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walking in open air museum

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Among the oldest Ethnographic Museums in Europe - An amazing collection of about 118 old buildings from all regions of Latvia

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Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum is the most valuable keeper of the historical artefacts and ancient buildings in Latvia. With an amazing collection of about 118 ancient buildings from all the regions of Latvia and with more than 140.000 evidences of the rich history of Latvia, this Open-Air Museum is not just the largest open-air museum in Latvia, but also one of the oldest that kind of museums in Europe. The Museum lies in a territory of approx 88 ha and is situated in northeast Riga, on the bank of Jugla Lake.

The Ethnographic Open-Air Museum was established in 1924 and its purpose was to find and transport all preserved buildings of 17th-20th centuries from all four regions of Latvia: Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale and Vidzeme. The first building – a threshing barn of the 18th century – was brought in 1928. The Open-Air Museum was opened for public visiting in 1932 and its expedition included six ancient houses from Vidzeme and Latgale regions. After seven years, in 1939, the museum could boast of the collection of 40 buildings that represented all regions of Latvia.

The picturesque Ethnographic Open-Air Museum is hiding in a pine wood stretching along the bank of Jugla Lake. Walking into the museum is the same like walking in ancient Latvia, at times when all these houses, structures and objects were used for peoples every day life. Wooden houses with straw roofs, dim rooms and low ceilings, artisans and fisherman’s farms, windmills, churches, homesteads, smithies and brick-kilns. Moreover, the staff here is wearing national costumes thus making the atmosphere more alike to the former times. This Ethnographic Museum is the storage of about 118 ancient buildings and 3.000 household objects.

Every month the Museum organises various festivals, craft or market days like The Midsummer Eve in June, The Old Crafts day in September, Martins Day market in November etc. On the market days, The Museum territory is busy with visitors and sellers. Everyone is coming here to buy or sell traditional knitting, jewellery, pottery, ecological vegetables, meat or national souvenirs. Every Sunday, in Usma Church there is held a concert of organ music.

Open all days from 10h00 to 20h00.
the exhibition buildings are open from 10:00 to 17:00.
During the winter, the museum is open from 10:00 to 17:00.
Entry price during the summer:
Adults - 2 Ls
Students - 1 LS
Entry price during the winter:
Adults - 1 LS
Students - 0.75 Ls

The few images of this product, here are taken from this book.
A gift from my friends Latvians.

transport

Public transport and parking

**Bus** to stop "outdoor museum" No. 1, 19, 28
**Tram: n°6** to stop "Jugla" [http://www.rigassatiksme.lv](http://www.rigassatiksme.lv)
Ltd. "Adazi Express" bus
**218 Minibus** [http://www.rdsd.lv/mimap/?map=218](http://www.rdsd.lv/mimap/?map=218) Central Berg
Cycling Centre - Bergi [http://www.rdsd.lv/?ct=centrsbergi](http://www.rdsd.lv/?ct=centrsbergi)

Parking
At the main entrance of the museum are available parking at a price of £ 02.01
At the western entrance to the parking and parking for buses
Bicycles can be connected to the bench behind the counter of the museum building

Dogs, biking, make fire, make the fumes are prohibited in the museum.

Contact:

67994106 Phone (weekdays 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.)
Treasury Museum 67994515 (opening hours of the museum)
fax 67994178

Billets et Horaires

**Timetables and tickets for the summer and winter**

**Hours during the summer season from May 1 to October 30:**
The museum is open to visitors daily from 10:00 to 20:00
The exhibition buildings are open daily from 10:00 to 17:00
The exhibition hall is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00

**The tickets during the summer season from May 1 to October 30:**
2.50 LVL - Adult (Map "Friend of the Museum" 2.00 LVL)
1.50 LVL - full-time students (with ID "friends of the museum" 1.00 LVL)
1.00 LVL - students, seniors LR, II and III and the disabled ((Card "friend of the museum" 0.50 LVL)
2.00 LVL person. Groups from 10 people
5.00 LVL - Family ticket. 2 adults and 2-4 children up to the age of 18 or a large family
3.00 LVL Map "Friend of the Museum" - Expires 3 years.

**Opening hours during the winter season from November 1 to April 30**
Area open air museum is open for walks throughout the week, from Monday to Sunday from 10.00 to
Buildings exhibition is open on request.

Opening of the Exhibition Building:
- 3 LVL pupils, students, pensioners, disabled groups
- 5 LVL other visitors

After the application is open to the following buildings: Exhibition Hall, Usma Church Farm Spit, Nida dūmistaba, farms Vidzeme, the Russian peasant farm in Latgale, Kurzeme building fishing village "hiding"

The tickets during the winter season from November 1 to April 30.
1.50 LVL - adult (with card "Friend of the Museum" 1.00 LVL)
1.00 LVL - full-time students (with ID "friends of the museum" 0.50 LVL)
0.50 LVL - students, seniors, disabled groups II and III (with card "friend of the museum" 0.30 LVL)
1.00 LVL per person - Groups of 10
3.00 LVL - Family ticket. 2 adults and 2-4 children up to the age of 18, or 1 large family
3.00 LVL Map "Friend of the Museum" - Expires 3 years.

Free entry {{}}
the preschool children;
teachers (one person per ten children) who accompanies a group of preschool children;
teachers (one person per ten children) who pass a group of students;
disabled people in group I and children with disabilities (document layout);
person accompanying a disabled person or a disabled child;
long-term care and social reintegration of children and their escorts;
Latvian foreign museums and other museums staff (Council required identification card or International Museums ICOM members);
Tour group leader (guide).

Cultes

Culte Usma Lutheran Church: Dimanche à. 10:00

Pâques services de l’église année 2012 : 9 avril 10 h: 00

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