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Useful information for guests

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Welcome to Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences!

■ Currency

- The currency used in Latvia is EURO. Most places in Valmiera accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, but please be also able to pay in cash (in the bus for example).



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How to get to Latvia?

The most convenient way is a flight to Riga International Airport. From Riga you can take intercity bus to Valmiera.

How to get from Riga Airport to Riga Bus Station?

We suggest you take bus No 22 from airport to Riga Bus Station. In this bus you can buy a ticket directly (2 EUR). There is also an option to download the app “Mobilly” in which you can purchase a “Code ticket” (1,50 EUR), which allows you to travel around Riga for 90 minutes freely.

Here is useful link with some tips for taking the bus and different transportation options:

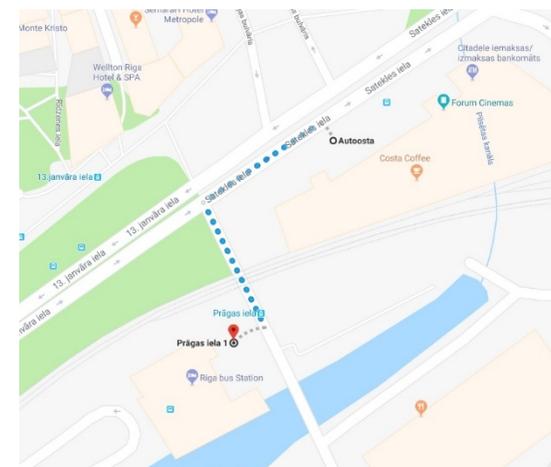
Riga: Transport to and from Riga Airport – Tripadvisor

Here you can see time schedule for the bus No22:

City Bus No. 22 - Lidosta - Abrenes iela - Rīgas satiksme (1188.lv)

Please get off at the station named "Autoosta" (Bus Station). You will have to walk approx. 5 minutes to reach the Bus Station terminal (please see the attached picture).

You can also easily see and plan your routes in Google Maps, which has all the public transport routes and times.



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■ How to get to Valmiera?

Afterwards you will have to buy bus ticket from Riga to Valmiera. Here you can find time schedule:
<https://www.1188.lv/en/transport/buses/rigas-sao/valmieras->

The bus ticket costs 4.85 EUR and it takes approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes to get to Valmiera.

If you need any directions at any time, please ask local people. But also please be cautious as the Bus Station is a public place.



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■ How to get around Valmiera?

The usual price for a taxi ride in the territory of Valmiera is 3-5 EUR

Make sure about the price before you go

Some taxi phone numbers:

+371 80008000

+371 80002121

+371 80001616



We suggest using Bolt taxi (App). This way, the price will be visible before the drive.

Bolt App – electric scooter <https://bolt.eu/en/scooters/>

Public transport – Bus. Single ticket: EUR 0.60 (can be bought from a bus driver)

Schedules: www.vtu-valmiera.lv

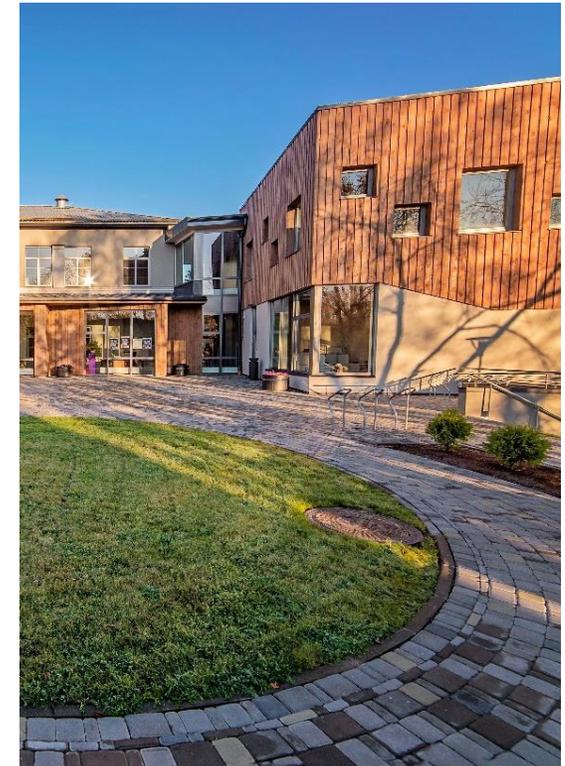


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■ How to get to ViA?

Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (ViA) main building is situated on Cesu street 4, which is right in front of Valmiera Bus Station.

Engineering Campus is situated on Terbatas street 10. Most of the Administrative staff is located in this building.



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Where to stay?

In Valmiera you can stay at different hotels or apartments. You can check [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) for references.

- **Hotel “Wolmar”** - Comfortable 4-star hotel near the center of Valmiera, address: Terbatas street 16 <https://hotelwolmar.lv/en/>
- **Stadium Hotel** – Cozy hotel near Jāņa Daliņa stadium, approximately 1 km from center of Valmiera, address: Jāņa Daliņa street 2 <https://janadalinastadions.lv/stadium-hotel/>
- **Sports Hotel** - spacious hotel near Olympic Center, approximately 3 km from center of Valmiera, address: Vaidavas street 15 <https://sportshotel.lv/en/>

It's always a good idea to check with the hotel directly for the most up-to-date information on prices and availability.



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■ Where to eat?

- To understand Latvian culture and traditions better, you must get to know the cuisine with all the unique dishes, including kvass and dark rye bread. At first, some of the dishes might seem odd, but if you are open to an unforgettable gastronomic journey in Latvia, you'll want to take all the food back to your home.
- Don't be afraid to try some Vidzeme region dishes – rye bread, potato dumplings, bacon patties have always been highly respected. In general, it seems that people from Vidzeme were and still are such bread-eaters, because the wood-cooked waffles and pancakes cannot be ignored.
- In Valmiera you can find restaurant **“Rātes vārti”** (Lacplesa street 1), which is number one Eastern European Restaurant in Vidzeme Region. Some other options – **“Bastions”** (Bastiona street 24), **Vecpūsis** (Leona Paegles street 10), **AKUSTIKA** (Diakonata street 6).



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- Login in Wifi network VIA
- Login – viesis
- Password – viavalmiera98



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■ Health and safety

In case of emergency, call

113 – medical emergency

112 – any emergency, call from mobile phones



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■ Weather





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