

RIGA (RIX/EVRA)

Elevation 36ft

CATEGORY A

AV brief – not required

GENERAL

- Riga International airport, Latvia, lies in a wooded area on the western edge of the city.
- Altimetry is as for Western Europe.
- Information on snow clearance is published from Oct-Apr in a SNOWTAM.

Threats

CFIT

- Various radio and TV towers and masts in the city area. The tallest reaches nearly 1,300ft asl 5 nm E of the runway.

Special Considerations

- Brightly illuminated road 1 nm prior to the threshold 18 – do not confuse this with Rwy 18.

Loss of Control

- Bird activity is an occasional hazard at Riga.

ARRIVAL

Diversions Airports

VILNIUS	VNO/EYVI	144 nm/162°T	CAT A
HELSINKI	HEL/EFHK	203 nm/009°T	CAT A
STOCKHOLM(Arlanda)	ARN/ESSA	241 nm/311°T	CAT A
WARSAW(Okecie)	WAW/EPWA	304 nm/200°T	CAT B

Others that may be used include Copenhagen (Roskilde).

- Normal routing is almost a straight line with very little scope for any shortcuts.

Initial Approach

- Normal approach has the inbound aircraft following the STAR procedurally (radar monitored by ATC) with the crew self-establishing onto the ILS. Radar vectoring is available on request.

Approach

- Circling is prohibited east of the airfield.
- If ATIS is unavailable on the published frequency, try listening out on 127.65.
- Local ATC is to a very good standard.

GROUND

- Normal parking is Stand 7 on the main terminal.
- Local engineer will attend the aircraft on arrival.

BAV Crew Reports

- *During low visibility the stopping guidance has been reported to malfunction (crew report 2004).*
- If crew do not get a steady aircraft type read out on the top of the display, contact handling agent and wait for marshaller guidance.
- When low visibility procedures are initiated by Riga Traffic Control Tower all movements of aircraft are additionally marshalled by “Follow me” cars.

DEPARTURE

- Local de-icing procedures require that the aircraft is de-iced after pushback but before engine start. Fluid type should be discussed with the engineer prior to pushback.

WEATHER

- Precipitation on about 10 days per month throughout the year, falling as snow Nov to Mar.
- Cb activity is most frequent Jun, Jul and Aug.
- Extremes of temperature range from Jul +34°C to Jan -29°C.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	RIGA AP HANDLING
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not Assessed