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Explore Riga, Latvia!**



I Am Going To See The Statues of Torna iela!

A Step-by-Step Guide How To Visit This Street Of Latvian Statues.

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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.



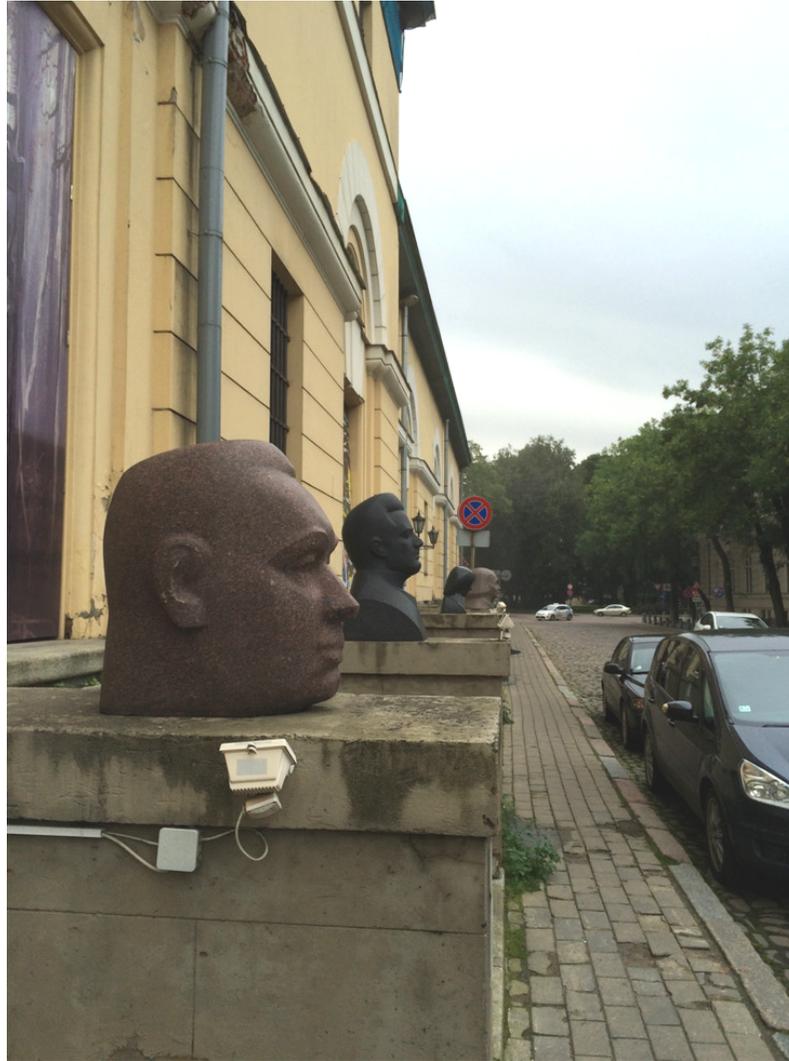
There is one street in old town that is a lot of fun to visit!

Torna iela is a street that runs right next to "The Arsenal" exhibit hall for the Latvian National Museum of Art.



Torna iela is the street we are going to visit.

The museum has placed the busts of many famous Latvian people on this street.



See the cars? Make sure you stay on the sidewalk!

Some of the statues are very big. Don't climb on them. They are pieces of history and part of the museum collection.



This is a bust of Ojārs Bregis by Ligita Ulmane-Franckeviča. I wonder why she looks sad?

This woman is doing a great job visiting the statues. She is looking but not touching.



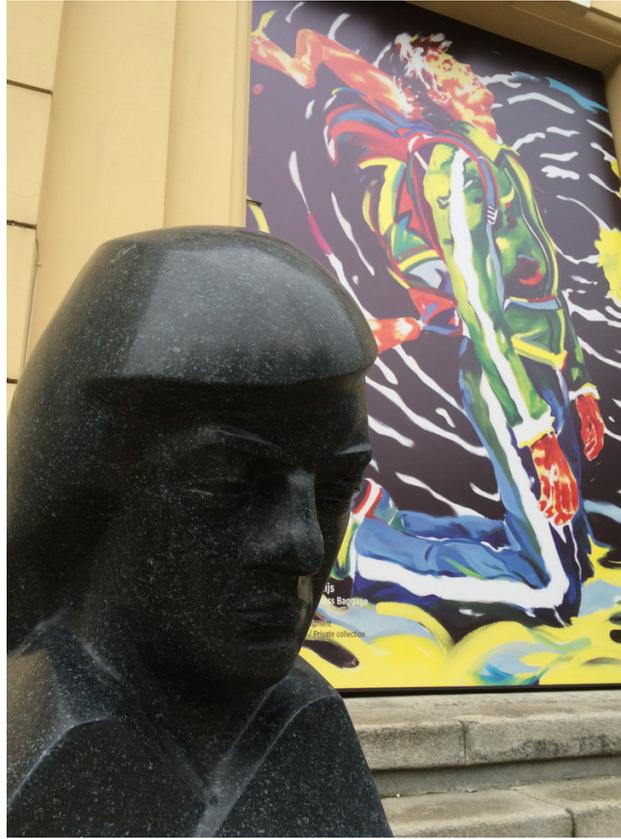
This is a bust by Lea Davidova-Medene of Emila Meldert.

This statue has a lot of angles.



**This is the Portrait of Imanta Ziedona by
Lea Davidova-Medene.**

There are quite a few statues to see!



If you need to take a break there are stone stairs in between the statues you can sit on. Across the street is a park that has very nice shade in the summer.

People come here see the statues and take pictures.



I wonder what he is taking a picture of?

I hope you enjoy your visit to Torna iela! I wonder what statue will be your favorite?



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 Torna iela.



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

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