

1.2.3. Heads of Government

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Official Visit ↗	
Category	Official Visit
Purpose	The invitation of the Prime Minister
Components	<p>Official welcome/ farewell ceremony at the airport. Guard of honour. Red carpet (only special flights)</p> <p>Official welcoming and flower-laying ceremony at the Monument of Freedom</p> <p>Meeting with the Prime Minister</p> <p>Press conference</p> <p>Official luncheon/dinner hosted by the Prime Minister (if spouse of the guest is present)</p> <p>Meeting with the President of Latvia</p> <p>Meeting with the Speaker of the Saeima</p> <p>Visit to the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia</p> <p>Visit to a cultural, educational or research establishment and/or a public lecture/speech at a business forum</p> <p>Exchange of gifts</p> <p>Separate programme for the spouses possible</p>
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 (2) + 9, subject to reciprocity
Responsible institution	The State Chancellery
Financing	<p>The costs for the official delegation (Airport VIP lounge, hotel, official meals, transport and interpreter services) are covered by the State Chancellery on the principle of reciprocity</p> <p>Depending on the content of the visit additional expenses might be permitted, which are covered by the Latvian side</p> <p>Other expenses are covered by the visiting country</p>

<p>The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport</p>	<p>The Head of the State Protocol</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to the state concerned</p> <p>The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the state concerned to Latvia</p> <p>An Officer of the State Protocol</p>
<p>Security</p>	<p>The Security and Road Police escort is provided according to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 591 "Procedures by which the Security Police (now – State Security Service – auth.) Provides Protection (Safeguarding) for Public Officials"</p>

Category	Working Visit
Purpose	The invitation of the Prime Minister or initiative of the visiting state
Components	<p>Meeting with the Prime Minister</p> <p>Other meetings on the initiative of the Latvian side or upon request of the visiting state (e.g. a visit to a specific ministry, educational institution, enterprise)</p> <p>Meeting with the President of Latvia possible</p> <p>Working luncheon/dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Latvia</p> <p>Press conference possible</p> <p>Exchange of gifts is not expected (exceptions possible)</p>
Composition of the foreign delegation	As determined by the visiting state
Responsible institution	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the foreign state concerned
Financing	<p>Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Prime Minister and his/her Spouse or Security Officer) are covered by the Latvian side</p> <p>Other expenses are covered by the visiting state</p>
The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport	An Officer of the State Protocol (During working hours 9:00-17:00 on working days)
Security	The Security and Road Police escort is provided according to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 591 "Procedures by which the Security Police (now – State Security Service – auth.) Provides Protection (Safeguarding) for Public Officials"

Category	Transit Visit
Purpose	The initiative of the visiting state
Components	As determined by the visiting state
Composition of the foreign delegation	As determined by the visiting state
Responsible institution	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the relevant foreign Embassy
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Prime Minister and his/her Spouse or Security Officer) are covered by the Latvian side Other expenses are covered by the visiting state
The Latvian welcoming/ farewell party at the airport	An Officer from the State Protocol (During working hours 9:00-17:00 on working days)
Security	The Security and Road Police escort is provided according to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 591 "Procedures by which the Security Police (now – State Security Service – auth.) Provides Protection (Safeguarding) for Public Officials"

Category	Private Visit
Purpose	The initiative of the visiting state
Components	As determined by the visiting state
Composition of the foreign delegation	As determined by the visiting state
Responsible institution	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the relevant foreign Embassy
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Prime Minister and his/her Spouse or Security Officer) are covered by the Latvian side Other expenses are covered by the visiting state
The Latvian welcoming/ farewell party at the airport	An Officer from the State Protocol (During working hours 9:00-17:00 on working days)
Security	The Security and Road Police escort is provided according to the Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 591 "Procedures by which the Security Police (now – State Security Service – auth.) Provides Protection (Safeguarding) for Public Officials"

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