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MARTIN GAUSS
Chief Executive Officer, *airBaltic*

Dear guests of *airBaltic*,

As we embrace the springtime month of March, the aviation industry is already anticipating the transition to the summer flight schedule. Accordingly, *airBaltic* is set to provide 13 new destinations from the Baltics and Tampere, thereby extending our network to more than 100 direct routes. This time, the focus is on central and southeastern Europe, introducing cities such as Chisinau, Pristina, Skopje, and Tirana, with an aim to further diversify our product. However, the list of recent events at the airline is equally diverse, which I am eager to share with you today.

The expansion of our network coincides with significant milestones in the growth of *airBaltic's* fleet. We have recently celebrated the arrival of our 47th *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, marking our largest fleet to date. This addition is not just about numbers; it also highlights our commitment to innovation and sustainability, as evidenced by surpassing 150,000 flights with the *A220-300* since its introduction in 2016. Moreover, this year we're looking forward to reaching the milestone of 15 million passengers carried on the *A220-300*.

Our efforts and strategic decisions at the start of this year have been recognised on the international stage as well, with *airBaltic* receiving the Europe's Second-Youngest Aircraft Fleet 2023 distinction awarded by *ch-aviation*. This achievement, which emphasises our fleet's average age of 3.8 years, positions us among Europe's most modern airlines.

But we're not stopping there. Further demonstrating the airline's commitment to progress and development, *airBaltic* has just launched the construction of the Baltic Cargo Hub at RIX Riga Airport. Scheduled to become the largest facility of its kind in the Baltics, this project will elevate the whole Latvian aviation sector and set new regional standards in air cargo logistics.

Alongside our infrastructure advancements, we must also highlight the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy. With the 21st group of new students already enrolled (bringing us to the milestone of our 200th student) and more than 120 active students (of which more than 10% are female), the academy is a beacon of our investment in the future of aviation.

Overall, the first quarter of 2024 has started off the year dynamically. As an ambitious airline, *airBaltic* will continue to demonstrate its strong and growing position in the Baltic market through extensive connectivity options within Europe and beyond as well as through its diverse, high-quality services and state-of-the-art innovations.

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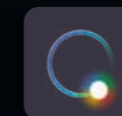
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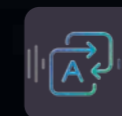
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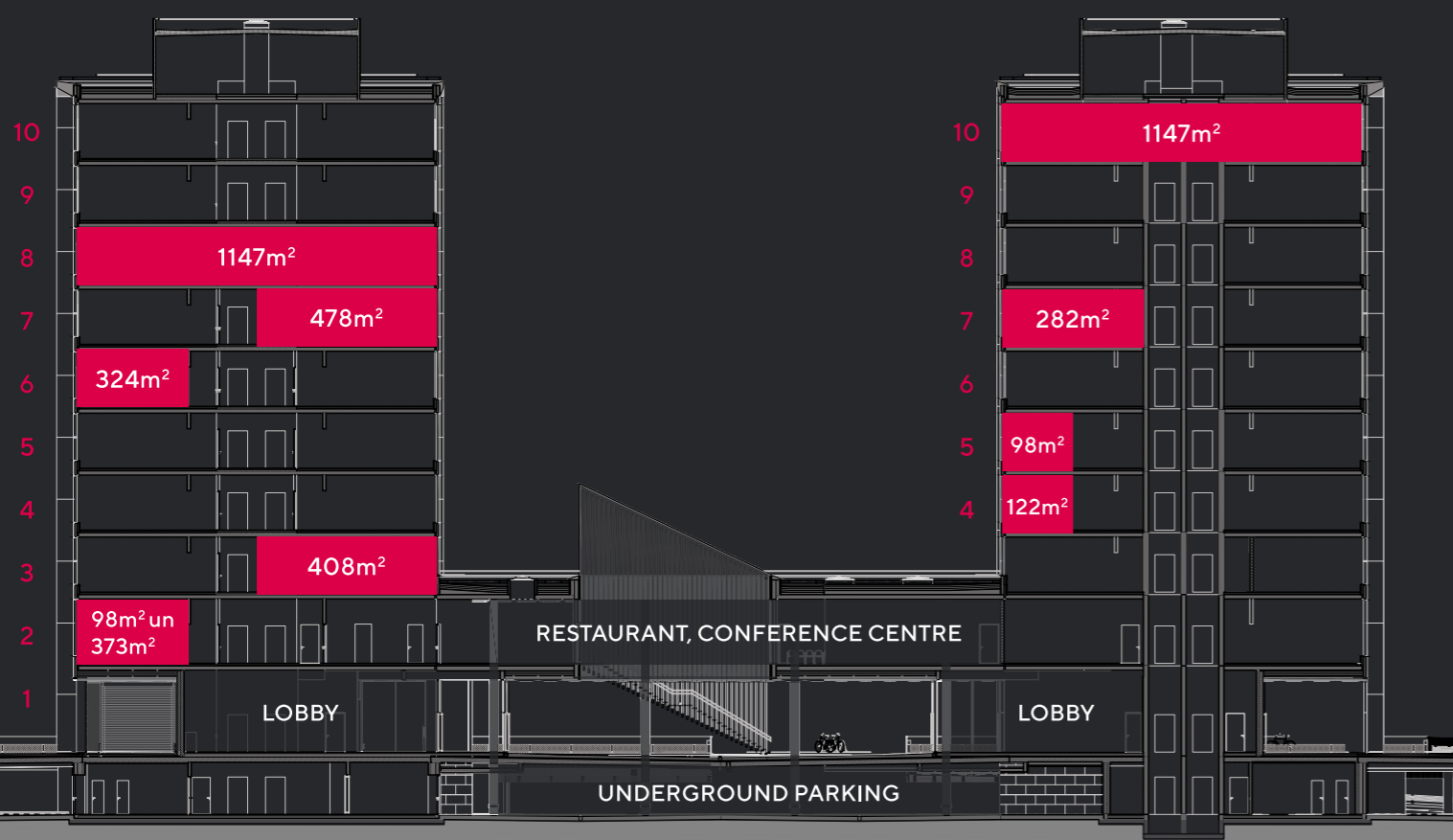
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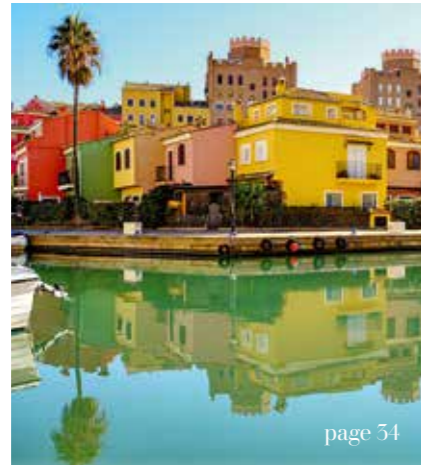
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The staircase leading to the Riga Art Nouveau Centre.

Explore Art Nouveau

With its imagery, mood, artistry, and power of expression, Art Nouveau is one of the most striking phenomena in the art and architecture of the 20th century. And, with approximately 40 percent of the buildings in its central district reflecting this magnificent style, Riga is one of the most vivid Art Nouveau cities in Europe. Observant visitors to the city will notice that the façades of many buildings in Riga feature intricate floral patterns, expressive masks, and ornate sculptures. These embellishments are particularly beautiful in the natural light of spring, making March the perfect month to explore the details of Art Nouveau. And don't miss the Riga Art Nouveau Centre, which invites visitors to discover the Art Nouveau lifestyle in the cosy atmosphere of a turn-of-the-century Riga apartment. The building also boasts one of the most magnificent staircases in Europe.

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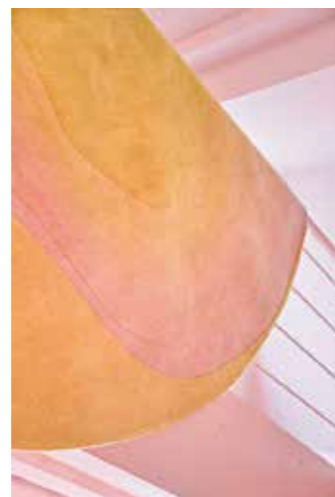
MUSIC

Magnificent arias

World-renowned soprano Marina Rebeka has released a new album, titled *Essence*, in which she sings the best opera arias of all time along with the Wrocław Opera

Orchestra under the baton of Marco Boemi. As critics point out, the recording is a brilliant testament to the Latvian artist's ability to reflect the subtlest currents of the soul through music and to truly transform herself into a character. Rebeka is one of the leading opera singers of our times and has made a name for herself in particular with dramatic bel canto roles.

marinarebeka.com



DESIGN

Prestigious recognition

Internationally renowned Latvian designer Germans Ermīčs has won a prestigious Wallpaper* Design Award for his *Tidal* carpet collection. Created in collaboration with Italian carpet brand *CC-Tapis*, the collection consists of six pieces and has been awarded in the category for best surrealist furniture. The carpets are hand-woven in Nepal, and each square metre contains approximately 125,000 individually knotted yarns.

germansermics.com



Rīsi + Nūdeles Asian restaurant in Liepāja.

WEEKEND

Cute cafés

Café and restaurant tourism has officially become a big trend. Social networks – where recommending the best, most interesting, and most visually stunning establishments to friends and followers has become a daily routine for many influencers – have greatly influenced this trend. As a result, in Latvia, for example, it's now popular to plan a weekend of it, heading outside of Riga to visit various cafés and restaurants. Cēsis, Kuldīga, and Liepāja are among the most popular destinations, with each town having spots that appeal to a variety of tastes.



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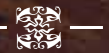


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GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT March 29

One of the most beautiful Holy Week musical events in Riga will be a Good Friday concert by the Latvian Radio Choir and Sinfonietta Rīga at Riga Cathedral (Rīgas Doms) featuring works by Felix Mendelssohn, Pascal Dusapin, Marcel Dupré, and Mārtiņš Viļums. Both the choir and the orchestra have won international acclaim and have toured abroad extensively, so the coming together of the two in one concert is a highly anticipated event among local music lovers. Standing ovations guaranteed! Tickets at bilesuparadize.lv



Did you know?

Tallinn Street Quarter is a beloved nightlife spot for young people in Riga. The courtyard situated along Tallinas iela (naturally!) is well known for its vibrant atmosphere, murals, and bars. liveriga.com

ROADGAMES TRAVEL GAMES

Throughout March

If you're curious and love outdoor activities, the *Roadgames* adventure and orienteering app is a great find. By completing various tasks, you can also get to know different parts of Riga. How to play? Download the app, select a game, do the challenges individually or in a team, and compete against other players. The tasks and challenges will take you to places you never knew existed and sharpen your attention to detail. It also means you'll have lots of interesting images for your *Instagram* feed. roadgames.com

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RŪDOLFS PINNIS EXHIBITION Until April 28

The Zuzeum Art Centre presents the exhibition *I Exist in Colours* featuring the work of the renowned Latvian artist Rūdolfs Pinnis (1902–1992). Known for his artistic boldness and temperament, his paintings contain lots of pink, blue, yellow, purple, and black as well as stylised natural forms. 'The secret to painting is colour,' stated Pinnis, who was one of the most brilliant colourists in Latvian art. He also spent time in Paris and Italy, which significantly influenced his development as an artist. zuzeum.com



RIGA CIRCUS ARENA OPENING March 20 – April 1

The historic Riga Circus building has undergone a major restoration and now hosts modern, contemporary circus performances. At the end of March, it will celebrate the grand opening of its big arena with a series of dazzling performances. Guests will include the French bicycle ballet troupe *La Bande à Tyrex* as well as *Circa*, a leading circus troupe that amazes audiences with its emotionally moving themes and incredibly high, even extreme, acrobatic routines. cirks.lv

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Always choose the window seat. We often forget there's magic in flying.

May this quote by author Timi Nadela serve as inspiration to enjoy every flight you take this spring. Clouds, mountains, islands, and city skylines are just some of travellers' favourite things to gaze at from a window seat.



TALLINN RESTAURANT WEEK

March 11–17
Tallinn Restaurant Week takes place twice a year, and the spring edition is already this month. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy Estonian food culture, experience new flavours, and get to know the latest trends in the restaurant industry. Thanks to the reasonable prices, diners are also able to visit several different restaurants and compare them. For a list of participating restaurants, to view the menus, and to reserve your seats, visit the official website. tallinnrestaurantweek.ee

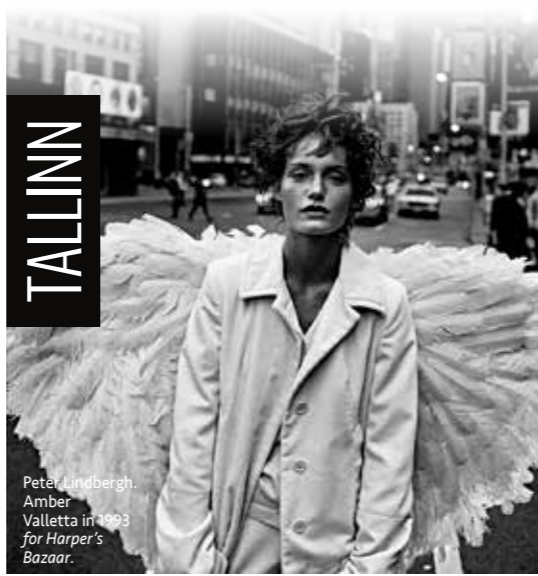
Did you know?

The boulder-littered Viimsi peninsula only 15 kilometres from central Tallinn is a great destination for history enthusiasts. Sites include the Estonian War Museum, the Museum of Coastal Folk, and the Viimsi Open Air Museum at the edge of the sea. visittallinn.ee

PETER LINDBERGH EXHIBITION

Until June

The Lightness of Being, an exclusive exhibition of work by iconic contemporary fashion photographer Peter Lindbergh (1944–2019), consists of photos taken throughout his extensive career. Over the decades, he captured numerous cover photos for fashion and lifestyle magazines, and many credit his photos for launching the careers of supermodels such as Linda Evangelista, Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford, and Christy Turlington. He observed his models with a gentle, intelligent, aesthetically focused gaze. Don't miss this very special event at Fotografiska Tallinn! fotografiska.com



Peter Lindbergh. Amber Valletta in 1993 for Harper's Bazaar.

YANN TIERSEN

CONCERT

March 18

French multi-instrumentalist and composer Yann Tiersen is among the favourite artists of many music lovers. After a nine-year hiatus, he returns to Estonia to present concertgoers a special two-in-one programme. The first part of the concert, which will take place at Nobel Hall, will consist of his best-known piano pieces, while the second part will feature electronic music. Tiersen is also performing in Vilnius on March 14 and in Riga on March 16.

Tickets at piletilevi.ee



WINTER SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

March 4–10

Winter swimming has gained tremendous popularity in recent years, and this year the Winter Swimming World Championship will attract some of the most talented and dedicated winter swimmers from around the globe to Tallinn to compete in a variety of categories. In addition, the event hopes to set a world record by bringing together at least 1000 swimmers to gracefully navigate the icy waters of Noblessner Harbour. It promises to be a remarkable event embracing the spirit of challenge and exuding camaraderie. tallinnwc2024.ee



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EXHIBITIONS AT TARTLE Throughout March

The Tartle Lithuanian Art Centre has become one of the hottest places to enjoy art in Vilnius. It's located in the Užupis district and provides an opportunity to get acquainted with treasures of Lithuanian art as well as historical and cultural artefacts from pagan times to the present day, including contemporary art. For a fully immersive experience, we recommend going on a guided tour. Just make sure to book your tickets in advance, because they're often in high demand and sell out quickly.

INTERNATIONAL BALTIC JEWELLERY SHOW

March 14–16
The largest jewellery event in the Baltic states brings professional jewellers, amber craftsmen, and designers together under one roof. According to the organisers, raw amber materials and goods occupy about 60% of the exposition space, with jewellery represented in the other 40%. This grandiose show, titled 'Amber Trip', takes place at the Litexpo convention and exhibition centre.



Did you know?
When walking along Vokiečių gatvė, turn into the small alley next to the La Provence restaurant and you'll soon find yourself in a small courtyard that leads to an arched tunnel known as the Love Arch. The arch is really small, so you might need to duck your head to avoid hitting it.

govilnius.lt

VILNIUS

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ARK OVRUTSKI TRIO CONCERT

March 9 and 10

Since moving to New York in 2005, Ukrainian composer and bassist Ark Ovrutski has had a busy career freelancing with great jazz musicians of several different generations. However, as a life-long fixture of the Eastern European music community, he has always returned to his roots regardless of where his musical endeavours have taken him abroad. Take this rare opportunity to see Ovrutski and his fellow musicians perform in Vilnius at Jazz Cellar II. Both nights feature the *Jazz Italiano* programme.

vilniusjazzclub.lt



KOK WORLD SERIES

March 16

King of Kings, or KOK, is a European kickboxing promotion founded in 2009. The KOK World Series tournament at the Avia Solutions Group Arena promises to be a memorable event for enthusiasts of all martial arts and will feature well-known names, including Ignas 'Tyson' Barysas, Raimondas Krilavičius, Herkus Lukošiūnas, Rodrigo Mineiro, and more. Representatives of various fighting styles and arts will clash in the ring, so every fight in the tournament will be unique, unpredictable, and full of adrenaline.

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TUULA LEHTINEN EXHIBITION

Until May 5

Tuula Lehtinen is a unique figure in Finnish art. Her latest exhibition, *With Pleasure*, is currently on view at the Tampere Art Museum. The exhibition follows Lehtinen's development from a printmaking artist into a painter and creator of public works. Her work deals with eternal questions of philosophy and history concerning beauty and its deep significance for humankind in all ages. If you want to feel how beauty speaks to and touches people, this exhibition is for you. tampereentaidemuseo.fi



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TAMPERE FILM FESTIVAL

March 6-10

Founded back in 1968, the Tampere Film Festival is one of the oldest and biggest international short-film festivals in Europe. Every year in March, it gathers together filmmakers, students, and film lovers for more than a hundred film screenings and other events. The festival features approximately 400 shorts, which are united by a type of storytelling that challenges viewers to look more deeply inside themselves. tamperefilmfestival.fi



NATURE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE YEAR 2023

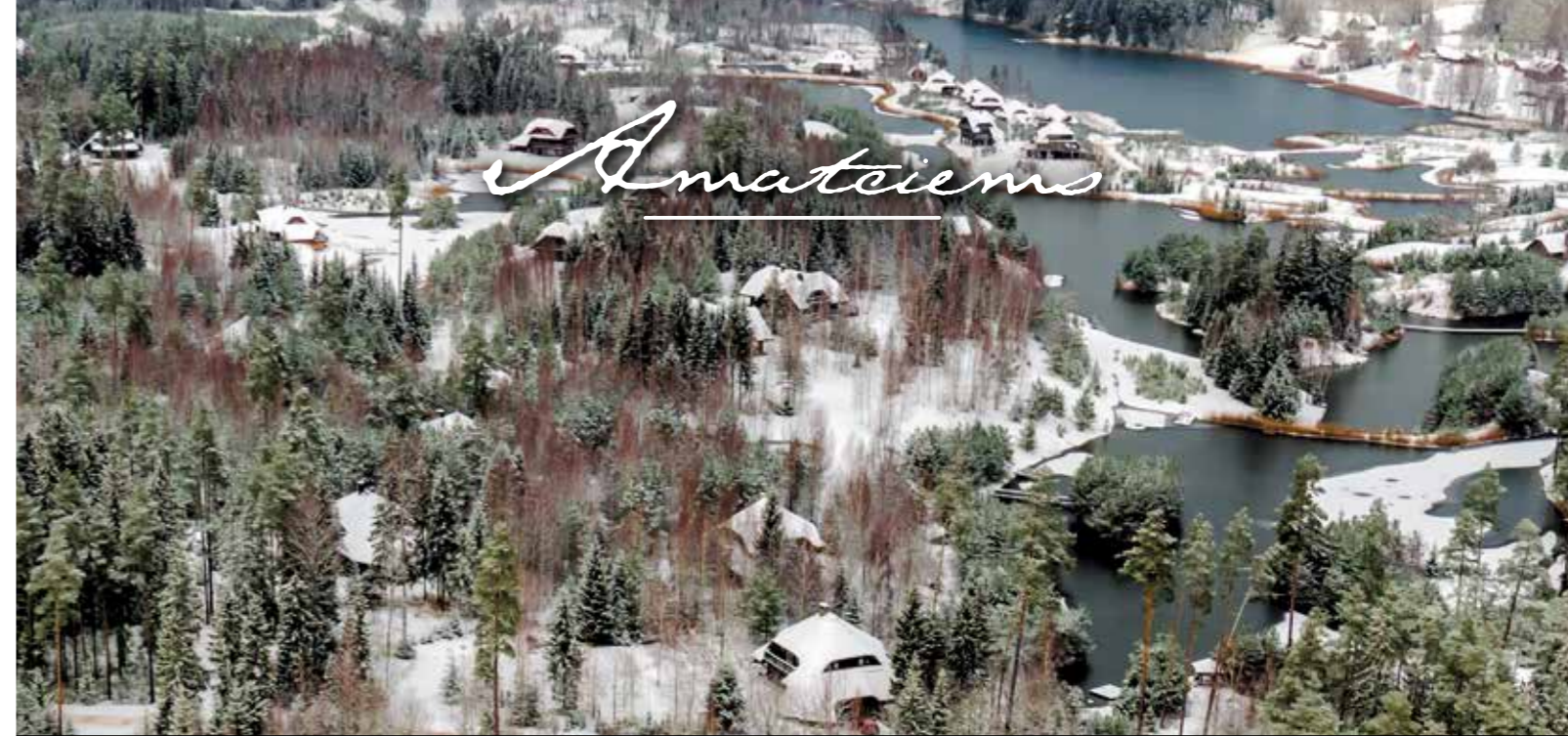
Until April 14

The Nature Photographs of the Year 2023 exhibition at the Vapriikki Museum Centre reveals the beauty and diversity of Finnish nature and includes all 38 award-winning images. A total of 690 different photographers submitted 11,089 images to the annual competition. The exhibited photographs, which highlight Finnish nature, are visually impressive and demonstrate the great skill of the photographers. vapriikki.fi

TAMPERE BURLESQUE EXPERIENCE

March 15-17

The Tampere Burlesque Experience is a three-day festival dedicated to glitz, glam, and breathtaking talent, and it features spectacular burlesque, circus, and variety entertainment by every gender. The festival fills the city with artists from around the country as well as abroad. Classic burlesque is just how it sounds – timeless and elegant. When it comes to masterful performances, burlesque shows absolutely take the cake in terms of creativity and uniqueness. tampereburlesque.com



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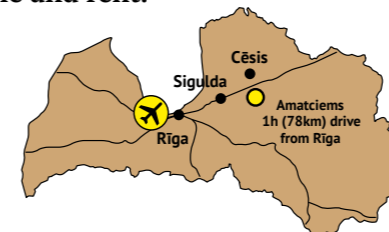
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MORE ABOUT airBaltic DISC GOLF PARK

You've most likely heard of golf and frisbee, but the younger sibling of these sports – disc golf – has yet to gain wider recognition in Latvia. To promote this fun activity and make Riga an appealing destination for those passionate about an active lifestyle and outdoor activities, airBaltic has recently partnered with Ufogolf Disc Golf Park in Mežaparks, Riga's picturesque forest district. The disc golf park, which opened back in 2013, will continue to host numerous local and international tournaments.

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Disc golf is an exciting family-friendly activity that combines the mastery of both frisbee and golf. It requires no previous experience, and anyone can quickly learn the rules. Each player throws a specially designed disc similar to a frisbee towards a disc golf basket (called a 'hole'), trying to land the disc in the target in as few attempts as possible. Similarly to golf, the player with the lowest number of attempts wins, and a standard game course consists of 18 holes. Thanks to its active nature and no direct contact with the ground, unlike golf, **this sport can be played throughout the year regardless of weather conditions.**

IN THE WORLD

The first disc golf games were played in the 1960s, and there are currently around 255,000 registered players in the world. Even though it's unclear where the idea of disc golf first emerged, Finland, Sweden, and Estonia are among the countries with the highest density of disc golf courses. **Every year, disc golf enthusiasts pay a visit to Tampere in Finland, where the European Open championship takes place.**

CALENDAR airBaltic / March
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HEAR FROM PLAYERS

Niks Širins, First Officer on Airbus A220-300 aircraft at airBaltic

To those who are still hesitating? Don't overthink it, just do it! Disc golf is a very accessible sport, because if one type of throw doesn't work, another one will. Perhaps you don't understand the track layout? Another disc golfer will surely help you. The disc golf community is very supportive and eager to help newcomers to the sport.

Who might like it?

If your idea of a good time is being outdoors, in good company, and moving around, disc golf is for you! Nowadays everyone's talking about accumulating 10,000 steps a day. With disc golf, that's easy. Can't think of what to do with the kids on Sunday? Here's a great idea for you!

The key to good results?

Disc golf is a mental game, and this is the most important aspect to playing well. Every 'putt' you throw past the basket can make you feel devastated, but being able to not take that feeling with you to the next basket is crucial. Of course, practice and consistency are also needed for good results, but learning to control your emotions is most important.



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The Sinfonietta Riga chamber orchestra has won a Latvian Grand Music Award five times.

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The award statuette, designed by Armands Jekabsons.

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Opera singer Elīna Garanča and the Vienna Philharmonic during the Riga Festival in Jūrmala (2018). Garanča received the Grand Music Award in 2020 for best concert of the year for her performance at the Great Amber Concert Hall.

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The Latvian Radio Choir has won the Latvian Grand Music Award several times.

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More than 30 years of the Latvian Grand Music Award

March is the most significant month for classical music enthusiasts in Latvia. That's because ever since 1995, a professional jury has been awarding the prestigious Grand Music Award to Latvian classical music artists for their achievements.

Given the scale of this meaningful event, it takes place in the picturesque Latvian National Opera House, where the whole industry will gather this year on March 12. The prominent Grand Music Award has existed almost since Latvia regained its independence in 1991. Established by the then Minister of Culture and beloved Latvian composer Raimonds Pauls, the award celebrates the rich Latvian classical music scene. The silver statuette itself symbolises the importance of classical music in Latvian culture generally, while the monetary prize for the award winners serves as encouragement to keep carrying Latvia's name out into the world and nurturing the timeless beauty of classical music.

A few months before the grand event, the seven jury members select nominees who have proven their talent and delivered exceptional performances or compositions throughout the year. Similarly to other music awards, the Grand Music Award recognises the achievements of Latvian artists in

eight different categories. The recipients of the Award for Lifetime Achievement are always known in advance, while the winners of the other seven categories are announced from the list of nominees on the celebratory night at the opera house. In addition to composer Vilnis Šmīdbergs and pianist Arnis Zandmanis, who will receive the Award for Lifetime Achievement this year, awards will also be presented to the best new musician, new composition, ensemble, interpretation, chamber music performance, and concert of the year, as well as for outstanding performance throughout the past year.

Even though Latvia is a small country, its classical music landscape features numerous outstanding artists who are also known beyond the country's borders. Past Grand Music Award winners include such recognisable names as the Grammy Award-winning Sinfonietta Rīga chamber orchestra and Latvian Radio Choir, world-renowned opera singer Elīna Garanča, and accordion virtuoso Ksenija Sidorova. Winning this reputable award has not only etched the artists' names in Latvian music history but has also served as an invaluable foundation for future growth on a global scale.

Going on a musical journey together with Latvia's marvellous classical music artists is a must when visiting Riga. Sinfonietta Rīga often performs at the Great Guild Hall in Riga, while the Latvian Radio Choir can be heard at intimate concerts in Riga's churches. The Great Guild Hall also houses the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, which is currently led by the 23-year-old Finnish conducting virtuoso Tarmo Peltokoski. If you wish to experience the magic of opera, the Latvian National Opera presents numerous performances every week to delight music lovers. muzikasbalva.lv

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◀ Harriet Backer, Uvdal Stave church, oil on canvas, 1909



The **Harriet Backer** exhibition at the Nationalmuseum is dedicated to a pioneer of Norwegian art (until August 18; Södra Blasieholmshamnen 2; nationalmuseum.se). Considered one of the most influential female artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Backer (1845–1932) was a skilled portraitist and, even more so, an influential colourist. Over the course of her international career, which spanned from Norway to Munich and Paris, she created around 180 works, about half of which can be seen at the current exhibition. While inspired by impressionism and Claude Monet's oeuvre, she also carried on the tradition of realism and naturalism. The interplay of the indoors and outdoors in her work, as well as the contrasts of the seasons and times of day – from winter to summer, from morning to late evening – resonate with exceptional visual poetry.

The trendy *Esteriör* Scandinavian design showroom recently opened its own cosy café, named **Cafériör**, which blends a memorable interior experience with simple yet mouthwatering culinary delights (Åsögatan 144; esterior.se). Exuding the vibes of Parisian and American cafés, *Cafériör* has a white-tiled bar counter and a transparent glass-block wall, small colourful stools, and cute round tables. Some of the furniture items are available for sale in the shop. The menu focuses on bagels and a selection of cookies to enjoy with *fika* – the traditional Swedish coffee-and-cake ritual. The coffee is delicious, and there's also a selection of teas and alcohol-free cocktails to enjoy.

Connect with Nordic nature at **Hellasgården**, a favourite recreational area among locals that lies just a 20-minute bus ride south of Stockholm in the Nacka Nature Reserve (Åltavägen 101; hellasgarden.se). The picturesque lakeside is surrounded by cosy cottages for an overnight stay as well as several cafés and restaurants. Hellasgården attracts visitors with a range of activities year-round, such as hiking or bicycling along its numerous paths. One must-do experience here is booking the traditional sauna, with an invigorating dip in the ice holes on Lake Källtorp after each session in the steam. As to the other activities, cross-country skiing is a favourite in winter. In summer, the lake entices swimmers with its sandy beach, volleyball and tennis courts, and canoeing.

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Nature at Hellasgården

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Exhibition views with visitors



PRAGUE



Opened in 2022, Kunsthalle Praha is the newest edition to Prague's creative museum scene. One of the current exhibitions at this centre for contemporary and modern art is **Read** by Elmgreen & Dragset (until April 22; Klárov 5; kunsthallepraha.org). Inspired by the Czech capital's literary heritage and culture of libraries, the Berlin-based artist duo has transformed the Kunsthalle space into a minimalist version of a public library and brought in works by sixty other international artists. The showcase questions our relationship with books as physical objects in the digital era. In Gallery 1, for example, massive rows of bookshelves appear together with meticulously integrated works of art. On Wednesdays and weekends, the *Prague Diaries* performance features five men seated at a long table and writing in their diaries. Visitors are free to approach them, lean over their shoulders, and read their notes.

Prague has gained a new 'sculpture in the city' – the **Štvanice Footbridge**. Featuring slim, minimalist lines, the 300-metre-long bridge is made of ultra high-performance fibre-reinforced concrete that resembles white marble, which is why it's often likened to a sculpture. Its sleek appearance contrasts with the abundance of greenery in the area and statuesquely reflects in the waters of the Vltava River. This new landmark by *Atelier Bridge Structures* and *Blank Architekti* connects the residential area of Karlin with the cosy Holešovice neighbourhood. Another branch of the bridge takes pedestrians and cyclists to Štvanice Island, where a sports area is located. Look at the ends of the handrails for memorable bronze accents in the shape of various animal heads. These small sculptures were created by artist Aleš Hvizdal.

Easter markets rule in the Czech capital during March and April. Ornate wooden huts scattered across Old Town Square and Peace Square offer traditional handicrafts, embroidery, hand-painted Easter eggs, and a wide range of traditional local sweet and savoury delicacies, as well as the best Czech beers to wash them down (March 16 – April 7). The Náplavka embankment (Rašínovo nábřeží) hosts farmers' markets every Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm, offering fresh, seasonal farm produce, flowers, local drinks, and natural cosmetics. The massive open-air Dyzejn Spring Market in the Prague 7 district showcases original design, artwork, and crafts. The event also includes workshops and music performances. It brings together nearly 180 designers selling jewellery, accessories, home decor, clothing, and toys (March 16–17; dyzejnmarket.com).

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Štvanice Footbridge by Petr Tej, Marek Blank, Jan Mourek

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After an extensive three-year-long reconstruction, the **Kunstpalast** welcomes all to rediscover one of the leading museums in Germany (Ehrenhof 4-5; kunstpalast.de). Approximately 800 new works from its total collection of about 150,000 items are displayed in a chronological route through 11 centuries. Regardless of a visitor's age or prior knowledge of art history, the new Kunstpalast app helps them explore the new collection as they walk through it, constantly revealing unusual perspectives on the art. The special 'Rhino Palast' rooms designed by illustrator Christoph Niemann playfully acquaint children with the museum and the limits of visual perception. Even Dusseldorf's legendary underground club *Creamcheese* has been brought back to life and is now part of the museum. Its bar area has been reconstructed and invites visitors to stay late on Fridays and Saturdays for drinks and music from the 1960s and 70s.

A hidden gem for car enthusiasts, **Classic Remise** is a free-of-charge hall displaying unique historical vehicles (Harffstraße 110A; remise.de). The circular building was once a roundhouse for locomotives. Now restored, it houses a vast collection of dream cars, from elegant pre-war classics to iconic mid-century models, legendary sports cars, vintage and high-performance vehicles, luxurious sedans, American muscle cars, rare automobiles, limited editions, and timeless classics of Italian and German design – around 300 vehicles in total. Some of the four-wheel beauties are even available for sale. The cars are exhibited in two levels of individual 'garages' as well as in the main central hall, where a beer garden-type bistro is located. Classic Remise also hosts car and motorcycle workshops, sells clothing and souvenirs, and even has a few hyper-realistic racing simulators to try out.

Dusseldorf is home to Europe's largest Japanese community, which is more than 8400 people strong. The buzzing area between the central railway station and the city centre is known as **Little Tokyo** (japantag-duesseldorf-nrw.de), and visitors strolling along Immermanstrasse and Klosterstrasse are fully immersed in Japanese culture. The windows of snack joints blink with distinctive signboards. The supermarkets are overflowing with quirky goods, delicacies, and accessories from Japan. Bakeries, restaurants, traditional *izakaya* bars, and authentic Japanese cuisine. There are even themed hotels and bookstores for manga fans. In other words, it's a real magnet for Japanophiles and curious travellers. Also, don't miss the Japanese Garden in Nordpark, which delights visitors with a meditative atmosphere and blooming cherry trees in spring (Kaiserswerther Straße 380).

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Colours on the water

Port Saplaya – the ‘Little Venice’ of Valencia – is a peculiar Mediterranean gem to discover.

A long strip of sandy beach, romantic boats, and colourful houses reflecting in calm waters – this picture-perfect trio makes Port Saplaya one of the most intriguing spots in greater Valencia. With only some 2000 inhabitants, this small seaside neighbourhood sits less than eight kilometres north of central Valencia in the Alboraya municipality, which is known for its fields of tiger nuts that serve as the main ingredient in *horchata*, a traditional sweet, milky (and very refreshing) drink.

Port Saplaya's buildings painted in many shades of ochre, yellow, green, and pastel blue bring to mind the Venetian island of Burano and similar multi-coloured coastal villages. But here the story isn't about fishermen painting their houses to better recognise them when they're far out at sea. Historically, coastal Port Saplaya was never a fishing village. Instead, it was built in the 1970s as a residential area with summer housing.

The area's layout, which faces the Mediterranean coastline, is rather unusual and therefore so photogenic. A couple of lines of houses surround the port, which is the focal point of the landscape. The mouth of the port intersects a promenade along the edge of the water. A main square with shopping facilities and restaurants is located at each end of the promenade.

Boats park at docks near the doors to homes, like in Venice. Port Saplaya is fully pedestrian, while its urban planning slightly resembles an enclosed medieval city with narrow, irregular streets and tiny piazzas with shade trees. This arrangement was also inspired by the urban landscapes of the Côte d'Azur in France and the Italian Riviera, where small harbours with docks are embraced by dense lines of buildings.

There's also a wide beach with a well-equipped recreational area and beachfront dining facilities. Parades take place between the Patacona and Port Saplaya beaches during the famous Fallas week of celebration in March, and spectacular bonfires and fireworks feature on the Night of San Juan on June 23. In July, the province hosts festivities dedicated to the Virgen del Carmen, the patron saint of sailors, crowned by a vivid procession around the Plaza de la Señoría.

Port Saplaya is easily reached by car or taxi, while the bus from central Valencia takes around 45 minutes. However, to experience the beauty of the Valencian coastline in its full glory, consider renting a bicycle. The port lies only about four kilometres from Valencia's main beach, the Playa de la Malvarrosa, where you can plan a pit stop for lunch at one of the seaside paella restaurants.



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MY PORTO

Nuno Sampaio is an architect and the executive director of Casa da Arquitectura – Portuguese Centre for Architecture. Until July, the centre is organising the Porto de Arquitectura series of free visits to the city's newest contemporary architectural landmarks. Born in Porto, Sampaio knows the city and its amazing architecture like no one else. Here are some of his favourite places.



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Boa Nova Tea House

Designed by Pritzker Prize winner Álvaro Siza, *Boa Nova Tea House* is a two-in-one destination, a gastronomic as well as architectural gem. Built in 1963, it underwent a painstaking renovation in 2014 that preserved its original design, which merges with the rocky landscape. Situated on the seafront, it's a place of pilgrimage for architects from all around the world. Foodies, in turn, are attracted by the two *Michelin* stars that its chef, Rui Paula, has racked up. Avenida da Liberdade 1681; casadachadaboanova.pt

Titan

Not far from the *Tea House*, the Titan stands majestically in the Port of Leixões. This red giant is a century-old iron crane; in fact, it's the largest steam-powered crane in the world. It can lift 50 tonnes of stone and helped in the construction of what is currently one of the largest ports on the Iberian Peninsula and the largest artificial port in Portugal. The Titan was restored in 2020–21 and is an essential part of the history and identity of the Port of Leixões, the city of Matosinhos, and Portugal's industrial heritage in general.

Hall of Biodiversity

Located in the stunning 19th-century Casa Andresen mansion in the heart of the city's Botanical Garden, the Hall of Biodiversity is a great project of the University of Porto. Here visitors are greeted by a suspended skeleton of a whale and other marvels. The mansion itself was the childhood home of the famous Portuguese writer Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen. The site is a perfect blend of science, art, and romance.

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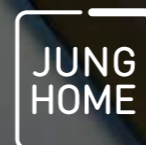
Located in the city centre, the historic Batalha Cinema Centre is one of the most outstanding examples of the Art Deco style in Portugal. Designed in 1947 by the architect Artur Andrade, it opened again in 2022 after years of renovation. Today it's one of the prime cultural hubs in Porto and a great example of heritage-building restoration. Praça da Batalha 47; batalhacentrodecinema.pt

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Albania – from solitude to brilliance

A writer once said that ‘Albania is solitude’. For a long time, the country has indeed been something of a *terra incognita* in the minds of many Europeans.

Today it’s difficult to speak of the ‘solitude’ of Albania, because it’s a country where hundreds of thousands of Europeans are increasingly willing to spend their summer vacations. And indeed, Albania has plenty to offer: beautiful mountains, magnificent crystalline lakes, well-preserved Ottoman architecture, ancient ruins, and above all, beautiful beaches. After all, the country has exceptional access to both the Adriatic Sea in the north and the Ionian Sea in the south. The Ionian littoral, especially the so-called Riviera of the Flowers stretching from Vlora to Saranda, the most famous Albanian seaside resort, offers magnificent views from the Llogara Pass (1027 metres).

The Albanian mountains are a great place for both alpinism and hiking. But if you must choose only a couple of places, Mount Korab (at 2751 metres, the country’s highest peak, located on the border with North Macedonia) and the mountains in Theth National Park in the north of the country, close to the frontier with Kosovo and Montenegro, should be high on your list. Here you can’t miss Syri i Cikklopit, or the Eye of the Cyclops. This wonderful heart-shaped lake named after the mythic one-eyed giants is quite unique and has served as a source of inspiration for local legends and folklore.

Begin making your acquaintance with Albania in the capital city, which is where, so far, the only international airport in the country is located. Founded in 1614, as recently as the early 20th century, Tirana still had a population of only about 12,000 people and was a sleepy settlement with a provincial character. The Kulla e Sahatit clock tower and the Et’hem Bey Mosque in the city centre remain as witnesses of those days.

Today an extremely lively and pulsating megapolis in true Mediterranean style, Tirana has many interesting sights, but if you’ve got a little more time, it’s worth taking a trip outside the capital, because Albania offers many other attractions as well.



A view of Shkoder, Albania

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OUTSIDE TIRANA

Durrës

Once known as the ancient city of Dyrrachium, and the capital of the country until 1920, today Durrës is a busy port city and Albania’s second-largest city. Located just 38 kilometres west of Tirana, the rhythm of coastal life pulsates here. Pay a visit to the Roman amphitheatre built during the reign of Emperor Trajan in the 2nd century CE. Later, in the Ottoman era, the ruins were covered and rediscovered only in 1966 during an archaeological excavation. While the arena once hosted battles between gladiators, today in Durrës you’re much more likely to have to fight for a free seat in the street cafés or a deck chair on the nearby beaches. Great seafood restaurants, clubs, cafés, and the long beaches north of the city will make you want to stay a while.
durrës.gov.al

Shkodër

This city about 100 kilometres north of Tirana is located between the mountains and Lake Shkodër near Albania’s border with Montenegro. It’s a mix of Ottoman, Venetian, and Albanian cultures, where the streets are alive with music and there are plenty of vivid sites, souvenir shops, cosy cafés, and family-owned restaurants. Visit Rozafa Castle, which has a special legend behind it and offers some amazing views. Then enjoy the calm shores of Lake Shkodër, or explore the Marubi National Museum of Photography to learn about Pietro Marubi, a 19th-century Italian painter and pioneer of photography in Albania, and see his well-known photos. The city’s multicultural character is evidenced by the historic Ebu Beker Mosque and St. Stephen’s Catholic Cathedral.
visitshkoder.org

Elbasan and Berat

Both towns are good for a day trip from Tirana and show Albania’s diverse historical influences. Elbasan’s old castle and mosques are witnesses to Ottoman influence many years ago, while Berat is called the ‘City of a Thousand Windows’ due to its old houses spilling down the hill. In Berat, the quaint streets and buildings of the Old Town, which is included on the UNESCO list of cultural heritage sites, take visitors back in time. The Gorica Bridge serves as the perfect spot for a photo with the river and the picturesque houses on the hillside as a backdrop.
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Point of view

Where to go in Corfu, according to
photographer Evgenii Katsinis.



My secret spot

‘The island of Corfu is home to many scenic spots and landmarks that beckon to be explored. For me, Porto Timoni Beach is the most enchanting. It’s like nature’s best-kept secret, with its twin beaches basking in the gentle embrace of the Ionian Sea. A narrow strip of land divides these pristine pebbled shores, creating a unique setting that feels almost like a dream. To get there, trek through the charming village of Afionas, and from there, take the trail that leads down the mountain. Alternatively, a boat ride from Agios Georgios Pagon Beach adds an extra dash of excitement and also offers breathtaking views. Whether you soak up the sun or take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear waters, you’ll be immersed in a Mediterranean paradise.’



Evgenii Katsinis

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Evgenii Katsinis is a seasoned photographer who has captured the enchanting allure of Corfu for over two decades. Although he specialises in wedding photography, he also enjoys exploring Corfu’s breathtaking landscapes with a camera as well as a drone. His *Instagram* page serves as a means of documenting his travels. The island of Corfu holds a special place in Katsinis’ heart as a site of unparalleled beauty and the most captivating location in Greece.



The village of Afionas

Other locations to check out

- A quaint haven with a lovely view, the village of Afionas lies just a stone’s throw away from Porto Timoni Beach. Climb Afionas Hill to enjoy a panorama of the surrounding landscapes, including the mesmerising Agios Georgios Bay.
- One of the highlights in Afionas is the breathtaking Belvedere viewpoint, which offers a stunning view of the coastline and surrounding islands. When the sun sets, this place takes on a particularly magical and romantic air.




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1 Electric Boulevard; artotellondonbattersea.com; from EUR 619



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WHERE TO SHOP

British womenswear brand *Rixo* has opened a new flagship store featuring vintage and 'pre-loved' collections, an exquisite bridal boutique, and a repair service. The store also has an inviting café and cocktail bar set in a glass-domed rotunda adorned by two massive palm trees. The space blends vibrant mid-century aesthetics with nostalgic 1970s glam spiced up with warm, welcoming vibes. With a special rental offer, the brand encourages fashionistas to follow the sustainability route by buying less and wearing more.

114-116 King's Road; rixolondon.com



Photo by Megan Taylor

WHERE TO EAT

Ned's Feast is London's iconic Sunday brunch spot and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for gourmets. Set in the impressive former *Midland Bank* headquarters built in 1924, it's probably the biggest and most spectacular buffet-style brunch in London, offering unlimited lobster, oysters, and roasts. The menu also includes a selection of salads and trimmings; beef, pork, chicken, and salmon en croute; and a delicious gallery of desserts. Come with an empty stomach.

27 Poultry; thened.com



WHY NOT?

The new *Balloon Museum* is an interactive venue that blends art, photogenic scenography, and fun for all ages. The museum elevates the image of the balloon to a new level of intriguing visual expression, highlighting the phenomenon of inflatable art. This artistic movement began in the mid-20th century as an exploration of spatial dimension with often enormous and surreal works. Among the museum's highlights are massive inflatable rabbits, black-and-white hanging balls that can be pushed around, a ball pit, and a kaleidoscopic room.

1 Old Billingsgate Walk; balloonmuseum.world

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CLASSICS NOT TO MISS

Kew Gardens – London's main outdoor landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – invites all to celebrate the awakening of nature with its unique botanical diversity. The collection at Kew includes more than 50,000 plants from all around the globe. Built in 1862, the Temperate House, which is an architectural masterpiece and the world's largest Victorian-era glasshouse, is home to exotic species and threatened flora from some of the earth's most remote locations. The more than 320-metre-long Great Broad Walk in the middle of the grounds stretches out in a rainbow of colour.

Richmond; kew.org

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But the Chiantigiana is not only about wine. It's about experiencing the effortless beauty of central Tuscany. The panoramas here are exactly like the dreamy Italian landscapes depicted in old paintings as well as modern tourist brochures. Taking SR 222 is an easy and highly inspiring slow-travel journey that only requires that you relax and surrender to the pleasant kaleidoscope of the Tuscan idyll outside the window.

Uber-picturesque towns such as Greve in Chianti have graceful pastel-coloured arcaded town squares and Romanesque churches. Make an espresso stop in medieval Castellina in Chianti, which has a dramatic fortified hilltop core and photogenic narrow stone-paved passages. Indulge in the local cuisine on the airy garden terrace of *Ristorante Oltre Il Giardino* in Panzano, where you can try Tuscan dishes such as wild boar ragù with pappardelle, ricotta-filled ravioli, and the glorious Florentine steak. Of course, with Chianti Classico on the side.



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The ever-green island

The Opera Park in the heart of Copenhagen is a new year-round oasis that harmoniously blends nature and the urban environment.

Words by Olga Dolina
Photo by Francisco Tirado



Green recreational spaces have always been a priority for Copenhagen, which stands proudly among the most sustainable cities in the world. The Opera Park, which neighbours the Royal Danish Opera House and is set along Copenhagen's inner harbour, is a new magnet for urban relaxation and leisure in this bustling city.

Back in the 19th century, this area welcomed ships carrying precious cargo from all around the world. At that time, most gardens in Denmark were inspired by the romantic and 'informal' structure of English gardens. With its year-round blooming gallery of trees and flowers, Opera Park is a modernised version of a classical garden that invites visitors to participate in the dynamic dialogue between city, nature, and architecture.

Opera Park's design is the brainchild of *Cobe*, a Copenhagen-based firm whose architects have played a significant role in the transformation of the Danish capital into an exciting city tailor-made for comfortable living. The two-hectare space consists of six garden areas harmoniously linked by winding paths, niches, and multi-level terraces with viewpoints. Here, various botanical environments are brought together in one place: North American Forest, Danish Oak Forest, Nordic Forest, Oriental Garden, and English Garden.

The glass greenhouse at the centre of the park has a flower-shaped layout and a hovering roof. Inside, it houses the Subtropical Garden and a café. It's also connected to the parking garage underneath the park. Visitors can reach the Royal Danish Opera House via a curved, covered walkway over a landscaped bridge. The green roofs of the park's structures capture and delay the release of rainwater while also serving as a food source for birds. The park is also full of curiosities, such as a reflecting pool onto which drops of water fall in a gentle, meditative rhythm.

The different heights and compositions of the park's trees resemble the opera stage with its proscenium, centre stage, and backdrop. They are also planted in such a way as to shield visitors from the winds that blow off the harbour, while the elevated terrain protects the land from potential flooding. The park boasts more than 600 trees, 80,000 herbaceous perennials and bushes, and 40,000 bulb plants representing 223 exotic and local species. It is also dressed in different colours throughout the year. Spring brings a full kaleidoscope of flowers, summer features various shades of green, autumn arrives with fiery reds and yellows, and winter is marked by the hegemony of pines and frozen ponds. Ekvipagemestervej 18

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airBaltic's Sustainability and Annual Report 2023

The report was signed at the end of last month and is now available on airBaltic's website.

Last year was indeed a milestone, with airBaltic carrying approximately 4.5 million passengers, which is 36% more than in 2022. The airline also performed more than 44,000 flights, or 18% more than a year before. But this is only the tip of the iceberg. airBaltic did a huge amount of work behind the scenes to fulfil its sustainability commitments by using more sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and reducing the amount of carbon emissions released per passenger kilometre flown. The latter fact indicates the advantage of having a single-type fleet operation consisting of the more fuel-efficient Airbus A220-300 aircraft.

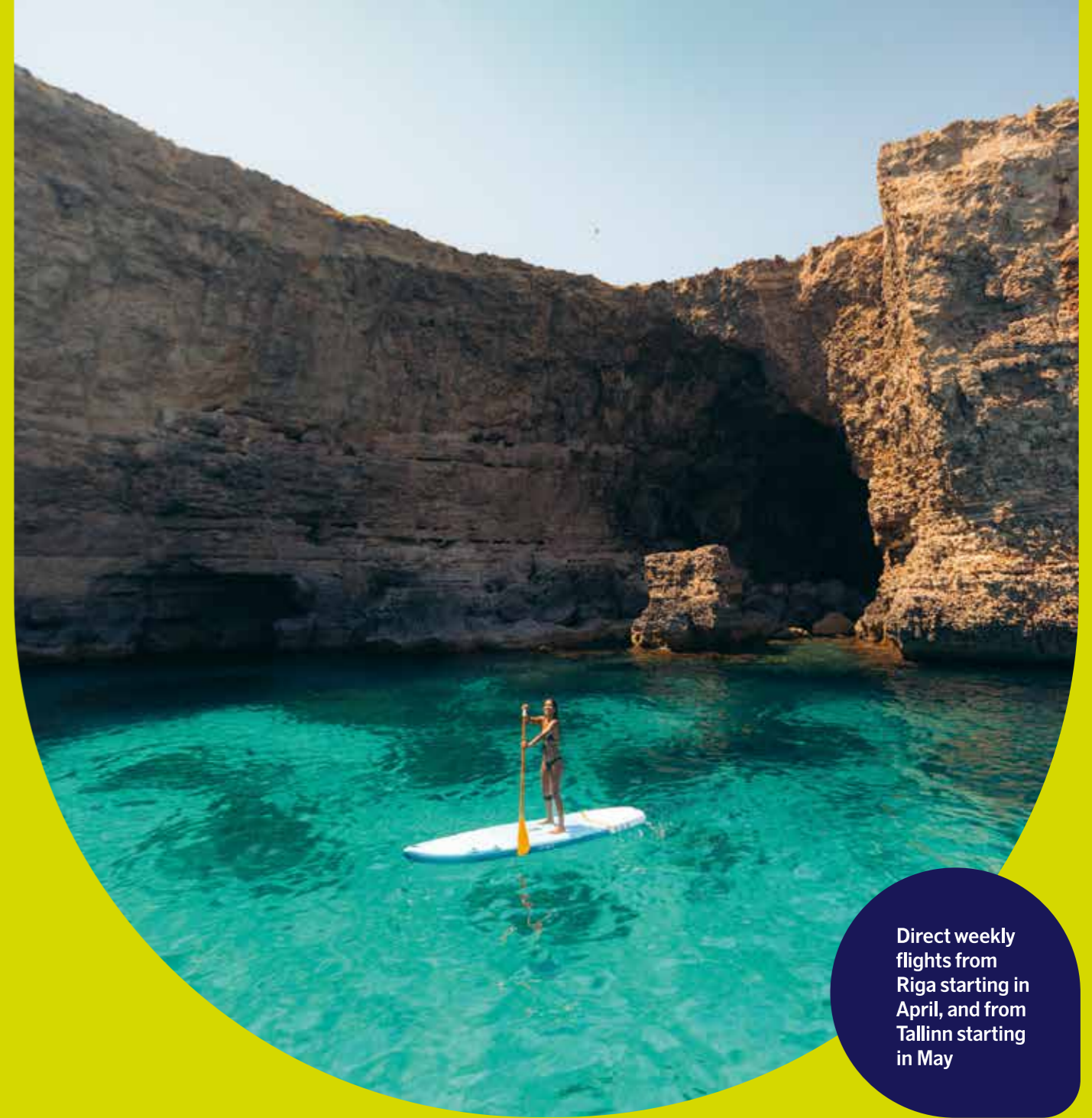
Although in 2023 airBaltic continued to increase its growth by operating 18% more flights than in 2022, it simultaneously achieved a 5.6% reduction in CO₂ emissions (0.089 kg vs 0.094 kg) per passenger kilometre. This was achieved by applying several initiatives, including decreasing aerodynamic drag by executing reduced-flap take-off and landing procedures, reducing the distance flown per sector through initiatives such as take-off in the direction of flight, and adhering to a single-engine taxi-in policy at large airports with extended taxi times, which involves shutting down one engine shortly after landing and taxiing to the parking stand using only one engine.

Another step forward made last year was to offer airBaltic passengers the option of reducing their impact on the environment by voluntarily ordering sustainable aviation fuel for their flights (approximately one kilogram for Economy class and one and a half kilograms for Business class). Each kilogram of SAF produces up to 80% fewer CO₂ emissions than a kilogram of fossil fuel. The SAF price per person per flight starts at EUR 2.99, depending on the ticket type.

airBaltic also made its mark in the industry by co-hosting the Sustainability

Forum in Tampere, which was set up to join industry forces. Representatives of airBaltic, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Business Tampere, Neste, Finavia, and Stephen Wright, a commercial aviation expert and a professor at Tampere University, discussed how to make aviation more sustainable and overcome the critical challenges the industry faces. Meanwhile, during the IATA World Sustainability Symposium in Madrid, airBaltic signed an agreement to become a data contributor to the IATA CO₂ Connect emissions calculator, thereby improving the quality and accuracy of the tool. Expanding this data pool is essential to providing greater transparency and coherence to passengers and stakeholders alike. With continuously expanding data sources, the quality of IATA CO₂ Connect's calculations will improve far beyond what any theory-based or model-based tools could achieve.

Last year, airBaltic received several important awards locally and abroad. For the second year in a row, with an average fleet age of 3.8 years, airBaltic was recognised by web-based intelligence platform ch-aviation as Europe's Second-Youngest Aircraft Fleet. airBaltic also received the APEX Passenger Choice Award for Best Cabin Service in Europe, an acknowledgement of the airline's excellent onboard service and hospitality efforts. This is one of the most prestigious awards an airline can receive in recognition of its adoption of best-in-world advancements in cabin service, seat comfort, entertainment, and more. Skytrax named airBaltic the Best Airline in Eastern Europe in 2023. And, following a nationwide survey carried out by the CV-Online Latvia recruitment agency, airBaltic was recognised as the best employer in the transport and logistics sector for the twelfth year in a row. airBaltic also received third place in the Best Employer in Latvia category for 2022.



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Vago distinguishes itself with its high-fidelity sound system and contemporary design.

Sound is an unquestionable part of the dining experience, and a new wave of bars in Europe is really embracing it. These establishments are defined by the perfect trio of a painstakingly curated drinks menu, an excellent snack list, and music emanating from a vinyl record player. Mimicking a cosy living room or snug recording studio, these intimate spaces are decked out with impressive sound systems playing well-thought-out sets that, instead of forcing guests to surrender to the music, invite them to enjoy the ambience, company, and drinks without so many other distractions.

These venues draw inspiration from the iconic Japanese *jazz kissa* phenomenon. Rooted in the post-war years, when vinyl records were a luxury, these cafés provided a way for cash-strapped jazz enthusiasts to hear the latest albums on communal sound systems. Today, many ‘listening bars’ in Europe pay homage to *kissa*, be it the homage to jazz at the Berlin-based *Rhinoçéros*, Japanese-inspired dishes at *Brilliant Corners* in London, or a sizeable selection of sake at *Cornerstore* in Amsterdam. At these and similar places, it’s vinyl records – often the owner’s own cherished collection – that take centre stage on the bar shelves instead of liquor bottles.

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LISTENING BARS WORTH TUNING IN TO

Murmur in Amsterdam

This gently lit art venue is a reason why Amsterdam’s audiophiles flock to Amsterdam Noord every weekend. *Murmur* hosts a diverse programme of music-focused events, including experimental DJ sets, movie screenings, and intimate concerts. Besides a good list of natural wines and great snacks (think focaccia, olives, and sardines), it also hosts occasional kitchen takeovers by creative young chefs.
Aambeeldstraat 60; IG/murmur.ams

Bambino Paris in Paris

Hidden behind an unassuming beige façade in the 11th arrondissement, this wine bar has become the latest hotspot for fashionable foodies, who come for the superb dishes dreamed up by chef Kenta Tomoda but stay for the groovy vibes featuring funk, disco, and boogie music from owner Fabien Lombardi’s own personal collection. The sophisticated menu, much of it cooked in the wood-fired oven, changes regularly, but there are always a few pizzettes baking and bespoke cocktails to enjoy.
Rue Saint-Sébastien 25; IG/bambino_paris

Vago in Lisbon

Nestled under the streets of the Santos district, *Vago* distinguishes itself with its high-fidelity sound system and contemporary design. The vaulted brick ceilings and terracotta-red seating paired with wooden tables create an ambience that harks back to the 1970s. The menu satisfies cravings with delectable light bites infused with Mediterranean and Brazilian flavours, accompanied by expertly crafted cocktails. Owned by DJs, *Vago* frequently hosts music-centred events, and it’s not uncommon for a night to conclude with dancing into the early hours.
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ALICANTE ALWAYS CELEBRATING

Long strips of silky sand and the clear azure waters of the Costa Blanca, imposing mountainous landscapes and history-packed city walks, mouth-watering delicacies and lively social life multiplied by the strong presence of local traditions... And that's not even mentioning Alicante's 549 hours of sun per month and its title of 'sunniest city in Europe'. What more do you need for a perfect Mediterranean vacation?

It's a warm evening, and I slowly descend the steep steps of the Barrio Santa Cruz, a vibrant residential neighbourhood of Alicante, to the bustling soundtrack of laughter and late-night chats. A string of lights illuminates the sky and colourful flags wave in the breeze. As I reach the Plaza del Carmen viewpoint, the sound of drums and an orchestra become louder. Leaning over the railing together with the local kids, I see her – the Madonna.

It's the religious procession known as the Canonical Coronation of Our Lady of Mercy heading uphill from the Cathedral of San Nicolás to the small chapel of the Santa Cruz Hermitage. The leading figure in this sacred spectacle, a majestic wooden statue of the Virgin Mary adorned with flowers and candles, is carried on a pedestal. Clergymen, girls in traditional dresses, gentleman in their best suits, women wearing black lace mantillas, and old señoras in their best dresses and high heels all accompany the procession.

If I reached out my arm, I could almost touch the pedestal, which is carefully and rhythmically carried by young boys and girls. At this time of year, I may be the only visitor in the crowd, but I feel like I belong. There's suspense in the air as the pedestal must be rotated and carried up the stairs. A poster stretches across the narrow street between two buildings. Fingers crossed... But the skilled pedestal bearers squat as a team, and the Madonna's crown successfully passes this barrier without touching it. We all give a sigh of relief.

ALICANTE LIES ON THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA, facing the gentle waters of the Mediterranean Sea. With more than 3000 hours of sunshine per year, mild winters, and hot summers with little rain, the perfect vacation season here lasts from the beginning of May until late autumn. The imposing Santa Bárbara Castle stands atop 166-metre-high Mount Benacantil, and it's this postcard-like view that's most often associated with the city.

A view on Alicante in AI-generated illustration, inspired by the style of Juan Gris. He was a Spanish artist who worked alongside Picasso in Paris in the early 20th century and painted in the same Cubist style. If Picasso is considered a pioneer of Cubism, Gris worked hard to popularise this avantgarde style. He is considered a visionary and directly influenced many later artists, including Salvador Dalí and Roy Lichtenstein.



The Alicante Marina has a capacity for more than 740 vessels. The port area is surrounded by a promenade with restaurants, a casino, and hotels.



Alicante is a lively hang-out destination. The city centre bursts with quirky joints such as La Folle.



Discover the best local delicacies and meet charming locals at Alicante's Central Market.



La Tasca del Barrio serves upscale Mediterranean dishes, such as the signature *arroz negro*, or rice with squid ink.

Elena walked through the city with a poster stating 'Don't ask for paella, ask for arroz!'

However, this being Spain and the Mediterranean, I begin my tour by exploring the Mercado Central, Alicante's main market. It was designed in 1915 by Francisco Fajardo Guardiola and completed by Juan Vidal Ramos in 1922. I meet my guide, Carlos, at the entrance, where he directs my attention to a portrait of Ramos and points out his prominent nose. Ramos was his grandfather and one of the most prominent architects of Alicante. I don't know whether to believe Carlos, or to consider it just a joke and his way of breaking the ice.

The Eclectic-style market houses more than 300 stalls spread out over an area of 11,100 square metres. Said to be the largest market in Spain, the Mercado Central has so far managed to escape the European fad for food-court-style design and is still beloved by locals. Alongside the fresh local produce, meats, fish, and cheeses, it's so pleasant to watch vendors of all generations working together here, from teenagers to grey-haired seniors, all charismatic and devoted to their craft.

I try the Iberian ham, *chorizo* sausage, *Manchego* cheese, and delicious Alicante tomatoes (the best I've had) with olive oil and salt. 'Mel!' is how locals express deep satisfaction. The word means 'honey' in the Valencian dialect widely spoken in Alicante. I also try *mojama de atun*, an exclusive snack that consists of the salty dried loin of a tuna. Dried fish are important in this area and a food known since Roman times. In fact,

the ruins of Roman fishpond structures carved out of the rock can still be seen near Albufereta Beach outside of town.

The kaleidoscope of fish varieties in the market is worth a whole photo book – dozens of types of shrimp, octopuses, *gallina* fish, and even sharks. A woman with pink lipstick and a matching sweatshirt, a blue apron, and a charismatic face with sharp features rules the world behind the *Leticia* fish counter. She turns the music louder and gracefully moves along with the rhythm, transferring fish from one box to another, washing the trays, packing shrimp for an old lady, and singing along to the songs. This *mise-en-scène* straight out of a Pedro Almodóvar movie makes my day.

After our tour, Carlos and I walk to the Old Town, chatting along the way about how Alicante differs from its neighbour Valencia: 'Alicante is smaller, and here you can reach everything on foot,' he says. 'We're friendly, but we've got lots of competitive spirit, especially when it comes to football and food. Valencia has paella, while in Alicante we have *arroz*. The main difference between these dishes is the cooking method and the small round *nyora* pepper we use to give the dish a strong, smoky flavour.' There are some 300 types of *arroz*, from the famous *arroz senyoret* with peeled seafood to black rice with squid ink and *arroz* with artichokes and octopus. Sounds like a decent reason to move to Alicante and spend the rest of my life trying them all!

Always sceptical about restaurants passionately advertising 'paella and sangria' to tourists, I ask Carlos where I can find an authentic *arroz alicantino*. 'Very easy!' he says. 'If you see the name "paella", avoid it. Locals hate paella. The real *arroz* is always by the beach, close to the sea. We love eating this dish on special occasions, and we head to the sea, which is more relaxing. *Ponte Rosa* at San Juan Beach is a great local place. In Alicante, try *Santi* by the harbour.'

This being said, I have to mention Carlos' sister, Elena. She's a well-known lifestyle blogger from Alicante who once made a video that went viral, reaching almost two million views. In it, she walked through the city with a huge poster stating 'Don't ask for paella, ask for arroz'. The city's tourist board has also launched an initiative calling Alicante the *Ciudad del Arroz*, or City of Rice, that highlights the importance of local ingredients and traditional cooking methods, sees to the quality of Alicante's signature dish, and awards the best restaurants with special certification.

THE CITYSCAPE OF ALICANTE IS MARKED BY ANOTHER TALL STRUCTURE, THE 97-METRE-HIGH Hotel Gran Sol. This one, however, is much younger than the castle. The 51-floor skyscraper was built in 1971 and rises from the historical area overlooking the port. *Gran Sol's* façade is adorned with colourful murals by Alicantino artist Gastón Castelló depicting the sun, sea, fishermen, and ships. I stay at the *Gran Sol* because of the spectacular panorama from the *Convistas* restaurant on its top floor. I first step out onto its open-air terrace at the blue hour, when the sun has just set, letting the deep mist of evening take the lead. The rugged mountain on my left and the web of city streets below contrasts with the calm waters of the sea.

Formed by a mix of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian cultural influences, Alicante's history is just as winding as its steep streets. Even the name of the city blends Latin, Greek, and Arabic roots. But life in Alicante changed drastically in 1858, with the arrival of the first train line from Madrid. The economy flourished, as did resort life and tourism.

The Explanada de España, probably the most photographed promenade in Spain thanks to its famous marble tiles set in

a wave pattern, stretches out beneath my feet. Sure, waves of black-and-white tiles also adorn the pavements of Lisbon and the Copacabana seafront in Brazil, but Alicante stands out with its photogenic combination of three colours: ivory, black, and Alicante red. The 6.5 million or so small square tiles were laid along the 1.5-kilometre-long promenade in 1955. Needless to say, flaneuring and people-watching on the Explanada is a favourite activity here, especially in the evenings, when people fill the adjacent cafés and restaurants, and the promenade is full of souvenir vendors, mime artists, and painters.

The shell-shaped Concha stage along the Explanada hosts free musical performances throughout the year. Quite a few intriguing buildings form a backdrop to the promenade as well. The *Real Liceo Casino*, for example, was built in 1867 and served as a social club for jetsetters back in the day. The brown brick building stands out with ceramic decorations representing various maritime civilisations. But the Casa Carbonell, a residential Beaux Arts-inspired mansion built in 1925, surpasses them all.

Enrique Carbonell was a textile businessman from the mountainous town of Alcoy. His daughter had health problems, and it was suggested she come to Alicante for its healing water and sun. One time, on his way to Alicante, Carbonell had an accident with his car and arrived at the local hotel covered in dirt. But because of his shabby appearance, he was not let in. Still resentful, he later built a mansion that cast its shadow over that small hotel, which eventually went broke. Casa Carbonell had 365 windows – one window for each day of the year, so that his daughter could enjoy a variety of views when unable to go outside. Significantly, there are also 365 palm trees along the promenade that begins in front of the mansion.



The Explanada de España promenade is the epicentre of street life and one of the most photogenic landmarks in the city.

Santa Cruz feels more like an untouched village

The Puerta del Mar plaza, which connects the Explanada with the city's main beach, Playa Postiguet, is crowned by a life-size racing yacht. Since 2008, Alicante has been the starting point of the famous Ocean Race around the world. The Ocean Race Museum, set a bit further down the pier, is a must for marine sport enthusiasts. But observing the boats, yachts, and catamarans moored in the marina can be a meditative pastime for anybody. Postiguet Beach lies right at the foot of Mount Benacantil and delights vacationers with a 900-metre-long strip of sand and calm waters. People relax on the benches along the promenade, restless joggers and fitness addicts pass by, beautiful dogs and their owners strut proudly along the runway – these are the charming scenes of coastal life.

I REACH PLAZA DE GABRIEL MIRÓ, ALSO KNOWN AS PLAZA DE CORREOS, and am fascinated by the concept of small oasis-like squares in this busy city. Century-old ficus trees cast their shadows over their massive roots, with some of the tree trunks reaching 1.3 metres in diameter. The round fountain in the middle of the square absorbs the noise from the surrounding streets and features a sculpture by local artist Vicente Bañuls of a woman pouring water from an amphora. Susana Llaneras Rico served as the model, and legend has it that she never showed anyone pictures of herself from her youth; instead, she took them to the fountain so that they could admire the beauty of the sculpture, made when she was 17 years old.



Alicante's climate is close to perfection. The city boasts one of the sunniest and warmest daytime temperatures in Europe, so you can enjoy al fresco dining throughout the year.

Among the vivid and eclectic streets in central Alicante, Calle de Las Setas – or Mushroom Street – is certainly a curiosity. Situated near the port, the street was once associated with crime and prostitution. To change its image and help local vendors, the authorities announced a make-over competition. As a result, the brick street was painted yellow and green and decorated with giant mushroom sculptures that serve as a playground for children. The controversial project eventually gained popularity and is now a busy street with numerous attractive shops and street-food joints.

Calle Castaños, a nearby restaurant street, has a more noble appearance and boasts several stately 19th-century houses, for example, nos. 14, 16, and 18. Alicante's historical centre also has many unique modernist buildings with bold Arab influences, colourful tiles and windows, and ornate wooden cornices. One of them (with a marvellous rooftop bar) stands on Calle Monjas opposite the 17th-century Convent de las Monjas de la Sangre.

When wandering through the city, an attentive visitor will notice the peculiar little sculptures that sit on the old drainpipes on many buildings. There are hundreds of these 'water faces' across the Old Town. Once you notice one, the rest of your stroll might turn into an adventurous photo hunt for the tiny curiosities. Installed in the 19th century, these faces of devils, angels, and mythological creatures served as talismans to protect the residents and their homes from the spirits of the dead, misfortunes, illnesses, and even rats.

One of Alicante's oldest neighbourhoods, Barrio de la Santa Cruz, lies at the foot of Santa Bárbara Castle. I come prepared to climb countless stairs, and on my way I pass local residents passionately discussing at an outdoor café near a gigantic poster of the Madonna. Santa Cruz feels more like an untouched village and is apparently preparing for a religious celebration. But when



Figurines at Mithra Art & Design Shop. Traditions and modernity are strongly linked in Alicante, and religious celebrations fill the city's event calendar.

I ask about the coming event, people seem confused – after all, there are festivities, gatherings, and processions almost every week throughout the year in Alicante.

Easter Week, which this year falls on March 24–31, is the most important celebration in Catholic Spain. A variety of themed processions with participants wearing special garments and carrying *pasos*, or floats, topped with images and statues of the Virgin Mary, Jesus, and other Biblical figures and scenes will then fill the streets. Some of these floats take a whole year



Barrio Santa Cruz, the old neighbourhood at the foot of Mount Benacantil, has steep, winding streets with numerous stairs. The climb is rewarded with majestic views across the city.

to prepare, as they are richly adorned with flowers, lace, and jewels. In Santa Cruz, Holy Wednesday is celebrated with a physically demanding procession that departs from the chapel at sunset, carefully descends the steep steps while bearing the floats, and returns back uphill at dawn.

The nearby neighbourhood of San Roque borders the picturesque La Ereta garden. With its blooming terraces and viewpoints, the garden sits on the slope of Mount Benacantil and offers a pleasant repose before the big climb to the top.

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Watching the sunset from Santa Barbara Castle is a must when in Alicante.



The island of Tabarca is a hidden gem full of secluded streets, historical buildings, and beaches on which to relax.



The coastal town of Villajoyosa, an hour's ride from Alicante, delights with colourful houses and a lively holiday atmosphere.

One of the largest fortresses in Spain, Santa Bárbara was built by the Moors in the 9th century

Cicadas chirp and cats lie in the shade while a lonesome gardener collects dry branches under the pomegranate trees. In a glass pavilion at the back of the garden, the lavish *La Ereta* restaurant – which serves traditional local dishes with a modern twist – seems to float over the city.

I'm not normally a fan of medieval fortresses, but Santa Bárbara Castle exceeds all my expectations. As I reach the top via a winding footpath, its scale and aura truly impresses. But don't worry; there's also a lift that takes visitors up to the castle from down by the beach. One of the largest medieval fortresses in Spain, Santa Bárbara was built by the Moors in the 9th century. Alfonso of Castile reconquered the city on December 4, 1248, which happens to be the feast day of Saint Barbara. The castle now hosts concerts, dramatised historical tours, and even culinary experiences. I see the remains of the old church, the hospital, dungeons, tunnels, and walls several metres thick. My journey back in time ends at La Torreta, the upper enclosure, where I greet the sunset, which is casting a warm misty glow on these walls that have seen it all.

As I sit on a bench in front of the Basilica of Santa María, I finish my nougat ice cream and notice a sudden gust of wind blow over a bouquet of flowers at the entrance. I go over to place it upright and pick up a fragrant twig of eucalyptus as a keepsake. The fresh aroma of the white flowers lingers in

the air, but when I enter the church, the scent of wax candles and incense surrounds me. Not only that – it seems I've happened upon a wedding! Beautifully dressed guests, a couple on their knees in front of the altar, listening to the priest, and a few kids running around in the back, where I watch and smile quietly.

The Basilica of Santa María is the oldest active church in Alicante. Built in the 14th century on the site of a former mosque, its impressive façade unites Gothic elements with an ornate 18th-century Baroque portal. Above the entrance stands a sculptural group of Mary and two angels. And as you move directly towards the central door, a magical 3D effect takes place, and the angels seem to be putting the crown on Mary's head.

Speaking of old public structures, the Asegurada building on the other side of the square from the church was erected in 1685. Originally a grain warehouse, it has also functioned as a prison, artillery storehouse, and school, until it was reimagined as the MACA Museum of Contemporary Art in 2011. Entrance is free of charge, and the collection includes works by Miró, Picasso, Dalí, Alicante native Juana Francés, and kinetic sculptures by Eusebio Sempere.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TO ENGAGE IN BEYOND ALICANTE. I particularly look forward to a cliff-jumping kayak and snorkel tour, but the strong wind forces a change in plans, so I hop on a tram for the hour-long ride north to Villajoyosa. The name means 'joyful town', and it's the most colourful town on the Costa Blanca.

My ride begins at Serra Grossa, a low limestone mountain and beloved hiking spot behind the Santa Bárbara Castle. I snag a window seat and gaze at San Juan Beach and the small

coastal village landscapes along the way. Villajoyosa greets me with silence; I barely see any people as I walk past the famous 'hanging houses' along the old city wall that rise above the almost dry Amadorio River. But once I weave my way through the narrow streets and reach the beachside promenade, the sound of the waves mixes with the clatter of dishes and the lunchtime conversations of other vacationers.

Back when Villajoyosa was an ordinary coastal village, the fishermen painted their beachfront houses in different colours so it would be easier to find their way back home. The sandy central beach stretches almost 1.5 kilometres long and is more than 30 metres wide, with several palm groves for a paradise-like repose. Other picturesque beaches nearby include the cliff-embraced Playa del Bol Nou and the cove at Playa El Paraíso.

After returning to Alicante, I realise there's another hidden gem waiting to be discovered – Tabarca, Spain's smallest inhabited island. Despite the big waves, the catamaran takes me there easily from the port of Alicante. Tabarca was once a Berber pirate settlement and a fishermen's refuge. Less than two kilometres long and only 400 metres wide, the windswept eastern half of the island has a small lighthouse reached via a hiking trail across a scrubby, dry landscape. Connected by a strip of land with a pebble-sand beach, the western half of the island consists of the old town with its narrow streets, restaurants, and souvenir shops. The islet is so small that no map or navigation is needed.

First thing's first – lunch. *Restaurante La Almadraba* overlooks the small pier, and here I try Tabarca's signature dish, *caldero tabarquino*. The main difficulty for a solo traveller in

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The small La Caleta port is the first thing one sees when disembarking at the former pirate island of Tabarca, a piece of land surrounded by the cleanest clear-blue waters in the area.

Spain is that rice dishes are mostly intended for two people. With the few Spanish phrases I know, I manage to convince the hostess to serve me a portion for one. Here, the rice is prepared in an iron pot, just as the local fishermen used to cook it while on their boats, and the fish stew is savoury and delicious.

In the off season, Tabarca is calm and secluded, but no less impressive. The 18th-century Church of San Pedro and San Pablo, one of the most captivating buildings here, faces the mainland. The effect from the powerful architecture and nature is even stronger because, apart from the white cats resting under the massive palms, I'm here all alone, exploring the site. Tabarca is officially a Mediterranean Marine Reserve due to the excellent quality and rich biodiversity of its waters. In summer, it's a paradise for divers and snorkellers, especially the numerous coves and caves with shallow, crystal-clear waters. As I wait for the evening catamaran back to Alicante, I relax on the rugged beach that's open to the winds and waves. The sea salt is drying on my feet, and I imagine how Tabarca Beach will look in a few months, with beach chairs, umbrellas, pedal boats, SUPs, and kayaks.

I spend my last hours in Alicante in the Plaza del Ayuntamiento. A flea market under the porticos offers plenty of curiosities, from vintage postcards and magazines to jewellery. I also watch an event taking place on a stage set up in front of the opulent Baroque-style Town Hall. Girls and women are dressed in richly decorated 18th-century costumes with cupola-like embroidered skirts, aprons, headdresses, fans, and other accessories. These are the *Novia Alicantina*, which were historically worn as bridal dresses.

The event I see is related to the parade of the Beauties. Each year, a Beauty of the Fire is selected for the Bonfires of San Juan, Alicante's main summer solstice festivity in June. She and the other Beauties play a key role in the celebration, which includes fireworks competitions and the burning of large artisan-made figures. It's remarkable how such a popular coastal tourist hotspot is still carrying on its old traditions. These lovely women and girls in resplendent costumes made of the finest fabrics look as if they have just stepped out of a painting by an old Spanish master, and they represent Alicante to me: lively, bright, attractive, with a complex history, and always with a bright smile.

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WHERE TO STAY

Hospes Amerigo

This five-star hotel housed in a former Salesian convent has been upgraded with elegant Mediterranean aesthetics. Set in the historical centre just a few steps from all the famous landmarks and the beach, *Amerigo* features a rooftop terrace with impressive views of the Santa Bárbara Castle. The on-site *Bodyna Spa* takes its name from 'body' and 'nature' and treats guests to revitalising wellness procedures and top-rated cosmetic products.
Calle Rafael Altamira, 7; hospes.com

Hotel Les Monges

This charming boutique hotel is located in a signature modernist building from 1912 in Alicante's Old Town. Beautiful historical details, including tiles, ceramics, wooden elements, stone masonry, and ornate balconies, were preserved during the restoration of the building. The period styling contrasts with modern accents in the colour palette and furniture of the comfortable rooms. A visit to the rooftop terrace and bar with gorgeous views of Alicante is a must.
Calle de Sant Agustí, 4; hotellesmongespalace.com

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Elena Vidal is a communications specialist and social media content creator. Ten years ago she launched a blog called *Alicante Street Style* with the aim of promoting the Alicante lifestyle. Now, @alicantestreetstyle on Instagram boasts 114K followers, helping travellers and locals navigate the city's vivid cultural, gastronomic, and social scenes. Raised with a passion and love for her land, as well as a deep interest in the history and traditions of Alicante, Vidal is convinced that it's important to know as much as possible about your homeland and your roots in order to be able to enjoy them even more.

What's unique about Alicante?

One thing I really value about this city is the light. It's a light that embraces our coves and beaches with beautiful sunrises and illuminates our Old Town and streets. Also, the quality of services and the lifestyle we enjoy here is very high. Alicante is known for having 300 days of sunshine per year, and this makes the small city of just over 300,000 inhabitants the perfect place to enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere all year round.

What does a perfect day in Alicante look like to you?

Take a walk around the port area, then have brunch in the sun at a café with sea views, such as *Noray* or *Samoa*. Take a tour of the Old Town, the Gravina Museum of Fine Arts (MUBAG), or the Alicante Museum of Contemporary Art (MACA). Then sip an aperitif on the terrace of *Barrita Santa María* right across from the majestic Basilica of Santa María. Definitely try their delightful croquettes or the *pepito montadito*, a mini sandwich with beef and foie gras. Say goodbye to the day on a rooftop, such as *La Milagrosa* or *Terraza Mira Miralta*. Watching the sunrise or sunset over the small fishing boats and yachts is also great.

What are the top restaurants for a real arroz alicantino?

The gastronomic offer in Alicante is very rich, and rice is the most typical dish throughout the whole province. But we eat rice for lunch, not dinner, due to the heaviness of the dish. My favourite places for this local meal are *Rincón del Varadero* in the port and *Racó del Pla*. Or *Azul Restaurante*, *Casa Domingo*, and *Daksa* on San Juan Beach.

What are some other local dishes one should try in Alicante?

You cannot leave without trying *coca de mollitas* or *coca amb tonyina*. The first one is a dough made of flour, olive

oil, and salt. The second one is a flour dough that's filled with tuna, onion, and pine nuts that people enjoy eating during the city festivals in June. Also try *fideuà* – a dish that's similar to *arroz alicantino* with seafood, but with thin noodles instead of rice.

And the top bars to hang out at?

Any terrace with views. Rooftops are now very fashionable. Watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand is a favourite local thing to do. I suggest the terraces at *Mira Miralta*, *La Milagrosa*, or *Highbar*.

What event in Alicante is not to be missed?

The Bonfires of San Juan, from June 20 to 24, is our quintessential celebration. During these days, the city is filled with various monuments and figures representing typical Alicante scenes, current affairs, or social issues. On the last day of the celebration, they're all burnt in the well-known event called the *cremà*.

What are your favourite beaches for relaxation?

The beaches of San Juan have kilometres of white sand and the best water for swimming. They also have many leisure activities and restaurants. But don't forget about the El Cabo coves, which are less crowded and very picturesque.

Can you suggest a day trip from Alicante?

In the province of Alicante, we have the sea as well as mountain landscapes. For the spring-summer season, I recommend one of our most recognised jewels, the beautiful coastal town of Altea. For autumn-winter, maybe visit some of the local wineries, such as *Casa Sicilia* in Novelda, which offers wine-tasting tours and has a restaurant specialising in traditional dishes from the region.

wall accents that beautifully complement the cosy textiles and comfortable beds. Calle Miguel Soler, 22; hotelboutiquealicante.com

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK

Jimmy Churri
Offering delicious on-the-go snacks, *Jimmy Churri* is a signature bakery situated on the famous 'Mushroom Street' and serving Argentinian empanadas. The thin, light dough hides a variety of fillings, such as chorizo and cheese, salmon and spinach, spicy chicken, and even *Nutella* for your sweet tooth. Calle San Francisco, 56; jimmychurri.es

El Loco Del Mar

This fish corner with daring charm and a fusion menu is a genuine foodie paradise. *El Loco Del Mar* is set inside the central market, which means the best fresh ingredients straight from the fishermen and local farmers. This *pescadería* serves red and white prawns, *zamburiña* scallops, oysters paired with the best local wines, and many other delicacies from the sea. Stall 120 at the Mercado Centrale; Avenida Alfonso el Sabio

Manero Balmis

Manero delights guests with opulent interiors and a decadent aura. The award-winning bar-boutique serves traditional tapas and more than 40 curated wines from all over Spain. Styled after a 19th-century colonial outpost, *Manero Balmis* has taken inspiration from Dr. Francesco Balmis, a prominent local figure. Menu highlights include tuna-artichoke rice, creatively served seafood, and vegetarian snacks. *Manero* has several impressive locations across Alicante. Plaza Dr. Balmis, 1; barmanero.es

WHERE TO SHOP
Mithra Art & Design Shop

This quirky shop specialising in interior accessories offers an exciting selection of stylish gifts: illustrations, paintings, thematic posters (including scenes from Alicante), ceramics, sculptures, perfume, candles, etc. For contemporary religious shoppers, a figurine

of the Virgin Mary dressed in bright monochrome tones is a great souvenir. Calle de la Villavieja 1; @mithra_alicante

Turron 1880

A world-famous sweet from Spain, *turron* was born in the province of Alicante in the 15th century. *Turron 1880* has been making the iconic almond-and-honey delicacy for three centuries, and its boutique offers *turron* in dozens of different sizes, flavours, and textures, including sugar-free and gluten-free versions. Try a piece or two from the sample plates to help you decide! Calle Mayor, 9; turron1880.com

Alpargateria Pilar

Alicante province is a major manufacturer of shoes and leather accessories. The shoemaking traditions here are rooted in the Muslim era, and the nearby towns of Elche and Elda are known as centres of the footwear industry. There are plenty of shoe stores in central Alicante – begin your search on Calle del Medico Pascual Pérez or Plaza Calvo Sotelo. For *alpargatas*, those classic Spanish rope-soled summer shoes also known as *espadrilles*, check out the charming *Alpargateria Pilar* shop. Calle San Francisco, 54

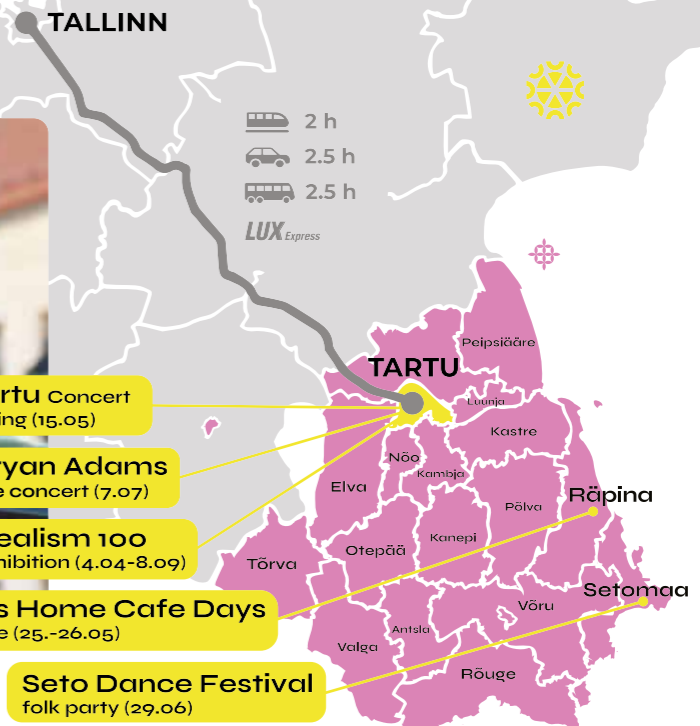
WHY NOT?

On a hot day, enjoy nature and tranquillity in El Palmeral Park at the southern end of the city. It features hiking paths and bicycle lanes centred around a massive reservoir; you can even rent a boat to row around the lake. The landscape is pierced with bridges, waterfalls, paths, swings, and benches. With more than 200,000 palm trees, El Palmeral offers plenty of shade and is an exotic, idyllic place for a picnic. Also great for a family outing.

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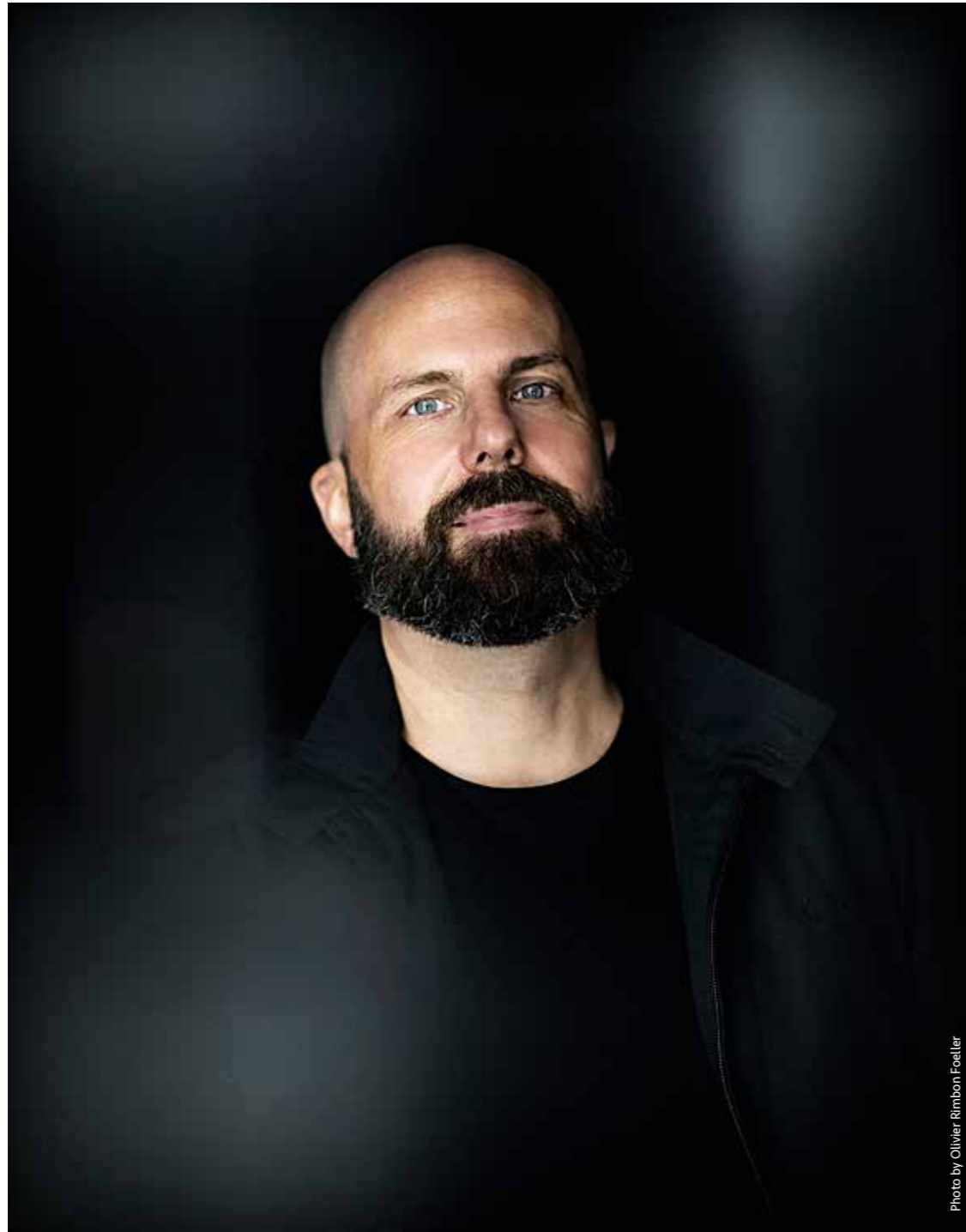



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GUIDED BY THE LIGHT

A few years ago, light artist Christopher Bauder's exhibition *Dark Matter* was the number-one searched exhibition worldwide on *Google Maps*. Now he has surprised the world with another grand story in Berlin. In this conversation with *Baltic Outlook*, the celebrated artist reveals not only how he creates his work but also where to find the most beautiful light in the world.

An infinite universe from which brilliant stars rain down, where waves sway and water whispers, an arc that makes you want to spin, laugh, dance, be a child, dream, travel, meditate – that's *Vektor*, the new audiovisual installation by world-renowned light artist Christopher Bauder. *Vektor: Memories in Light & Sound* at Kraftwerk Berlin is not just a musical-visual extravaganza; it's an event where people come to experience emotions, to feel, and of course to enjoy the monumental aura. The industrial venue becomes a part of Bauder's performance, serving as a grand set and adding magical dimensions to this symphony of sound and light.

Bauder is often referred to as the Maestro of Light. Light is his love, his passion, his stage, his laboratory. An artist, designer, engineer, and composer all in one, he's now undoubtedly the most famous master of his genre in Germany and is recognised and respected worldwide for his large-scale installations and performances. Bauder's artistic tools – light, sound, space, objects – are quite unusual and complex, while his technical tools include a computer, software, winches, and motors. He understands these things thoroughly, conducts them expertly, and translates them into art, beauty, and a chemistry of wonderful sensations.

Bauder is an artist on a global scale. His first permanent exhibition, *Dark Matter*, opened in Berlin in 2021 in a specially equipped former factory building. It highlights seven of his best light installations from the past twenty years. The exhibition attracted more than 120,000 visitors in its first few months and in 2022 became the most-searched exhibition in the world on *Google Maps*. Late last year, Bauder enchanted audiences with a breathtaking light installation connecting the spires of skyscrapers in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. It's no surprise that his shelves are lined with awards, from the German Lighting Design Award and the Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany to Cannes Lions and the Red Dot Design Award.

I met Bauder shortly before the premiere of *Vektor*. His homey office fascinated with an endless view of the grey-blue waters of the Spree River and the boats dozing by the quay. The grey daylight entered the space unhindered through the large expanses of glass. The black-and-white surroundings suited this multifaceted artist very well. Although I felt a sense of 'premiere fever' in the air, there was no hint of hurry in our conversation. Bauder radiated an unexpected openness, depth, and sensitivity to every nuance.

This autumn will mark 35 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Ten years ago, you created the *Lichtgrenze* (Border of Lights) light-art installation to commemorate the 25th anniversary of that event. The 8000 white balloons that stretched for more than 15 kilometres along the former route of the wall became an important symbol in Berlin and served as a magnet attracting visitors to city. Of course, they also made you very recognisable. What was the idea behind the project?

Well, the idea was to create something big, something very big... The actual wall that divided the city was a heavy, bulky construction 42 kilometres long. I wanted to contrast it with something light and airy, so I chose balloons. I'm fascinated by working with them – balloons form

Bauder is often referred to as the Maestro of Light

a large volume, they have properties of a solid, but they're essentially made of air. So we built a long wall of balloons to give an idea of how the barrier had once divided the city. Three days later, we released the balloons into the air, and the wall was dissolved.

The second idea was of light as an attracting force. Whether it's insects or people, light always attracts – if there's a fire somewhere, they approach it, they look, they check. Our installation didn't specifically address the history of the Berlin Wall, it just marked the place where it had stood and invited people to come. And they did [*around two million people, according to estimates by official sources in Berlin – L. J.*]. People shared their stories; those who had witnessed the actual wall talked with those who had never seen and experienced it in person. The installation served as a kind of catalyst for communication between people, and it worked great. But for me personally, the project gave me confidence that I was able to take on large-scale work. It took me to a new level of thinking and acceptance.



When I need to calm my mind, I think of the green fields of my childhood

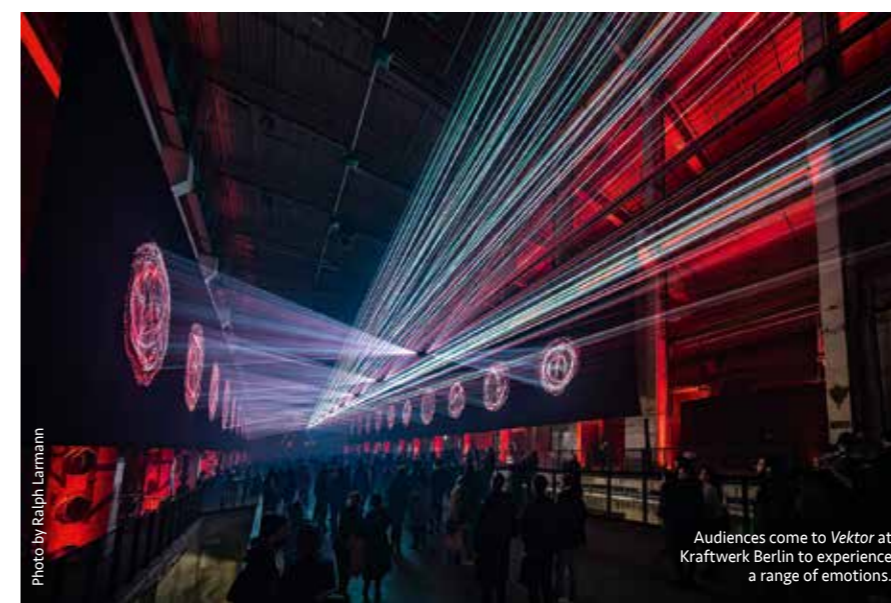
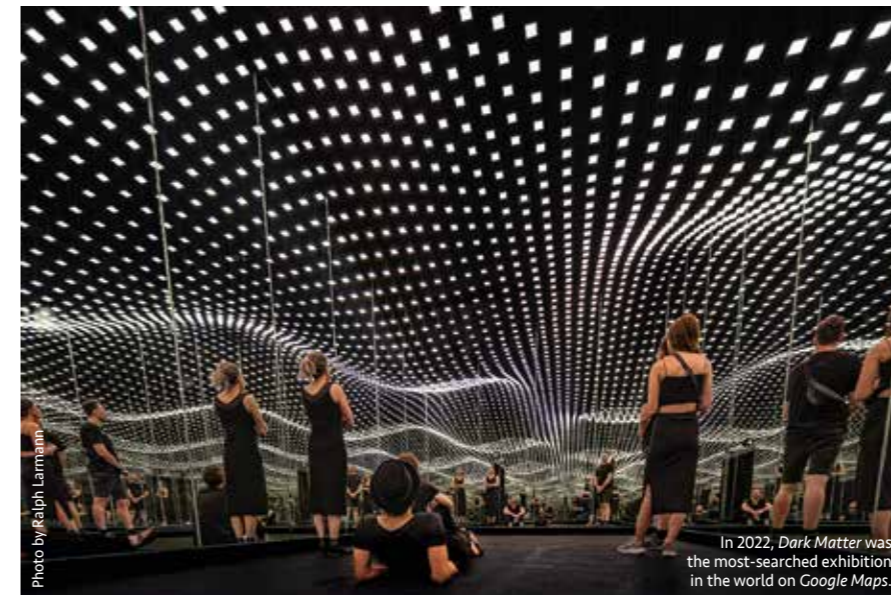
In your new installation, *Vektor*, you've incorporated personal memories, such as memories of your childhood and of music clubs. In art, how does one speak about one's emotions in a way that's also interesting for the viewer? I come from the countryside in southern Germany. When I need to calm my mind, I think of the green fields of my childhood, sunsets, the forest, being on the lake, the water lapping up against the boat, the waves... On the one hand, my memories of my childhood and that time are sweet and melancholic. But that time has passed, and therefore today it also contains the painful. When I return to that place today, I don't feel the same as I did back then. I'm a different person.

Through the very abstract sketches in my show made with laser lights, music, and movement, I try to recreate some of the memories I shelter in my mind. This certainly doesn't mean that audiences have to feel, understand, or see what I'm referring to. But by giving them these small impulses, I want to activate the 'processor' in viewers – the picture-and-memory machine in our brain – so that people can create their own illustrations, feelings, and emotions.

You've done something else new for this installation, a surprise – you composed the music for it yourself. Was that successful? You tell me [*laughs heartily*]! It's not just music; it's sound design, the illustration of visual texture. I've previously worked with composers: Robert Henke, who is also known as Monolake [*a German electronic music project originally consisting of Gerhard Behles and Robert Henke – L. J.*], Kangding Ray [*a French-born, Berlin-based electronic music producer – L. J.*], and others. These guys are famous, great music producers, but this time I wanted more control; I wanted to use audio patterns that were in tune with my own childhood. I also wanted to see if I could make my own music. I'm a techno kid who came of age in the techno clubs of 1990s Berlin. That's my music, so I tried to incorporate a little bit of that into the show.

You've also chosen a special place for the installation – the grandiose Kraftwerk Berlin, a former power station in the Mitte district. It looks like you've really fallen in love with it. I grew up in a very religious environment, attending church and ceremonies. I liked it a lot as a child. The visual impact of a church's interior, its monumental size and scale, has always inspired me. It doesn't matter if you believe or not, but a church always leaves an impression. When they enter a cathedral, people become quiet, serene.

Kraftwerk Berlin evokes this same feeling in me. For me, it's an industrial cathedral. It has the structure of a traditional church, with a central section and slightly lower side aisles separated from the 'nave' by columns. It's so big that one loses one's sense of proportion, and it's impossible to gauge how high the ceiling is – 20, or maybe 40 metres. It's also completely dark inside, which is very necessary for my art, but at the same time it's not



a black box. I don't like traditional exhibition spaces, I don't like white or black boxes and cubes where the art itself is isolated from the surrounding environment. I love Kraftwerk because it has so much character in it. Here, if you switch on just one light bulb, it reflects throughout the whole space, creating fascinating shadows and illuminating the many layers and patterns.

I was surprised to discover that you and your company, *Kinetic Lights*, were recently involved in the production of the spectacular *ABBA Voyage* show.

The creators approached us because they had seen my large-scale art installation titled *Skalar*. For the ABBA show, we did the kinetic lighting – everything that moves. It involved a huge amount of technology; we made machines, motors, lights, and much more. Yes, I work not only as an artist, but I also develop technology for my art. You can't buy this stuff in a store, so we make it, and then later we might sell it or rent it out to other show creators.

So deep down, what are you – an artist or an engineer? I'm an artist, but I'm an artist in everything, starting from the work of art to the invention of the necessary machines. But I'm



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also a manager. In my projects, 1% of my work is creative and the other 99% is management – sitting in front of the computer, managing people, organising something. I think every artist needs to be a manager. My art depends immensely on the team, and it's a huge team that makes all of this happen for us. In that sense, I'm more like a film director who holds all the strings of a project.

What's your greatest talent?

I usually say that I have only two talents: one is endless ideas, and the other is good taste. So I can determine what's good and what's not good in my work. I'm not the type of artist who immediately creates the perfect end result or the perfect story. I work intuitively – I create, I look, I analyse, I see what's there and what's not there, and then I improve.

How long does it take you to get a feel for what you want to change?

Well, for example, I listen to music again a week later and then I understand what I want to change. In the creative process, it's very important to zoom out and distance yourself a bit.

Your installations and performances have been shown in prominent art spaces and at festivals around the world. Is

that why you call yourself a traveller on social media?

I travel at least 100 days, sometimes up to 150 days a year – all over the world, and mostly for work. I don't like leisure travel. I like to travel and do work at the same time, to see how people live, how they work. Not only when I do shows, but also when I'm invited to give lectures or speak at conferences, the organisers always give me an insight into the country, the environment, the city, the people. I love experiencing the planet in this way; it's really exciting and interesting.

I've worked in more than 60 countries – from Greenland to Africa, the United States, and Asia – so yes, I do consider myself a traveller. I like to say that you can place me anywhere on the globe and I won't feel like a stranger. Even if I don't understand the language, the culture, or the signs, I'll still feel at home and can adapt very quickly.

Have you thought about your mission, or the message you bring to people?

I feel like a cultural messenger, because my art is for everyone. It can't be collected or bought as an object; it's more for people to experience it – for everybody. At best, I encourage people to open their minds and think differently, or to start travelling, or to get to know my country.

I live in a very free country and I can do whatever I like at any time, but there are many countries where that's not the case. When I go there and show my art, I can inspire people. I also feel like a traveller in the sense that it's important to me to be constantly travelling in my mind, learning new things, not getting stuck, always evolving and mastering new skills.

Where in the world have you found the most beautiful light?

Everywhere [smiles]. I see it everywhere... Even in the dark you can see the most beautiful light. Even an ugly

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The large-scale *Skalar* art installation led to Bauder's involvement in the spectacular *ABBA Voyage* show.

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city, for example, may have fantastic neon lights. All sunsets in the desert and in the mountains are beautiful! I also love the forest during a summer sunset, and in the winter when the sun reflects off the snow... I see wonderful variations of light everywhere, even in a city wrapped in smog or in a sun shrouded by a sandstorm.

It's also beautiful how people light their homes and how they use open fires. I remember a boat trip on the Brahmaputra River in India. The river was very heavily polluted, with impenetrable smog filling the air, but it made for one of the most beautiful sunsets I've ever seen. So yes, sometimes the two go hand in hand: one of the most beautiful sights in nature, together with environmental pollution and the harm done to nature. It makes you wonder why things are the way they are, and what it would be like if the sky were clear... Both artificial and natural light have many facets and variations, I love them all.

Is Berlin your city? What makes you feel at home here?
Definitely. I think I've lived in Berlin for 27 years now, and it's definitely my city. I've lived in other places, too: for a while in Chicago, in Shanghai, on an island in Germany, and in the countryside. When I was younger, I wanted to move to a place like New York City, but not anymore, because Berlin is

the perfect place to be. It has everything: a wealth of culture, people from all over the world, all possible freedoms. Any day of the week, almost any hour of the day, you can go to parties, watch films, theatre, go dancing, learn something new. And all of this is surrounded by fantastic nature. I really appreciate Berlin as a home base from which to develop, from which to head out and explore the world and then return to afterwards.

When I arrived in Berlin, the city was growing, the wall had just been torn down, and there were endless empty spaces. Those spaces are still here. Without spending too much money, artists can find suitable spaces to show their work. Berlin's growth and development, including club culture and the constantly changing art scene, also contributed to my own development as an artist and person. Berlin is a good 'engine' to keep a person active. And it's a perfect city for living – it's got great summers and grey winters...like today. I really appreciate the change of seasons, and I like winter, because then I can sit in the studio and create.

What art projects can we expect from you in the future?
I'm an artist who likes to change. I don't want to do the same thing all the time, so with the next installation I want to go further, I want to evolve, to change radically. *Vektor* is a kind of middle step in relation to all the installations I did before. I love making big installations, making things that I don't have full control over anymore, things on a superhuman scale that look down on me from on high – like, see how that small, insignificant man can make such big things!

I'd like to do a bigger show, but I don't know what could be bigger than an installation on the scale of a whole city, because I've already done that... [laughs] I'll definitely push the technology further, work on 3D shows, and keep making music. I've got a concept in place for the coming years, but I'm still not ready to reveal it. **bo**

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The restaurant has recently undergone renovations and a new Head Chef – Arturs Taskans joined the team. Arturs is a household name and one of the most prominent chefs in the country. At COD he brought an exciting local flair to the table with a unique synergy between Japanese and Nordic flavours, that fuse beautifully and offer a dining experience that is truly different. Think scallops with kohlrabi, barley pot with mushrooms and bonito flakes or Black Angus with topinambur purée.

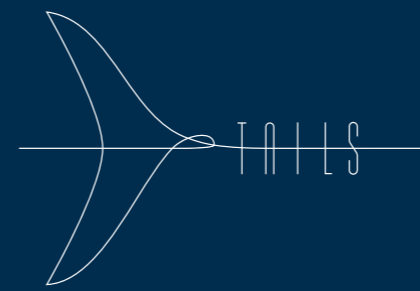
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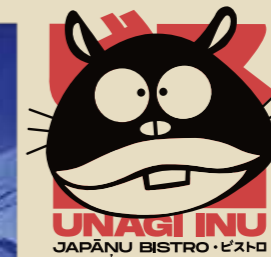
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WHAT'S NEW IN BERLIN?

Change without tearing down, change for a new function and meaningful continuation – this mantra has guided Berlin's development for more than 30 years and has allowed it to grow into an influential citadel of a certain lifestyle. This guide takes you through the amazing selection of modern attractions on offer for your holiday in Berlin.

Berlin is a city in a constant state of flux. The building sites that have become a permanent part of the urban landscape change the faces of its neighbourhoods, sometimes slowly, sometimes instantly. The areas are coloured by contemporary architectural projects, new shopping and living habits, the dynamic rhythm of the locals, and the spirit of an energetic, multicultural, and free city. Over the past few decades, Berlin has become a destination for young people, creative minds, brilliant artists, musicians, designers, photographers, and technology fans who come here to experiment, explore, create, and see how viable their career choice will be. We've rounded up some of the current hot spots to feel the new rhythm of this vibrant and colourful metropolis.

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The Neue Nationalgalerie is one of Europe's greatest architectural icons.



The Pierre Boulez Saal offers a refined selection of music.

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Kraftwerk Berlin is an industrial gem one shouldn't pass up.



The grandiose Humboldt Forum is one of Germany's most important cultural projects.

Photo by Alexander Schippel

NEW CULTURAL STOPS

Prestigious museums, art galleries, concert halls – Berlin's vibrant cultural life takes place on a stage shaped by architectural grandeur. Take, for example, the Neue Nationalgalerie, one of Europe's greatest architectural icons. Designed in glass and steel by the great master Mies van der Rohe, this modernist jewel reopened to visitors in 2021 after a challenging renovation planned by award-winning architect David Chipperfield. Even if you don't have time to see the magnificent exhibitions at this museum for modern art, it's worth a stroll around the building to admire the play of light reflecting in its masterly glass volumes. It's just as beautiful and atmospheric on a sun-drenched day as it is on a rainy one.

Could the new winds of change have passed by Berlin's historical heart? Of course not! The much-praised Museumsinsel Berlin has also recently been expanded by influential newcomers. The grandiose Humboldt Forum, now lighting up the Spree waterfront with its combination of historical Baroque style and white monolithic concrete, opened in 2021 after overcoming a series of controversies and construction delays. The vast cultural, artistic, and scientific project designed by Italian architect Franco Stella houses the Ethnological Museum, the Museum of Asian Art, large-scale art objects, and a variety of exhibition spaces with interactive expositions, while the vast roof terrace offers a magical panorama of the city.

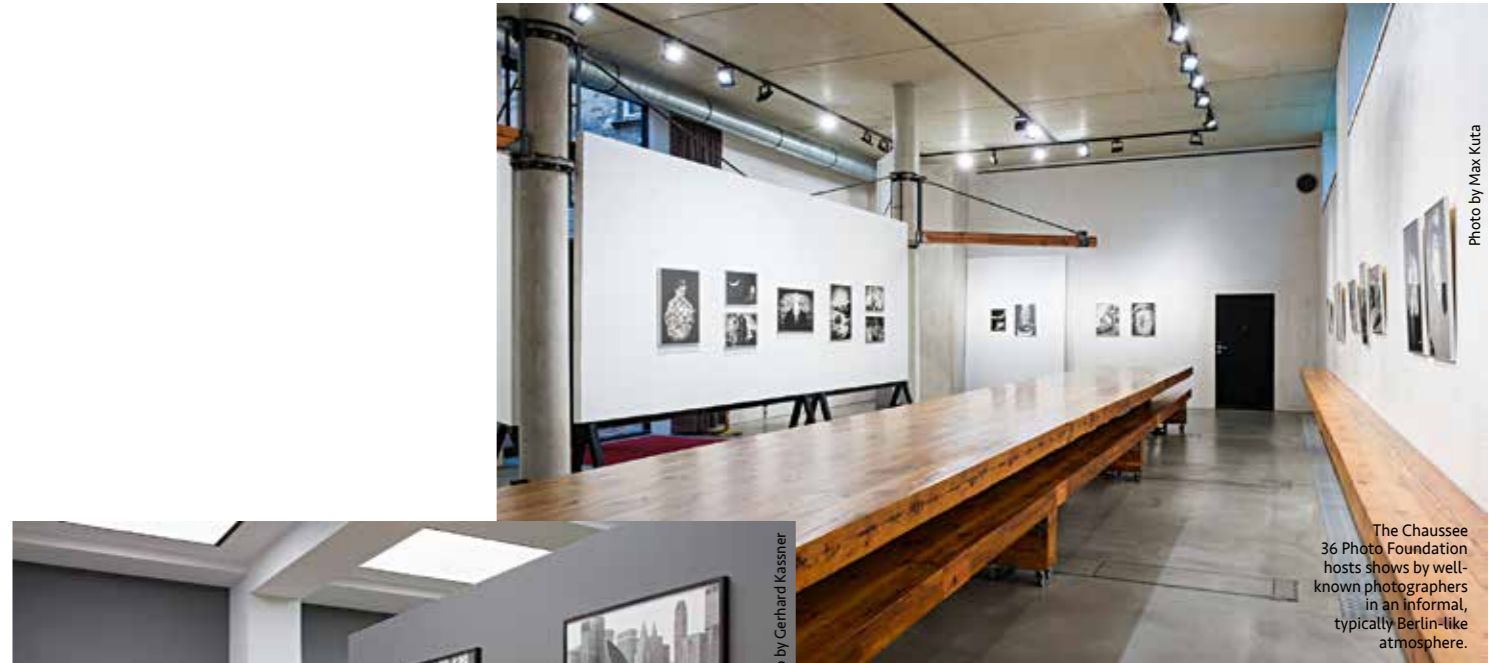
Meanwhile, the majestic James-Simon-Galerie opened in 2019 and is dedicated to one of the city's greatest patrons of the arts. Simon bequeathed his valuable art collections to Berlin's State Museums

in the early 20th century. Also designed by David Chipperfield, the site, which includes modern cultural spaces, cafés, and shops, appeals to design aesthetes with its sweeping white flight of stairs and grand colonnade.

Nearby, the Pierre Boulez Saal, which opened a few years ago, offers a refined selection of music. It's located in the Barenboim-Said Akademie and is named in honour of the great French composer, conductor, and music theorist. The elliptical shape of the acoustic concert hall designed by architect Frank Gehry ensures a feeling of physical and emotional closeness between artists and listeners.

A huge number of older industrial edifices in Berlin have also undergone major renovations in recent years to be reborn as cultural centres. For example, the Art Deco-style former *Kindl* brewery has been transformed into the grand Kindl Centre for Contemporary Art. No longer producing beer, the 1600+ square metres of exhibition space now delight visitors with international exhibitions and installations, and *Café Babette* serves visitors coffee next to the antique fermenting vats.

Kraftwerk Berlin is another industrial gem one shouldn't pass up. The turbines of this former cogeneration plant in the heart of the Mitte district once powered almost half the city. Although they're no longer in operation, the building still hums with life; contemporary art shows alternate with music nights, opera performances, and many other exciting events. From February to April, Kraftwerk is hosting the world premiere of *Vektor*, a large-scale light installation by notable interdisciplinary artist Christopher Bauder.



The Chaussee 36 Photo Foundation hosts shows by well-known photographers in an informal, typically Berlin-like atmosphere.

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The Helmut Newton Foundation is an inspiring museum dedicated to the renowned photographer.

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Unlike other museums, Fotografiska Berlin has extended opening hours, remaining open until 11 p.m.



The 1990s graffiti at Fotografiska's new Berlin outpost is a protected historical artefact.

CAPITAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND CINEMA

The Helmut Newton Foundation, the Museum of Photography, C/O Berlin, Camera Work Gallery, Photo Edition Berlin, Willy-Brandt-Haus, F³-Freiraum für Fotografie, Fotogalerie Friedrichshain... In Berlin, good art photography has always been held in high regard. This is also reflected in the recent opening of the fifth branch (along with Stockholm, New York City, Tallinn, and Shanghai) of the renowned Fotografiska photography museum in the former Kunsthaus Tacheles. The building is an important cultural site, saved from demolition in 1990

by an artists' initiative and known as an epicentre of counterculture. With its magical – and very delicate – touch, the renowned *Herzog & de Meuron* architectural firm has now prepared the building for a new life and function.

In the heart of Mitte, another cultural institution devoted to photography, the Chaussee 36 Photo Foundation, invites creative enthusiasts of photography for a visit. Here, they can enjoy shows by well-known photographers in an informal, typically Berlin-like atmosphere. The former Prussian officer's home restored according to the principles of sustainability also hosts photography-related discussions, meetings, and photo shoots.

And beyond photography? How about a trip back to the heyday of movie theatres! The *Astor Film Lounge* on Kurfürstendamm still has the soul of a good old luxury cinema. Settling into its comfortable leather armchairs with ample legroom and enjoying the excellent sound and picture quality as well as a glass of wine, snacks, or a cup of coffee brought to your seat will only improve an already great film or live broadcast from the Royal Opera House.



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The spectacular escalators clad in walnut wood are a highlight of the renovated KaDeWe.



KaDeWe is the largest and one of the most famous department stores in Europe.

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Berlin's past cannot be imagined without the Bauhaus school of architecture and design.



Purchase something stylish yet highly functional at the temporary Bauhaus-Archiv shop.

DESIGN AND SHOPPING

Berlin's past cannot be imagined without the Bauhaus school of architecture and design. And neither can the future. Bauhaus was born over 100 years ago as a progressive multidisciplinary movement, and today its design objects have become cult items. While the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung on Klingelhöferstraße is being built and renovated, do stop by the colourful temporary Bauhaus-Archiv shop on Knesebeckstraße for a look. There you can browse the archives of the extensive Bauhaus collection and purchase something stylish yet highly functional, from an eraser or birdhouse to a chair.

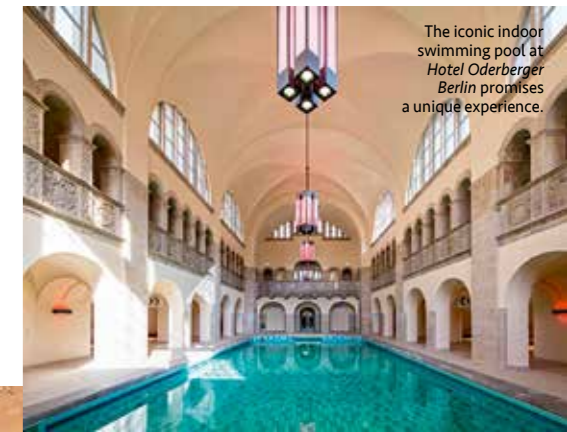
Berlin is a grand metropolis of shopping. It does not have a single central pedestrianised shopping area like other German cities, but instead a series of fashion and shopping streets and districts that vie for the honour of being the best on the local scene. To discover some

creative and innovative ideas, take a stroll to the Mitte district, which is dotted with unique, small fashion shops. Between the two most influential shopping boulevards, Kurfürstendamm and Friedrichstraße and their adjacent side streets, many today seem to lean in the direction of the former – that iconic, time-honoured, 3.5-kilometre-long West Berlin fashion promenade Berliners call Ku'damm. Home to the biggest global retail chains, here you'll also find almost every luxury brand in the world wrapped up in an ornate boutique, with *Tiffany & Co.* being this year's most vivid newcomer.

But checking out Ku'damm is really only just the beginning. Turn the corner and you're at Tauentzienstraße and *Kaufhaus des Westens (KaDeWe)*, Europe's largest, most famous department store, which has only increased in its reputation as a symbol of luxury shopping since opening in 1907. *KaDeWe* has just undergone a major renovation under the direction of architect Rem Koolhaas and his *OMA* studio. Alongside the shopping fun, the striking composition of intersecting escalators clad in walnut wood has become the most photographed attraction of the renovated giant.

Jigi Poke invites guests to discover the philosophy of balance and slow living.

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The iconic indoor swimming pool at *Hotel Oderberger Berlin* promises a unique experience.



The *Chipperfield Kantine* bistro specialises in vegetable-based creations as well as great coffee.

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Princess Cheesecake offers beautiful melt-in-your-mouth cakes.



Frea is an all-vegan zero-waste restaurant.

A TASTE OF BERLIN

It's often said that Berlin's gastronomic scene is comparable in diversity to the multicultural food scene of 1980s New York City. Today, it's in Berlin that one can delight in all the aromas and flavours of the world, with cuisines of all levels and kinds and trends. So it's actually no surprise that the vegan and vegetarian trend has won the heart of the iconic British architect David Chipperfield, who some time ago established the *Chipperfield Kantine* bistro in the cosy courtyard of his Mitte office. It specialises in new vegetable-based creations as well as great coffee.

The waiting list for a meal at the *Frea* restaurant, also in Mitte, is likewise not short. Many are eager to enjoy the seasonal menu and organic wines of this, the world's first vegan zero-waste restaurant. Owners David and Jasmin Suchy take pride in having earned a *Michelin* star, running their own bakery, and...using a composting machine to recycle food leftovers.

Jigi Poke, for its part, has found a niche for itself by serving original poke bowls and experimenting with the diversity of contemporary cuisine. At this restaurant, also pay attention to the interior design by *Vaust Studio*, which highlights the basic elements of nature and invites guests to discover the philosophy of balance and slow living.

And of course, Berlin has its own modern beer! Recently, four young people set up the *Brlo Bruwhouse* brewery at Gleisdreieck, which *Graft Architects* managed to house in 38 specially converted used shipping containers, while also opening a gastronomic beer garden next to it. Today, *Brlo's* beer and meals made of local produce can be enjoyed in the *KaDeWe* gastronomy zone, the spacious *Brlo Charlottenburg* restaurant with terrace on Meyerinckplatz, and elsewhere. A note for those curious about the brand's name: *Brlo* is supposedly the old Slavic name for Berlin.

If asked to choose the most appropriate dessert for Berlin's chilly weather, most people would probably vote for cheesecake. *Princess Cheesecake* offers beautiful melt-in-your-mouth cakes made from natural, sustainably sourced, certified local ingredients at two cafés in the Mitte and Charlottenburg districts. For good reason, Berliners call it a cheesecake paradise.

And when you want to experience more than just a nice dinner and comfortable accommodation in the city, the boutique *Hotel Oderberger Berlin* in Prenzlauer Berg, which enjoys the status of being an architectural monument, is the place to go. Built in 1902, the historical baths and buildings opened to the public as a hotel complex in 2016 after an extensive renovation. Alongside cosy accommodation with a restaurant and fireplace bar, the iconic indoor swimming pool offers a unique experience. Here you can enjoy a relaxing dip in the water or even order an exclusive midnight swim under special atmospheric lights. **bo**



WHERE THE LOCALS GO INSIDER TIPS FOR A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

We asked families in four of Europe's favourite family travel destinations to let us in on their secrets and share some locals-only knowledge so you can have your best holiday yet.

Some of the biggest travel trends for 2024 have centred around a desire to give back to local communities and to travel more sustainably. That goes for family travel, too. Finding ways to explore local culture and lifestyles can open up new experiences, food choices that you won't find in the buffet of an all-inclusive resort, and exciting places to play.

We got together with local parents in four of *airBaltic's* most popular family travel destinations to find out what they recommend. From local playgrounds to local food, great excursions and must-do attractions, we've asked them what's overrated, what's underrated, and what not to miss. Let's get beyond the brochures and find out what it's really like there!



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BILLUND, DENMARK: THE TOWN THAT LEGO BUILT

Billund is in the heart of Jutland, West Denmark, and it's hard to imagine a more family-friendly spot for a holiday. It's known worldwide as the home of *LEGO*, with a legacy you can explore all over *Legoland* Billund Resort. This group of family-focused attractions includes the original *Legoland* theme park, *LEGO House* (an interactive and beautifully-designed museum where you can play with *LEGO* all day), Givskud Zoo, the Lalandia water park, and Wow Park (a treetop playground ideal for fun in the fresh air). The town also has a wide range of family-friendly accommodation options, from chalets and summer houses to the magical *Legoland Hotel*.

But Billund isn't just for holiday makers and *LEGO* fans. The town prides itself on prioritising play in all forms, for its residents as well as its visitors. Billund Municipality has designated itself as the Capital of Children and seeks to become the best town in the world to be a child.

The Masterpiece Gallery at Lego House



A rollercoaster at the Legoland resort

We caught up with Thomas Bruhn, who lives near Billund, to find out what he and his family love about living in the shadow of the world's most famous bricks.

What's your favourite of the big Legoland Billund Resort attractions, and why? *Legoland*, because of the diversity of the park. You can have fun on big and thrilling rides, you can go to Miniland to explore all the amazing things that can be built from *LEGO* bricks and pieces, and finally you can immerse yourself in all the building experiences inside the park.

Do you have any advice for parents travelling to Billund? Give yourselves enough time! There's so much to do in this area. You can also visit a farm, go to a climbing park, or walk on top of a bridge. To get the best out of it, you need at least four to six days.

Also, check the opening hours of the attractions, because the times can vary greatly, and some attractions are even closed outside peak season. Booking online will

save you some money at most of the attractions, compared to buying your tickets at the gate.

Can you share a great food recommendation for families in the area?

Mini Chef in *LEGO House*. It's a unique restaurant where you build your meal from a set of bricks and order it with the *LEGO* minifigures. They prepare the food in the kitchen, and then two big robots serve it. It's a truly unique and amazing experience that children will love!

Do you have a favourite park, beach, or playground?

Madsbyparken in Fredericia, about 50 minutes from Billund, is a hidden gem. There's a lot to do there, including playgrounds, a lake, and a moon-car track, plus animals and a train to a miniature city.

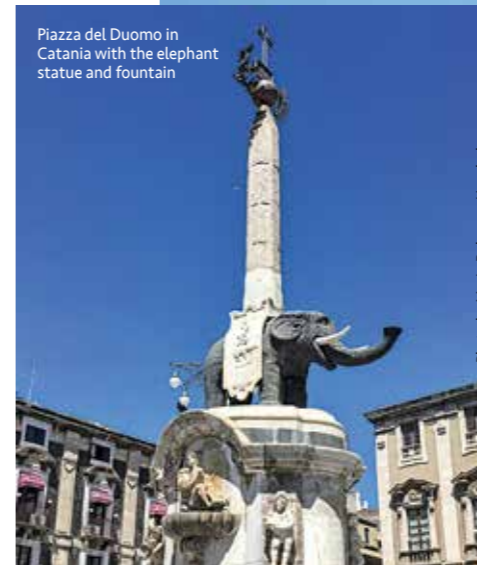


The Aquadome at Lalandia in Billund



Lego House

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Piazza del Duomo in Catania with the elephant statue and fountain

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Hiking on Etna with children

Photo by Bianca Caccamese

We hooked up with local parent and family travel expert Bianca Caccamese, the founder and creative director of *Kids Trip* (kidstrip.it), to find out about how to make the best of a family holiday in the area. As an author of family travel guides to the region, she knows her stuff.

What's your favourite thing to do as a family in Catania?

We love to take a walk from our home in the city centre to San Giovanni Li Cuti, a small neighbourhood near the sea. It has a small beach with black sand and rocks formed by lava. We also love to go trekking and have picnics on Mount Etna. There are lots of walking trails into the woods and stunning views of the volcano to enjoy.

In Catania, I suggest taking a walk along Via Etnea. Make your starting point Piazza del Duomo, where there's a fountain with an elephant statue (the symbol of the city), and continue to Villa Bellini, the city's largest garden.

Can you share a great food recommendation for families?

Near Piazza del Duomo is an excellent ice cream shop, *Don Peppinu*, which is a must-try. You should also try the typical local *cannolo* and the king of Sicilian street food, the *arancino*, which is a small tasty snack made of rice and ragù.

Do you have a favourite park or playground?

My sons love treetop adventure parks. You can find some of them on Mount Etna.



Mount Etna

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CATANIA, SICILY, ITALY: SUNSHINE, BEACHES, AND ARANCINI

On Sicily's eastern coast, the port city of Catania sits at the foot of Mount Etna and promises all the classic family travel experiences: ice creams on a sandy beach, sunshine, historical buildings, and wonderful food. When you need a break from lazy beach days, explore the narrow alleyways, marvel at the colours, sounds, and flavours of the city's famous fish market, and be charmed and delighted by ancient puppet workshops. For those with older children, a hike to one of the active craters on Mount Etna is a must: the volcano is not only a UNESCO World Heritage Site but also one of the most active volcanoes in the world.

Beyond the city, the hillsides and small towns a short drive from Catania are home to plenty of *agroturismo*, local farmhouses that offer eco-friendly holiday stays where you can enjoy life at a slower pace and introduce the kids to free-range chickens, donkeys, and more. Many farm stays also have pools and plenty of grounds to roam, which is useful for when the kids need to blow off steam and use up some energy.



A beach in Catania



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Piazza del Duomo

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The beach at Marsaskala

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VALLETTA, MALTA: THE SUNNY, CHILD-SIZED CITY

Malta's capital is renowned for its 300 days of sun a year, its diving scene, its historical centre, and its small size. With a population of just under 6500 people and an area of just 0.61 square kilometres, it's Europe's smallest capital city and is veritably child-sized. But that's not the only thing that's child-friendly about Valletta. It's also close to strings of fishing villages and a short drive from sandy beaches, with child-friendly diving options (for ages ten and up) and plenty of water-based fun on offer nearby, including boat trips to the famous Blue Grotto and a range of popular water parks and playgrounds.

All these things are great for younger kids – nothing beats days filled with ice cream, beaches, a warm sea to dip your toes in, and afternoon siestas – but they're also great for those of school age and above, not to mention their parents. Imagine sipping coffee at a pavement café without a care in the world as your older children explore the city on their own with a few euros in their pockets to spend on souvenirs and snacks. Because the city is largely pedestrianised, it's a safe place for teens and tweens flying solo. If you're the kind of parent who likes to add a little history and culture to your family trip, there's also plenty to sate your appetite and keep the kids entertained, from underground catacombs to fortresses and tunnels used for shelter during the Second World War.



A traditional Maltese appetiser with tuna, cheese, and tomatoes



Descending the stairs in Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

We caught up with local mum Evie Macklin to find out what she and her young family love about living on the sunny island of Malta.

Where would we find you on a sunny day, and why?

In the morning, you're likely to find my daughter and me at the beach in Marsaskala at the southern end of Malta. There's a small sandy spot where we love spending our time.

For parents travelling to Malta with small children, I recommend booking a hotel close to a sandy beach, because most of the beaches in Malta are rocky and not very safe for little ones. And choose the time of the year you're travelling to Malta carefully: in July and August, temperatures can rise as high as 45°C, which makes it very difficult to be outside.

Can you share a great food recommendation for families?

Yes, a couple: Malta is great for Mediterranean food, and my little one loves calamari and gelato. There are a lot of great places to find them in Malta; our favourite is *Rivareno Gelato*. The quality is amazing, and the choice of flavours is great.

Do you have a favourite park or playground?

We like to play at Sant'Antnin Family Park, which is close to our house. It's suitable for all ages, very green, and even has a small zoo. My daughter loves it.



Photo by Alenka Klun

Enjoying ice cream with children

We asked local expert Alenka Klun, who lives with her family in the busy Šiška district, to share her favourite spaces and recommendations for a family stay in Ljubljana.

What's your favourite tourist attraction in the city?

Probably the castle and the hill surrounding it, because my kids are fascinated by knights and armour. It's especially fun to visit during the annual medieval themed days. A fun way of getting up to the castle is by funicular railway – before that, you can have a coffee at the popular *Čokl* café on Krekov trg (Krek Square) and watch the folk tale hero Martin Krpan appear from the wooden clock at the Puppet Theatre each hour.

Whatever you decide to do, my advice is to bring comfortable shoes and go with the flow – the entire city centre is easily walkable! Boat tours are also a nice way to relax and enjoy the Ljubljana Riverside. You should also know that grocery shops are closed on Sundays, so be sure to stock up on diapers and snacks before then.

Do you have a favourite park or playground?

Definitely Tivoli. It has a large, recently renovated playground next to the greenhouse, the boathouse café, and the fish pond. While the kids are busy climbing and ziplining, parents can enjoy the Ljubljana skyline, with the castle hill and the Ravnikar towers on Republic Square. The view is especially *Instagrammable* during cherry-blossom season.

Where do you love to eat as a family?

We're big pizza lovers, and there are many nice pizza places around the city, such as *Piccola* on Gornji trg in the Old Town or *Trappa* in the Vič neighbourhood. Our children are also very much into ice cream, and you can find many interesting flavours of Italian-style goodness at the *Romantika* gelato shops – our favourite is located right across from the secondhand book shop called *Cunjak* on Stari trg.



Ljubljana River

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LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA: DRAGONS, CASTLES, AND FAIRYTALES

Ljubljana is an easy place for a family-focused city break, and you certainly won't be bored. Stroll the cobbled pedestrianised centre of the Slovenian capital, visit the 900-year-old castle for views, spine-chilling dungeons, and a puppet museum, and explore the city from the water via a range of activities from boat tours to SUP trips.

The Museum of Illusions offers interactive, hands-on visual displays, and there's also a trampoline park, water park, and plenty of other museums. Tivoli Park, Ljubljana's largest green space, is the jewel in the city's crown. It's a prime picnicking spot on sunny days and ideal for families, with playgrounds and parkland to enjoy at your leisure.



A dragon in Ljubljana

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A fight with a knight

Photo by Alenka Klun



WELCOME TO THE JAZZKAAR'S GRAND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



From April 20 to 28, Tallinn International Jazz Festival Jazzkaar will celebrate its 35th anniversary.

While the history of jazz festivals in Estonia dates back to 1949, the events were banned by the Communist Party following the Tallinn-67 International Jazz Festival. It wasn't until 1990, or 23 years later, that Jazzkaar revived the tradition. Over the years since then, the festival has welcomed musicians from nearly 60 countries who represent jazz and other closely, as well as more distantly, related music styles. Jazzkaar in Tallinn has hosted numerous jazz luminaries, including Pat Metheny, Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, Gregory Porter, Angie Stone, and many others. This year's anniversary festival boasts a diverse programme featuring contemporary jazz, blues, world music, electronic sounds, and club rhythms. The vibrant springtime jazz celebration unfolds in Telliskivi Creative City in Tallinn, with performances also reaching Tartu, Pärnu, and Viljandi. We extend a warm welcome to all festival guests, whether local or from afar!

On the festival's opening day, Sunday, April 20, enjoy free concerts during the day, followed by the evening's opening concert at Jaik Hall, where Estonian and Finnish musicians will showcase *Moral Paradox*, a new composition by Bianca Rantala, a young composer and performer who won the hearts of the Estonian audience last year. As the title suggests, there is currently a sense of ethical unease in the world, which is also a concern shared by the musicians.

Gracing the stage at Alexela Concert Hall, the headliner of this year's anniversary festival is Snarky Puppy, the Grammy-winning American supergroup much adored by jazz aficionados. Representing the pinnacle of American jazz is legendary bassist, composer, and pillar of the jazz community Christian McBride with his dynamic new quintet, delivering music that is passionate, energetic, and infused with funk. Concert-goers can also revel in the mesmerising performances of trumpet virtuoso Theo Croker, who blends jazz, R&B, hip-hop, and electronica in his unique music, as well as enchanting Grammy-winning actress and singer Ledisi as she honours the legendary Nina Simone with a special musical programme.

Estonia is represented at the anniversary festival by musicians who have already made a name for themselves on European jazz stages. Singer-songwriter Kadri Voorand, who leads the Estonian Voices vocal ensemble, is frequently seen performing both at home and abroad. Saxophonist and composer Maria Faust, for her part, frequently appears with larger international ensembles but also as a soloist; a recent documentary film offering insight into Faust's creative world has garnered international acclaim. Bassist Mingo Rajandi's innovative, genre-blending compositions for theatre productions and her own ensembles promise endless discovery.

For 18 years now the Jazzkaar festival and Jazz Estonia have honoured the best musicians of the year, and all of the above-mentioned artists have won titles in multiple categories. Last year's Jazz Musician of the Year, bassist Janno Truup, presents brand-new music with his funk ensemble JT Conception and the outstanding Danish harmonica virtuoso Mathias Heise. Another talented bassist and multi-award winner, Peedu Kass, brings fresh compositions to the festival with his new line-up. Jazz enthusiasts can also look forward to programmes showcasing the latest trends in jazz by young musicians such as Bianca Rantala, Reti Niimann, M-Group, Project Pennar, and more.

The festival's diverse representation of European jazz deserves special attention. The Jazzkaar team frequently visits the North Sea Jazz Festival in Rotterdam, Europe's largest jazz festival, for fresh inspiration. For example, the excitement last summer surrounding French pianist and composer Eve Risser's Red Desert Orchestra (a blend of European and African music) has led to the ensemble now being invited to Estonia.

The Jazzkaar team discovered the sharp-witted French saxophone-clarinet duo NoSax NoClar at another prominent European jazz event, the Jazzhead! fair in Bremen, while at the cosy Willisau Music Festival they were enchanted by Swiss violinist Tobias Preisig, who seamlessly blends jazz, classical, and electronic music. Also fascinating is the Schaefer/Kalima/Mayer trio, which features members from three different countries and released its latest album, *Evolution*, under the ACT label. The success story of Dutch pianist Joep Beving is equally remarkable. After abandoning his piano studies due to a hand injury, he worked for various advertising agencies and composed music for films. Then, encouraged by friends, he recorded his first solo album at home, and today his imaginative soundscapes have been streamed hundreds of millions of times across various platforms.

Jazzkaar warmly welcomes young vocalists Maro from Portugal and Dora Morelenbaum from Brazil, who infuse a world-music vibe into a pop-inspired setting. Always eagerly awaited are Jazzkaar's late-night party sessions. This time, bassist-vocalist MonoNeon (a.k.a. Dywane Thomas Jr.) from the United States takes the stage with his band. He became known for his stint as the last bass guitarist in Prince's band. Jazzkaar is honouring its own roots by harking back to the early years of the festival, when blues held a prominent place at the



event. Bringing Saturday night to a perfect close, the festival programme features an uplifting Blues Parade led by vocalist Kaisa Ling.

We welcome everyone to ever-youthful Tallinn, a city steeped in history and brimming with vibrant energy, where you can relish the invigorating springtime concerts and inviting ambience of Jazzkaar at Telliskivi Creative City. Tallinn – full of jazz!
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DOME HOTEL

A HOTEL WITH A SPECIAL AURA



The *Dome Hotel*, a superior five-star boutique hotel where style and hospitality merge, is located in the heart of Riga's Old Town, just a couple hundred steps from Cathedral Square (Doma laukums). The *Dome Hotel* is a hotel with a story; in fact, one could say that almost every detail in it 'speaks'. Its 17th-century architecture and more than 400-year-old staircase blend harmoniously with modern technologies and comforts.

One of the reasons why guests love to return to the hotel's cosy rooms is *Le Dome* restaurant. This past autumn, the establishment was included in the *Michelin Guide*, the world's most popular restaurant guide. *Le Dome*, which has seating for 26 guests, offers an intimate and sophisticated atmosphere for festive occasions as well as everyday meals that deserve to be treated as celebrations. It also reserves a special place for paintings by Latvian artists, which adorn the restaurant's walls and are available for purchase. Art is important here, not only in the interior but also in every meal. The philosophy of chef Ronalds Striguns is to preserve and highlight the natural flavours of the best local ingredients. He pays exquisite care and attention to all dishes, ensuring a memorable experience for guests.

One such experience is the five- or seven-course dinner at which guests only find out what will be served during the process. First, the *Le Dome* staff inquires about the guests' preferences, and then the chef prepares a meal that

corresponds to those wishes but which is only revealed at the time of serving. For those who prefer tried-and-tested values, there is also an à la carte menu, from which the fish of the day, the Black Angus fillet, the classic French onion soup, and other delights are particularly popular with diners. The eggs Benedict served for breakfast are said to be one of the most delicious in the city.

At *Dome Hotel*, guests can enjoy not only 15 luxury-level rooms and unique cuisine at the *Le Dome* restaurant, but also breathtaking views of Riga's Old Town and unwinding with various spa treatments. Even the hotel's sauna has a splendid view of Riga Cathedral. And for those guests who want to enjoy a small celebration or gathering of loved ones in a relaxed atmosphere, *Dome Hotel* is always ready to go the extra mile to assist you in organising a heartwarming and perfect surprise for the special people in your life.

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WHY ARE NOMADS FALLING IN LOVE WITH ESTONIA?

Estonia, the Baltic gem in northern Europe that has four times more startups per capita than the European average, is fast becoming a hub for digital nomads.

With its innovative tech scene, thriving culture, and natural beauty, this small country offers a unique blend of work and lifestyle that's perfect for digital nomads. Sara Magnabosco, who is a digital nomad herself and COO of the *Hacker Paradise* global community, spent an entire month in Estonia at the *Hektor Container Hotel*, a novel hotel and coworking space. Along with 22 other digital nomads from nine countries, they divided their days between remote work, socialising, and getting to know Tallinn.

Located in the bohemian Telliskivi area near Tallinn's Old Town, the hotel offers all the amenities that nomads need. As Magnabosco mentions, fast Wi-Fi is one of the key aspects when digital nomads like herself choose their next destinations, but other factors are at play as well: a lively cultural scene, safety, and even perks like having a gym nearby. She believes Tallinn, and *Hektor Container Hotel*, have it all.

'*Hektor* really was the best possible location for us! I was blown away, because I'd never seen anything like it – it's super innovative and has this sustainable approach,' Magnabosco says. 'It's the best all-in-one solution, with housing and working space



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Hektor Container Hotel was established in 2020 as the only container hotel in the Baltics offering exclusive accommodation for short and long stays in Tallinn. The hotel holds a solid sustainable and innovative aspect through the service you receive as a guest.

Hacker Paradise was created in 2014 by a coder and an entrepreneur who wanted to build cool tech with like-minded people while living somewhere extraordinary. From their first location in Costa Rica, they hosted beach hackathons, grew the business, and built a small community. These original trips gave birth to the world's very first remote work and travel community.

Estonia is one of the first countries in the world to create a digital nomad visa. The Estonian digital nomad visa allows people to come to Estonia and stay in the country as tourists while continuing to work for a foreign employer or as freelancers, independent of location. *Big 7 Travel* named Tallinn one of the best remote-work destinations in the world (2021).

in the same place, plus a great location in the city. We loved this co-working place that has super comfortable rooms and even yoga classes.'

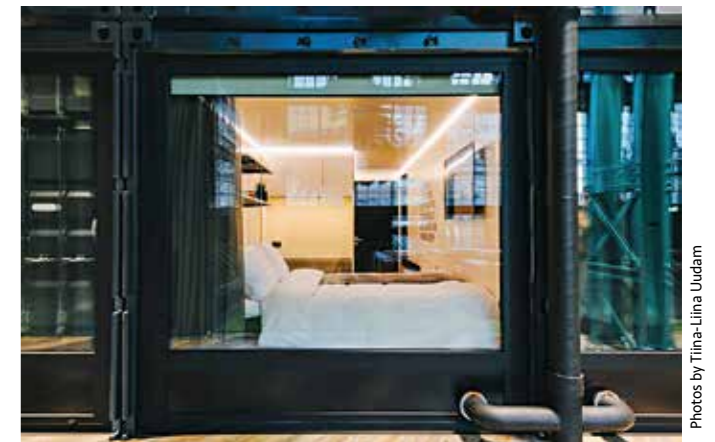
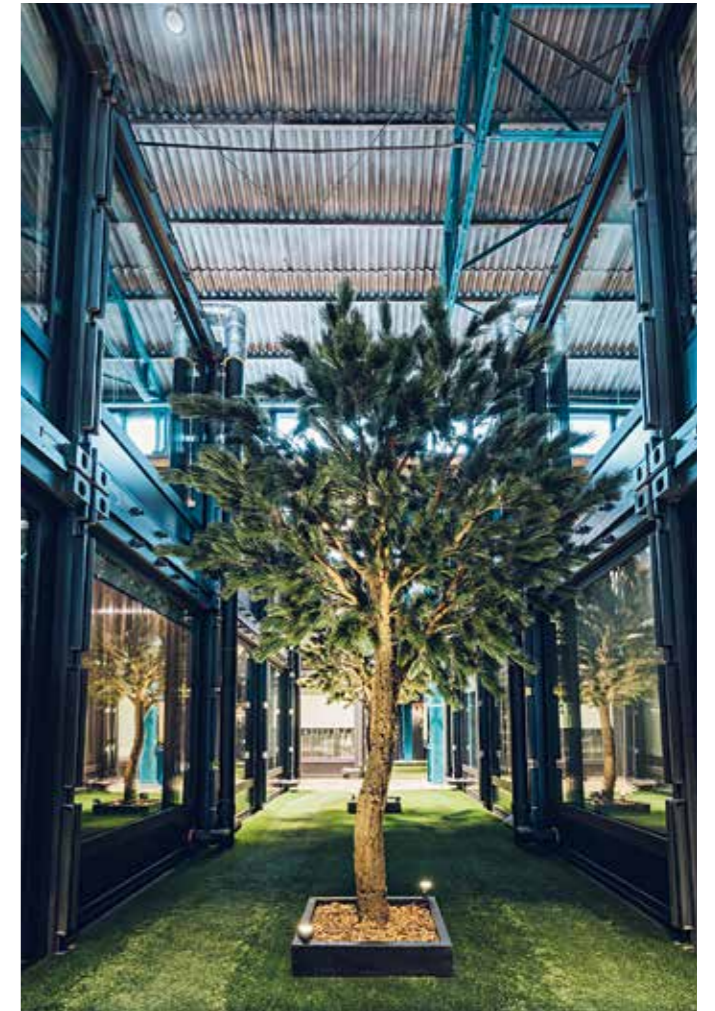
It might be difficult to find other nomads and expats while abroad, especially if one is abroad for a shorter period of time. But staying at a place like *Hektor* or joining a coworking space helps one find like-minded people. Compared with more popular locations such as Bali and Thailand, Estonia doesn't have a big digital nomad community yet, but initiatives like *Hacker Paradise* are helping to change that and bring the small nation to more people's minds.

As one of the attractions, Magnabosco also highlights Estonia's forward-mindedness regarding all things digital. Estonia has a well-established e-residency programme that allows digital nomads to establish and manage a location-independent business online, which is especially useful for those who travel frequently and don't have a fixed base of operations. Magnabosco says that, during her stay at *Hektor*, she also learned about digital nomad visas, startup and scale-up visas, *Visit Estonia*, and several other initiatives and programmes that facilitate and support global talent and mobility. As a result, three *Hacker Paradise* participants enrolled to become e-residents.

In total, the *Hacker Paradise* community has more than 1400 members who regularly travel the world and enjoy the lifestyle of not being tied to one place. Such a lifestyle naturally comes with drawbacks, such as missing family events and milestones in friends' lives. But Magnabosco highlights that nowadays it's becoming more normal and popular to travel the world together with one's children, and that the *Hacker Paradise* community has members from every age group.

'Estonia is notably safe, making it an attractive destination compared to places like Cape Town, for example,' Magnabosco says. 'The country also offers everything you need – cafés, museums, good transport connections, and more – all in one spot. It's very safe, which not every country can offer along with reliable internet.'

Estonia might not be the first country to come to mind when one thinks of digital nomadism, but as the experiences of Magnabosco and her group of digital nomads show, it's an undiscovered gem that more and more people are starting to appreciate. Whether you're a lifelong nomad or just considering a new lifestyle, Estonia has something to offer you.



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ON CARRYING CASH AND GOODS ACROSS LATVIA'S BORDERS

Stay up to date with the latest regulations on transporting large amounts of cash across borders, and ask for legal advice if necessary.



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Latvia is a member state of the European Union and is therefore bound by EU legislation, including directives and regulations adopted in the area of combating and preventing money laundering. For example, in the fight against the movement of cash proceeds of crime, Regulation 2018/1672 of the European Parliament and Council of October 23, 2018, provides for a system of controls regarding cash entering or leaving the European Union.

As one of the mechanisms of the cash control system, Regulation 2018/1672 includes a requirement for the declaration of cash. More specifically, if a natural person crosses the external border of the European Union (whether entering or leaving the European Union) carrying cash in the value of EUR 10,000 or more (converted into any currency), the person must declare that cash.

It is important to note that, for the purposes of Regulation 2018/1672, 'cash' means not only currency but also goods used as a high-liquidity store of value (such as gold coins, bars, etc.), bearer negotiable instruments, and prepaid cards.

When travelling between EU countries, cash can be carried in and out without restrictions. However, it should be borne in mind that, even when transporting cash within the EU, situations may arise in which the origin of the cash needs to be substantiated. In particular, cash may be checked at an internal border of the European Union, and if an official asks for a declaration of cash, anyone carrying cash in an amount of EUR 10,000 or more is required to declare it.

At the same time, if, when carrying out cash checks at a border on people travelling within the EU and crossing its borders, the competent authorities and officials suspect that a person may be carrying out illegal activities, they are entitled to ask the person to also declare cash in amounts less than EUR 10,000.

In the event of non-compliance with the obligation to declare, or where there is a suspicion that the cash has been criminally obtained, customs officials have the right to seize the cash.

The law 'On the Declaration of Cash at the State Border' defines the competence of Latvia related to the control of cash entering or leaving the European Union at the state

border, as well as the competence of Latvia related to the control of cash at the internal state border.

In order to clarify issues related to the carrying of cash during a trip, a person has the right to turn to the State Revenue Service of Latvia, which is the competent Latvian customs authority. However, if a person is already in a situation in which the cash he or she is carrying has been seized at the border by customs officials, he or she may benefit from the advice of a solicitor.

If you purchase goods while travelling in a non-EU country and bring them back in your personal luggage by air into a member state of the European Union, including Latvia, you should note that in some cases the imported goods may be subject to taxation. Specifically, goods imported by a natural person (aged 16 or over) for his or her personal use or for gifts to his or her family are not taxable if the total value of the goods does not exceed EUR 430 per person. Similarly, goods imported by a child (up to the age of 15) for his or her own or his or her family's personal use or as gifts are not taxable if the total value of the goods does not exceed EUR 285 per person. To prove the value of the imported goods, it is necessary to keep any documents certifying the purchase of the goods abroad.

For more detailed information about the restrictions on the purchase value of imported goods, see the Latvian Value Added Tax Law and the official website of the State Revenue Service, which, among other things, also includes information on other restrictions that may apply when travelling (e.g. conditions for importing excise goods, restrictions on importing food, etc.).

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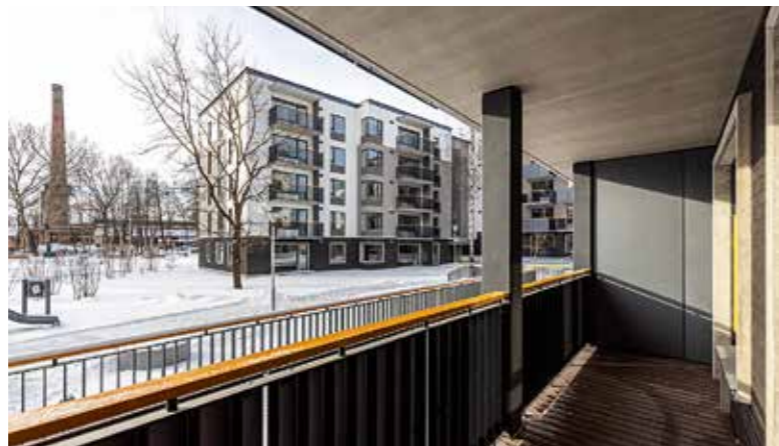


Āgenskalns has it all: authentic wooden houses, Māras Pond, the freshly renovated Āgenskalns Market, and convenient public transportation to the city centre.

The Āgenskalns neighbourhood has become a highly sought-after place to live in Riga. Located on the left side of the Daugava River, it has a lot to offer, making it also an undiscovered gem from the perspective of visitors to the city. The neighbourhood boasts the unique architecture of romantic wooden houses and boutique cafés that make one feel like being part of a movie when wandering through the streets. The proximity of the Daugava River brings a refreshing breeze to the area, and the numerous parks create a feeling of the countryside right in the city.

But don't let the nature and serenity fool you – Āgenskalns is in fact quite lively and full of urban cheer. Thanks to the recently renovated Āgenskalns Market, which is one of the most popular street food courts in Riga, and the artistic Kalnciema Quarter, which hosts frequent concerts, exhibitions, and open-air cinema nights, the neighbourhood is full of locals and visitors seeking out that special Āgenskalns aura.

However, due to the neighbourhood's exclusivity and limited space, each residential square metre is highly valued, and not everyone can find a suitable corner to live in. Luckily, *YIT Latvia* and its new



Mārpagalmi project aims to change that, introducing up to 600 newly built apartments for families and individuals who cherish green initiatives and the beauty of nature.

Mārpagalmi is a new apartment complex consisting of six residential buildings. The first Mārpagalmi I houses are already completed, while the Mārpagalmi II buildings will be finished in early 2025. Most residential houses in Āgenskalns date back to the 19th or 20th century; therefore, Mārpagalmi is an exclusive project thanks to its innovation, contemporary design, and the values it embodies.

Mārpagalmi's intriguing name has a beautiful meaning. *Mār-* comes from the nearby Māras Pond,



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which is a popular local spot for relaxation and walking. *Pagalmi*, for its part, means 'backyards' in Latvian. As the name suggests, the project values a sustainable lifestyle and the importance of community, aiming to bring together like-minded people in its courtyards on ground level. Barbecue parties, children playing in the playground, dog owners going for walks with their furry friends – it's the yard that will bring them all together. The yard also has a small pond with the necessary infrastructure for physical activities, relaxation, and outdoor lunches.

To symbolise the neighbourhood and Latvians' affinity with nature, a different kind of tree grows in each yard: a birch, a chestnut, an oak, and so on. And in Āgenskalns, it's very easy to live green, thanks to the well-designed bicycle and pedestrian paths as well as the large concentration of shared vehicles for rent. However, if one nevertheless wishes to have the comfort of a personal car, Mārpagalmi has plenty of private parking spots both outdoors and underground.

Staying true to the project's green and sustainable values, Mārpagalmi apartments are perfect for living and provide the highest energy-efficiency standards and low utility payments. Every apartment has its own installed heat recovery system, ensuring a sustainable air temperature and quality. Thus, the apartments are already warm and require only low payments for heating in wintertime. The building is also equipped with smart lighting, minimising energy consumption in the common areas as much as possible. To promote the use of natural and renewable energy, Mārpagalmi buildings have solar panels on the rooftops. The low utility payments also bring down the overall apartment cost, letting more people enjoy the perks of magical Āgenskalns at a reasonable price.

The design of Mārpagalmi apartments reflects their owners' love for nature and the green lifestyle. They feature the well-established Scandinavian style, with a light colour palette, plenty of natural light, and a spacious layout. Ranging from cosy studio apartments to four-room family spaces, everyone can find something suitable to their needs and tastes. Apartments at Mārpagalmi are offered in two categories – comfort and standard – which differ in price depending on the ceiling height and interior finish. However, both types of apartments are fully finished with the necessary sanitary equipment, lighting, and flooring, so buyers can move in right away and gradually alter the interior to reflect their own personal taste. Some of the apartments used for demo purposes are even equipped with kitchens, making moving in as seamless and quick as possible.

Even though Āgenskalns is already a hip and well-developed neighbourhood to live in, it's expected



that the value of apartments located there will only increase in the future. In the upcoming years, new office buildings, commercial properties, and even more improved infrastructure are planned to supply the ever-growing Āgenskalns community. There are already numerous schools, shopping malls, museums, and even a hospital nearby, letting residents lead a sustainable life without having to leave the neighbourhood. Therefore, a Mārpagalmi apartment is not only a perfect place to live but also a smart investment for the future.

The apartments are selling out swiftly – more than 70% of the apartments in Mārpagalmi I are already booked. Therefore now is the right time to book a visit to Mārpagalmi I and choose the apartment you desire. If you cannot find what you're looking for, the Mārpagalmi II project is still under construction and offers a great variety to make your residential dreams come true. More than 100 different apartments await their owners to bring new life to their rooms in early 2025. The reservation process has already begun, so choose your next apartment today!

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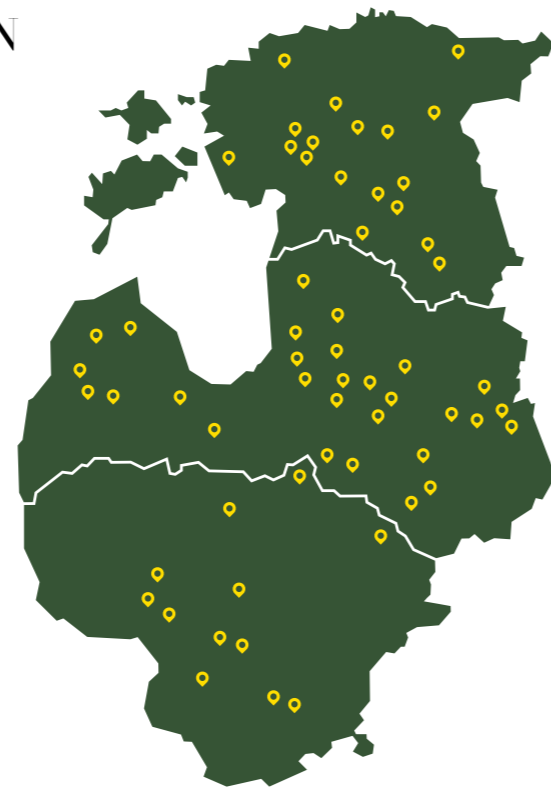
ENERGY PARKS CREATED IN THE BALTICS BY *EVECON* AND *WISO*

Evecon, which is the leading developer of energy parks in the Baltic states, and *WiSo Engineering*, a renewable energy construction company, create competitively priced turnkey solutions for energy parks. Together, their various production technologies complement each other, permitting the meeting of climate goals and providing security of supply all year round.

The Baltic countries are an attractive market for developing renewable energy projects due to their unique competitive advantage. The grids in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania stem from a historical power grid system intended to electrify each whole country. As a result, power cables were spread everywhere, creating enough resources to connect to the power grid. Historically speaking, connecting to the grid in the Baltics is, by default, cheaper than in many other countries.

In addition to grid connection, the price of land in the Baltic countries is more competitive, and there is a skilled yet affordable labour force available. The technology used to build energy parks is bought on the world market, and together, the three countries exhibit a positive return-to-scale effect. Investing in renewable energy is also attractive because energy prices in this region are higher than those of its Nordic neighbours – the IRR in this area is calculated to be at least 12%.

Furthermore, the laws in force in the three Baltic countries allow energy projects to be completed within a reasonable time, i.e.,



environmental studies and unique plans can be completed in as little as two or three years. *Evecon's* projects in the Baltics are currently related to power grid connection agreements. By summer, a total of 262 MW of production units will be launched and a wind farm project in Lithuania will be kickstarted. This makes *Evecon* the largest renewable energy project developer in the Baltics.

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The Baltic states have the potential to become a hub for energy-intensive industries, as the region has abundant solar and wind resources. The planned development of energy parks should focus on balanced hybrid solutions with different technologies complementing each other. As a result of renewable projects already implemented, currently in operation, and planned, the Baltic countries will become much greener in the next few years. Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are at the forefront of renewable energy in Europe.

Evecon's development team in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania has shown promising results in developing its own energy parks and providing development services to other interested parties.

The company's activities vary by country, taking into account local characteristics, but in total, solar parks with a total capacity of 106 MW started operating in the Baltics last year. Various projects totalling 200 MW have been implemented in Latvia, of which *Evecon* successfully sold a 55 MW solar energy portfolio to the investment company *Modus Asset Management*. Last year, *Evecon* completed 44 MW of solar parks in Lithuania for prosumers operating in energy cooperatives. In addition, three 330 KV wind projects and more than 200 MW of hybrid distribution network projects are currently operating in Lithuania.

WiSo Engineering is a renewable energy construction company that grew out of *Evecon* and offers its customers turnkey solutions. If a developer has a project ready for construction, *WiSo* will manage it until the production unit is commissioned. A specific technical solution is created for the development project, consultation is offered, and basic materials are procured and built according to the production unit's requirements. The developer receives the most profitable production unit possible, because the industry's top technology and installation partners are involved in its construction.

WiSo Engineering builds larger as well as smaller energy parks. Agricultural, commercial,

and manufacturing companies and owners of warehouse complexes should consider designing and building solar parks based on their consumption. The most optimal option is to consume one's own production, thereby earning money through savings. If a company is able to consume the maximum of its energy production, money is saved on network services.

Technological advancement has contributed to the reduction in the cost of solar panels. Improved manufacturing processes, economies of scale, and increased competition in the market have combined to drive down the overall cost of solar energy. Plus, solar panels can be recycled at the end of their lifespans.

Companies should consider which energy source they deem most reasonable in their field of activity over the next ten or twenty years. That said, there is hardly a better time to build than during the current economic downturn, as construction prices have decreased.

Evecon and *Corsica Sole*, France's leading energy storage company, are building a 400 MWh battery park complex in Estonia with a planned completion date in 2025. It will be the most powerful battery park complex in continental Europe and will help support the stability of the Baltics' power grid when the region is disconnected from Russia's grid early next year. The complex, which will be launched in the first quarter of 2025, will help regulate the frequency of the network. If the network frequency increases or decreases, the batteries will quickly help store or generate electricity to balance the effect of the change. Also, the technology can aid various regulation services in ensuring the network remains balanced.

Renewable energy production has grown rapidly. Energy storage has become a strategic challenge in all European Union countries who wish to ensure energy independence and help stabilise the power grid by balancing production and consumption.



SSE RIGA

A LEADING BUSINESS SCHOOL IN THE REGION PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY GLOBAL EDUCATION



Rector of SSE Riga
Anders Paalzow

Nestled in the vibrant capital city of Riga, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga (SSE Riga) is the leading business school in the region. Since 1994, it has been educating the Baltic and Nordic regions' brightest minds in economics and business, raising a new generation to establish and lead well-known companies and public institutions.

Thanks to its prestigious location in the heart of Riga, SSE Riga catches even a bystander's glance – majestic Strēlnieku Street is full of Art Nouveau buildings, and SSE Riga's home is no exception. However, there is more to it than meets the eye, with the architectural wonder attracting a diverse set of highly-skilled lecturers and students.

Established 30 years ago, SSE Riga has become the regional leader in business and economics studies. Starting from its first graduation year, the school's graduates have secured top positions in a grand variety of industries both in the Baltics and abroad. Nowadays, SSE Riga provides two degree programmes – the Bachelor and Executive MBA programmes – alongside highly-rated Executive Education programmes. Thus SSE Riga has something to offer young people just starting their career paths in business as well as already established professionals.

With one of the main pillars of SSE Riga being the provision of a high-quality global education, around 70% of the faculty are international, offering knowledge and experience from different countries around the world. The diversity amongst the students does not fall far behind – students represent more than seven different countries, ensuring an authentically international learning experience from day one onward.

SSE Riga marks its 30th anniversary in 2024. This significant number leads us to reminisce about what has been achieved in that time and what is yet to come. Following all of the world's trends, the university urges its students to focus on the rapidly changing future and use artificial intelligence in their favour. 'The goal is not merely to impart knowledge but to instil adaptability, creativity, and forward-thinking, which are essential skills for professions that may not yet even exist today,' says Anders Paalzow, the rector of SSE Riga. The curriculum is continuously updated to reflect trends around the world and the students' expectations.

Besides its novel focus on technological development, SSE Riga pays attention to global challenges, marketing, sustainability, and issues of business ethics, thus ensuring its students a global view of the world. Additionally, the curriculum includes courses on business law, human resource management, and negotiation, providing the necessary background for a successful career and master's studies.

The Bachelor Programme in Economics and Business at SSE Riga is one of the most popular business degree choices in the Baltics. It is renowned for its rigorous admissions process, encompassing assessments in math, logic, and English. After the admission tests, the applicants also engage in entrance interviews. Every year, the university admits around 150 students, ensuring a high level of competition as well as talented and determined students.

Nevertheless, Paalzow emphasises that there is no perfect candidate or student, and that is why admission interviews are necessary. 'Each individual possesses unique strengths and areas for growth in different dimensions. The key, however, lies in authenticity – being true to oneself and being fuelled by the motivation to absorb knowledge,' he explains, adding that the university is interested in each

applicant's personality and unique plans for the future to ensure a diverse and motivated student body.

Taught in English, the Bachelor Programme lasts for three years with an identical schedule for all students during the first two years. The third year provides specialisation options in economics, finance, retail, or entrepreneurship, letting students tailor their education to match their interests and career goals. In their last year of study, students can also participate in exchange programmes with 60+ partner universities worldwide.

An SSE Riga diploma is highly valued among employers – around 85% of alumni secure job offers already before graduation. Mandatory summer internships, career events, and an alumni mentoring programme collectively equip graduates for their first career steps. The most popular career paths lead alumni to banking, finance, auditing, and consulting both in Latvia and abroad. SSE Riga graduates consistently earn higher-than-average salaries in Latvia and pursue advanced studies at esteemed institutions worldwide.

For already established and experienced managers, SSE Riga offers its tailored Executive MBA (EMBA) programme, which is a challenging and exclusive two-year study experience intended to raise professional expertise to another level. The EMBA cohorts, consisting of up to 30 students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, foster an environment in which participants share rich managerial experiences alongside academic learning. With an average student age of 37, more than half of the participants hold management-level positions and their average time of management experience is eight years.

The EMBA programme, taught entirely in English, features in-person classes four days a month and two international business trips, to Asia and Sweden. Alongside the core curriculum, students can take electives at SSE Sweden or partner business schools around the globe to enjoy a more diverse study experience. Students also engage in real-world field practice within Baltic companies, collaborating with management on problem-solving tailored to each company's needs.

With more study days and lower tuition fees compared to other high-profile business schools, SSE Riga's EMBA ensures optimal value for anyone seeking to advance their career. Executives can continue their studies while working, adding practical insights to their academic journey. Riga's affordable accommodations and strategic location as a major air traffic hub further enhance the programme's accessibility to a diverse student base.

SSE Riga is also a major player in Executive Education training, offering non-degree programmes designed for professionals and executives to enhance their skills, knowledge, and leadership capabilities. These programmes typically range from two days to several weeks and focus on specific business topics or industry trends. While for many years SSE Riga's most popular Executive Education programme has been the Mini MBA, high demand has resulted in specialised courses in negotiation, sales, marketing, strategy, leadership, and finance.

In 2024, the Executive Education programme portfolio has evolved to include cutting-edge additions such as the Effective Manager Programme and the Advanced Management Programme as well as the Technology & AI for Executives Programme. All Executive Education programmes are crafted to deliver practical insights and provide tools that professionals can promptly apply in their respective workplaces without a long-term commitment to another degree. Executive Education programmes are announced all year long; therefore, it is recommended to follow the programme updates and apply once the desired courses are announced.

Find out more at sseriga.edu



Application deadlines for beginning studies in Autumn 2024

For the Bachelor programme – April 16, 2024
For the Executive MBA programme – June 1, 2024



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Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) is one of the best technical universities in the Baltic region. It educates specialists for the future who have an international and strategic understanding of the world of business and entrepreneurship.

Today's job market values innovation, practical hands-on experience, and lifelong learning, so why not build a strong foundation for your career with a degree from the capital of Estonia? Over the past decades, Estonia has developed into an impressive digital nation with a unique and strong position in international politics as well. Estonia is part of the European Union and the Eurozone; it is also a member of NATO as well as the OECD and Schengen Area. The small country takes technological innovation and entrepreneurship seriously and has been the birthplace of ten tech unicorns. A few of those unicorn founders are also alumni of TalTech. Estonia is also widely regarded as a front-runner of digital governance solutions. Almost all public services in the country are available online 24/7, e-voting is used during elections, and the country has a successful e-residency programme.

All the aforementioned makes Estonia an exciting and unique place to lay the foundations for an education and career in international business and governance. The TalTech School of Business and Governance (SBG) focuses on teaching and research in the fields of economics, business, law, and public administration, providing an interdisciplinary education with a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

In the international Times Higher Education world rankings, TalTech SBG has risen 100 places compared to the previous year, placing in the top 300–400 schools worldwide in the field of business and entrepreneurship. The SBG's field of social sciences continues to hold a high 201-250 position.

The School of Business and Governance is also the most international higher-education unit in Estonia: 18% of its students are from abroad,

representing more than 60 countries, including Finland, Germany, Italy, and the United States. The study experience is truly international, and many of the school's master's programmes are taught in English. Graduates greatly value the networks of international contacts they've made during their time at TalTech SBG, many of whom go on to become influential decision-makers and have a significant impact on today's society.

The Entrepreneurial Management MBA programme at TalTech is the first in Estonia and the Baltics to receive accreditation from the Association of MBAs, putting it among the top 2% of business master's programmes in the world. The contact study sessions for this programme happen in three-day periods over one weekend every month, making this a great way to get a top education in your field without disrupting your life and having to move to Tallinn for the whole study period.

TalTech's Public Sector Innovation and e-Governance master's programme is a collaboration between three universities in Europe, bringing together the University of Leuven in Belgium, the University of Münster in Germany, and TalTech from Estonia. The students spend one semester in each of the schools, getting an international experience and a network of contacts that prepares them

to be an expert of the future in the field of public-sector governance. Graduates also receive a diploma from each of the three universities, making it a truly international master's programme.

TalTech SBG also offers English-language master's programmes in Law (with a focus on technology), International Business Administration, and Technology Governance and Sustainability. All these programmes give alumni a great strategic view of the international business landscape as well as hands-on experience with the details of technical development and the related challenges.

According to the graduates of these programmes, one of the things they value most about their studies is the opportunity to work with actual companies and practical projects, not only the theoretical aspects. The professors are top practitioners in their fields and oftentimes successful entrepreneurs themselves; accordingly, the study programmes follow the latest advancements in their respective fields.

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- Entrepreneurial Management MBA
- Law (specialisation in law and technology)
- Technology Governance and Sustainability
- Public Sector Innovation and e-Governance

Admissions are now open. The deadline for citizens of Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania is August 1. The deadline for citizens of most other EU countries is June 1. Deadlines for countries outside the OECD and the Schengen Area vary by country.

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WHITEHOUSE

AN UNFORGETTABLE FLAVOUR EXPERIENCE IN THE HEART OF RIGA

Located in a historical building in Vērmanes Garden, one of the most beautiful parks in the Latvian capital, the *Whitehouse* restaurant boasts a menu rich in unique flavour combinations. It can be described with the word ‘journey’. This is also the main goal of the *Whitehouse* team, namely, to create a journey of flavours and aesthetics for each and every guest from the moment they walk through the door. That effort has recently been appreciated by the famous *Michelin Guide*, recommending a visit to *Whitehouse* as a must when in Riga this year.

With its international cuisine and diverse Asian flavours, *Whitehouse* attracts local and international foodies. By using only the finest ingredients and specially sourced produce from around the world, chef Reinis Čerņajevs has created a high-class menu that’s available on a daily basis, not just on special occasions. ‘Here at *Whitehouse*, our guests go on a journey of flavour,’ he says. The *Whitehouse* team is convinced that the best restaurant experiences involve learning something new, and this is why the team is not

afraid to be adventurous and offer guests new and sometimes even seemingly incompatible flavour combinations. ‘Our restaurant menu is definitely different in terms of what it offers. *Whitehouse* is a premium-quality restaurant offering fine-dining quality,’ says Čerņajevs. The *Michelin Guide* also calls attention to this, pointing out that there is a touch of theatre in the presentation of meals at the restaurant, and that the desserts are a particular highlight.

Whitehouse is already actively preparing for the warm-weather season by adapting its new menu for spring and summer. For example, in an aim to provide visitors with a gastronomic experience in all its diversity, the restaurant has added a variety of meats and seafood to the menu. ‘According to the *Whitehouse* philosophy, the experience of going to a restaurant is also about acquiring new knowledge. That’s why it’s important to us to offer variety and also to educate our guests by showing them that, for example, wild-caught scallops taste completely different and much better than farmed ones,’ says Inese Vīcupa, the manager

of the *Whitehouse* restaurant. Thanks to popular demand, one of the new features this season will be a brunch, which guests can enjoy starting in early April.

The unique flavour combinations Čerņajevs creates pair wonderfully with the wines on offer at *Whitehouse*, which come from some of Europe’s finest wineries, allowing restaurant guests to embark on a journey of wine and food flavours. Most of the wines that *Whitehouse* offers come from France, Austria, Germany, and Italy, but the restaurant also has a sprinkling of unique gems from Hungary, Czechia, Georgia, and elsewhere. Dmitrijs Sinkevičs, who won last year’s award for best Latvian sommelier and just joined the *Whitehouse* team in February, can help guests select the perfect drink to accompany their meal.

But wine is not the only beverage for which *Whitehouse* has specially curated a drinks list. Celebrate the approaching spring with *Whitehouse*’s new signature cocktail list, which is dedicated to various different countries and cities: Paris, San Francisco, Berlin, and more. Each location features its own unique ingredient. The signature cocktails have been created by the finest bartenders in Latvia.

Whitehouse is definitely a place where life is celebrated, and where it should be celebrated. Thanks to its spaciousness, central location, convenient infrastructure, and gastronomic quality, the restaurant is a popular venue for private events. The two rooms above the main floor can seat up to 500 people. *Whitehouse*’s dining rooms host a variety of private and corporate events almost every week, from wedding receptions to seminars and even fashion shows. The restaurant team provides full-service catering and can recommend the best event organisers, decorators, and other event professionals, depending on the client’s needs. In addition to the professional service and journey of flavours it provides, one of the restaurant’s greatest strengths is its convenient location. Located just a five-minute walk from several of Riga’s major hotels, *Whitehouse* is the perfect destination for your planned event. Its second-floor terrace overlooking Vērmanes Garden is also a great addition to any event.

Everyone is welcome at *Whitehouse*, no matter whether you’re a gourmet craving a gastronomic adventure or just in the mood to enjoy a simple glass of great wine with a particularly great view of one of Riga’s beautiful parks. And you can enjoy your visit in a musical atmosphere as well, because every Friday and Saturday evening *Whitehouse* hosts live music nights.



A wide selection of delicious canapés.



The à la carte menu at *Whitehouse*.

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OLIVIA RESTAURANT

AN UNFORGETTABLE GASTRONOMY EXPERIENCE

Mediterranean cuisine with hints of Scandinavian flavour

For more than three years now, *Olivia Restaurant* has been welcoming Rigans and guests to the city with a combination of Mediterranean and Northern traditions and foods that are not available anywhere else in Latvia.

In creating the menu, the team at *Olivia Restaurant* has taken inspiration from French, Italian, Greek, and Spanish gastronomic traditions, and has also included hints of Asian flavours and combined everything with the chef's own passion for experimental cuisine. However, the team always pays the most attention to the ingredients they use – they must be not only seasonal but also clean and organically grown. Fresh produce and ingredients are the most

important thing. They must be not only correctly grown, obtained, and delivered but also be processed correctly in our kitchen,' says the chef. 'Therefore our task is to find produce and meats of excellent quality, prepare them with respect, and serve them in an agreeable setting. In addition, it's important for us to give thought to each ingredient, from the fish and meat all the way to the mushrooms and berries, which are, for example, gathered in the forests of northern Finland. If each of the ingredients in a dish is of the highest quality, then the meal is truly delicious and enjoyable.'

Olivia Restaurant is distinct not only for its high-quality produce and unique flavours and manner of preparation, but



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also for its general philosophy. Each food on the menu has a story of its own. The main menu highlights fish and seafood: the Mediterranean turbot is from the French coast, where it is raised on an organic fish farm, while the North Sea cod is caught in the Barents Sea and the shrimp are supplied from Canada. The swordfish comes from the Atlantic Ocean and sometimes takes more than 20 hours to be delivered to the restaurant. *Olivia Restaurant* is the only restaurant in Latvia to have been granted an official catch quota for bluefin tuna, leading its restaurant team to create a unique concept for Riga – a tuna menu.

The *Olivia Restaurant* team has also kept meat lovers in mind. Most of its meats come from Ireland because in addition to having been quality meat producers for many generations, the Irish are also able to ensure that the meat delivered to the restaurant is organically grown, tender, juicy, and full of flavour.

The dessert menu at *Olivia Restaurant* is not large, but each of the dishes contains refined, nuanced flavours that might even recall childhood. One of the favourite desserts at the restaurant is the caramelised Brunost,

or cheese cream with cloudberry from the Arctic – guests call it an absolute masterpiece. Another highlight is the chocolate brownie with black garlic and lingonberry sauce, which once again confirms the chef's tendency to not shy away from experimenting with various flavours and manners of preparation. It is precisely for this reason that the menu at *Olivia Restaurant* often features fermented products made on site at the restaurant, including nuts, egg yolks, and kombucha, which features in several sauces.

Olivia Restaurant is located in a two-storey wooden building dating to the 19th century in the heart of Riga's Art Nouveau district. The restaurant has taken care not only with its gastronomic offer but also its visual image. Naturally, the exterior attracts attention, but so does the well-considered interior with its subtle colours, brick walls, velvet, copper, wood, and the romance of an attic space. Because *Olivia Restaurant* can accommodate up to 100 guests, the restaurant's unforced informal atmosphere is ideal for meetings with friends and romantic dinners as well as for business meetings and larger celebrations.



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rare drinks. Much of *Beer Museum's* range is also available by the glass. And the bartenders will gladly whip up a wide variety of cocktails on request, too. The beer can be served for taking away.

Beer Museum's name reflects the personal interest of its owner, who is a big beer lover himself and wanted to open a place that offered premium quality. 'When you come to *Beer Museum*, you also have to trust the knowledge of the bartenders and their recommendations,' says owner Boriss Klimins. 'Enjoying beer is a process in which the emotions that the guest wants to receive are also important. That's why you shouldn't shy away from asking the bartender for advice. And don't be shy about sitting at the bar, either, because that's where the best conversations take place.'

Since the day it opened, *Beer Museum* has remained constant not only in the quality of its offer but also in its opening hours – visitors are welcome every day from 4 p.m. until three o'clock the next morning. Here you'll meet a great variety of people, from visitors to the city to locals just looking to refresh and relax a bit from the commotion of everyday life. There are 50 seats in the bar, and you will be welcomed not only to choose from the wide selection of drinks, but to enjoy the music as well.

Beer Museum is a great place to sample a variety of beers, whiskey, gin, rum, tequila, and meet friends in a sophisticated atmosphere. It's a place where the smallest details have been thought of, including décor, music, delicious snacks, and hospitality.

A BEER BAR FOR ENJOYMENT AND TASTING

As one of the city's hidden gems, the *Beer Museum* bar has been serving customers in the Quiet Centre of Riga for several years now. The name may be misleading, but anyone who has ever been there knows that no other place in Riga can compete with *Beer Museum's* range of premium beers on offer.

Beer Museum stands out with its more than twenty premium beers on tap, including beers that are not always easy to find elsewhere in the Baltics. *Beer Museum* offers guests excellent beers from various countries, including the best breweries in Ireland, Belgium and the Netherlands as well as its own amber lager, dark lager, and pilsner.

When they walk into *Beer Museum*, guests notice not only the bar with taps for draft beer but also around several hundred different types of whisky, rum, tequila, and other alcoholic beverages from all around the world, including unique and very

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ZIVJU LETE – INSPIRED BY THE SEA

A centuries-old bond with the sea and fishing is an integral part of Baltic culture. Some time ago, Latvians even had ‘fish day’ once a week, on Thursdays. The ethos behind *Zivju Lete* is to make every day a fish day!

Born from the love of seafood and Latvia’s fishing heritage, *Zivju Lete* first opened its doors in 2015. The concept of a place specialising in fish – something that was lacking on Riga’s gastronomic scene – was an instant success. First, the restaurant offered a small menu that changed regularly depending on the catch of the day. But the demand for seafood delicacies has been growing, and in 2018 *Zivju Lete* relocated to new, more spacious premises.

The new restaurant has introduced a more varied menu, where everyone can find a dish to their liking. *Zivju Lete*’s cuisine combines the best of fish and seafood recipes, both local and international. The menu features well-known classics like tartares, fish soups, mussels, and seafood sauté as well as



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some regional specialties, such as Baltic herring and sprats. The main goal of *Zivju Lete*’s cooking style is to showcase the seafood’s beauty without over-complicating its natural flavour. Recently, the specially invited chef from Italy, Andrea Salvatori, has added flawless Mediterranean flair to the restaurant’s cuisine with signature grilled dishes.

An actual *zivju lete* (or ‘fish counter’) forms the centrepiece of the open-plan kitchen. Here the best of the sea is displayed, from local fish to exotic seafood. What sets *Zivju Lete* apart is that it offers all of this at a reasonable price point. Whether it’s the finer end of the spectrum, like oysters and lobster, or fish brought by local fishmongers – seafood can and

must be enjoyed every day. To fulfil this initiative, *Zivju Lete* has created a menu that includes an extensive choice of foods, including the simple fish and chips with cod.

The laid-back and casual atmosphere is also imprinted in *Zivju Lete*’s design. Located in one of the most beautiful and prestigious parts of Riga, the restaurant’s interior is far from snobby or pretentious. A combination of fishing-boat décor, handmade wood furniture, vintage glass tiles, and unique design elements make for a cheerful, coastal vibe. In fact, when visiting *Zivju Lete*, one can almost hear the waves and expect the fisherman whose tattoos inspired the restaurant’s wall painting to walk in through the door at any given moment.

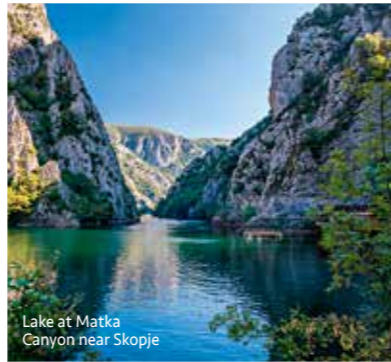
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View of the Arc de Triomphe and the Cathedral of the Nativity in the city centre of Chisinau



Komiteti – Kafe Muzeum, Tirana



Lake at Matka Canyon near Skopje

Assumption of Maria Church on an island in Lake Bled



National Public Library in Pristina



Central Mineral Baths in Sofia

EXCITING NEW SUMMER ROUTES

As March comes to a close, it's time to adjust to Daylight Saving Time, retire your winter puffer jacket, and welcome the start of the Summer 2024 flight season. *airBaltic* is introducing fresh routes for your summer adventures, with a focus on the culturally rich, scenically beautiful, and off-the-beaten-path Balkans. Starting in May, *airBaltic* will unveil new connections to the region's most marvellous cities.

In addition to these, in May, *airBaltic's* Tallinn hub will see the arrival of routes to Billund, Burgas, and Malta. Furthermore, a fresh route linking Vilnius to Krakow will be introduced, while the base in Palanga will debut two weekly flights to Amsterdam. Meanwhile, Tampere will see a new connection to sunny Palma de Mallorca.

CHISINAU

An off-the-radar foodie destination, Moldova's wine-making traditions date back to 3000 BCE, and its culinary heritage has been influenced by the flavoursome Greek and Turkish cuisines. Stroll the capital's tree-lined boulevards adorned with Imperial-style architecture and impressive Brutalist modernism. A few of the must-see sites include the iconic Triumphal Arch, the Byzantine-style cathedrals of Saint Theodore and Saint Panteleimon, and the buzzing Central

Market full of local flavours. Wine enthusiasts should visit the Cricova winery – a veritable underground town an hour's drive from Chisinau.

Treat your taste buds in Chisinau from EUR 99 one way.

LJUBLJANA

Ljubljana is where fairytale charm meets big-city buzz. Get a little lost in the cobbled streets of the Old Town, which are adorned with medieval architecture, before ascending to Ljubljana Castle for panoramic views of the city. Then indulge in some of the inventive local cuisine – Slovenian chefs are making waves on Europe's gastronomic scene. Venture also to nearby Lake Bled to marvel at its picturesque island and castle amidst the stunning Alpine-landscape. Book a charming city trip to Ljubljana from EUR 79 one way.

TIRANA

Nestled between rolling hills and the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic Sea, and packed with bright Ottoman-era buildings, Albania's capital Tirana is a treat for the eyes. For a day trip, explore the impressive city of Berat, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or get a suntan at one of the many nearby beaches, such as the one at stunning Kepi i Rodonit, a rocky cape north of Durrës that's only about an hour's drive from the capital.

Fly to Tirana from EUR 89 one way.

PRISTINA

Discover the eclectic mix of cultural influences in Pristina, where Ottoman and Byzantine heritages sit alongside Yugoslavian legacies. Some of the highlights here include the ancient Gračanica Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the Ottoman-era Pristina Fortress. For outdoor adventures in Kosovo, head to nearby natural wonders such as the Rugova Canyon and Gadime Caje. Fly to Pristina from EUR 79 one way.

SKOPIJE

The capital of North Macedonia offers ancient marvels nestled between majestic mountains and the serene Vardar River. Explore the city's diverse architectural styles, from Ottoman-era bazaars to colossal Neoclassical buildings, and the iconic Alexander the Great statue in Macedonia Square. Also don't miss the country's plentiful natural wonders. Plan a hike in nearby Matka Canyon and along Matka Lake and prepare to be dazzled by the beautiful vistas.

Discover North Macedonia from EUR 79 one way.

SOFIA

Bulgaria's capital is a blend of the modern and historical. Many of Europe's cutting-edge startups have settled here between the breathtaking urban landmarks, including Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and the Vitosha, Lyulin, and Balkan mountains. Those mountains are just waiting to be hiked. Afterwards, enjoy a rejuvenating mineral-water soak in one of Sofia's palatial old bathhouses, such as the Central Mineral Bath in Bankya.

Catch a flight three times a week from EUR 79 one way.



FLY WITH THE LATVIAN NATIONAL ICE HOCKEY TEAM

Hockey fans, brace yourselves – *airBaltic* is offering an amazing opportunity to fly to the Ice Hockey World Championship 2024 in Ostrava together with the Latvian national men's hockey team. The special flight will take place on May 9. Flights to Ostrava are one of the series of pop-up flights *airBaltic* will introduce in the

upcoming months, which will feature exciting routes to off-the-beaten-path gems, seasonal delights, and world-class events. The debut pop-up route will operate between Riga and Ostrava from May 11 to May 22, coinciding with the Ice Hockey World Championship 2024 in Czechia. Fly with the champs to Ostrava for EUR 89.



OPERATIONS IN GRAN CANARIA EXTENDED FOR WINTER 2024/2025

Escape the winter blues and bask in the sunshine with *airBaltic's* exciting announcement! Due to high demand and unprecedented success, *airBaltic* is thrilled to continue its seasonal base in Gran Canaria for the upcoming 2024/2025 winter season. With eight direct routes from Gran Canaria to the Nordic and Baltic countries – including Oslo, Tallinn, and Copenhagen – travellers can easily plan their winter getaway. Book your tickets now on *airBaltic's* website to secure your dose of Vitamin D and create unforgettable memories for the future you!

airBaltic WINS AWARD FOR EUROPE'S SECOND-YOUNGEST AIRCRAFT FLEET

For the second consecutive year, *airBaltic* has been titled Europe's Second-Youngest Aircraft Fleet by the prestigious *ch-aviation* platform, reaffirming its position as a leader in modern aviation. The award is given after a painstaking assessment of more than 4800 active airlines operating worldwide. Since May 2020, *airBaltic* has operated all its flights with a single aircraft type, the *Airbus A220-300*, offering passengers an unparalleled flying experience. With wider seats, larger windows, increased hand luggage space, and improved lavatories, passengers can enjoy enhanced comfort and convenience throughout their journey. Moreover, the aircraft's exceptional fuel efficiency is environmentally friendlier than that of other aircraft.



To get the best flight deals, look for prices with cherries on airbaltic.com!

All flight prices mentioned in this magazine apply to GREEN tickets from Riga that are booked in advance at www.airbaltic.com. Prices are subject to availability and not available for all flights or days. Special conditions apply. Prices can be changed unilaterally by *airBaltic*.

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Photos courtesy of *Grindeks*

Why we choose *airBaltic*

airBaltic is a convenient choice for many large businesses whose international operations require frequent flying. Our beloved clients share their favourite perks of *airBaltic's* corporate client programme.



Dr. chem
Juris Hmelņickis
chairman of the board and CEO

THREE REASONS WHY *GRINDEKS* CHOOSES *airBaltic's* CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- ▶ An accommodating and reliable cooperation partner with few to no delays or cancellations.
- ▶ A local company that understands the specific needs of each client.
- ▶ Excellent and responsive customer service, allowing for quick and easy booking changes.

airBaltic has an exceptional work ethic – it's a reliable partner and carries passengers to their destinations on time. In his flying experience, Hmelņickis says he has not encountered any cancellations or significant delays that would have affected his plans. While he says that every passenger feels taken care of when flying with *airBaltic*, the airline's corporate client programme elevates customer service to another level, and this makes the booking process even more effortless. '*airBaltic* truly understands the value of time. The quick and easy booking, baggage check-in, and fast-track security allow us to save a lot of time without unnecessary rushing,' Hmelņickis adds.

In addition to the favourable pricing offers and time-saving benefits of the corporate client programme, one more reason why *Grindeks* chooses *airBaltic* is the common values that the two companies share. For example, both bring Latvia's name out into the world, seamlessly linking Latvia to other countries. Hmelņickis emphasises the importance of the airline's great range of destinations and hopes that the *airBaltic* map will expand further in the future, thus bringing even more attention to Latvia.

As part of its corporate customer programme, *airBaltic* offers discounted prices to all *airBaltic* destinations, with checked baggage (25 kg) included. In addition, flights can be easily booked online or via travel agency, and corporate customers have flexibility when it comes to unexpected changes, such as date or name changes, as well as ticket refunds. For even more comfort, corporate customers can use fast-track security screening at Riga Airport, choose their favourite seat in the aircraft, and use Business class check-in at all airports, even if they're travelling in Corporate Economy class.

The joint stock company *Grindeks* is one of the biggest exporting companies in Latvia, constantly proving to larger nations what Latvia's pharmaceutical industry is capable of. Founded in 1946, *Grindeks* now produces and exports pharmaceuticals to more than 100 countries in Europe, North America, the Caucasus region, and even Japan. What's more, it has nurtured this cooperation with numerous countries for more than 50 years, proving *Grindeks* a reliable and long-lasting industry partner. The company is also gradually reducing its dependency on other distributors and establishing its own subsidiaries around the world. In the past two years, it has opened numerous subsidiaries in other EU countries, thereby steadily enhancing its market position.

As *Grindeks* has clients and cooperation partners in various countries, travelling is a necessity. Dr. chem Juris Hmelņickis, who is the company's Chairman of the Board and CEO, explains that the company's representatives mostly travel to Vienna to visit its factory in neighbouring Slovakia, to the Caucasus, and elsewhere where its distributors and subsidiaries are located. Business partners also frequently visit *Grindeks* in its hometown of Riga, so timely and reliable flight plans are essential. Whenever plans change and alterations to bookings must be made, *airBaltic's* corporate client programme provides swift communication and support.

When asked what *Grindeks* values most about *airBaltic*, Hmelņickis says without hesitation that

Award-winning airline

airBaltic has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and significant achievements. *Skytrax* has named *airBaltic* the Best Airline in its region for two years in a row. Additionally, in 2022, the *International Air Transport Association (IATA)* awarded *airBaltic* the *Diversity and Inclusion Team Award*. In 2023 the airline received the *APEX Passenger Choice Award for Best Cabin Service in Europe*.

airBaltic in Facts and Figures



Founded: 1995
Owners: 97.97% ownership by the Latvian state and 2.03% by Lars Thuesen.
CEO: Martin Gauss



Destinations: 100+ routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and Gran Canaria (seasonally)



Fleet: Progressively expanding fleet of 47 Airbus A220-300 aircraft



Employees: 2 500+



Total revenue: EUR 500.17 million in 2022



Passengers: 3.34 million in 2022



Flights: 37.3 thousand in 2022



Frequent-flyer programme: *airBaltic Club* with 1 million+ members





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Unparalleled comfort

airBaltic's Business class fares offer exceptional comfort and attentive service, making it the ideal choice for a successful and seamless travel experience, whether it's a professional requirement or a well-deserved luxury.

PERKS OF TRAVELLING IN BUSINESS CLASS

The benefits of flying Business include the fastest journey through the airport, generous baggage allowances, the comforts of the business lounge, more privacy, and a three-course meal during the flight, to name but a few. Both Business fares come with a multitude of benefits that start already at home: a generous baggage allowance of up to 46 kilograms for checked bags and 24 kilograms for carry-ons, allowing for stress-free packing. No time is wasted waiting at the airport, either, as the luggage can be checked in at the speedy Business class counter. Breeze through the fast-track airport security line, and head straight to the business lounge to wrap up last-minute emails or simply rest before departure. Business class comes with Priority boarding and a spacious front-row seat on the plane, surrounded by extra seats for added tranquillity. The attentive service is always there by your side for needed assistance. If you notify *airBaltic* in advance, you can indulge in a special meal crafted from seasonal ingredients and tailored to your dietary preferences. On flights lasting four hours and 30 minutes or more, enjoy an additional light meal before landing. Arrive well-rested and energised, ready to face whatever the destination has in store for you. But as no traveller is identical, *airBaltic* has tailored two distinctive Business fares to best cater to the specific needs of travellers.

BUSINESS CLASS FARE

In the dynamic world of business, plans can shift frequently. To mitigate management headaches and avoid extra expenses, consider the Business Class fare option, which permits free changes to flight time, date, and ticket holder name until shortly before departure and a full refund in case of flight cancellation.

BUSINESS LIGHT FARE

Planning a long-needed holiday? Why wait for the perks to kick in only at your

destination? Treat yourself without breaking the bank by choosing our Business Light fare. Business Light offers all the benefits of Business class at a more affordable price, making it especially appealing for long flights and family vacations. The only difference from traditional Business fare is the non-refundable ticket, along with a EUR 100 charge for a name change and a EUR 50 charge for adjusting the flight date/time. Business Light is also available for connecting-flight passengers.

TIPS! BUSINESS LIGHT TRAVEL IDEAS FOR FAMILIES:

- Build sand castles by the azure blue waters in Malaga from EUR 499.
- Enjoy a tapas-filled weekend and joyful rides at Tibidabo Amusement Park in Barcelona from EUR 279.
- Take a creative family portrait with the Leaning Tower in Pisa from EUR 469.
- Create magical family memories in Dubai's deserts and skyscrapers from EUR 539.
- Pack your bags for a Harry Potter-themed escapade in London from EUR 299.

BUSINESS CLASS FARE COMPARISON

	BUSINESS CLASS fare	BUSINESS LIGHT fare
Date/time change	Before departure, free	Before departure, EUR 50 per direction
Name change	Free	EUR 100 per ticket, or free if Name Change option is purchased for EUR 9.99
Booking cancellation	Cancellation with refund	Only airport tax refund available
<i>airBaltic</i> Club points	200 extra points per passenger in addition to regular points	150 extra points per passenger in addition to regular points

For more info about the ticket types, check airbaltic.com. Please note that price applies for a one-way flight.

Get your meal first with *airBaltic's* award-winning pre-ordered meals service



In Latvian, there's a saying that 'love goes through the tummy'. A love for food is ingrained in our DNA, and we believe one cannot explore a new city or embark on exciting adventures on an empty stomach. But travelling, luggage drop-offs, security checks, and strolling an airport's long hallways is a proper workout that works up an appetite. Don't let a growling tummy ruin your whole travel experience. Skip the long lines at the airport food court and use your flying hours to unhurriedly savour a three-course meal. Add the meal to your booking, and *airBaltic* flight attendants will dish up a warm plate for you as soon as the seatbelt sign turns off.

On *airBaltic* flights, excellent meals are not limited only to Business-class passengers. Pre-order one of the three-course meals from *airBaltic's* extensive menu that cater to well-travelled taste buds with different dietary preferences: vegan, lactose-free, gluten-free, kosher, you name it. The menu presents a refined take on European dishes with a nod to

Latvian cuisine. Think glossy, gold-roasted chicken with crispy potatoes, scrumptious veggie rigatoni, teriyaki-glazed salmon, and vitamin-packed quinoa salad with beetroot and feta. Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner? *airBaltic* also has a selection of favourite breakfast dishes, such as omelettes and pancakes – with a sweet berry sauce or tangy caviar. But save room for dessert, because each meal comes with something sweet, like a gooey brownie or classic Latvian honey cake. There's also a special set for the youngest passengers.

The meals are freshly prepared right before boarding, using top-tier produce. The excellence and accessibility of *airBaltic's* pre-order meals have even been acknowledged by the Skytrax Award 2022.

airBaltic maintains its sustainable mindset in the kitchen as well: its pre-order meal concept allows the airline to limit the number of surplus meals, plus the meals are neatly packed in eco-friendly packaging. Choose your meal at airbaltic.com/meal

THREE WAYS TO BOOK YOUR MEAL:

1. During check-in: from five days to one hour before departure.
2. Adding it to your existing booking: at least 24 hours before departure.
3. Via the *airBaltic* Call Centre.

KEEP IN MIND:

- Hot meals are served only on flights longer than 90 minutes. For shorter flights, there's a wide selection of cold snacks.
- The meal offer varies depending on the destination.
- Meals can only be pre-ordered for flights operated by *airBaltic*.
- Each meal should be booked separately for each passenger.

Find out more and buy on board!



There are plenty of tasty and healthy products to choose from in our onboard menu on the upcoming pages. Here is one of our winter bestsellers:

The Beginnings black currant cookies

Did you know?

- 1/ Black currants are one of Latvia's most valuable berries. They're a great source of vitamin C and antioxidants.
- 2/ *The Beginnings* black currant cookies contain 33% fresh black currants.
- 3/ One kilogram of the cookie dough yields 500 grams of pure product.
- 4/ To best preserve the natural properties of these cookies, they are dried at a low temperature (45°C) for 24 hours. This innovative preparation technique preserves the natural vitamins and high nutrient content of the ingredients.
- 5/ The *Slow Dried* company has won a SIAL Innovation Award for the above-mentioned technique it developed. Held every two years in Paris, SIAL is the largest food trade fair in Europe.
- 6/ *The Beginnings* black currant cookies are gluten-free, lactose-free, and egg-free. They contain only fresh black currants, cashews, coconut, and dried apples sweetened with agave syrup. As they say, they're a sin-free snack.
- 7/ *The Beginnings* was founded in 2010. The company produces natural foods for health-conscious consumers.
- 8/ These black currant cookies, developed as an alternative to traditional flour-based cookies, were one of the first products in the company's range.
- 9/ The aim was to create a unique product that would also be in demand in export markets.
- 10/ Each packet of cookies is truly handmade, which is a rarity in this day and age of industrial production.

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Pilots out of their office

Baltic Outlook introduces you to some of the most important people at *airBaltic* – its flight crew members, who have some of the most interesting hobbies.



Liina Sõrmus (26),
 First Officer on *Airbus A220-300* aircraft

HOBBY

Liina Sõrmus is a member of the Estonian women's national cricket team. She was introduced to cricket in middle school: 'I remember somebody from the Estonian Cricket Association coming to our physical education class and introducing us to cricket. It was a totally new sport for all of us, and I really liked it! Cricket is very popular in the United Kingdom, India, and Australia, but not in this part of the world, so it was very interesting for me to try it. And I decided to give it a go.' She's been playing the game ever since.

Liina began playing for the Estonian women's national cricket team as a junior in 2012. They went on tour to the Netherlands, Italy, and Finland, but then some of the players stopped playing for various reasons, including injuries or beginning studies at university, and the team disbanded for a while. Four years ago they resumed playing, and now the team has a full squad again. The ladies are on the road again, too, travelling through Europe and competing against other cricket teams. This summer they'll face teams in Gibraltar, Cyprus, Norway, and Finland.

Liina confesses that she loves team sports in general. Before cricket, she played on her school's basketball team. 'Cricket itself is a very unique game, and I enjoy learning all the rules – and there are tons of them!' she says. 'Also, the game consists of two parts, it has two sides to it. One is to try to score runs with the bat, and the other one involves bowling. Thanks to these different aspects, cricket is suitable for various kinds of player personalities. I love team sports and team spirit, and our team is really amazing in that regard.'

The Estonian women's national cricket team has 20 players, who come from various backgrounds – some work in IT, some are lawyers or new mothers, others are still in school. Liina is a pilot. It's not easy to combine her work with

cricket practices and games, but the team gives Liina training and tournament dates far ahead of time so she can request the days off or vacation time from work.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

One evening Liina sat down with her mother to talk about her future, about potential studies and universities. They also discussed various professions, but none really appealed to Liina. 'Then my mom kind of made a joke saying that, well, then you should become a pilot! And that got me thinking about flying...,' Liina says. 'After a couple of months, I decided that this was something I really wanted to do. I only recently told my mom that it was her influence that made me think about becoming a pilot and make that decision.'

Liina graduated from the Estonian Aviation Academy in 2020. The studies took a bit longer for her and her classmates because of the pandemic, but in the end she got her diploma and started working in the operations control centre at an Estonian airline. Later, she flew *Saab 2000* aircraft for another Estonian airline, but she admits that the idea of working at *airBaltic* always appealed to her: 'I think all the pilots from the Baltic states appreciate working so close to home, doing what they love with a very good company. It's a win-win situation for everybody. I also think that all of the Estonian Aviation Academy graduates look towards *airBaltic* and the opportunities it offers to young professionals.'

Liina currently lives in Tallinn and commutes to Riga for work, but because *airBaltic* has a hub at Tallinn Airport as well, she can quite often go to work from her home in Tallinn. Liina says that her next step is captaincy, but she worked as a safety officer at one of her previous airlines and found the work very interesting as well as challenging. So at some point, she might pursue that position at *airBaltic* as well.

We are hiring!

airBaltic offers exceptional career opportunities. This month's spotlight is on the Technician Team. Interested? Come under our wing!



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Every day under the wings, our skilled Technical Team provides the highest-quality aviation maintenance, ensuring safe and seamless flights for our passengers. With the recent addition of our 47th *Airbus A220-300* aircraft and ambitious plans to expand to 50 by the end of this year, we're thrilled to unveil exciting new openings for passionate individuals to become part of our team. *airBaltic* plans to operate a fleet of one hundred *A220-300s* by 2030.

Joining the Technical Team presents a dynamic career journey. From interns and mechanics to certified technicians, troubleshooters, team leads, and instructors, it's a career path that is rich with opportunities for those eager to excel and make their mark in the aviation industry.

Aleksandrs Baškirovs embarked on his journey with *airBaltic* as an intern 20 years ago. Within a year, he had secured a permanent position as a maintenance technician, and over the following years, he completed all the necessary examinations and obtained an aircraft maintenance license. Now he works as a troubleshooter, identifying, diagnosing,

and solving various issues in several different aircraft systems. When asked about his enduring commitment to *airBaltic*, Baškirovs says that every day brings new puzzles to solve and adventures to pursue: 'Witnessing the tangible results of my efforts, such as seeing an aircraft I've fixed take off into the air, is incredibly rewarding. Plus, good communication with colleagues adds another layer of enjoyment to the job.'

From engineering and maintenance to planning and logistics, the Technical Team offers a wide range of opportunities for seasoned professionals and aspiring enthusiasts alike. We're currently seeking more than 40 people to join us in roles such as mechanics, technicians, coordinators, and planners.

For over 28 years, *airBaltic* has been a beacon of stability in the aviation industry, welcoming people from all backgrounds under its wing. We take pride in fostering a tradition of excellence while creating an environment that nurtures both personal and professional growth, inviting each individual to embark on a journey of world- and self-discovery.

BENEFITS



Secure & Flexible Environment

For more than 28 years in the sky, offering freedom in location and schedule



Traditional & Travel Benefits

We offer comprehensive health insurance with a wide range of well-being benefits and fantastic airfares



International & Dynamic Work

Life at *airBaltic* never stays still – work on an international scale in a multicultural environment



Personal & Professional Growth

We grow also within, offering in-house development programmes and coaching for all employees

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Photo courtesy of Zita Baranova



Zita Baranova, Head of Sustainability

What does it mean to be sustainable now?

That's the question on everybody's mind. Just last month, *airBaltic* signed its Sustainability Report for 2023, releasing audited data about how the company is fulfilling its sustainability commitments. In order to embrace transparent environmental communication and reach climate targets, sustainability has become a highly regulated area, and at *airBaltic* it's Zita Baranova's job to make sure that the work of her fellow employees working on ESG (environment, social, and governance) issues in various *airBaltic* departments is coordinated and takes place within the ESG framework.

Adherence to sustainability principles in nothing new for many companies, including *airBaltic*.

Indeed, sustainability has been alive and well at *airBaltic* for more than 25 years, since the company was founded, because there is no other way. Reducing fuel consumption was important already back then, because the issue of flight efficiency has always been vital from the environmental, safety, and operational

perspectives. The company implemented a range of initiatives, such as fuel-efficient standard operating procedures for pilots, the recycling of waste, energy efficiency, and others.

One of my tasks is to bring all of this into our ESG framework. But another task, which takes up most of my time at the moment, is to ensure compliance, because sustainability also has its own regulatory framework. These frameworks exist at different levels – national, international, and also that of the European Green Deal, within which a number of regulations have been adapted. The climate transition plan is a good example. It involves calculating the impact of different activities on emissions and drawing up a plan to reduce them by 2050.

So, there's a lot of planning and modelling and activity management. But we've also got all sorts of interesting internal projects, such as the operational improvements employees in various departments have been making and a few other new initiatives we're working on.

It seems that operational improvements would be most directly related to sustainability issues. I'd like to highlight our Flight Operations support team. They are working on how to reduce the weight of operating flights, how to reduce fuel consumption, and how to optimise all operations so that the flight is efficient not only from an environmental point of view, but also so that all the processes and operations are safe for our flight crews and passengers.

Last year, we launched various voluntary initiatives and will continue to do so this year. One of these, for example, is giving our customers the opportunity to buy one kilogram of SAF (sustainable aviation fuel) additive along with their flight. This year, we'll go further and increase that amount – in the booking system, people will be able to buy 50 or even 100 percent of their proportion of a flight's SAF.

One trend we're still seeing in the market is emissions offsets. But unfortunately, not all offsetting initiatives result in notable climate improvements. So it's no coincidence that our strategy focuses on continually increasing the use of SAF.

What is SAF?

SAF is sustainable aviation fuel, and it has the same chemical formula as conventional fuels, but the product is made from renewable rather than petroleum resources. Recycled waste, biomass, recycled cooking oils, or green hydrogen produced with wind or solar power – there's a whole range of raw materials from which chemists already know how to produce SAF. And they do.

The *Neste* plant in Rotterdam produces SAF from oil used to make fast-food burgers and fries. I think we'll be seeing more and more SAF plants popping up in the next ten years, also in Europe.

But the whole industry needs to work together to explain and increase the demand for sustainable fuels. The more people willing to vote with their

euros and create demand for SAF, the sooner regional SAF plants will be established.

But there are still people who believe that the concept of sustainability cannot in any way include flying.

Yes, in the airline industry this is known as flight shaming. Sustainability is an all-encompassing topic, and without a holistic approach, no right or good decision can be made. Our economy and society is very broad, and we have to take into account where we live and what the social, economic, climatic, and geographical characteristics of our region are. To illustrate, consider forestry as an example. Across diverse ecosystems such as the Amazon rainforest or the Nordic boreal forest, the approach to social, environmental, and governance characteristics vary. It's important to adjust how we practise sustainable forestry to fit the specific needs of different environmental and social ecosystems.

Similarly, if people in the Baltics stopped flying, it would be difficult for them to maintain relationships with people elsewhere and for countries to develop economically. For example, it takes two days to reach Amsterdam by car from here. Poland, the closest major economic centre outside the Baltic states, is eight to ten hours by car from Riga. We've even calculated the emissions: if I drove to Amsterdam alone by car, I'd produce twice the emissions I would if I flew. So, that's my answer to flight shaming and harming the environment. However, in urban agglomerations, where the cities are very close to each other, the situation is completely different. There, it's probably better to use the train.

And the third argument is that the aviation industry has already saved fuel wherever possible simply due to the cost of that fuel. Aviation is a very visible sector, but it's responsible for only two to three percent of the world's total emissions. And that's why it's particularly important – and this is something I take a lot of pride in – that *airBaltic* flies the most efficient aircraft available in its class.

A draft directive is also being drawn up to prevent so-called greenwashing. Why is this important?

Greenwashing means pretending to be more sustainable in one's communications than one actually is, and it's a very easy thing to fall into. My household wouldn't be sustainable if I just wore 'green' clothes; I also need to look at what the materials in my apartment are made of, what my car is made of, where the food I buy is produced, and so on.

By 2027, companies will have to collect sustainability data from their supply chains. Many companies, including *airBaltic*, already have some of this information in place. We'll also be much more cautious in our communications, because we don't want to inadvertently mislead the public. We also have a number of in-depth studies planned on exactly how sustainable our products are. I think we'll find that many of our products are actually

more sustainable than we think, but also that there's room for improvement.

We can say that *airBaltic* is an airline that flies the most efficient aircraft in its class on the market today. We mainly use conventional aviation fuel and a little bit of SAF, which we are increasing every year, but there's no other way at the moment. That is, until there's a huge increase in SAF production to replace conventional fuel. SAF is currently two to four times more expensive than conventional aviation fuel, and its supply still cannot match demand. That's why it's not used to its full extent or by all airlines, because then flying would become an activity only for the elite.

In order to be able to stand up for something so powerfully, one needs to really believe in it. Where did you get this belief?

My background is in consultancy and business development. Having spent 12 years in this field, I've seen a wide variety of industries in Latvia. This

I take a lot of pride in the fact that *airBaltic* flies the most efficient aircraft available in its class

means that it's very difficult to persuade me that this or that industry is or is not doing something, because there's a big chance that I've already studied it myself (*laughs*).

But the projects I liked best were those related to renewable energy. I enjoyed, and was actually quite successful in, proving the business viability of green projects. Long before I joined the field of aviation, I had to demonstrate both the business and environmental sustainability of various projects. Sustainability cannot be green to the extreme. If it is, then you're living in the forest, not doing any business or building a country. For me, sustainability always goes hand in hand with economics and business.

I did, however, take a break from the business world for a while because I was very burnt out. But when I decided to enter the job market again, I thought about the directions I wanted to go in, and I defined three things for myself. First, I knew that I wanted to work for a big company, because if you change a big company by one or two degrees, the impact is incomparably greater than if you change a small company by 80 degrees. The wingspan is very different!

Second, because I'm good at development, I wanted to work with that instead of operations. When I received an offer to join *airBaltic* as its Head of Sustainability, it was a perfect match. So, be careful what you wish for!

And the third important thing: I want to do something good for the planet while I'm here.

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**The price is valid for all direct flights to/from the Canary Islands.

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With a Friends&Family account, you can quickly and easily earn *airBaltic Club* points together with friends and family and spend them on your next adventure, sharing unforgettable experiences and creating everlasting memories!

Go to [airBalticclub.com](https://airbalticclub.com), open the *Friends&Family account* section, and invite your loved ones by entering their e-mail address or membership number. Once the invitation is accepted, a Friends&Family account

is created in which up to eight members can collectively earn and spend points.

Children from the age of two can join, too! Just log into [airBaltic.com](https://airbaltic.com), enter your child's e-mail address in the *Edit profile* section, and complete the registration form. After registration, your child can become a part of the Friends&Family account and start collecting points along with you.

The more you fly, the more benefits you get!

Executive and VIP status allows you to enjoy special privileges when travelling – extra baggage, fast track, and much more.

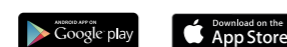


THREE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

If you take at least 30 one-way flights with *airBaltic* over the course of one year, you will achieve the *airBaltic Club* Executive level. To reach *airBaltic Club* VIP status, you need to have at least 60 one-way flights flown with *airBaltic* within a year.

More information at [airBaltic.com/club](https://airbaltic.com/club)

Download the *airBaltic Club* app



Planies NFTs – a new digital loyalty experience

Planies is a digital collection of 10 000 cartoon aircraft collectibles powered by *airBaltic*. Each *Planie* is a unique work of digital art made from 180 different traits such as a mouth, wings, and engines. The magic happens when *Planies* are linked to your *airBaltic Club* account and start earning you amazing travel benefits such as loyalty points and flight upgrades. *Planies* bring digital loyalty to new heights – a place where digital art and loyalty benefits become one. This is something that has never been done before in the airline industry.



Planies will get you numerous *airBaltic Club* benefits:

- ✈️ 20 loyalty points every day per each *Planie* you stake;
- ✈️ Business class upgrade after every 10 flights flown;
- ✈️ VIP membership status when staking 25 *Planies*;
- ✈️ Monthly surprises and many other benefits.

You can purchase a *Planie* at planiesnft.com with a credit card or a cryptocurrency wallet and enjoy a new digital loyalty experience.

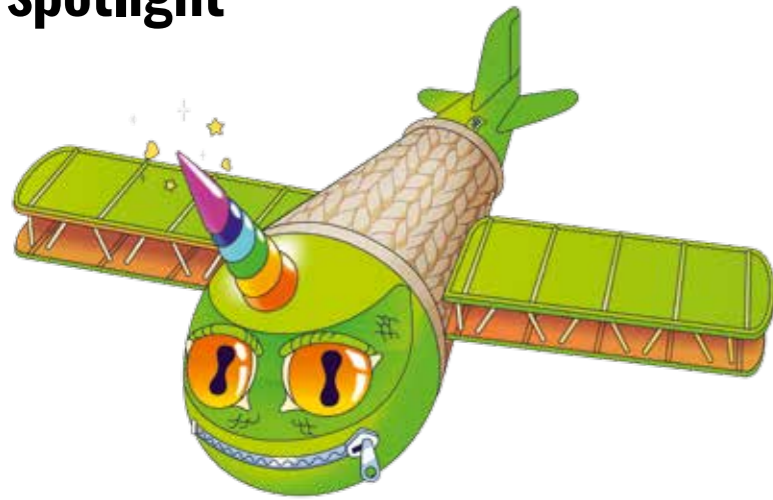
To start earning *airBaltic Club* travel benefits, all you need to do is link the wallet in which the *Planie* is stored to your *airBaltic Club* account at mint.planiesnft.com/stake.

Scan to get your *Planie*



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Planie spotlight



We are thrilled to see the *Planies* community growing day by day! To celebrate the diverse looks of *Planies*, we provided a unique opportunity for all holders to submit their best-looking *Planie*, with a chance for their travel buddy to be showcased in *Baltic Outlook*. Nearly 50 *Planies* were submitted for the *Planie Spotlight* contest! This page showcases the outstanding *Planie* that received the most votes from other *airBaltic Club* members, and now it gracefully takes the spotlight. Its proud owner also received a surprise gift from *Planies*.

Embrace our diverse community as a *Planie* holder and relish daily perks like 20 *airBaltic Club* loyalty points without even flying, Business class upgrades after every 10 flights, monthly trait drops and much more. Join the *Planies* Discord to uncover all the travel perks, engage with current holders, and share your travel passion with the community!

Chapter 12

Connecting people from all over the world

and creating memorable experiences to share with our travel buddies has always been our mission. The milestone that highlighted our path towards achieving this mission was the launch of *Planies* NFTs. We were on cloud nine and couldn't believe that a whole collection named after us was released, giving every single passenger on board a chance to have a digital travel buddy with them at all times.

What made these 10 000 *Planies* NFTs special was that each one of them was unique and different from the others. It reminded us of our diverse family that we cherish immensely. We believe that diversity has been like a tailwind that allows us to reach every destination even faster, and that it will serve as our wings in the future, too.

There was one digital travel buddy that stood out. Made from gold, it not only looked extra luxurious but also provided its holder with the most impressive travel experience ever. It was curious, really, how mixing 25 colourful *Planies* NFTs made magic happen, turning a mix of colours into gold and granting their owner VIP status.

The most amazing thing is that this touch of magic seemed to follow us as we hit another milestone, which was when we welcomed our 50 millionth passenger on board. One of our *Planies* was happy to bring this extraordinary passenger home from Vienna. Everybody was eagerly awaiting the arrival of this flight, ready to celebrate this precious moment. All of this motivated us to strive even harder and remain the master connector of the Baltics.

It felt like the time we flew into the thunderstorm and hit turbulence was so long ago...as if it almost never happened. Now we were in a dream that we didn't want to wake up from, and we couldn't wait to find out what the future held for us.

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Loyalty Projects Manager at *airBaltic*



CAPTAIN PLANIE'S LOG

This March, Captain *Planie* makes a return with his log! Embark on a journey to unravel the mysteries of the *Planies*' past and experience thrilling adventures in the skies. In this chapter, *Captain Planie* looks back at the origins of the *Planies* NFT collection and a significant milestone – welcoming the 50 millionth passenger. So, grab a cup of coffee and immerse yourself in this exciting tale for a truly captivating read!

For more information and updates on *Planies* NFTs, visit airbaltic.com/en/planies-nft and follow @PlaniesNFT on X.



Banana Conf Tallinn 2024

Fly to the biggest web3 conference in Tallinn, April 22-24

The latest IT developments allow brands to build more **customer-centric loyalty** programmes that stop looking at us as numbers and instead **encourage the individuality of each person**.

airBaltic started testing this technology by launching **Planies NFTs** that accrue **loyalty points** and give **free business upgrades**. In the future, they plan to introduce geocaching to reward travelling to specific locations and may one day turn their tickets into NFTs to allow **free renaming and transfers**.

And it is not just airline loyalty programmes. All major **Automotive, Entertainment, Fashion, Finance, Gaming, Sports & Travel** brands are testing **Web3 technologies**.

All this comes together in Tallinn, Estonia, on **April 22-24** at the **BananaConf Tallinn**.

This major conference's third edition gathers global brands alongside Web3 innovators from **50+ countries** to showcase **the latest use cases** of blockchain, NFT and smart contract technologies in the real world.

airBaltic will be at the conference together with the *Planies* NFT community. Join them to learn more about how your business could use Web3 or what the aviation future will be like.

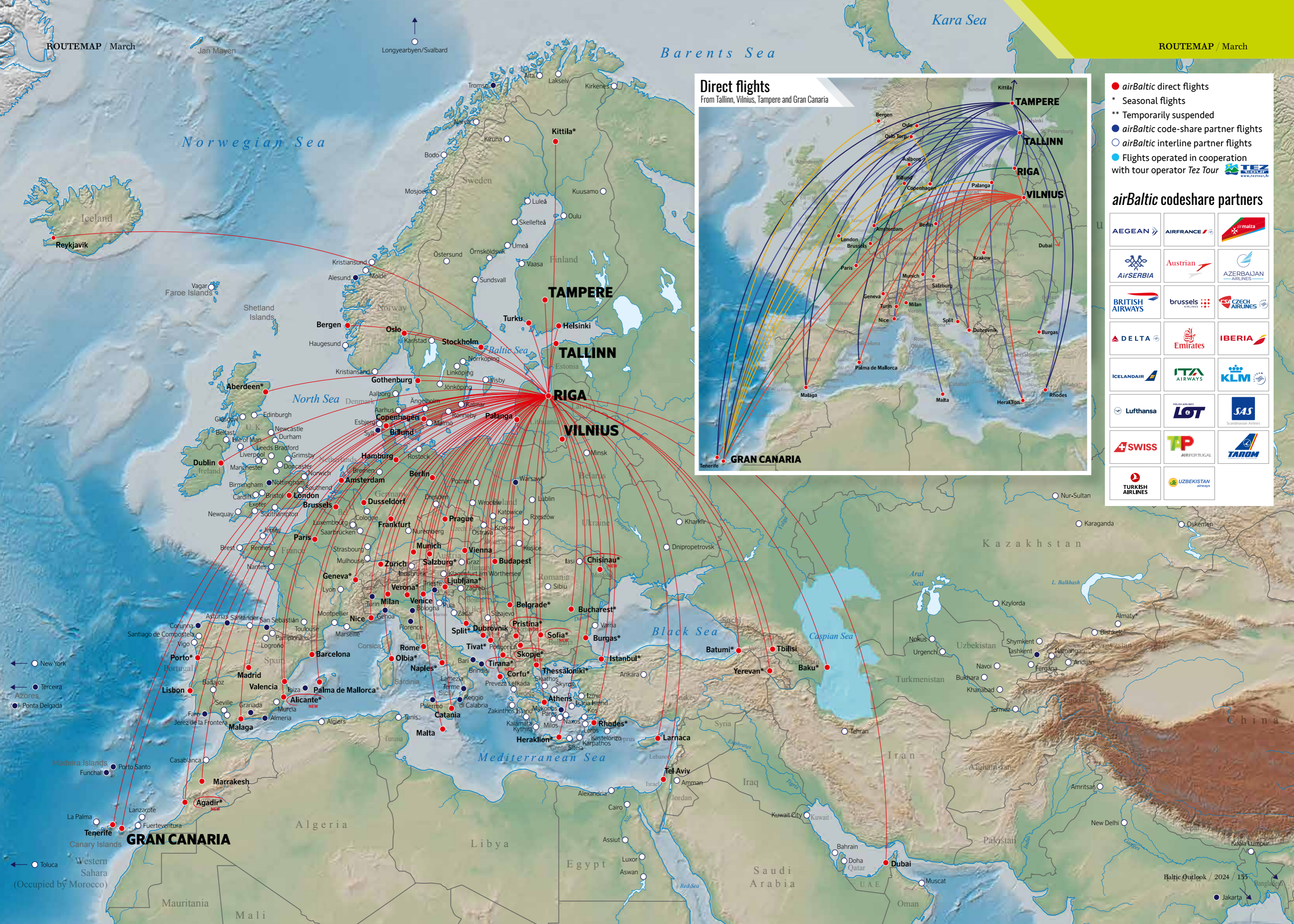


Use the code '**PlaniesNFT**': **20% discount on tickets** via www.bananaconf.xyz or scan this QR code.

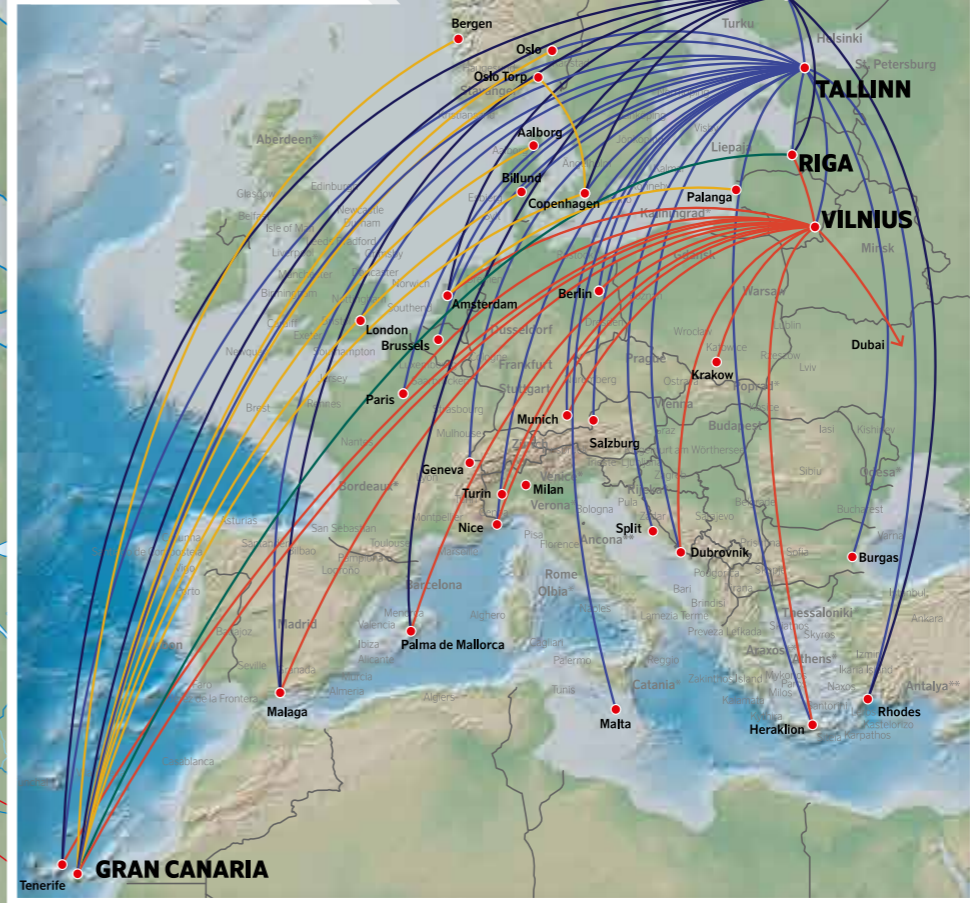
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Direct flights
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Welcome to Riga Airport

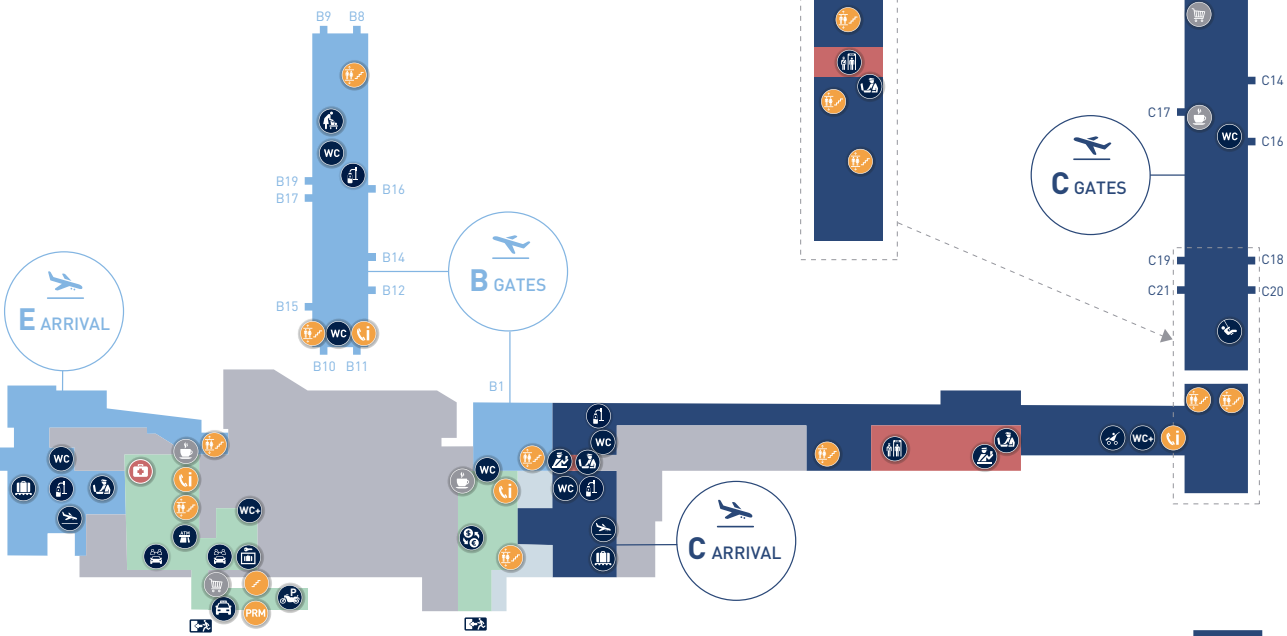
airBaltic's home base, the Riga Airport is modern and comfortable, with many shops and cafés. At the same time it is very compact, so transferring from one flight to another can be easily done on foot.

Please take into account the following average transit times:

- ▶ From Non-Schengen passport and security control 1st floor to Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes;
- ▶ From Security control 2nd floor to: Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes; Non-Schengen departure gates – 22 minutes.

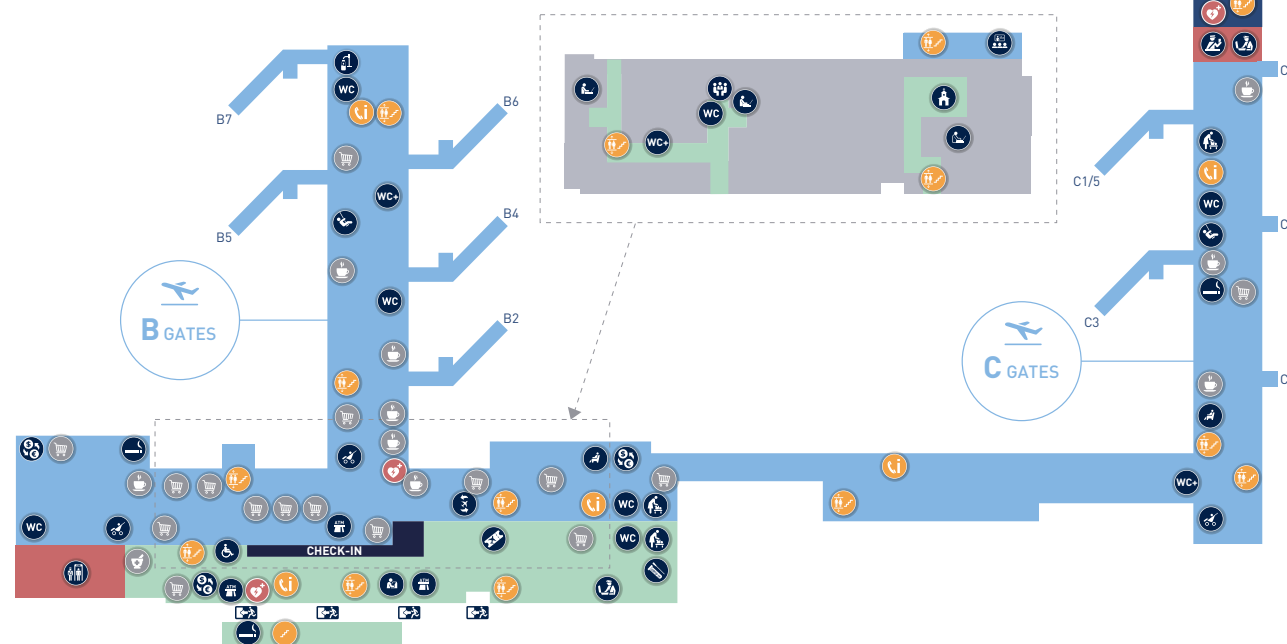
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SCHENGEN ZONE	WC	PRM Meeting Point	Arrival Service	Chapel	Smoking area	Pharmacy
NON-SCHENGEN ZONE	WC+ /diaper-changing table	Self-Check-In Kiosk	Passport Control	Office	Elevator&Stairs	Shop
	Nursery	Currency Exchange	Customs Control	Longe	PRM call point	
	Baby Carriage	ATM	Security Control	Conference room	Information Point	
	Playground	Ticket offices	Arrival Service	Car rental	Defibrillator	
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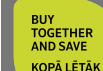
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Beer
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Panini

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

Svaigi gatavota panini maize ar vistas šķiņķi, sieru un BBQ majonēzi

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TOGETHER
AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Coca-Cola
9⁹⁸ €



Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

Pildīts kraukšķīgs kruasāns ar vietēja kūpinājuma šķiņķi, sieru un marinētu gurķi

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+ Coffee
Kafija
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Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgais vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

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+ White wine
Baltvins
13⁹⁸ €

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Hot dishes | Siltie ēdieni

Fresh meals available on flights over 1 h 30 min.
Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ir ilgāki par 1 h 30 min.

Lasagne



Vegan lasagne with vegetable sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu mērci (bez glutēna)

8⁹⁹ €



Chicken

Sweet & sour chicken with rice and vegetables

Vistas filejas gabaliņi saldskābā mērcē ar rīsiem un dārzeņiem

8⁹⁹ €

GOES WELL WITH
SĪM PIESTĀVĒS
Red or white wine
Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns



Pancakes

Pancakes with ham and cheese, served with sour cream

Šķiņķa un siera pankūkas pasniegtas ar skābo krējumu

7⁹⁹ €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Oreo cookies & strawberry milk
Oreo cepumi un zemeņu piens

12⁹⁷ €



Soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

5⁹⁹ €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Croissant
Kruasāns
10⁹⁸ €



Desserts | Deserti

Cookies



The Beginnings
blackcurrant cookies, 80g

"The Beginnings"
upeņu cepumi

3⁹⁹
€



"Oreo" original

Chocolate sandwich
cookies, 44g
Oreo cepumi kakao ar
vaniļas garšas pildījumu

2⁹⁹
€



Blueberry muffin

Melleņu kūkss

2⁹⁹
€



Hot drinks | Karstie dzērieni

Basilur tea

Black / peppermint /
cranberry

Melnā / piparmētru /
dzērveņu tēja

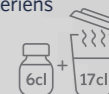
3⁴⁹
€



"Oga" blackcurrant-ginger winter drink

"Oga" upeņu-ingvera
ziemas dzēriens

3⁴⁹
€



Rocket Bean

China Milky Oolong tea
The Milky Oolong with
really smooth but also fruity
and creamy taste

Ķīnas Milky Oolong tēja
Milky Oolong ar maigu
garšu, ar augļu un
putukrējuma pieskaņu

4⁴⁹
€



Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Kapučiņo

3⁴⁹
€

Freshly brewed Barista coffee

Svaigi gatavota
kafija

3⁹⁹
€



Sweet snacks | Saldie našķi



Fazer Tutti Frutti

Assorted sweets,
120g
Saldumu izlase

2⁹⁹ €



Crunchy raw bar

Dried fruit & hazelnut
Batonīšs ar žāvētiem augļiem un lazdu riekstiem

2⁹⁹ €



Twix 'Xtra

Chocolate bar
Šokolādes batonišs

2⁹⁹ €

Salty snacks | Sāļie našķi



Salysol salted peanuts

"Salysol" sāļiti zemesrieksti,
60g

3⁴⁹ €



Pringles Original Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato chips, 40g
Kartupeļu čipsi

3⁴⁹ €



Mežete Dip & Go Classic Hummus

With breadsticks, 90g
Hummuss ar maizes standziņām

3⁹⁹ €



Nōo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages

"Nōo Snack" cigārdesināš ar parmežāna sieru

2⁹⁹ €

Beef Jerky

"Nākotne" dried and smoked barbeque Beef Jerky, 45g

"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vitināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa

3⁹⁹ €

Soft drinks | Dzērieni

BalticWater natural mineral water

Still or sparkling, 33cl
Viegli mineralizēts dabīgais ūdens, negāzēts un gāzēts

2⁹⁹ €



Pūre tomato juice

Tomātu sula, 33cl

3⁴⁹ €

Aura orange, apple juice

Apelsīnu, ābolu sula, 33cl

2⁹⁹ €



"Rasēns" milk

Strawberry flavoured milk with vitamins, 200ml
Piens "Rasēns" ar zemeņu piedevu un vitamīniem

2⁹⁹ €



Franklin & Sons Original Ginger Ale, 15cl

Ingvera limonāde

2⁹⁹ €

Franklin & Sons Natural Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2⁹⁹ €



Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2⁹⁹ €



Cocktails | Kokteiļi

Jack Daniels whiskey & Coca-Cola or ginger ale

Jack Daniels viskijs & Coca-Cola vai ingvera limonāde

9⁹⁸ € ~~10,48 €~~

Rémy Martin VSOP cognac & ginger ale

Rémy Martin VSOP konjaks & ingvera limonāde

10⁴⁸ € ~~10,98 €~~



Cocktails now for a special price!

Ieskaties! Īpašas cenas kokteiļiem

Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin & Indian Tonic Water or apple juice

Bombay Sapphire Dry džins & Indian Tonic Water vai ābolu sula

9⁴⁸ € ~~9,98 €~~

Finlandia Premium vodka & Indian Tonic Water or ginger ale

Finlandia Premium degvins & Indian Tonic Water vai ingvera limonāde

8⁴⁸ € ~~8,98 €~~

Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

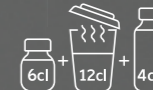
Finlandia Premium degvins & tomātu sula

8⁹⁸ € ~~9,48 €~~

"Oga" blackcurrant ginger winter drink & Riga Black Balsam Currant

"Oga" upeņu-ingvera ziemas dzēriens & Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu

8⁹⁸ € ~~9,48 €~~



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Beer & wine Alus un vīns



Marcy
Merlot & Cabernet
Sauvignon

18,7cl, 13%, France
Sarkanvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹
€

Alexis
Colombard
Chardonnay

18,7cl, 11.5%, France
Baltvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹
€

Bottega Gold
Prosecco Brut

20cl, 11%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8⁴⁹
€

Bottega Rose
Gold Brut

20cl, 11.5%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8⁴⁹
€

Carlsberg

Pilsner 33cl, 5%,
Denmark
Gaišais alus, Dānija

4⁹⁹
€

Mežpils
Traditional
Lager

50cl, 5.1%, Latvia
Mežpils Tradicionālais
Lāgers, Latvija

7⁴⁹
€

Grimbergen
Double Ambree

Dark ale 50cl, 6.5%,
Belgium
Tumšais alus, Beļģija

7⁹⁹
€

Alcoholic beverages | Alkoholiskie dzērieni

Finlandia
Premium vodka
5cl, 40%
Degvīns

5⁹⁹ €



Bombay Sapphire
Dry Gin
5cl, 40%
Džīns

6⁹⁹ €



Jack Daniels

Whiskey
5cl, 40%
Viskijs

7⁴⁹ €



Tobacco-free nicotine pouches
with menthol or cherry flavor,
20 pouches

Nikotīna spilventiņi bez tabakas ar
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9⁴⁹ €



Rémy Martin

VSOP cognac
5cl, 40%
Konjaks

7⁹⁹ €



Riga Black Balsam

Currant 4cl, 30%
Rīgas Melnais
Balzams upeņu

5⁹⁹ €

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Mon Parfum EDT for her, 30 ml

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Rise & Shine EDP for her, 40 ml

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SAVE 20%



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Bella Donna EDP for her, 60 ml

€19⁹⁰ City Price €49.90
SAVE 60%



BUGATTI
Signature Black EDT for him, 100 ml

€19⁹⁰ City Price €49.90
SAVE 60%



SARAH JESSICA PARKER
Lovely EDP for her, 50 ml

€19⁹⁰ City Price €41
SAVE 51%



GUY LAROCHE
Drakkar Noir EDT for him, 50 ml

€19⁹⁰ City Price €51
SAVE 61%



CERRUTI 1881
Image Woman EDT for her, 75 ml

€29⁹⁰ City Price €58
SAVE 48%



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ICE-WATCH
Ice Solar Watch

Go green and do your bit for the planet! The white solar-powered timepiece is ultra slim and feather light. Made from super soft silicone with a sleek dial, this unisex model is the ultimate minimalist statement. Simply expose it to natural or artificial light to charge! It comes in a reusable felt pouch made from recycled plastic bottles.

Rūpējieties par apkārtējo vidi un planētu! Šis baltais ar saules enerģiju darbināmais laikrādis ir īpaši plāns un viegls. Izgatavots no mīksta silikona ar elegantu ciparnīcu, IceSolar unisex modelis ir izteikti minimālistisks. Pulkstenis uzlādējas, vienkārši atrodoties dabiskā vai mākslīgā gaismā. Tas ir iepakots atkārtoti lietojamā filca maisiņā, kas izgatavots no pārstrādātām plastmasas pudelēm.

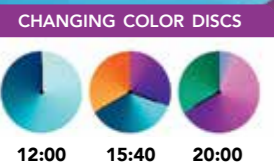
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City Price €109
SAVE 9%

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	MOVEMENT	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
36 MM	PLASTIC	5 ATM	SOLAR	SILICONE	18.5 CM



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Unisex Watch

Designed in Germany, Japanese movement. Rainbow e-motion of Colors – the innovative transformation of time into an interaction of colors and shapes. Transparent discs continuously create new color segments which precisely show the time. Adds color to your life.

Inovātivs dizains no Vācijas, unisekss. Japāņu kvarca mehānisms. Varavīksnes krāsu e-mocijas atjautīgi pārvērš laiku krāsu un formu saspēlē. Caurspīdīgie diski nepārtraukti veido jaunus krāsu segmentus, kas rāda precīzu laiku. Krāsainai ikdienai.

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DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	MOVEMENT	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
38 MM	STAINLESS STEEL	5 ATM	QUARTZ	LEATHER	21.5 CM



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Happy Stripes Ladies Watch

Colourful stripes, colourful lifestyle! What do you think of when you look at your wrist? Ice cream? Summer flowers? It's these small things in life that make us happy – bright colors are one of them! Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist. Water resistant to 3 bar. Mineral glass, quartz movement, stainless steel back case.

Krāsainas svītras, krāsains dzīvesveids! Saldējums, vasaras ziedi – tieši šādas mazas lietas dzīvē dara mūs laimīgus, un košas krāsas ir viena no tām! Izteiksmīgs sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz visiem rokas izmēriem. Ūdensizturīgs līdz 3 bāriem. Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpus.

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DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	MOVEMENT	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
36 MM	METAL	3 ATM	QUARTZ	METAL	FLEXIBLE



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CHOCOMOON
PEACE Ladies Watch

Feeling light. Unconcerned. Free. That is what is important. For you and for the others. Your priority. Your statement at your wrist. Your desire. Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist. Water resistant to 3 bar. Mineral glass, quartz movement, stainless steel back case.

Viegluma sajūta. Bezrūpīga. Brīvība. Tieši tas ir svarīgi, jums un citiem. Tā ir jūsu prioritāte. Tas ir jūsu paziņojums, vēlmes apliecinājums uz jūsu rokas. Izteiksmīgs sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz visiem rokas izmēriem. Ūdensizturīgs līdz 3 bāriem. Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpus.

DIAL SIZE 36 MM	CASE MATERIAL METAL	WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM	MOVEMENT QUARTZ	STRAP MATERIAL METAL	STRAP LENGTH FLEXIBLE
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CHOCOMOON
Pink Pineapple Ladies Watch

Just dive in – escape urban jungle and head for the paradise garden. No matter where you are - make your life sweet! You are worth it! Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist. Water resistant to 3 bar. Mineral glass, quartz movement, stainless steel back case.

Vienkārši ļaujieties vilinājumam! Dodieties tālu prom no pilsētas džungļiem uz paradīzes dārzu! Lai kur jūs atrastos, padariet savu dzīvi skaistāku, jo jūs esiet tā vērti! Izteiksmīgs sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz visiem rokas izmēriem. Ūdensizturīgs līdz 3 bāriem. Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpus.

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CHOCOMOON
Geometric Ladies Watch

Anything but straightforward! A spirited ChocoMoon model in calm vintage colours. Geometric order in a colourful variety. The GEOMETRIC can do it all – anytime, anywhere. Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist. Water resistant to 3 bar. Mineral glass, quartz movement, stainless steel back case.

Iedvesmojošs ChocoMoon modelis mierīgās tradicionālās krāsās – ģeometriski precīza krāsu daudzveidība. Izteiksmīgs sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz visiem rokas izmēriem. Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpus.

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CHOCOMOON
Holi Ladies Watch

Holi – the festival of colours! Just imagine – dancing, laughing, millions of colors to welcome the bright season! Are you already smiling? Goal achieved: new Choco Moon Holi cheers you up! Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist. Water resistant to 3 bar. Mineral glass, quartz movement, stainless steel back case.

Holi krāsu svētki!! Iedomājieties: dejas, smieklis, miljoniem krāsu, lai sagaidītu gaišā gada laika iestāšanos! Vai jūs jau smaidāt? Mērķis sasniegts – jaunais Choco Moon Holi jūs uzmundrina! Izteiksmīgs sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz visiem rokas izmēriem. Ūdensizturīgs līdz 3 bāriem. Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpus.

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BYELOISE
Bangle Set

byEloise London Bangle Bands do the job of keeping your hair looking gorgeous whatever the occasion with its flexible diameter of 6 cm. Apart from looking great keeping your hair in place, they also look lovely on your wrist when worn as bracelets. This set includes three bestselling hair bands: Gold Heart on Gold Metallic Bubble Band, Bling Bee on Black Bubble Band and Gold Heart on Champagne Pink Bubble Band. Material: rubber band, nylon, metal. This product is exclusively available on board or at airports.

byEloise London aproces/matu gumijas garantē krāšņus matus jebkurā situācijā, pateicoties to elastīgajam 6 cm diametram. Tās izskatās lieliski, ne tikai saturot matus kopā, bet arī tad, ja tās valkā kā aproces. Komplektā ietilpst trīs populārākās matu gumijas: zelta metāliska gumija ar zelta sirdi, melna gumija ar vizuālo žiti un rozā šampanieša gumija ar zelta sirdi. Materiāli: gumija, neilons, metālisks pārklājums. Šī prece ir nopērkama tikai lidmašīnās vai lidostās.

€19

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SOIRÉE MONTRÉAL
Crystal Charme Necklace

Charming! Delicately crafted necklace by Soirée Montreal. Five glittering cubic zirconia crystals combined with fine fashionable graphic shapes on a gold-plated chain. Your perfect accessory to complement your style – whether your business outfit during the day or your elegant evening dress.

Apburtoša un smalka Soirée Montreal kaklarota. Pieci mirdzoši kubiskā cirkonija kristāli uz apzeltītas ķēdītes, kurus vienu no otra atdala četri grafiski simboli. Ideāls aksesuārs, lai papildinātu jūsu stilu – neatkarīgi no tā, vai tas ir lietišķs apģērbs dienas laikā vai eleganta vakarkleita. Ķēdītes garums 39 cm + 7 cm.

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NECKLACE LENGTH
39 CM + 7 CM EXTENDER

€39



BELLE & BEAU
Over The Rainbow Set

Taking inspiration from the Rainbow, surround yourself with colour! A unique and stunning design that incorporates striking coloured stones and glistening emerald cut clear crystals – the pendant, earrings and adjustable bracelet, finished in delicate rose gold plating, is a must-have. This set is an everyday luxury that is both elegant and eye catching.

Iedvesmojieties no varavīksnes un padariet savu dzīvi krāsainu! Unikāls un satriecošs dizains, kas iekļauj pārsteidzošus krāsainus akmeņus un mirdzošus tainstūra formas kristālus – kulons, auskari un regulējama aproce ar plānu rozā zelta pārklājumu. Šis vienlaicīgi elegantais un uzmanību saistošais komplekts ir ikdienas greznība.

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NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 5 CM EXTENDER

€69



ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

Beautiful Sterling Silver earrings with Zirconium and 3 pairs of exchangeable 8 and 9 mm first quality organic Majorcan Pearls in different colours, making it an "8 in 1"!

Stilīgi sudraba auskari ar cirkoniju un 3 maināmiem 8 un 9 mm augstākās kvalitātes Maļorkas pērļu pāriem dažādās krāsās. Astoņi vienā!

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€76



ORQUIDEA
Majorca Duo Bracelet

Bracelet in 6 mm white and 12 mm black, first quality organic Majorcan Pearls and sterling silver elements. Handcrafted from traditional Orquidea's pearl factory on the island of Majorca. Can complement both a formal and a casual look. One size fits all.

Rokassprādze, ko rotā augstākās kvalitātes organiskas Orquidea Maļorkas pērles baltā (6 mm) un melnā (12 mm) krāsā, kā arī sudraba elementi. Roku darbs no tradicionālās Maļorkas pērļu fabrikas. Piestāv gan formālam, gan ikdienas stilam. Der visiem izmēriem.

TRAVEL
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€49



ORQUIDEA
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl Necklace And Earring Set

This stunning pearl necklace is every woman's must have accessory. 8 mm first quality organic Majorcan pearls with a clasp in sterling silver. A genuine handcrafted necklace from Orquidea's traditional Pearl Factory on the Spanish island of Majorca. Comes complete with a pair of matching stud pearl earrings.

Satriecošā pērļu kaklarota, obligāts aksesuārs katras sievietes garderobei. 8 mm augstākās kvalitātes organiskās Maļorkas pērles ar sudraba aizdari. Autentisks roku darbs no tradicionālās pērļu fabrikas Orquidea Maļorkas salā. Komplektā ietilpst pērļu auskaru pāris.

€126

City Price €172
SAVE 27%

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER



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Premium stainless steel, do not discolour, 100% waterproof, 100% recyclable. The material is of high quality and very long-lasting. You can wear it in the shower, at the beach with no need to take it off. Aprocēs izgatavotas no augstākās klases nerūsējošā tērauda, nezaudē krāsu, 100% ūdensizturīgas, 100% pārstrādājamas. Augstas kvalitātes, ilgmūžīgs materiāls. Aprocēs nav nepieciešams noņemt, kad esat pludmalē vai ejat dušā.

€22

City Price €22.99
SAVE 4%

BRACELET LENGTH
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL

ZAZA&LILI
Ring



Like a piece of lace that smoothly wraps around the finger, this ring in rhodium plating, highlighted by tiny sparkling transparent cubic zirconia, is a masterpiece and a must-have. Free from nickel, lead and cadmium. Adjustable size from 16 to 19.

Šis izsmalcinātais gredzens ar rodiņa pārklājumu, kas izrotāts ar dzidriem, dzirkstošiem kubiskā cirkonija kristāliem, maigi pieguļ pirkstam, it kā tas būtu darināts no mežģinēm. Nesatur niķeli, svīnu un kadmiju. Regulējams izmērs no 16. līdz 19.

City Price €43
SAVE 19%

€35

ZAZA&LILI
3 Bracelet Set



Three minimalistic bracelets in rhodium, gold and rose gold plating, decorated with sparkling crystals—to be worn together or separately. Bracelet length 17.5 cm

Trīs minimālisma stilā ieturētas aprocēs ar rodiņa, zelta un rozā zelta pārklājumu, rotātas ar mirdzošiem kristāliem. Aprocēs var valkāt kopā vai pa vienai. Garums: 17.5 cm

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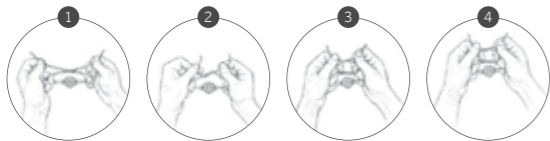
Retail Value €81
SAVE 52%

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HOW DO YOU TIE A KNOT ON A BRACELET?



UKIYYO
Bracelet Tree of Life

A rose gold plated bracelet from a brand that appreciates living in the moment. The tree of life represents rebirth, lifelong growth and connection to family. Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one. Adjustable bracelet length.

Aproce ar rozā zelta pārklājumu no zīmola, kas novērtē dzīvi dotajā mirklī. Dzīves koks simbolizē atdzimšanu, izaugsmi mūža garumā un saikni ar ģimeni. Gluži kā koka zari, mēs katrs augam dažādos virzienos, tomēr mūsu saknes paliek vienotas. Regulējams garums.

€22

City Price €22.95
SAVE 4%



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MÄN
Black Onyx Bracelet

Combine design and the virtues of natural stones with this bracelet in matt black onyx. Highlighted by a bead in stainless steel of dark matt finish. Black Onyx is a powerful protection and strength-giving stone. It encourages happiness and good fortune.

Melna matēta oniksa rokassprādze, kas apvieno lielisku dizainu un dabisko akmeņu īpašības. Viens no rokassprādes posmiem ir nerūsējoša tērauda lodīte ar tumši matētu apdari. Melnais onikss sargā tā valkātāju un dod spēku, tas arī nes laimi un veiksmi. Rokassprādze ir elastīga, lodīšu diametrs 8 mm.

€29

City Price €39
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BRACELET LENGTH
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER
Ø 8 MM



AIGNER
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AIGNER
Icon EDP for her, 100 ml

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A fusion of delicious fruits and opulent blossoms. Mandarine and peaches unfold their sparkling and fruity facets. The heart is an iconic bouquet of flowers that gets a soft finish with vanilla, tonka beans and gentle sandalwood. As sensual and feminine as the woman who wears it. A true signature fragrance for a modern female icon.

Gardu augļu un smaržīgu ziedu apvienojums. Mandarīns un persiks atklāj savas dzirkstošās šķautnes, aromāta pamatā ir satriecoša ziedu buķete, ko noslēdz vaniļa, tonkas pupiņas un maigais sandalkoks. Tikpat juteklīks un sievišķīgs kā sieviete, kas lieto šo smaržūdeni. Aromāts, kas lieliski piestāv mūsdienīgai, pārliecinātai sievietei.



Pepe Jeans

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PEPE JEANS
Life is now
EDP for her, 30 ml

Pepe Jeans Life is Now for her is an elixir of sensuality. A fusion of amber and vanilla enhanced with delicious notes of almond milk, marshmallow, and musk for a soft, intimate, and absolutely addictive finish.

Sieviešu smaržūdens Pepe Jeans Life is Now ir īsts jutekliskuma eliksīrs. Dzintara un vaniļas kombinācija, kuru papildina gardas mandeļu piena, zefīra un muskusa notis, lai radītu maigu, intīmu un absolūtu atkarību izraisošu aromātu.

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City Price **€25.95**
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PEPE JEANS
Life is now
EDP for him, 30 ml

Pepe Jeans Life is Now for him opens with a fresh start featuring bright citrus notes of bergamot and mandarin. At its heart, a timeless lavender essence dominates before revealing creative, bold notes of coffee liqueur. A modern woody structure emphasizes the masculine scent.

Vīriešu parfimērijas ūdens Pepe Jeans Life is Now atklājas ar svaigu aromātu, ko raksturo spilgtas citrusaugļu notis – bergamote un mandarīns. Aromāta pamatā ir vienmēr aktuālā lavandas esence, bet pēc tam atklājas izteiktas kafijas liķiera notis, kuras pasvitro koksnes notis.

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City Price **€25.95**
SAVE 23%





TONI GARD
Toni EDP for her,
40 ml

NEW
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TONI is different. Free and unconventional, TONI lets every woman shine in her very own way. TONI does not follow any trend, but makes a new mark. Its linear, vertical composition unfolds immediately and evenly and underlines the aura of its accomplice – TONI smells different on every woman, because of molecular scent structure.

TONI ir atšķirīgs. Brīvs un neordinārs, TONI ļauj katrai sievietei mirdzēt savā veidā. TONI neseko nekādām tendencēm, tas pats rada jaunas tendences. Smaržūdens lineārā, vertikālā kompozīcija uzreiz un vienmērīgi izvēršas un izceļ personas auru – uz katras ādas TONI smaržo savādāk, pateicoties aromāta molekulārājam struktūrai.



SOLID SCENT CO.
Juno Solid Perfume for her, 8 g

Bergamot, Rose & White Musk. Mischievous. Frisky. Playful. A warm, sweet floral fragrance with top notes of citrus. If you are a provocative, captivating woman, then Juno is definitely your "partner in crime"! All natural base of Cocoa, Shea Butter, Sweet Almond oil and pure Beeswax, this formula ensures a rich and lasting scent.

Bergamote, roze un baltais muskuss. Nerātns. Savdabīgs. Rotaļīgs. Silts, salds ziedu aromāts ar citrusaugļu augšējām notīm. Ja esi provokatīva, valdzinoša sieviete, tad Juno noteikti ir "tava nozieguma līdzdalībnieks"! Formula uz kakao, šī sviesta, saldo mandeļu eļļas un tīra bišu vaska dabīgas bāzes nodrošina bagātīgu un noturīgu smaržu.

€29

City Price **€31.95**
SAVE 9%

SOLID SCENT CO.
Hudson Solid Cologne for him, 8 g

Hudson - Mandarin, Rosewood & Juniper. Joyful. Seductive. Captivating. Capturing the energy from the beautiful and sunny Mediterranean, this scent opens with sun-drenched mandarin and aromatic Juniper with a heart of Sichuan pepper and sensual rosewood with a base of incense and Oak Moss that gives this a strong masculinity feel. If you are a modern, edgy man... then this is for you. All natural base of Cocoa, Shea Butter, Sweet Almond oil and pure Beeswax, this formula ensures a rich and lasting scent.

Hudson - mandarīns, palisandrs un kadiķis. Dzīvespriecīgs. Vīlinošs. Valdzinošs. Enerģija no skaistās un saulainās Vidusjūras, ko atklāj saulpiņš mandarīns un aromātiskais kadiķis ar Sičuāņas piparu, jutekliskā palisandra, vīraka un ozola sūnu notīm, kas piešķir odekolonam spēku un virišķību. Ja esat mūsdienu, enerģisks vīrietis, šis odekolons ir domāts jums. Formula uz kakao, šī sviesta, saldo mandeļu eļļas un tīra bišu vaska dabīgas bāzes nodrošina bagātīgu un noturīgu smaržu.

€29

City Price **€31.95**
SAVE 9%



GISADA
Ambassadora
EDP for her, 50 ml

€75

City Price **€85**
SAVE 12%

Feminine sweetness, luxurious soft notes: Mandarin and blueberry form a fragrant duet in the top note playing with the rich fruitiness of jasmine and orange blossom. Underpinned with the comforting warmth of vanilla, musk and sandalwood, while cashmere wood and icing sugar give the accords a delicate finish with their extravagance. Pink pepper provides the subliminal wow effect.

Sievišķīgs aromāts ar greznām un maigām notīm: mandarīna un melleņu duets augšējā notī saspēlējas ar jasmīna un apelsīna ziedu piegaršu. Pamattoni veido vaniļas, muskusa un sandalkoka mierinošais siltums, savukārt kašmīra koksne un pūdercukurs piešķir aromātam īpašu maigumu un ekstravaganci. Rozā pipari panāk tā dēvēto "wow efektu".



GISADA
Ambassador EDP for him, 50 ml

€75

City Price **€85**
SAVE 12%

Lively, fresh and intense, this masculine, cool fragrance features slightly oriental accents. Juicy and tangy notes of mandarin orange lend the fragrance an initially fresh citrus impression. These aspects combine with the spiciness of peonies and patchouli. Amber accents are accompanied by finest vanilla. The result: A fragrance to express your elegant style.

Dzīvīgs, svaigs un intensīvs. Šo virišķīgo, vēso aromātu raksturo nedaudz austrumnieciski akcenti. Mandarīna sulīgās un pikantās notis piešķir aromātam sākotnēji svaigu citrusaugļu nokrāsu. Tai pievienojas peoniju un pačūlijas pikantums ar vaniļas dzintara akcentu. Aromāts, kas pasvītrot jūsu eleganto stilu.



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Izmanto kriotehnoloģijas spēku, lai nomierinātu, attīrītu un uzlabotu sejas ādu un piešķirtu tai veselīgu, starojošu mirdzumu. Inovatīva ierīce, kas atvēsina ādu, mazina kairinājumu, tonizē un nostiprina sejas ādu, samazina poras un veicina limfas drenāžu, lai mazinātu pietūkumu.

NEW
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€26

City Price €29.00
SAVE 10%



ROSALIQUE

3 IN 1 ANTI-REDNESS MIRACLE FORMULA SPF50

Embrace your natural beauty this summer!

This unique green formula was specially developed for sensitive and redness-prone skin. Rosalique neutralises redness and gives you a smooth, even and radiant complexion, whilst protecting your skin with an award-winning SPF50.

Our Triple Action Effect:

- Instantly conceals redness and uneven skin tone
- Gently treats and nourishes the skin with 5 anti-inflammatory, naturally active ingredients
- Protects long-term with a 5*-rated SPF50

Rosalique is the perfect multifunctional travel companion. Use as a tinted moisturiser for natural coverage and sun protection, use as a concealer to cover red patches or use as a primer for a long-lasting base under makeup.

BEFORE AFTER

1 Conceals Instantly

2 Treats Gently

3 Protects Long Term

ROSALIQUE
Anti-Redness Cream,
30 ml

This unique green formula offers beautiful natural coverage, a 5*-rated broad-spectrum SPF 50 and a sun-kissed glow. Instantly conceals redness and uneven skin tone. Gently treats and nourishes the skin with 5 anti-inflammatory, naturally active ingredients. Protects long-term with an award-winning SPF 50. Rosalique was specially developed for sensitive and redness-prone skin and is perfect as a tinted moisturiser, colour corrector or as a primer under your makeup.

Unikāla dabīga formula nodrošina skaistu dabisku pārklājumu, efektīvu SPF 50 saules aizsardzību un mirdzošu iedegumu. Uzreiz novērš ādas apsārtumu un nevienmērīgu ādas toni. Maigi attīra un baro ādu ar 5 dabīgi aktīvām pretiekaisuma sastāvdaļām. Noturīga SPF 50 aizsardzība pret sauli. Rosalique krēms ir īpaši izstrādāts jutīgai ādai ar tendenci uz apsārtumu, tas ir lieliski piemērots kā tonētš mitrinātājs, krāsas korektors vai grima bāze.

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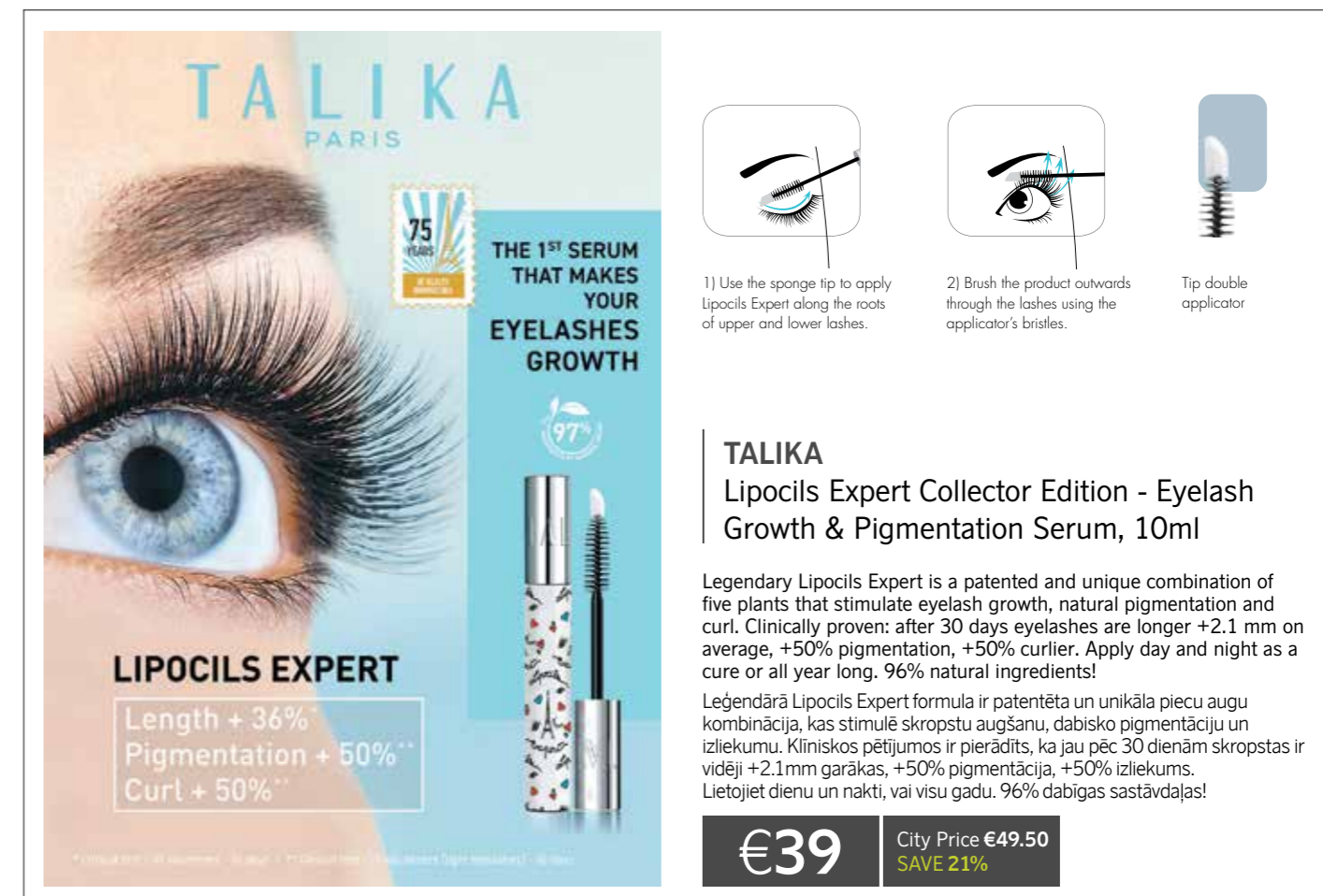
A firming & anti-wrinkle hydrogel mask for total restructuring of the eye area. In just 20 minutes, fine lines, wrinkles as well as dark shadows are reduced. Dermatologically tested.

Nostiprinoša pretgrumbu hidrogēla maska pilnīgai acu zonas izmaiņai. Smalkās krunciņas, grumbas, kā arī tumšie loki tiek samazināti tikai 20 minūšu laikā. Dermatoloģiski pārbaudīts.

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2) Brush the product outwards through the lashes using the applicator's bristles.

Tip double applicator

TALIKA
Lipocils Expert Collector Edition - Eyelash Growth & Pigmentation Serum, 10ml

Legendary Lipocils Expert is a patented and unique combination of five plants that stimulate eyelash growth, natural pigmentation and curl. Clinically proven: after 30 days eyelashes are longer +2.1 mm on average, +50% pigmentation, +50% curlier. Apply day and night as a cure or all year long. 96% natural ingredients!

Leģendārā Lipocils Expert formula ir patentēta un unikāla piecu augu kombinācija, kas stimulē skropstu augšanu, dabisko pigmentāciju un izliekumu. Klīniskos pētījumos ir pierādīts, ka jau pēc 30 dienām skropstas ir vidēji +2.1mm garākas, +50% pigmentācija, +50% izliekums. Lietojiet dienu un nakti, vai visu gadu. 96% dabīgas sastāvdaļas!

€39

City Price €49.50
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Diego dalla Palma MILANO

MyHappyToy mascara

100% DEFINITION
100% VOLUME
100% LENGTH
95% CLUMP-FREE

LASTS 24 HOURS
UP TO 24H WEAR
SMUDGE-PROOF

Lash growth in 30 days
+13% LENGTH
+6% VOLUME

I DON'T WANT A TOY, I WANT MYHAPPYTOY!
A REVOLUTIONARY HIGH-DEFINITION MASCARA. LASHES ARE INSTANTLY CURLED AND LIFTED FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY "PUSH-UP" EFFECT. ULTRA-DEFINED, CLUMP-FREE AND SMUDGE-FREE VOLUME. VEGAN FORMULA, LASTING 24 H, OPHTHALMOLOGICALLY TESTED.

* Instrumental test on 20 subjects. ** Assessment carried out by a dermatologist on 20 subjects. *** Self-evaluation test carried out immediately after application of the product on 20 subjects. Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement of the effect claimed. **** Instrumental test carried out on clean lashes with Antera SD9 instrumentation after 30 days of application on 20 subjects. Average % value of increase.

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

A revolutionary high-definition mascara. Lashes are instantly curled and lifted, for an extraordinary push-up effect! Ultra-defined, clump and smudge free volume. Vegan formula enriched with active ingredients that help repair weak lashes. Increases lashes growth in just 30 days of continuous use. Ophthalmologically tested. 24-hour wear.

Revolucionāra un īpaši efektīva skropstu tuša. Tā acumirkli piešķir skropstām izliekumu un izteiktu apjomu, turklāt skropstas nesalīp kopā. Vegāniska formula ir bagātināta ar aktīvām sastāvdaļām, kas stiprina skropstas. Paātrina skropstu augšanu tikai 30 dienu lietošanas laikā. Tuša ir oftalmoloģiski pārbaudīta. 24 stundu noturība.

€23 City Price **€27.90**
SAVE 18%

Diego dalla Palma MILANO

VITAMINA C RADIANCE SERUM

BRIGHTENING BOOSTER SERUM
An infusion of concentrated Vitamin C to recharge your skin with a powerful burst of energy. Ideal for all skin types, all year long. Contains 10% stabilized Vitamin C. Dermatologically tested.

Visible and proven results in just 28 days.
Reduction of fine lines by **27%***
Increase in radiance by **38%****
Reduction of dark spots by **55%****
Increase in skin density by **100%*****

Clinical-instrumental tests carried out for 28 days on 20 subjects. Daily use of VITAMIN C BRIGHTENING SERUM + 24 HOUR BRIGHTENING & ANTI WRINKLES CREAM and weekly use of BRIGHTENING & ENERGIZING MASK. * Assessment by a dermatologist. Average percentage of improvement in the visibility of the parameter declared. ** Assessment by a dermatologist. Percentage of subjects in whom an improvement of the visibility of hyperchromic spots was found. *** Observation made by skin ultrasound scan. Percentage of subjects in whom a significant increase in skin density was found.

Free from: Paraffin, Mineral oils, Propylene glycol

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
Vitamina C Radiance Serum, 30 ml

An infusion of concentrated Vitamin C to boost your natural radiance with multiple properties: reduces wrinkles, enhances skin brightness, counteracts dark spots, protects the skin against UV rays, relieves irritation. Free from paraffin, mineral oils and propylene glycol. Ideal for all skin types, all year long.

Koncentrēta C vitamīna serums, kas vairākos veidos uzlabo jūsu ādas dabisko mirdzumu: tas samazina grumbas, uzlabo ādas toni, novērš tumšos plankumus, aizsargā ādu pret UV stariem, mazina kairinājumu. Nesatur parafīnu, minerāļeļļas un propilēnglikolu. Ideāli piemērots visiem ādas tipiem visa gada garumā.

€29 City Price **€35.00**
SAVE 15%

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MyToyBoy mascara

100% VOLUME
100% LENGTH
90% DEFINITION

LASTS 24 HOURS

AN ICONIC AND IRRESISTIBLE PRODUCT. INNOVATIVE AND VEGAN FORMULA, IN A 4D ACTION MASCARA: EXTRA VOLUME, LENGTHENING, MAXIMUM DEFINITION, LASTING 24 H. IT BOOSTS THE NATURAL GROWTH OF THE LASHES IN ONLY 30 DAYS. OPHTHALMOLOGICALLY TESTED.

* Self-evaluation test carried out immediately after the application of the product on 20 subjects. Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement in the claimed effect.

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyToyBoy Mascara, 13 ml

An iconic and irresistible product. Innovative and vegan formula in a 4D action mascara: extra volume, lengthening, maximum definition, lasting 24 h. It boosts the natural growth of the lashes in only 30 days.

Ikoniska un neatvairāma 4D darbības skropstu tuša ar inovatīvu un vegānisku formulu: lielāks apjoms, pagarināšana, maksimāla precizitāte, noturība 24 stundas. Tā paātrina skropstu dabisko augšanu tikai 30 dienu laikā.

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Precious anti-aging treatment based on exquisite Polynesian flower oil with pure gold leaves for regenerated, revitalized and radiant skin.

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Reducing the depth of wrinkles **19%***
Greater resilience (Collagen and Elastin) **65%****
Greater deep hydration **70%*****
Greater elasticity **80%******

Clinical-instrumental tests on 20 subjects after 28 days of treatment. * % reduction measured in micrometres with instrumental techniques of Three-Dimensional Optical Profilometry. Average value. Maximum value of instrumental reduction of average wrinkles of the profile found: 74%. ** Observation made with skin ultrasound scan. Percentage of subjects in whom a significant increase in skin density was found. *** Observation made through measuring the water content in the skin up to a depth of 1 mm. Percentage of subjects in whom a significant increase in the water content was found. **** Observation made using a cutometer. Percentage of subjects in whom a significant increase in the average base values of total elasticity was found.

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DIEGO DALLA PALMA
Gold Infusion - Youth Potion, 30 ml

A blend of 30 natural oils and pure gold leaf, which promotes skin regeneration and gives a more even, fresh and radiant appearance. A concentrated essence rebuilding the architecture of the skin in depth, restoring strength, stimulating the production of collagen and elastin. Does not contain paraffin, mineral oil and silicones.

30 dabīgu eļļu un vizuāli zelta maisījums, kas veicina ādas atjaunošanos un piešķir tai vienmērīgu, svaigu un mirdzošu izskatu. Koncentrēta esence, kas atjauno ādas arhitektūru, stiprina to, stimulē kolagēna un elastīna veidošanos. Nesatur parafīnu, minerāļeļļu un silikonus.

€59 City Price **€69.00**
SAVE 14%



DIEGO DALLA PALMA
Palette NUDA, 30 g

An eye palette inspired by warm nude colours to create a wide range of looks, from natural to dramatic. Five matte eyeshadows in different shades. The matte eyeshadows have a highly pigmented formula and a smooth and silky texture for ultimate comfort. The extra pearl eyeshadows have a cream-to-the-touch texture and take any look to the next level.

Acu ēnu paleti veido dabisko toņu gamma, kas piemēroti visdažādākajiem stiliem. Pieci dažādi matētu acu ēnu toņi ar izteikti pigmentētu formulu, gludu un zīdainu tekstūru, kas nodrošina maksimālu komfortu. Acu ēnām ir krēmīga tekstūra, tās piešķir jūsu izskatam īpašu efektu neatkarīgi no jūsu stila.

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SKIN 689
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Krēms, kas stimulē kolagēna sintēzi zemādas audos, pateicoties ekskluzīvai, patentētai aktīvajai vielai CHacoll®, kas palīdz efektīvi cīnīties pret celulītu. Dažu nedēļu laikā skin689® ievērojami uzlabo ādas izskatu. Krēms stiprina kolagēna šķiedru tīklu un kavē tauku šūnu palielināšanos, lai āda kļūtu tvirtāka un stingrāka.

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Anti-Transpirant Deo, 50 ml

It was one of the absolute star products in the most famous German investor TV show. The salvation for all those who do not like to sweat in stress, heat or sports. With Soummé, unpleasant body odour and sweat stains on clothing are finally a thing of the past. With only 1-3 applications per week, you will experience a new quality of life.

Produkts, kas izraisīja milzīgu interesi populārākajā Vācijas investoru TV šovā. Ideāls risinājums visiem tiem, kam nepatīk svīst stresa situācijās, karstumā vai sporta aktivitāšu laikā. Pateicoties Soummé, nepatīkamais sviedru aromāts un sviedru traipi uz drēbēm nu ir pagātnē. Izbaudiet jaunu dzīves kvalitāti, lietojot šo dezodorantu tikai 1-3 reizes nedēļā!

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SAVE 10%



M. ASAM® MAGIC CARE
Travel Set (Perfect Teint 30 ml
+ Perfect Eye Serum 7 ml)


The fragrance-free M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Perfect Eye Serum with cooling gel texture visibly tightens eye wrinkles due to special active ingredients. The mattifying M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Perfect Teint skin optimiser reduces the appearance of pores & wrinkles due to an innovative peptide complex.

Serums bez smaržvielām ar atvēsinošu gēla tekstūru, kas, pateicoties īpašām aktīvajām sastāvdaļām, efektīvi samazina krunciņas ap acīm. Matējošais līdzeklis Perfect Teint, pateicoties tā inovatīvajam peptīdu kompleksam, samazina poras un grumbiņas.

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3 x 4 g Hazelnut Heaven, Almond & Rosewood

The M. Asam[®] MAGIC FINISH Satin Lipstick Set contains three lipsticks in naturally soft nude shades and combines rich colours with intensive care. The texture is particularly creamy and provides continuous moisture. The high coverage creates an intense color experience and long hold without drying out the lips.

M. Asam[®] MAGIC FINISH Satin Lipstick Set komplektā ietilpst trīs lūpu krāsas ar dabiskiem un maigiem kaitloņiem lazdu riekstu, mandeļu un rožkoka krāsās, kas nodrošina intensīvu lūpu ādas kopšanu. Lūpu krāsu sastāvā ietilpst īpaši peptīdi un 11 barojoši vaski un eļļas, kas uzlabo lūpu formu un apjomu.

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M. Asam[®] RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50 Essence of Youth Serum 30 ml


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LOOK PERFECT IN 1 MINUTE

MAGIC FINISH SET

The 4-in-1 bestseller is primer, concealer, make-up and powder in one and adapts to many skin tones. It effectively hides little imperfections and redness.

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M. Asam[®] MAGIC FINISH Make-up Mousse Classic 30 ml is Germany's best-selling foundation product in drugstores in 2021. Source: NielsenIQ, category color cosmetics, sub-category color cosmetics, adhesion, sales in EUR, Germany drugstores, full year 2021.

GERMANY'S No.1 MAKE-UP FOUNDATION SALES IN 2021


M. Asam[®] MAGIC FINISH MAGIC FINISH Set (MAKE-UP)
30 ml classic + 10 ml travelsize classic)

Experience a touch of magic. The M. Asam[®] MAGIC FINISH Make-up individually adapts to many skin tones and hides unevenness, wrinkles and redness. No powder is needed, as it naturally mattifies the skin. The international bestseller is suitable for all skin types.

Individuāli pielāgojas dažādiem ādas toniņiem. Pat ziemā piešķir ādai veselīgu un svaigu toni. Apslēpj ādas nepilnības, grumbas un apsārtumu, un āda izskatās zidaini gluda. Pūderis nav nepieciešams, jo līdzeklis dabiski matē ādu visas dienas garumā. Piemērots visiem ādas tipiņiem un to var uzklāt uz jebkura dienas krēma vai seruma. Komplektā ietilpst 30 un 10 ml tūbiņās, kas ir ideāli piemērotas ceļojumiem.

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PREMIUM NT 50

VISIBLY LIFTED & YOUTHFUL SKIN

LIFTING CREAM

Smoothing Lifting cream with highly effective resveratrol for smooth, visibly lifted & youthful skin and NT50[®] technology for a longer, targeted effect.

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M. Asam[®] RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50 Lifting Cream 50 ml

Lifting cream with highly concentrated resveratrol, cross-linked hyaluronic acid and a special lifting peptide firms the skin and maintains its youthful appearance. Further key ingredients include lipids like shea butter, argan oil and squalane. This formulation intensely cares for your skin and leaves it feeling soft and supple.

Liftinga krēms ar augstu resveratrola koncentrāciju, šķērssaistītu hialuronskābi un īpašu liftinga peptīdu nostiprina ādu un piešķir tai jauneklīgu izskatu. Krēma sastāvā arī ietilpst lipīdi, piemēram, šī sviests, argāna eļļa un skvalāns. Krēms intensīvi kopj jūsu ādu un padara to maigu un elastīgu.

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IMMEDIATE PLUMP SKIN
SUPREME HYALURON CREAM

The fragrance-free face cream provides an intense hydration of the skin. The patented hyaluronic acid complex with depot technology immediately smoothes and plumps up the skin.

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M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE®
Supreme Hyaluron Cream
50 ml

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Šis bezsmažs hialurona krēms no asambeauty satur patentētu hialuronskābju kompleksu, kas izlīdzina sausās ādas krunciņas un padara sejas ādu gludu, piešķirot tai vienmērīgu nokrāsu. Lielisks līdzeklis svaigai, maigai ādas krāsei! Der visiem ādas tiptiem.

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Inovatīvs, aktivizējošs un matu augšanu veicinošs serums, kas nodrošina garus, biezus un dabiski skaistus matus. Regulāri to lietojot, sākotnējos uzlabojumus parasti var novērot pēc aptuveni sešām līdz astoņām nedēļām. Gariem, bieziem un dabiski skaistiem matiem!

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LAVERTU
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Changes Colour

Lipstick Excellent enhances the natural glow of your lips. The lipstick reacts with the specific pH value of your skin, creating a beautiful lip colour that is unique to you. Formulated with richly nourishing ingredients, this waterproof lipstick stays in place. Lipstick Excellent is available in 4 shades that adapt to your skin tone. The colours shown are indicative. Find out which one suits you.

Lūpu krāsa Excellent akcentē lūpu dabīgo spīdumu. Tā reaģē ar jūsu ādas individuālo pH līmeni, veidojot skaistu lūpu nokrāsu, kas ir unikāla tikai jums. Šī ūdensizturīgā lūpu krāsa, kuras sastāvā ietilpst bagātīgi barojošas vielas, ir izteikti noturīga. Tā ir pieejama 4 toņos, kas pielāgojas jūsu ādas tonim. Norādītajām krāsām ir informatīvs raksturs. Uzziniet, kura no tām ir piemērota jums.

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THISWORKS
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Ceļotājiem paredzētais komplekts palīdzēs jums mazināt stresu un veicinās veselīgu miegu. Izmantojiet šos divus līdzekļus, lai mazinātu trauksmi pirms miega un no rīta justos labāk atpūties un svaigāks.

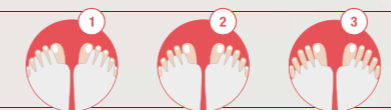
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Īpaši veidotas frotē auduma cilpas maigi atdala un masē jūsu kāju pirkstus. Uzvelciet zeķes pēc garas darbadienas, treniņa vai nodejotas nakts un izbaudiet atvieglojumu, ko tās sniedz jūsu kājām. Šīs zeķes arī lieliski noder, krāsojot nagus. Izmēri: 36-40. Informāciju par valkāšanas intensitāti, lūdzu, skatiet lietošanas norādījumos.

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Intense Eye Rescue,
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Dr. Levy, Switzerland's first aesthetic Botox® pioneer, has patented this intensive stem cell formula to visibly renew the delicate eye area and help restore its youthful glow. Proven in independent clinicals. Free Gift: micro-current lifting device for instant results.

Dr. Levijs, estētiskā Botox® pionieris no Šveices, ir patentējis šo intensīvo cilmes šūnu formulu, kas palīdz atjaunot jūtīgo ādu ap acīm un atgriezt tai jauneklīgu mirdzumu. Līdzeklis pārbaudīts neatkarīgos klīniskos pētījumos. Bez maksas dāvana: mikrostrāvas liftinga ierīce tūlītīgiem rezultātiem.

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Developed specifically for the traveller by Switzerland's number 1 Botox® Doctor, this inflight exclusive set combines the R3 Cell Matrix Mask (50 ml) with a two-week stem cell cure of the brand's bestselling Eye Booster Concentrate (3 ml) and award-winning Booster Serum (4 ml).

Šis ekskluzīvais komplekts, ko īpaši ceļotājiem ir izstrādājis Šveices vadošais Botox® eksperts, ietver šūnu matricas masku R3 (50 ml), divu nedēļu ārstniecisku kursu ar cilmes šūnām, izmantojot Eye Booster koncentrātu (3 ml), un godalgoto aktivācijas serumu (4 ml).

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Beauty Routine Set

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The 3-pack with the best care serums from Dr. Severin includes the new Hyaluron Collagen Serum, the Retinol Vitamin A Serum together with the popular Vitamin C Hyaluron Serum. The high-quality and highly concentrated active ingredients work very specifically on certain skin conditions such as wrinkles, dull and dry skin, and uneven complexion and impurities. Incorporate the use of Dr. Severin serums into your daily beauty routine for all-around better skin. The best anti-aging effect of the highest quality. Made in Germany.

Dr. Severin trīs labāko ādas kopšanas serumu komplektā ietilpst jaunais hialurona kolagēna serums, retinola (A vitamīna) serums un populārais hialurona serums ar C vitamīnu. Augstas kvalitātes koncentrētas aktīvās vielas iedarbojas uz noteiktiem ādas stāvokļiem, piemēram, grumbām, blāvu un sausu ādu, nevienmērīgu sejas krāsu. Iekļaujiet Dr. Severin serumu lietošanu savā ikdienas skaistumkopšanas rituālā, lai jūtam uzlabotu ādas stāvokli. Labākais pretnovecošanās efekts, augstākā kvalitāte – ražots Vācijā.





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Sejas, kakla un acu skaistumkopšanas masku kolekcija. Maskas ir izgatavotas no mīksta, bioloģiski noārdāma un elastīga augu materiāla. Atklājiet dažādu organisko tēju uzlējumu efektivitāti, ko nodrošina ekskluzīvas formulas ar fitoekstraktiem un aktīvām molekulām. Jau pēc neilga laika jūsu āda jutīsies svaigāka, gludāka un mirdzošāka!

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Ultra-Firming Face Cream with Organic Matcha Tea infusion and a 9 plants active complex redensifies, conceals, and ensures lifting effect. The natural green colour of Organic Matcha Tea performs a concealing action on blemishes, as the special mineral pigments and “soft focus effect” powders even and brighten the complexion.

Ļoti iedarbīgs sejas krēms, kas satur organisko mača tēju un aktīvu 9 augu kompleksu. Atjauno, uzlabo ādu un piešķir tai tvirtumu. Organiskās mača tējas dabīgā zaļā krāsa maskē ādas trūkumus, savukārt īpaši minerālpigmenti un maigas iedarbības pūderi izlīdzina un izgaismo sejas ādu.

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Laiņi lūdzam tumšajā pusē: jūsu jaunā klimatneitrālā Eco VIBE 3 soniskā zobu birste, kas ir pilnīgi melna! Zobu birstes korpus ir izgatavots no pārstrādātiem materiāliem, un tās jaudīgā uzlādējamā baterija darbojas līdz pat 6 nedēļām un ir gatava jebkuram ceļojumam vai piedzīvojumam. Zobu birste nodrošina rūpīgu, maigu zobu tīrīšanu ar līdz pat 40 000 augsti efektīvām vibrācijām, 3 individuāliem tīrīšanas režīmiem un augstas kvalitātes aktivētās ogles sariņiem.

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Vai atceraties nepatīkamo sajūtu, ieraugot plankumus uz zobiem pēc noteiktu ēdienu un dzērienu lietošanas? Šī maigā birste novērš plankumus un padara jūsu smaidu zilbinošu un svaigu. Vienkārši pārklājiet zobus, pagaidiet 60 sekundes – un viss! Jūs esat gatavs nākamajai sapulcei, randiņam vai pašbildei. Šo produktu ir iecienījuši influenceri, slavenības un modeles. Vai esat gatavi redzēt, kā darbojas maģija?

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allroundo® c ir kompakts un universāls ātrās uzlādes un datu pārraides kabelis (no USB-C uz USB-C). Inovatīvs dizains ar sešiem dažādiem savienojumiem gala ierīcēm. Pateicoties spirālveida līdz 75 cm garajam kabelim, tālruni var ērti lietot uzlādes laikā. Kompaktā ceļojumu somā arī atrodas USB-A, micro-USB un Lightning adapteri.

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Vonmählen tālruņa siksnīņa Infinity viegli aptver ap jebkuru tālruni, regulējamas neilona aukliņas nodrošina drošu un stabilu tālruņa pozīciju. Pateicoties Infinity, jūsu tālrunis ir drošībā un vienlaikus viegli sasniedzams – tas ir ideāls risinājums, kad esat ceļā, aizņemts birojā vai piedalāties ekskursijā un jums ir jābūt viegli sazināmam.


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Unity One ir kompaktais lādētājs jūsu elektroniskajām ierīcēm ceļojuma laikā. Papildus galvenajai līdzgai USB-A un USB-C porti ļauj vienlaicīgi uzlādēt dažādas ierīces. Unity One ir savietojams ar strāvas kontaktligzdām vairāk nekā 150 dažādās valstīs. Aizsardzība pret pārlādešanu pārveido spriegumu un droši pielāgo to jūsu gala ierīcēm.

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UNITWEEZER
Universal Multi Tweezer

UniTweezer, the universal multi tweezer for careful and smooth facial hair removal – use at home or when on the move. The special geometry enables gentle removal of small hairs on the chin, upper lip, cheeks, ears or between the eyebrows without pinching the skin. Use with only 1 hand, like normal tweezers.

UniTweezer ir universāla daudzfunkcionāla pincete rūpīgai un maigai sejas matiņu noņemšanai – lietojiet to mājās vai ceļojot. Pincetes īpašā ģeometrija ļauj saudzīgi noņemt mazus matiņus no zoda, augšlūpas, vaigiem, ausīm vai starp uzacīm, nesaspiežot ādu. Izmantojiet tikai ar vienu roku, tāpat kā lietojot parasto pinceti.

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KODAK
Ring Light

The Ring Light Mini 4 brings a new dimension of light and style to your images and videos. This handy light is perfect for everything from portraits and selfies to online meetings and makeup. Works with any smartphone and laptop. Technical details: 4 inch diameter, 1,5 h running time (90 mins), 50 individual LEDs.

Gredzeneida lampa Ring Light Mini 4 piešķir jūsu attēliem un videoklipiem jaunu gaismas un stila dimensiju. Šis parocīgais gaismas avots ir lieliski piemērots it visam, no portretiem un pašbildēm līdz tiešsaistes sapulcēm un grima uzklāšanai. Lampa ir savietojama ar jebkuru viedtālruni un klēpj datoru. Tehniskā informācija: 4 collu diametrs, 1,5 h darbības laiks (90 min), 50 gaismas diodes.

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Omnipillow

Omnipillow is the 3in1 travel pillow which allows you to switch between three unique forms – neck pillow, bed pillow or double cushion – and simply fold it up in its waterproof cover when you are done. 100% pure memory foam moulds around your natural posture. With removable and washable pillow cover.

Omnipillow ir "trīs vienā" ceļojumu spilvens, kas viegli pieņem vienu no trim formām: kakla spilvens, gultas spilvens vai dubultais spilvens. Kad jums tas nav nepieciešams, to var vienkārši salocīt un ievietot ūdensnecaurlaidīgā pārvalkā. 100% atmiņas putas balsta jūsu dabisko ķermeņa stāvokli. Noņemams un mazgājams spilvena pārvalks.

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ZIPSTAR
Mobile Screen Magnifier

This magnifier acts like a phone projector magnifying your phone's screen 2 to 4 times the size. Perfect for watching movies whilst travelling. Offers an excellent viewing experience as it helps reduce strain on your eyes allowing you to enjoy your smart phone even more. Compact and lightweight, it folds up easily to provide protection whilst not in use. Suitable for nearly all smartphones.

Telefona ekrāna palielinātājs darbojas kā projektoris, kas palielina jūsu tālruna ekrānu 2–4 reizes. Ideāli piemērots filmu skatīšanai ceļojuma laikā. Piedāvā lielisku skatīšanās pieredzi, jo tas samazina acu noslodzi, ļaujot jums vēl vairāk izbaudīt savu viedtālruni. Kompakts un viegls, tas ir viegli salokāms, lai palielinātāju pasargātu, kamēr tas netiek lietots. Piemērots gandrīz visiem viedtālruniem.

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HT12 Ion Detangling Brush

Comb your hair gently without any pulling, easily and painlessly with the ion detangling brush. The optional ion function for deeper hydration gives you sleek and shiny hair. The brush is battery-powered and has a soft touch surface. Ideal size for handbags and on the go.

Matu suka ļauj viegli un nesāpīgi izķemmēt matus. Jonu funkcija paredzēta dziļākai mitrināšanai, padarot matus gludus un mirdzošus. Matu suka darbojas ar akumulatoru. Ideāls izmērs rokassomiņai un ceļošanai.

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LS 10 Luggage Scale

Portable luggage scale that will help you avoid excess luggage charges. Small, handy and easy to use, comes equipped with a practical torch and a fastening strap for space-saving storage. With a weight capacity of 50 kg.

Portatīvie svāri, kas palīdzēs izvairīties no bagāžas pārsniegtā svara maksas. Šie svāri ir mazi, parocīgi un viegli lietojami, ar iebūvētu praktisku lukturīti un siksnīņu. Uzrāda svaru līdz 50 kg.

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TRU VIRTU
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The sustainable "CLICK & SLIDE" wallet is not much bigger than a credit card. With a fingertouch up to 5 cards slide out easily. Protects all cards in the aluminium case against electronic data theft and demagnetization. The envelope is made of eco-friendly vegan apple leather and offers space for additional cards and banknotes.

Ar vienu pirksta pieskārienu var viegli izbīdīt līdz pat 5 kartēm. Kartes alumīnija korpusā ir aizsargātas pret elektronisko datu zādzību un atmagnetizāciju. Maka apvalks izgatavots no videi draudzīgas vegānu ādas un nodrošina vietu papildu kartēm un banknotēm.

NEW ON BOARD €75 **Made in Germany** SIZE: 9.9 X 6.7 X 2.1 CM / 88 G



ÖGON DESIGNS
Carbon Fibre Aluminium Wallet

Elegant wallet made in France. This light and strong wallet provides super-fast access and optimum protection. Designed to open with one hand. For 10 cards and cash. RFID Safe: protection against demagnetisation and electronic data theft. Size: 11x7.4x2.1 cm. Francijā ražots elegants maks. Tas ir viegls, izturīgs, nodrošina ērtu piekļuvi maka saturam un tā optimālu aizsardzību. Atverams ar vienu roku. Vieta 10 kartēm un skaidrai naudai. RFID aizsardzība pret demagnetizāciju un elektronisko datu zādzību. Izmērs: 11x7.4x2.1 cm.

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€38



DOPPLER
Pocket Umbrella

Always with you, as light as a feather, small and slim. This umbrella is small enough to fit in every pocket. Carbon steel technology makes this model super lightweight and at the same time provides stable protection against weather and wind up to 100 km/h. Weight: 170 g. Vienmēr ar jums, viegls kā spalviņa, neliels un plāns. Šis lietussargs ir tik mazs, ka to var ielikt jebkurā kabatā. Tam ir oglekļa tērauda rāmis, tādēļ lietussargs ir neticami viegls, tomēr nodrošina efektīvu aizsardzību pret lietu un līdz pat 100 km/h stipru vēju. Svārs: 170 g.

BEST
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SMARTGAMES
IQ Puzzler Pro

The Original! The IQ PUZZLER PRO is the world's most popular solitaire puzzler! 12 coloured and differently shaped ball elements have to be placed in the playing field. No less than 120 tasks in five different levels of difficulty have to be mastered! There are three different game forms: even pyramids can be played! But beware: there is always only one correct solution per task! Tricky, endless fun with an addictive factor for players aged 6 and up!

IQ PUZZLER PRO ir pasaulē populārākais galvas mežģis! Spēles laukumā jānovieto 12 krāsainas dažādu formu bumbiņas. Ne mazāk kā 120 uzdevumi piecās dažādās grūtības pakāpēs! Spēli var spēlēt trīs dažādos veidos. Taču uzmanieties: katram uzdevumam vienmēr ir tikai viens pareizais risinājums! Atjautīga izklaide, kam nekad nav gala. Var izraisīt atkarību! Paredzēts spēlētājiem no 6 gadu vecuma.

€13

City Price €14.50
SAVE 11%



SCRATCH ART
Magic Rainbow Scratch Notes

Use the wooden stylus to reveal bright colours that are hidden underneath a matte coating. Jot notes, etch doodles and create great designs. Perfect for keeping the children occupied whilst travelling. Ar koka irbuļa palīdzību atklāriet spilgtas krāsas zem matēta pārklājuma. Rakstiet zīmītes, zīmējiet ķirņķēziņus vai skaistus attēlus. Lielisks palīgs, lai nodarbinātu bērnus ceļojuma laikā.

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I-CLIP
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The smallest of the wallets! A compact, safe and an elegant way to carry up to 12 cards and notes. Full-grain naturally tanned cowhide with a thrilling carbon finish in black or perforation in camel colour! With RFID shield for protection against electronic data theft.

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City Price €45
SAVE 13%



DISNEY
Frozen Kids Watch

Express your love for the magical icy world of Disney's Frozen movies by wearing your officially licensed Disney Frozen watch. A vivid dial art of Elsa and Anna with a nylon strap is easy to use for children. Every Disney Frozen kids' watch features watch hands labelled "hour" and "minute" to help young children learn how to tell time.

Aplieciniet savu mīlestību pret Disneja multfilmu "Ledus sirds" maģisko un ledaino pasauli, valkājot oficiāli licencēto Disney Frozen rokaspulsteni. Spilgto ciparnīcu rotā Elzas un Annas attēli, pulkstenim ir neilona siksnīša, kas ir ērti lietojama bērniem. Uz stundu rādītāja rakstīts "hour" un uz minūšu rādītāja "minute", lai palīdzētu maziem bērniem iemācīties pulksteni.

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DISNEY
Mickey Mouse Kids Watch

Express your love for the magic of Mickey by wearing your officially licensed Disney Mickey Mouse watch. A vivid dial art of Mickey Mouse with a soft silicone strap for a child's comfort. Every Disney Mickey Mouse kids' watch features watch hands labelled "hour" and "minute" to help young children learn how to tell time.

Aplieciniet savu mīlestību pret neatkārtājamo Mikipeli, valkājot oficiāli licencēto Disney Mickey Mouse rokaspulsteni. Spilgto ciparnīcu rotā Mikipeles attēls, pulkstenim ir mīksta un ērta silikona siksnīša. Uz stundu rādītāja rakstīts "hour" un uz minūšu rādītāja "minute", lai palīdzētu maziem bērniem iemācīties pulksteni.

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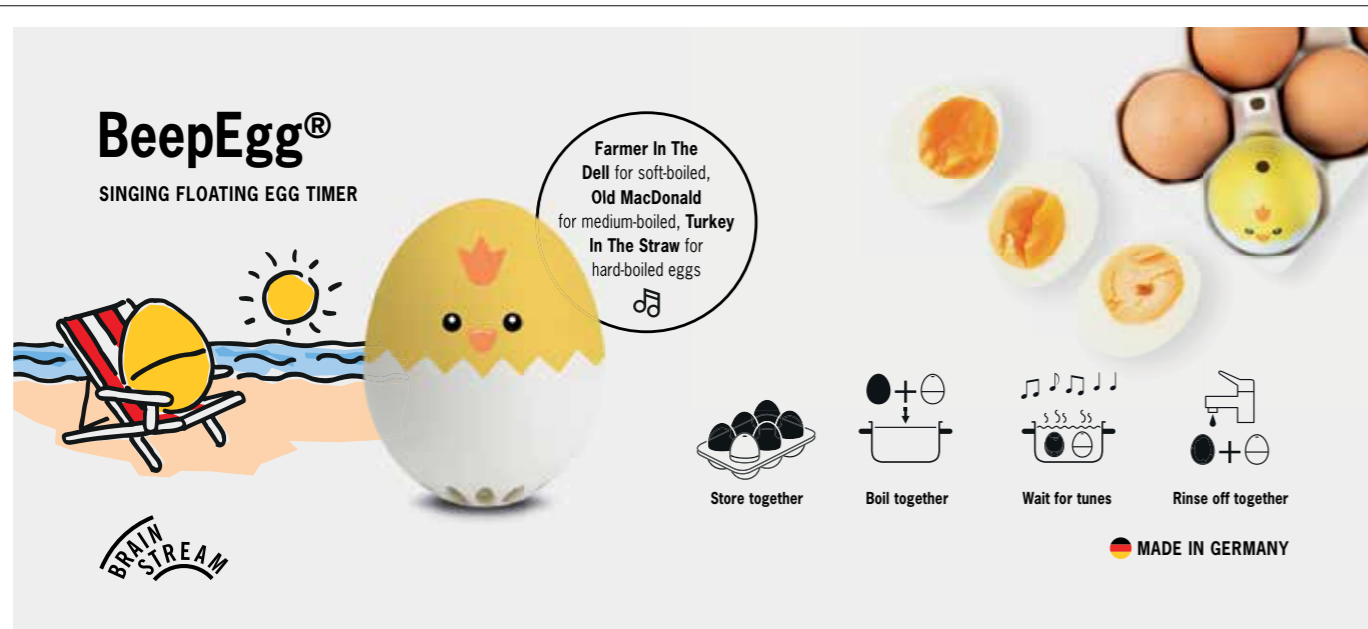
WABOBA
Water Bouncing Set

The Swedish classic! The one that started it all - the original water bouncing ball. An essential for the days when life takes you to the beach or lake. Bounce it on water like skipping a stone. Best for oceans, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls.

Zviedru klasiskās atspēriņās bumbas, kas atlec no ūdens. Tām ir īpaša nozīme dienās, kad atpūšaties pludmalē vai pie ezera. Pēc katra metiena bumba vairākkārt atspēriņi atlec no ūdens. To vislabāk var spēlēt jūrā, ezeros, upēs.

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€19 City Price **€21.90**
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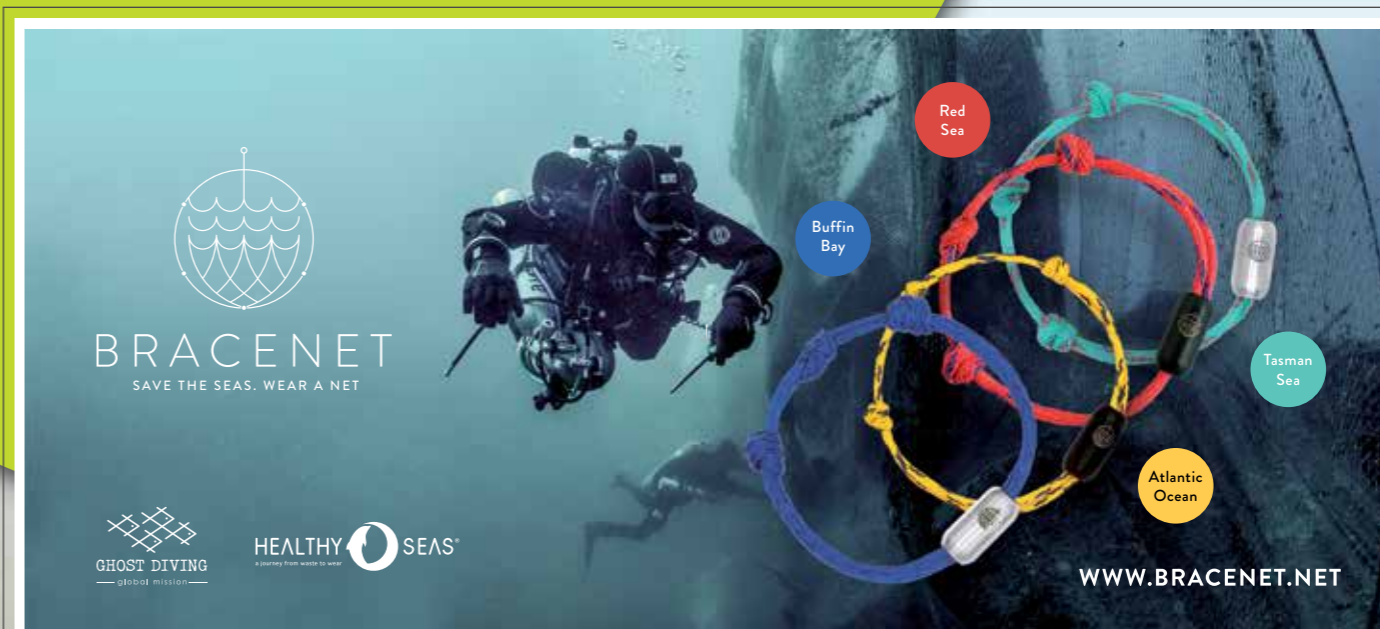
BRAINSTREAM
Chicken Beep Egg

This fun and functional egg timer guarantees perfect boiled eggs. Simply store and boil with the eggs until BeepEgg will play three tunes. It's fun, it's smart and it really works.

Šis amuzants un tajā pašā laikā funkcionālais taimeris garantē perfekti novārtas olas. Tas ir jāuzglabā un jāvāra kopā ar olām, līdz BeepEgg atskaņos trīs melodijas. Tas ir jautri, tas ir gudri, un tas patiešām darbojas.

€21⁹⁹

Nature Friendly



BRACENET
Arctic Ocean Bracelet

They are one of the biggest dangers for our oceans: discarded and lost fishing nets. The ghost nets can float around undiscovered for decades and turn into dangerous traps for animals. Together with the marine protection organisations Healthy Seas and Ghost Diving, we retrieve these deadly traps and upcycle them to bracelets – the Bracenet. One size fits all. Ask cabin crew for colour availability during your flight.

Pamesti vai nozaudēti zvejas tīkli ir viens no lielākajiem draudiem pasaules okeāniem un jūrām. Šādi tīkli var dreifēt gadu desmitiem, kļūstot par nāvējošām lamatām jūras iemītniekiem. Sadarbībā ar jūru aizsardzības organizācijām Healthy Seas un Ghost Diving mēs šādas lamatas likvidējam un no pamestajiem zvejas tīkliem izgatavojam aprocas Bracenet. Der jebkuram rokas apkārtmēram. Jautājiet stjuartam par krāsu pieejamību Jūsu lidojuma laikā.

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TREECELET
Amazonia Bracelet

Treecelet is a global tree planting project that plants trees in the most affected areas. Every sold bracelet plants 3 trees. Bracelets are handmade in the EU by people with disabilities to provide them fair work. Gift-ready packaging with a tree planting certificate included. Adjustable bracelet size.

Treecelet ir globāls koku stādīšanas projekts, kura ietvaros koki tiek iestādīti visvairāk cietušajos reģionos. Katra pārdota rokassprādze palīdz iestādīt 3 kokus. Roku darbs no Eiropas – rokassprādes izgatavo cilvēki ar īpašām vajadzībām, kuri tiek nodrošināti ar darbu. Dāvanu iepakojums ar koku stādīšanas sertifikātu. Regulējams izmērs.

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Medus izlases, kas veidotas uz meža ziedu, griķu - amoliņa, krēmveida un viršu ziedu medus šķirņu bāzes.

10⁹⁹ €

A selection of Skrīveru saldumi sweets for the holidays, 215g

Delicious almond marzipan coated with Premium quality chocolate for unique flavour (7pcs) and almonds in dark chocolate (110g). For years now people who take a bite of our marzipan have been amazed by its great flavour, realizing that they have never had real marzipan before.

Gards mandeļu marcipāns, kas pārklāts ar augstākās kvalitātes šokolādi (7gb) un mandeļiem tumšajā šokolādē (110g). Jau gadiem ilgi cilvēki, kas pagaršo mūsu marcipānu, vienmēr ir pārsteigti par tā lielisko garšu, atskārtot, ka nekad iepriekš nav ēduši istu marcipānu.

7⁹⁹ €

Riga Black Balsam Collection

The legendary herbal bitter, Riga Black Balsam®, is probably the oldest existing bitter brand in the world. Only natural ingredients are used to craft this unique herbal bitter.

Riga Black Balsam Original, 4cl, 45% - exciting and breathtaking experience with versatile taste.
Riga Black Balsam Currant, 4cl, 30% - harmony of sweet and sour flavours with mature berry aroma.
Riga Black Balsam Cherry, 4cl, 30% - balance between the sweetness and bitterness of the drink with a strong cherry aroma.

Leģendārais Rīgas Melnais balzams®, iespējams, ir pasaules senākais rūgto biteru zīmols. Šī unikālā augu dzēriena izgatavošanā tiek izmantotas tikai dabīgas sastāvdaļas.

Rīgas Melnais Balzams Oriģinālais, 4cl, 45% - pārsteidzošs, elpu aizraujošs piedzīvojums ar unikālu garšas buķeti.
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Rīgas Melnais Balzams Ķiršu, 4cl, 30% - līdzsvars starp saldumu un rūgtumu ar spēcīgu ķiršu aromātu.

13⁹⁹ €



SALT ARCTIC

A cool and bold experience. Tobacco-free nicotine pouches with Arctic (menthol) flavour – 20 pouches in each pack, 20 mg of nicotine.

Svaiga un atvēsinoša pieredze. Nikotīna spilventiņi bez tabakas ar Arctic (mentola) garšu – 20 spilventiņi katrā iepakojumā, 20 mg nikotīna.

€9⁴⁹



SALT CHERRY

Flavourful and saturated taste of juicy cherry. Tobacco-free nicotine pouches with Cherry flavour – 20 pouches in each pack, 16 mg of nicotine.

Piesātināti sulīga ķiršu garša. Nikotīna spilventiņi bez tabakas ar Cherry (ķiršu) garšu – 20 spilventiņi katrā iepakojumā, 16 mg nikotīna.

€9⁴⁹

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* Shall be stowed in overhead bin or under the front seat inside an appropriate bag.

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☒ We accept payment for purchases only by cards with an embedded chip. We are unable to process payments made by cards with a magnetic stripe.

☒ For payment card purchases exceeding EUR 50, ID must be provided. A purchase with a single card may not exceed EUR 250 and total payment by cards per one customer may not exceed EUR 500.

☒ All prices include VAT where applicable.

☒ For each purchase made on airBaltic flights the cabin crew will provide you a receipt.

☒ Fresh Meals available on flights over 1 h 30 min. Ask the cabin crew about the meal availability on your flight today and about the ingredients of a given product or what allergens it contains.

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⚠ When purchasing a flight ticket, you have accepted the airBaltic Terms of Passenger Carriage, which state that it is not permissible on board airBaltic aircraft to use narcotics, consume alcoholic beverages that you have brought on board, smoke any type of cigarette including electronic cigarettes. Passengers must obey acknowledged standards of polite behaviour. Should we have any reason to believe that your behaviour does not comply with these rules, we will take any and all necessary action to stop such behaviour.

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☒ Norēķiniem ar maksājumu kartēm pieņemam tikai kartes ar čipu. Darījumi ar magnētisko joslu kartēm netiek nodrošināti.

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☒ Produktu un iepakojumu attēli norādīti tikai informatīvā nolūkā un var atšķirties no reālā produkta.

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☒ Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.

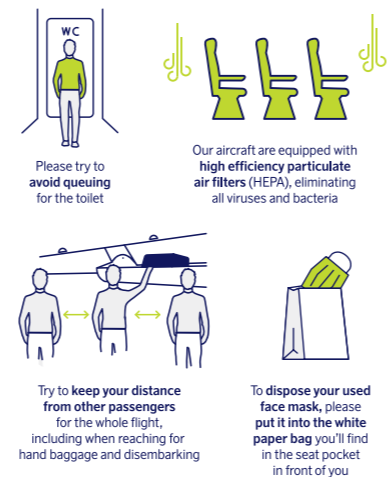
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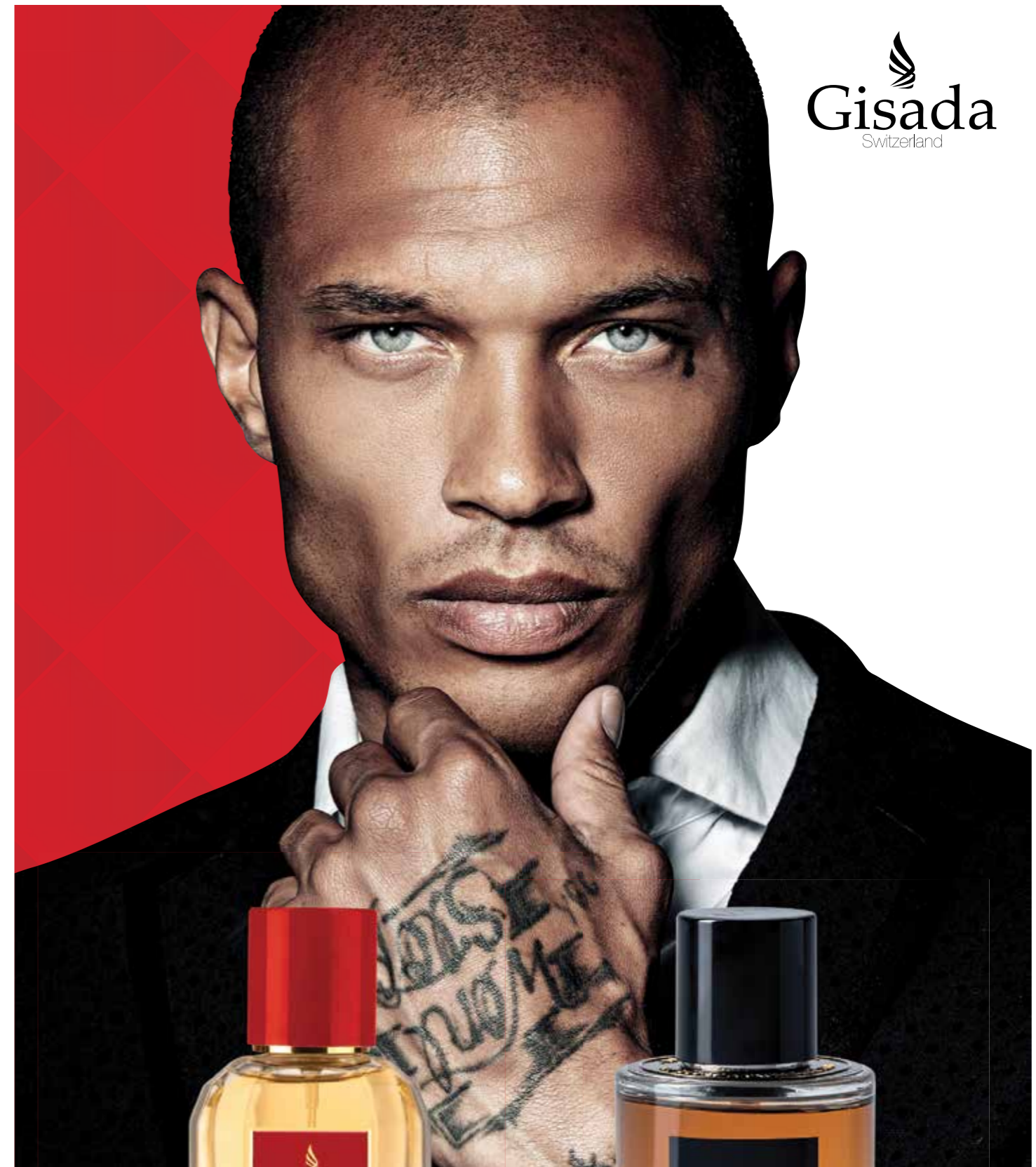
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Your health and well-being are our top priority

We kindly ask you to act responsibly and follow these recommendations as well as general safety measures.



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Assistance for children flying alone*
 If you are unable to accompany your children, our crew can take care of them from the time they check in to the moment when they meet a parent or guardian at the destination airport. Unaccompanied minor service costs from **EUR 60** and is available for children aged 5 to 17.

Travelling with pets*
 Your furry friend can travel in the cabin if its crate fits under the seat in front of you. Maximum dimensions for PETC are 55x40x23 cm and maximum weight is 8 kg (pet together with box/bag). Larger animals are placed in the cargo hold during the flight.

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MEAL	from EUR 12.99	from EUR 12.99	from EUR 12.99	✓	✓
AIRPORT CHECK-IN	EUR 35.00	EUR 35.00	✓	✓	✓
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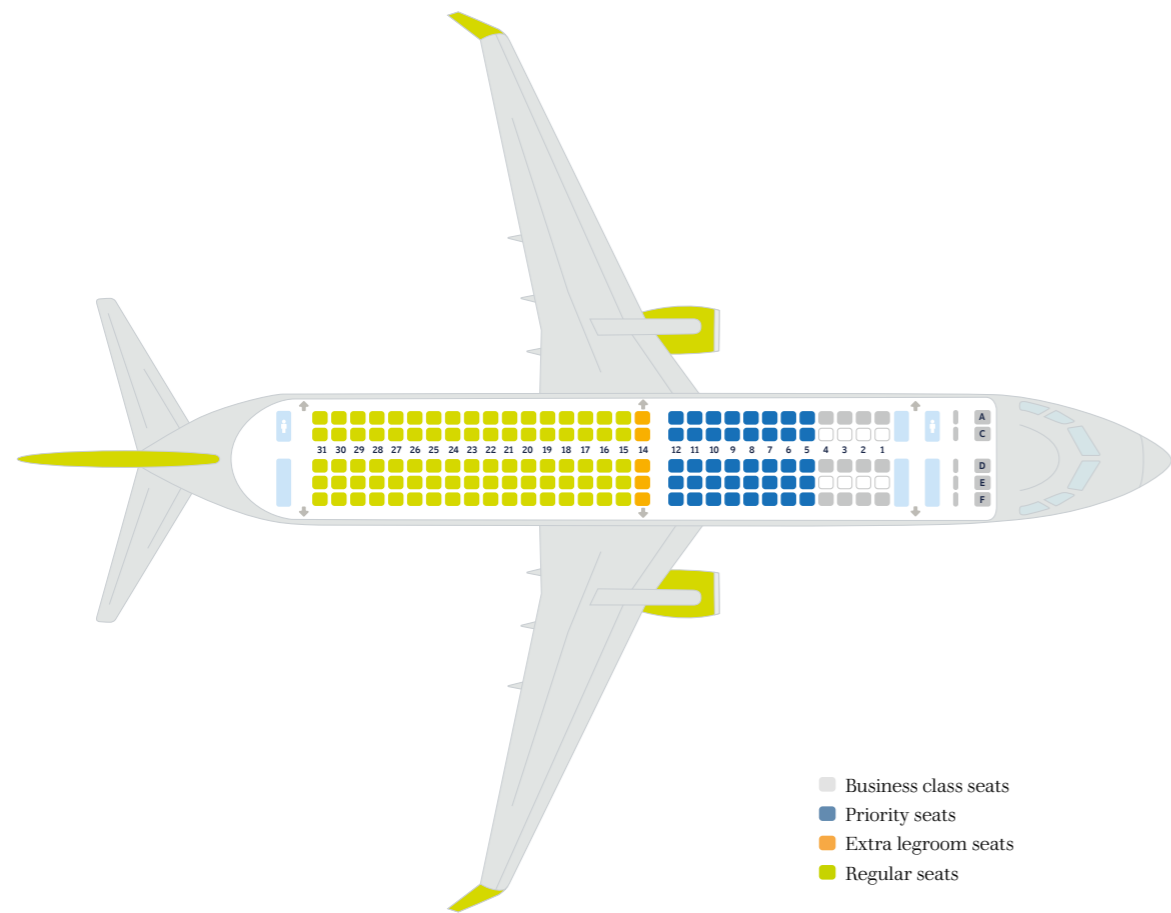
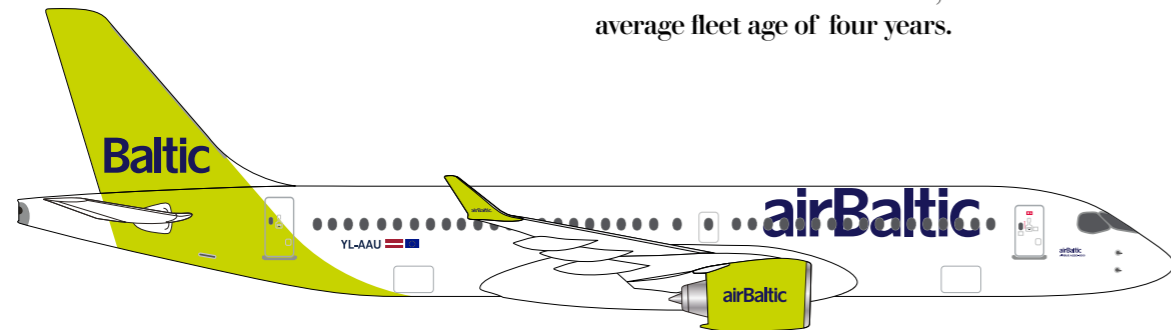
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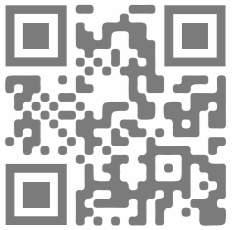


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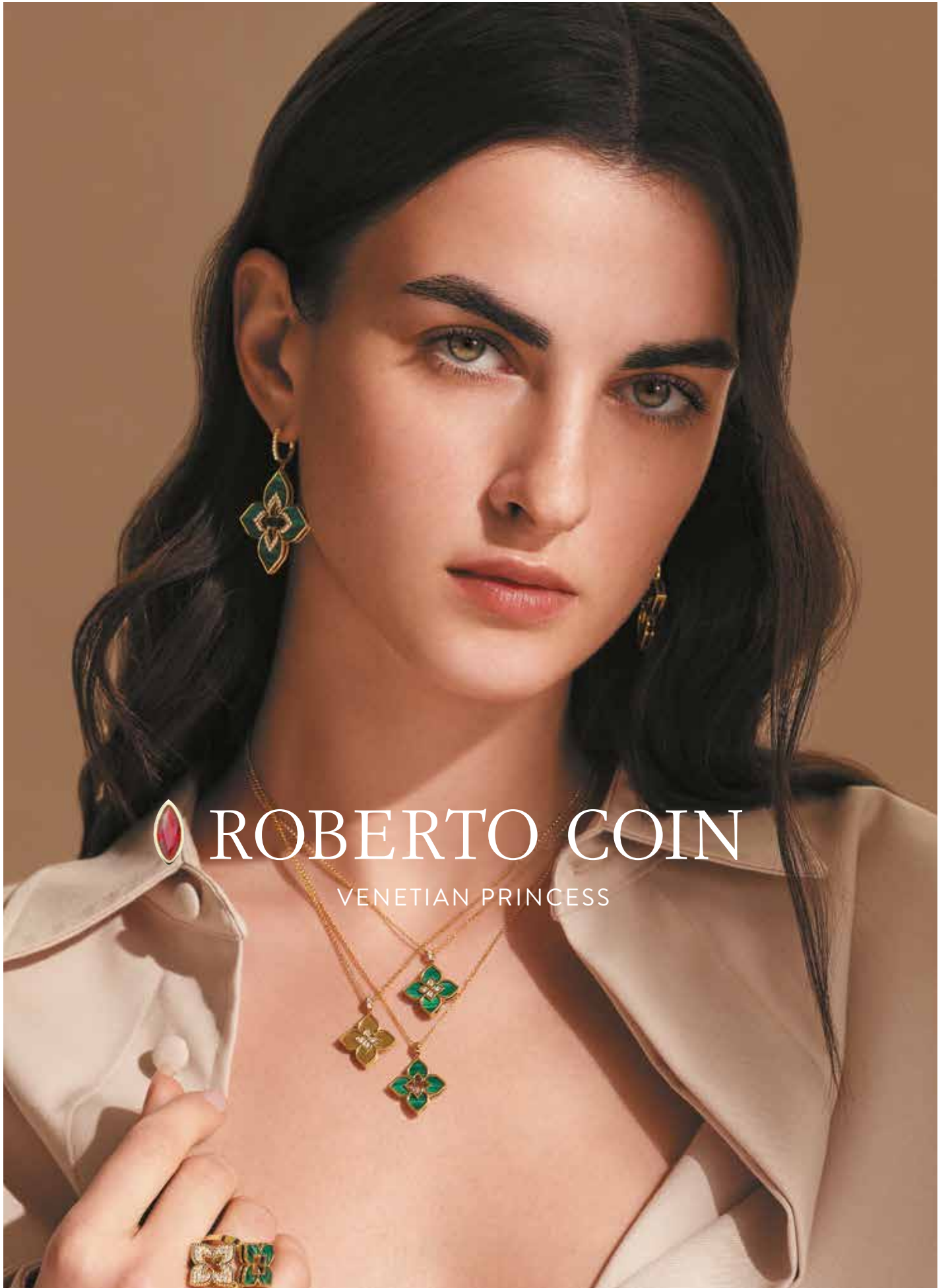


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