

Dear Unknown Friend,

I am so grateful for this opportunity to connect with someone from a different cultural background! I believe that there is so much we can learn from one another. I would love to introduce myself and hear all about you!

Hello! My name is Vendiņa! I am 18 years old and a first-year student at Ventspils University of Applied Sciences, where I am studying Intercultural Communication. I chose this programme not only to learn about unique cultures, but it also gives me the chance to explore foreign policies and other important aspects, which I consider essential for becoming a well-informed professional. Outside of my studies, I love art, enjoy volunteering, and truly value learning through new experiences.

Latvian culture is deeply rooted in history, traditions and community. Growing up, I participated in Latvian folk dance for many years, and to this day, I actively celebrate our national holidays, for example, Līgo. I try my best to honour our traditions and am very proud of my heritage.

What I would like to know is: Are there any holidays that are unique to your country? What do you do to stay connected to your traditions?

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

All the best,
Vendiņa