


# Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum

In 1924, the Latvian Council of Monuments signed an order to create the open-air museum in Riga. The plan was to relocate a homestead from all four regions of Latvia – Kurzeme, Zemgale, Vidzeme, and Latgale – to the museum. Each of the buildings would represent the different crafts of each area.

Today, the museum organizes many cultural events and promotes traditional Latvian culture and lifestyle. The museum currently occupies 87 hectares and displays 118 buildings, as well as more than 3,000 items. Most of Latvia's historical, ethnic groups are represented in the museum. The museum's collection holds approximately 150,000 artifacts.

## Activity 1

Watch the introductory video about the Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum and discuss what you saw in the video afterward.



The video player shows a traditional Latvian wooden house with a thatched roof. The house is made of dark wood and has a steep, gabled roof covered in thick, dark thatch. A brick chimney is visible on the roof. The house is surrounded by lush greenery and flowers. The video player interface includes a search bar, a play button, a progress bar showing 1:15 / 7:11, and social media sharing options.

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**Farmer's dwelling in Kurzeme (region)**



**Old church of Usma**



**Farmer's dwelling in Vidzeme (region)**



**Dining table**



**Craftsman workbench**



**Woodturner**



**Wooden legs**



**Wooden horn**



**Candlestick**



**Dowry chest**



**Mittens**



**National linen shirt of  
Latgale (region)**

## Activity 2



Spot the odd-one-out! Guess which entry doesn't fit with the other two and cross it out.

**Farmer's dwelling**

**Old church**

**Craft Fair**

**Woodturner**

**Wooden horn**

**Folk art**

**Linen shirt**

**Dowry chest**

**Dining table**

**Wooden legs**



**Candleholder**

**Mittens**

# Final Activity

Discover what goes on at the museum! Hover over the box and try to see what's in the photo behind. Use the options to help you with guessing.

**WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MUSEUM?**  
Roll the cursor over the image to discover it!



Choose an option!

TRADITIONAL FOLK ART FAIR

SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

MARTIN DAY

**Answer**