



LATVIAN OPEN 2015

21st–23rd August



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About Latvia

Latvia is located in the northern part of Europe on the coast of the Baltic sea. Together with Estonia and Lithuania they are called the Baltics. Latvia has four historical regions – Kurzeme, Vidzeme, Latgale, and Zemgale, that are rich in the natural resources of wood, grasslands, rivers and lakes.

Latvia can be proud of its untouched nature – an astounding 500 km landscape of a sandy and rocky coastline with cliffs. The rhythm of the four seasons reveals the treasures of the natural scenery and cultural environment. Throughout the whole year it is possible to enjoy the charming, untouristed nature while living the dream of an urban traveler.

In order to get completely acquainted with Latvia one must discover the vibrant and beautiful cities of the country, for example, the resort city Jūrmala that is proud of its white sand beaches, rustling sea, and unique wooden architecture, or the port cities – Liepāja and Ventspils. Likewise such

memorable scenes can be found at the River Gauja Valley and picturesque city Sigulda.

There is this a special charm, which can be experienced in the small cities of Latvia. Although you can walk through these cities in a couple of hours, they leave memorable impressions for you to cherish for the rest of your life. For instance, Kuldīga, which is famous for being home to the widest waterfall in Europe – Ventas Rumba, and the unique red brick bridge that walks visitors over the river Venta. Travel around Latvia and become a witness to medieval castles, old cities, and the magnificent Art Nouveau architecture.

Riga

Riga is the capital of Latvia – the centre of education, science, economics, and culture. It is said to have been founded in 1201 when bishop Albert established a city on the banks of the River Rīdzina.

Riga is the city where centuries meet altogether, and the cultural heritage co-exists besides the dynamic pace of the present climate.

Thanks to the unique silhouette and panorama of Old Riga, the city has gained the status of European heritage. The historical centre of Riga has become an example of the olden style of city planning with its paved streets and a compiled collection of divergent architecture from all of Northern Europe, and it has been listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Today Riga is historically radiant, modern, active and full of various entertainment possibilities. On top of that Riga became the capital of free WiFi in all of Europe in 2014.

The pride of the city is the historical centre of Riga with its rich and spectacular Art Nouveau buildings and Old Riga, with many museums, art galleries, antique stores, souvenir shops, hotels, entertainment and leisure sites, cafes and restaurants. You will always find a vital spark in Riga all day and night.

Riga is the culture capital of the Baltics with its dynamic cultural life. The National Opera of Latvia hosts shows of world-class artists. Concert halls provide regular classical and popular music concerts. Exhibition halls display the art of world classics and modern artists. The cultural life of Riga has diverse forms of expression, it will be a memorable experience for each visitor.



The Venue



Ozo Golf Club is the first 18-hole golf course with significant technological advance in all of Northern Europe.

The course is located in Latvia. It has a total distance of 6400 m from the back tees. The American architect Rob Swedberg has incorporated the rocky motives of his native Denver into the sportive bank of the lake Kisezers by creating 16 ponds and 50 sand bunkers in the course.

The golf club house is complemented by a nearby convenient training spot with a chipping green and putting green. Beginners are offered the possibility to train with a coach. This is also a perfect place to host corporate events.

In 2002 the complex of Ozo Golf Club gained the recognition of the best landscape architecture project in the

whole state, moreover in 2004 Ozo Golf Club was among 365 world class golf courses recommended by the co-author and golf reviewer of The New York Times, Robert Sidorsky, who also included it in the book Golf Courses of the World: 365 Days.

In 2005 Ozo Golf Club received the status of a National Sports Facility of Latvia, therefore becoming the main centre for national golf team training. Ozo Golf Club is the venue for Latvian golf championships of all levels.

Ozo Golf Club invites you to participate in the annual Latvian Open Amateur Championship 21 – 23 August 2015.

Program of the Tournament



Wednesday

5th of August

18:00 Registration deadline

Wednesday

12th of August

20:30 Tee-times are
published on the website
www.golf.lv

Thursday

20th of August

From 8:00 Practice round
Tee-time booking in advance
on ozogolf@apollo.lv or
by phone +371 67394399

Friday

21st of August

First day of the competition
7:30 Start of Round 1

Saturday

22nd of August

Second day of the competition
7:30 Start of Round 2
20:30 Tee-times of the final round are
published on the website www.golf.lv

Sunday

23rd of August

Third day of the competition
8:00 Start of Round 3
~ 16:30 Award ceremony





Entries and Fees

The entry fee is EUR 120

Entries should be made online at www.golf.lv. Payment will be taken by online banking payment system or by bank transfer after submitting the online entry form. Submitted entry forms with no entry fees are not considered.

The following services are provided to the participants as included into the entry fee:

- Practice range token and trolley from Thursday to Sunday;
- Competition rounds from Friday to Sunday;
- Fruits and water during competition rounds.

Entries will be accepted from male and female amateur golfers whose exact handicap does not exceed 20. If more

than the maximum limit of players have applied, the priority will be given to the applicant with lowest handicaps. Players must provide a certified notice of their handicap from national golf authority or entrant's home club.

Practice round on Thursday, 20th of August.

The Green Fee price is EUR 20 and paid at the Ozo Golf Club reception before the round.

Players should book their own practice round tee times at ozogolf@apollo.lv or by phone +371 67394399



Accommodation

Mercure Riga Centre Hotel

A brand new designer 4 star Superior hotel in the heart of Riga's historic center occupying a magnificent 1901 Art Nouveau building designed by the world famous architect K. Peksens. The hotel is a part of international hotel chain ACCOR (almost 4000 hotels in 92 countries).

Mercure, a genuine experience guaranteed by a strong brand: more than 700 hotels in 50 countries. Mercure Riga Centre hotel offers:

- 143 contemporary designed rooms;
- 6 multifunctional conference and meeting rooms alighted with natural daylight;
- Large parking place;
- SPA & Wellness center offers fully equipped fitness center, jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, three treatment rooms;
- Fine dining in restaurant "The Traveller" or choose Lobby Bar which is a perfect venue for informal business meetings and convivial evenings;
- Global loyalty program LE CLUB ACCOR.

Single room EUR 57,00

Double room EUR 72,00

Breakfst, WiFi, car parking and VAT included into the price

*Reservation for the offer is valid until **19th July**. Don't forget to mention "Latvian Golf Federation".*



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Single room EUR 58,00

Double room EUR 65,00

Breakfast, WiFi, sauna and VAT included into the price

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Opera Hotel & Spa in Riga is conveniently located in the heart of Riga, just a few minutes walk from the Old Town, the Latvian National Opera and many other prominent sights in Riga. Our hotel in Riga overlooks one of the Riga's most magnificent parks, namely the Opera Park. Housed in a historic building, widely regarded as the pearl of Art Deco architecture and dating back to 1886, the hotel has unique interiors combining the best of modern design with the 19th century style.

Opera Hotel & SPA offers:

- 111 comfortable rooms and suites over 6 floors;
- Exquisite à la carte at the restaurant Boulevard 33;
- Rich breakfast buffet;
- Spa center with treatments for body and soul with leisure area featuring sauna, steam room and swimming pool with cascade;
- Non-smoking hotel.



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Conditions of Competition

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Stroke play - 54 holes, 18 holes to be played each day of the competition.

	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
Qualification for the 3rd day of the Competition	Best 60 players including ties	Best 16 players including ties
HCP limit	20	20
Maximum players	120	24
Length of the course	~6400 m white tees	~5440 m blue tees

Entry fee: EUR 120*

* LGF registered junior players EUR 60

The following services are provided to the participants as included into the entry fee:

- Practice range token and trolley for the practice day on Thursday;
- Competition rounds from Friday to Sunday as well as practice range token and trolley;
- Fruits and water for each day of competition.

*Practice round on the 20th of August - EUR 20 payable before the practice round at the reception.
Players should book their own practice round tee times at ozogolf@apollo.lv or call +371 67394399.*

Closing date of entries on August 5th
Entry form to be submitted at www.golf.lv

Tee times will be published on August 12 at www.golf.lv



1. General Rules

Competition is held in accordance with the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and the Conditions of Competition as shall be approved by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee: Head of the Committee – Karlis Enins (Senior Referee), Aiga Nesaule (LGF), Janis Zakis (Referee), Karlis Lusis (Referee).

2. Amateur Status

All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by the Rules of Amateur Status.

3. Handicaps

Players registered in the EGA or any corresponding handicap system in their native country. Players must provide a certified notice of their Handicap from their local Club, Federation or Association.

4. Entries and Fees

Entry is confirmed when the Committee has received a fully completed entry form and entry fee. Submitted entry forms with no entry fees are not considered.

If more than the maximum limit of players have applied, the priority will be given to the applicant with lowest handicaps.

Entries should be made online at www.golf.lv. Payment will be taken by the online banking payment system after submitting the online entry form.

Entry fee will not be refunded unless a written notice of withdrawal is received by the closing date of entries, unless the

entry is rejected by the Committee.

All entries shall be subject to approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for this decision.

5. Withdrawals

If the player withdraws from the event, whether before or after the closure of entries, their withdrawal is final and re-entry will not be allowed. The player will forfeit their entry fee if they withdraw after the closing date of entries.

Any player who:

- withdraws from the event after the draw has been published;
- fails to appear on the tee at their appointed start time;
- has qualified to continue the event (made the “cut”), fails to do so

must, with undue delay, provide the Committee with a satisfactory explanation in writing, otherwise the player may be barred from entering any other competitions organized by LGF for such period as the Committee may decide.

6. Inclement Weather

If, in the opinion of the Committee, it becomes impossible to complete the competition in accordance with the Conditions of Competition because of adverse weather or other circumstances, the Committee may vary the Conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

7. Practice

Practice on the championship course in between rounds is not allowed. Penalty for breach of rule – disqualification.

8. Advice, caddies, golf carts.

Player may receive any advice regarding the game as stipulated by the Rules (Rule 8-1). Advice by a team leader or captain is not permitted.

Player may use the help of a caddy as stipulated by the Rules. A caddy may be any person of Amateur Status as defined by the Rules of Amateur Status. Player is responsible for the actions of the caddy.

The use push carts, and electric golf push carts are allowed, provided it does not assist the player in walking. The use of golf carts (buggies) is not permitted.

9. Distance measuring devices (DMD's)

Player may use DMD's in accordance with the guidelines set by the R&A.

10. Equipment

The equipment of the player (balls and clubs) must be listed on the current list of conforming equipment issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of rule – two shots for every hole the player has used the equipment, with maximum of four penalty shots, after that – disqualification.

11. Pace of Play

Player must keep up with the Pace of Play set by the Committee (Rule 6 - 7). If the player fails to keep up with

the Pace of Play guidelines he gets a warning. If the player fails to catch up with the Pace of Play guidelines and continues to fall behind the group in front then:

First offence – warning;

Second offence – one stroke;

Third offence – two strokes;

For subsequent offence – disqualification.

12. Doping control

Doping control is carried out by the State Sports Medicine Centre certified doping controller.

Any Player may be subject to a doping test upon the selection of the doping controller.

The doping control is carried out according to the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Code.

Abidance of the Anti-Doping Code during the competition is overseen by Latvian Golf Federation, which in case of a breach notifies all the involved persons and organizations.

13. Decisions of ties

If two or more players are tied for the first place, the first place is decided by the play-off by the combined score on the 17th and 18th hole until the winner is decided.

14. Prizes

The name of the winners will be engraved on the Latvian Open Cup. Places one to three (including ties) receive cups and prizes from LGF.



Competition Organiser



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