

INFORMATION ON HOUSING OPTIONS IN RIGA CITY

Demand for renting an apartment in Riga is very high, but supply is quite limited. Good offers (apartments that are repaired and have acceptable cost of rent) quickly find their tenants. Therefore it is advisable to take rapid decisions regarding pleasant options.

Please take into account that **it is common to pay at least two months in advance when signing Lease Agreement** – for the first month + security deposit. Therefore when choosing an apartment, please take into consideration that you will have to pay double amount of rent to reserve an apartment for you in Riga.

Please find below contacts of real estate agents that our relocated employees have used in the past to look for apartments in Riga – all of the agents speak English.

- **Inga Upmale - Ltd. Corvin Real Estate, phone +37120408017, inga.upmale@corvin.lv**
- Dace Mergina - *Ltd Impressio*, phone [+371 29419090](tel:+37129419090), dace@impressio.lv
- <http://artestate.lv/en/contact> mob: +371 26666987
- <http://www.stayinriga.com/en/contact-us/> mob: +371 29616120 info@stayinriga.com
- Janis Repsa – *Latio Real Estate*, phone +371 29249566, janis.repsa@latio.lv

In addition to real estate broker contacts following sites may be used for searching apartments:

<http://www.city24.lv/en/list?usp=true&fr=0>

<http://www.arcoreal.lv/en/residential/apartments/all-transactions/riga/centrs/>

<http://latio.lv/en/rent-and-lease/services-for-tenants>

<https://www.cityreal.lv/en/>

<http://www.rentinriga.lv/en?search=0b9c7245e86edfb07b57a5b860b73b4e>

https://www.ss.lv/ru/real-estate/flats/riga/centre/hand_over/

<http://www.apella.lv/en/>

In case you decide to contact real estate broker please prepare following information in advance (real estate broker will be able to make recommendations for you based on this information):

- Preferred location of the apartment
- Desired number of rooms
- Desired apartment footage (how big the apartment should be in square meters)
- Approximate arrival date to the Republic of Latvia
- Your monthly rent budget
- Preferred transportation infrastructure
- Additional requirements

Additional fees for using services provided by real estate agent may apply.

The cost of a comfortable furnished apartment in the city center range from 300 euros for a small studio apartment (30 m²) to 1200 euros for a 2 bedroom apartment in a new building. The cost of renting 3 bedroom apartment range from 650 - 1200 euros.

Please take into account that in addition to rent, you will have to pay for maintenance and utilities – these expenses depend on area where you plan to live and on the size of the apartment.

HOUSING IN RIGA CENTER AROUND EVOLUTION OFFICE

Maps below list some of the most popular areas to stay in the city center:

- **Purple** dot on the map shows location of Evolution office on Brivibas street 151.
- The **red** highlighted area is one of the fastest growing areas of Riga, Skanstes street district and quiet center - new modern business district. Supermarkets, banks, schools, kindergartens, public transport, restaurants are located within walking distance from this district. Olympic sports center with 50 m swimming pool and sports club for children and adults, concert and sport hall the Arena "Riga" with ice hall is located in Skanstes district and are highlighted in **pink** color.

It takes 15-25 minutes by public transport to reach main Evolution Office on Brivibas street 151 from Skanstes district.

- The **yellow** highlighted area is the most prestigious district of Riga - the embassy district. There are many renovated historical buildings and 3 large parks located here. Old Town called Old Riga, supermarket, SPA and gym complex, school, clinic, popular restaurants are located within walking distance from this district.

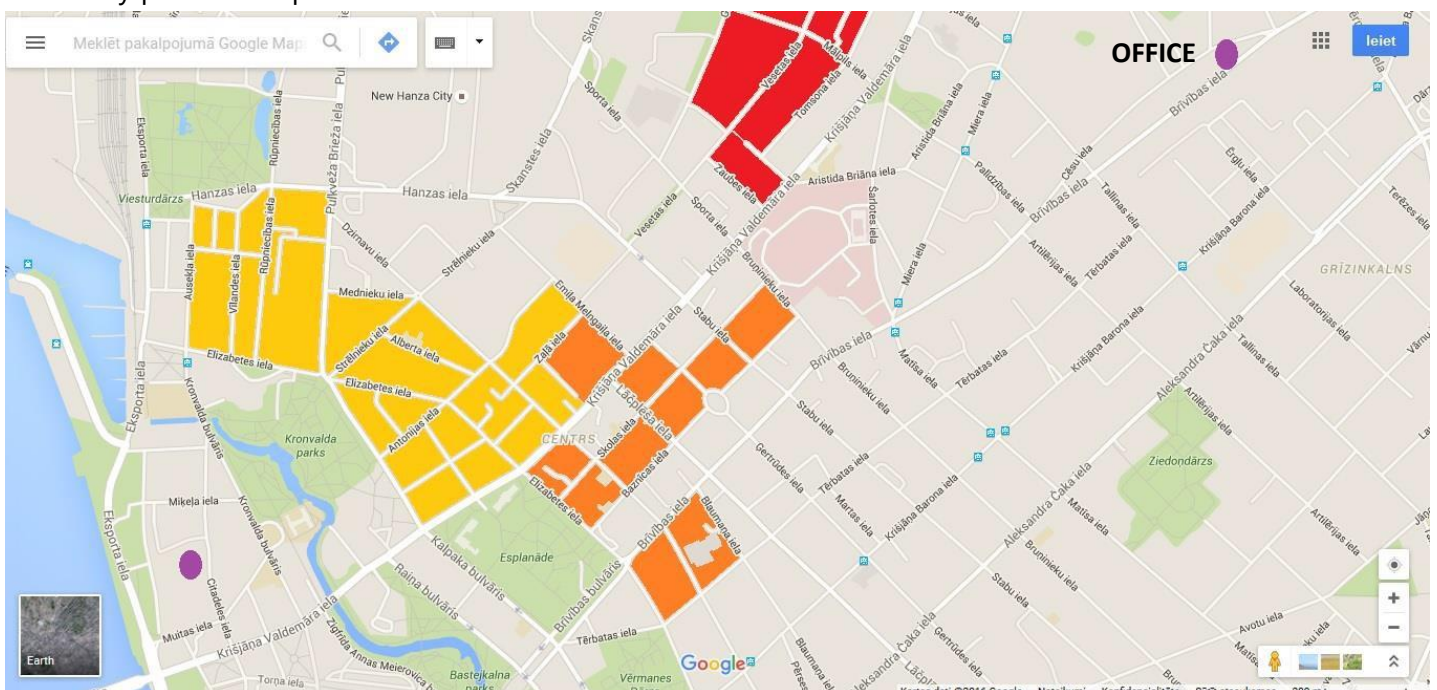
It takes 20-25 minutes by public transport to reach main Evolution Office on Brivibas street 151 from Embassy district.

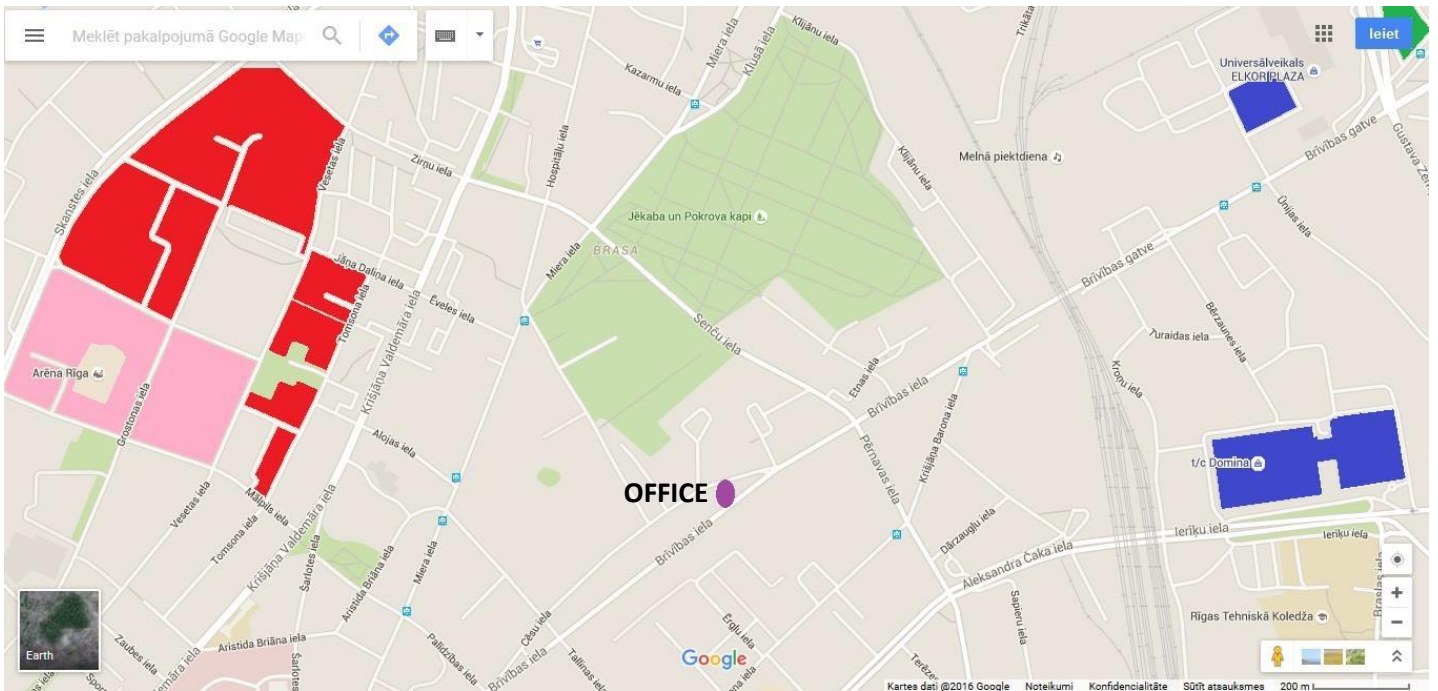
- **Orange** highlighted area is part of an active Riga city center where in comparison with the other parts of downtown many buildings are renovated or completely new.

It takes 15 minutes by public transport to reach main Evolution Office on Brivibas street 151 from active city center.

- Shopping centers "Domina Shopping" and "Elkor Plaza" are highlighted in **blue** color.
- Areas on the map that are not highlighted in any color consist mostly of pre-war buildings, which may be only partly renovated.

Depending on the exact location in the center, road to the office will take on average 10-20 minutes by public transport to Brivibas street 151.





The cost of studio apartment or 1 bedroom apartment will range from 200-600 euros and cost of 2-4 bedroom apartment will range from 600-1500 euros in the city center (areas around Evolution office).

HOUSING OUTSIDE RIGA CENTER

If you have decided that you will use a car during your stay in Riga, it's probably better to consider housing outside Riga center as the cost of rent for an apartment is likely to be lower and there will be a bigger possibility that you will have a place where you can leave your car for free (you will have to pay for most of car parking places in Riga center).

The cost of studio apartment or 1 bedroom apartment will range from 200-600 euros and cost of 2-4 bedroom apartment will range from 600-1200 euros.

Pardaugava district located on the left side of river Daugava and highlighted in pink color is divided into several areas (Zolitude, Imanta, Dzirciems, Agenskalns, etc.). Good transport lines are available to the city center - it will take approximately 25-35 minutes by public transport to main Evolution office on Brīvības street 151.

There are large number of green spaces and parks in Pardaugava district. Very popular town Jurmala which is located on a seaside is easily reachable from Pardaugava district (on average of 15 minutes by public transport – there are some areas in Pardaugava that have railway stations with direct connections to Jurmala), some areas in Pardaugava district are equipped with bicycle paths.

- Zolitude district - *sleeping* area of Riga where soviet serial project buildings, new buildings and private houses are located. Several schools, kindergarten, supermarkets, shopping center "Spice" are located there. Well-developed transportation infrastructure.
- Imanta district - another *sleeping* area of Riga. Main buildings are soviet serial projects, but several new projects were built there in recent years as well. Well-developed transportation infrastructure,

as well a lot of large and small supermarkets, schools, kindergartens and forest are located in Imanta district.



Alternatives to Pardaugava district may be areas highlighted in pink on the right side of river Daugava. These districts are called Teika district and Purvciems district. It is very convenient to come by public transport to main Evolution office on Brivibas street 151 from these 2 districts.

- Teika district - located pretty close to the Riga center. Many pre-war buildings, new buildings, special projects and soviet serial projects are located here. Major shopping centers - "Alfa" and "Elkor Plaza" and cinema theatre are located in Teika as well. Convenient transportation infrastructure to the Riga center – it will take 10-15 minutes by public transport to reach main Evolution Office on Brivibas street 151.
- Purvciems district - *sleeping* area of Riga. Main buildings are soviet serial projects, but several new projects were built there in recent years as well. Well-developed transportation infrastructure, as well as a lot of large and small supermarkets, schools, kindergartens and entertainment center "GoPlanet" are located here.

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