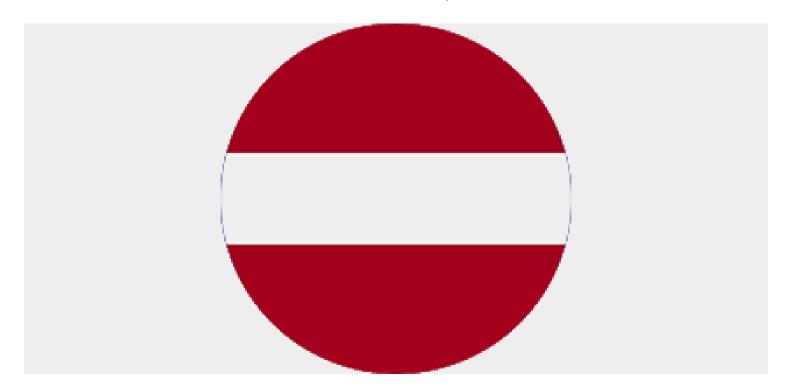
LATVIA

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Latvia is a country in <u>Europe</u>. The official name of Latvia is the Republic of Latvia. It shares borders with 4 countries: <u>Estonia</u>, <u>Russia</u>, <u>Belarus</u>, and <u>Lithuania</u>. The people of Latvia are called Latvians. The country is in Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea, between Estonia and Lithuania.

An ethnicity is a group or sub-group of people who are connected based on common characteristics which may include religion, origin, language, traditions, or culture. The ethnic groups in Latvia include Latvians, Russians, and Belarusians.

Air Baltic is the national airline of Latvia. The national colors of the country are carmine and white. The emoji flag of the country is ????????, and the ISO code is LVA.

Latvia is known for the Rundāle Palace and Museum, more than 2,000 lakes, 12,000 rivers, and its distinctive biodiversity. The national dish of Latvia is Pelēkie zirņi ar speķi. Riga Black Balsam, in addition to being a traditional beverage, is one of the country's national drinks. The national instrument of Latvia is Kokle.

The country has the time zone UTC+2 (EET) followed by dd/mm/yyyy as the standard date format.

Latvia is divided into 36 municipalities and 7 republic cities. The capital of the country is Riga, which is also the largest city in Latvia.

The literacy rate in Latvia is 99.9%.

The country's total area is 64,589 km² (24,938 sq mi), and the total population is 1,886,198. The country's average elevation is 87 m (285 ft), whereas the country's terrain can be defined as; Low plain, grassland. The country's usual climate is maritime; with wet moderate winters.

The area of land next to a sea is called the coast, and a coastline is defined as the line where land and sea meet. Latvia has 498 km of coastline.

The Euro serves as the national unit of currency, and the Bank of Latvia is recognized as the country's central bank. The domain for Latvia is .lv and the country code is +371. White wagtail is the country's coat of arms.

Museums are known to educate and connect visitors with the nation's history, culture, civilization, art, and architecture. Latvian National Museum of Art serves the same purpose and is considered one of the most significant tourist attractions. Latvian National Museum of Art is home to a large collection of artifacts. It has been designated as the national museum of the country.

The national dress of Latvia is the linen overcoats in summer, while in winter long homespun woolen or fur coats. 18 November is designated as National Day. In Latvia, the majority of the population practices Christianity as their religion.

Nature is a blessing from God and we must protect it because it provides us with the oxygen and food to survive. It also helps to keep our environment beautiful and clean. To emphasize the

significance of nature, Latvia has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols. The white wagtail is both the national bird and animal of Latvia. The national flower is Daisy. The national tree of Latvia is the Oak and linden, and the highest peak is Gaizinkalns.

Mythical creatures can be found in the literature and mythologies of many different nations. They represent imaginative representations of various creatures, humans, or hybrids. They are known for their specific features, supernatural abilities, and distinctive appearance. The mythical creature of Latvia is Werewolf.

Sports have always played an important role in developing the social and cultural structure of Latvia and other countries. When it comes to designating a sport as the official symbol, Hockey is considered the country's national sport.

Kārlis Ulmanis is the founder of Latvia. The country's national anthem was written by Kārlis Baumanis, and composed by Kārlis Baumanis.

Mausoleums are buildings dedicated to holding someone's remains. It serves as a reminder of the nation's revolutionary fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. Mausoleums are one of the most significant historical landmarks. The national mausoleum of Latvia is Great Cemetery. The country's national hero is Lacplesis.

Due to their unique qualities and rich cultural or historical backgrounds, national monuments around the world are of great importance. The Freedom Monument is recognized as the national monument of the country. It attracts visitors from all around the world.

Numerous organizations are working on a global level to improve the current state of affairs and to collaborate in order to establish and maintain constructive partnerships. Latvia is a member of the <u>European Union (EU)</u>, <u>North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)</u>, and <u>United Nations (UN)</u>. Latvia collaborates with them to organize, analyze, and address various events and situations.

The tourism slogan of the country is "Best Enjoyed Slowly" whereas, "Tēvzemei un Brīvībai - "For Fatherland and Freedom" is the official motto of the country.

Krišjānis KariņšKrišjānis Kariņš is the current Prime minister of Latvia, and Egils Levits is the President. Latvia has declared Latvian as the country's official language.

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