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#### I Am Going To Visit Saint Peter's Church!

A Step-by-Step Guide How To Visit This Important Cultural Building.

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# Saint Peter's Church is a great place to visit. You can take an elevator and go up to the top of the tower!



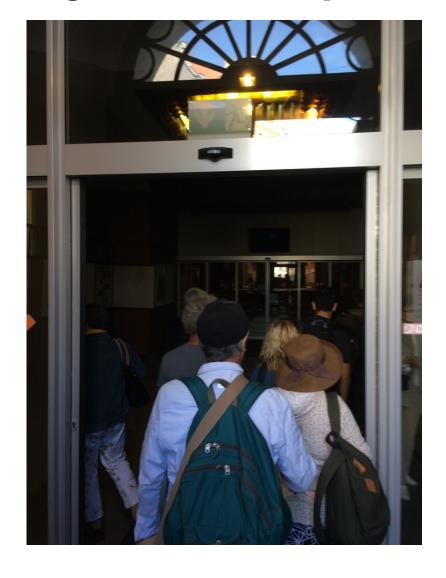
Let's go visit Saint Peter's Church!

# This is the entrance to Saint Peter's Church. There is a statue of Saint Peter right by the door.





Once you go through the columns you will see the doors.



These people are doing a good job lining up to go inside.

Once you are through the doors you can line up to buy your ticket.



These people know a church is a serious place so they are using quiet voices.

## After you get your ticket you go through the sliding glass doors.





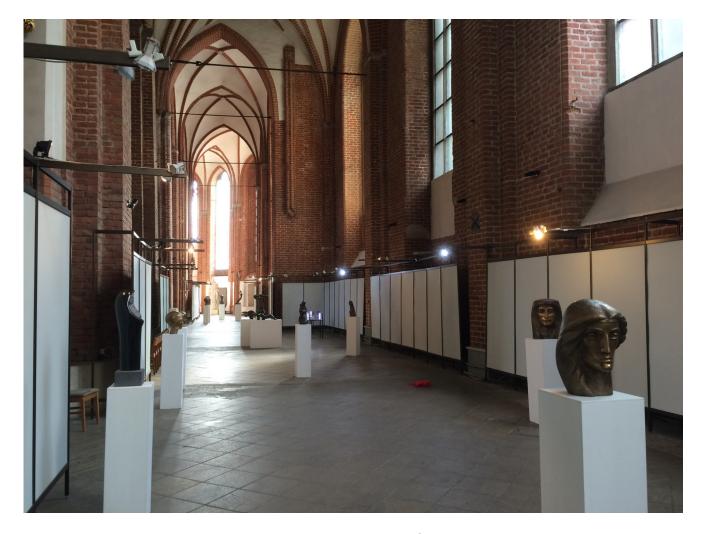
There will be someone there to take your ticket.

This is the nave of the church.



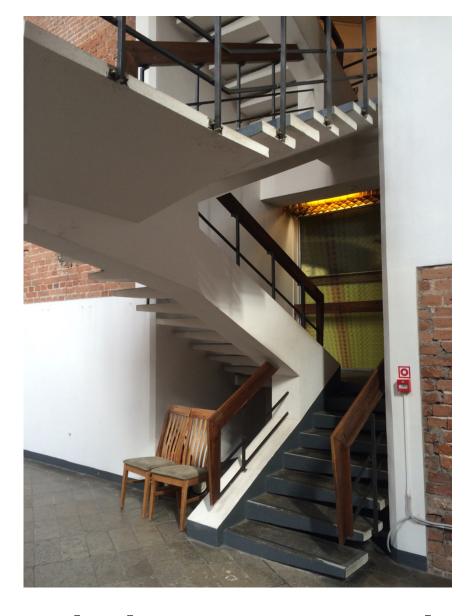
This church had much of its original art and decorations removed. It is still a beautiful building.

### They have art shows in the church. You can walk around the art but don't touch it!



I know you'll do a good job following the rules!

These stairs take you to the elevator for the tower.



The tower is very high. It is important that you walk and stay calm when you go up in the tower!

These people walked up the stairs and are now getting into the elevator. Don't be nervous in the elevator. It is very safe.

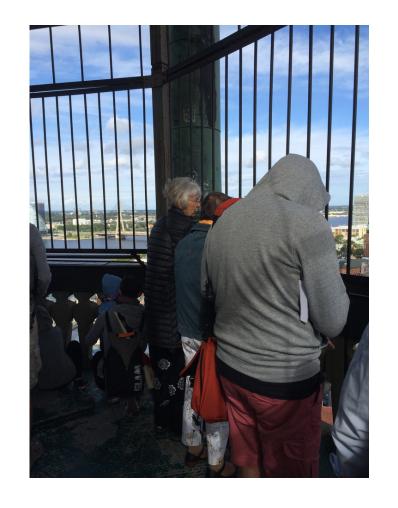


When you get out of the tower you will be on a platform that has bars over all of the openings.



This man knows the bars are there to keep him safe! He is not scared at all!

These people are following all the rules. They are looking at the view. They walk slowly and use their quiet voices.



It feels very exciting to be up so high! Sometimes it is scary to be up high but this tower is very safe. This man was a little bit scared so he put his hood up. The view from the tower is amazing. You can see the whole city of Riga. Do you live nearby? Look for your house!

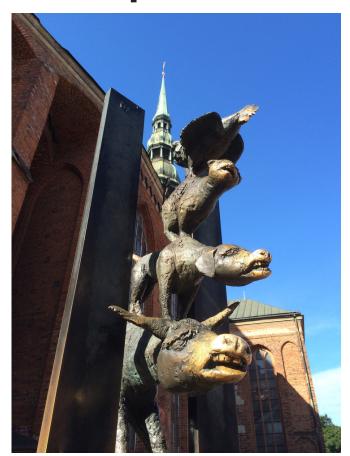


When you are ready to go you can take the elevator back down to the church.

When you leave the church you can walk around to the side by the convent and look up at the tower. You were way up there!



In the square next to Saint Peter's Church is the famous statue "The Bremen Town Musicians." You can stop and take a picture!



I hope you enjoy your visit to Saint Peter's Church!
I know you will have a great time.

Ability Guidebooks are step-by-step instructions on how to access community destinations. For many people with autism and neuro-diversity, new situations can cause stress and discomfort.

Ability Guidebooks help prepare people for new experiences. This is why I emphasize the places to sit and areas to relax.

This book will also help general ed teachers prepare their young students for a visit to St Peter's.

#### Can You Translate?

If you can translate this book into Latvian or any other language I would love to hear from you!

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Thank you to the city of Riga. It is an incredible city to visit!

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