

1.2.4. Ministers of Foreign Affairs

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Official Visit 		▼
Category	Official Visit	
Purpose	The invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Components	<p>Official welcoming ceremony at the airport. Red carpet (only special flights)</p> <p>Official flower-laying ceremony at the Monument of Freedom</p> <p>Meeting with the President of Latvia</p> <p>Meeting with the Speaker of the Saeima</p> <p>Meeting with the Prime Minister</p> <p>Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Official luncheon/dinner hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Press conference</p> <p>Visit to the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia</p> <p>Visit to a cultural, educational or research institution/school/university and/or a public lecture</p> <p>Exchange of gifts</p>	
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 (2) + 4, subject to reciprocity	
Responsible institution	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
Financing	<p>The costs for the official delegation (Airport VIP lounge, hotel, official meals, transport and interpreter services) are covered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, considering the principle of reciprocity</p> <p>Depending on the context of the visit additional expenses may be permitted, which are covered by the Latvian side</p> <p>Other expenses are to be covered by the visiting state</p>	

<p>The Latvian welcome and farewell party at the airport</p>	<p>The Head or Deputy 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 from 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 Minister of Foreign Affairs or initiative of the visiting state
Components	<p>Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Working luncheon/dinner hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia possible</p> <p>Press conference possible</p> <p>Other meetings at the suggestion of the Latvian side, or upon request of the visiting state (e.g. with particular ministries)</p> <p>Exchange of gifts is not expected (exceptions possible)</p>
Composition of the foreign delegation	Official delegation 1 + 2, subject to reciprocity
Responsible institution	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Financing	<p>Expenses for Airport VIP lounge (1+2) transport (VIP car) are covered by the Latvian side</p> <p>Transport for the delegation is provided by the Embassy (if resident) of the foreign state concerned. For non-resident Embassies of foreign states in Latvia transport for the whole delegation is provided by the Latvian side</p> <p>Hotel 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	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 Embassy of the foreign state concerned
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Foreign Minister and his/her spouse or security officer) are covered by the Latvian side Other expenses are covered by the visiting state
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	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 Embassy of the foreign state concerned
Financing	Expenses of the Airport VIP lounge (for the Foreign Minister and his/her spouse or security officer) are covered by the Latvian side their expenses are covered by the visiting country
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"

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