

Creating the cultural programme during the Song and Dance Festival

Introduction. Read information about Latvian folk costumes.

Latvian National/Folk Costumes

People in Latvia wear national costumes during the Song and Dance Festivals that take place every four years in Riga. It is common to wear national costumes on Midsummer Night (23rd June), which is the most popular national holiday in Latvia. And of course - folklore groups, folk dancers and singers wear national costumes on stage. A costume shows not only ethnic features, but also the social and marital status, age and wealth of the individual wearer, and their traditions.

These ethnographic costumes originate from the 18th and 19th century. The data about these outfits have been collected in expeditions. There are hundreds of different national costumes in Latvia, every region has its own. The development of the national costumes reflects the history of the nation.

Situation

It is the beginning of July Inga's Australian cousin has returned with her 93-year old grandmother Anna. Inga's 90-year old grandmother Silvija is more than happy to meet her sister again. They both have sung in the choir for many years- one in Australia, the other in Latvia. They are eager to see as many events as possible during the festival week.

Task

Create a three- day cultural programme for two 90-year old women during the festival week that will suit their interests and age. One of the granddaughters can accompany them every day.

Study the information available on the websites provided below.

Create the programme and present it to your groupmates. You can work in groups of 3 (three).

Latvian Song and Dance Festival:

<https://dziesmusvetki.lv/en/about-the-celebration/the-song-and-dance-celebration/>

<https://www.latvia.travel/en/article/song-and-dance-celebration>

<https://www.bordersofadventure.com/latvian-song-and-dance-celebration/>

<https://www.latvia.travel/en/news/latvian-song-festival-2018-first-week-july>

<https://dziesmusvetki.lv/en/events/celebration-week/>

<https://dziesmusvetki.lv/en/for-the-media/the-latvian-song-and-dance-celebration-2018-in-numbers/>

<https://visiteurope.com/en/experience/latvian-song-and-dance-festival/>

<http://www.senaklets.lv/eng.php>

https://latvia.eu/sites/default/files/media/song_and_dance_celebration_lores_v2.pdf

<https://www.latvia.travel/en/news/song-and-dance-festival-2018-promises-be-especially-colourful-and-magnificent>