EUROPA CANTAT

GETTING TO LIEPĀJA

Liepāja is located on the western coast of Latvia and can be reached in several ways. Some transport connections lead directly to Liepāja, while in other cases it is more convenient to travel to nearby larger cities and continue by bus or car.

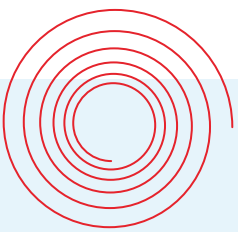
DIRECT CONNECTIONS TO LIEPĀJA

MODE OF TRANSPORT	ROUTE	DISTANCE (km)	TRAVEL TIME (h)	NOTES
	Rīga–Liepāja	~223 km	~3 h	Trains run every day, with two services on Sundays. Extra train services for festival participants are being planned – information will be available in spring 2027.
	Rīga–Liepāja	~220 km	~3–3.5 h	Around 20 services a day; several operators (Lux Express, Infobus, LapLine, etc.); Liepāja Central Bus Station address: Rīgas iela 71, Liepāja
	Klaipėda–Palanga–Liepāja	~100 km from Klaipėda	~1.5 h	International connection from Lithuania
	Rīga–Liepāja	~218 km	~3.5 h	Via the A9 national main road (the Liepāja Highway)
	Travemünde (Germany)–Liepāja	sea route	~21–22 h	Stena Line; passenger and vehicle ferry, several times a week
	Liepāja Airport (local)	–	–	There are currently no regular passenger flights. Special flights for festival participants are being planned – information will be available in spring 2027.

TRANSFERRING THROUGH NEARBY CITIES

For these options, you will need to continue your journey from the nearest city or airport by bus, train or car.

MODE OF TRANSPORT	ROUTE	DISTANCE (km)	TRAVEL TIME (h)	NOTES
	to Palanga Airport (Lithuania)	65 km from Liepāja	~50 min onward by car	The nearest airport with regular international flights; continue by bus or car
	to Rīga Airport	~230 km from Liepāja	~3–3.5 h onward	Latvia's largest airport (95 destinations in 39 countries); continue by train, bus or car
	Nynäshamn (Sweden)–Ventspils, then Ventspils–Liepāja	~110 km (Ventspils–Liepāja)	~9 h by ferry + ~1.5–2 h by bus	The Stena Line ferry runs all year round; suitable for travellers from Nordic Countries with a car, coach or organised group transport
	Kiel (Germany)-Klaipėda (Lithuania), then Klaipėda–Liepāja	~100 km (Klaipėda–Liepāja)	~20 h by ferry + ~1.5–2 h by bus	DFDS ferry runs all year round; suitable for travellers from northern Germany and Central Europe with a car, coach or organised group transport
	Karlshamn (Sweden)–Klaipėda (Lithuania), then Klaipėda–Liepāja	~100 km (Klaipėda–Liepāja)	~14 h by ferry + ~1.5–2 h by bus	DFDS ferry runs all year round; suitable for travellers from Nordic Countries with a car, coach or organised group transport
	Trelleborg (Sweden)–Klaipėda (Lithuania), then Klaipėda–Liepāja	~100 km (Klaipėda–Liepāja)	~16 h by ferry + ~1.5–2 h by bus	DFDS ferry runs all year round; suitable for travellers from Nordic Countries with a car, coach or organised group transport
	Liepāja Airport (local)	–	–	There are currently no regular passenger flights. Special flights for festival participants are being planned – information will be available in spring 2027.

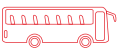


RECOMMENDED ROUTES FROM DIFFERENT EUROPEAN REGIONS

For these options, you will need to continue your journey from the nearest city or airport by bus, train or car.

REGION	RECOMMENDED ROUTE
Baltic states and Poland	The most convenient option is to travel by car or bus directly to Liepāja (via Lithuania), or to Rīga and then continue by train or bus.
Nordic Countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland)	Flight to Palanga Airport (direct flights from Oslo, Bergen and Copenhagen), then bus or car; ferry Nynäshamn–Ventspils, then bus or car; ferry Karlshamn (Sweden)– Klaipėda (Lithuania), then bus or car; ferry Trelleborg (Sweden)– Klaipėda (Lithuania), then bus or car; or a flight to Rīga, then train/bus.
Germany and the Benelux countries	Ferry Travemünde–Liepāja (direct connection, suitable for travelling by coach); ferry Kiel (Germany)- Klaipėda (Lithuania), then bus or car; or a flight to Rīga or to Palanga Airport (connection through Amsterdam), then bus or car.
Rest of Europe (United Kingdom, France, Central Europe, Southern Europe, etc.)	Flight to Rīga (airBaltic, Ryanair and other airlines serve 95 destinations in 39 countries), then train or bus; there is also a direct flight to Palanga Airport from London, then bus or car.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LIEPĀJA


city buses;

tram;

bicycle rental;

Bolt (a taxi booking app available throughout Latvia similar to Uber) and taxis.

Liepāja has a bus and tram network that makes it easy to get around between festival venues. Route information is available in the Mobilly and 1188 apps.

Bolt app services and bicycle rental are also available in the city.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Europa Cantat encourages participants to choose environmentally-friendly modes of transport and, where possible, to consider their impact on the environment. According to the European Environment Agency (EEA), CO2 emissions per passenger-kilometre for trains are on average 80–86% lower than for a flight of a similar distance; sea transport also usually produces lower emissions than aviation.

We therefore encourage you to make greener choices:

- whenever possible, choose the train, bus or ferry instead of flying;
- consider shared transport (a bus or car) with other members of your group or other participants;
- plan your journey in advance to avoid last-minute, less sustainable choices; if possible, choose direct flights combined with train or bus travel rather than connecting flights.

USEFUL OFFICIAL LINKS

- Rīga International Airport: https://www.riga-airport.com
- Palanga International Airport: https://www.palanga-airport.lt
- Vivi (Latvian passenger trains): https://www.vivi.lv
- Stena Line: https://www.stenaline.com
- LuxExpress: https://luxexpress.eu/en/
- DFDS: https://www.dfds.com
- Riga International Coach Terminal: https://www.autoosta.lv/en/
- Liepāja tourism information: https://www.liepaja.travel

USEFUL APPS

- Bolt / Taxis and ride-hailing
- Google Maps / Navigation and public transport
- Waze / Navigation for drivers
- Vivi / Train information in Latvia
- 1188 / Traffic and service information
- Mobilly / Parking and city services

The festival is considering organising additional transfers from Rīga and Palanga airports to Liepāja. Information about these services will be published in spring 2027.

If you need help planning your journey, choosing an arrival route or arranging transfers, the festival organisers will be happy to support you and help you find the most suitable solutions. For all transport-related questions, please contact our Accommodation and Transportation Manager Liena Dāvida by writing to **liena.davida@europacantat2027.com**