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## School for Students in Riga January 12-16, 2026 — Participant's Logistics

**Dates:** Mon–Fri, 12-16 January 2026

**Venue:** Riga Technical University (RTU), Āzenes iela 12/1 (will be specified later), Ķīpsala (Riga) — Faculty of Computer Science, Information Technology and Energy building. ([Waze](#))

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### Arriving in Riga (RIX → City / Venue)

#### Cheapest & simple: City bus No. 22

- **Route:** Riga Airport (Lidosta "Rīga") → city centre.
- **Where to board at the airport:** P1 short-term car park between Arrivals E and C (well signposted). ([Riga Airport](#))
- **Frequency & time:** every ~10–20 min; ~35–40 min to the centre (traffic-dependent). ([LiveRiga](#))
- **Tickets & prices:**
  - Buy **from the driver by tapping a bank card** (only this route allows onboard purchase): **€1.81** (one-way). ([rigassatiksm.lv](#))
  - Or use a **90-minute ticket** valid on all buses/trams/trolleybuses: **€1.50** (buy in advance/app). ([rigassatiksm.lv](#))
  - Day tickets: **24h €5 | 3-day €8 | 5-day €10**. ([rigassatiksm.lv](#))

#### To the venue (Āzenes iela 12/1):

- Ride Bus **22** to "**Nacionālā bibliotēka**" stop (last stops on the river's left bank). From there:
  - **Walk 15–20 min** across Akmens Bridge to Ķīpsala (pleasant, flat walk), or
  - **Transfer 1–2 stops** on any bus serving **Ķīpsala** stop (lines **13/30/41/53/57**), then walk ~3–5 min to RTU. ([Moovit](#))

#### New: Lux Express Airport Shuttle

- **Direct shuttle** between RIX and the city centre (~25 min).
- **Price: €4** (children ≤16 also €4). Buy online, from the driver, or at the airport info desk. ([Riga Airport](#))

#### Taxis & ride-hailing

- **Bolt** (app) operates at RIX; pickup point is the signed **Bolt zone in P1** near the terminal exits. ([Riga Airport](#))
- **Airport-licensed taxis** also queue at Arrivals; the airport sells a **pre-paid city-centre voucher** (up to 4 passengers, no stops) for **€33.50** at Arrivals Hall E. Otherwise meters apply (expect roughly €18–28 to downtown depending on traffic). ([Riga Airport](#))

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### Public transport tickets & how to pay (Riga)

- **Apps:** Buy and validate digital **code tickets** (90-min / day tickets / monthly) in the **Rīgas satiksme** or **Mobilly** apps; pay by card/Apple Pay/Google Pay. Scan the QR code or enter the vehicle ID when boarding. ([rigassatiksm.lv](#))
- **Paper/e-talons:** You can also load tickets onto an **e-talons** smartcard (sold at kiosks incl. Narvesen). ([rigassatiksm.lv](#))
- **Where to buy at the airport:** ticket machine at the Bus 22 stop and **Narvesen** shops in Arrivals E (1F) and the Check-in Hall (2F). ([Riga Airport](#))

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### Hotels

#### Walking distance to the venue (Ķīpsala island)

- **Riga Islande Hotel (4★)** — ~5–8 min walk to RTU; large property, rooftop views, easy access to Old Town over the bridge. ([Riga Islande Hotel](#))



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- **Park Inn by Radisson Riga Valdemara (4★)** - ~8–12 min walk to RTU
- **Hotel Vantis Riverside (3★)** — boutique hotel on the Ķīpsala waterfront; ~10–15 min walk/bus hop to RTU. ([Booking.com](https://www.booking.com))

**Downtown / Old Town (easy bus or ~20–25 min walk over the bridge)**

- **Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Daugava (4★)** — riverside on the left bank near Akmens Bridge; Bus 22 stop (**Nacionālā bibliotēka**) ~4–6 min walk; ~15–20 min walk to RTU. ([Radisson Hotels](https://www.radissonhotels.com))
- **Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel (4★)** — Old Town riverside; plentiful dining nearby; good for sightseeing; straight shot over the bridge to RTU. ([wellton.com](https://www.wellton.com))
- **Pullman Riga Old Town (5★)** — premium option in Old Town; frequent buses/trams to the bridge; ~25–30 min walk to RTU. ([Booking.com](https://www.booking.com))

*(Participants who prefer staying in Old Town can reach the venue by a short Bolt ride (5–10 min), Bus 13/30/41/53/57 to **Ķīpsala**, or on foot across Akmens Bridge 30–40 min) ([Moovit](https://www.moovit.com))*

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**Useful official links (for participants)**

- **Airport → City transport overview & prices (RIX).** ([Riga Airport](https://www.rigaairport.com))
- **Public transport tickets & apps (Rīgas satiksme).** ([rigassatiksme.lv](https://www.rigassatiksme.lv))
- **Venue (RTU Āzenes iela 12/1) info.** ([Waze](https://www.waze.com))

If you want, I can also draft a one-page PDF “Getting to the Seminar” sheet with these routes, ticket options, and hotel list laid out for attendees.