

## SUMMER CAMPS IN LATVIA

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# 1 Introduction

I provide additional details for those who need them, but you can quickly refer to the two tables and the organization protocol for a concise overview

I have made the decision to write a report detailing my summer camp experience in Latvia. The purpose of this report is to explain to first-year students of Esaip how the summer camp functions and provide them with useful tips to maximize their time and avoid unnecessary inefficiencies.

I will also address the questions that remained unanswered until the start of the summer camp. We had limited information, leaving me uncertain about the organization, logistics, timing, and which tickets to acquire. It is fair to say that communication could have been improved. However, I believe in the saying *we are never better served than by ourselves*. So I have taken the initiative to provide these answers independently.

My goal is to provide a well-crafted document that informs and helps you become more efficient. You can also read the conclusion if you are interested. This document combines elements of a journal and a guide. Enjoy reading, and I hope it proves helpful to you!

## 2 Luggage

Based on my experience, I would suggest packing the following items to ensure you have everything you need

### 2.1 Suitcase

Product	Recommended quantity
Underwear	7
Socks	7
T-shirt	7
Pants	2
Shorts	3
Vests	2
Raincoat	1
Laundry bag	1
Toothbrush	1

## 2.2 Backpack

Product	Recommended quantity
Phone	1
Laptop	1
Biscuits	A packet
Water	A bottle
Chargers	As much as you need
Pencil case	1
Sheets	50
Binder	1
Helmet	1

## 3 Environment

### 3.1 Residential

Some students from Esaip and I are living in close proximity to each other in a spacious and well-maintained apartment. The living space provides ample room for everyone, ensuring comfort and convenience. We have access to essential amenities such as fridges, wardrobes, and storage areas for our luggage, allowing us to keep our belongings organized and easily accessible.

Cooking meals is a breeze as we have sufficient facilities and equipment available. The apartment is equipped with a well-functioning kitchen, enabling us to prepare and enjoy our own homemade food. This not only saves us money but also allows us to have control over our dietary preferences.

In terms of sanitation, we are fortunate to have two toilets, a shower, and two washbasins available. This ensures that everyone has the necessary facilities to maintain personal hygiene without any inconvenience or overcrowding.

The apartment itself falls within the mid-range category, providing us with a comfortable and pleasant living environment. The overall condition of the apartment is excellent, offering a clean and well-maintained space for us to reside in. Additionally, one notable feature is the apartment's great point of view, allowing us to enjoy a scenic and captivating vista from our windows.

Living in such a well-equipped and inviting apartment enhances our overall living experience, creating a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone. We are fortunate to have found this accommodation and are grateful for the amenities and features it provides.





Living room, RTU - RIGA



Storage units, RTU - RIGA

## 4 Inside the campus

The university provides breakfast and lunch tickets free of charge for every working day, so you won't have to pay for your meals unless it's in the evening or on weekends. In our case, we arrived on a Saturday and were allowed to stay in the dormitory even though the summer camp hadn't officially started yet. You won't need to book a hotel or find alternative accommodations for those two days. During our experience, we found that the campus wasn't crowded, and there was ample space inside the buildings. The courses we took were challenging and complex, and most of the participants in the summer school were older and had a higher level of engineering knowledge than us. So, I wish you good luck, but don't worry! We engaged in plenty of activities and discovered many interesting places in Riga.



Riga Technical University - RIGA

#### 4.1 Outside the campus

We are located near the sea, and one aspect that puzzles me is the presence of private areas along the beach. Consequently, we cannot constantly run or walk alongside it. However, we can explore alternative routes to engage in these activities. Luckily, there is a supermarket conveniently situated near the dormitories, providing us with easy access to a wide range of products. The store operates from 9 am to 10 pm, ensuring that our needs are met throughout the day.

Moreover, the cost of living in Riga is significantly lower compared to France. Most items offer the same quality but at more affordable prices, except for certain imported products. Overall, the affordability is quite appealing. For businesses engaged in international trade, Riga presents a remarkable opportunity due to lower salaries compared to France. This factor encourages companies to thrive. In terms of lifestyle, Riga resembles any other capital city. People often stay out late, and there are various establishments to explore, such as shops, museums, and the historical center.

In today's globalized world, lifestyles are increasingly converging, particularly in urban areas. Therefore, you will not feel lost and will quickly adapt to your familiar routines.



City center - RIGA

## 5 Travel guide for RTU

In this section, I am going to explain what you should do to avoid waiting and feeling anxious, particularly emphasizing what you should not do. Moreover, following these guidelines will help you save money.

Step	Description
1 Get a ticket to RIGA	No worries, you can stay in your apartment during the week off between summer schools.  <i>Tips: Buy a direct round-trip ticket based on camp dates</i>
2 Get a train ticket	Take the train to the airport, allowing enough time for your flight.  <i>Tip: Ensure to have 2 hours before flight</i>
3 Get a metro ticket	Get a Paris metro and RER ticket for easy city travel.  <i>Tip: Get a metro ticket for combined metro and RER service coverage</i>

## 6 Questions

In addition to the previous information, let me provide you with some answers to your specific questions:

### How can I have access to the Internet?

→ You will have access to the Internet through their Wi-Fi network. They provide Wi-Fi connectivity, allowing you to stay connected during your stay. However, it's advisable to check your mobile data plan or internet package before you arrive to ensure that you have enough data or a sufficient data allowance to meet your needs while using the Wi-Fi. This will ensure that you can comfortably browse the web, stream content, and stay connected without any limitations.

### Where can I wash my clothes?

→ The apartment complex provides washing machines for the residents' use. You can conveniently wash your clothes using these machines. The cost for each usage is around 2€, allowing you to maintain clean and fresh laundry during your stay. This on-site facility saves you the hassle of finding a laundromat or relying on external services. Please note that you will need to bring your own washing powder or buy it on a shop.

### Where is the University?

→ The university address is Azenes street 12, RIGA. It is conveniently located near the student hotel. It

is just a couple of minutes' walk away, making it easily accessible for students residing in the apartment. This close proximity means you can quickly and easily reach the University without having to travel far. It provides a convenient and time-saving solution, allowing you to focus on your studies and make the most of your academic experience.

These additional details should provide you with a better understanding of the amenities and services available in the apartment complex.