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WHERE THE PAST
MEETS THE FUTURE
YOU MATTER

Riga, Latvia 27.5-1.6.2022

WHERE WE VISITED IN RIGA AND LATVIA

the City (National Library, Dome Cathedral, Statue of Freedom, Art Museum)

Unesco World Heritage in Riga

National Parks (Gauja National Park and Kemeris National Park)

Important sights in Latvia – Cēsis medieval castle

Sustainable life in Riga – Ģetlini Eco-waste center

Most important results of the project week:

We have so much beautiful nature that we shouldn't waste. Instead we should recycle, protect nature and respect things our last generations have left for us.



RIGA

Founded in 1201

Important port town.

A city of Hanseatic League from the 13th to the 15th century”.

In the 17th century the largest provincial town of Sweden.

19th century a rapid industrial development in Riga.

Capital of Latvia.

About 700 000 inhabitants.

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE IN RIGA

Riga's medieval old town and its surrounding city centre are a UNESCO World Heritage site from 1997.

Unique – 13th-century churches

Unique – Riga's art nouveau architecture

RIGA - NATIONAL LIBRARY

- Founded on 29 August 1919
- First chief librarian and bibliographer Janis Misinš



RIGA DOME CATHEDRAL (CONCERT)

- Cathedral built in 1211 by Albert of Riga
- Simple architecture
- Pipe organ; 6718 pipes
- Many listeners and great atmosphere.



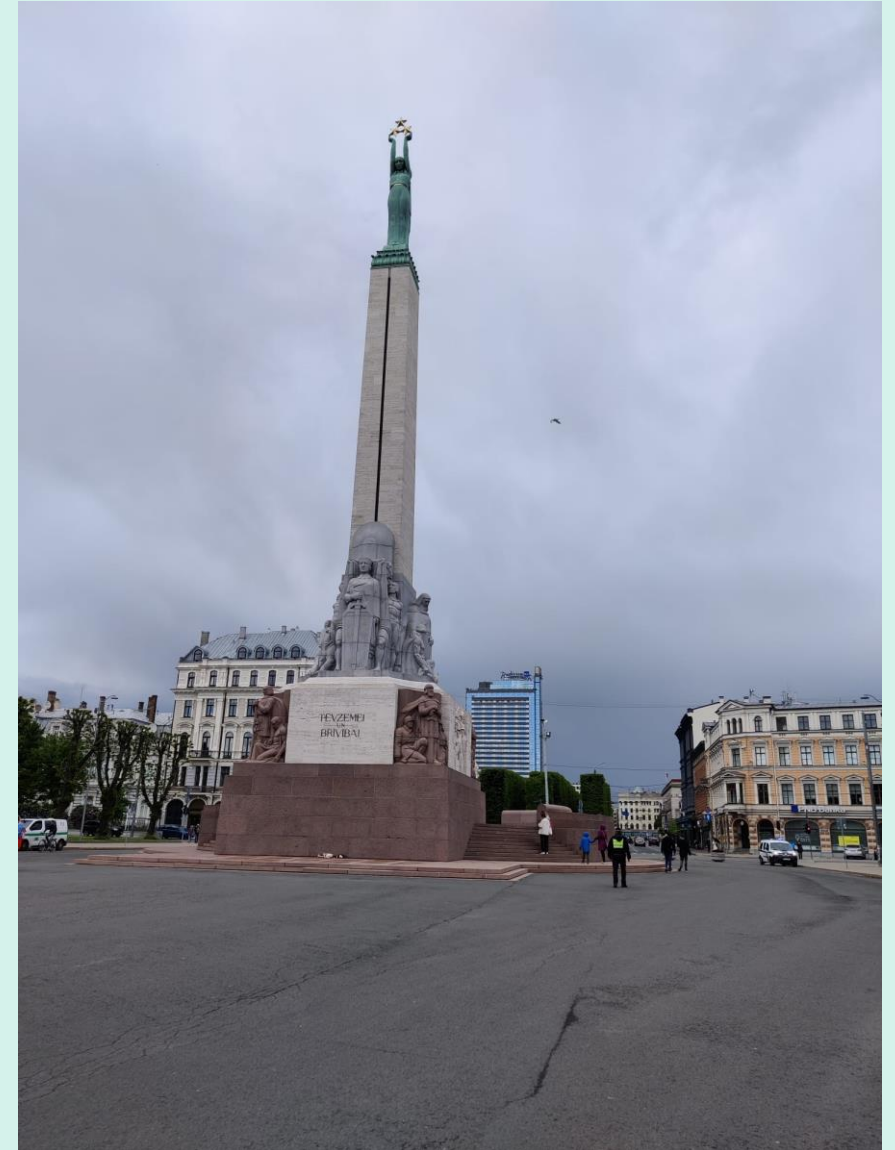
RIGA - MONUMENT OF FREEDOM

The monument of Freedom is located in the old town of Riga
Memorializes the fallen of the Latvian war of independence

The monument shows us the importance of remembering
those who fought and died for freedom

The monument has depictions of Latvian folklore, history and
symbols of the struggle for freedom

Seeing the monument was a great experience for us



LATVIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ART



- The first building in the Baltics to be built for the purposes of a museum, 1905
- Over 52 000 works of art reflecting the development of art from the 18th century until today

GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

- Largest national park in Latvia
- Established in 1973
- There are over 500 monuments of history



KEMERI NATIONAL PARK



- windy but calm
- swamps prevent floods
- forest is 6000 years old





CESIS MEDIEVAL CASTLE

- Built in the 13th century
- A mass suicide in 1577 because of the siege of Ivan the Terrible's army
- A great roleplay guided by a knight and some ladies
- -> sword fights, old-fashioned dinner, dancing



GETLINI ECO-WASTE CENTER

On Monday we visited the Getlini ECO waste center

There was a guide who showed us sustainable solutions of recycling in Latvia

We also learnt about the greenhouse located next to the recycling complex

The landfill was really impressive due to its size and height

We can now compare the recycling systems of Finland and Latvia

Unfortunately we were not allowed to climb the trash pile

Hilla: I learned a lot of different cultures, people around me and recycling. All in all the trip was really fun and I an amazing experience.

Aino: The trip taught me a lot of new things about enviroment and the ways we can improve it. It was an eye opening and fun experience.

Jussi: I learned much about history and culture of Latvia. I also learned more about the environment and nature. The trip was an amazing and a wholesome experience.

Anna: I learned that even though Finland is quite close to Latvian nature is still different and unique. Also people and culture is amazing and I hope I will have opportunity come back one day.

Timi: I learned a lot about the Latvian culture and its rich history and I would like to thank you for this experience

Aaro: I think I learned a lot of interesting information about the people and the past of Latvia, I enjoyed seeing the beautiful architecture of the old town of Riga.

Oona: I learned how people around the world are surprisingly similar and open-minded. I was amazed by the beautiful nature of Latvia and the cozy restaurants of

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