

## **Weekend Hooligans Need not Arrive – It's Time for the Holidays in Latvia**

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Riga Latvia (PRWEB) November 29, 2005 -- Patricia Tourist Office announces “The End” of their fun event coordination services for stag party groups arriving in the lovely Latvian capital city, Riga. There is a lot more to Latvia than just Riga; and lots more culture in Riga and lots of pristine nature to experience in the Latvian countryside.

Christmas and New Year is a great time to visit Riga and Latvia as the centuries old traditions are rapidly coming back after 50 years of Soviet repression. In fact, the very first Christmas Tree of record was in Riga in the year 1510. [www.firstchristmastree.com](http://www.firstchristmastree.com)

Finland may have Santa Claus, but Riga is the home to the more serious spirit of giving!

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Unlike the better-behaved groups of famous (Weekend Warriors) motorcycle riders, the Weekend Hooligans are bent on binge drinking; damaging personal property with not one bit of shame or remorse. It’s appalling, Johnson goes on to say, as these groups come from prestigious companies and organizations.

Here in Latvia, we cherish our long heritage and shy reserved personalities with rich traditions and customs. As people, Latvians are much like all that is good and symbolized by the Christmas of Spirit – and the sense of giving.

Riga’s charming Christmas Market is scheduled to open by the first of December. Famous for its locally made food; gifts and delicious hot spiced wine; the Christmas market in the shadows of historic 800 year old Dome Church will certainly put you in the spirit of the holidays. [www.rigalatvia.net/cm/](http://www.rigalatvia.net/cm/) There will be scheduled entertainment in the church square.

Visitors should bring a few layers of warm clothing and some boots and perhaps a pair of skis and visit the site of three historic medieval castles in Sigulda, just one-hour East of Riga [www.sigulda.info](http://www.sigulda.info). Patricia Tourist Office offers experienced guides and self-directed tour booklets that take away all fears of language barriers and strange locations. We will even loan the visitor a mobile phone; so a call for language assistance is only one button away. We really are ... your friend in the Baltics!

New Year is spectacular, too; with great entertainment and a fireworks show to remember. The Orthodox (Russian) Christmas & New Year extends the holiday spirit well into January.

Johnson also says, if you can’t come for the Holidays, then take out the calendar and mark the next available



time. Then, call Patricia Tourist Office to begin the journey experience you won't forget. Check all the lovely photos on our websites [www.latviaphoto.com](http://www.latviaphoto.com) or purchase a 30 minute Latvia video to watch with the family or as a great holiday gift.

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