

Discover Latvia



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Latvia in numbers

- 4 seasons
 - 1,953,200 inhabitants
- 4 historical and cultural regions
 - 9 cities and 67 towns
- 311,9 m highest hill «Gaiziņkalns»
- Latvia is 0.12 times as big as France
 - Saeima – 100 members

4 wonderful seasons



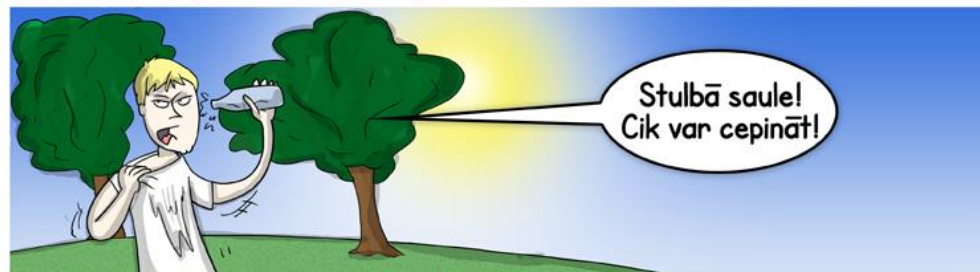
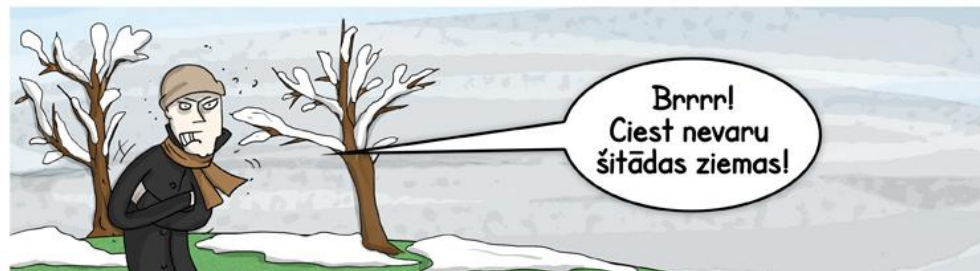




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Jāņi (celebrating summer solstice)





Latvian Song and Dance Festival







Tiešraide



National cuisine

- Grey peas with salted pork fat
 - Sklandrausis
- Caraway cheese
- Semolina mousse
 - Black pudding
- Braised cabbage



100 year anniversary of Latvia



National library of Latvia



Folk songs (dainas)

The night was dark, the
grass was green

I let my horse out to graze.

In the morning the grass
remained,

But a wolf had eaten up my
horse.

Tumša nakts, zaļa zāle
Laukā laidu kumeliņu.

Tur palika zaļa zāle
Vilks apēda kumeliņu.



When two youngsters
share a bed,

A drop of water cannot
seep between them.

When two oldsters share
a bed,

A peddler with his barrow
can run between them.

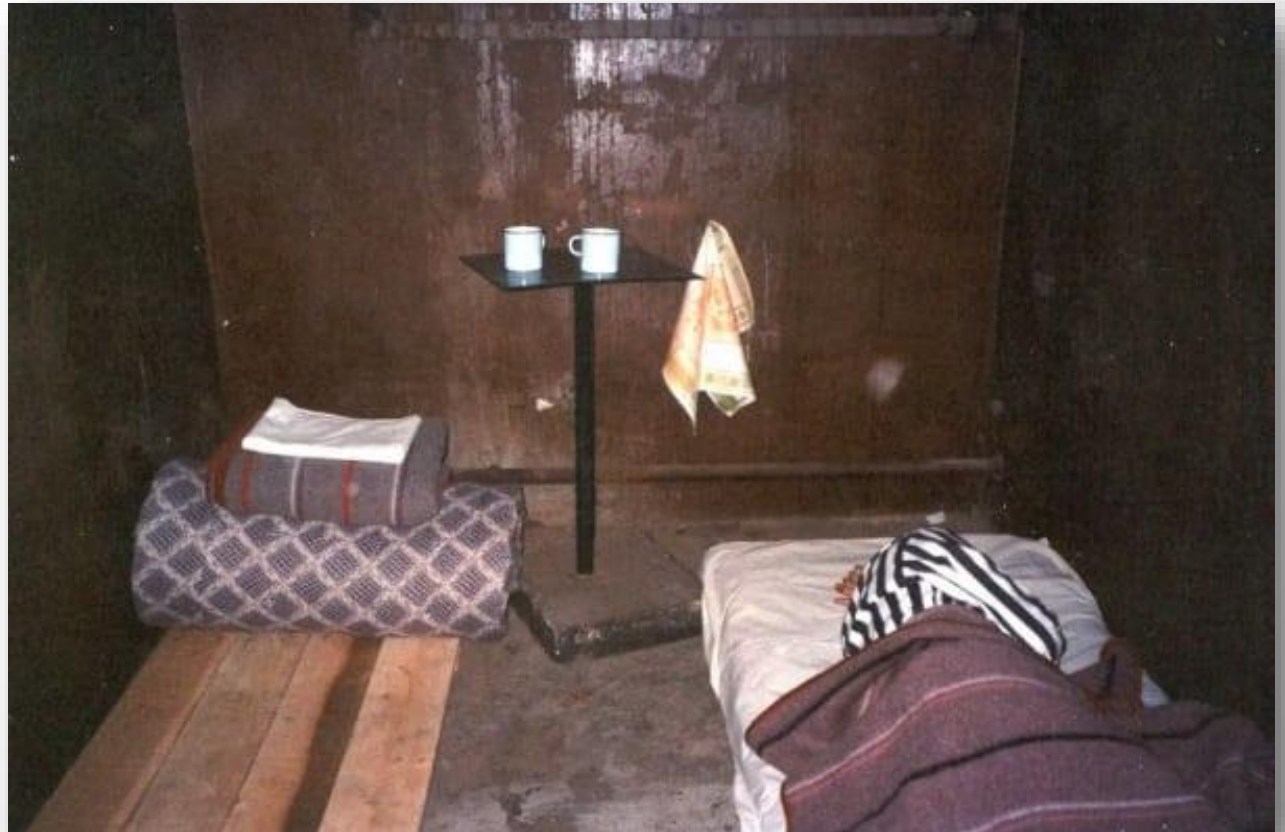
Jauns ar jaunu sagulēja
Ūdens cauri netecēja.

Vecs ar vecu sagulēja
Žīds ar tačku cauri
skrēja.



Interesting facts

- Latvia has the world's tallest women (average lady 170 cm).
- One of the attractions of the port city Liepaja is a night in jail.



- World's fourth fastest internet connections.
- The Ventas Rumba in Kuldīga is the widest waterfall in Europe.
- Riga's Central Market is one of Europe's biggest markets.



Amazing people worth knowing



- Edward Leedskalnin – single handedly built the Coral Castle in Florida
- The tailor Jacob W. Davis (born Jākobs Jufess) – modern denim jeans
- Crocodile Harry



