Art Nouveau Riga

After investigating the art nouveau magnificence of Alberta iela, this stroll takes you past some of Riga’s other examples of the style.

Start Alberta iela, Quiet Centre
Distance 3km
Duration two hours (leisurely pace)

1 Strēlnieku iela 4a is filled in with sumptuous blue brick and framed by garland-wielding goddesses.

2 More eye-candy awaits at Elizabetes iela 33, with muscular men balancing stacks of Corinthian columns.

Classic Photo The enormous sullen heads squished at the top of Elizabetes iela 10b.

3 Eisenstein’s blue-and-white façade at Elizabetes iela 10b is one of the city’s earliest examples of art nouveau and a clear fan favourite.

6 At Smilšu iela 8, two women stand atop a protruding bay carrying an elaborate crown of leaves.

5 The building at Smilšu iela 2 is considered to be one of the finest examples of Jugendstil in Old Riga.

4 At Teatra iela 9, the Italian Embassy, admire the facade’s pantheon of Greek figures.

Take a Break... At the end of the walk, Tēvocis Vāna (www.unclevanya.lv; Smilšu iela 16; ☎11am-11pm) makes a great stop for lunch.