WHAT MAKES THE SCHOOL SO SUCCESSFUL

Excellent Location

The school is situated at the very heart of Riga and this location is very convenient for exploring Riga. Train and bus station is just 3 minutes away, Old Town - 5 minutes away, shopping centres - 3-5 minutes away, Central Market - 4 minutes away.

Quality

LSI schools are regularly reviewed to ensure that they are up-to-date, relevant to your needs, and meet your expectations. The school also holds Latvian Ministry of Education and Science accreditation and EAQUAL accreditation.

Small classes

Thanks to a small number of students in the class (maximum 8 students in the class) study process is both intensive and stimulating, allowing to reach a higher level in a shorter time period;

Easy to travel

Latvia is a part of EU, so that's why it's so easy to travel to Latvia, as no visa is needed for citizens of EU, USA, Canada, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and many other countries. There are a lot of cheap flights available to Riga

Careful Assessment

Whether you choose to study in a class or as an individual, there will be careful assessment of your needs before your arrival. The school practice a short phone interview with each of students for placing them in the appropriate level. In order to monitor Russian language study progress, a weekly test will be given to every student.
Like A Family

The staff knows all students by name and its very friendly and relaxed atmosphere at the school.

If you have any additional questions that we have not answered please contact us at...

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We hope to see you soon!

Accreditation and Membership