

## Latvia geographically

We share our border with 4 countries, as well as the Baltic sea



## Historical regions



#### General facts

- > Population: 1,92mil.
- > Latvian language
- > Christianity
- > Parliamentary Republic
- > Founded 1918
- > President Egils Levits





## National symbols



**FLAG** 



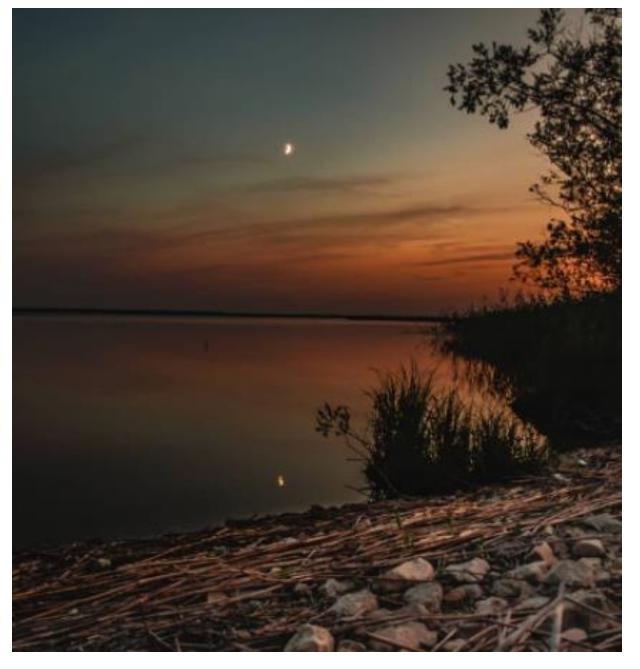
**COAT OF ARMS** 

- > Baltic and Baltic Finnish tribes
- > 16-18th century
- > Russian Empire, German Empire
- > Independence of the Republic of Latvia
- > Soviet Union, Nazi Germany
- > Restoration of the Republic of Latvia



### History









## Daugava













4 seasons

average +8,8°C coldest -10,3°C hottest +31,4°C

#### Līgo, Jāņi – Latvian midsummer festival

- 23 July *Līgo* meadows herbs day
- 24 July free day in Latvia named –
  Jāņi
- Traditions wreath weaving, home and yard decoration, jumping over a campfire, singing songs
- Special holiday dishes Midsummer cheese, beer



# Latvian Song and Dance Festival

- The tradition a cappella choral singing - is usually accompanied by amateur and professional choirs
- Since 1948, folk dances have been included in the festival
- They usually take place every 5 years



