

A photograph of the Aglona Basilica, a large white neoclassical church with two prominent towers, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The church is surrounded by a green lawn and a white fence. In the background, there are other white buildings with dark roofs.

Aglona Basilica.

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Architecture in Latvia.

The cultural and historic heritage of Latvian architecture spans many centuries, from authentic rural homesteads to unique samples of wooden architecture, to luxurious palaces and manors, churches, and impressive Art Nouveau buildings.

There are outstanding architectural gems to be seen not just in the capital city of Riga, but also in towns, villages, and the more remote regions of Latvia. The controversial Soviet legacy in architecture also covers several decades, with striking samples all across the territory of Latvia.

Churches in Latvia.

A visit to a church in Latvia is a cultural and historical journey through the centuries, complete with their specific artistic, architectural styles. The varied sacred architecture has been built in places where several faiths coexisted, and each region of Latvia had its individual architectural features.

There are a lot of historical and very beautiful churches in Latvia. Some of them you can find in the capital of Latvia, in Riga ([Riga Cathedral](#)**Riga Cathedral**; [St. Peter's Church](#)), and the rest are located throughout the territory of Latvia. About one of them I want to tell you in my presentation.

Aglona Basilica

Aglona Basilica is the major Roman Catholic shrine of Latvia. Pilgrims flock to Aglona on August 15 each year to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

Aglona Basilica, built in the late Baroque style, boasts two approximately 60-meter-high towers. Inside the church, there are groin vaults, arcs and columns featuring rich Rococo style adornments. The church's refurbishing is from the 18th century and its side-altars have been built in the early 19th century.

The History of Aglona Basilica.

**Ancient Latgallian
place of worship.**

According to the latest data, Aglona has been known as one of the centers populated by Baltic tribes already since 1800 – 500 B.C.