

Latvia

Europe



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

Latvia classifies cannabis as a controlled and illegal substance for both medical and recreational use. There is no legal framework for medical cannabis, even products like Sativex are disallowed, and tourists are prohibited from importing or using cannabis-based products, regardless of origin or prescription.

Background

Latvia's cannabis regulation is governed by the Law on the Handling of Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Medicinal Products, and the Criminal Code. Medical cannabis remains illegal, and there are no active programs or allowances. While industrial hemp with THC under 0.2% is legally cultivated for non-consumptive uses, any THC-containing product (even CBD oil) is heavily restricted.

Key points:

- No medical cannabis program or access for residents or foreigners.
- Cannabis is illegal in all forms, with strict penalties for users and traffickers.

Non-Medical Cannabis

Consumption: Illegal. Even small-scale use may result in fines or administrative penalties.

Possession: Possession of small quantities (under 1g) is decriminalized, often leading to fines up to €280, but repeat offenses can escalate to criminal charges. More than small amounts result in harsher prosecution, including imprisonment.

Sale & Distribution: Fully illegal. Selling or trafficking cannabis incurs severe penalties, including multi-year prison terms, up to 15 years depending on scale.



Traveling to Latvia with Medical Cannabis

No formal pathway exists to bring medical cannabis into Latvia, foreign prescriptions are not honored, and all cannabis-based products (including CBD oils with trace THC) are treated as illegal substances. Customs may confiscate the product, and travelers may face legal consequences.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

- Do not pack any cannabis or CBD products, even with a prescription or for medical use.
- Consult your doctor for alternative treatments that comply with Latvian law.
- Carry all other prescription medicines in clearly labeled, original packaging.
- If you're unsure about medication compliance, contact the Latvian State Agency of Medicines ahead of travel.

Practical Tips

- Avoid CBD products unless confirmed fully THC-free ($\leq 0.2\%$), any trace THC may violate the law.
- Even very small amounts of cannabis risk confiscation or fines.
- Border enforcement is strict, be transparent with customs and prepared with documentation for all legitimate medications.
- No exceptions exist for tourists, research, or humanitarian needs, medical cannabis remains off-limits.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

//END OF REPORT//

