

Traveling with firearms in Latvia

The Republic of Latvia is a member of the European Union. To travel you need a valid ID and for the firearms you must have the European Firearms Pass. In general, if you have a firearm registered in the Pass then you can bring it to Latvia. Bring handguns up to .45ACP, hollow-point ammunition is allowed for sport purposes. "Military" / NATO calibers (9x19) are allowed. Semi, revo, and optical sights are allowed. Full auto and military firearms are prohibited.

Match organizers shall provide an Invitation Template in electronic format which you download, fill with firearm(s) make, model, serial, and caliber, then print and bring it with you to present to police in case of border control. The completed match invitation is your explanation to have firearms with you in Latvia and is sufficient.

When traveling by car or pram there is no border control unless special circumstances.

When traveling by air the AirBaltic and Finnair airlines can handle firearms and ammo for a reasonable fee. You'll get your firearms from the airport official transferring the cases personally to you in the baggage belt area.

It is possible to shoot someone else's firearm and/or use ammunition provided by the range and/or at the match – under the supervision of match officials. It is possible for a person at least 16 years old to shoot B and C category firearms during official sport competition events.

Latvia and Baltic States overall are safe countries. When traveling (by car) exercise usual caution to prevent your possessions being stolen or misplaced accidentally. A safe in the hotel, a closed trunk of a car you can see from a cafe window, or a bag on your shoulders is reasonable firearm storage. Firearms must be kept unloaded. Do not unpack them anywhere except on the shooting range, in private – for maintenance, or when asked by border control. Concealed carry is lawful for Latvian citizens and some may carry handguns but it's uncommon. If your trained eye spotted a handgun outline under summer clothes, it's not to be alarmed.

The foundational Latvia's "Law on the Handling of Weapons" is [available in English](#) (docx).

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The state official language is Latvian which many people speak natively. There is a good chance people speak English and/or Russian too – especially in the public services and accommodation industry. We're a little cold on the surface yet we'll not bite and asking locals for directions or help may lead to valid answers. Expect the EU level of services. The country is sparsely populated; the most of it are crops and forest. Fully electric cars should have no problems charging in the cities. Obey speed limits, reasonable variations to stay with the rest of the flow or to pass a truck is acceptable. The Waze app provides excellent navigation. Do not bribe the police, it will cost far more than a ticket.

More details: <https://www.latvia.travel/en>.