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Explore Riga, Latvia!**



I Am Going To See The Bremen Town Musicians!

A Step-by-Step Guide How To Visit This Famous Statue.

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The city center of Riga is a great place to visit. There are old buildings and lots of art to see.



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One of the most popular statues is "The Bremen Town Musicians." It is between Saint Peter's Church and the Convent

The statue is in the center of the courtyard. This is a place where people set up their market carts.



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In the summer it can be very busy when the cruise ships come in to Riga. You might have to wait your turn to take a picture!

The statue is based on the Brothers Grimm Fairytale about a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster who travel to Bremen to be musicians.



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Krista Baumgaertel is the sculptor who made this statue. She is making a political statement by having the animals peeking through the iron curtain.

You should never touch statues that are in a museum but it is OK to touch this outdoor statue.



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Their noses have been petted so many times it has polished the bronze!

I hope you enjoy your visit to see the animals!.



If you need a break, there are lots of places to sit in the courtyard.

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 the Bremen Town Musicians.



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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