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Chief Executive Officer, *airBaltic*

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Despite the typical seasonal dip in passenger numbers, *airBaltic* continues to register strong demand, carrying nearly four million passengers in 2024 so far. In September alone, we set a new monthly record, surpassing half a million travellers. Furthermore, the *airBaltic* team has now expanded to over 2700 employees – an all-time high since our founding in 1995 – and we look forward to continuing this journey of growth together.

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Yours,  
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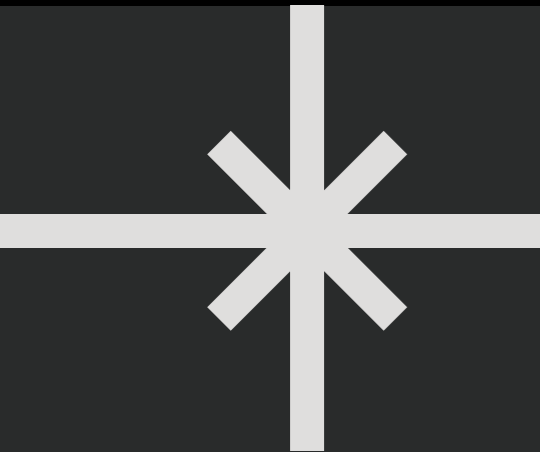
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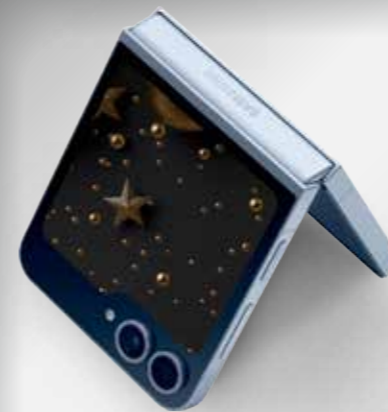
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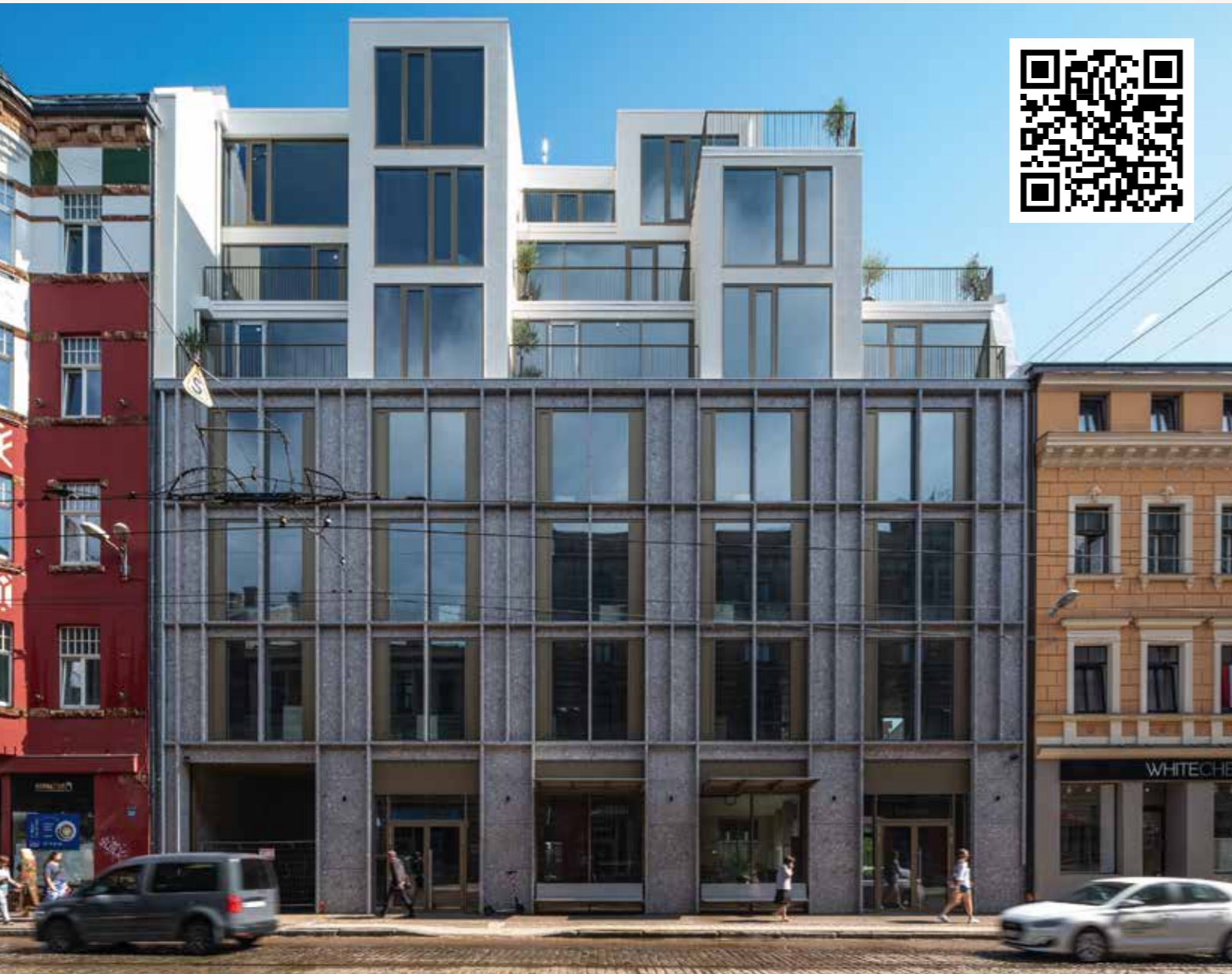
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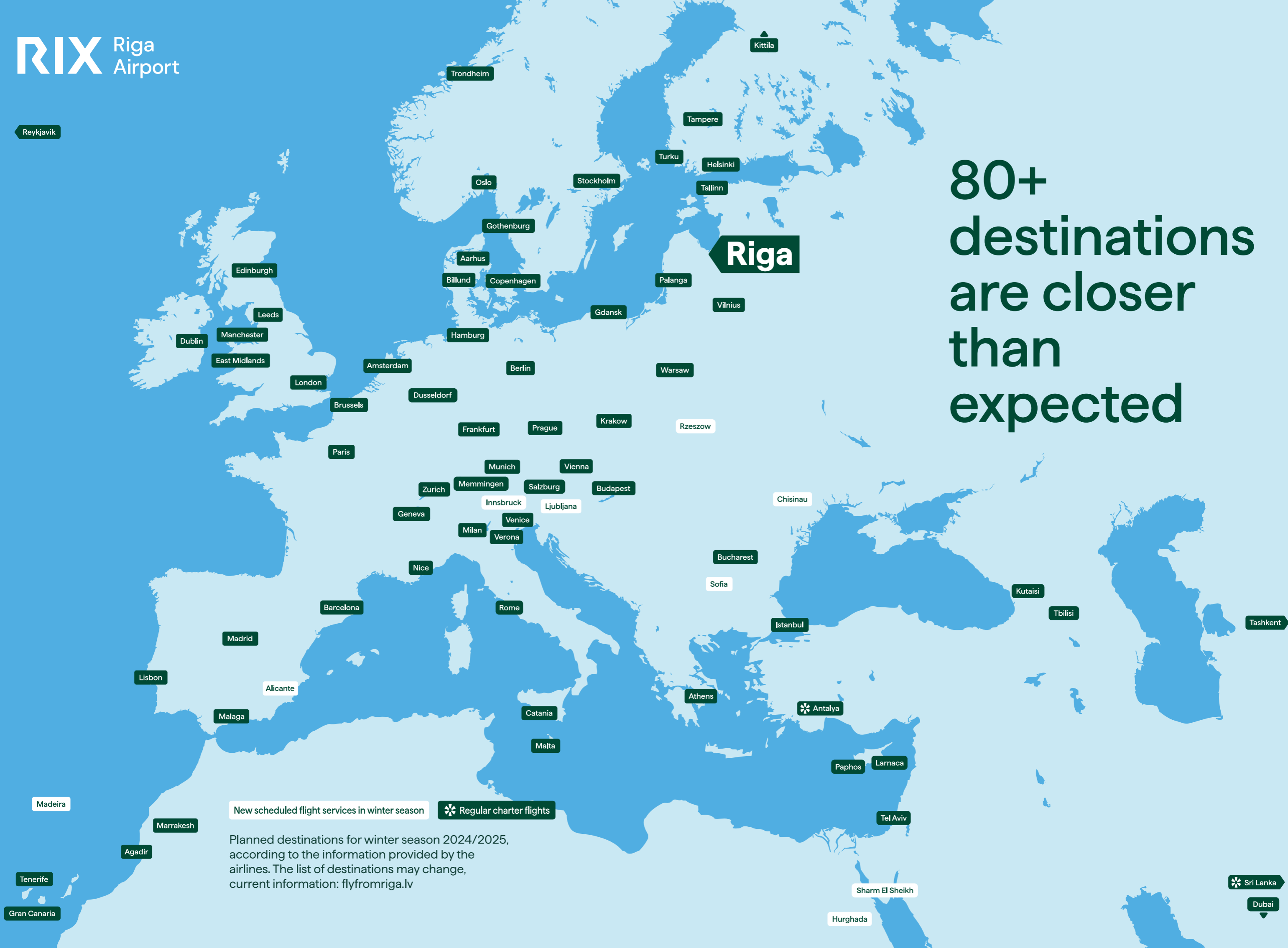
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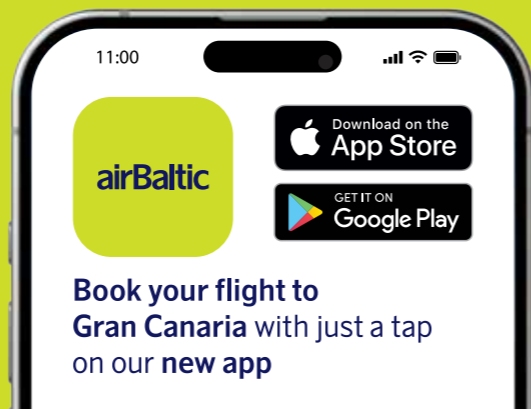
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## GOURMET DINNER

From savoury pastries and local specialties to innovative dishes and fresh market finds, Riga's culinary landscape is a feast for the senses, making the city a must-visit destination for foodies. November is particularly perfect for indulging in unique gastronomic experiences, and there's no better way to explore the Latvian capital's vibrant dining scene than during this year's Autumn Riga Restaurant Week.

Running from October 28 to November 10, this exciting two-week event invites locals as well as visitors to the city to indulge in a selection of exquisite three-course meals at surprisingly affordable prices. Definitely take this opportunity to delight in the season's finest ingredients in meals crafted by some of the city's most talented chefs. Participants include the renowned *Chef's Corner*, *Ferma*, *John*, *Le Dome*, and *Whitehouse* restaurants, all of which have earned *Michelin* recommendations. For a list of all the participating restaurants, visit [liveriga.com](http://liveriga.com).



## FASHION

### Capsule wardrobe

'She's authentic, powerful, and feminine, and she deserves a wardrobe that reflects her lifestyle,' say the mother-daughter team of Ingrida Arāja and Gopika Kalēja, who are the creators of the Latvian fashion brand *Pixie Won't Play*. Over the years, the brand has built up a loyal customer base and was one of the first in the Baltics to focus on creating capsule wardrobes and campaigning against over-consumption.

If you're a frequent traveller, check out its collections, which feature a versatile style that adapts to changing circumstances and occasions.

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## DESIGN

### Collectors' choice

*Latvijas Banka's* collector coins consistently win international design awards, making its latest release particularly noteworthy. The new Energy Coin pays tribute to the vital role of science and the unwavering dedication of scientists in shaping the future of humanity. Designed by acclaimed Latvian designer Germans Ermičs, the coin creatively captures the fundamental laws of physics through a visual representation that blends art and scientific research. Notably, Ermičs recently won a prestigious design award from *Wallpaper\** magazine.

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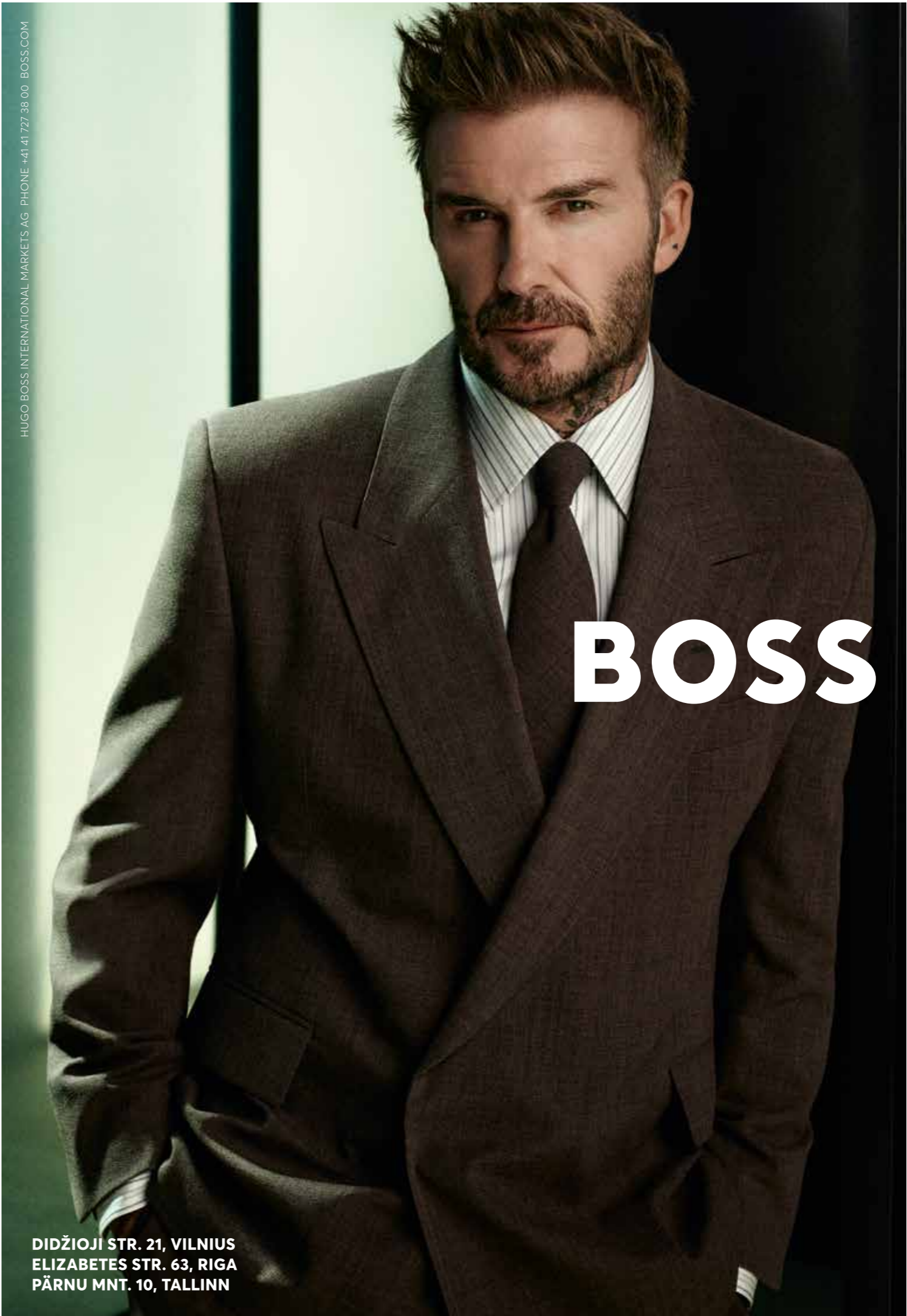


## READING

### Beautiful heritage

If you're looking for a book to read during Latvia's birthday month, consider the recent tribute to Imants Lancmanis. A revered figure for over fifty years, he is celebrated for his tireless dedication, profound knowledge, and commitment to educating the public. Best known as the long-serving director of the Rundāle Palace Museum, Lancmanis is also an accomplished painter and art historian. This tribute, written by Helēna Demakova and published by *Neputns*, is a beautiful reminder of his significant contributions to Latvian art.

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### VIJA ZARIŅA EXHIBITION Until April 20

November in Latvia shrouds the landscape in tranquil shades of grey mist, inviting meditative reflection. This serene atmosphere is beautifully reflected in the works of prominent Latvian painter Vija Zariņa (b. 1961), which capture an inner peace and soothing harmony. Her latest exhibition, *Uzgleznotā daba. Ziema* (Painted Nature: Winter), can be seen at the Ola Foundation in the Ķīpsala neighbourhood of Riga. This exhibition is a must-see for anyone seeking a moment of tranquillity in the midst of the changing seasons. [olafoundation.lv](http://olafoundation.lv)



### KSENIJA SIDOROVA CONCERT November 8

It's not just that the world-famous accordionist Ksenija Sidorova is performing in Riga, but also the fact that the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra and conductor Andris Poga are uniting for a remarkable concert. These musical powerhouses will come together at Hanzas Perons to captivate the audience with works by Arturs Maskats, Rolf Wallin, and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Don't miss this opportunity to see Sidorova, the world's leading ambassador of the classical accordion, in her home country. She performs in Latvia only a few times a year, making this event a must for music lovers. Tickets at [bilesparadize.lv](http://bilesparadize.lv)



### STARO RĪGA LIGHT FESTIVAL November 15-18

November is a month of national importance in Latvia. The highlight is Latvia's day of independence on November 18, which is essentially the country's birthday. This joyous occasion is marked not only by lively parades and concerts but also by the breathtaking Staro Rīga light festival. This annual multi-day event features mesmerising outdoor installations that transform Riga's buildings and parks using innovative lighting and video technology. This year, on four evenings from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., visitors can enjoy the illuminated works of art throughout the Old Town, the city centre, and the charming Pārdaugava district.

#### Did you know?

Riga's splendour is best appreciated from above, and fortunately, there's no shortage of viewpoints in Riga. Head to the terrace of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, the tower of St. Peter's Church, or the *Skyline Bar* on the top floor of the Radisson Blu Latvija hotel. [liveriga.com](http://liveriga.com)

### LATVIA VS BELGIUM November 22

In 2025, Riga will host the final phase of the European Basketball Championship, and the Latvian men's national team is thus guaranteed the right to participate in this grand celebration of the sport. But it's worth seeing the team's qualifier against Belgium at Arena Riga to witness the great support from its fans. Making it to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the World Cup and currently positioned 9<sup>th</sup> in the FIBA Men's World Ranking, the Latvian national team will appear in front of a home crowd and an electric atmosphere is guaranteed. Tickets at [bezrindas.lv](http://bezrindas.lv)



## Quote of the month

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Let this quote from the philosopher Seneca inspire you to follow Latvian football champions RFS as they continue an exciting journey in the prestigious UEFA Europa League. On November 7 at Daugava Stadium, RFS faces RSC Anderlecht, Belgium's most successful club in European competitions. Later, on November 28, RFS will challenge PAOK Thessaloniki from Greece. For more information, visit [fkrfs.lv](http://fkrfs.lv).



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**November 1–7**  
Tallinn Restaurant Week is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the city's diverse food culture and discover the latest trends in Estonian cuisine. During this special week, over 85 restaurants present specially created menus that showcase the essence of their à la carte offerings. Each menu highlights the creativity and expertise of local chefs, allowing diners to experience authentic flavours, innovative techniques, and seasonal ingredients. To explore restaurant options, view menus, and make reservations, visit the event's official website. [tallinnrestaurantweek.ee](http://tallinnrestaurantweek.ee)

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### Did you know?

The Estonian Design House shop features only the work of local designers, showcasing nearly a hundred talented creators. There you'll find a wide range of products, including clothing, furniture, accessories, jewellery, and more. [visittallinn.ee](http://visittallinn.ee)

## SHEPARD FAIREY EXHIBITION

**Until March 9**  
Shepard Fairey (b. 1970) is a renowned street artist celebrated for his provocative work, including over 135 murals worldwide. He rose to prominence during the 2008 US presidential campaign with his iconic portrait of Barack Obama and the explosive success of the *Obey Clothing* brand. His art now comes to Fotografiska Tallinn in the *Photo Synthesis* exhibition, which features more than 200 works created in his Los Angeles studio. It showcases a diverse range of techniques and highlights pop culture icons such as David Bowie, Andy Warhol, and David Lynch, all of whom have influenced and inspired Fairey's creative vision. [tallinn.fotografiska.com](http://tallinn.fotografiska.com)



## TALLINN BLACK NIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

**November 8–24**  
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## KENNY GARRETT CONCERT

**November 12**  
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LITHUANIA GASTRONOMY WEEK

November 4-10

Embark on a gourmet journey through the vibrant Vilnius restaurant scene and discover a world of unexpected flavours. With the launch of the Michelin Guide Lithuania this year, the spotlight has been on several outstanding Lithuanian restaurants, many of which are taking centre stage during Lithuania Gastronomy Week. During this celebration, talented chefs create exclusive menus inspired by remarkable moments in Lithuania's culinary history as well as their own personal stories and explorations of flavour. Don't miss this opportunity to turn every night in Vilnius into an unforgettable culinary experience! govilnius.lt



IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS NOTHING BALLET

November 7-10

'Someone once said that Lithuanian fairy tales are boring, sad and cruel... but that couldn't be further from the truth! When I started researching Lithuanian myths, I found them incredibly captivating,' says choreographer Živilė Baikštytė of her original ballet In the Beginning There Was Nothing. Originally premiered as a one-act ballet in 2019, it has since evolved with new music and an updated script. Stunning costumes and sets add rich layers to the production, inviting audiences at the Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre to witness a mesmerising reimagining of Lithuanian mythology through Baikštytė's imaginative vision. opera.lt

FROM WITHIN EXHIBITION

Until August 31 From Within is the first exhibition in Lithuania to bring together art history and psychology on such a grand scale. By combining these two fields, MO Museum demonstrates how meaningful engagement with art can enhance mental and emotional well-being. The structure of the exhibition is inspired by Carl Jung's model of personality and Alain de Botton's therapeutic view of art. To fully experience its impact and deepen self-awareness, a viewer's active participation is key. To that end, the museum invites you to immerse yourself in the works and reflect deeply. mo.lt

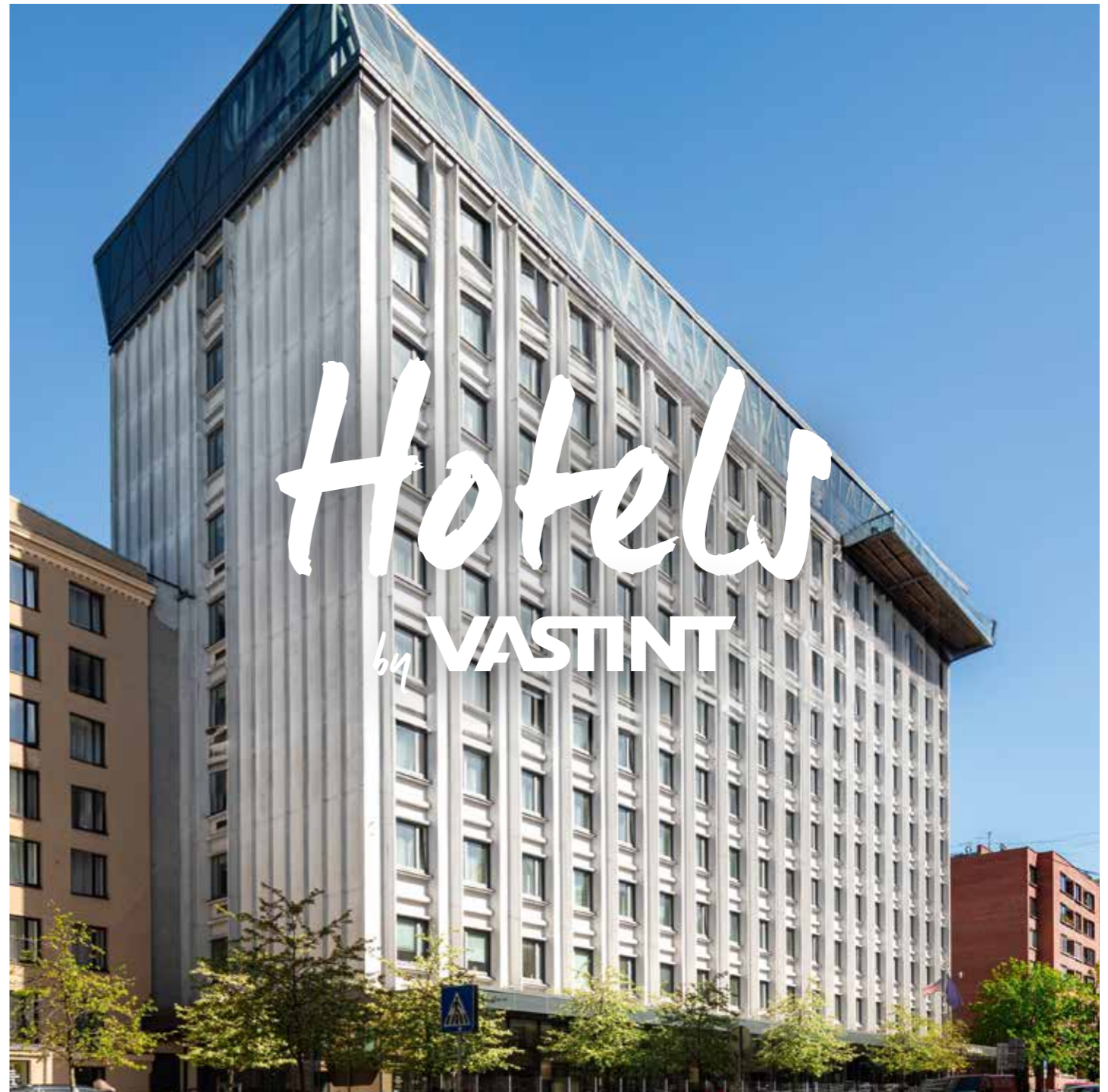
Did you know?

Recently opened in the legendary Vilnius Taxi Park, the Vilnius Automobile Museum has quickly gained recognition as one of the world's best car museums according to Google Reviews and the prestigious UK digital car marketplace Auto Trader. govilnius.lt

SCANORAMA EUROPEAN FILM FORUM

November 7-17

Vilnius is home to a number of exceptional film festivals throughout the year, and Scanorama stands out as a late-autumn highlight. Featuring classics and award-winning films from prestigious festivals such as Berlin and Toronto, this cinematic feast offers a rich selection of European cinema across a wide range of formats and genres. It's a can't-miss event for film buffs. But with so much to see, the real question is: how will you fit it all in? scanorama.lt



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#### Did you know?

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The *Back for a Moment* exhibition at the Sara Hildén Art Museum offers a captivating retrospective of Maarja Wirkkala's (b. 1954) impressive career spanning over 40 years. Known for her innovative approach to aesthetics, materials, and concepts, Wirkkala is one of the most important Finnish artists of her generation. Her art blends sculpture, installation, video, and performance to create evocative and poetic experiences. The exhibition not only revisits her influential body of work but also presents new pieces created specifically for this event. Don't miss this highly anticipated showcase of a groundbreaking artist's remarkable journey. [sarahildenintaidemuseo.fi](http://sarahildenintaidemuseo.fi)

### FINNISH CRAFT AND DESIGN FAIR

November 15-17

The Finnish Craft and Design Fair, held over several days at the Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, is a highly anticipated craft and design event in Finland. If you're looking for tasteful and unique Christmas gifts, this is the place to be! Explore a wide range of design and craft products, including clothing, accessories, home goods, decorations, postcards, and candles. Finnish design is celebrated worldwide for its distinctive blend of simplicity, functionality, and aesthetic appeal, making this a must for anyone who appreciates quality craftsmanship. [kadentaidot.fi](http://kadentaidot.fi)

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For a Latvian jazz record, have a look at *Jersika Records*.



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On November 9, the Palladium Riga concert venue hosts a unique performance by the famous saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the Latvian Radio Big Band.

## Timeless tunes

Winter is the perfect time to embrace Riga's jazzy grooves in warm, vibrant venues.

Jazz has been part of Riga's cultural scene for over 100 years. Maybe that's due to the city's dark, gloomy winter weather, or maybe it's because of the spark of freedom jazz provides. In any case, Riga has retained its position as a jazz city for a century and still offers weekly jam sessions all over town.

Similarly as in the United States, jazz began to emerge in Riga in the 1920s with bands playing the foxtrot and Charleston, designated jazz orchestras, and parties. The middle and upper class in the Latvian capital was keen on the jazz genre and took great pride in attending and engaging in these events. This era also marked the first international recognition for local jazz artists; Latvia's biggest jazz star was pianist and composer Oskars Stroks (Oskar Strok, 1893–1975) whose success even led to tours across Europe, Asia, and North America.

Jazz took on a new sense of daring and independence after the Soviet occupation of Latvia. Some artists were deported, and jazz was more or less forbidden because it was associated with the West. By the 1950s, however, most local cultural centres had begun establishing orchestras that, among other tunes, also played jazz. This was a way for them to retain at least some artistic individuality when travelling to other Eastern Bloc countries.

But nothing could have prepared Rigans for the jazz renaissance that arrived in the 1990s, when Latvia regained its independence. Jazz-themed clubs opened, and more bands began operating independently, letting jazz become an accessible art form for everyone. The Rīgas Ritmi jazz festival has been taking place for more than 20 years now, gathering even more local and international jazz musicians. Nurturing future jazz generations, numerous schools have also opened jazz study programmes, putting jazz on the same level of recognition as academic musical education.



The trendy *M/Darbnīca* has jazz jam sessions every Wednesday.

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This November, Riga stays true to its jazzy spirit and has launched a new jazz festival, called Pink Noise Riga, which invites jazz lovers from all around the world. On November 9, the Palladium Riga concert venue hosts a unique performance by the famous saxophonist Branford Marsalis and the Latvian Radio Big Band. While taking place for the first time this year, Pink Noise Riga aims to attract even more international recognition in the years to come.

The jazz evenings do not stop there. The trendy *M/Darbnīca* has jazz jam sessions every Wednesday, *Kultūras Nams Atmoda* hosts performances by jazz student ensembles every Tuesday, and local and international jazz bands frequently take the stage at *The Botanist* and *Liepa*. Whether you want to combine your Latvian jazz experience with a hearty meal, unique drinks, or good local beer, there's plenty of choice. And if you wish to complete your trip to Riga with a vintage vinyl of Latvian jazz, be sure to check out *Jersika Records*. Alongside new albums, the label also republishes old Latvian records, making for a unique souvenir from your travel adventures.

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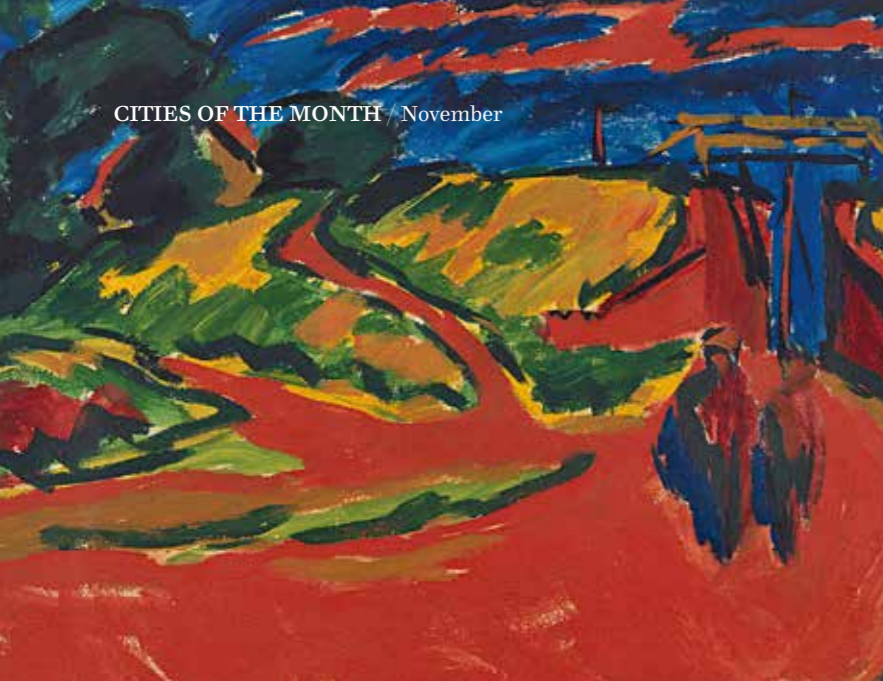
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**German Expressionism: The Artist Group Brücke and the Beginnings of Modernism** at the Moderna Museet highlights the bold and vivid world of early-20<sup>th</sup>-century German artists (until March 9; Exercisplan 4; modernamuseet.se). Founded in 1905 in Dresden, Die Brücke – which translates to ‘the bridge’ – aimed to link the art of the past with the future. With their collective way of living and working, the members of the artists’ group broke the strict moral norms and aesthetic ideals of the German Empire, marking the beginning of German Expressionism. Initially inspired by the oeuvre of Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh, and Edvard Munch, they filled their canvases with large fields of vivid colour, simplified forms, and broken perspectives. The showcase presents paintings, drawings, watercolours, woodcuts, and sculptures by the four founders of the movement – Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Fritz Bleyl, Erich Heckel and Karl Schmidt-Rottluff – as well as works by other prominent artists of that time.

Just a 20-minute bus ride from the city centre, the protected area of Stockholm’s Nacka Nature Reserve beckons with meditative, untamed Nordic nature. Spending a day outside the bustling city will recharge your internal batteries and fill you with energy. **Morning Tour Nacka** is a guided escape into the wilderness to explore the Nacka reserve’s lush forests, granite cliffs, and beautiful views (stockholmnature.com). The specially designated hiking trails are suited to walkers of all levels. During the hike, the guide shares stories about the area’s history and geology, and in winter, participants can even tickle their nerves by walking across the frozen lakes. The lunch prepared fresh over a campfire tastes like the meal of a lifetime, because it is enjoyed in the fresh air and in the good company of one’s fellow hikers. All you need to supply is suitable outdoor shoes and warm clothing.

Overlooking the green treetops of the Tegnérlund park in the picturesque residential district of Vasastan, the newly opened **Villa Dahlia** boutique hotel welcomes its guests in an elegantly converted building from the 1960s (Tegnérlund 8; hotelvilladahlia.com; from SEK 2360). The inspiration behind the hotel’s concept lies in 1920s–30s Italy and its sophisticated design. The 103 rooms of *Villa Dahlia* feature a light-toned, refined collection of furniture, textiles, art, and handicrafts. Seven paintings by Swedish designer Susan Szatmáry and inspired by Sandro Botticelli’s *Birth of Venus*, as well as the work of Alphonse Mucha, enhance the hotel’s entrance and restaurant. While the rooftop bar serves signature cocktails with a view, *Villa Dahlia*’s spa offers a sanctuary of recreation and rejuvenation.

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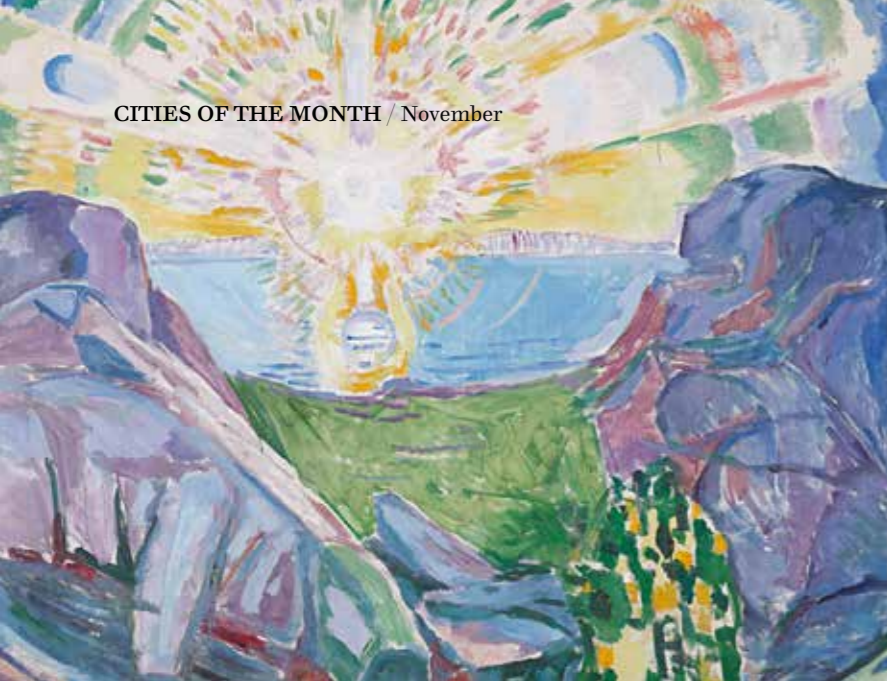


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**Gothic Modern: From Darkness to Light** presents modern art from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries that was influenced by European medieval culture and the Northern Renaissance (until January 26; Kaivokatu 2; ateneum.fi). These periods provided artists with deeply emotional material for self-reflection and the acknowledgement of fundamental human feelings and the forces of nature. The exhibition features works by Lucas Cranach the Elder as well as Vincent van Gogh, Edvard Munch, and numerous prominent Scandinavian artists of the period who covered the themes of enlightenment and suffering, life and death, rituals and sexuality. Many of the works on paper are sensitive to light, so the necessary dim lighting of the exhibition adds an extra dimension to the artistic experience.

**Moving in November** (November 7–17; movinginnovember.fi) is an annual festival of contemporary dance that engages audiences to meet the ever-evolving, experimental, and critical performers of the local as well as international dance scene. The shows take place at various venues across Helsinki. *Pancor Poetics* by Pontus Pettersson is a choreographic installation that transforms the Kunsthalle's exhibition space into a miniature golf course. *The Making of Pinocchio* by Rosana Cade & Ivor MacAskill is a deeply personal tale of love and transition. And in *The Second Body* by Ola Maciejewska, the dancer shares the stage with a block of ice. Baltic Circle is another festival worth checking out; it focuses on contemporary theatre and performance and takes place from November 22 to 30 (balticcircle.fi).

Katajanokan Laituri, a new wooden landmark on Helsinki's forward-looking architecture scene, is nestled in the heart of the central Katajanokka district. Designed by *Anttinen Oiva Architects*, this solid-wood edifice overlooks the shoreline next to Market Square and is home to the headquarters of the *Stora Enso* forest company as well as the new **Solo Sokos Hotel Pier 4**, which claims to be the most sustainable hotel in all of Finland (Katajanokanlaituri 4; sokoshotels.fi; from EUR 227). The four-storey building is made from Finnish and Swedish timber – all in all, nearly 7600 cubic metres of wood – and much of that wood is exposed throughout the interior. *Pier 4* dwells with the untamed sense of Nordic nature; there's even a birch forest growing in the atrium. The hotel features 164 rooms (45 of them with a stunning view of the seascape), a rooftop terrace with a 360-degree panorama, and the *Harbore* restaurant led by *Michelin*-starred chef Sauli Kempainen.

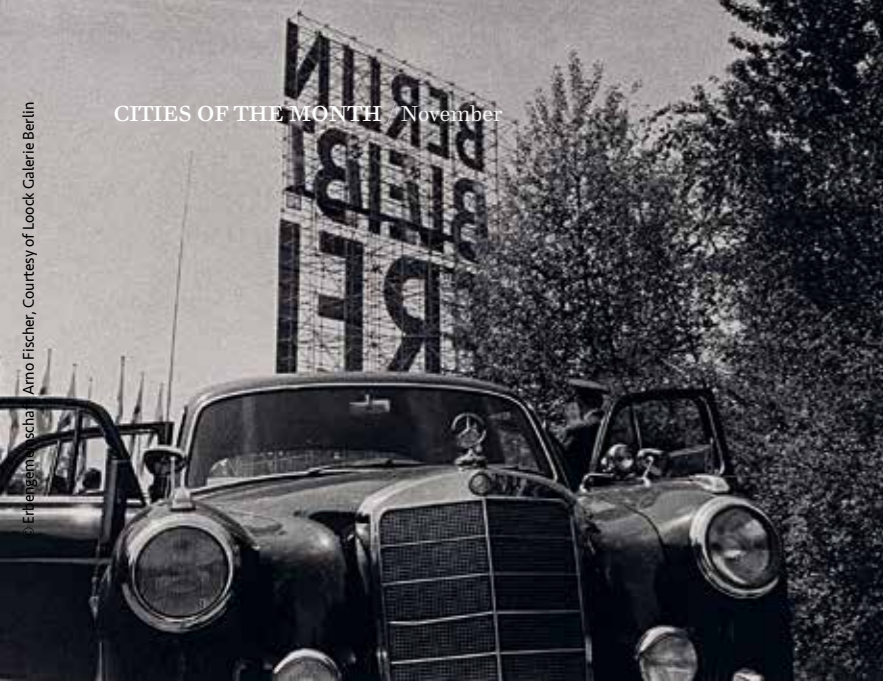
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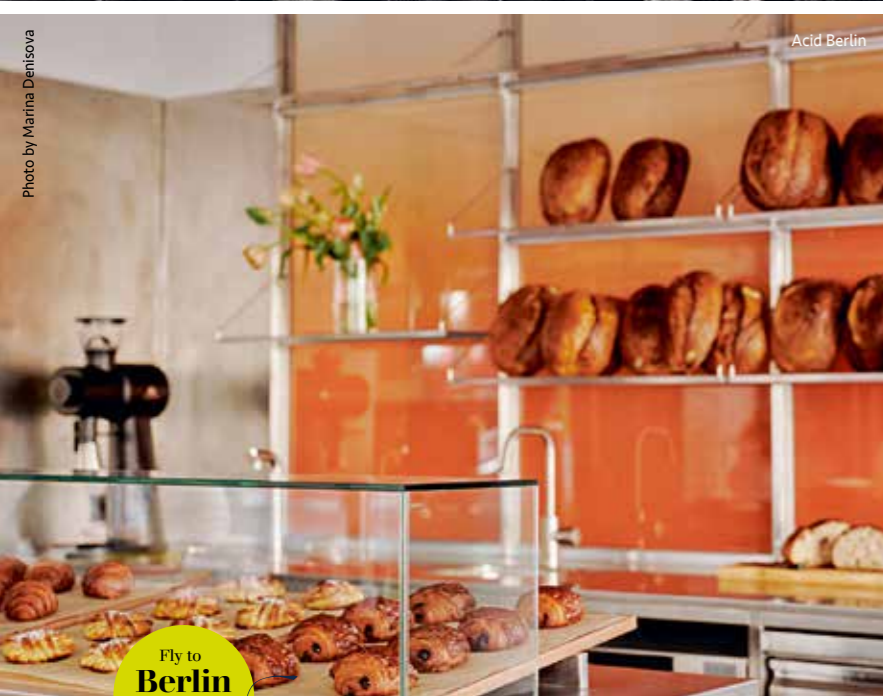


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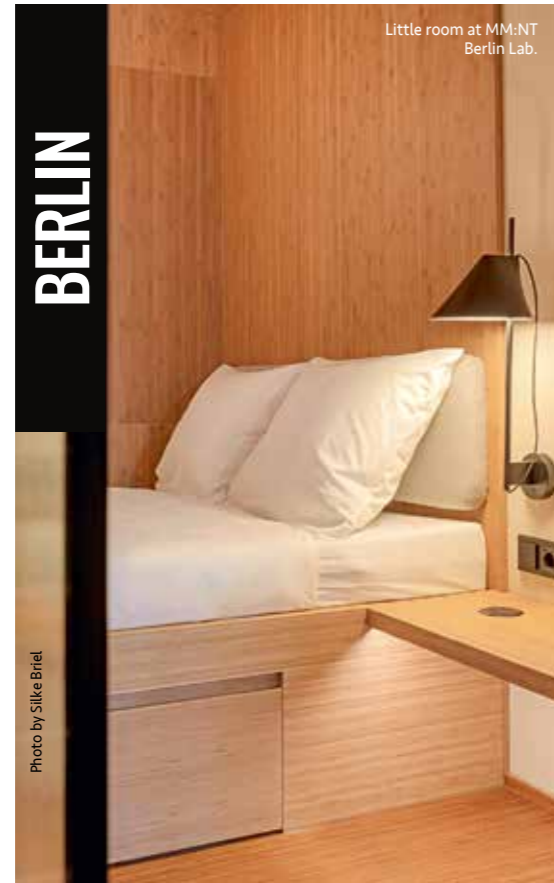
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Acid Berlin

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Little room at MM:NT Berlin Lab.

BERLIN

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◀ Arno Fischer *Tiergarten*, West-Berlin, 1. Mai, Berlin 1959

The Helmut Newton Foundation is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the **Berlin, Berlin** group exhibition at the Museum of Photography (until February 16; Jebensstraße 2; smb.museum). Helmut Newton (1920–2004) trained under the guidance of the legendary German photographer Yva in the late 1930s in Berlin, thus embarking on his own path in the genres of fashion photography, portraits, and nudes. The exhibition features nearly 100 photographs, including his iconic and lesser-known images from Berlin in the 1930s up to the 2000s. Landmarks in the city served as a backdrop for Newton's signature fashion series, while in 1979 German *Vogue* commissioned Newton to reflect on his childhood and youth in Berlin, resulting in a multi-page portfolio titled *Berlin, Berlin!* Vintage prints by Yva, political photojournalism by Barbara Klemm, and select works by Yevgeny Khaldei and other notable artists complement the showcase, which begins with the 'Golden Twenties' and takes visitors through the devastation of the Second World War, to the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, and straight into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

There are never too many bakeries in a town, and the newly opened **Acid Mitte** unites Berlin's urban flair with a cosy atmosphere and alluring design by the Spanish firm *Plantea Estudio* (Rosenthaler Straße 9; @acid.cafe). The interior blends a functional and raw simplicity with warm and welcoming vibes. The spaces feature chestnut wall panelling, red-clay tiles, and orange resin flooring that contrast with the bakery's stainless steel surfaces and light-grey walls. Large wood-framed windows overlook the corner of Rosenthaler Straße and Auguststraße. *Acid's* menu offers signature cardamom buns and *semla*, sourdough bread, a classic selection of pastries (almond croissants, cinnamon rolls, plum cakes), and monthly specials.

**MM:NT Berlin Lab** is a new futuristic aparthotel that offers a fully digital self-service experience (An der Spandauer Brücke 11; mmnt-intime.com). Located in the Hackescher Markt area, the facilities – such as the self-serve bar, lockers, doors, and in-room functions – are accessed by simply swiping specific keys in the app. The minimalist design was created by the *Acme* studio and *BWM*. In the communal zone, green fabric sets the tone while a massive table made of recycled plastic makes a central statement. The low-key yet high-style rooms with modular furniture are divided into three size categories ranging from 11 to 28 square metres. The most compact rooms resemble capsule cabins, while the bathrooms are adorned with recycled terracotta glass tiles.

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## Bucharest's Coffee Revolution

In the Romanian capital, there's no shortage of top-notch specialty coffee shops and roasteries.

That becomes very clear as you make your way down Calea Victoriei, Bucharest's main artery passing by the top sights and landmarks between the Victoriei and Revolution squares, and into the city's historic centre. As the heart of the city's 20<sup>th</sup>-century golden era, the historically revered commercial thoroughfare has always been home to a popular café culture.

The first coffee houses in Bucharest opened in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and were popular among intellectuals, artists, and businessmen, who met at legendary places such as *La Doua Lebede* and *Cafeneaua Veche* not only to enjoy cups of freshly roasted coffee but also to discuss art and politics. Due to the historical Ottoman influence on the local cuisine, the *ibrik*, or Turkish, style of coffee is popular with the older generations, although it is gradually falling out of favour. These days, Bucharest has one of the highest concentrations of specialty coffee shops per capita in Europe, with establishments located throughout the sprawling capital. Tapping into the long-enduring local devotion to coffee, specialty store openings have grown rapidly since 2013, with local pioneers such as *Origo* launching a new trend (and taste) and influencing the wider movement as a coffee roaster.

It's the vibe that usually sparks interest. The smell of great coffee goes hand in hand with cool design and the presence of concept stores. Many of these frequently also host visits by international baristas on weekends, enticing brunches, and other events. More than just a gathering place for friends and people-watching, coffee

shops often become sophisticated social and cultural spaces holding exhibits, encouraging civic action (such as voting), and growing loyal communities.

With at least 150 places scattered around town, Bucharest tops the charts for third-wave coffee lovers. With three locations in town, the local favourite *Ototo* sets itself apart not only with its coffee shop and young devotees but also as a concept store selling organic Romanian foods and drinks. Its biggest address, on Calea Victoriei, devotes the entire second floor to independent fashion brands fostering sustainability and conscious living.

On Charles de Gaulle Square next to Bucharest's largest park, Herăstrău, two key players have revived a beautiful corner by drawing a fashionable crowd on their terraces and storefront benches. Set in a historic villa, *Bob Coffee Lab* got its start at the World Coffee Roasting Championship in 2016 and has been expanding with new shops ever since. Next door, another industry front-runner, *Steam Coffee Shop*, has unveiled its largest venue so far, which exudes minimalist Scandinavian vibes.

Back in the Old Town, inside the heritage Art Deco-style Ghica House, *ESHTE Shop & Café* is a creative space fostering Romanian artisans and contemporary designers, with exclusive items for sale. Serving coffee from *Origo*, it's a unique setting to take in. It's also close to another eye-catcher, *L'VEV (La Vita e Velo)*, where coffee roasted by *Madison Coffee* meets cycling in a lively, trendy atmosphere.

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## MY SOFIA

**Vesselina Sarieva**, the founder of Sarieva/Gallery, is a true ambassador of contemporary Bulgarian art. She is also the curator of the *DOT Sofia* art collection and has brought her artistic vision to life in the eponymous aparthotel that uniquely blends lifestyle, design, and gastronomy. At the luxury apartment-style *DOT Sofia*, Sarieva not only organises exhibitions and cultural events but also draws inspiration from the vibrant spirit of the Bulgarian capital. Here she shares her personal recommendations for the ultimate Sofia experience.



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### Old Sofia district

Walking around the city is an essential part of getting to know Sofia. The city is very pedestrian-friendly. Take a stroll through Old Sofia, around the Women's Market, the Central Mineral Baths, the Banya Bashi Mosque, the Synagogue, and the Saints Cyril and Methodius Church. Alternatively, if you're staying at *DOT Sofia*, you can enjoy panoramic views of these landmarks from the roof terrace.

### Mahala Independent Bookstore

This bookstore has a large selection of books in their native languages as well as a curated selection of magazines. Large wood-framed windows open onto a welcoming interior with a massive communal table in the middle and wooden bookshelves covering almost the entire wall. There's also a comfy sofa upstairs. It's a great place to enjoy coffee, wine, good music, and like-minded company. The store also hosts open mics and educational talks in English.

Georgi Benkovski 27; mahala.bg

### Vitosha Mountain

Look up and out – spend a day outside the city! Consider taking a refreshing and unforgettable walk in nature along the trails of Vitosha. The mountain is easy to reach by bus or taxi, just make sure you wear proper footwear and warm clothing. There are also several mountain huts serving hot drinks and hearty meals along the way. In winter, Vitosha is covered in snow, and the ski season here begins in mid-December and lasts until mid-April.

### Komat Restaurant

The *Komat* restaurant never fails to surprise me with its modern take on Bulgarian cuisine and a thoughtful, ever-changing menu. The sea bass and vegetarian dishes, as well as those made with local cheeses, are among my favourites. The restaurant chooses the best seasonal ingredients from local suppliers from the beautiful Rhodope Mountains, Deliorman, and other areas in the country. It's a culinary journey through Bulgaria without leaving the table!

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# Discover a warm welcome in Kittilä

For the indigenous Sami people of Lapland, the year has eight seasons, and three of them are in winter.

Kittilä, a municipality in Finnish Lapland, is a great place to explore all of them – and it's easier to reach than you'd think.

November is 'early winter', a time of crisp days, cold air, and clear skies. The next season, 'snowy winter', usually arrives by mid-November and is a time of first snow and the start of winter activities, including snowshoeing and snowmobiling. Sled dogs, which have been training on muddy tracks in the autumn, start to get a taste for colder paths. And though the daylight dims, outdoor activities beckon, including skiing on Levi's world-class – and floodlit – slopes.

As the polar night (a three-week midwinter period when the sun does not rise at all) approaches, reindeer overwinter in the forests, snowmobile trails wind between the trees, and dog sleds speed along now icy tracks. Snow falls on the already snowy forest, making them look like marshmallow trees, and pink skies appear as the sun shows its face again in January. As winter experiences go, this one is exceptional.

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Snow-covered trees in Levi

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## SINK INTO THE MAGIC OF WINTER

### Skiing at Finland's best ski resort

You're in good company at the Levi Ski Resort – its championship slopes are used for the Levi Alpine Ski World Cup, which brings the world's best alpine skiers to town each November and celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. But you don't have to be a world champ to ski these slalom slopes; they're open to all, with slopes for all abilities and a season that runs until May. There's particularly good provision for families, with a kids' land and ski school, as well as opportunities for cross-country skiing. [levi.fi](http://levi.fi)

### Hiking on a frozen lake

According to meteorologists, northern-lights spotting is set to be huge this winter, thanks to exceptional solar activity that is producing more intense lights than usual. There's no better place to do it than in the Levi-Kittilä area, where clean air and a lack of light pollution offer great conditions for aurora spotters. *Kinos Safaris* offer an unusual nighttime hike on the frozen Lake Sirkkajärvi in search of the mystical phenomenon. After an hour or so's walk, you can retreat to their Lapp tent and warm up, eat sausages and pancakes, and thaw out your toes. [kinossafaris.fi](http://kinossafaris.fi)

### Tree hugging in the forest

A massive 74% of Finland is forested, making it the most forested country in the European Union. Get to know it better by visiting the Halipuu forest, where you can drink coffee by the fire at a forest café, hike snowy trails, and hang out in a hammock strung between two trees. It's even possible to book an overnight stay in a hammock if you're brave enough. The Halipuu forest hosts the Tree Hugging World Championships each summer and is the perfect place to get in touch with the Finnish love for the forest. [halipuu.com](http://halipuu.com)

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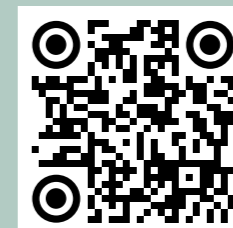
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# Point of view

Where to go in Innsbruck, according to photographer Danijel Jovanovic.



### My secret spot

‘The Patscher Alm is one of my favourite places, mainly because of the stunning views of the surrounding valleys, such as the Stubai Valley, and the breathtaking view of the Serles mountain. But what really sets it apart is the welcoming, rustic atmosphere that makes you feel like you’ve stepped into a piece of authentic Alpine life. Sitting at one of the wooden tables with a hearty plate of traditional Tyrolean fare, including the restaurant’s delicious cheese dumplings, it’s the perfect place to relax after a hike and take in the scenery. In winter, the Patscher Alm is transformed into a snow-covered paradise. The mountains are blanketed in white and the silence of the snow creates a tranquillity rarely found elsewhere. And thanks to the Patscherkofel cable car, it’s incredibly easy to get there.’

Words by Līga Valko  
Photos courtesy of Danijel Jovanovic



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Danijel Jovanovic, a professional photographer from Innsbruck, Austria, has a deep passion for capturing the natural beauty of his Alpine surroundings. Specialising in landscape photography, he brings the majestic Alps and impressive local scenery to life through his lens. Alongside his photography, Jovanovic runs a personal blog at djphotography.at, where he shares his outdoor adventures and provides tips and insights to inspire others to explore the outdoors. He is also a content creator for *Innsbruck Tourism*, highlighting the city’s rich cultural and natural treasures and helping visitors discover the region’s hidden beauty.



The City Tower platform offers views over Innsbruck's medieval streets.

### Other locations to check out

- The historical Stadtturm (City Tower) in the Old Town offers breathtaking views over the rooftops of Innsbruck, making it the ideal place to capture the city’s charm from above.
- The Nordkette cable car takes visitors to the top of the Hafelekar mountain, which offers wonderful Alpine scenery and panoramic views of Innsbruck, making it a year-round favourite with photographers.
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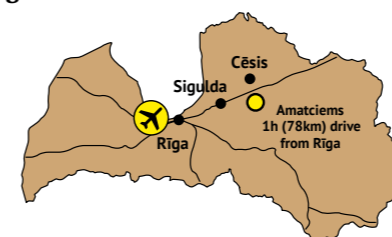
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# Munich IN 24 HOURS



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Munich combines Bavarian tradition with Alpine beauty, a vibrant arts scene, and cosmopolitan flair.



## WHERE TO STAY

Located on Munich's historic Stachus square, the new *Koenigshof Hotel* offers a range of epicurean delights. Featuring a striking gold day bar, a panoramic rooftop terrace, and a pool, it's Germany's first *Marriott Bonvoy Luxury Collection* hotel. Housed in a sleek building designed by *Nieto Sobejano* architects, the 106-room property blends Munich's cultural heritage with modern sophistication. The communal areas showcase art by Joseph Beuys and Christo & Jeanne-Claude, while the rooms (which have floor-to-ceiling windows) feature dark wood panels and soft, neutral fabrics. The hotel restaurant, *Greta Oto Munich*, serves Latin American cuisine with breathtaking ninth-floor views. Karlsplatz 25; marriott.com; from EUR 402



## WHERE TO SHOP

Munich offers a diverse shopping scene, from high-end fashion to bustling flea markets, but one standout experience for vintage lovers and night owls is the *Midnightbazar*. Held several Saturdays a month at the Backstage Kulturzentrum from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., this night flea market has drawn nearly 100,000 visitors annually since its debut in 2010. Spanning 2500 square metres with around 100 stalls, it offers a lively mix of vintage fashion, antiques, handmade items, and design pieces. The vibrant atmosphere is enhanced by live music, a beer garden, and food trucks serving delicious snacks. Reitknechtstraße 6; midnightbazar.de

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## WHY NOT

*Bergson Kunstkraftwerk* in the Aubing district is a bold new addition to Munich's cultural scene. Once the historic Aubinger Heizkraftwerk heating plant and a 1980s techno rave hotspot, this industrial site has now been transformed into a vibrant hub for art, events, and gastronomy. Led by *Stenger2* architects, the renovation began in 2021, and this spring, the 20,000-square-metre venue opened its doors to the public. It now hosts live concerts, exhibitions, cabaret, readings, dance, and discussions. It also boasts Germany's largest gallery space. *Bergson* is quickly becoming a magnet for urban culture in Munich. Am Bergson Kunstkraftwerk 2; bergson.com



## A CLASSICS NOT TO MISS

In Munich, the Alps are a constant presence, and the Alpine Museum, which has newly reopened after a complete refurbishment, brings this world to life. Its redesigned permanent exhibition explores the extraordinary, extreme, and curious aspects of Alpine life. Visitors can delve into history through thematic artefacts such as vintage gear, lodgings, and costumes alongside a rich collection of drawings, paintings, and photographs. The museum's café and tranquil garden provide the perfect spot for relaxation after a visit. Praterinsel 5; alpenverein.de



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The Sultanahmet neighbourhood serves as a perfect base for immersing yourself in the wonders of Ottoman architecture. Every corner in this area is packed with visually rich buildings, and you'll certainly wake up to a view of the Bosphorus from your balcony and the sound of a muezzin calling people to prayer.

Start with the captivating opulence of the Hagia Sophia. The symphony of marble and gold in the mosque is awe-inspiring. Head to Topkapı Palace to relive the glorious era of the sultans. There you'll find colourful tiled halls, harems, inner gardens, and scenic galleries. Go to the Basilica Cistern to witness the enchanting subterranean world of 336 stone columns reflected in the water. Then, lose yourself among the labyrinthine stalls of the Grand Bazaar, which has kept the commerce going for more than 500 years. Istanbul truly impresses at every step.

Cruising the local waterways is the ultimate experience to embrace the city's grandeur. A full Bosphorus tour (Eminönü to Sarıyer) as offered by Istanbul's official ferry company, *Şehir Hatları*, is a must. Head to the Sea of Marmara and take a boat from Kabataş to one of the Princes' Islands for a taste of island living. Don't worry about the wind, because it's warm inside the ferry.

Istanbul is a treat for the taste buds as well and offers many flavourful adventures. *Karaköy Güllüoğlu* is a universe of Turkish desserts with an *Instagram*-worthy presentation of baklava. On Buyuk Hendek Street, stop by a café for a *simit* (Istanbul-style bagel) and Turkish tea with the medieval Galata Tower in the background. Then have a *balık ekmek* (a fish sandwich) at the picturesque Galata Bridge. For street food staples such as *midye dolma* (stuffed mussels), *dürüm* (kebab wrap), and *lahmacun* (pizza-like flatbread), go to the vibrant Kadıköy district. But wherever you go in Istanbul, it will be exotically delicious!

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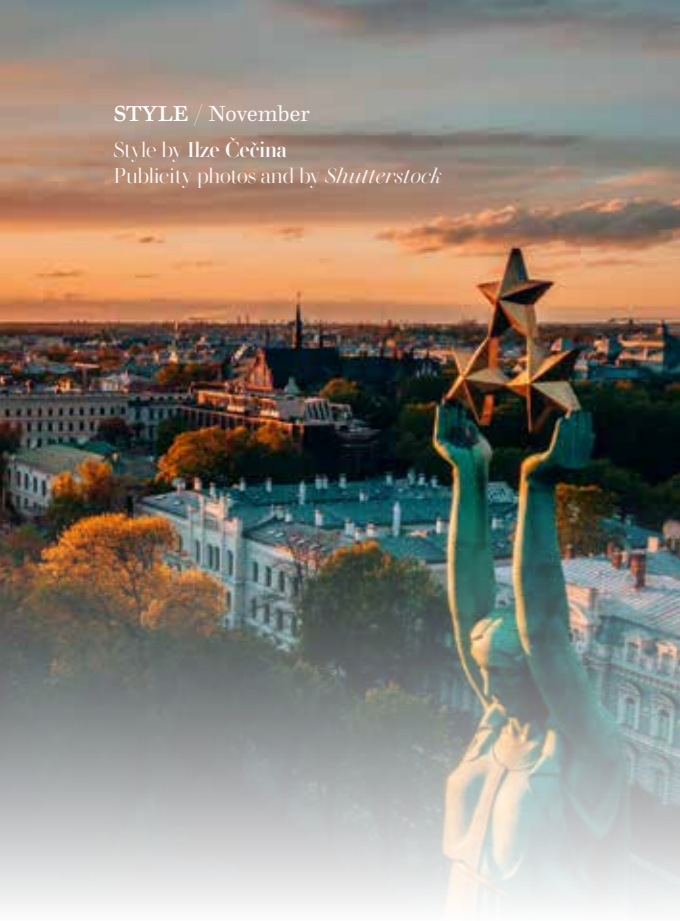
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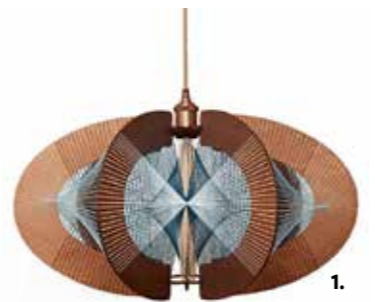




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## From Rubens to the plastic bag

The Kunstpalast museum has reopened with a new twist to shake up Düsseldorf's ever-vibrant art scene.

Words by Olga Dolina  
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A neighbour of the lush Hofgarten park and the Rhine River, the Kunstpalast is one of Düsseldorf's main artistic landmarks. The art inside spans several centuries, while the museum's Art Deco building designed by Wilhelm Kreis was built in just a year, in 1926. It forms a significant part of the monumental, landscape-defining Ehrenhof ensemble, which is an urban magnet beloved by locals and travellers alike that also includes the circular Tonhalle music hall, the NRW-Forum, and the Rheinterrasse.

Following an extensive renovation designed by Sieber Architekten, the Kunstpalast presents a united complex that engages visitors in participation. The courtyard and two separate wings are integrated with a café in the building's archway. A main focal point of the interior is the slender, elegant new spiral staircase in the spacious foyer, where the large-scale *Assumption of Mary* (1618) by Peter Paul Rubens contrasts with the no less imposing *Earth Cloth* (2003) by El Anatsui made from hundreds and hundreds of bottle caps in a nod to the issues of global trade and overconsumption.

The Kunstpalast's collection numbers nearly 130,000 objects and displays around 800 pieces at any one time. Its 49 exhibition rooms of various

sizes and colours are organised in chronological sequence, featuring art from the medieval era to the 20<sup>th</sup> century and also contemporary pieces. Paintings are often paired with thematic artefacts from the respective eras to broaden the perspective. The new permanent exhibition, titled *It's All Art?!*, even contains a plastic bag from an Aldi grocery store pinned on the wall. From Lucas Cranach's *Unequal Couple* (1530) to a pair of Birkenstock sandals, all genres – from miniature to monumental, jewellery, sculpture, iconic design, Bauhaus furniture, and interactive VR installations – are harmoniously displayed here under one roof.

The route through the museum includes 'hidden' rooms containing optical illusions and digital curiosities. Nicknamed *Rhino Palast*, they give children an active museum experience. Another gem is the *Creamcheese Room* – a reconstruction of Düsseldorf's legendary underground club and a place of artistic experimentation in the 1960s and 70s. After the bar's closure, Kunstpalast acquired its trademark interior, which can now be explored as part of the exhibition and invites visitors to linger for a drink on Saturday evenings.

Ehrenhof 4-5; kunstpalast.de

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## airBaltic elevates safety reporting with AI solutions

airBaltic has embarked on a journey to improve operational efficiency and safety risk management by integrating the *Beams* artificial intelligence (AI) platform into the analysis of safety reports. Handling over 30,000 reports annually, the airline faced an overwhelming challenge in processing and analysing the growing volume of data, particularly during peak periods such as the busy summer months, when it handles over 500 reports a week. 'A year ago, we were struggling to manage the increasing amount of data needed to support our operations. Manual processing wasn't fast enough, and it became clear that we needed a technology upgrade to speed up data access and reduce our response times,' explains Lauris Miķelsons, VP of Compliance & Safety at airBaltic.

The introduction of the *Beams* AI platform has fundamentally changed the airline's approach to safety report management. 'As one of the first airlines to fully embrace AI technology in safety report management, we've seen remarkable results,' Miķelsons says. 'Since integrating the AI platform, we've experienced a significant boost in automation and overall efficiency.'

It used to take around five minutes to assess a single report. Now, however, 20 reports can be accomplished in the same amount of time frame. This enhanced efficiency enables the team to quickly identify critical incidents requiring immediate intervention, ensuring faster response times and improved operational safety. AI helps filter out less critical reports, allowing human analysts to concentrate on high-priority concerns.

'For instance, on a Monday morning following a busy weekend, the team can face hundreds of reports. Thanks to AI, what used to take an entire day to sort through now takes just a fraction of that time. The platform instantly flags key insights and categorises

incidents by importance, from non-safety-critical to those demanding urgent action,' Miķelsons explains.

Beyond merely speeding up processes, *Beams* AI detects hidden hazards and uncovers causal relationships within vast datasets that might go unnoticed by human analysts. Trained on six years of historical data, the AI identifies both known and unexpected trends, offering valuable insights into potential safety risks.

AI has not only improved operational efficiency but has also optimised resource allocation. Tasks that once required significant manual effort, such as reviewing repetitive, low-priority reports, are now automated. 'This shift allows us to focus more on risk management rather than manually processing repetitive reports,' Miķelsons says. 'As our fleet grows and data volumes increase, the AI solution enables us to handle the additional workload without expanding our analytics capacity.'

Importantly, while *Beams* AI provides valuable insights, qualified humans remain in control. The AI offers suggestions, but the team retains decision-making authority, which is crucial in safety management.

'We anticipate that the *Beams* AI solution will further deepen our insights into the relationships between various hazards and events while enhancing the overall quality of our data,' says Miķelsons. *Beams* is already developing AI agents that can ask specific follow-up or clarifying questions and assist with filing reports in over 60 languages, which has the potential to greatly streamline the reporting process.

'Through the integration of AI and human expertise, airBaltic creates a robust framework in which advanced technology and skilled professionals can work in harmony,' Miķelsons concludes.

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# The art of dining

How food studios are shaping modern cuisine



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Known for their high-profile collaborations, *We Are Ona* teamed up with *Crosby Studios* for some artistic experimentation.

Even if your social media is filled with sports content, it's nearly impossible to not come across beautifully curated food posts these days. And we're not talking about just adding a sprinkle of parsley on top of a dish. No, these are meals crafted into visually stunning works of art. There are many reasons behind this trend. For one, food has increasingly become a status symbol for younger consumers, particularly as the cost of living rises and Gen Z embraces the 'sweet little treat' economy – finding luxury in everyday pleasures, such as an aesthetically pleasing meal.

Furthermore, the intersection between food and fashion has grown stronger, with exclusive brand dinners now being highlight events during Fashion Weeks. These gatherings feature renowned culinary talents collaborating with fashion brands to create feasts that go viral.

With the growing demand for culinary creativity, it's no surprise that new gastronomy studios are popping up across Europe. They defy the traditional boundaries of dining, moving beyond restaurant walls to collaborate with local businesses, host pop-ups, and organise supper clubs, thus positioning themselves at the forefront of exciting, modern culinary experiences.

## These gatherings feature renowned culinary talents

Words by Ilze Vitola  
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### CREATIVE FOOD STUDIOS TO WATCH

#### Sanaa's Kitchen in Amsterdam

Inspired by her longing for authentic Egyptian cuisine, Hader Serour founded *Sanaa's Kitchen* to bring the rich flavours of Egypt to Amsterdam. From perfectly crafted falafels to comforting Egyptian breakfast plates, *Sanaa's Kitchen* offers hearty, soulful meals. It frequently collaborates with trendy ventures, such as natural-wine distributors and vintage markets, while also hosting its own events, including the popular Sunday Egyptian Brunch series. IG/sanaa\_kitchen

#### Herrlich Dining in Berlin

Founder Hannah Kleeberg began hosting intimate dinners in 2022, sharing them on *Instagram*. Fast forward two years, and she teamed up with creative consultant Hannah Aschenbrenner and chef Franziska Maurer to establish a colourful, design-forward space in the Neukölln district of Berlin in the spring of 2024. The studio, which is open on weekends, features a playful, ever-changing menu with beautifully styled dishes as well as a small concept store. True to its spontaneous spirit, reservations are not accepted – just show up and savour the moment. herrlichdining.de

#### We Are Ona in Paris

This food collective has gained widespread media attention by transforming unconventional spaces – such as a tennis club in Milan and a former stable in Arles – into pop-up restaurants. Run by an ever-evolving team of international chefs, artists, and designers, it makes every dining experience unique. *We Are Ona's* headquarters, located in a former taxidermist's workshop in Paris, the hometown of founder Luca Pronzato, serves as its creative hub. While known for high-profile collaborations with brands such as *Jacquemus* and *Moncler*, it also curates public dining events that are open to all. weareona.co

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COD's gastronomic concept, helmed by Head Chef Arturs Taskans, brings an exciting local flair to the table with a unique synergy of Asian and Nordic flavours, which fuse beautifully and offer a dining experience that is truly different. The restaurant is complemented by a cocktail lounge serving beverages and signature cocktails designed as a perfect match to COD culinary creations.

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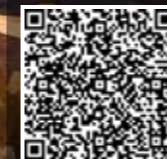
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UNAGI INU serves Asian soul food in a relaxed and vibrant setting inspired by Japanese pop culture. Wall art and sculptures by talented local artists create a perfect backdrop for a diverse and fun dining experience. An array of dishes for all tastes and tummies awaits our guests, be it sushi, chirashi bowls, onigiri and bao or Japanese sweets. Do enjoy!

## THE LOCAL TASTE OF TENERIFE

Tenerife might seem like one of the most overly visited places in the world, as beaches, great weather, plenty of entertainment, and breathtaking nature can be found on every corner. However, when one wanders off the usual tourist trails, the island offers a completely different feel – full of history and a community proud of its heritage.

Tenerife – an AI-generated illustration inspired by the style of Spanish artist Pedro de Guezala. He was born in Tenerife in 1896 and was an integral part of the local art scene between 1920 and 1960. His early works were inspired by artists such as Joaquín Sorolla, but his later works reflect the modernist style. He was also a renowned illustrator who sought to show a new visual identity of the Canary Islands. Guezala had solid academic training and was a great defender of education. He worked for magazines, illustrated books, and in 1932 began teaching linear and machine drawing at the Nautical School of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a position he held until his death.



In 2024, *airBaltic* launched an NFT collection featuring AI-generated works of art inspired by artists from its destinations. Each month, a new destination is showcased on the cover of *Baltic Outlook* magazine, blending technology and art to highlight *airBaltic*'s cultural network. Find the collection at *Magic Eden*.

Words by **Marta Metzälé**  
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The first known settlement on the island of Tenerife dates back to 200 BCE, when the island was inhabited by the Guanches, an indigenous people believed to have originally arrived there from northern Africa. But since 1496, the island has been under Spanish rule, making Tenerife's population a unique mix of Spanish, Arab, and African blood. Tenerife has always possessed the richest and most fertile land in the Canary Islands, making every part of the island a desirable spot – in other words, only the wealthiest people could live there.

That desire to live in Tenerife has persisted, and ever since Spain joined the European Union, Tenerife has reached new heights of popularity. The island has become a dream destination for a great variety of tourists, remote workers, expats, and anyone else who wants to enjoy the astonishing nature and great weather. Tenerife is also a low-tax zone with a VAT of 7%, making it a tempting place to live or establish a business. Thus, while the island officially has only around 900,000 inhabitants, its visitor numbers exceed five million a year. These statistics are enough to give any adventurous visitor an exciting challenge, and I also vow to myself to head beyond the tourist paths and enjoy Tenerife the way the locals see it. The original and authentic way.

**MY TRIP BEGINS WITH MEETING ADAL MESA DELGADO, A BORN-AND-BRED TENERIFEÑO (A PERSON FROM TENERIFE) AND STARGAZING EXPERT** from the town of Icod el Alto, where he also lives today. It's a small town in the north of the island, and he reminisces about life in the close-knit community when he was a young child. 'If my dad's car was not in the driveway, you knew the neighbours had taken it for a ride,' he laughs. 'My father always left the keys in the car, because everyone in the village was on a first-name basis.'

Since the 1990s, the town has become increasingly popular among visitors. While they integrate very well, the town's population has skyrocketed, making it impossible to know every resident. Delgado lives in his grandparents' house, which is a common practice on the island – Tinerfeños often live on the family estate for their whole life. Because there's nothing more precious than family, relatives aim to stick together. Even if the young people move to another city or country for their studies, they tend to eventually return to the family nest to take care of their older relatives and give the family home a new life.



Tenerife, and especially the Teide volcano, is a popular destination for stargazing, as the remote location ensures pitch-black skies, a lack of city lights, and an unforgettable astronomy experience with certified guides.

## The name of the Teide volcano originates from the Guanche word for ‘devil’

While nowadays most locals work in the tourism or construction sectors, which are currently the island’s biggest sources of income, Tenerife’s main industry has historically been agriculture. Being a mountainous country with pleasant weather, that agriculture centred heavily around grapes and potatoes, although most farms also kept goats and chickens and grew pumpkins and corn.

And if there’s one thing Tinerfeños are extremely passionate about, it’s potatoes. They can talk about them for hours. Tenerife is the birthplace of several Canarian potato varieties that cannot be found anywhere else in Europe. What’s more, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the town of Icod el Alto was the first place in the region where potatoes imported from Peru were planted. The field where they were planted still exists, and the potatoes grown on the island are legally protected – farms elsewhere in the world cannot claim to grow Canarian Old Potatoes. Even today, locals grow 16 different potato varieties, and potatoes are the staple ingredients of many Canarian dishes. However, the old potato varieties are now mostly grown only for each family’s own consumption. Many families have small gardens, and the potatoes available in the stores are mostly imported from other countries.

**MOST LOCALS TEND TO LIVE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TENERIFE, WHERE THE MOUNTAINS ARE**

HIGHER and, consequently, the temperatures are milder. With the beaches in the south having been overtaken by luxurious resorts and all-you-can-eat buffets, all the local people I meet encourage me to head north. There, it’s a few degrees cooler, several hundred metres higher, more secluded, and thus populated more by locals and only the more adventurous visitors.

So I decide to do just that and visit some vineyards. Grapes, potatoes, and strong family ties make up the story of the picturesque *Bodegas Ferrera* winery in the small town of Arafo. The town gives a quick insight into local life in mountainous Tenerife. Mothers walk their children home from school, the youngsters loudly gesturing about how their day went, and the local café is getting ready to close for siesta, the remaining locals finishing up their espressos and folding up today’s newspapers. The day is becoming increasingly hotter, reaching up to 30 degrees Celsius, so everyone is getting ready to wait out the heat in the comfort of their homes.

Established in the 1940s by Tomás Ferrera, today *Bodegas Ferrera* is run by his grandson and produces around 50,000 wine bottles per year. That’s a relatively small number, making the wine unique to this region. I’m greeted at the winery by one of its five employees, Dacil Afonso. She proudly tells me that, while the official language on the island is Spanish and the Guanche language is now extinct, the locals keep their heritage close to their hearts and numerous cultural and historical sites carry their original Guanche name. For example, the name of the Teide volcano (the highest mountain in Tenerife and all of Spain) originates from the Guanche word for ‘devil’. The Canary Islands are also paying significant attention to preserving the historical remains from the pre-Hispanic times. For instance, Gran Canaria has preserved most of its archaeological sites and opened them up to visitors. People



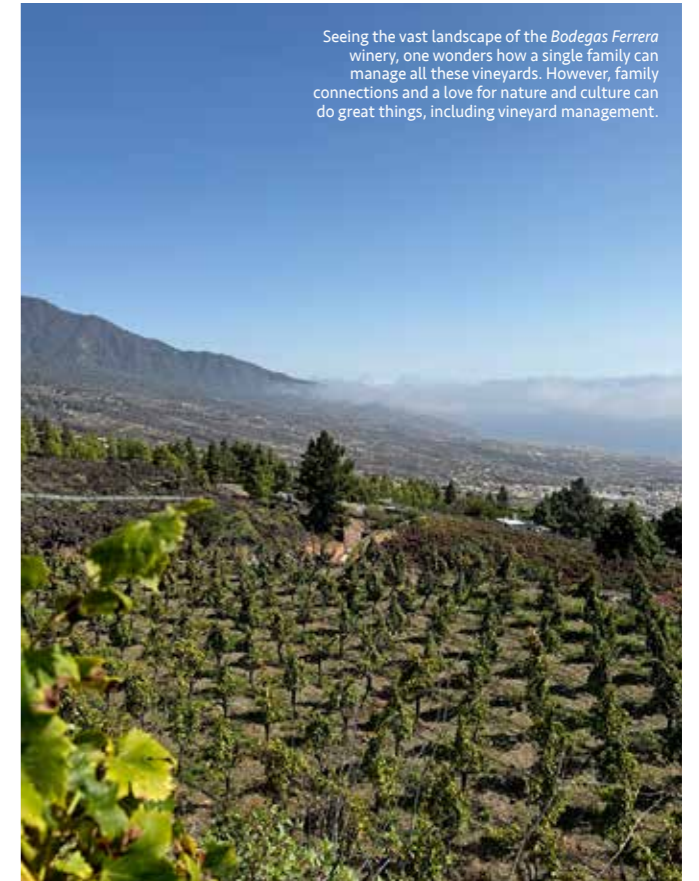
The sunset puts on a beautiful show of shadows against the cliffs, but once it gets dark, one can see many constellations with the naked eye and even more with the help of a telescope.

hope the same will soon happen in Tenerife, where historical sites are still being restored.

The *Bodegas Ferrera* vineyard lies a few minutes’ drive from central Arafo, so we hop into Afonso’s truck. In true Canarian spirit, without a flinch, she easily takes us 300 metres up the mountain in a mere five minutes to reach the vineyard. While the steep roads seem daunting at first and I feel the urge to hold on tight to the door handle, one quickly becomes used to them in Tenerife. After all, to experience the true Tenerife, one must go where the tour buses don’t reach. And already those first views of the valley, the ocean, and the vineyards make me fall in love with this place.

We wander around the vineyards, picking a grape or two on every corner to taste the differences. The territory is impressively large, and I can’t get my mind around the fact that only five employees, including family members, can manage the whole place. To ease my confusion, Afonso explains that in summer, when the harvest season starts, extra help is needed. ‘We want to keep it all in the family, though, so in the summer we call all our friends, relatives, and neighbours to help hand-pick all of the grapes,’ she says, adding that afterwards, there’s a great big party with a traditional Canarian dinner and the last of the previous year’s wine.

It turns out that, thanks to its diverse terrain and long harvest season, Tenerife has more grape types than Rioja, one of the most popular wine regions in continental Spain. Thanks to the diverse elevations and temperature differences across the island (it can be up to five degrees cooler in the north than in the south), the wine season here runs from July until November. However, there are some natural disasters that cannot be predicted. For example, Tenerife is often a victim of forest fires. But thankfully, *Bodegas Ferrera’s* vineyards were not affected by last year’s fire.



Seeing the vast landscape of the *Bodegas Ferrera* winery, one wonders how a single family can manage all these vineyards. However, family connections and a love for nature and culture can do great things, including vineyard management.

There’s no better way to enjoy wine than with plates of delicious tapas. A nougat-like slice of bread with almonds immediately catches my attention. This delicacy, called *gofio*, is traditional to the island. It’s made of finely ground roasted corn and grains, honey, and almonds and is a staple tapa on every Canarian plate of appetisers. The nutty elements combine perfectly with the creamy texture, and there’s a unique note of sweetness. Each of the four wines I try at *Bodegas Ferrera* is accompanied by a different set of sweet and salty tapas, but the *gofio* lingers in my mind, and I promise myself to find some in a store or at least buy the flour to make it at home.

## TINERFEÑOS LOVE HEARTY FOOD, AND THEY’RE GENEROUS ENOUGH TO SHARE IT WITH EVERYONE.

The tapas on this island seem as large as full-meal portions – I’ve over-ordered and am forced to leave some uneaten seafood, fried snacks, and potatoes on the table. If, upon hearing you order a few tapas, the waitress asks if you’re feeling especially hungry today, you know you’re in for a delicious ride. Who would have thought that half a portion of *croquetas* consists of eight massive pieces? Impressive meal sizes are also true of the Canarian lunch experience with chef and farmer Estefan Fischer – it’s impossible to leave his home hungry and dissatisfied.

I meet Fischer in the northern coastal town of Santa Ursula. He has arrived on a motorcycle and promises to drive ahead of me and show the way to his mountainous estate. Like the road to any local’s home in Tenerife, the paths are not easy. Their steepness demands serious driving experience and full concentration, and they’re so narrow that passing an oncoming car requires a special mutual understanding. But Fischer knows this road well. He regularly pulls over to

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Every Canarian meal must be completed with a tiny glass of honey-infused rum, a local digestif. Many local families even make it themselves according to their own family recipe.



In Tenerife, bananas can be found in most snacks and desserts. A banana flan cake soaked in homemade caramel is a unique twist on the traditional flan, which is characteristic of local cuisine.



The annual Carnival of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, which is the second-largest Carnival in the world, gathers locals and tourists alike. It has a different theme every year, so the participants are always creating new and surprising costumes.

the side to chat with a local he hasn't seen in a while, reflecting the truly relaxed Canarian lifestyle.

Fischer laughs that his estate has a million-dollar location, and I agree. The ocean and the town are at his feet, the green oasis of the yard is full of home-grown pumpkins and tomatoes, and there are no other people around, ensuring complete peace and quiet. Like any Tinerfeño family, his estate is surrounded by potato fields and vineyards, and that's also clearly reflected in the tasting menu.

If you enter a Tinerfeño home, you're sure to be treated as a member of the family. It doesn't matter if you're a friend of a friend or simply paying respect to the local traditions, lunch is mandatory. Our tasting experience begins with a glass of homemade wine and a tapa of goat milk mozzarella and local mojo sauce. 'My neighbour has goats, so I get cheese from him in exchange for tomatoes and potatoes from my garden,' Fischer describes the local hospitality. The traditional mojo sauce, which is a suitable condiment for most local dishes, is made of garlic, sweet pepper, red grape vinegar, and spices. It goes well with potatoes, eggs, bread, cheese... You cannot go wrong by adding the salty-acidic sauce to almost anything.

But the tasting joys do not end there. Fischer exhibits true Canarian generosity by continuing to carry out various dishes from his kitchen. Scrambled egg with chorizo sausage (a Tenerife specialty), vegetable soup made from what's growing in his garden, cooked salted cod with local potatoes, and a majestic banana-egg flan cake that's soaked in mouthwatering caramel...

I've already heard that Canarians are the Spanish community with the highest level of diabetes because they love sugar and nuts so much – it's part of their Arab roots. When I admit that I'm unable to finish all of the food on my own, Fischer just shrugs and says that Canarians love to eat a lot, so it's always best to prepare more than is necessary. After all, leftovers are a reason to invite some neighbours and friends over for an unexpected dinner party.

Every meal must end with a small shot of honey rum. With an alcohol content of 20%, it's a great digestif to complete the gourmet experience and leave the table without feeling too full and sleepy.

COMMUNITY IS A BIG PART OF LIFE IN TENERIFE, AND CANARIANS EASILY FIND A REASON TO CELEBRATE AND BRING THE TOWN TOGETHER. During my trip,

I accidentally run into three town festivals featuring local handicrafts, music, and art. The streets are decorated with little colourful flags honouring the town, the locals have prepared dancing and singing performances, and the parks and squares are turned into a children's paradise full of bouncy castles and joyful clown performances.

To my surprise, food is not the star of the show at these festivals. Fischer also admits that, while hearty eating is dear to Tinerfeños, town festivals focus

more on food for the soul. Local companies offer free-of-charge art and dance workshops, museums stay open for longer, inviting everyone to learn more about Canarian art, and the grand finale is the town parade.

The biggest festival is undeniably the Santa Cruz Carnival, which takes place every February. It's the second-largest Carnival in the world, right after the famous one in Rio de Janeiro, and it's also included in the prestigious UNESCO List of

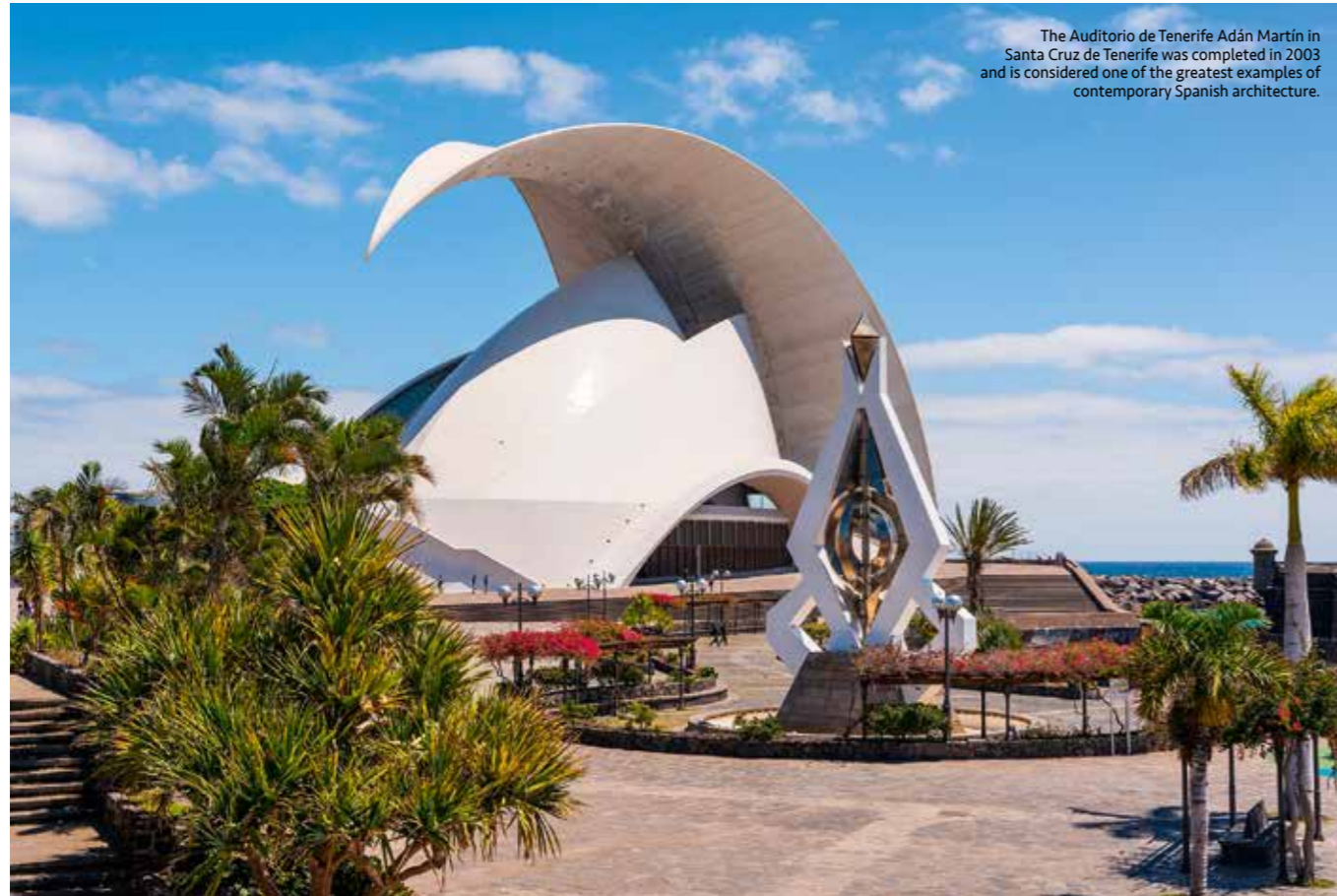
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The Auditorio de Tenerife Adán Martín in Santa Cruz de Tenerife was completed in 2003 and is considered one of the greatest examples of contemporary Spanish architecture.



### Santa Cruz's main architectural gem is the impressive Auditorio de Tenerife concert hall

Intangible Cultural Heritage. While the festival has been held for several centuries and there's no one truth as to when and where it originated, Carnival costumes are a core characteristic of Canarian culture. Similar traditions can also be observed in other Latin cultures around the globe.

Simultaneously with the Carnival, in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries the Canary Islands developed a rich history of various music groups: *rondalla* orchestra ensembles, *murga* singing ensembles, and *comparsa* singing and dancing bands. Carnival celebrates Tenerife's folk history, and every group has its own traditional Carnival costume it uses for festivals and performances.

Today, Carnival celebrates local creativity, freedom, and artistic choices. It not only features a parade but also an extravagant competition for the most exquisite Carnival costume. But in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when Tenerife and the rest of Spain were under General Franco's rule, the festival was officially banned, as it was illegal to express any individuality or showcase traditional costumes. However, the groups still managed to organise Carnival alternatives to express themselves and keep the tradition alive. To commemorate the festival and its impact on Tenerife's history, Santa Cruz has a Carnival museum where one can see actual costumes that have been used for concerts and that have won awards in past competitions.

THE MAIN CULTURE AND ARTS SCENE CAN SURELY BE FOUND IN THE ISLAND'S CAPITAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE. The city is also the main hub on the island, with offices, stores, banks, and all other necessary services. It has numerous art museums featuring classic Canarian art as well as contemporary works of art. I'm eager to explore the local art scene and compare it to the artwork of continental Spain, so I start with a visit to the Municipal Museum of Fine Arts.

The compact museum (with free admission) is spread out over the three floors of a dusty-rose building, revealing a temporary exhibition of Canarian comic books and a permanent exhibition of Canarian, continental Spanish, and European art ranging from medieval times to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. My eyes wander to the beautiful island landscapes depicting the untouched nature of previous centuries. While much of that has remained the same, I can't help but wonder what this island must have been like back in the day. The Tenerife Art Space museum, for its part, provides an insight into the world from the Canarian perspective of today, with art installations incorporating materials and elements that can be found on the island as well as influences and gifts from other countries.

Santa Cruz's main architectural gem and a beautiful addition to the cityscape is the impressive Auditorio de Tenerife concert hall, which often hosts local and international performances of classical music. Located right next to the ocean, it's shaped like a wave. Art can be found on every corner here, even behind the Auditorio. For example, the Bulgarian artist Stoyko Gagamov has painted over a hundred musicians on the rocks along the shore, from classical composers to rock legends and superstars of today.

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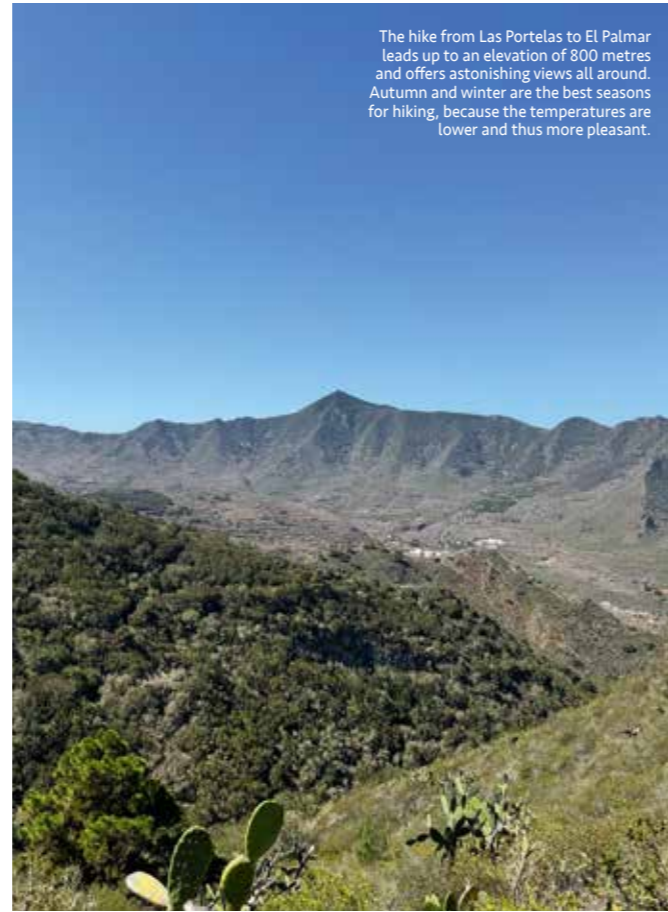
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# Mulieres



Hiking trails in Tenerife can range from tiny forest paths to asphalted roads. But even a seemingly monotonous stretch of road can delight hikers with gigantic palm trees and unique nature.



The hike from Las Portelas to El Palmar leads up to an elevation of 800 metres and offers astonishing views all around. Autumn and winter are the best seasons for hiking, because the temperatures are lower and thus more pleasant.

### El Palmar has many hiking trails, and since the hikes begin in town, you can observe what life is like here

OCEAN, GREEN FORESTS, VOLCANIC CLIFFS, AND EVEN RED MARS- OR MOON-LIKE DESERTS, each providing a unique natural wonder. In a five-minute drive up or down a hill, it's possible to experience sun, fog, and rain, and I struggle to decide on what to wear on the nature hike I have planned. Just as importantly, with the extensive tourism on the island, one must know where to go to catch a clear landscape without tourist buses and other cameras. Some natural wonders here do feel too overpopulated and commercialised, making me eager to find someplace else to wander around.

However, as local people tell me, it's quite possible that a portion of those tourists are fellow Spaniards – Canarians love to travel between the islands for a weekend or longer holiday, while people from mainland Spain enjoy Tenerife's resorts. Especially since the Covid-19 pandemic, the Spanish have come to love exploring their own country. It was the chef and farmer Estefan Fischer who noted that the government incentivised intra-country travel during the pandemic, letting Spaniards escape the cities to relax in the more remote countryside, which still continues today. While at first, it seemed strange and unnatural to conduct tours and tastings in Spanish, Fischer says it's actually a wonderful initiative to sustain the connection between the island and the continent.

To explore Tenerife's nature, I find myself in the small, cosy town of El Palmar on a Saturday morning. The first thing I

notice are the pretty stone houses, many whitewashed and with some of the dark rocks left visible, the splotchy black-and-white pattern reminding me of a spotted cow. I enter a small grocery store to buy a bottle of water and an ice cream cone, and the cheerful cashier doesn't speak a word of English. Most Tinerfeños I've met so far are humble about their knowledge of English, even though they speak it quite well, and meeting someone who doesn't understand me is a true sign that I've reached a place where not many tourists end up.

El Palmar has many hiking trails, and I choose one that leads through the nearby villages of Las Portelas and Las Lagunetas, reaching an impressive elevation of 800 metres. The hike begins in the town, letting me observe weekend life here. Some houses have the radio turned on and the windows open, and I hear Canarian tunes filling the empty street. From another house, I hear lively chatter and clanking dishes as the residents prepare lunch. Weekends are when families come together; all work is finished, and it's time to relax, eat, and have fun.

I pay a short visit to the local church. Inside, it has authentic wooden elements and beams, and from the impeccably clean white walls, it's clear that the church is loved and cared for by the local residents. Religion plays an important role in the life of Canarians, and to prove it, I see small Virgin Mary figurines at the entrances to residences and people visiting the church just for a short moment of calmness.

In addition to the neighbouring towns, the trail leads me through astonishing mountain landscapes and green forests whose ground is still damp from last night's rain. Some angles present me with a picturesque view of the majestic Teide volcano, which seems to have a slight hint of smoke at the top. At first I think it's fog, but it turns out that Teide is never fully asleep. Although it last erupted back in 1909, low-level volcanic activity continues, generating the mist at the top of the mountain.



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### The Healing Power of Art and Music

Art and music have a unique healing power, and Jūrmala offers a rich cultural experience with local artist exhibitions at the Jūrmala Museum, contemporary displays at Art Station Dubulti, and exhibits at Bulduri Exhibition House. The Dzintari Concert Hall showcases Jūrmala's music traditions with a year-round programme of diverse performances.

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Located in the Atlantic Ocean, Tenerife has perfect conditions for surfing, swimming, and whale- and dolphin-watching. This means that both adrenaline junkies and travellers preferring more tranquil activities can enjoy the ocean to their liking.



As a volcanic island, most of Tenerife's beaches feature black sand, but visitors here can also swim in natural ocean-side pools, for example, in Garachico.

## The whole northern coast of Tenerife is full of swimming pools between volcanic cliffs

The hiking trail keeps me on my toes. Alternating between man-made ladders (I can't help but wonder how difficult it was to bring the wooden logs up here to build the path!), dense forests, steep cliffs, and roads where I have to share the space with cars, the hike is interesting and keeps my heart rate high. I meet only a few Spanish-speaking people on the trail, and everyone cheerfully greets each other. While the trail is easy to follow even without a hiking app, at one point I accidentally end up in a local woman's garden. I awkwardly try to apologise and explain to her in my low *Duolingo*-level Spanish that my trails app led me through her yard, but she just laughs. After all, her house does not have a fence, and she receives unexpected guests from time to time. She shows me the way back to the path, and soon I find myself next to a restaurant called *Bodegón Patamero*.

It's lunchtime and the tables are full of people: families, ladies with cups of espresso, men with glasses of beer and loud laughter. It seems as if the whole town is here. Luckily, the waiter finds me a table and I sit down to experience a true Canarian café in the mountains. I order only water and a small local *montadito* sandwich with mashed sweet potatoes, cod, and mojo sauce. Served as a perfectly round cake with artistic splashes of sauce across the plate, it satisfies my hunger, and the fish is not too overpowering. When I'm brought the check, I'm surprised that the appetiser costs

only three euros. Another wonderful sign that I've entered the zone of locals.

THE PRESENCE OF VOLCANOES ON THE ISLAND HAS GENERATED NUMEROUS NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS BETWEEN THE VOLCANIC CLIFFS, allowing you to swim in the ocean yet feel like you're in the comfort of a pool. The whole northern coast of Tenerife is full of these pools providing a unique bathing opportunity completely free of charge.

After my hike, I hop in the car and go further north to the picturesque town of Garachico. It has not lost its local charm, despite the fact that its natural pools attract a lot of attention and the town is considered quite touristy compared to other northern towns here. As in every Tenerifeño town, the central square has a charming church with a high bell tower. This square is the town's soul and main meeting point. There are cafés, couples sitting on benches and snacking on gelatos, and children running through the fountains. Time seems to stop for a bit, encapsulating this calming moment and making me wish that my trip would never end and I could soak up the sun for a while longer.

I inhale the fresh ocean air one last time before getting back in the car, and as I head to the airport, I come to realise that Tenerife is like a box of treasures. Some of them are clearly visible and accessible to everyone. But for some of the other gems, you have to dig deeper and filter out the ones you want to keep. The plane takes off, and I bittersweetly caress the volcanic cliffs with my eyes and say goodbye to the waves of the Atlantic Ocean, the black sand, and the wisp of smoke at the top of the sleeping Teide. There's something magical about the island life and the calmness it offers, and I can't wait to return.

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What distinguishes Tenerife from the other Canary Islands?

Tenerife has around a million inhabitants, while all of the Canary Islands together have a population of around 2.5 million people. Tenerife and Gran Canaria are the most populated islands, and they also offer the most activities in terms of culture and education.

Each island offers something different, so it depends on what you're looking for. If you're seeking tranquillity, El Hierro is the place to go. For beaches, go to the south of Tenerife, Gran Canaria, or Lanzarote. Some differences can also be seen in the appearance of the locals, because the Canary Islands have been impacted by various different cultures. For example, La Gomera was historically the most secluded island, so the inhabitants there have the highest concentration of North African genes, which can be seen in their facial features.

What's your favourite place on the island?

I love Anaga Forest and Teno Rural Park because I love the laurel cloud forests. These trees have been living here ever since the island formed. Such forests existed in Europe from about 60 million to five million years ago, but they have survived to the present day only on the Canary Islands, Madeira, and the Azores. In my hometown, we also have a canyon with a small cloud forest. I go there for tranquillity. At the bottom of the canyon, there's a laundry washing space from before the 1950s where my grandmother used to wash the family's clothes. It was one of the water spots that kept the town alive, and some such spaces were even used by the island's indigenous people long ago. The cloud forests were used to collect water.

For people who feel they have already seen everything on the island, what would you suggest they experience in Tenerife?

I guess people like that have probably only seen everything touristy! Well, they should definitely leave the south of the island. I'd encourage them to head north and visit the rural homes owned by the locals. And stay at an altitude of at least 300 metres. The north can be unpredictable weather-wise, but it's worth it. There are also a lot of trails in the local areas where you can interact with nature and face the wind, the cold, and the clouds... which is the real diversity of Tenerife's weather.

**Adal Mesa Delgado** (IG: @roque.stars) is a local Tinerfeño with many talents. He obtained a doctor's degree in astrophysics in La Laguna and, after working abroad in South America for several years, is back in Tenerife to combine several of his passions: astronomy, tourism, and yoga. During the day, he works as a yoga teacher in his own studio and leads tours about Canarian history and culture from his native Icod el Alto. But at night, he organises breathtaking stargazing tours near the Teide volcano. The clear sky provides a unique opportunity to see the Milky Way, the planets of our solar system, and various constellations.

What's the one traditional food that everyone should try?

Most Canarian dishes are really simple, and they have a lot of sauces. I love *papas arrugadas*, especially if they're made with the protected *papas bonitas*, a particular potato variety that's characteristic only to the Canary Islands. These potatoes have a wrinkly and salty skin.

We fill a pot with salt, add the potatoes, and then cover them with water, but not all the way to the top. We cook them for around half an hour, and the salt makes the skin wrinkly. Then we drain the water and remove the cover to keep the crunch. Otherwise, the humidity breaks down the salt and defeats the whole purpose of the crunchy potato. Then we serve the potatoes with the classic mojo sauce, which is based either on red pepper or coriander grown in the garden.

One should also try *conejo al salmorejo* (a dish made with rabbit meat) and *papas, costillas y piñas* (a pork rib, corn, and potato bake). It's something that we would also serve for Christmas lunch. If you visit in the right season, fresh vegetables from the garden can be added. We also love sugar, honey, and nuts, so *gofío* is a must.

What are the main characteristics of Tinerfeños – the people of Tenerife?

Definitely kindness. It comes from the culture and the past isolation of these islands. If you're lost, if you need water and food, you receive help. Everyone is welcome. The young people are getting more introverted, but the older people still preserve an open-minded attitude. The smaller the island, the more kindness, and I think that's something beautiful and unique.

I've invited people of different nationalities to my house, and the door is always open. I think that's a general Latin characteristic, because I've experienced the same in Latin America. Interaction with strangers is in our nature, but it's not something you find in mainland Spain, not even in the remote places. In a way, the people there are faster. Even if Canarians do not speak your language, they'll try their best to help you. If you love to interact with locals, they'll be more than happy to reciprocate.

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The residential village of Palm-Mar is close to the resort city of Los Cristianos but offers a completely different vibe. *El Pescaito* is well hidden in the basement of another restaurant, and it has an excellent price-to-performance ratio and a wide assortment of seafood. The impressive portions are accompanied by a free-of-charge digestif and a lively hostess who brings a joke and a story with every dish served. C. Gorrión, 57; Palm-Mar el-pescaito.com

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### El Patio

This rustic boutique hotel in Garachico, whose roots date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, is not only surrounded by a historical banana plantation but also offers delicious Canarian cuisine. Natural pools and beautiful rural surroundings during the day can be topped with a traditional meal in the evening. The hotel is slightly outside the town centre, ensuring tranquillity and an escape from the urban area. Here, catching a glimpse of a wild animal is significantly easier than spotting a crowd of people! Finca Malpais, 11; Garachico hotelpatio.com

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This handicraft store and café is the perfect stop after visiting the Teide volcano. The store is managed by a local Canarian couple, and it offers a great variety of local goods. Accessories, wine, pottery, and even craft beer and tapas for consumption on the spot – *Mar de Nubes* seems to have everything! The owners are always up for a friendly chat, making it impossible to leave the store without tasting some delicacies and a bunch of souvenirs to bring back home. Camino Lomo Oreja, 6; Vilaflor

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## STRENGTH AND BEAUTY

**She's an internationally acclaimed prima ballerina, but Elza Leimane has always had a unique perspective on her fame. In this interview with *Baltic Outlook*, she shares her thoughts on staying true to her values, the everyday realities of ballet life, and the importance of savouring every moment.**

Before I met Elza Leimane, a principal dancer with the Latvian National Ballet, I couldn't help but wonder how many ballet dancers' dreams she had lived, and how much of a diva's aura she might carry as a result of that. We all know the stereotypes about prima ballerinas – they're aloof, self-absorbed, detached from reality. But Leimane, who has danced and still dances leading roles in timeless ballet classics such as *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, and *Giselle*, and who has made a name for herself both as a dancer and as a choreographer of works by modern Latvian composers, is a refreshing presence.

When I meet her at the Latvian National Opera and Ballet, I ask her to show me around this magical place. It's a Monday, her only official day off, and the opera house is unusually quiet, except for the echoing sounds of stagehands dismantling the magnificent sets from the previous night's performance. Leimane gracefully leads me through the maze of this historical building, moving with the kind of fluidity you'd expect from someone who spends her life on the move.

She tells me that one of her favourite places in the opera house is the stage itself, especially after a performance, when the energy of the magic that has just unfolded still lingers in the air. Another favourite place? A large windowsill where she often sits, gazing out over the opera's beautiful park and reflecting on choreography and life. I ask her if she's ever disturbed by the occasional passer-by, but she assures me with a smile that such things don't bother her. In fact, she adds, it's an unwritten rule here at the opera that people always greet each other – even if they've already crossed paths earlier in the day.



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Elza Leimane during a rehearsal for *Giselle*. 'Giselle is one of the most powerful experiences,' she tells *Baltic Outlook*.

## I'm a very sensitive person, which helps in art, but it's more complicated in life

Though Leimane exudes warmth and lightness, her legacy carries a certain weight. Born into one of Latvia's most influential cultural families, her upbringing and career have been closely intertwined with her heritage. Her father, Aivars Leimanis, himself the son of film director Aleksandrs Leimanis and actress Baiba Indriksone, has been the artistic director of the Latvian National Ballet since 1993, after serving as its premier dancer from 1976 to 1996. Her mother, Gunta, was a ballet dancer and choreographer who later became a successful businesswoman.

Leimane's rise to fame began early, while she was still a student at ballet school. But despite her undeniable talent, she has always been open about the complexities of carrying such a prestigious surname. Being part of a well-known cultural family has been both a blessing and a challenge, placing her under constant scrutiny. Through it all, she has navigated doubt and self-criticism, proving to herself – and the world – that she does indeed belong on the most celebrated stages.

Already from an early age, Leimane's extraordinary talent as a prima ballerina and choreographer has shone brightly and brought international recognition to Latvia. She has captivated audiences around the world, from Portugal and Sweden to the United States, Italy, and South Africa. Critics consistently highlight the emotional depth, magnetic presence, and

charisma she brings to every performance, leaving an unforgettable impression wherever she dances.

In recent years, Leimane has shifted her creative focus to choreography and original productions, earning widespread praise. One of her best-loved works, *Vārna* (The Crow), is experiencing a major revival at the Dailes Theatre this month. In collaboration with composer Reinis Sējāns, she is bringing this evocative piece back to the stage, joined by the Sinfonietta Rīga chamber orchestra and other soloists from Latvia's ballet elite. Later, as we chat over a warm caramel macchiato, Leimane admits that she could be that crow herself. She has spent a lot of time thinking about the inner struggles people face, the beauty in the flawed, the attraction to the dangerous, and rediscovering herself along the way.

**We were just walking around the opera house together. What are your earliest childhood memories of it?**

I remember the opera house in fragments, and mostly as it was before the renovations. It wasn't as smooth and polished as it is now. The backstage, the wings, the dressing rooms... Both of my parents danced here. But I never really saw my mother on stage, because she had already moved to the *Ritms Dance Studio*. Then there was also the VEF Palace, where she worked, and the tours abroad – she often brought me along on those. Then came the Latvian National Theatre, where my grandmother worked.

**You spent your childhood in some of the most culturally and historically significant buildings in Riga!**

Yes, I did. I remember my father playing Duke Albrecht in *Giselle*. I cried a lot because Albrecht

met the ghosts of young women who danced men to death. I believed it all so completely. I also remember some of my grandmother's performances from her acting career in which the emotional intensity was overwhelming. What I understand now is that I'm a very sensitive person, which helps in art, but it's more complicated in life. You have to learn to build various types of 'armour' and shield yourself in different ways.

**Because such historically significant places were so present in your childhood, do you still associate the core of Riga with them? Classical art, great buildings, talented people...**

For me, of course, Riga is all about the opera. And theatre in general. The creative workshops where productions are born and all the spaces where performances are created. I'm fascinated by the initial process, where ideas are exchanged and thoughts are just beginning to take shape.

Another important place for me is the Pārdaugava district of Riga, where my ballet school is located. It recently celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and I was invited to create the concept and choreography for the anniversary concert at the opera. Together with composer and musician Reinis Sējāns, we created a piece that everyone loved so much that it was decided to include it in the repertoire, not just leave it as a one-off performance. Now it's performed every spring at the opera.

**How do your stagings come to life?**

**Where's the starting point?**

It's always such an interesting process. I've had the privilege of working with the esteemed Latvian set designer Andris Freibergs, and he once said that a production is like a child – you can't tell what comes from the mother and what comes from the father. It doesn't matter who came up with what at any given moment, because in the end it's a true collaboration. Sometimes the exchange of ideas is so fluid that it's impossible to tell where one begins and the other ends.

**But where did your production of *Vārna* (The Crow) begin?**

It started with a meeting with Reinis Sējāns, which turned into a long conversation about ballet. He has a deep passion for the world of dance, and we spent hours sharing insights related to my daily experiences with dance. Then we were joined by our creative partners, Lāsma Olte and Uģis Olte. It was Lāsma who first suggested the name *Vārna* after Reinis expressed the idea of collaborating on a project. From that moment on, the concept began to take shape. We met again and started discussing more concrete ideas about what it could be. And that's how the nest for the 'crow' was built.

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Vārna was created in collaboration with composer and musician Reinis Sējāns.

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which I coordinated over 120 performers, was an important moment. I had four wonderful assistants, and I'm grateful for their support.

From the outside, you seem quite introverted and reserved; I can't imagine you as a commanding figure. What's your working style? To be honest, I've never liked the commanding approach. Some people respond to being shouted at; they find motivation in force and authority. But I believe that if you lack intrinsic motivation, no amount of external pressure or aggression can inspire you. I shut down completely when that happens. I don't think it's a constructive way to encourage anyone's growth.

Instead, I try to create a safe environment where mistakes are welcomed, because those unexpected moments can lead to beautiful new directions in a production. There have been times when musicians present their music and I hear a unique sound that instantly sets a movement in my mind, only to discover later that it was just technical noise. But I loved it and found inspiration in it.

That said, I can be easily frustrated, despite my usually immense patience. When I lose my cool, it's often because of indifference. That really gets to me.

Where do you like to listen to music when you're developing choreography for a production?

I really like listening to music on an airplane. There's something about the environment that makes me feel completely undisturbed. I also love reading and organising the sequence of my work while I'm in the air. It creates a special creative space where I can't be disturbed.

Another thing that irritates me a bit is that, once the creative process begins – as it has now – I find myself waking up very early, around five in the morning or even earlier. Those quiet hours before anyone else needs me become my golden time. Then, when I finally settle into the day, it often feels like it's already evening, but I still have a full day of rehearsals ahead of me, followed by an evening performance.

Coming back to classical ballet, how has the environment changed in this traditionally very strict field? Rigid rules, intolerance, envy...

When I joined the Latvian National Ballet in 2001, I found the atmosphere much harsher. Ballet is a hierarchical art form, and I really felt the tension between the generations. There were many unwritten rules that I didn't know or understand. There's a term called 'barre wars', which describes the unspoken competition between dancers when you enter a ballet studio. As a newcomer, you have to know where to stand; everyone has their place. I once told the girls in ballet school that when they join a new company, they should always ask where the free spaces are so as not to figuratively step on anyone's toes. Fortunately, our collective is very supportive. While competition is a driving force

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When did you realise you could be a successful choreographer? It's not easy to recognise in oneself the ability to create large-scale productions, is it? Of course there's always self-doubt, but it's like a muscle that develops with years of experience. I've worked on productions for both the main stage and the new stage at the Latvian National Opera and Ballet as well as various miniatures for awards ceremonies and so on. Around 2010, when I was already one of the opera's leading soloists, I enrolled in the choreography department at the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music, and that's when things really started to happen.

I wanted to do a bachelor's degree, and although I was really interested in the field, I didn't think I had a talent for choreography at first. However, I realised that I was incredibly passionate about the profession and that choreography was a branch that I could develop within myself. Looking back, I remembered that in my early ballet classes I used to stay after school to do choreographies for my classmates' performances.

When did I start believing in myself? Organising the ballet school's anniversary concert, for



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A few years ago, Leimane made her film debut with a role in the film *Spoguļi* by internationally acclaimed Latvian director Laila Pakalniņa.



## As ballet dancers, we're trained to look in the mirror at our mistakes

in ballet – of course, everyone hopes to get certain roles – there's no destructive rivalry or jealousy here.

The film *Black Swan* captures some truths, but it also exaggerates certain aspects. Ultimately, the dynamics depend very much on the company itself. Ballet training is not as brutal as it used to be.

**How have standards of beauty changed since you entered the professional ballet world?**  
I think that styles and trends evolve every 20 years or so. Today, a feminine body is completely accepted, which wasn't the case before. Some choreographers are now actively looking for more feminine dancers for their productions. There are still certain standards, but the rules aren't as draconian as they used to be.

There's also a change in the perception of ballerinas as mothers. I have colleagues who are leading ballerinas yet also have three children. It used to be that you had to choose between family and career, but that's changing for the better.

However, there are still many strange stereotypes surrounding ballet. Perhaps that's because we work in a relatively closed environment. For example, one of the most ridiculous stereotypes is the idea that ballet consists of men in tights who think they're swans. That's not true; men don't dance on pointe in ballet unless it's for a comic role. And the idea that ballerinas don't eat? Ballerinas have to eat; they absolutely have to!

### What do ballerinas eat?

It really depends on each dancer's metabolism and individual needs. Personally, I try to avoid carbohydrates and sugar. My focus is mainly on protein. We have quite a few vegans among us, and some dancers can afford to eat more freely without negative effects. Others have to be more careful about what they eat to maintain their energy and performance levels.

### What is it like to live with the psychological pressure of having your appearance and size scrutinised? How have you grown mentally over the years regarding this issue?

I think I finally found a sense of peace and my self-confidence stabilised after I turned 30. It was very different before then. In the dressing room, we often joke that people would be shocked at the things we can obsess about. The truth is that our daily lives revolve around mirrors. Interestingly, the theme of mirrors often appears in my choreography, reflecting the idea of duality, as in *Vārna*.

As ballet dancers, we're trained to look in the mirror at our mistakes and imperfections and correct them. The most immediate object of criticism is, of course, our bodies. Sometimes even the best teachers point out things that are out of our control, almost like a question 'Why do you have green eyes?' It can be frustrating, because there's nothing I can do about it. I have a colleague who was once told that her ankles were too thick, and she's carried that thought with her all her life, even though she has beautifully shaped legs.

But I really enjoy what I do, and I continue working on managing my thoughts, because I know they can be quite damaging if left unchecked.

### You mentioned the passage of time in your profession. You turned 40 this year. Ballet, at least in the past, was known for its reckless culture of youth. How is it now?

It really varies from region to region. In the United States, it's quite rare to see dancers performing past the age of 30 because of the high turnover rate. In Europe, however, many leading dancers continue to grace the stage as long as they feel comfortable and capable.

For me, it's not a myth that ballet helps to preserve youth. Our training is symmetrical; whereas musicians may focus on one side, we develop both sides of the body equally, which helps us to preserve our bodies over time. That's why I have no negative feelings about turning 40.

### What's your daily routine like?

I spend several hours a day in the ballet studio. I like to compare my roles there to jackets. There's the dancer's jacket, with which I concentrate on rehearsing my repertoire and honing my skills. Then there's the choreographer's jacket, which comes with a whole different set of responsibilities. This season, for example, I'm working on *Vārna* and several commissions for ballet competitions. I'm also about to start rehearsals for *Esmeralda*, for which I'll be the choreographer's assistant as



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*Antonija #Silmači* by the Latvian National Ballet is a stunning piece of artistry.

Every time I step into the role, I discover something new about myself

well as dancing the title role. And I have some other big, exciting choreography projects on the horizon, too, including *Salome* for opera.

**Do you have enough time for everything?**  
I do my best to make time for seeing performances around the world to relax. There are two kinds of tiredness. As a dancer, when you leave the opera house, you can switch off and relax. But as a choreographer, when you're in the creative

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process, it's a challenge to switch off. Even when I'm watching a performance, my mind tends to race with ideas. That's why summer is my real recharge time – that's when I can sleep, swim, and really take a break. I recently spent over two weeks in Sri Lanka, where I really relaxed, snorkelled, and immersed myself in nature.

**You mentioned the fatigue that comes from performing. You've danced many dream roles, haven't you? Giselle, for example.**  
Absolutely, Giselle is definitely one of them. But the reality of performing dream roles is often different from what people imagine. When you start ballet school, you have these ideal roles in mind, but what really excites you later on is working with choreographers and discovering what they can get out of you through that partnership.

I've had the privilege of dancing many legendary roles, and Giselle is one of the most powerful experiences – it's something that stays with me long after the curtain falls. I also thoroughly enjoyed dancing in *Der Sandmann* by Christian Spuck. I recently saw his *Bovary* in Berlin, which was fantastic. And I have a special fondness for *Antonija #Silmači*, a piece created by our own Latvian National Ballet.

**I've seen that ballet several times, and I must say that your portrayal of Antonija is truly breathtaking. What does it take to portray such a deep, wounded character?**  
Every time I step into the role, I discover something new about myself. Those moments are incredibly sweet, a journey that unfolds uniquely each time. The story is a tragedy that offers a rich canvas for emotional exploration. The madness of Giselle, for example, is also inherently irrational. You can't really rehearse that in the studio, and I don't even try. The real magic happens during the performance, when I allow myself to fully embrace the moment and the impulse – it's as if I become the character.

The challenge is to let go afterwards. It's not healthy to live in that emotional state for too long. Sometimes I find release in sleep, but not always. I remember watching my grandmother and how her energy shifted around the house depending on the roles she was playing.

**You come from a respected and talented family of influential artists in Latvia. Did that help you, or did it make your journey more challenging?**  
It certainly added to the challenge. I had to work hard to overcome the perception that my success was solely due to my family name. When I had the opportunity to try film and theatre, the compliments I received were incredibly meaningful. They validated my efforts and talent on their own merits, separate from my family legacy.

**What have you learned about yourself, given that you perhaps had to prove yourself more than others because of your influential family name?**  
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### I prefer quiet elegance over loud music or ostentatious personalities

my father is still my boss, I no longer feel the need to constantly prove myself because of my name. In reality, every artist faces the challenge of validating their worth, regardless of their background or achievements. It can be worrying if someone doesn't grow or reflect on their performances; we owe it to our audiences and the art itself to strive for improvement.

I really discovered my true self during the first international competitions where I received recognition. Competing in a place where no one knows you can be liberating, and it helped me overcome those initial doubts. Of course, my father's opinion is still incredibly important to me, especially because he's highly regarded internationally and our ballet is well respected. However, when it comes to my independent choreographic projects, many people may be surprised to learn that he only sees them when they're premiered; I don't share them with him beforehand.

What do you hope to express through your choreography? Coming from a classical ballet background, what legacy do you aspire to create? I describe my work as neoclassical ballet, and *Vārna* is a perfect example. Of course, my foundation is firmly rooted in classical ballet, which serves as the backbone of my choreography. But for me, it's all about evoking a specific atmosphere and exploring the unspoken moments within a performance. I have a profound love for subtlety and nuance; I prefer quiet elegance over loud music or ostentatious personalities. My goal

is to create intimate, authentic performances that invite the audience to engage in thoughtful reflection through these delicate details.

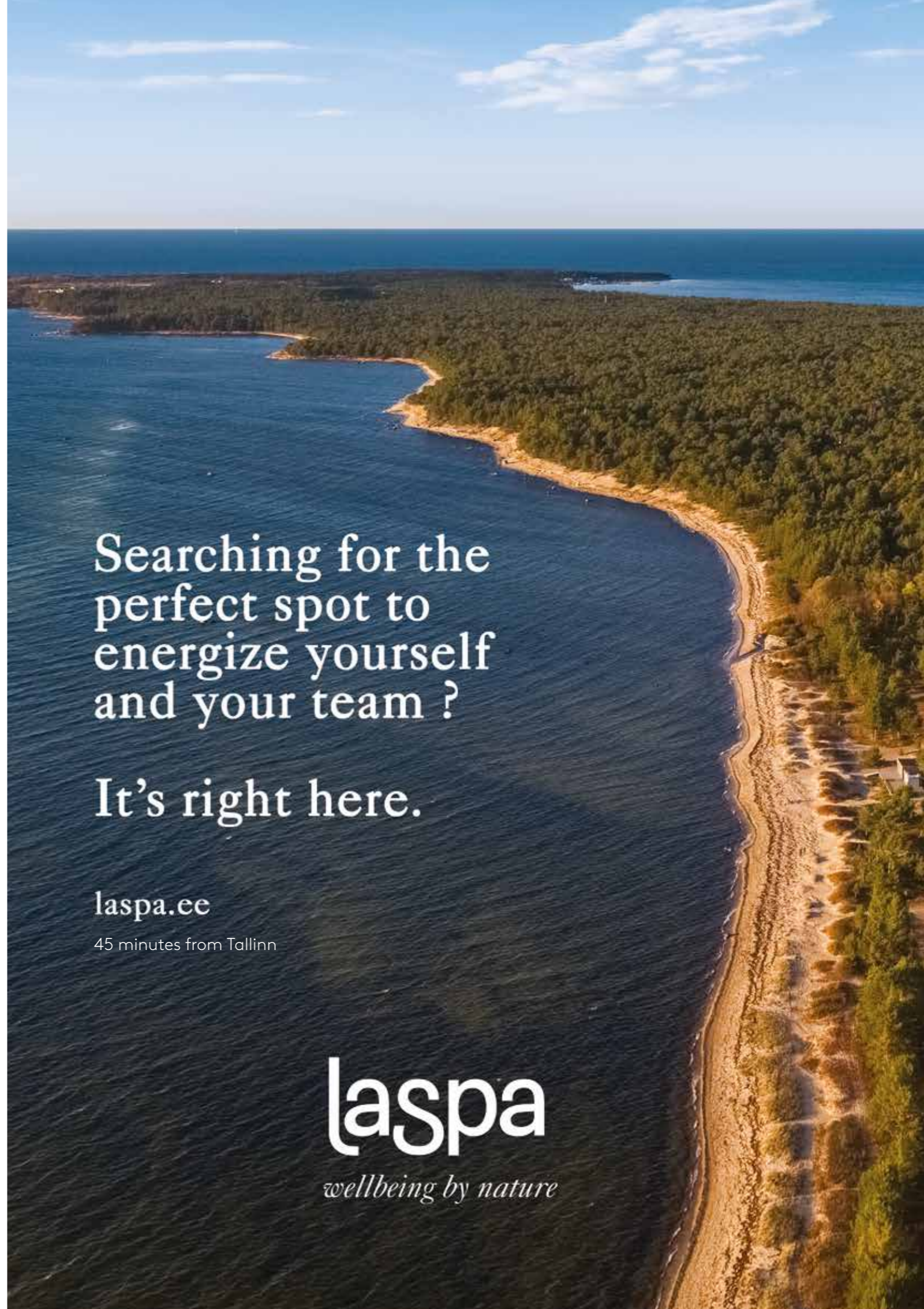
#### What do you think draws people to classical ballets such as *Swan Lake* and *Giselle*?

People are captivated by the sense of harmony that these ballets offer. The beautifully crafted, symmetrical dance patterns create a feeling of stability and balance and provide an escape from the chaos of everyday life. There's nothing destructive or fragmented about them; they present a world of order and beauty that's incredibly comforting.

Similarly to classical music and art, classical ballet maintains a timeless appeal. While some claim that it doesn't resonate with modern audiences, I see it differently. Each performance features a dancer who embodies the spirit of our times, infusing their unique talent and interpretation into the narrative. Moreover, we often forget that no one truly knows how these works were originally performed. Many roles that were once walked are now expressed through dance, adding fresh dimensions to the stories we cherish.

#### A ballet dancer's career can be very fragile, especially because of the risk of injury. Have you ever faced a pivotal, make-or-break moment in your career?

Absolutely. Those moments really test your character and reveal your inner strength. I usually seek support by discussing my feelings with loved ones for a few days, but then I make it a point to take action. We learn early on that yesterday's successes fade quickly, but also that every day brings a new opportunity. You have to strive to be the best version of yourself every day. While music, paintings, and books may endure, our achievements as dancers vanish at the end of the night. Yes, they remain in the hearts of those who experience them, but the work itself is fleeting. **bo**



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Zurich captivates in every season, offering a perfect blend of experiences for the warm as well as cold months. In summer, the city is as alive as ever, thanks to its collection of outdoor swimming spots, known as *Badis*. People flock to the lake and river to swim, sunbathe, and nab a drink. The energy is palpable as residents sip spritzes at open-air bars, engage in sports, or cycle along scenic trails. It's a city that embraces the outdoors and where fitness is woven into the urban fabric.

But Zurich's vibrancy doesn't diminish with the arrival of cold weather; it just switches into a more cosy mode. Come winter, the city bursts with festive cheer, thanks to its famous Christmas markets. After a long day on the slopes, locals and visitors warm up around bubbling pots of fondue, paired perfectly with a glass of crisp Swiss white. The city's close proximity to some of Switzerland's best ski resorts, such as Flumserberg and Engelberg-Titlis, makes it an ideal base for winter sports enthusiasts. Located just a short drive away, the resorts offer slopes for all skill levels and breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes, including Lake Walen and the majestic Titlis Glacier.

Zurich is also a cultural powerhouse, boasting a range of world-class art and music venues. The Kunsthaus Zürich was recently expanded with a sleek, modern extension by the lauded *David Chipperfield Architects*. The Pavilion Le Corbusier reopened to the public in 2019, restored to its original modernist design. For something more contemporary, there's the freshly introduced Löwenbräukunst, a former brewery turned cultural complex that showcases local and global names.

The city's food scene has entered a new, exciting phase with native chefs who have accumulated experience abroad and returned home to give fresh interpretations of the age-old Alpine cuisine. In particular, the former industrial area of Zürich-West has evolved into a culinary hotspot. Here, restaurants such as *The Artisan* blur the lines between dining and art, focusing on carefully prepared dishes made with meticulously sourced local, organic ingredients.



Zurich is the gateway to the majestic Alps.



The canton of Zurich has more than 600 hectares of vineyards.



Restaurant Buech serves excellent food overlooking the lake.



Pavilion Le Corbusier

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Hip, young locals recognised by their recycled *Freitag* bags – a native design phenomenon – favour spots such as *Huncho* and *Bunzai*, which are praised for their finger-licking burgers. This new wave of innovative dining is complemented by well-established culinary landmarks such as the historic *Odeon Café* and *Kronenhalle*, where timeless elegance meets modern flavours.

Zurich also serves as a gateway to the great Swiss outdoors. Just beyond the city limits, nature enthusiasts can find an array of hiking trails catering to various skill levels, from high-altitude paths with stunning views of the lake to more relaxed routes through serene forests. Don't have much time to get a little lost in nature? Easily accessible by tram, the Uetliberg mountain offers hiking and snowshoeing trails, ensuring a picturesque walk whatever the season.



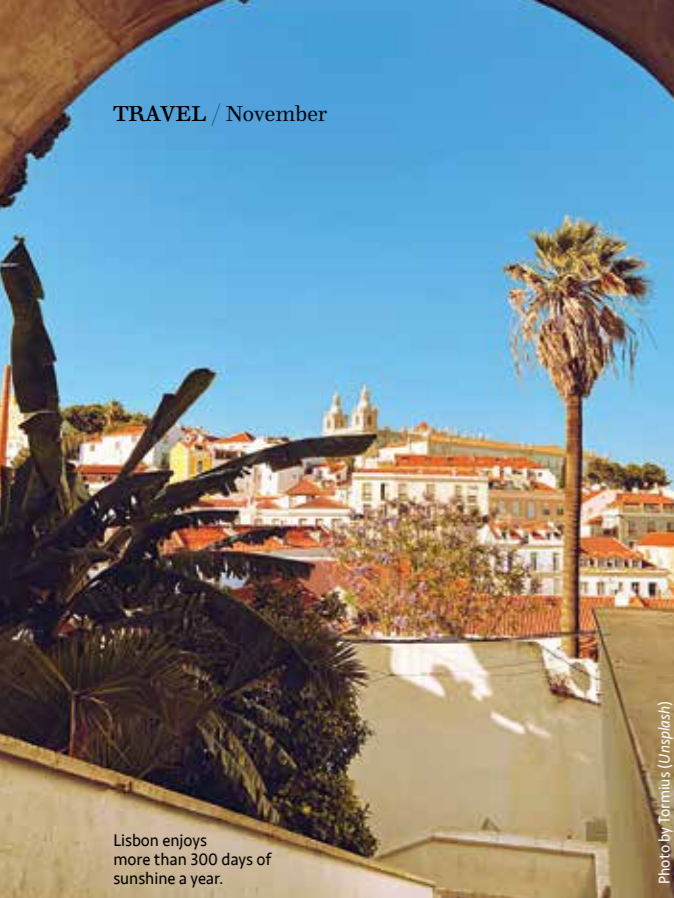
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factories and warehouses are now being transformed into galleries, trendy restaurants, and craft breweries, making it the city's newest creative hub.

Lisbon's appeal extends well beyond the city's borders to its nearby beaches. A short drive away are the sandy shores of Praia de Carcavelos, Praia da Conceição, and Praia do Guincho, which are ideal for sunbathing, windsurfing, and surfing. For those willing to venture a bit further, the coastal town of Cascais, about 30 minutes away, feels like stepping into a postcard.

Yet Lisbon's essence remains grounded in its welcoming atmosphere. The locals are friendly, not yet jaded by the growing tourist numbers, and the city's streets are easily walkable even though their famous hills provide a bit of a workout. And we haven't even mentioned the *pastel de nata*, the famous custard pastry that's a reason in itself to visit.

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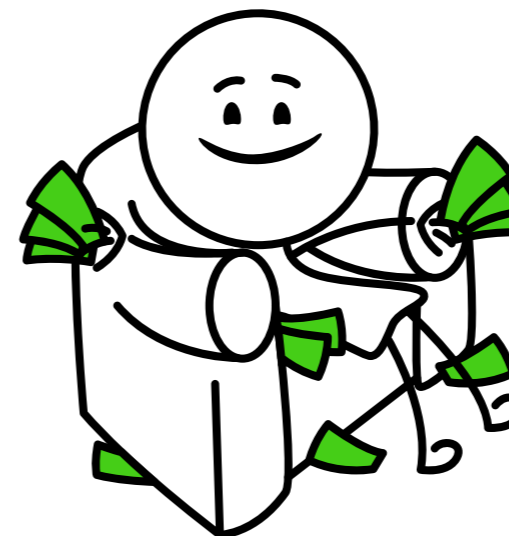
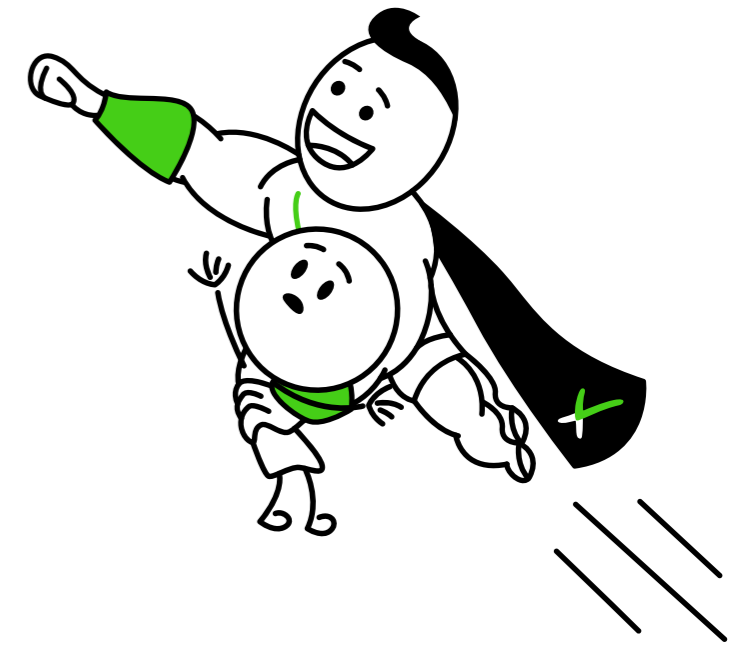


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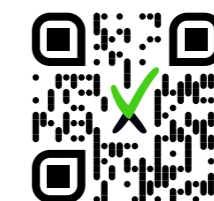
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## VIENNA, AUSTRIA

New levels of charm and culture

Often hailed as the world's most livable city, Vienna refuses to rest on its imperial and modern laurels. Instead, it continues to reinvent itself, offering fresh allure for curious visitors. This summer, for instance, the city made a splash by unveiling new public swimming spots along the Danube River, thus providing a chic and refreshing way to beat the heat.

When the temperatures drop, it's Vienna's stellar collection of art institutions that shines brightest. The city's cultural landscape continues to grow, with the recently reopened Wien Museum offering cutting-edge exhibitions free of charge. As the birthplace of Klimt and Hundertwasser, Vienna's commitment to the arts remains unwavering. Adding to its vibrant art scene, the upcoming Foto Arsenal Wien, set to open in early 2025, will become Austria's new centre for photography and lens-based media. Currently, however, the city is gearing up for the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of Vienna Art Week in November 2024, which celebrates its thriving contemporary art scene.

As one of the rare cities with its own cuisine, Vienna also knows how to tantalise the taste buds. From the hearty flavours of such classics as Schnitzel, Tafelspitz, and Kaiserschmarrn to the more cosmopolitan fare at modern eateries, the city's food scene is ever-evolving. Renowned restaurants such as *Mraz & Sohn* push the boundaries of traditional Austrian cuisine, while places like *Meinklang Hofladen* offer fresh, biodynamic produce straight from a family-run farm next to Neusiedl Lake, including natural wines that are making waves beyond Austria's borders. In fact, Vienna is one of the few cosmopolitan cities with a DAC (Districtus Austriae Controllatus) designation for wine production within its city limits. Vienna is also home

to *Tian*, the first vegetarian restaurant in Europe to receive a *Michelin* star. Meanwhile, new spots such as *Rosebar Centrala* and *Restaurant Collina am Berg* serve modern cuisine with international flair.

The city has also recently seen new additions to the options for bedding down. *The Hoxton*, a newly opened hotel in a renovated 1950s marble-clad office building, showcases stunning mid-century Austrian design. The boutique *Hotel zur Wiener Staatsoper*, for its part, has hosted many legendary figures, including Leonard Bernstein and Enrico Caruso.

Vienna is seldom called youthful, but that's changing with the arrival of more playful institutions such as the *Uppers & Downers*, *Bender Vintage*, and *Bootik 54* vintage shopping spots. Vinyl enthusiasts are also in for a treat, with places such as *Apartment Acht* offering a curated selection of records. Even coffee culture, that cornerstone of Viennese life, has received a fresh spin. A new generation of coffee roasters, including *Jonas Reindl* cafés, *Kaffemik*, and *CaffèCouture* (founded by award-winning barista Georg Branny), are serving up impeccable brews alongside the city's historic coffeehouses. Thirsty? A small but vital detail that adds to Vienna's charm is its impeccable tap water, which is known as the best in Europe.

The iconic Vienna Giant Ferris Wheel

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The recently reopened Wien Museum

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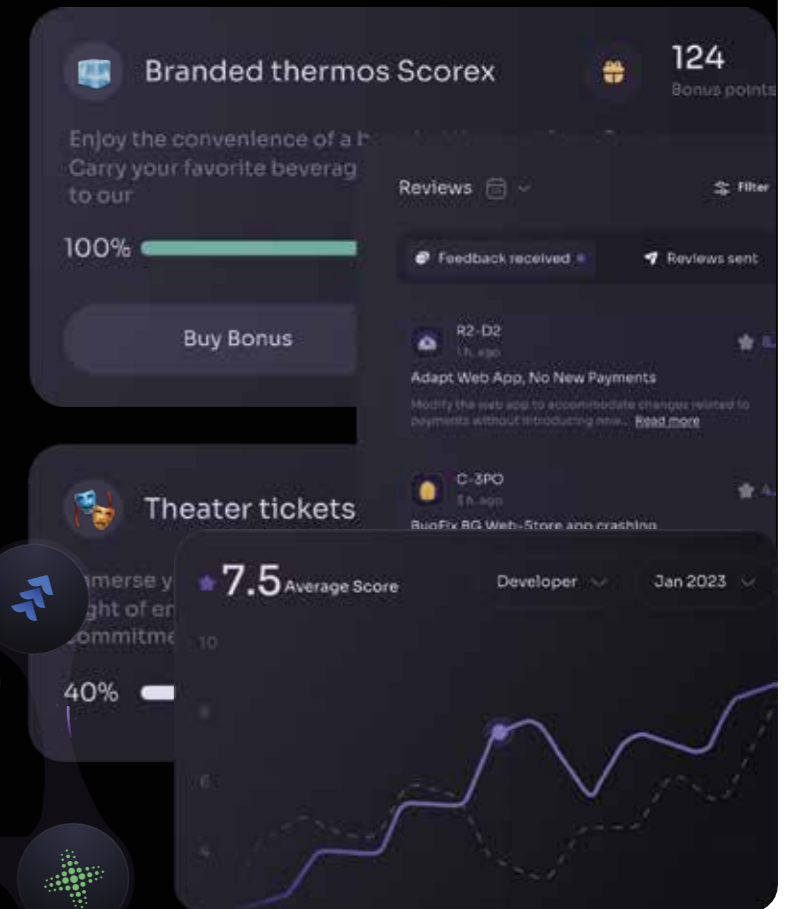
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## COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Effortless cool meets sustainable innovation

No city is synonymous with effortless cool quite like Copenhagen. And it's only getting better. The recently expanded metro now reaches the outer municipalities, including Valby, making it even easier to discover every part of this lively capital. Yet the best way to explore Copenhagen is by bicycle. The cycling infrastructure here is second to none (sorry, Amsterdam), with convenient bridges connecting the city's islands and ensuring a smooth ride across town.

The city's commitment to sustainability goes beyond transportation. As opposed to the hostile attitudes encountered in some tourist-trudged cities, this summer Copenhagen took a different, more welcoming approach by introducing a programme that rewards visitors for engaging in eco-friendly activities. Tourists who cycle, use public transport, or join clean-up initiatives can enjoy exclusive perks such as free museum tours, kayak rentals, and complimentary meals.

Copenhagen's design scene remains unparalleled. Its fashion scene is also booming, with Copenhagen Fashion Week gaining global attention and rivalling the fashion hubs of Paris and Milan. As the birthplace of functionalist design, Copenhagen is perfect for interior inspiration, with Nørrebro and Vesterbro home to independent boutiques showcasing contemporary Danish design.

However, architecture is currently in the spotlight, with Copenhagen named the UNESCO World Capital of Architecture from 2023 to 2026. This is fitting, given that the city is home to leading architecture firms, including *Bjarke Ingels Group*, whose projects such as the 8 Tallet residential complex and Superkilen park reflect the innovative local style. Speaking of parks, the recently established Opera Park, which opened

to the public a year ago, adds a much-needed green space to the industrial harbour area.

The harbour is a hotspot no matter the season. Summer sees people flocking there to cool off, while winter brings the thrill of cold-water plunges – a local tradition that's believed to boost endorphins and is perhaps the magic component in the city's high ratings in life satisfaction, with Denmark always in a top spot on the World Happiness Report. But on days when outdoor adventures are off the table, Copenhagen's cultural institutions are ready to impress. The National Gallery of Denmark and the Glyptotek are just two of its treasures. Any connoisseur of modern art should also make their way to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art; located a brief drive beyond the city, it features works by global icons such as Hockney and Bacon, and the building itself is a work of art as well.

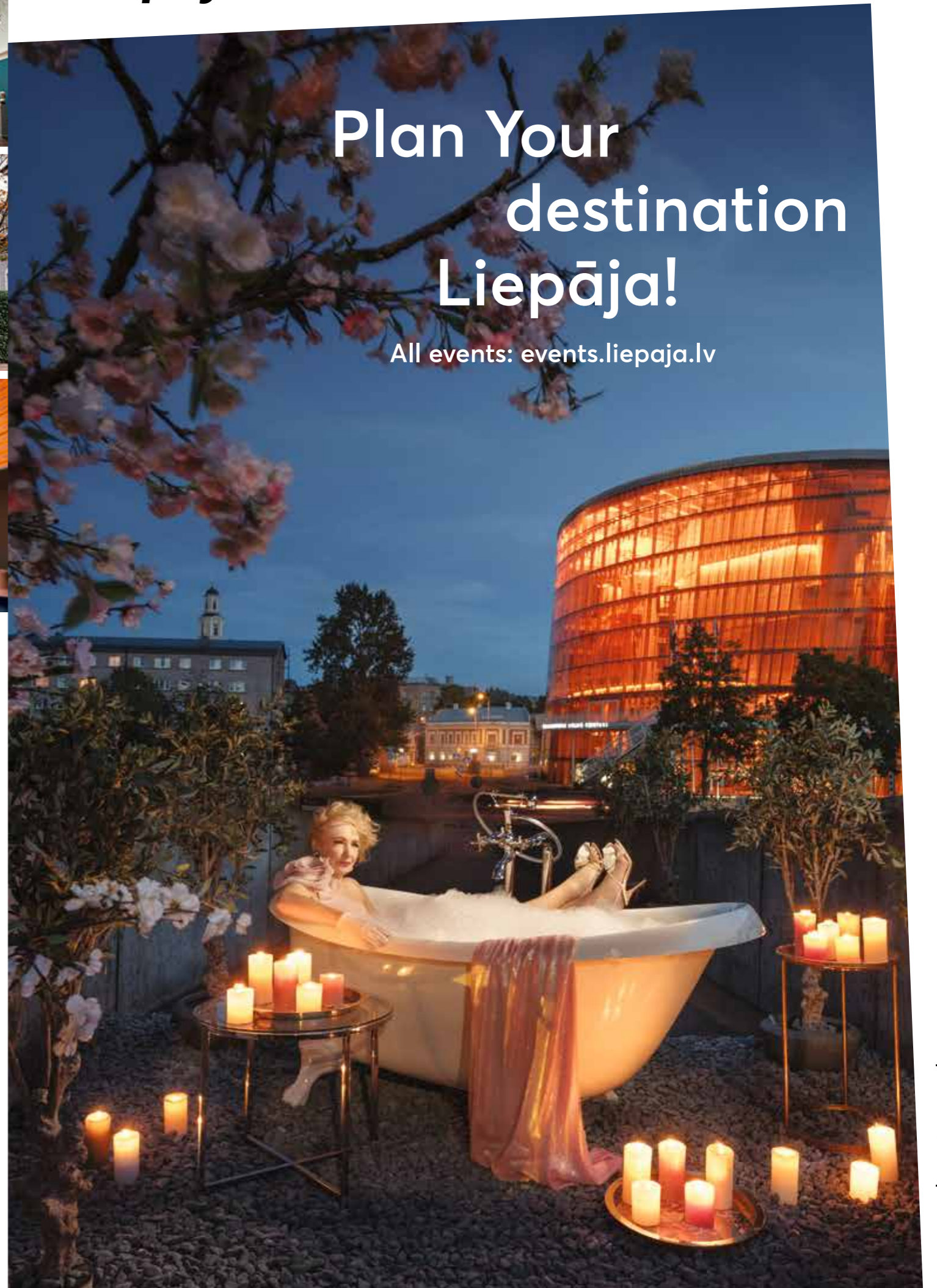
Copenhagen's love affair with food runs deep, with the New Nordic Cuisine Manifesto celebrating 20 years of shaping not just local but global culinary trends. While *Noma* remains an iconic presence, the city's dining scene extends far beyond this single name. Copenhagen's commitment to sustainability is evident in places such as *ØsterGro* (Denmark's first rooftop farm) and the swarm of *Michelin* Green-starred venues. But the food culture here also thrives in more laid-back settings, for example, *Apollo Bar* and *Atelier September*, the latter even boasting its own cookbook.

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## VIENNA 2.0 – NEW AND IMPROVED

A weekend itinerary without the usual clichés

When the trip finally makes it out of the group chat, Vienna might not *sound* like the obvious choice for a long, epicurean weekend. Imperial gems, opera, and cake at a coffeehouse may feel more like a fitting trip with mom. But things are changing fast in the Austrian capital. In order to maintain its top spot on the lists of most livable cities, Vienna is now catering to young professionals, with a growing crowd that's all about pet-nat, to-go coffee, mind-bending contemporary art, and the thrill of vintage thrift store finds, while trading waltz melodies for pulsating electronic beats. As they say in Vienna, 'Oida!'

\* *Oida* is slang for 'old person', but it's used like the exclamation 'dude' or 'bro' in pretty much any context.





Wien Museum has a spacious terrace overlooking Karlsplatz



The Hoxton in Vienna is design eye candy



Bruder Küche & Bar was established by two best friends.



In addition to Italian-Japanese fare, Cucina Itameshi also has an impressive cocktail.

FRIDAY

Launch your weekend at *The Hoxton*, Vienna's latest and coolest accommodation, which ticks all the right boxes. Opened earlier this year, the hotel breathes new life into a marble-clad 1950s administration building that once housed the Chamber of Commerce. The design is a love letter to postmodernism, with a laid-back mid-century vibe, vivid velvet upholstery, and dark wooden fixtures. In addition to its 196 rooms, the hotel boasts a stunning rooftop bar, swimming pool, restaurant, and striking views of the city. The best part? It's just outside the Innere Stadt, putting you close to all the action. (thehoxton.com/vienna)

Vienna's cultural scene can feel overwhelming, so let's not leave everything for tomorrow. Start big with a visit to the city's newest gem, the Wien Museum, which reopened in December 2023 after a massive renovation and expansion. Home to Vienna's extraordinary collection of art and historical artefacts, it provides an engaging introduction to the city's grand history and culture – a strategic move, as it will help you better navigate the city in the upcoming days. Bonus: entrance to the museum is free of charge. Don't miss the rooftop terrace offering some pretty sweet views of Karlsplatz and the surrounding area. (wienmuseum.at)

Feeling cultured enough? Time for an aperitivo – because the Viennese love their pre-meal sips just as much as the Italians do. Head to *Cucina Itameshi*, an Italian-Japanese spot offering creative dishes and equally creative cocktails. Try its unique Raspberry Shiso Sour or Matcha Mule, paired with equally quirky nibbles. The place itself features a charming clash of old-school Viennese opulence and modern whimsy, with lush chandeliers and cherry-red chairs under gilded ceilings. (cucina-itameshi.at)

This time of year, Vienna's imperial architecture really shines, both literally and figuratively. Get yourself a coffee to go, tighten your scarf, and take a stroll around the Ringstrasse boulevard. It's an architectural treasure trove of 19<sup>th</sup>-century gems, from the State Opera to the Parliament.

When it's time for dinner, head to *Meinklang Hofladen* in the 5<sup>th</sup> District, a cosy yet sophisticated spot celebrating local ingredients. This warm, minimalist space with bare brick walls and wooden finishes is a restaurant, farm shop, and bakery all in one. Nearly everything on your plate comes from Meinklang's family-run biodynamic farm near Lake Neusiedl, including the veggies, eggs, meat, and even the wine. If you're a natural wine fan, you've likely heard of Meinklang's orange wine, which has been a favourite in Europe's trendiest wine bars this year. Before you leave, snag a bottle of wine as a souvenir. (meinklang.at)

Still up for more? Take a short walk to *Bruder Küche & Bar* for a trendy nightcap. It's a homey spot where giant jars of ferments and pickles line the shelves above the bar. Founded by two best friends, it serves elevated bar bites, but cocktails are the main draw. Expect creative, unique mixes with homemade bitters, infusions, and loads of garnishes. (bruder.xyz)



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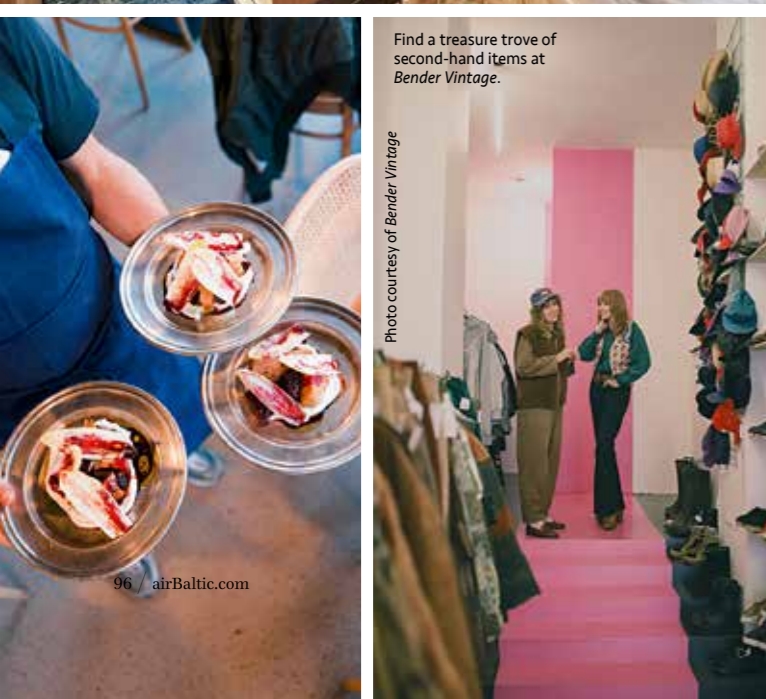
The Albertina Modern is the go-to museum for modern art in Vienna.



Mamamon Thai Eatery is famous for its pad thai.



Chez Bernard is located atop the new Hotel Motto.



Find a treasure trove of second-hand items at Bender Vintage.

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SATURDAY

When in Vienna, you must indulge in a Wiener Frühstück, or Viennese breakfast. The classic version includes bread, jam, eggs, ham, cheese, and, of course, coffee. A great place to start your day is Chez Bernard, located atop the new Hotel Motto in a stunning 19th-century building. This Parisian-inspired spot is lush with greenery and crowned by an imposing dome above the bar. While it's not a traditional Viennese coffeehouse, it offers a top-notch Vienna breakfast plus brunchy options such as crepes, toasts, and acai bowls. (chezbernard.at)

Vienna has something for every kind of art lover, from the royal treasures of Bruegel and Klimt at the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the Belvedere Palace to more modern gems in the Museum Quarter. But if you're looking for something fresh, head to the Albertina Modern, the little sibling of the world-famous Albertina. This new museum is home to Austria's most important collection of post-1945 art, including the impressive Essl Collection. (albertina.at)

Art makes you hungry, right? So say Mahlzeit! ('blessed mealtime') and head to lunch. While Wiener Schnitzel is always a good choice, Vienna's got plenty of great Thai and Vietnamese options, too. Try Mamamon Thai Eatery, a petite, family-run spot known for brimming plates of flavour. It's not fancy, but it's packed with charm. Just grab a seat at the flowery waxed tablecloth, order a cold beer, and get ready for a Pad Thai as good as on the streets of Bangkok. (IG/ mamamonthaieatery)

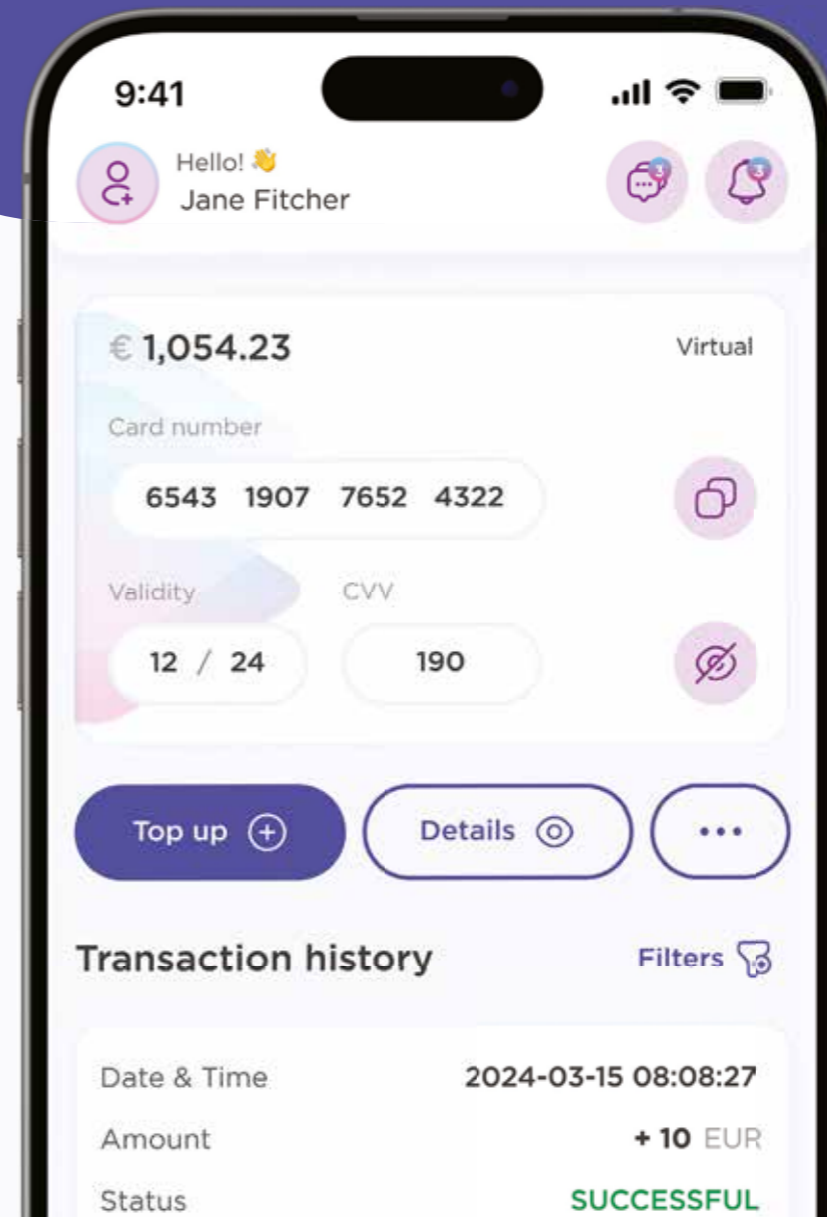
After lunch, explore Bender Vintage, a nearby shop run by two enthusiasts of upcycled fashion. This curated space isn't as overwhelming as other thrift sops - no piles of random clothing to dig through here. Instead, everything is neatly color-coordinated, with an eye-catching pink ribbon on the floor leading you to the changing rooms. (IG/ bendervintage)

For dinner, head to C.O.P. - Collection of Produce. The restaurant is easy to spot thanks to the colourful letters on the windows. Inside, you'll find a convivial bistro with a serene design stripped of unnecessary décor and peppered with Thonet chairs and marble-topped tables. And the food? It definitely delivers. Headed by a young Israeli chef, the kitchen focuses on seasonal and local produce; in fact, the producers are listed on the menu, which changes daily. Expect dishes with plenty of veggies, exceptional fish and meat options, and plenty of character. (copvienna.at)

Up for a little boogie? Sass Music Club is where the young, hip Viennese dance their troubles away. Centrally located near Karlsplatz, tear up the wooden parquet floors under thousands of gleaming chandeliers to the tunes of top-notch local and international DJs. (sassvienna.com)



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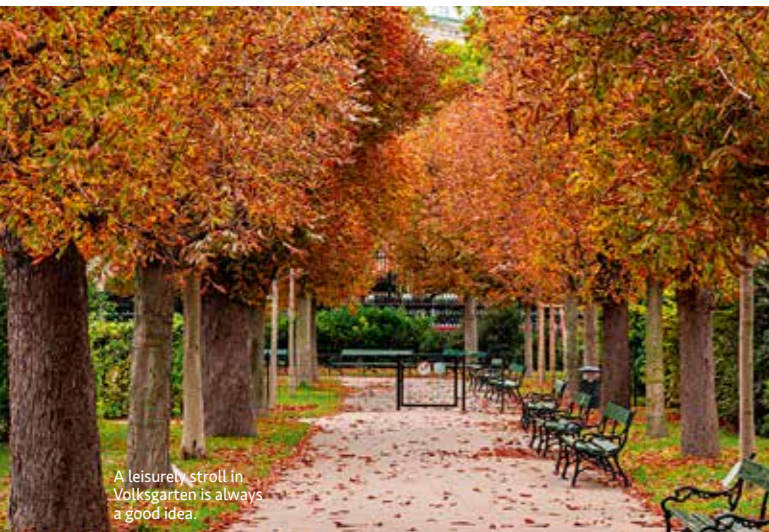


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In 1897, Gustav Klimt and other artists founded the Secession art movement; a year later, they opened its main hub, the Secession Building.



A leisurely stroll in Volksgarten is always a good idea.



No Panic Coffee is one of the many third-wave coffee spots in the city.

SUNDAY

Sleep in without a worry, because on Sundays there's no rush in the world – almost everything in Vienna is closed on Sundays and public holidays. After a slow start, head to *No Panic Coffee* in the Währinger neighbourhood. Apart from serious caffeine fixes, this new-wave coffee maker also dishes up some unfussy breakfast plates, such as a heaping avo toast and omelettes (IG/ nopanic.coffee). But if the weather allows it, take your pastry (and let it be the crowd-pleasing almond croissant) to go and head to one of the nearby parks – Rathauspark or Volksgarten. The latter is one of the city's most beautiful parks, and rightfully so. It's part of Vienna's Imperial Palace grounds and still has that stately Baroque flair and a temple to Theseus – actually a reproduction of the Hephaistos Temple in Athens.

If time and energy allow, squeeze in one last culture spot. The Secession Building near Naschmarkt is a strikingly white, golden-domed Art Nouveau marvel but a surprisingly underappreciated art institution. It's the main venue for works by the Vienna Secession artists, including Gustav Klimt and the architect Joseph Maria Olbrich, who designed the building. The museum hosts temporary exhibitions that are manageable in size. Head to the basement to see Klimt's *Beethoven Frieze* – the 34-metre-long work is an interpretation of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, which you can listen to on your headphones while marvelling at the artwork. (secession.at)

Before you head to the airport, replenish those salt levels lost on the dance floor with a hearty bowl of ramen at *Mochi Ramen* in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Tucked in the Vorgartenmarkt, *Mochi's* salty broths attract people from across the city. Take a seat by the counter to see the ramen-making magic unfolds and slurp away. (mochi-ramen.com) **bo**

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At the helm in the kitchen is talented chef Mattia Barni, who has been honing his craft alongside three-*Michelin*-starred chef Max Alajmo since 2014. The menu features dishes such as smoked venison tartare topped with white truffles and a unique musetto pork sausage served with potato cappuccino – a fresh take on Alajmo's famous squid cappuccino.

Embracing the glamorous spirit of Cortina and the tradition of festive dining, the restaurant sets its tables with antique porcelain by *Richard Ginori*, *Bernardaud*, and *Limoges*, creating an elegant atmosphere that complements the refined cuisine. At *Alajmo Cortina*, every meal is not just a dining experience but also a celebration of culinary art in the breathtaking setting of the Dolomites. [alajmo.it](http://alajmo.it)



### LES 2 ALPES RESORT IN FRANCE

Prepare for an exhilarating skiing adventure at France's highest ski resort. Located just over three hours' drive from the Geneva airport, the iconic Les 2 Alpes resort is renowned for its world-class facilities for skiers of all abilities and its impressive vertical runs, including 14 kilometres of blue runs that soar between 3600 and 1650 metres.

This winter season sees the debut of the new Jandri 3S gondola lift, a state-of-the-art addition that promises to enhance your skiing experience. Featuring spacious cabins with ergonomic seating and large panoramic windows, this lift takes skiers to the 3200-metre-high ski area in just 17 minutes, a significant improvement on the previous 40-minute journey.

Designed for stability and safety in all weather conditions, including high winds, the innovative lift system is supported by just seven columns, minimising its visual impact on the stunning Alpine landscape. This thoughtful work of engineering not only enhances the skiing experience but also preserves the beauty of the surrounding environment, making Les 2 Alpes a must-visit destination for winter sports enthusiasts. [les2alpes.com](http://les2alpes.com)



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Just a 50-minute drive from the Kittilä airport, the newly opened Nivunki Village invites you to discover the beauty of unspoiled nature and sustainable living. Home to more than 100 reindeer, this idyllic retreat offers visitors the opportunity to breathe the world’s purest air, enjoy the serenity of silence, and relax in an authentic sauna while sampling local Arctic cuisine.

Decorated in elegant Scandinavian design, the cosy kotas offer a luxurious retreat with double beds under panoramic glass windows, letting you view nature’s most spectacular light show – the northern lights – from the comfort of your bed. Here you can embrace the rich traditions of active outdoor living while dreaming with your eyes wide open. Nivunki Village promises an unforgettable escape in the heart of Lapland, where every moment is infused with the magic of the Arctic wilderness.

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### HOTEL KRALLERHOF IN AUSTRIA

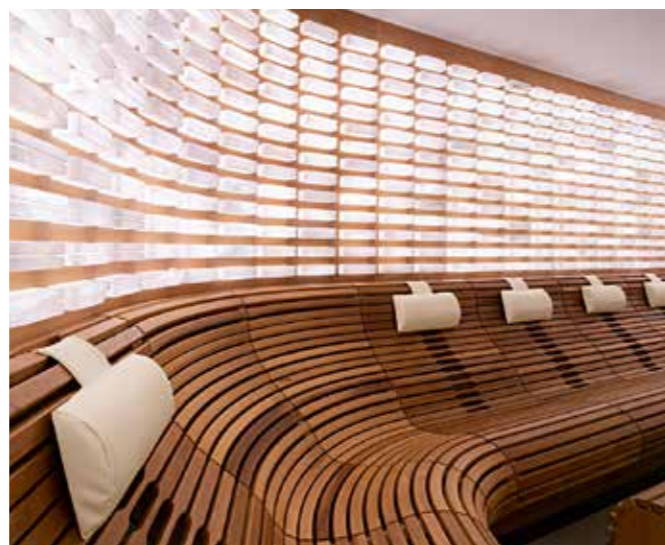
With a serene fusion of luxury, nature, and organic architecture, the five-star *Hotel Krallerhof* offers a truly exceptional retreat. Located on Austria’s renowned Saalbach Hinterglemm Leogang Fieberbrunn ski circuit – one of the country’s largest ski areas – the hotel is easily accessible via a convenient, affordable airport transfer from Salzburg. Run by the Altenberger family, *Krallerhof* is a haven of artistic inspiration dedicated to renewal, longevity, and holistic wellbeing, creating the perfect balance of tranquillity and refined comfort for guests seeking both adventure and relaxation.

The hallmark of *Krallerhof* is its iconic relaxation experience, which is enhanced by the newly opened Atmosphere Spa and Wellness Complex, designed by renowned architect Hadi Teherani. Sculpturally integrated into the mountainous landscape, the spa’s roof blends harmoniously with the surrounding terrain.

Guests can indulge in a wealth of wellness offerings, including a 50-metre infinity pool that appears to float on a lake, architecturally stunning saunas, the tranquil Ice Grotto, the serene Blue Grotto, dedicated yoga rooms, and the enchanting *Café am See*.

Every aspect here reflects a deep commitment to sustainability and respect for the environment. The thoughtful use of local materials preserves the essence of the region, minimises resource consumption, and ensures short production routes. At *Hotel Krallerhof*, guests immerse themselves in a sanctuary that celebrates both luxury and the natural beauty of the Austrian Alps. [krallerhof.com](http://krallerhof.com)

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Located in the heart of a ski and outdoor adventure paradise, *Hotel Como Alpina Dolomites* is perched on one of Europe’s largest Alpine plateaus. Its indoor and outdoor thermal pools reflect the magnificent landscape, emphasising the hotel’s connection with its natural surroundings. Designed by local architects *De Biasi & Comploi*, the hotel embraces an eco-conscious ethos, using sustainable wood and stone to blend beautifully with its surroundings.

Inside, the serene interiors (designed by renowned Milan-based *Otto Studio* and Paola Navone) are inspired by the icy blue of the sky, creating a soothing ambience that perfectly complements the Alpine scenery just outside your door. More than just a hotel, *Hotel Como Alpina Dolomites* is a luxurious retreat where modern elegance meets the timeless beauty of the Dolomites. comohotels.com



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### BERGWELT GRINDELWALD ALPINE DESIGN RESORT IN SWITZERLAND

Situated just under three hours’ drive from Zurich, the newly unveiled *Alpine Design Resort Bergwelt Grindelwald* offers a contemporary sanctuary that blends sleek dark wood façades with expansive windows and inviting terraces. Nestled in the breathtaking Swiss Alps, this resort perfectly balances modern design with the serene beauty of its natural surroundings.

Inside, the eclectic décor delights the senses, with Swiss-made wood furnishings paired with vibrant accents. The indulgent *Schramm* beds dressed in luxurious organic linen and *Dornbracht* shower fittings add to the experience, inviting guests to unwind in style. With wonderful views of the iconic Eiger and refreshing glacier water at your fingertips, time seems to stand still in this Alpine haven.

For a culinary adventure, *BG’s Grill* is a must, with delicious grilled fish at the heart of a menu bursting with flavour. For a delightful get-together with friends, head to *Das Almer’s* for a delicious fondue and its signature Cordon Bleu Inside Out.

At *Bergwelt Grindelwald*, modern luxury and Alpine tradition come together to create a tranquil escape that celebrates the beauty of nature. More than just a retreat, it’s an invitation to savour the best of the Swiss Alps. bergwelt-grindelwald.com



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## STRAUBINGER GRAND HOTEL BAD GASTEIN IN AUSTRIA

The *Straubinger Grand Hotel Bad Gastein* is an enchanting haven for those seeking refined luxury, timeless architecture, and cosmopolitan flair. Following a meticulous two-year renovation, this iconic grande dame built in 1840 has been gracefully reborn and reopened in 2023 with a stunning blend of historical charm and contemporary sophistication. Nestled next to the famous roaring waterfall in beautiful Bad Gastein, the hotel exudes elegance at every turn. Just 70 kilometres from Salzburg Airport, this enchanting retreat is effortlessly accessible, making it the perfect Alpine escape for the discerning traveller.

Inside, a contemporary palette of greens, blues, and amber is complemented by elegant oak parquet flooring and exquisite frescoes. Guests can indulge in culinary delights in the sophisticated restaurant, where gourmet dishes are served under the warm glow of Viennese cut-glass chandeliers.

With frozen waterfalls and enchanting ski trails just a stone's throw away, the *Straubinger* invites you to embrace the beauty of the season. After an exhilarating day on the slopes, relax in the hotel's modern spa, which features an organic mountain herb sauna and a heated rooftop infinity pool with views of the waterfall and the picturesque Gastein Valley. It's the perfect escape for those seeking adventure and tranquillity amidst the splendour of the Alps. [travelcharme.com](http://travelcharme.com)

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## ARMANCETTE HOTEL IN FRANCE

While many flock to the bustling resorts of the French Alps, why not embrace the charm of a tranquil mountain retreat in the idyllic village of Saint-Nicolas de Véroce? Nestled at the foot of the majestic Mont Blanc, the newly opened *Armancette Hotel, Chalets & Spa* offers a luxurious getaway just 75 minutes from the Geneva airport. Designed in a contemporary Alpine style, this resort is the perfect refuge for those who seek tranquillity yet want to be close to the ski slopes.

At the sophisticated *La Table d'Armante*, guests can indulge in exquisite French cuisine with delicacies such as L'Escalope de Foie Gras Poêlé and Quasi de Veau. For a more relaxed dining experience, the *Mont Joly* bistro offers an array of gourmet pastries and baked goods and is perfect for an afternoon treat.

For those in need of rejuvenation, the hotel has indoor swimming pools, a luxurious *Jacuzzi*, and a steaming outdoor pool with breathtaking panoramic views of the Alps from the Dômes de Miage to Mont Vorassay. With its blend of luxury and tranquillity, *Armancette* is the ultimate Alpine escape for those looking to unwind in the embrace of nature. Experience the perfect balance of relaxation and adventure in this enchanting Alpine haven. [almae-collection.com](http://almae-collection.com)



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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!



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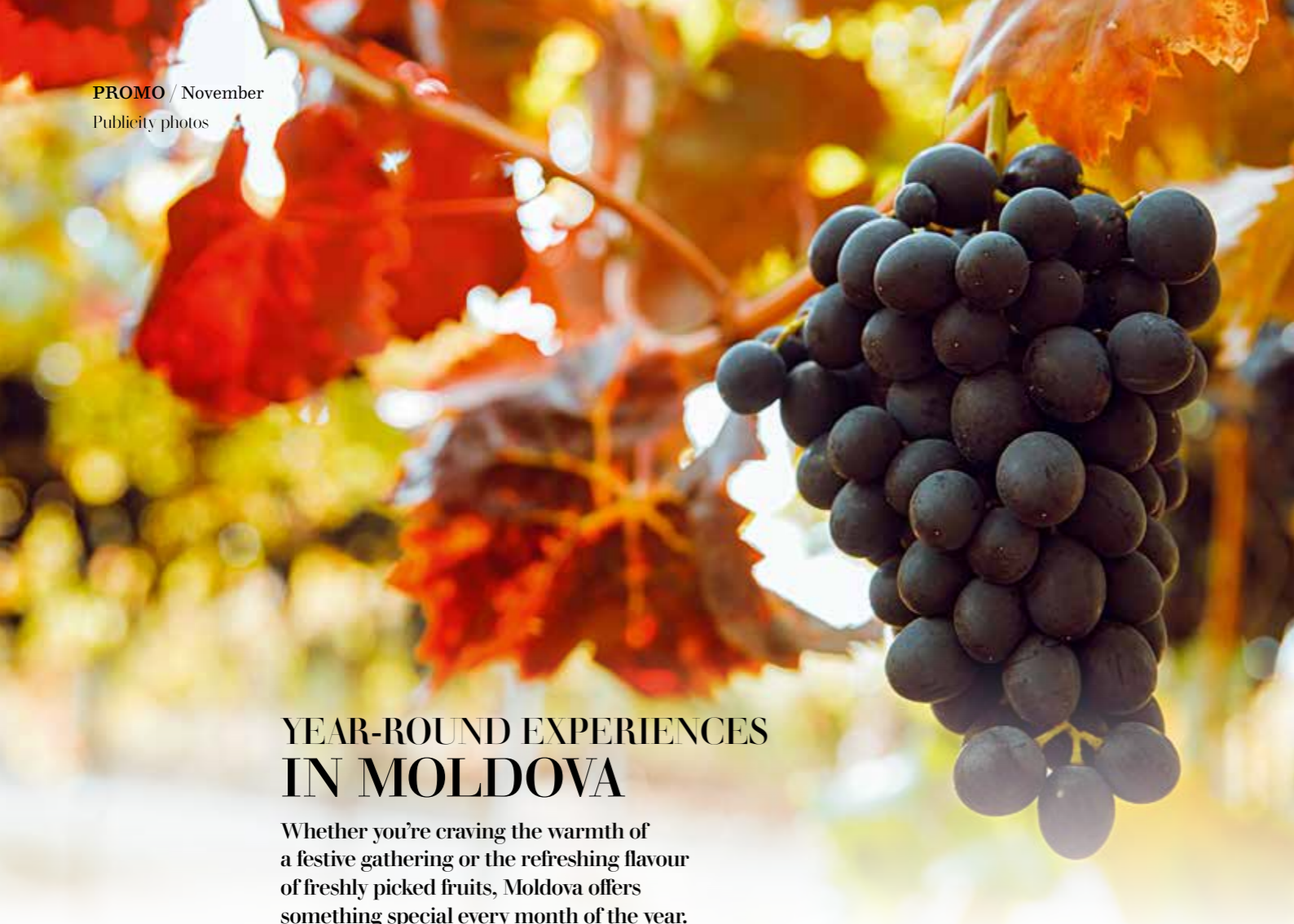


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Zivju Lete's cuisine combines the best of fish and seafood recipes, both local and international. The menu features well-known classics like tartares, fish soups, mussels, seafood pasta and seafood saute, as well as regional specialties such as Baltic herring.

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 (or even the simple staple of fish and chips), seafood can and should be enjoyed every day.





## YEAR-ROUND EXPERIENCES IN MOLDOVA

Whether you're craving the warmth of a festive gathering or the refreshing flavour of freshly picked fruits, Moldova offers something special every month of the year.

### JANUARY: celebrate Moldova's New Year and Christmas traditions

Experience the warmth of Moldova's winter celebrations. Dive into the traditions of the Old New Year with carolling and joyful gatherings around rich feasts and delicious local wine. Enjoy a truly authentic and festive atmosphere, where ancient customs and local folklore come to life. Visit Moldova this winter and join the celebration!

### FEBRUARY: a sweet remedy

In the cold winter months, tea combined with Moldovan honey is the perfect natural remedy. Local acacia honey is one of the finest varieties – crystal-clear and with a delicate flavour. Moreover, Moldovan honey is valued for its high antioxidant content and antibacterial properties. It's considered not just a food but also a remedy for a variety of ailments.

### MARCH: Martisor Festival – a UNESCO Cultural Heritage event

The spirit of Mărțișor, which celebrates spring and renewal, takes over Moldova in March and can be experienced through concerts, art, and the tradition of wearing red and white tokens. This unique tradition recognised by UNESCO welcomes visitors to join in this cultural heritage event that symbolises joy and new beginnings.

### APRIL: Easter holidays and spring adventures

Celebrate Easter in Moldova, where deep holiday traditions meet spring's vibrant beauty. Enjoy colourful painted eggs, local customs, and delicious Easter dishes. With mild weather and blooming flowers, April is perfect for hiking and discovering Moldova's beautiful nature and landscapes. Plan your spring adventure now!

### MAY: time for Moldovan strawberries

May in Moldova welcomes travellers with vibrant fields of strawberries, their red jewels dotting the green landscape. Whether wandering through a bustling market or visiting a family farm, you'll find that these berries embody the country's spring revival. Their sweet fragrance and the local tradition of strawberry festivals make May an ideal time for discovering Moldova.

### JUNE: cherry-picking adventures

In June, Moldova's countryside is alive with cherry orchards in full bloom. Exploring the tree-lined paths or sampling fresh cherries from roadside stands is a sensory journey. Travellers can also join locals in picking cherries.

### JULY:

#### apricots – a symbol of summer in Moldova

Apricots are a Moldovan summer staple that are featured at markets and in traditional dishes, from jams to pastries. Moldova enjoys 300 days of sunshine annually, making its apricots exceptionally sweet and aromatic. The country is also one of the top apricot producers in Europe per capita.

### AUGUST:

#### Moldovan plums

In recent years, Moldovan plums have become indispensable in traditional German and Austrian tarts. They are exported worldwide and appear in a variety of products, from healthy snacks to ingredients for pastries and even gourmet dishes. In August, you can find them in abundance in the orchards of Moldovan producers. Enjoy their rich flavour!

### SEPTEMBER:

#### the soul of Moldovan grapes

Have you ever visited Moldova in September? It's a time when nature and tradition intertwine in a display of colour and activity. Orchards and vineyards become buzzing hubs of people, all involved in the age-old ritual of harvest. Visiting Moldova during this time, you'll discover that each bunch of grapes carries a piece of the country's history and passion, and participating in this process will give you a deep connection to Moldova's authentic spirit.

### OCTOBER:

#### National Wine Day – a celebration of wine and tradition

Moldova's National Wine Day celebrates the country's rich winemaking heritage. Traditionally held on the first weekend of October in Chisinau, the two-day event attracts over 100,000 visitors, including international tourists. The event programme includes wine tastings, Wine School masterclasses, guided wine tours, and visits to wineries across Moldova. Don't miss out – mark your calendar and attend this unforgettable event in October 2025!

### NOVEMBER:

#### explore Moldova's MICE business potential

With modern and unique event venues, high-quality services, rich cultural experiences, and world-class wine, Moldova offers a unique opportunity to combine business and leisure in a dynamic setting. Book now for a productive and unforgettable corporate event!

### DECEMBER:

#### add sparkle to your holiday celebrations

Moldovan sparkling wines bring a festive touch to any celebration. Crafted with care and tradition, they lend elegance and joy to any holiday gathering. Make your festivities special by tasting Moldova's finest and letting the bubbles add some extra merriment to your celebrations. Cheers and *noroc!*



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## DOME HOTEL

### A hotel with a special aura

Nestled within the enchanting confines of Riga's Old Town, the *Dome Hotel* is more than just a five-star boutique retreat – it also embodies a harmonious blend of history and hospitality. From its charming 17<sup>th</sup>-century architecture to the seamless integration of modern comforts, every corner of this establishment whispers stories of the past while embracing the allure of the present.

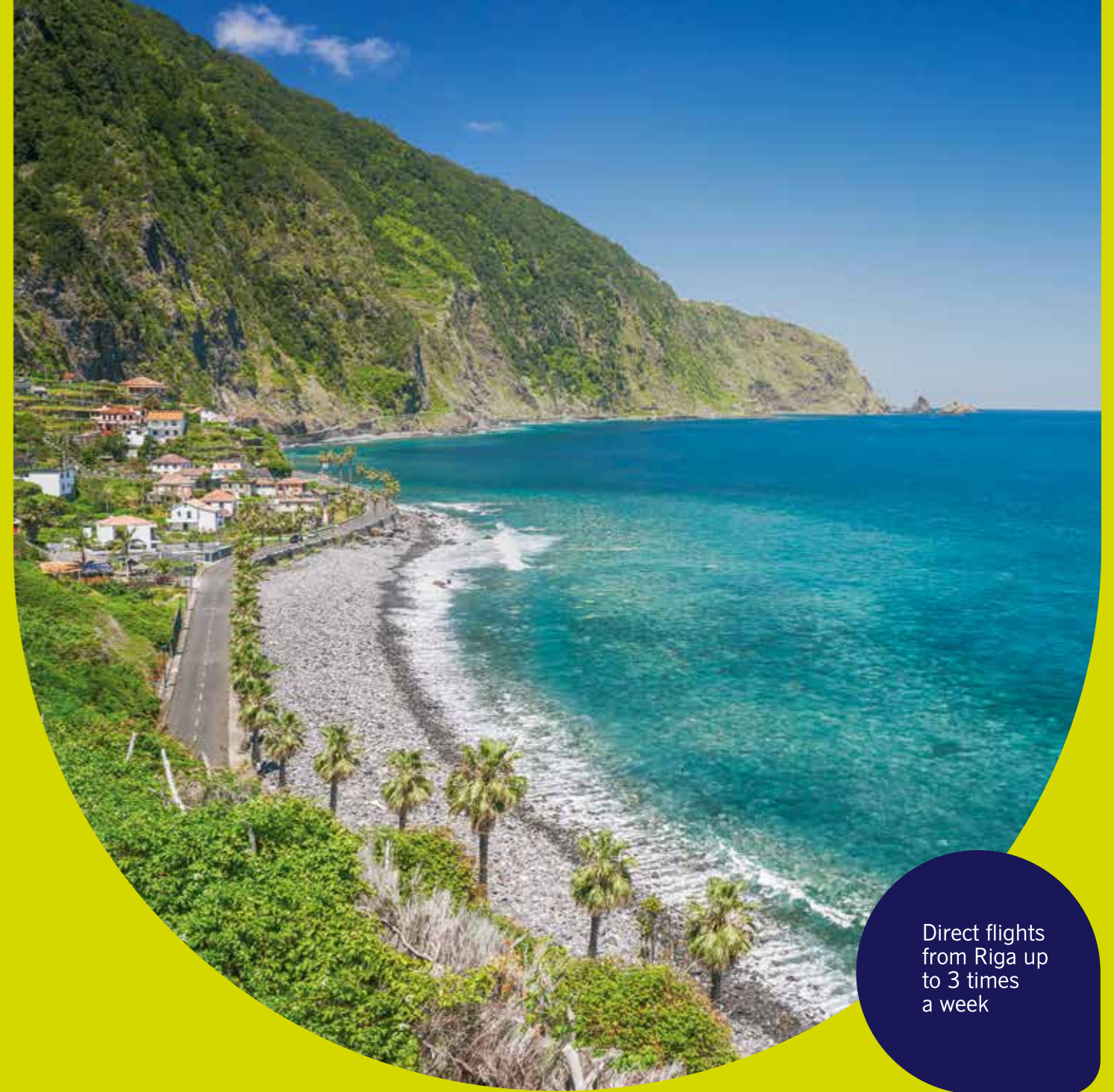
At the *Dome Hotel*, your comfort and satisfaction is the top priority from the moment you step through the doors. Impeccable service and a personalised approach await, ensuring that guests feel not only welcomed but truly valued. 'We pride ourselves on creating an environment in which our guests feel at home and want to return,' says Karina Krivorota, the hotel's general manager. Staying at the *Dome Hotel* means more than just a comfortable room. For example, the hotel also offers convenient transfers to local hotspots you want to explore.

At the hotel itself, experience indulgence at its finest, from the cosy opulence of the guest rooms to the exquisite flavours served at *Le Dome Restaurant*. Chef Ronalds Striguns expertly

transforms local ingredients into culinary marvels, each dish a delightful revelation for guests. Whether you opt for the mysterious tasting menu or order à la carte, every meal promises to be an unforgettable adventure for the senses.

As well as welcoming individual guests, the *Dome Hotel* also enhances corporate events and business meetings with bookings that combine sophistication and style. Whether an elegant luncheon, sumptuous dinner, or exclusive private meeting, a bespoke menu will be created to suit every taste and preference. With a commitment to unparalleled service and gourmet excellence, each event is designed to be both seamless and memorable. Transform your next business event into a vibrant and unforgettable experience.

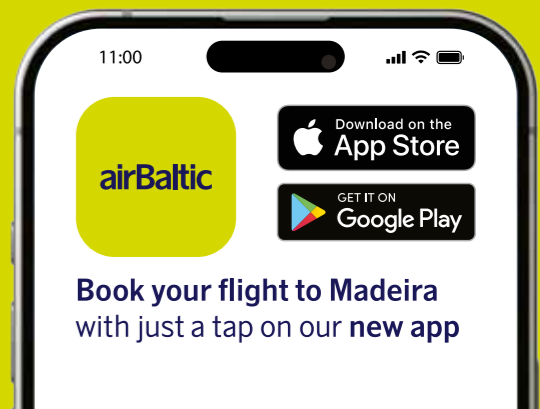
As of October, the hotel's rooftop terrace boasts a luxurious hot tub that offers stunning views of Riga's Old Town, charming rooftops, and the iconic Riga Cathedral. For the ultimate in relaxation, visit the 5<sup>th</sup>-floor sauna, where you can unwind while enjoying sweeping panoramic views of the city. Relax in style and savour the breathtaking beauty of Riga from above.



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## LAWS OF ATTRACTION

The new *Audi Q6 e-tron* shines with a whole new interior concept – and lighting technology like no other vehicle has.

The *Audi Q6 e-tron* might seem like just another addition to Ingolstadt's growing electric lineup, but it's much more than that. While its design and branding might resemble other models, it's built on an entirely new platform. The Premium Platform Electric (PPE) was developed specifically for larger, high-end electric vehicles that, for various reasons, have outgrown the widely used MEB platform of the *Volkswagen Group*.

Too technical? Let's put it another way: instead of the usual 400-volt system, the *Audi Q6 e-tron* uses an 800-volt setup, allowing charging speeds of up to 270 kW where available. If you're wondering, 'What's in it for me?' Well, the *Audi Q6 e-tron's* battery can recharge enough for 255 kilometres of range in just ten minutes. The fast-charging 94.4 kWh nickel-manganese-cobalt battery can go from 0 to 80% in just 21 minutes. In other words, your lunch will probably take longer than the charging time – unless it's just a quick hotdog.

Such advanced technology requires an equally sophisticated package. The 4.77-metre-long SUV is built in the finest Ingolstadt design tradition. One of the *Q6 e-tron's* key missions is to illuminate *Audi's* electric future as brightly as possible – literally. That's why it's equipped with redesigned Matrix

LED daytime running lights and digital OLED taillights 2.0, an area in which *Audi* has long been a pioneer.

*Audi* was among the first automakers to experiment with OLED elements instead of standard LED chips for rear lights, and it succeeded in bringing this innovation from the lab to the road. The Matrix LED headlights and OLED taillights included in the Tech Pro package are a shining example of *Audi's* obsession with cutting-edge tech that goes beyond driving performance. Encountering the *Audi Q6 e-tron* at a traffic light or in a parking lot can feel unexpectedly surreal. While many startups have introduced eccentric vehicle designs, *Audi's Q6 e-tron* appears like a regular SUV at first glance. But then you notice the headlights, where tiny segments of running lights subtly shift, almost like microscopic life forms. It's the kind of detail that might make you look around for a film crew or a director like Ridley Scott.

As you observe the dynamic lights – mirrored by the red taillights – you might wonder how *Audi* managed to bring such a mesmerising feature to a production car rather than a concept model. *Audi's* answer is both practical and impressive: despite the hypnotic movement of the lights, the actual light output remains constant, ensuring full compliance with regulations.

The *Q6 e-tron* even lets drivers choose from eight different front and rear light signatures to match their mood, the weather, or perhaps the proximity of Halloween. Jokes aside, *Audi's* latest LED technology extends far beyond merely illuminating the road at night. Adaptive headlight sections, housed just beneath the transparent enclave of glowing Matrix LED elements, handle that responsibility, while the rest of the lighting system elevates the entire driving experience to a new level of visual delight.

Inside the *Audi Q6 e-tron*, the cockpit takes a different approach from the larger *Q8 e-tron*, with a nod to its smaller sibling, the *Q4 e-tron*, in the form of a sleek transmission button. Pull it to engage Drive. Before you hit the road, take a moment to explore the range of all-new Digital Stage: connected displays designed for the convenience of the driver – and passenger, especially with the optional passenger display. Add in the head-up display with augmented reality, and the information feels as comprehensive as a star chart. *Audi's* new steering wheel design, with integrated controls, makes navigating even complex systems feel effortless.

*Audi's* curved dashboard design isn't just visually appealing; it's also highly functional, which is why it will feature in future models. The same goes for the headlight controls. With the evolution of smart lighting in newer *Audis*, these controls have been streamlined and moved from the dashboard, where they've been for 50 years, to the driver's door, alongside the window and mirror buttons.

As for performance, the *Q6 e-tron* offers one battery option across all models. The standard version has a single rear motor with 306 horsepower. For quattro fans, there's a dual-motor setup delivering 390 horsepower. For thrill-seekers, the *SQ6 e-tron* ups the ante to 490 horsepower, reaching 0 to 100 km/h in just 4.5 seconds. This positions the *Q6 e-tron* between the rear-wheel-drive *Q4 e-tron* and the quattro-exclusive *Q8 e-tron*. Even the base *Q6 e-tron* accelerates to 100 km/h in under six seconds, but its real standout feature is its handling, which feels just as refined as its speed.

At first, the *Q6 e-tron* may feel heavy – it weighs 2.4 tons, after all – but its quick steering ratio and smart power distribution between the motors cleverly counteract that heft. The front and rear motors in the quattro models are not just different by design (ever heard of permanent magnet vs. asynchronous or synchronous motors?), but the rear motor always gets more power. This rear-biased setup means the *Q6 e-tron* feels more like it's being pushed than pulled, which results in better cornering, sharper steering response, and smoother lane changes.

*Audi* has also reimagined familiar features, such as headrest speakers. In the *Q6 e-tron*, they deliver navigation instructions directly to the driver, so passengers remain undisturbed. No more voice guidance interruptions during your favourite song!

*Audi* is always pushing boundaries. Take the question of how to pass the time while charging. If scrolling *TikTok* gets old, the *Q6 e-tron* lets you play video games on the head-up display, steering a virtual spaceship through dangers using the paddles behind the wheel. To support its advanced tech features, you might expect the *Q6 e-tron* to need as many control units as a lunar module. However, *Audi* has streamlined them with just five high-performance computers (HPCs), each powerful enough for a space mission.

With a battery range of up to 641 kilometres, the *Q6 e-tron* may not break records, but it sets a new standard for the *e-tron* lineup, combining range with a fun, tech-rich driving experience. Prices start at EUR 72,700, so when you begin your journey with the third all-electric *e-tron* SUV, be sure to say 'Hey, *Audi!*' Find out more at [audi.lv](http://audi.lv) or [audi.lt](http://audi.lt).



# COME TO LATVIA FOR A BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY SMILE!

Dentistry is among the most popular healthcare services performed as part of medical tourism abroad. Often, it's the attractive prices that appeal to clients, but unfortunately the results are not always satisfactory.

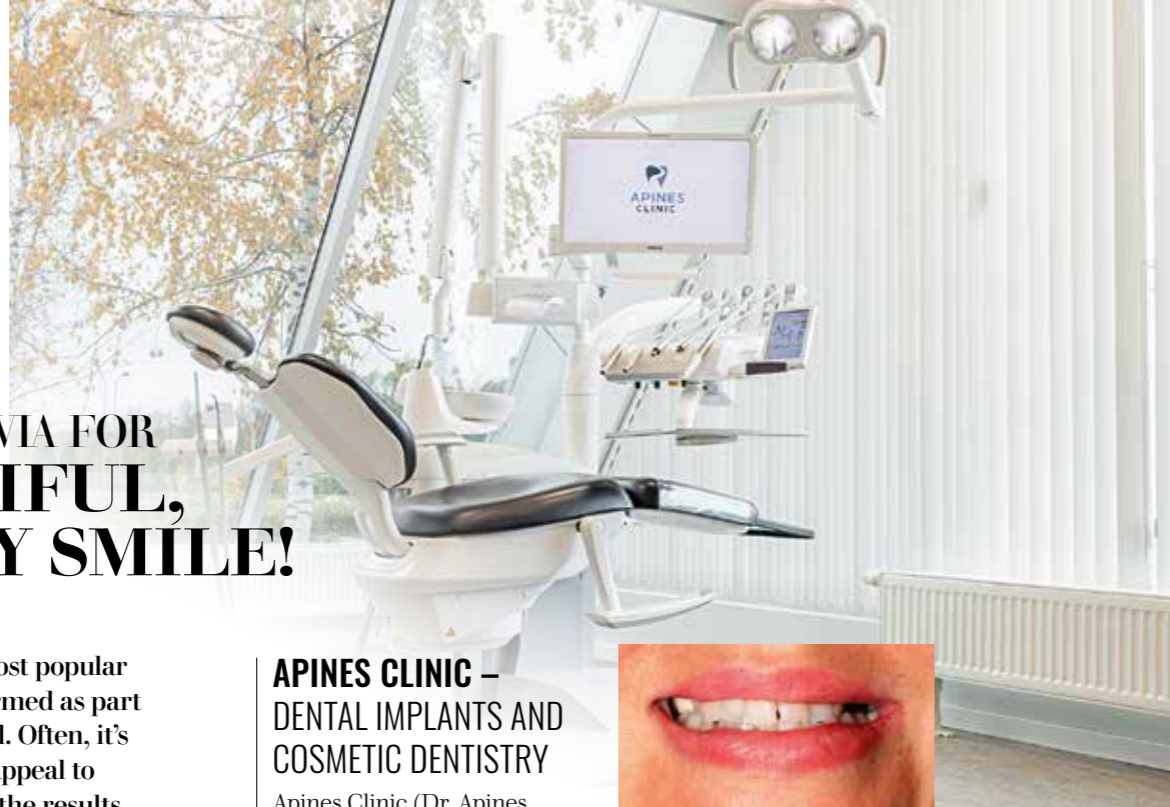
The Latvian Health Tourism Cluster's treatment facilities use only the very latest technologies and certified dental materials proven over years of experience to provide every patient with the best possible results. Their specialists care deeply about the quality of the services they provide, and patients can be sure that they will receive the very best care.

Some people still have a fear of going to the dentist, but they can be assured that the Cluster's specialists offer not only local but also full anaesthesia as well as nitrous oxide, or so-called laughing gas. They also practise laser dentistry to make the treatment process less painful and more pleasant.

The field of cosmetic dentistry has also developed rapidly, giving everyone the opportunity to have a dazzling smile. Beautiful, healthy teeth serve as a person's calling card, and healthy teeth can boost a person's self-esteem and self-confidence. To achieve this, make sure to choose treatment facilities with high levels of quality and safety.



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## APINES CLINIC – DENTAL IMPLANTS AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY

Apines Clinic (Dr. Apines klinika) employs experienced, certified prosthodontists and implantologists who perform implant placement, bone growth procedures, and high-quality restoration of dental aesthetics with dental veneers and crowns. The prosthodontist makes a diagnosis and offers the most appropriate treatment for each individual patient, taking into account their wishes, needs, and possibilities.

Dental implants replace missing teeth and completely reproduce the function and appearance of a natural tooth. An implant is a titanium screw that is inserted into the jawbone and has a tooth-shaped crown made of artificial material above the gum line. It is an excellent way to replace a missing tooth or even an entire group of teeth. Implants are functionally and visually the same as real teeth, and it is in fact difficult to distinguish between the two by merely looking at or feeling them. Dental implants can be placed in healthy patients of any age.

Dental veneers, also known as porcelain laminate veneers, are one of the most common types of tooth restoration. They significantly improve the aesthetics of the front teeth and the visual appearance of the smile. Veneers are made individually



for each patient in a laboratory and match the colour, size, length, and shape of the patient's other teeth. The finished veneers are then attached to the front surface of the teeth with a special cement. Modern technology has made it possible to produce such a thin ceramic layer that the patient's natural tooth tissue can be preserved almost in its entirety.

Dental veneers may be suitable for patients with discoloured enamel, a dead or darkened incisor, large gaps between teeth, or crowding that cannot or will not be corrected by orthodontics. They can also be used for people with short and worn teeth, unattractive fillings, fractures and cracks in the incisor area, and pegged or conical (thin, small, pointy) teeth.

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At the ARS Medical Centre's Dental Clinic, a certified dentist will assess your oral health and draw up a treatment plan. Additional examination methods such as X-rays, CT scans, and/or ultrasound of the jaw are used to provide a more detailed diagnosis.

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If necessary, the ARS Dental Clinic also performs gentle tooth extractions.

Services provided by ARS Dental Clinic:

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- Root canal and root canal treatment using the latest dental techniques and technologies
- Tooth restoration using microprosthetics: ceramic inlays and onlays
- Restoration of dental aesthetics (incisor area): closing of gaps, repair of cosmetic defects
- Laser teeth whitening
- Professional dental hygiene: removal of tartar, plaque, hard pigment
- Endodontics. When the patient is faced with potentially losing a tooth, a root canal using modern technology and specialist skills can save and preserve the tooth. Endodontic treatment is also important in the preparation of teeth for prosthetic treatment. Endodontic diseases are often only detected by radiological examination.

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## SKY DREAM CLINIC – COMPLETE DENTURES

Sky Dream Clinic's undoubted advantage is its integrated approach to patient treatment, which means that all of the clinic's highly specialised dentists work as a team. The clinic employs highly educated and experienced prosthodontists who can restore a smile within a day and offer complete dentures using all-on-4 or all-on-6 dental implants. This is a patented prosthetic method that effectively addresses the problem of a complete loss of teeth. The method involves the placement of four or six implants, which serve as a support for the dentures, whether removable or fixed. Implantation involves immediate loading of the jaw and fully restores chewing function. It is suitable for anyone who wishes to have a total reconstruction of their teeth and solve an aesthetic problem as quickly as possible.

Initially, four or six implants (artificial roots) are placed in the jaw. Within one to three days, the prosthesis is placed on the implants and immediate jaw loading is possible. This promotes the rapid recovery of chewing function.



To avoid discomfort as much as possible during complex treatment or surgery, the specialists at Sky Dream Clinic perform the treatment under general anaesthesia. The patient receives preparatory instructions beforehand and must also have an initial consultation with the anaesthesiologist as well as an assessment of his or her physical condition.

The quiet and comfortable environment at Sky Dream Clinic guarantees that patients feel secure and at ease as they embark on their path to a new and beautiful smile with the help of leaders in the field.

### PRICES

Dental Check-up (consultation, full oral diagnosis, treatment plan, 3D X-ray): EUR 144,90  
Online dentist consultation: EUR 89,90  
Total dental prosthetics implants ALL on 4/6: from EUR 4200  
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## DENTARIUM DENTAL CLINIC – CEREC AESTHETIC DENTISTRY, IMPLANTOLOGY, ITOP HYGIENE INSTRUCTION

Dr. D. Petrosyan's Dentarium Dental Clinic offers a wide range of professional dental services for children and adults, adapting to the individual needs and preferences of each patient. Services provided:

- Oral hygiene
- iTOP hygiene instruction method
- Therapeutic treatment
- Cosmetic dentistry
- Dentures
- Surgery
- Implantology
- Sedation and comfort
- CEREC ceramic restoration of teeth

Dental hygiene plays an important role in maintaining oral health and overall well-being. Dentarium Dental Clinic is staffed by professionals who will train you in the most effective oral care methods to prevent gum and tooth disease.

For high-quality and long-lasting prosthetics, it is important to choose the right dental implant design to suit each individual clinical case. Dentarium ensures that implant placement is quick, comfortable, and virtually painless. Thanks to advanced techniques and high-quality materials, the rehabilitation process is also quick and pain-free.

The CEREC technology offered by Dentarium makes it possible to restore a tooth in a single visit. Advanced CAD/CAM 3D imaging and computer-aided technology are used to design and create restorations with extreme precision and a natural appearance. The production time per unit is 1.5 hours. CEREC ceramics match the shades of natural tooth colours.

### PRICES

Oral hygiene instruction: from EUR 90

CEREC ceramic restoration: from EUR 800

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## SIROWA DENTAL CLINIC – THE HOME OF THE SMILE FOR 30 YEARS

The Sirowa Dental Clinic in Riga is an innovative dental clinic whose specialists are ready to take on all types of dental implantology, prosthetics, aesthetic prosthetics, dental treatment, and dental hygiene. They are dedicated to finding the most suitable solution for each patient. They are also particularly skilled in working with children, which makes the specialists at Sirowa an excellent choice for young patients requiring a dental visit.

The clinic has a modern operating theatre for dental implants, surgical manipulations, and tooth extraction as well as the latest equipment to provide dental treatment under general anaesthesia. After surgery, patients may stay in a specially equipped recovery room under the supervision of certified anaesthesiologists-resuscitators, if they so wish.

Sirowa Dental Clinic takes a professional and attentive attitude to each of its patients. This is one of its main advantages and has been its tradition for 30 years.

### PRICES

Consultation: EUR 65–80

OPG (panoramic x-ray): EUR 55

Examination: EUR 35

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## AESTHETICA CLINIC – COSMETIC DENTISTRY FOR A PERFECT SMILE

The Aesthetica Clinic offers composite, or helio, coatings for teeth, which are one of the most effective and popular cosmetic dentistry services and allow anyone to realise the dream of a beautiful smile and healthy teeth.

They let patients achieve maximum results with minimally invasive methods in the restoration and aesthetic restoration of their teeth. Composite coatings often prove to be a better alternative to teeth whitening and veneers. In addition, the advantageous prices of composite materials are also an undeniable advantage of this service.

Veneers are often preferred for correcting various cosmetic dental defects, while the discolouration of teeth is most often addressed by chemical teeth whitening. However, in most cases, patients prefer a minimally invasive method that will not affect their tooth structure or long-term dental health yet nevertheless produces excellent results. Also, chemical teeth whitening is not suitable for all patients.

For people with more sensitive teeth or gums, this procedure may cause discomfort and dental health problems in the long term. The alternative to these two popular cosmetic dentistry services is a composite, or heliomaterial, coating.

Heliomaterial coatings can address a wide range of cosmetic dental defects, such as tooth discolouration caused by diet, lifestyle, or



poor-quality prior dental treatments (including silver fillings) as well as deformities (crooked teeth, gaps between the teeth). Importantly, a helio coating, or bonding, is also suited to correcting a cosmetic defect on a single tooth or only a few individual teeth. The composite coating is formed during the procedure, and it is applied with minimal interference to the existing tooth structure. This specific method of forming and applying the coating is also more affordable in terms of price. The procedure is relatively simple, and it is possible to treat several teeth or even a row of teeth in one visit.

Before applying a helio coating, patients must consult with a dentist about the general health of their teeth and oral cavity and must also have their teeth cleaned by a dental hygienist. After the procedure, they must take good care of their teeth and have the composite material professionally polished once a year to maintain good results.

### PRICES

Composite veneer (one unit): EUR 350

Composite coating (one tooth): EUR 200–250

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## ERA ESTHETIC DENTAL – LASER DENTISTRY

Laser technology has opened a new chapter in modern dentistry. Today, both hard and soft tissues can be treated effectively and painlessly with innovative laser systems. In the hands of experienced dentists, the latest generation of lasers prevents caries (tooth decay) without anaesthesia, treats root canals with high precision, removes tartar non-surgically, and prevents tooth loss caused by gum disease without the need for a scalpel.

The laser produces a highly precise beam of concentrated energy that can treat a wide range of oral health problems. It simultaneously sterilises and coagulates blood vessels, thus reducing the chance of infection. Lasers are also used in dental surgery, for example, as a cutting instrument or tissue vaporiser, meaning that they melt the tissue they come into contact with. The use of a laser instead of a drill or scalpel significantly reduces pain during a procedure. Depending on the patient, anaesthesia is often not necessary at all!

The selective action of the laser on tissues, the protection against pain, the sterilising properties of the laser, the contactless action of the light beam, and the possibility of avoiding surgical intervention – all of these features significantly improve the quality of dental procedures performed using a laser.

Era Esthetic Dental offers the latest generation of laser technology to ensure the most effective and comfortable treatment of teeth and gums

as well as safe therapeutic and aesthetic procedures. Laser dentistry can be used for painless and drill-free treatment of tooth decay, highly effective and precise treatment of root canals, scalpel-free treatment of tooth loss caused by gum disease, gentle and quick teeth whitening, and comfortable oral hygiene. Such contactless treatment also provides significantly higher protection against respiratory tract infections, including Covid-19.

With the latest generation of laser technology, Era Esthetic Dental provides:

- Removal of infected tooth tissue
- Treatment of gum disease (caries)
- Root canal treatment
- Dental crown lengthening
- Quick and painless treatment of soft tissue
- Surgical suture replacement
- Surgical manipulation of the gums without the need for sutures
- Smile correction
- Treatment of dental abscesses
- Teeth whitening
- Composite restorations

### PRICES

Consultation before laser procedures: EUR 50

Laser dental filling (one surface): EUR 124.50

Laser root tip resection: EUR 265

Laser removal of soft tissue growths: EUR 230

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RSU opened its first branch outside Latvia at Elbe Kliniken in the German city of Stade.



RSU students



Left to right: Landrat of Lower Saxony Kai Seefried, RSU Rector Prof. Aigars Pētersons, and Prof. Holger Schmidt

## RSU EXPANDS ABROAD

Rīga Stradiņš University (RSU) opens its first international branch in Stade, Germany.

In the seven decades since its founding in Riga, Latvia, RSU has grown from a local medical institute into a modern European university specialising in the fields of medicine, health care, and social sciences. The university believes that modern education is inconceivable without technology, which is why every year it invests in world-class simulation facilities that let students develop their skills in a safe environment.

In September, RSU reached a significant milestone – the university opened its first international branch at Elbe Kliniken in Stade, Germany. This marks the first time a Baltic national university has expanded abroad in the field of medical studies. The event was attended by RSU Rector Prof. Aigars Pētersons, the Latvian Minister for Health Hosam Abu Meri, and various other officials, including the Landrat of Lower Saxony Kai Seefried, representatives of several ministries, the Mayor of Stade Sönke Hartlef, and a number of other local officials and partners.

Pētersons highlighted the importance of this expansion: ‘RSU is the flagship of higher education export in northern Europe. By opening this branch, we send a message to international students that Latvia and RSU are the right place to obtain a high-quality, competitive education.’ Abu Meri also emphasised its significance: ‘RSU is ambitiously pursuing its vision of becoming a modern European university. The new branch will be an important added value.’

The collaboration with Elbe Kliniken Stade (EKS) began in 2021. This year, 26 students are starting their studies at the RSU Stade Branch, which will implement the RSU-accredited medicine programme in English, with degrees awarded under Latvian legislation.

Prof. Holger Schmidt, who is the head of the Neurology Department at EKS, was pivotal in establishing this partnership. He recalled how the collaboration began: ‘Around 2015, the board of directors realised that the supply and demand of medical doctors in Lower Saxony was no longer balanced. Since then, we have been seeking a strong, high-quality partner to meet our own needs for new medical talent.’ After establishing contact with RSU, the range of courses offered initially has expanded to now include bedside teaching in German to 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-year students from RSU.

Schmidt noted the unique benefits of the programme: ‘Our teachers are experienced specialists who are eager to recruit individual students for their teams. Additionally, our smaller size provides a more familial atmosphere for many students. Specialists in bedside teaching are not the norm at German universities.’

The RSU Stade Branch is expected to grow, with plans to eventually enrol 96 students. Schmidt is optimistic about its future development, and both RSU and EKS are committed to furthering European medical education and research opportunities through this partnership.

### RSU OPEN DAYS ARE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO

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# REDEFINING DEBT RECOVERY

Companies such as *Julianus Inkasso* play a crucial role in maintaining financial health across the Baltic region and Poland.



*Julianus Inkasso* has returned over a billion euros to creditors, helping to stabilise economies and businesses alike. The company's commitment to innovation and fairness sets it apart in an industry often viewed with great scepticism. However, its focus on technology, transparency, and trust offers a refreshing take on debt recovery in today's fast-paced world.

In Estonia, where 10% of the population faces ongoing debt challenges, *Julianus Inkasso* has positioned itself as a leader in tackling complex financial situations. Merle Laurimäe, the CEO of *Julianus Inkasso Estonia*, highlights that, while legal frameworks and outreach efforts exist, delays in payments often stem from financial difficulties or misconceptions about debt. Regulatory changes can also complicate the recovery process. Nevertheless, *Julianus* has persevered by managing over 1.6 million tailored debt recovery solutions and cost-efficient strategies.

Latvia boasts a unique regulatory landscape as the only Baltic country with a specific Debt Collection Law, passed in 2012. This legislation regulates the activities of collection companies, ensuring transparency and consumer protection, while mandating licensing and oversight by the Consumer Rights Protection Centre. Ina Hofmane, the CEO of *Julianus Inkasso Latvia*,

notes that competition is fierce, with companies often undercutting each other on prices. 'However, strict adherence to legislative norms and a focus on debtor rights keeps *Julianus Inkasso* ahead of the curve and delivering exceptional results for our clients,' she says.

*Julianus Inkasso's* Lithuanian operations have flourished in a highly competitive market with several international and domestic players. By acquiring *UAB Intrum Lietuva*, *Julianus* has cemented its position as a key player, servicing a wide range of clients, from utilities and telecommunications to the transport and insurance sectors.

'Our success in Lithuania lies in both pre-court and court collections, where we maintain an exceptional track record,' explains Naugirdas Kazlauskas, the CEO of *Julianus Inkasso Lithuania*. 'We've built long-term relationships with clients in major B2C and B2B segments, proving our reliability and effectiveness.'

Lithuania is also a hotbed for innovation, with *Julianus* leveraging fintech solutions developed within its parent company, *Aktiva Finance Group*. Through partnerships with companies such as *Viena Saskaita* and *Accountscoring*, *Julianus* offers unique, tailored services to meet the diverse needs of its clients.

Poland's debt recovery landscape is influenced by frequent regulatory changes and a strong emphasis on consumer protection. There, *Julianus Inkasso* has not only navigated legal challenges but also leveraged cutting-edge technologies to stand out. According to Milena Zaszewska-Topczewska, the CEO of *Julianus Inkasso Poland*, recent advances in OCRs, bots, and API integrations have automated much of the company's workflow, enabling scalability and cost-efficiency. 'This automation has allowed us to offer competitive pricing to our clients, while maintaining strict compliance with regulations,' she shares. 'In such a competitive market, it's critical to be both flexible and efficient.'

Looking ahead, Zaszewska-Topczewska remains optimistic about the gradual technological progress in Poland's administrative and court systems. 'I see light at the end of the tunnel as we witness slow but steady advancements, such as the implementation of eID (mObywatel) and eDelivery (eDoręczenia). While the pace of change is slow, these innovations signal a shift that will ultimately benefit the industry and our clients,' she explains.

At the heart of *Julianus Inkasso's* operations across all regions is a commitment to leveraging fintech to optimise its processes. Artur Rahkema, the CTO of *Aktiva Finance Group*, points to the company's advancements in artificial intelligence, automation, and API integrations as transformative forces in debt recovery. 'Our technological solutions have considerably improved our efficiency,' he explains. 'Clients can integrate with our systems for fully automated processing, saving time and resources while increasing the accuracy of our services.'

The company's continuous development of AI-driven tools and monitoring systems allows for real-time process optimisation, ensuring that *Julianus* stays ahead of the curve in both customer service and operational efficiency.

What also sets *Julianus Inkasso* apart is its unwavering dedication to innovation and its focus on being more than just a debt recovery firm. Whether navigating Estonia's complex debtor landscape, complying with Latvia's strict regulatory environment, expanding its reach in Lithuania, or competing in Poland's price-driven market, *Julianus* is a company that adapts and excels. As the company continues to evolve, one thing is clear: *Julianus Inkasso* is not just a leader in debt recovery but a fintech powerhouse driving positive change in the financial industry.



Artur Rahkema, the CTO of Aktiva Finance Group

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## DISCOVER THE PERFECT TRAVEL SETS BY *HADAT COSMETICS!*

Worried about keeping up with your hair care routine while travelling? These travel kits provide everything you need for healthy, strong hair on the go.

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The Hydro Nourishing Moisture Set for balanced hydration provides deep hydration and balanced nutrition for normal and dry hair. It works on a molecular level to enhance shine, density, elasticity, and overall hair health after just one use. The shampoo gently cleanses and moisturises without weighing down the hair, boosting root volume. The nutrient nourishing conditioner locks in moisture, making hair smooth and shiny without heaviness. The spa hair treatment mask restores moisture, adds volume, and protects hair from environmental damage and UV rays.

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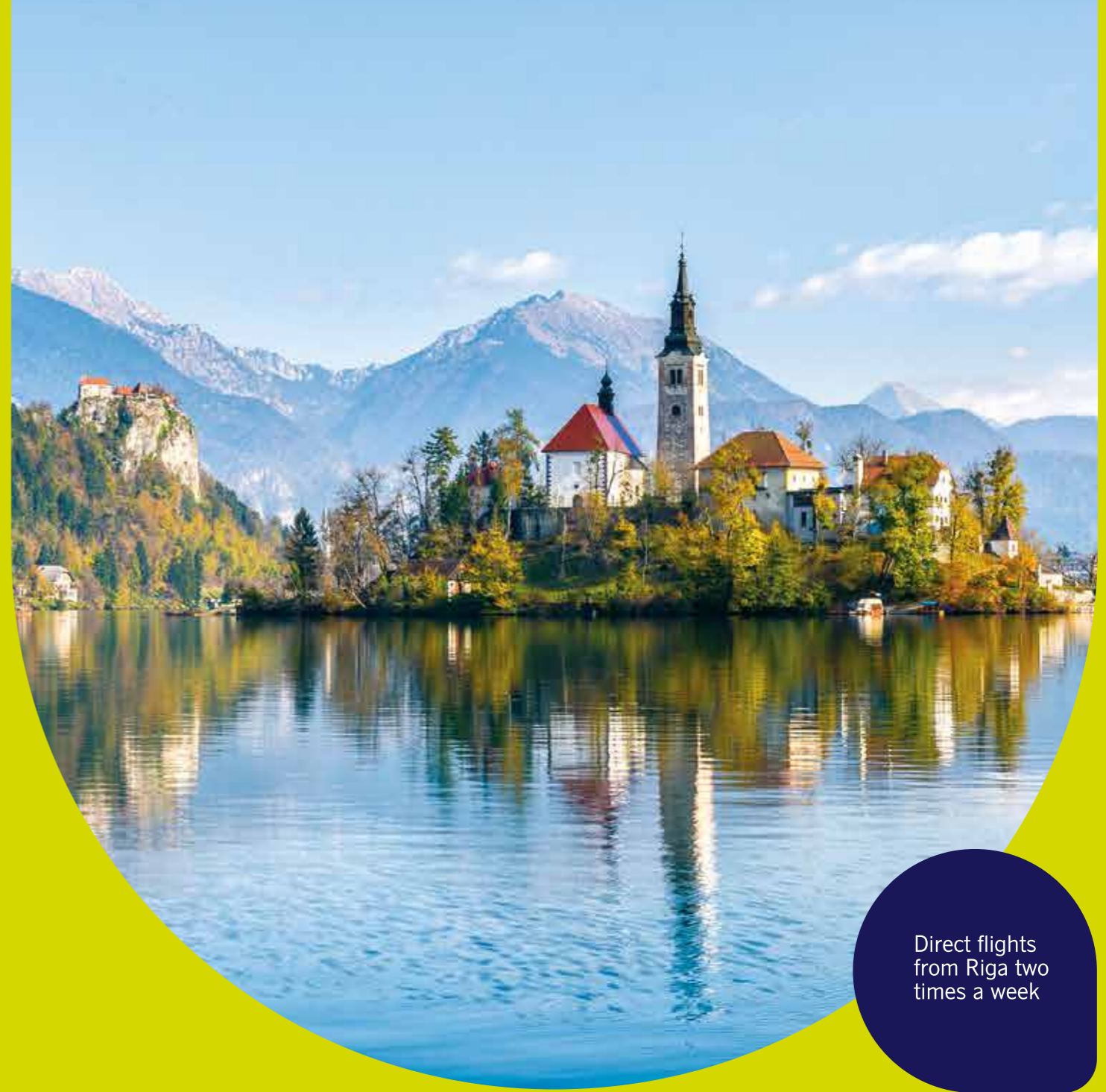
hair. The active ingredients penetrate deeply to nourish and repair hair at the molecular level, increasing strength and thickness. The shampoo cleanses and strengthens damaged hair while restoring its moisture balance. The conditioner locks in moisture and protects hair, making it smoother and shinier. The mask nourishes and softens hair and prevents breakage.

The Hydro Hair Growth Set enhances the strength and growth of hair. The products stimulate hair growth, refresh the scalp, and strengthen hair at the roots, ensuring efficient scalp and hair cleansing while locking in moisture for added shine and silkiness. The shampoo fortifies hair, helping to prevent hair loss and promote healthy growth, while the conditioner keeps hair smooth and shiny. The mask restores moisture and protects coloured hair from damage.

The Hydro Silk Hair Set, also known as the Liquid Silk collection for luxurious shine, rejuvenates and moisturises the hair and scalp, leaving it stronger and more elastic with a natural shine. The shampoo gently cleanses and boosts

root volume without weighing down the hair, and the conditioner locks in moisture, leaving hair smooth and easy to manage. The mask revitalises dry, damaged hair using macadamia and argan oils, deeply nourishing and increasing elasticity and shine.

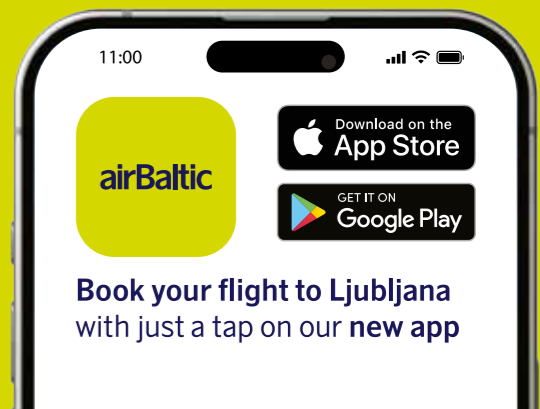
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*Rimi Baltic's* commitment to improving customer relationships is reflected in its digital capabilities. Raimonds Sausais, the e-commerce manager at *Rimi Baltic*, explains: 'We can effectively handle two different flows – B2B and B2C – without compromising on quality or service. Our robust digital infrastructure supports this dual approach and enables us to meet the different needs of both consumer segments.'

The B2B platform offers a number of benefits tailored exclusively for corporate customers, which differentiates it from the online store available to individual consumers. A key feature is the ability for companies to pay by invoice, which is sent electronically and automatically includes their company details.

Furthermore, businesses can also place bulk orders to streamline their procurement process. This bulk ordering feature is particularly beneficial as it allows businesses to set up regular subscriptions for their most essential products, ensuring they never run out of stock. This feature is particularly valuable in sectors such as HoReCa (hotels, restaurants, and catering), where consistent stock levels are essential for smooth operations. Sausais explains: 'We want to ensure that our business customers can focus on their core activities while we take care of their procurement needs. Our subscription service streamlines this process and allows customers to plan ahead without having to worry about reordering.' 'We are committed to providing tailor-made solutions for any special event or celebration in various industries that require larger quantities. To ensure smooth logistics, we recommend that customers contact us well in advance,' says Jevgenija Kondrāte, the B2B sales project manager at *Rimi Baltic*. 'We focus on providing a personalised experience for each B2B customer,' Kondrāte continues. 'This personalised approach helps *Rimi Baltic* build long-term relationships with its business customers, ensuring that they receive the products they need and the support that aligns with their operational goals.'

Inga Bite, the public relations manager at *Rimi Latvia*, highlights the diversity of companies that work with the company: 'The companies that buy from us are very different, but they all share a common value – they prioritise the well-being of their employees by accommodating different dietary needs and encouraging healthy lifestyles.'

Keeping customers satisfied and loyal is a top priority for *Rimi Baltic*. Its loyalty discounts and special offers apply to B2B clients as well. 'It's a way of saying thank you and encouraging them to come back for more,' adds Kondrāte.

In addition to fostering loyalty, *Rimi Baltic* understands the importance of on-time deliveries in business operations. 'We know that time is money for our business customers,' says Sausais. 'Offering different options, such as express delivery and Rimi Drive, gives our customers the flexibility they need to manage their operations effectively.'

This focus on customer service and efficiency is in line with *Rimi Baltic's* wider commitment to improving the shopping experience by prioritising healthy and sustainable choices that benefit both the individual and the community. This commitment is reflected in the company's strong support for local businesses, with around 43% of the products *Rimi Baltic* offers being sourced from regional suppliers. This strategy not only strengthens the local economy but also minimises environmental impact.

As *Rimi Baltic* expands, it remains committed to delivering value in every purchasing interaction. Sausais concludes: '*Rimi Baltic* is your destination for high-quality essentials and hassle-free procurement, where convenience meets a commitment to the community and the environment. We invite you to discover it for yourself!'

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# STREET PIZZA

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*Street Pizza* was the first Neapolitan pizzeria in Riga, pioneering the cooking style here six years ago. It introduced local gourmets to the Neapolitan pizza tradition and developed pizza culture throughout Latvia. Today, *Street Pizza* has two locations in Riga: in the city centre, where it is surrounded by Art Nouveau buildings, and across the Daugava River, in the Āgenskalns neighbourhood.

*Street Pizza* has attracted many loyal diners over the years. This is probably because the flavour of the pizzas hasn't changed since day one. The pizzerias always work with the same Italian suppliers, which makes the pizzas taste as authentic as can be. All pizzas are made with the highest quality *Molino Pasini* Neapolitan flour, which gives the dough its unique flavour and texture. The pizzas also feature *La Carmela* tomatoes from Naples (which have a 60-year, multi-generation history), *Guglielmi* extra virgin olive oil, and other top-quality ingredients from Italy.

*Street Pizza's* menu features classic Neapolitan pizzas: Marinara, Margherita, Capricciosa, Pancetta, and more. The pizzerias carefully follow the old traditions, pointing out that Neapolitan pizzas must

follow the classic recipe if they are to taste exactly as they are meant to. This means that the pizza dough is made according to the traditional recipe for Neapolitan pizza and then fermented for 48 to 72 hours. Once formed and topped, the pizza is baked in an oven at 400°C for 90 seconds. The pizzas at the Āgenskalns branch are baked in an oak-wood-fired oven, while those at the branch on Elizabetes iela are baked in an electric oven. Both ovens are Neapolitan-certified and produce the authentic flavour of Neapolitan pizza. Tradition is also important in the way the pizza is presented, which is why *Street Pizza* serves its pizzas uncut. Likewise, as Aleksandrs Vēvers – the pizzerias' owner and pioneer of the Neapolitan pizza tradition in Latvia – points out, the pizzas taste best when freshly made.

Pizza for lovers – this could be the motto for *Street Pizza*. The owners of the establishment celebrated their own wedding at the first *Street Pizza* pizzeria, and this beautiful tradition has been adopted by many visitors who have not only enjoyed their wedding meal there but have even exchanged their vows in the pizzeria. '*Street Pizza* is a place to enjoy moments away from the hustle and

bustle of everyday life. It's an adventure not only in terms of flavour but also feelings,' says Vēvers. He also recommends the tiramisu, which is said to be one of the best in Riga. The recipe was created by his own family and has not changed since day one.

Both the authentic Neapolitan pizzas and the tiramisu at *Street Pizza* have won international acclaim – the online *50 Top Pizza* guide has included *Street Pizza* on its list of the 50 top pizza restaurants in Europe for two years in a row, ranking 50<sup>th</sup> in 2021 and 46<sup>th</sup> in 2022. By the same token, *Street Pizza's* locations are also highly praised by visitors, with the pizzeria in Āgenskalns often referred to as 'Little Italy'. The Italian vibe is particularly enhanced by the outdoor terrace in the summer months.

The *Street Pizza* pizzerias are also characterised by a sense of community with their closely set tables and a pleasant liveliness as chatter and heartfelt conversations hum in the background. Families, friends, children, and even pets – everyone is welcome at *Street Pizza*. To ensure a pleasant visit, it's best to call ahead and reserve a table, as both pizzerias tend to be popular destinations among locals and visitors alike.

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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,



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but 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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different types of whisky, rum, tequila, and other alcoholic beverages from all around the world, including unique and very rare drinks. Scan the QR code to find out more. 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 at *Beer Museum*, trust the knowledge of the bartenders and their recommendations. Enjoying beer is a process in which the emotions that the guest wants to feel are also important. Don'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 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 Latvia, Ireland, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Most of the varieties on offer are world champions and have won many prestigious awards. Beer Museum also brews its own amber lager, dark lager, and pilsner.

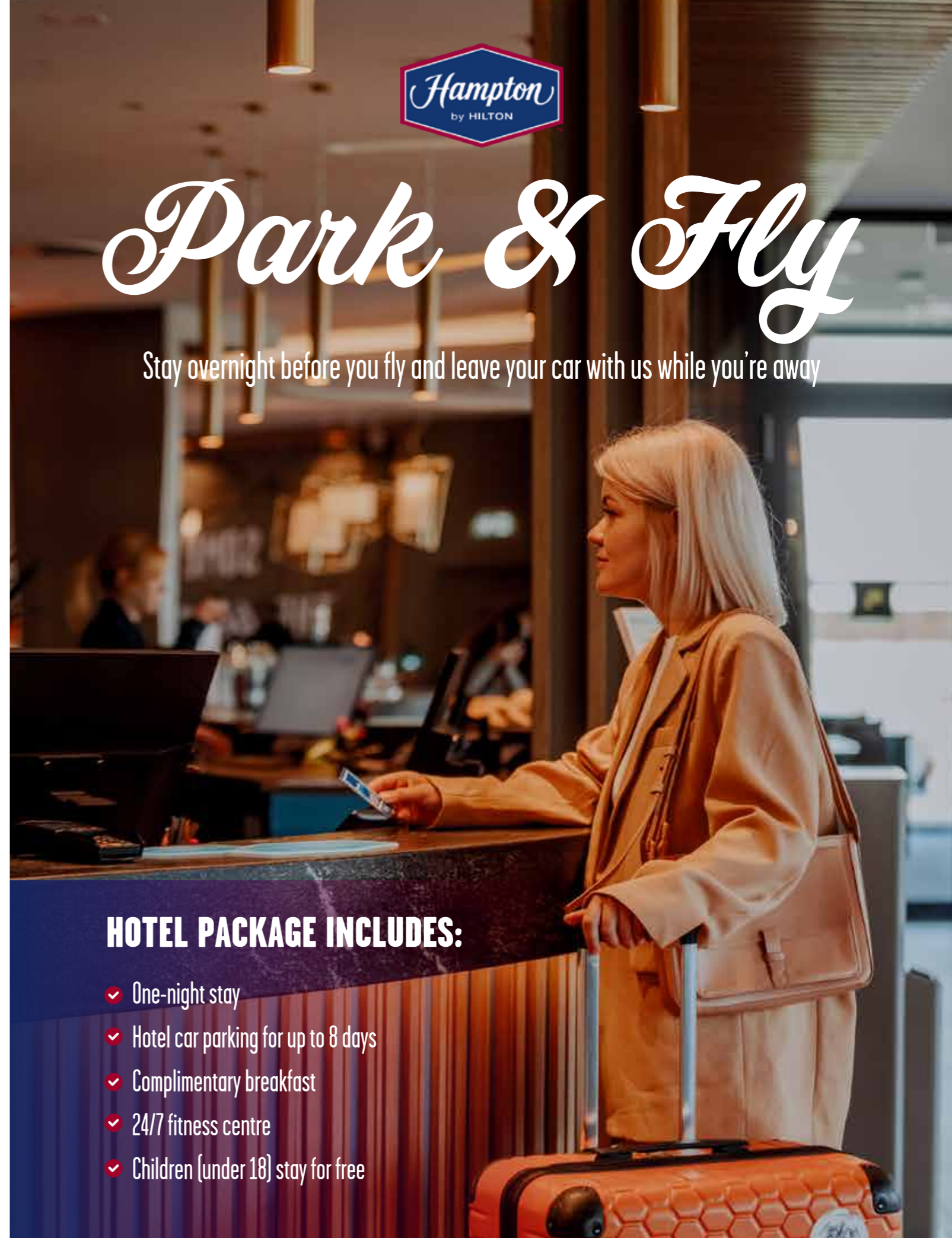
When they walk into *Beer Museum*, in addition to the excellent beer collection, guests will notice several hundred

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## FRENCH CUISINE MEETS NORDIC STYLE AT **RUDOLF** IN TALLINN

Chef de cuisine Sten Märtin has proudly taken inspiration from French cuisine and tied it with all the best that Nordic traditions have to offer.

Rudolf

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The founders of *Rudolf Restaurant* state that French cuisine has a special place in their hearts. 'In fact, our restaurant came to be as a result of inspiration found on our travels,' says Liisa Karjahärm, one of the owners of *Rudolf*. 'We made it our mission to visit a lot of other restaurants and eventually came to the realisation that we needed to establish a place of our own in order to embody everything we had learned and gathered over the years.' Together with friends and now colleagues – chef Sten Märtin and restaurant's manager Erik Tammeleht, *Rudolf* was founded in 2020.

The restaurant is named after the Estonian composer Rudolf Tobias (1873-1918), and with its French-inspired menu and opulent interior it aims to revive the atmosphere and grandeur of the high society of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Created by designer Tiiu Truus, it's full of luxurious gold and deep blue tones yet nevertheless has a modern feel that offers comfort and cosiness, especially in the dark evenings of a Nordic winter. In the four years since its founding, *Rudolf* has become a beloved establishment among the residents of Kadriorg, the quiet neighbourhood of Tallinn where the restaurant resides.

Chef Sten Märtin believes that French cuisine is the basis for all modern cooking and that its influence can be found in kitchens all around the world. At *Rudolf*, the foundations of French cuisine are enhanced with Scandinavian ingredients and traditions. 'We truly love French cuisine here, but we're also happy to mix

it with local produce and flavour profiles,' he says. Depending on the season, you may find everything from locally grown asparagus to artichokes and sea buckthorn on the restaurant's menu. Of course, local organic beef and venison also have pride of place.

Before getting acquainted with the menu, guests at the restaurant are offered an aperitif from *Rudolf's* extensive cocktails list. 'With the cocktail menu here, we aim to please the taste buds of those who are looking for something more than a simple gin and tonic,' says Tammeleht, who is the head bartender and one of the founders of *Rudolf* and also created the drinks menu. Over the years, he has won awards in several industry competitions. For example, in 2023 he won the World Class Global Singleton Whisky Challenge and took third place at Spirit of Moutai; he has also won the Estonian Bartenders' Championships multiple times. Tammeleht is involved in the Coupe Georges Baptiste French restaurant service organisation and the Estonian Bartenders Association and is therefore in charge of the overall restaurant experience at *Rudolf*. At *Rudolf*, guests can enjoy the best of both worlds: a modern French restaurant setting and world-class cocktails.

When it comes to the restaurant's menu, you'll find familiar classics that have won the hearts of *Rudolf's* guests. To their delight, the delicate foie gras paired with a soft, sweet brioche has cheekily taken the form of a rubber duck. And the onion soup, another classic, has a Nordic twist to it with the addition of locally sourced wild garlic.

The star of the dessert menu is a Nordic take on the classic French mille-feuille. The dish developed by Märtin is luxuriously sweet with a slight sour note provided by sea buckthorn, a berry much loved in this part of the world.

In addition to the evening à la carte menu, *Rudolf's* weekend brunches (served every Saturday and Sunday) have made the restaurant a favourite among the residents of Kadriorg. In fact, *Rudolf* has become so popular that it's best to reserve a table if you want to spend a leisurely Sunday morning there. The main draw, of course, are the French breakfast classics on the menu. You'll find the beautiful combination of poached eggs, brioche, and Hollandaise sauce as well as an array of other classics, including croissants and crêpes. To make the experience wholly decadent, enjoy a refreshing morning cocktail as well. Even if you're flying to Tallinn just for the weekend, consider brunch at *Rudolf* to treat yourself and your travel companions to a perfect start to a long and satisfying Sunday.

When opening the restaurant, the team's aim was to bring together two quite different styles: a strong French influence, and Nordic heritage and minimalism. They have been successful in this goal, as *Rudolf* is truly a haven for anyone on the hunt for spectacular culinary experiences in Tallinn!



Roasted deer fillet, creamed salsify, crispy enoki, red wine & chocolate jus



Rubber duckie foie gras mousee, brioche & Saaremaa juniper berry syrup



The restaurant's famous Mille Feuille – raspberries, sea buckthorn, vanilla cream



Bruxx – New Belgian



Oysters at Bruxx – New Belgian



Gobi



Rachuli lori (duck tataki, duck liver ice cream, tomato salsa, adjika-ponzu, katsuobushi) and Adjarian langoustine baklava (kataifi, miso panna cotta, beetroot tartare, Satsivi sauce, cherry Tkemali)



Gallery Cafe



Shakshuka, oatmeal with berries and granola, and corn porridge with Parmesan, shrimp, sun-dried tomatoes, and blue cheese

## DIFFERENT FLAVOURS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN THE CENTRE OF TALLINN

The Rotermann Quarter is one of those places that immediately attracts the attention of visitors as well as locals due to its unique combination of old architecture and modern design elements. Walking down the streets of the quarter, one feels history in every detail, which creates an unforgettable atmosphere.

Throughout various periods of its history, this area of Tallinn was known as a centre of industrial production. Over time, however, its purpose has changed. Today, the area has been modernised and is a prestigious place for commercial and residential purposes. Many buildings house shops of famous brands; there are also hotels, bars, offices, and private apartments. The architectural solutions in the Rotermann Quarter are impressive in their boldness. Here, harmonious combinations of glass, concrete, and steel can be seen alongside historical façades. But it's not only the visual impressions that make this area popular – here visitors can also discover true gastronomic delights.

Entering the Rotermann Quarter from the side that borders the Old Town, the first thing one notices is *Bruxx – New Belgian*, a two-storey restaurant offering modern Belgian cuisine. It has a cosy aura where families with children, couples, and groups of friends or colleagues sit at massive wooden tables. On the first floor is an open kitchen, where diners can watch the culinary theatre while waiting for their dinner. The second floor offers a spacious area with a more peaceful atmosphere, soft lighting, and comfortable chairs for relaxing after a day of sightseeing. At *Bruxx*, classic Belgian dishes are served in a modern interpretation, with a focus on fresh and local ingredients.

*Bruxx* stands out with its cosiness, attention to detail in the interior, variety of dishes, and specially curated wine list, making the restaurant one of the favourite spots among locals. They love it not only for the quality of the dishes but also for the attention to detail and the warm atmosphere. Everyone can find something

to their taste here. Among the favourites are the mussels with various sauces, the spicy onion soup, the duck, the famous Belgian waffles, and the juicy burgers with fries. Craft Belgian beer is the perfect accompaniment to dinner. For young visitors, there's a children's menu and high chairs.

Moving further into the Rotermann Quarter, one comes across *Gobi*, a recently opened restaurant offering modern Georgian cuisine. This is a unique concept that combines traditional Georgian dishes with a modern interpretation and contemporary design of the dishes. The interior at *Gobi* immediately catches the eye: sleek handmade furniture, a fireplace with a live fire, and warm lighting accents.

The kitchen team at *Gobi* are not only professional chefs but ethnic Georgians who have relocated to Estonia to work in this restaurant. Each chef has introduced a dish typical of their native region in Georgia, and brand chef Luka Khinkiladze has transformed them following contemporary gastronomic trends. In this way, guests not only taste the dish but also feel its cultural history, making a visit to *Gobi* a true gastronomic journey. *Gobi's* unique atmosphere makes it the perfect place for dinner. Try the *khinkali* with meat and aromatic broth, the closed *khachapuri* pie with *sulguni* cheese, and also the more refined dishes made with meat, fish, Georgian spices, and nuts.

The wine cellar at *Gobi* offers a unique selection of Georgian wines, and the restaurant works directly with nine wineries in Georgia. Wines can be not only enjoyed during dinner but also ordered on the *gobi.ee* website at a special price. Each wine tells its own story,

adding a special charm to every dinner.

*Gobi's* team invites its guests to enjoy not only exquisite cuisine but also the heartfelt hospitality that is so characteristic of Georgian culture. Try the chef's unique culinary experiments during a fine-dining dinner for six to eight people in a separate dining area. This Chef's Table format, in which chefs personally present their culinary masterpieces, is sure to please gourmets and makes the dinner a truly unforgettable event.

If your visit to Tallinn spans for several days, enjoy breakfast and brunch at the *Gallery Cafe* art café. Meet local creatives enjoying coffee with pistachio tartlets, freelancers working on their laptops and refuelling with an English breakfast, families with children, and groups of friends. The café's walls are adorned with works by local artists, creating an inspiring atmosphere. The café itself is very spacious, with a long hall featuring bright paintings on the walls and soft furniture in orange and grey tones for a comfortable feeling. *Gallery Cafe* seems specially designed for leisurely morning meetings and productive work throughout the day. The menu offers a variety of brunch options, from classic eggs Benedict to vegetarian options and nutritious toasts. The dessert display is also tempting, so it's hard to resist a piece of cake or pastry.

The Rotermann Quarter is not just a district but a vibrant centre for work, leisure, and cultural life. Here, everyone can find something for themselves. Art lovers may encounter new inspiration, gourmets can discover new flavours, and travellers will surely find a cosy place where they'll want to linger a little longer.

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### GRAN CANARIA

Gran Canaria is a diverse island paradise offering everything from golden beaches to rugged mountain landscapes. Its capital, Las Palmas, is a vibrant city known for its historic Vegueta district and the Playa de Las Canteras, a lively urban beach. Outdoor enthusiasts can hike the island's scenic mountains, such as Roque Nublo, or explore the natural pools of Agaete for a more serene experience. With charming fishing villages, beautiful sand dunes at Maspalomas, and a mild climate year round, Gran Canaria is a top destination for relaxation as well as adventure.

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- Tallinn twice a week from EUR 169 ow;
- Tampere once a week from EUR 169 ow;
- Vilnius once a week from EUR 175 ow.



Town of Candelaria, Tenerife

### TENERIFE

Tenerife is a captivating island known for its striking contrasts, from the volcanic landscapes of Mount Teide to the lush forests of Anaga. The island's capital, Santa Cruz, boasts a lively cultural scene and stunning architecture, while its beaches, such as the Playa de Las Teresitas, offer golden sands and crystal-clear waters. Nature lovers can explore the dramatic cliffs of Los Gigantes or hike through the whimsical laurel forests of Anaga Rural Park. With year-round sunshine and a variety of outdoor activities, Tenerife is an ideal destination for every type of traveller. Fly from Riga to Tenerife five times a week from EUR 179 one way. Catch a flight from Tallinn to Tenerife three times a week from EUR 245 one way and from Vilnius to Tenerife three times a week from EUR 189 one way.



Tropical garden at Le Jardin Majorelle, Marrakesh



Anchor Point, a popular surfing spot in Tanghazout, near Agadir

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## MOROCCAN DELIGHTS

Discover the exotic charm of Morocco, a North African gem where year-round sunshine meets vibrant culture, flavour-packed food, and breathtaking landscapes.

### MARRAKESH

Often dubbed the Red City, Marrakesh offers a captivating blend of ancient and contemporary experiences. The historic Medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is famous for its labyrinthine streets, lively souks, and stunning landmarks, such as the Koutoubia Mosque and Bahia Palace. Relax in the lush Majorelle Gardens or enjoy a traditional hammam experience. To stretch your legs, take a hike in the nearby Atlas Mountains. To discover Marrakesh, fly from Riga once a week from EUR 145 one way.

### AGADIR

Agadir on Morocco's Atlantic coast is known for its long, golden beaches that are perfect for sunbathing and surfing. The city offers a relaxing escape, while nearby attractions such as Souss-Massa National Park give visitors the opportunity to explore the region's rich wildlife. Visit the old Kasbah for panoramic views and a taste of history, and head to the bustling souks to experience the local culture. Catch the sun in Agadir! Fly from Riga once a week from EUR 145 one way.



## RZESZÓW – A NEW DESTINATION IN SOUTHERN POLAND

Starting November 8, *airBaltic* is introducing **new flights between Riga and Rzeszów**, offering a new weekend getaway to travellers from the Baltics to discover the city of Rzeszów and the whole southern region of Poland. Explore Rzeszów's picturesque Old Town, with the colourful townhouses on Market Square and the impressive Rzeszów Castle, or visit nearby towns and head further to the Tatra Mountains. At the same time, the route opens up seamless travel to the Baltics and Scandinavia for passengers from southern Poland. Rzeszów-Jasionka Airport, the closest Polish airport to the Ukrainian border, is also a convenient gateway for those travelling to or from Ukraine. Fly Riga–Rzeszów twice a week from EUR 35 one way.



## TRAVEL WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS IN A GROUP OF SIX

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## MIX & MATCH YOUR PERFECT MEAL

Flying Economy class but craving to spoil you taste buds? We have great news! Last month, *airBaltic* introduced a new meal preorder concept – Mix & Match. It offers a chance to customise your dining experience in which you can mix and match dishes from an extensive pre-order menu. Whether you're in the mood for hot sushi, tapas, teriyaki salmon, or a sweet treat, there's something for every palate. Made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients, these meals are prepared before every flight with reduced waste due to less packaging.

**Pre-order your meal when booking your flight!** Meal options may vary by route.



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## 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.



Nordic-Baltic team of Rōdl & Partner in Munich, visiting the biggest trade fair for property and investment in Europe – EXPO Real.

Over the past three decades, *Rōdl & Partner*, a leading international professional services firm, has established a significant presence in the Baltic region. **With 110 offices spanning more than 50 countries, the firm's global reach is enhanced by its deep local insights, particularly in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania.**

Kristine Zvejniece-Taurene, a partner and the head of *Rōdl & Partner Latvia*, reflects on the firm's journey: 'Our enduring commitment to the Baltic region has enabled us to become a prominent part of its unique business landscape. We've cultivated a diverse client portfolio across our legal, tax, business process outsourcing and audit practices, and our success here testifies to our team's expertise in providing tailored solutions to our clients.'

The firm's ability to serve its clients effectively depends on robust regional connectivity. In this regard, *airBaltic* has become a valuable partner for *Rōdl & Partner*.

The airline's extensive network has not only strengthened Riga's status as a key business hub but has also elevated the entire Baltic region's profile in the global business community. '*airBaltic*'s comprehensive flight schedule has become an important asset for our operations,' notes Zvejniece-Taurene. 'It has effectively linked Latvian, Estonian, and Lithuanian businesses with the world, while also making our region more accessible to international clients and partners. Despite recent advances in remote communication, location still matters for clients, and thus, getting places does as well.'

**The availability of direct flights from Riga to major European business centres aligns well with Rōdl & Partner's client locations.** This network facilitates the team's travel to cities such as Berlin, Vienna, and Stockholm, supporting the firm's commitment to in-person client interactions and boosting its operational efficiency.



Kristine Zvejniece-Taurene, Head of Rōdl & Partner Latvia

### THREE REASONS WHY *Rōdl & Partner* CHOOSES *airBaltic*'S CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- ▶ *airBaltic*'s focus on sustainability aligns with *Rōdl & Partner*'s commitment to reducing its own carbon footprint.
- ▶ The airline's crew brings a touch of Baltic warmth and professionalism to every flight – it's a small detail that sets the tone for a great business trip.
- ▶ At *airBaltic*, punctuality and reliability are supported by the smart use of data. *Rōdl & Partner* value this highly as it ensures that its employees are where they need to be and on time.

*Rōdl & Partner* appreciates *airBaltic*'s corporate client programme because it offers features that accommodate the dynamic nature of international business advisory services. The flexible booking options and priority services have proven invaluable in managing the firm's travel needs.

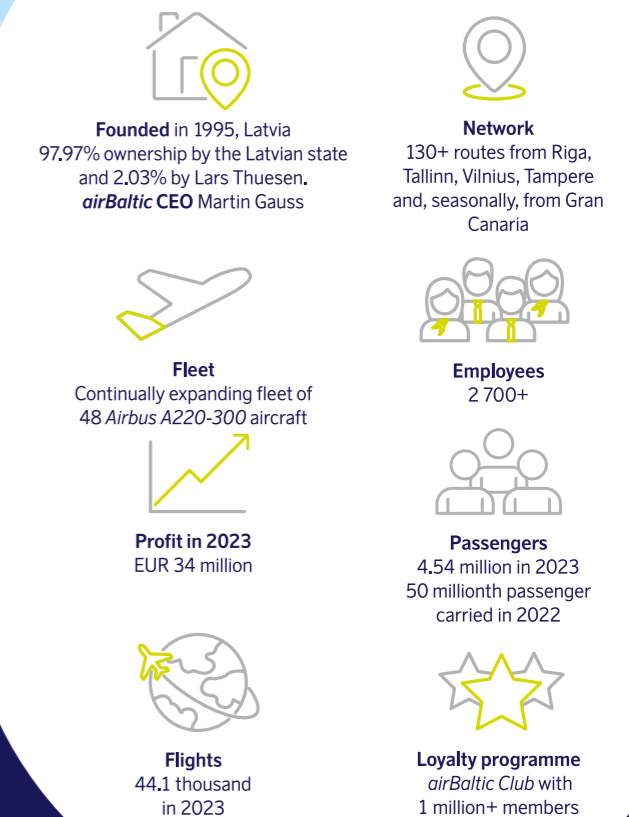
With the Baltic region's growing prominence as a business destination, *Rōdl & Partner* values having a reliable travel partner that supports its operations. The use of *airBaltic*'s services has helped maintain strong connections across the Baltic-Nordic region and beyond, bolstering the firm's ability to meet client needs effectively and on the ground. 'Indeed, the thriving Baltic economy we see today owes much of its global integration to *airBaltic*'s pivotal role,' concludes Zvejniece-Taurene, 'and so do we at *Rōdl & Partner*.'

As part of its corporate customer programme, *airBaltic* offers discounted prices to all *airBaltic* destinations, with 2 pieces of checked baggage (25 + 25 kg) included. In addition, flights can be easily booked online or via a 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 the **Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, and Copenhagen** airports, priority boarding, choose their favourite seat in the aircraft, and use Business class check-in at all airports, even if they're travelling in Corporate Economy Flex class.

## The leading airline in the Baltics

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## Hit the slopes

Ski season is here, and *airBaltic* is again offering a broad selection of ski destinations – fly to the most popular resorts or pick a spot that exactly matches your taste. Book a flight, grab your skis, and enjoy your ski holidays!

Flights, accommodation, day passes, après-ski, spontaneous vacation purchases – the expenses of a ski trip can sometimes be more daunting than the highest of pistes. But with *airBaltic*, you can save for some warming drinks by travelling with your own equipment. The price for transporting sports baggage costs from EUR 59.99 when booking tickets on *airBaltic.com*, whereas it can cost up to EUR 75 when booking at the airport.

### AN EPIC SNOW ADVENTURE – JUST A SHORT FLIGHT AWAY

Can't wait to ride down the slopes? Here is our selection of *airBaltic*'s destinations to consider when deciding on your next ski holidays!

#### Kittilä

Combine skiing with some northern lights and husky sledding in Finland. Kittilä Airport provides access to almost ten ski areas within a few hours' drive. One of the most popular is the lively village of Levi, about a 20-minute car ride from the airport. Ylläs, which is Finland's largest ski resort, is just 30 minutes away. Fly directly to Kittilä\* from Riga or Tampere, or catch a flight from Tallinn and fly via Riga or Tampere from EUR 69 one way. By the way, on flights to Kittilä, each passenger can take one set of skiing equipment for free!

#### NEW! Innsbruck

A timeless gateway to some of Europe's top ski resorts, Innsbruck blends the thrill of winter sports with rich culture. Skiers can hit the renowned slopes of Nordkette, Stubai Glacier, and Axamer Lizum, each offering distinct challenges and scenic beauty and all within easy reach from the city. Beyond the Alpine peaks, Innsbruck charms visitors with its imperial gems and hearty Tyrolean cuisine. Fly from Riga to Innsbruck from EUR 69 one way.

#### Munich

While most skiers opt for Innsbruck or Salzburg, beat the lines at the baggage claim and go to Munich instead – the transfer time from the airport to many stellar resorts in the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps is approximately three hours. Picturesque Kitzbühel, with its top-tier service and posh crowds, is just 1¼ hours from Munich. Alternatively, the traditional Tegernsee-Schliersee region lies less than 100 kilometres from Munich and offers a variety of slopes for all types of skiers, including beginners and experts, as well as cross-country skiers. Fly to Munich from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius starting from EUR 65 one way.

#### Milan

When you think of a ski trip, Milan is not the first place that comes to mind. However, less crowded than their Austrian and Swiss peers and well-connected by motorways, the Italian Alps are just a few hours away from Milan. The closest resort, Pian di Bobbio, is just under an hour and a half's drive from Milan and is a great place to learn to ski. The large Pila ski resort lies a mere 20 minutes further and attracts more experienced skiers and snowboarders. Fly to Milan starting from EUR 85 one way.

### TIPS FOR YOUR NEXT SKI TRIP

Whether you're an experienced skier or planning to embark on your first mountain adventure, here are some pointers for a successful winter journey:

**CHOOSE SMART:** Different resorts cater to different abilities, so pick one that corresponds to your skills. Likewise, consider your budget, because the price for a day pass varies between resorts.

**BOOK EARLY:** Popular resorts sell out quickly. The same applies to accommodations – the closer the travel date, the more expensive and limited the options are.

**BACK TO SCHOOL:** Don't rely on your uncle, the self-proclaimed skiing expert. If you're new to the slopes, it's helpful to book at least two days at the ski school in order to learn the proper technique.

**KNOW THE GRADING:** Each resort has slopes of different grading, and the European Slope Grades range from green (easy) to black (advanced).

**SAFETY FIRST:** Always wear a helmet, and don't ski alone. It can get very sunny on the mountaintops, so apply sun cream to prevent silly ski goggle marks.

**DRESS FOR THE OCCASION:** Dress in layers. The base layer keeps you dry and sweat-free, the mid layer is for warmth, and the outer layer protects you from moisture and the wind.

**DON'T OVERDO IT:** Once you've booked your tickets, start adding some low-intensity cardio to your daily regimen to build endurance. Once on the slopes, don't wear yourself out in the first couple of days, because there's nothing pleasant about skiing with stiff muscles.

#### A set of ski equipment (max 25 kg) consists of:

- One pair of skis
- One pair of ski boots and a helmet
- One pair of ski poles

#### A set of snowboard equipment (max 25 kg) consists of:

- One snowboard
- One pair of snowboard boots and a helmet

The equipment must be packed in two ski-equipment bags.

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## The new way to pre-order your meals

*airBaltic* has enhanced its pre-order set meals with a customisable food experience that you can match to fit your mood, occasion, and cravings!



Love having breakfast for dinner? Or maybe your ideal meal involves three different snacks and a dessert? Then we've got some good news for you – *airBaltic* is offering a fully customisable dining experience in which you can mix and match dishes from an extensive pre-order menu.

*airBaltic* has long been one of the few airlines offering passengers the comfort of pre-ordering set three-course meals prior to their flight. Now, giving passengers even more choice, we've upgraded our pre-order meal concept. As of October, when booking your flight and choosing a pre-order meal option, you can select from a wide range of individual dishes of different sizes, types, and cuisines. The best thing about the new concept is that you get exactly what you want – nothing more, nothing less. This also means you only pay for what you'll actually enjoy. The newly expanded pre-order menu features plenty of options for every type of diet, from meat lovers to vegans. Some passenger favourites remain, such as the teriyaki salmon, but we've also added new flavours to satisfy our diverse crowd of passengers from all over the world. Staying hydrated during the flight is also important, so you can pre-order up to five drinks, both hot and cold.

Starting with breakfast, we've got all the classics, from a full English breakfast and savoury omelettes with bacon to fluffy cottage cheese scones. Craving a snack? Order a selection of cheese, seafood, or meat tapas.

For a light meal, opt for the Caprese, bulgur, or Chicken Cobb salads or a classic Cuban sandwich. If the flavours of the East are more to your liking, enjoy a hot wonton soup, biryani rice, wok with chicken, or BBQ beef. If you're travelling with children, we offer some of their all-time favourites: chicken nuggets and cheesy pasta.

Feeling indulgent? Spoil yourself with hot sushi or duck confit. And of course, there's always dessert. How about cheesecake, panna cotta, or an assortment of petit fours? If you're in need of something refreshing, a vitamin-packed fruit plate might be just the thing. Don't forget to add your favourite drink – *Coca-Cola Zero*, green tea, and a barista-style coffee are all available to round out your meal.

While the meal options may vary depending on the route (the most extensive selection is available when flying from Riga), top-quality products are guaranteed on every flight. The ingredients are carefully selected from trusted local suppliers, and the meals are freshly prepared shortly before each flight. Plus, with the new mix-and-match pre-order concept, we've minimised packaging, thus reducing waste. It's better for you, and it's better for the planet.

Already booked your ticket without pre-ordering a meal? Don't worry – you can still add a meal later, although only the set menus will be available at that point. However, a full transition to the new mix-and-match pre-order concept will be complete by 2025.

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR PRE-ORDER MEAL:

Visit [airBaltic.com](http://airBaltic.com) for more information. Order when booking your flight ticket.

#### Keep in mind:

- The pre-order mix-and-match is only available when booking a flight ticket and cannot be added later.
- Hot meals are served only on flights longer than 90 minutes. For shorter flights, there's a wide collection of cold snacks.
- The meal offer varies depending on the destination.
- Meals can only be pre-ordered for flights operated by *airBaltic*.

\* *airBaltic* flies to Kittilä from Riga, Tallinn and Tampere, to Munich from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius. Prices may differ when departing from different airports.

# Empowering leaders at *airBaltic*: the *airBaltic* Leadership Academy

*airBaltic* is committed to developing talent from within and equipping its team to thrive in an ever-changing business environment.



The Academy, launched in 2020 as the ALFA programme, has grown into a platform for leadership development. It offers diverse opportunities, including the Leadership Programme, Personal Development Programme, Coaching, ALFA Talks, and the Assessment Centre. These initiatives provide a comprehensive approach to leadership, helping employees achieve their career goals and contributing to long-term success.

Approximately 260 managers and high-potential employees are currently enrolled in the programme, including 32 new participants, who joined this September. Feedback has been

very positive, highlighting the Academy's ability to sharpen leadership skills, provide practical management tools, and offer valuable insights that improve decision-making and team management.

Blending innovation with hands-on learning, the Academy offers a unique combination of e-learning, practical workshops, and leadership development guided by *airBaltic*'s experienced leaders and internal trainers. With 37 courses ranging from leadership essentials to specialised skills, the Academy equips participants with the tools they need to thrive in a continuously evolving professional landscape – whether in aviation or beyond.

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Leadership Programme is the core of the *airBaltic* Leadership Academy, aimed at fostering the company's future growth. It focuses on three pillars: Leading Yourself, Leading People, and Leading Business and Change. With around 260 participants (194 managers and 66 high-potential employees), the programme is set to produce its first graduates in 2025.

### Who can apply?

Current managers and high-potential employees identified through the Assessment Centre process can join, selected for their leadership potential and ability to apply best practices.

### Benefits:

Participants develop skills to enhance collaboration, drive innovation, and inspire teams through a blend of e-learning, workshops, and hands-on training.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Personal Development Programme is open to all *airBaltic* employees, supporting both personal and professional growth. Since 2021, it has offered 17 courses to around 900 students, led by 14 internal trainers. The focus is on self-awareness, communication skills, and personal effectiveness.

### Who can apply:

All employees, regardless of role, can join.

### Benefits:

The programme offers e-learning, workshops, coaching, access to the *airBaltic* Library, and ALFA Talks, promoting ongoing growth and helping participants improve performance, manage stress, and set goals.

## COACHING PROGRAMME

The Coaching Programme provides personalised, one-on-one coaching to enhance leadership and personal development. Launched in 2021, it has supported over 100 clients with nine certified coaches, including two team coaches accredited by the European Coach Federation (ECF).

### Who can apply:

All employees seeking personal or professional growth.

### Benefits:

Coaching sessions offer tailored guidance to overcome challenges, improve decision-making, and build confidence. Team coaching further enhances collaboration. Participants report positive impacts on their development and contributions to the company's success.

## MORE THAN AN ACADEMY

It's much more than a leadership development programme – it's a celebration of internal talent, innovation, and growth. Since its launch in 2020, the *airBaltic* Leadership Academy has evolved into a dynamic platform blending leadership training with creativity and personal development. Each year begins with an Opening Event, at which we also celebrate achievements, feature expert speakers, and showcase the talents of our own employees. From performances by saxophonists to a guitarist and a violinist – all *airBaltic* employees – our events highlight the hidden talents in our company. These musical interludes add a personal, vibrant touch to the formal learning process, making every gathering memorable.

## IS THE *airBaltic* LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ACCESSIBLE TO EXTERNAL COMPANIES?

Yes, as the company expands, the Academy is opening all aspects to external partners, offering a unique opportunity for other organisations to benefit from *airBaltic*'s tailored leadership and personal development programmes.

### Why is this beneficial to other companies?

The *airBaltic* Leadership Academy is designed for leaders at all stages of their careers and offers a range of programmes and opportunities to enhance leadership capabilities. With 37 courses, the Academy focuses on essential leadership skills across three main modules:

- **Leading Yourself:** personal development, emotional intelligence, time management, communication skills, etc.
- **Leading People:** team leadership, conflict resolution, performance management, talent development, etc.
- **Leading Business & Change:** strategic management, innovation, project management, change leadership, etc.

The Academy also offers a Personal Development Programme, Coaching Programme, and Experience Exchange Workshops in many areas in which *airBaltic* has extensive experience or has received international recognition.

### Who are the trainers?

The courses are conducted by a mix of 21 internal trainers from *airBaltic* and external experts who are leaders in their respective fields. They ensure each session is highly interactive, practical, and tailored to the needs of participants.

### Customisable and flexible

Your company can choose courses and formats that suit its specific leadership and business development needs. Sessions can be delivered online or in person, ensuring maximum flexibility for your organisation.

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**Helga Kenebuka,**  
flight attendant, and a trainer  
with the Academy

Helga has been working as a flight attendant at *airBaltic* for 10 years, but she has also been a trainer at the *airBaltic* Leadership Academy for several years. She teaches courses in communication, conflict resolution, and team motivation. At first, trainers were sought internally, within the company, and Helga answered the call. 'I felt I had to be part of ALFA, as it was called back then,' she says, adding that, because she had never before conducted training for adults, her enthusiasm went hand in hand with fear.

Helga had already begun a self-development practice in her own life five years before ALFA was founded. 'When you're at a low point in your life, you have to make a choice: either you really have to change, or you give up. I made the choice to change my life and my assumptions, believing that my past should not be a determining factor for my future,' she explains. 'Communication courses and books were the main things that helped me understand these things. So when I saw the communication course at ALFA, I knew that was going to be my topic.'

'The topics, the exercises, and the solutions are all based on the path I have followed so far,' Helga continues. 'I share with others only what I have done and experienced myself. When looking for new ideas for course material, I do not exclude online resources and podcasts, but for the most part my programme is based on proven experience.'

Helga always finds it fascinating to meet people – to see the huge revelation in their eyes when they finally understand something new about themselves. Or, conversely, seeing that perhaps they do not agree with, and do not want to accept, what is being said. But even situations like that have space for discussion. Just like in a flight attendant's job, where no two days are the same, a trainer can also never predict exactly what information will be most relevant for a particular group or individual or what discussions will emerge.

'Looking back at the first activity I conducted, I realise how much I've grown in my teaching skills, in my understanding of the psychology of people, and in my confidence,' Helga says. 'This experience has even led me to take a course in acting, which continues the work I've begun towards becoming a better and more effective communicator. This experience has also changed my overall development as a person. We can always become better and more effective; it's a never-ending journey for a student. I'm also still a student myself, and I'm happy about that.'

## 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.



Aleksandrs Nebilica (36),  
First Officer on  
*Airbus A220-300*, from Latvia

### HOBBY

Aleksandrs Nebilica got his first mobile phone when he was 15. Back then, there were no smart phones yet, nor built-in cameras. Videos were shot by cameras on video cassettes, and *TikTok* was still far off in the future. Photos and videos from the flight deck were almost unheard of. But fast-forward 20+ years, and this aspect of the world has changed completely.

Aleksandrs now runs a *TikTok* account where he shares videos from his life at work. He had *Facebook* and *Instagram* accounts, but when *TikTok* appeared and his friends all began talking about it, he decided to take a look. His first videos got several hundred views. But then a couple of years ago, when Aleksandrs was still flying for his previous company, they happened to fly through cumulonimbus clouds en route from Chisinau to Bucharest. He filmed it and posted the video.

‘On our way back to Chisinau, it already had more than 100,000 views. Even the captain was surprised at how many views it had had,’ Aleksandrs laughs. ‘The flight from Bucharest to Chisinau is not long.’ The video has since had more than six million views.

Aleksandrs’ *TikTok* account now has more than 100,000 followers. ‘I enjoy capturing interesting moments from my life at work and showing them to others, and I like adding some humour as well,’ he says. ‘Now I post two or three times a week. It used to be two or three times a day.’

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Aleksandrs became a pilot six years ago, after receiving his pilot training in Lithuania. He began working for a Lithuanian airline, and then for an Estonian one, but two years ago he decided to apply for a vacancy advertised by *airBaltic*.

‘I wanted to live in Latvia, at home,’ he says.

Before becoming a pilot, Aleksandrs had a very different career, working for an international construction company in sales. However, at the age of 25, he decided to change something in his life and... became a pilot.

This choice was largely influenced by conversations with the father of a friend, who had once been an astronaut. ‘He told me a lot about what it was like to be in space, and I think that was a big influence on me as a kid,’ Aleksandrs remembers. ‘But I didn’t become an astronaut; becoming a pilot was more realistic and achievable.’

After Aleksandrs was hired by *airBaltic*, his father gave him a small model of an *Airbus A220-300* as a token of good luck. Currently, what Aleksandrs appreciates most about his job is the opportunity to explore ever more new destinations, and he fully agrees that the windows of an aircraft offer the best office views.

‘What I also like about being a pilot is that you’re always progressing and improving,’ he says. ‘The work and training, having to take simulator tests twice a year – it keeps you in great shape. There’s always the opportunity to develop and improve yourself.’

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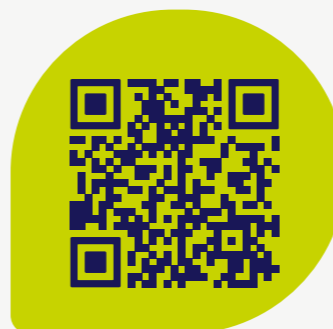
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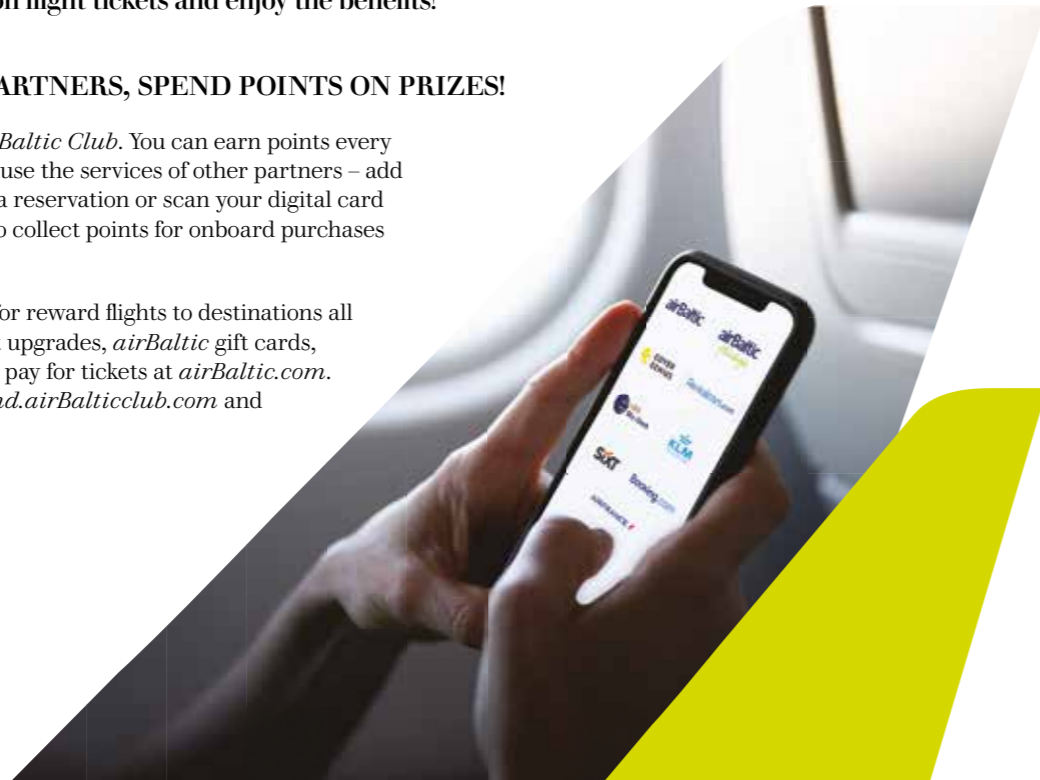
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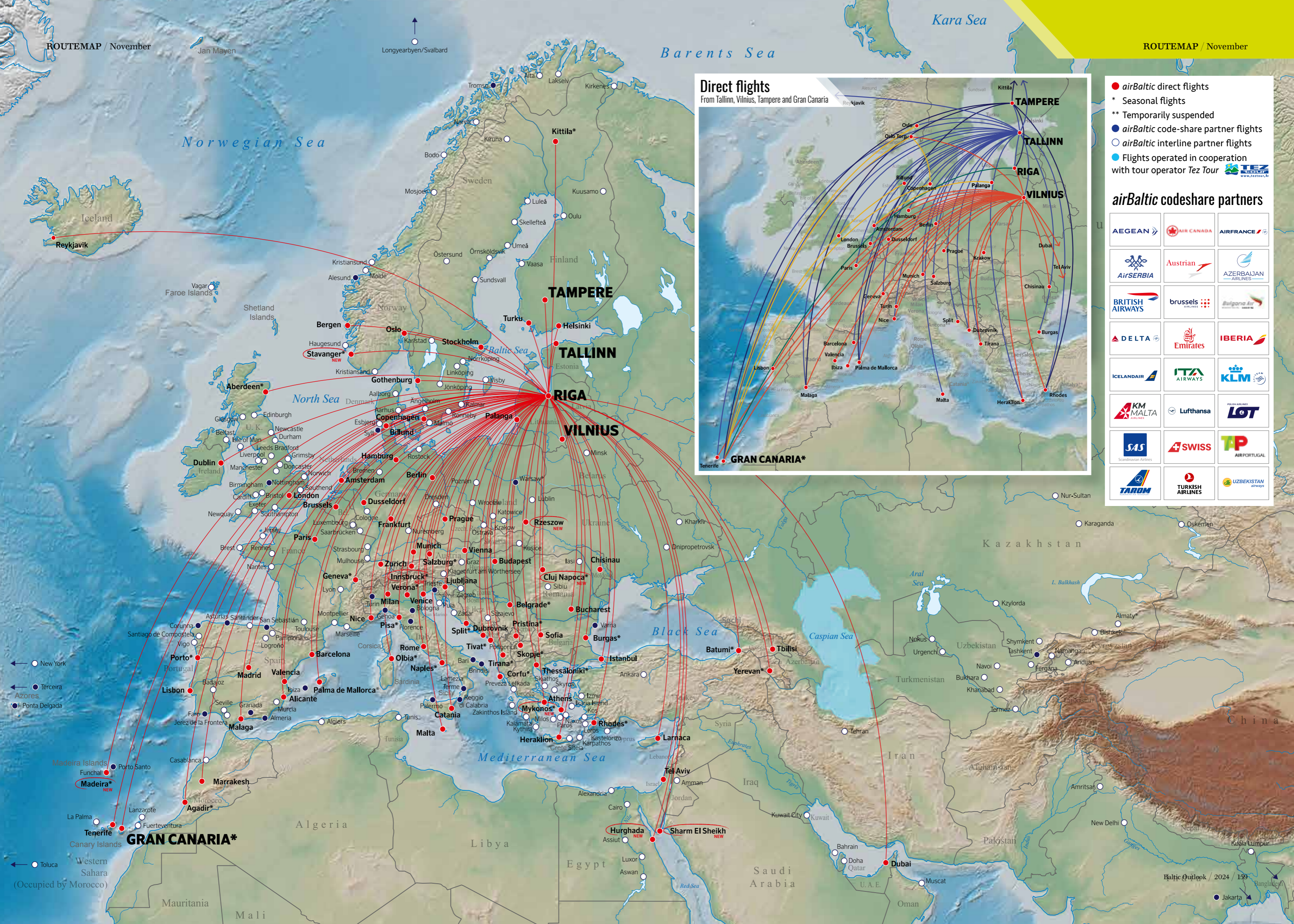
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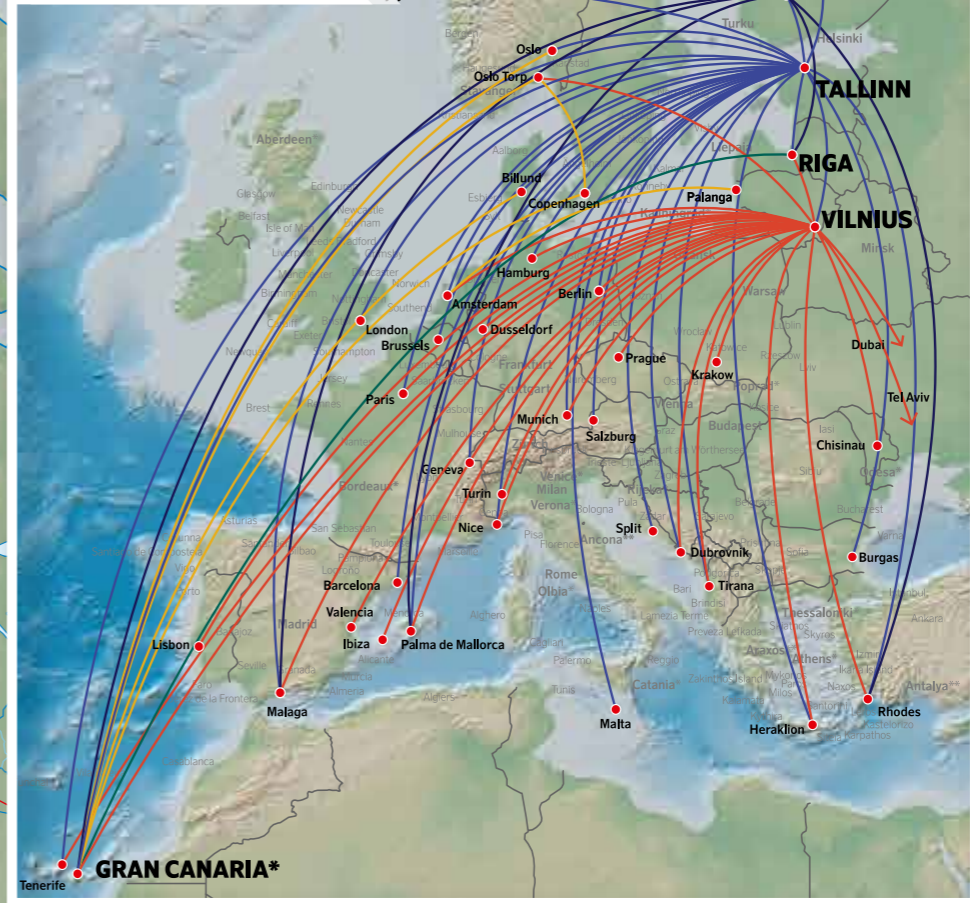






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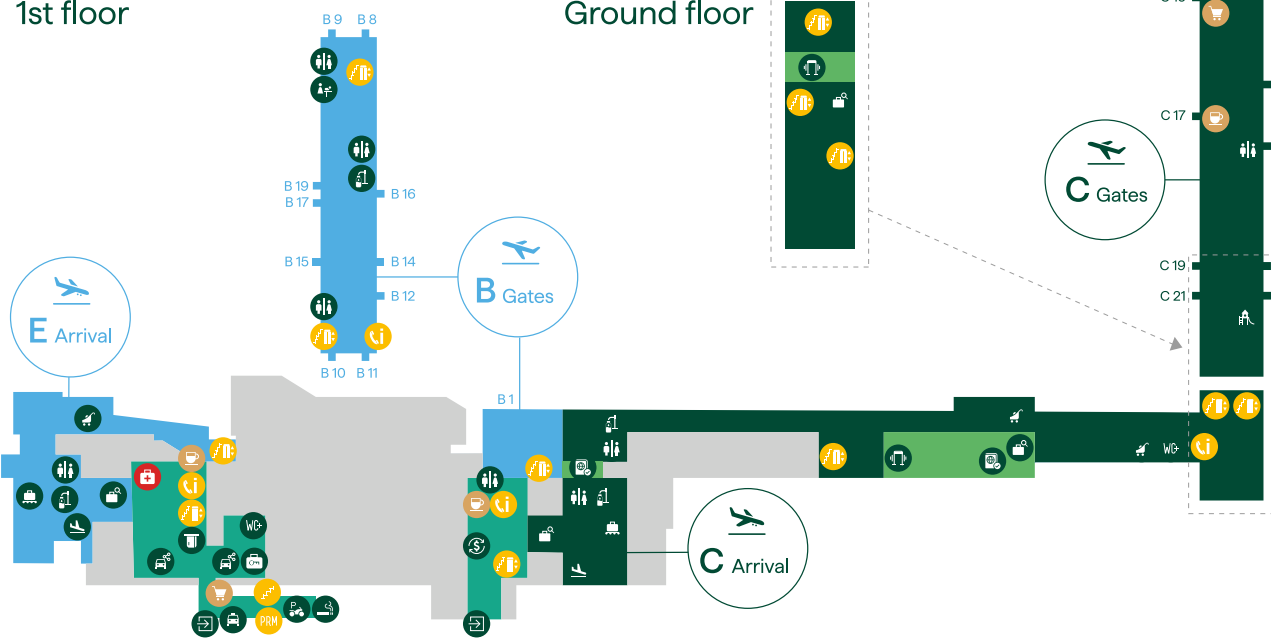

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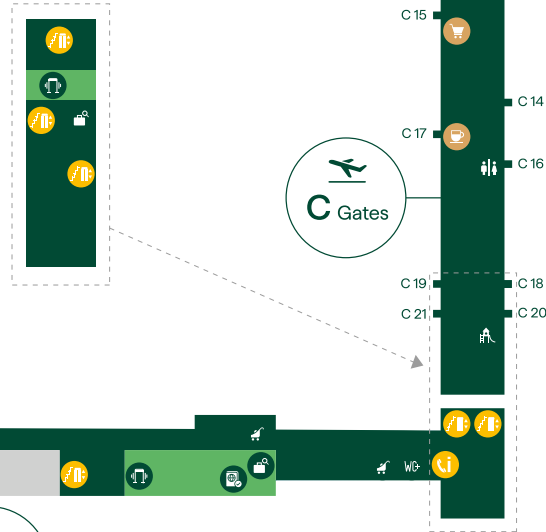
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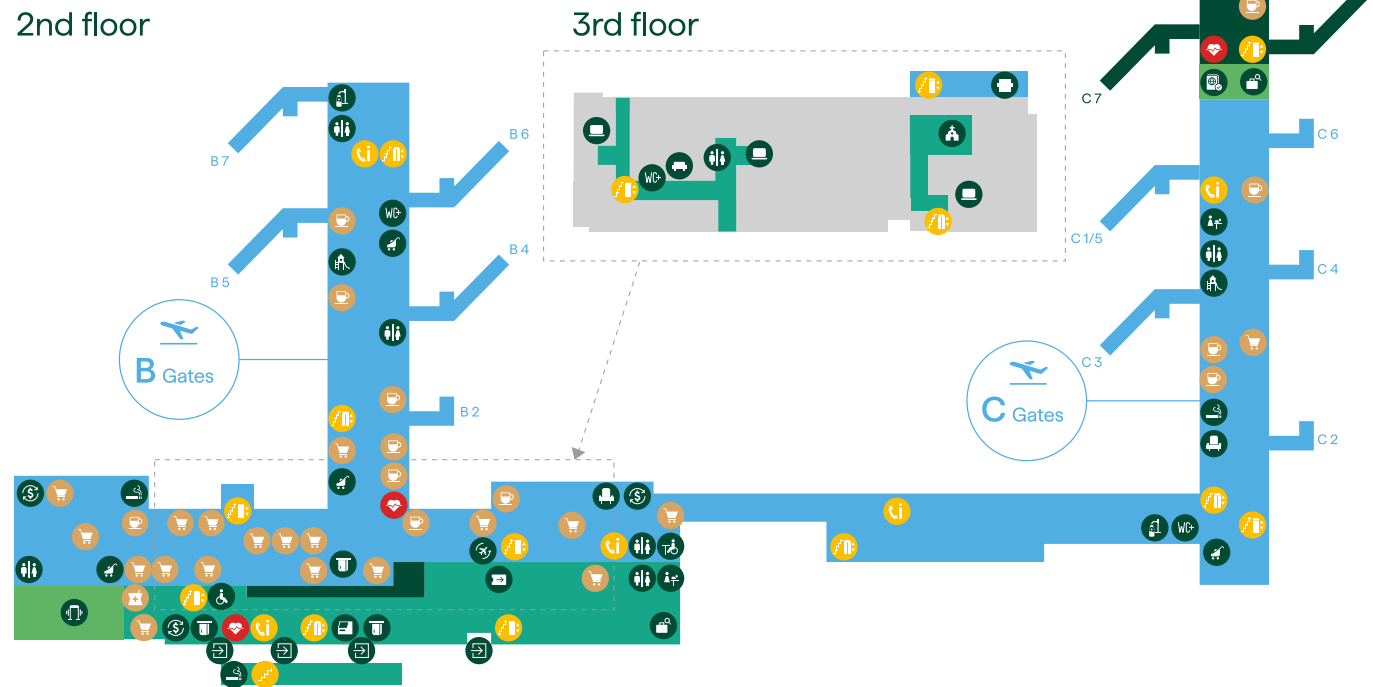
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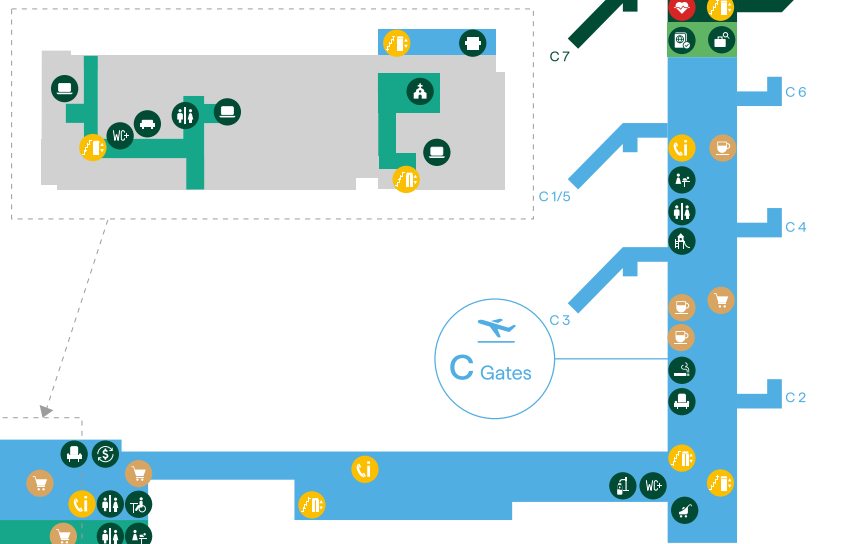
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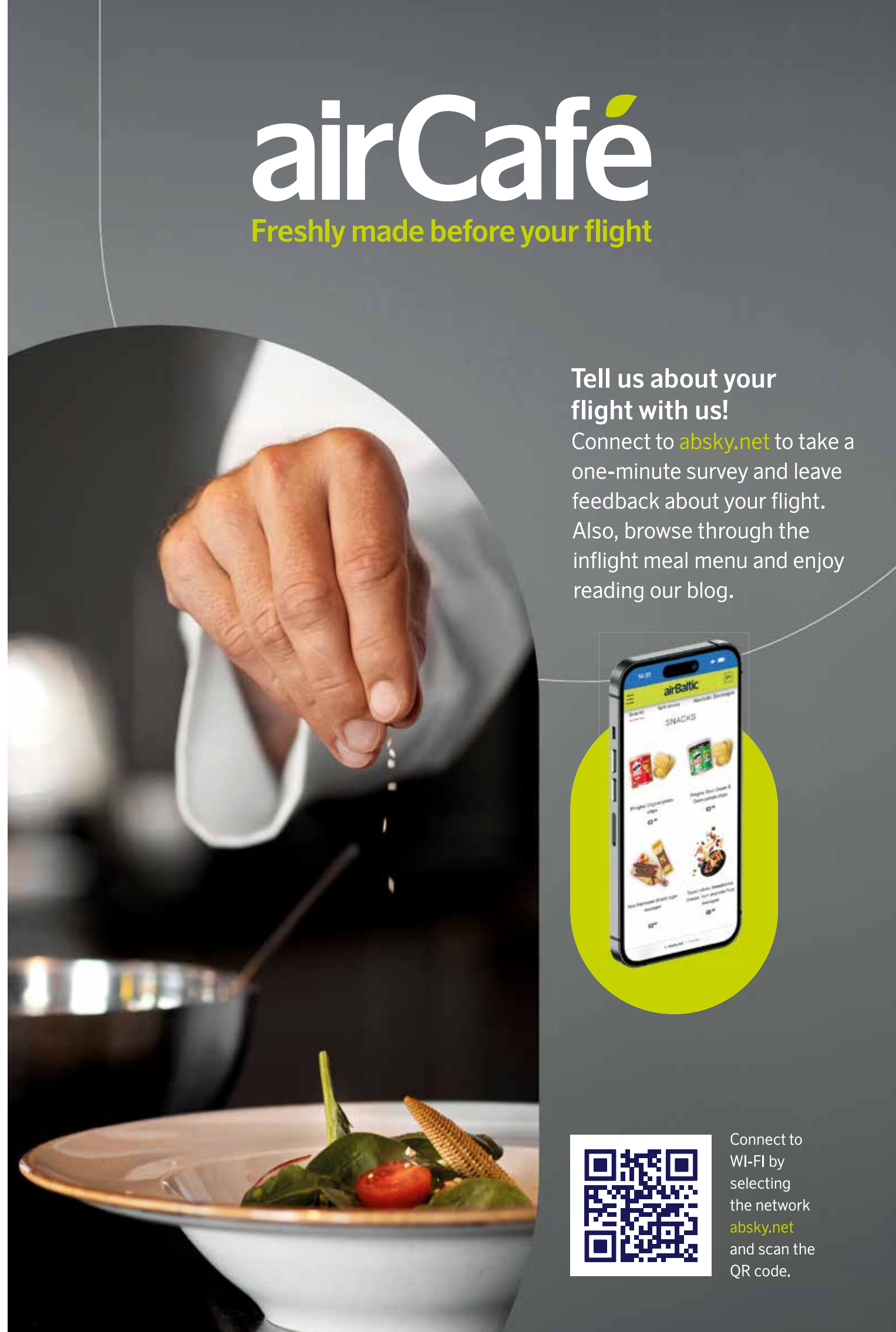
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**6<sup>99</sup> €**

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**13<sup>98</sup> €**



**Panini**

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

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

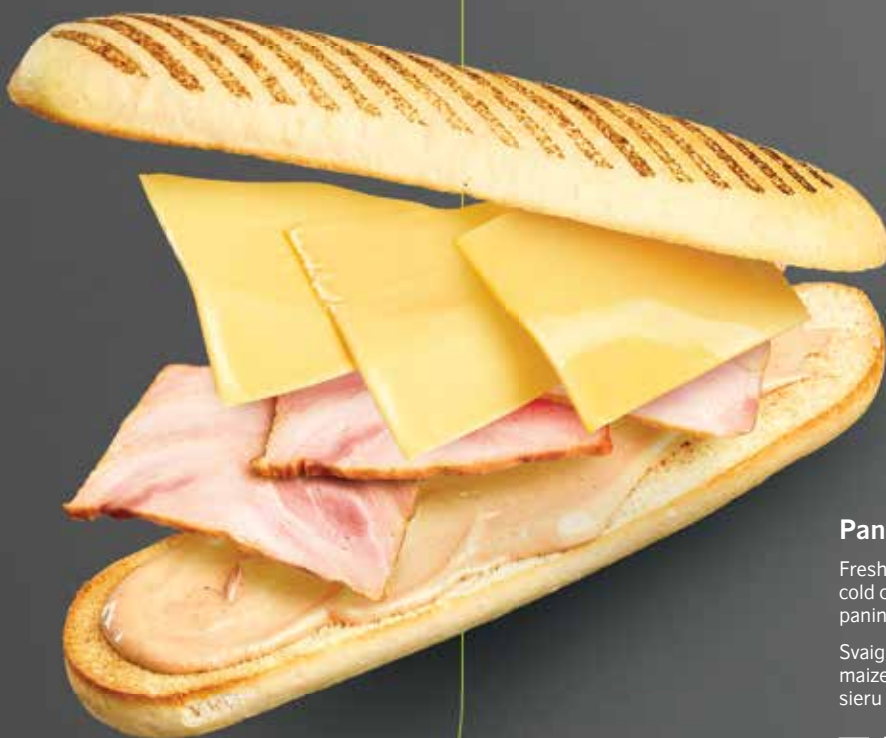
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Please be informed that fresh meals are available on flights over 1h and 30 min, and some items may not be available on all flights or might already be sold out.

Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ilgāki par 1 h 30 min. Informējam, ka produktu pieejamība var mainīties atkarībā no lidojuma maršruta.



## Wrap burger

BBQ-infused pulled beef wrapped in a delicious burger

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar barbekju plucinātu liellopu gaļu

**7<sup>99</sup> €**

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+ Any dessert and soft drink, p. 164, 167  
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**12<sup>97</sup> €**



## Lasagne Bolognese

Lasagne Bolognese in a herby tomato sauce with minced meat and Bechamel sauce

Lazanja ar Bolonas mērci – malta liellopa gaļa tomātu mērcē, pārlieta ar Bešamel mērci

**8<sup>99</sup> €**

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Please ask the cabin crew for product availability

Lūdzu, jautājiet stjuartiem par produktu pieejamību



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## Chicken

Sweet & sour chicken with rice and vegetables

Vistas filejas gabaliņi saldskābā mērcē ar rīsiem un dārzeņiem

**8<sup>99</sup> €**

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## Soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

**5<sup>99</sup> €**

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Kruasāns, 161. lpp.

**10<sup>98</sup> €**



## Penne Pomodoro

Penne pasta tossed with rich, traditional Mediterranean tomato sauce

Penne makaroni sātīgā, tradicionālā Vidusjūras tomātu mērcē

**8<sup>99</sup> €**

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**LIDO cepums**

Cookie with nuts and salty caramel, 45g

Cepums ar sāļo karameli un riekstiem

2<sup>99</sup> €



**MONS**

Filled date balls with blueberry, 45g

Dateļu bumbas ar mellenēm

2<sup>99</sup> €



**Twix 'Xtra**

Chocolate bar

Šokolādes batoniņš

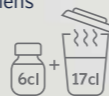
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**"Oga" cranberry-ginger ale winter drink**

"Oga" dzērveņu-ingvera eils ziemas dzēriens

3<sup>49</sup> €



**Muffin with chocolate drops**

Kēkss ar šokolādes gabaliņiem

2<sup>99</sup> €



**Basilur tea**

Black / peppermint

Melnā / piparmētru

3<sup>49</sup> €



**Plūkt Blossom tea**

Energizing mix of echinacea, calendula, peppermint, fireweed, cornflower, cowslip and oregano

Tonizējoša ziedu tēja ar rudzupuķi, ehināciju, kliņģerīti, ugunspuķi, piparmētru, gaiļbiksīti un raudeni

3<sup>99</sup> €



**Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee**

Seasonal coffee "Ethiopia Guji, Bio" with fruity sweetness and jasmine notes

- Light roast: delicate and complex flavor
- Light body: thin, clean, and bright

Sezonālā kafija "Etiopija Guji, Bio" ar augļainu saldumu un jasmīna notīm

- Gaišs grauzdējums: izsmalcināta un komplicēta buķete
- Viegls ķermenis: smalks, ar skaidru garšu

4<sup>99</sup> €



**Freshly brewed Barista coffee**

Peru and Brazilian Arabica. Rich flavors with notes of hazelnut and a hint of milk chocolate

- Medium roast: balanced flavor
- Medium body: balanced and smooth

Peru un Brazīlijas Arabika. Piesātināta garša ar lazdu riekstu un piena šokolādes notīm

- Vidējais grauzdējums: līdzsvarota garša
- Ķermenis: vidējs: sabalansēta un vienmērīga

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**Douwe Egberts cappuccino**

Kapučīno

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Fazer Remix Minis

Assorted sweets, 120g  
Saldumu izlase

2<sup>99</sup> €



Cido

Apple juice, 25cl  
Ābolu sula

2<sup>99</sup> €



PLAYin CHOC

Two organic chocolate bites with 3D Puzzle toy and Fun Facts card  
Organiskā šokolāde ar 3D puzzle un jautru fakti kartīti

4<sup>99</sup> €

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+ Apple juice, p. 167,  
Ābolu sula, 167. lpp.

7<sup>48</sup> €



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Snack



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BalticWater natural mineral water

Still or sparkling, 33cl

Viegli mineralizēts dabīgais ūdens, negāzēts un gāzēts

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Cido Exclusive

Tomato juice, 30cl  
Tomātu sula

2<sup>99</sup> €



Cido Exclusive

Orange juice, 30cl  
Apelsīnu sula

2<sup>99</sup> €



Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2<sup>99</sup> €



Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2<sup>99</sup> €



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Izsalcis?  
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Warm up with our selection of crafted hot cocktails, perfect for cozy comfort and bold flavors.

Sasildieties ar mūsu karsto kokteiļu izvēli, kas lieliski piemērota mājīgam komfortam un izteiksmīgām garšām.

Enjoy our selection of popular in-house blended cocktails!

Baudiet populāru uz vietas jauktu kokteiļu izlasi!

Bombay Sapphire Dry Gin & Premium Indian Tonic Water or apple juice

Bombay Sapphire Dry džins & Premium Indian Tonic Water vai ābolu sula

9<sup>98</sup> €

Jack Daniels whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniels viskijs & Coca-Cola

10<sup>48</sup> €

Finlandia Premium vodka & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8<sup>98</sup> €

Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8<sup>98</sup> €

Riga Black Balsam Currant & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8<sup>98</sup> €

Balsam Berry "Oga" cranberry-ginger ale winter drink & Riga Black Balsam Currant

"Oga" dzērveņu-ingvera eļļa, ziemas dzēriens & Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu

9<sup>48</sup> €

Cranberry Toddy "Oga" cranberry-ginger ale winter drink & Finlandia Premium vodka

"Oga" dzērveņu-ingvera eļļa, ziemas dzēriens & Finlandia Premium degvīns

9<sup>48</sup> €

Nōo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages, 85g

"Nōo Snack" cigārdesīņas ar parmežāna sieru

3<sup>49</sup> €

Salysol salted peanuts

"Salysol" sāļi zemesrieksti, 60g

3<sup>49</sup> €

Pringles Original

Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato chips, 40g  
Kartupeļu čipsi

3<sup>49</sup> €

NOY nuts

Salty baked mini pretzels, 25g  
Sāļi, cepti mini kliņģerīši

3<sup>49</sup> €



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€

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Colombar  
Chardonnay

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€

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Colombar  
Chardonnay

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Baltvīns, Francija

**7<sup>99</sup>**  
€

**Bottega Gold**  
Prosecco Brut

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Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

**8<sup>49</sup>**  
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**Carlsberg**

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

**4<sup>99</sup>**  
€

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Light Lager

50cl, 5.3%, Latvija  
Mežpils Gaišais  
Lāgers, Latvija

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€



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Degvīns  
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Dry Gin  
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Džins  
**6<sup>99</sup> €**



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5cl, 19%  
Portvīns  
**6<sup>99</sup> €**

**Jack Daniels**  
Whiskey  
5cl, 40%  
Viskijs  
**7<sup>49</sup> €**



**Rémy Martin**  
VSOP cognac  
5cl, 40%  
Konjaks  
**7<sup>99</sup> €**



**Riga Black Balsam**  
Currant 4cl, 30%  
Rīgas Melnais  
Balzams upeņu  
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for her, 50 ml

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for her, 30 ml

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**CALVIN KLEIN**  
Eternity Moment  
EDP for her, 50 ml

Inspired by the natural Beauty of sea shells glistening in the sand on a warm summer day; washed up by the waves they lie in the sun waiting to be found.

Šis smaržūdens tika radīts, iedvesmojoties no jūras gliemežvāku dabiskā skaistuma, kad tie mirdz smiltīs siltā vasaras dienā. Viļņu izskaloti, tie guļ saulē un gaida, kad kāds tos atradīs.

**€29<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€32.00**

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**LOVELY**  
SARAH JESSICA PARKER

CREATED BY SARAH JESSICA PARKER  
LOVELY ON THE INSIDE

**SARAH JESSICA PARKER**  
Lovely  
EDP for her, 50 ml

Sarah Jessica Parker has been enamored with fragrance since she was a young girl. Inspired by her love of layering scents. Lovely is a silky white amber fragrance with timeless allure. A burst of mandarin, bergamot, and rosewood opens into lush lavender, apple martini, and patchouli. Cedar, white amber, and sultry musk create a seductive, lingering finish.

Sāra Džesika Pārkere jau kopš bērnības ir sajūsmā par smaržām. Smaržūdenim Lovely ir zidaini balts, bezgalīgi valdzinošs dzintara aromāts, kas radīts, iedvesmojoties no Pārkeres mīlestības pret smaržām. Mandarīna, bergamotes un rožkoka aromātam seko sirds notis - sulīgais lavandas, ābolu martini un pačūlijas aromāts. Pamatnotis ir ciedrs, baltais dzintars un muskuss.

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**TOUS**



**LoveMe**

**TOUS**  
LoveMe  
EDP for her, 30 ml

A fragrance that, apart from being an icon, is a piece of jewelry which embodies the modern woman. Tous LoveMe is a women's fragrance that exceptionally balances softness with intensity. Ikonisks aromāts, kas ir mūsdienīgas sievietes iemiesojums. Tous LoveMe ir sieviešu smaržūdens ar izcili līdzsvarotu maigumu un intensitāti.

**€40**

City Price **€55.00**

**SAVE 27%**

**BUGATTI**  
Signature Black EDT for him, 100 ml

This urban fragrance type is perfect for all occasions. Part of the aromatic, Oriental, herbal fragrance family.

Šis pilsētnieciskais aromāts ir ideāli piemērots visiem dzīves gadījumiem. Austrumniecisko augu aromāts.

**€19<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€29.99**

**SAVE 31%**



**BUGATTI**  
Bella Donna EDP for her, 60 ml

Embodies the quintessential Italian concept of la dolce vita, exuding an infectious enthusiasm for life. Its lightness gracefully accompanies a woman throughout her day, accentuating her spontaneity while highlighting her sensuality and femininity with a touch of classic elegance.

Itāļu "saldās dzīves" koncepcijas iemiesojums, kas izstaro dzīvesprieku un entuziasmu. Aromāta vieglums graciozi pavada sievieti visas dienas garumā, uzsverot viņas spontanitāti, vienlaikus izceļot viņas jutekliskumu un sievišķību ar klasiskas elegances pieskārienu.



**€19<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€49.90**

**SAVE 60%**



**VERSACE**  
Bright Crystal  
EDT for her, 50 ml

**€72<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€85.00**  
**SAVE 14%**

Sheer sensuality, crystal transparency, and luminous brightness: this is Bright Crystal by Versace, a precious jewel of rare beauty characterized by a fresh, vibrant, flowery scent. An enthralling and voluptuous perfume - sensual and always glamorous.

Jūtīgums un kristāldzidrs, mirdzošs spožums: tieši tāds ir Bright Crystal no Versace, neparasti skaists dārgakmens, ko raksturo svaigs un dinamisks ziedu aromāts – aizraujošs, valdinošs un juteklīks.



**CAROLINA HERRERA**  
Good Girl  
EDP for her, 30 ml

**€67<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€74.50**  
**SAVE 9%**

Reveal your good side through the luminous facet of tuberose and the best quality Sambac Jasmine. Dare your bad side through addictive notes of roasted Tonka beans and Cocoa. It's so good to be bad!

Parādiet savu labo pusi, pateicoties tuberozes un augstākās kvalitātes sambaka jasmīna aromātam. Izaiciniet savu sliktu pusi ar grauzdētu Tonka pupiņu un kakao notīm. Būt sliktai meitenei ir lieliski!



**Gisada**  
Switzerland

**TITANIUM**  
EAU DE PARFUM

**GISADA**  
Titanium  
EDP for him, 50 ml

**€85**

City Price **€95**  
**SAVE 11%**

**NEW**  
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An Aromatic Woody Ambery fragrance opens with a vital blend of pink pepper, artemisia, sage and cardamom. In the heart note, lavender, cedarwood, leather, cinnamon and sandalwood merge into a powerful melody. The base note of iris, vanilla, tonka, patchouli and fir balsam leave a lasting, elegant impression. A fragrance masterpiece that combines powerful masculinity and sensual sophistication in perfect harmony.

Koksnes un dzintara aromāts atklājas ar rozā piparu, artemīzijas ziedu, salvijas un kardamona notīm. Seko sirds nošu kombinācija, kas sastāv no lavandas, ciedra, ādas, kanēļa un sandalkoka aromātiem. Pamatnots, ko veido īriss, vaniļa, tonkas pupiņas, pačūlija un egļu balzams, ir ilgstošs un elegants. Aromātu šedevrs, kurā harmoniski apvienojas vīrišķība un jutekliska izsmalcinātība.



**GISADA**  
Ambassadora  
EDP for her, 50 ml

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".

**€75**

City Price **€89.00**  
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**M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH**  
MAGIC FINISH Set (MAKE-UP 30 ml  
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Individuāli pielāgojas dažādiem ādas toniņiem. Pat ziemā piešķir ādai veselīgu un svaigu toni. Apslēpj ādas nepilnības, grumbas un apsārtumu, un āda izskatās zīdaini gluda. Pūderis nav nepieciešams, jo līdzeklis dabiski matē ādu visas dienas garumā. Piemērots visiem ādas tipiem un to var uzklāt uz jebkura dienas krēma vai seruma. Komplektā ietilpst 30 un 10 ml tūbiņās, kas ir ideāli piemērotas ceļojumiem.



**M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH**  
SATIN LIPSTICK TRIO  
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.

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**€34**

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**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.

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**100%**  
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**100%**  
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**UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCE**

\* 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. \*\* Instrumental test carried out on unmade-up lashes with Antera 3D® instrumentation after 30 days of application on 20 subjects. Average % value of increase.

\* 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. \*\*\*\* Instrumental Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement of the effect claimed. \*\*\*\*\* Instrumental Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement after 30 days of application on 20 test carried out on clean lashes with Antera 3D® instrumentation after 30 days of application on 20 subjects. Average % value of increase.

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## DIEGO DALLA PALMA MyJoyBoy 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.

**€23**

City Price €27.90

SAVE 18%

## 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.

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**NUDESTIX**

## SWEET AND SUNNY CHEEKS BLUSH & BRONZER KIT



This 2-piece blush and bronze kit is all you need to effortlessly add warmth and a fresh dewy look to your complexion. **Nudies Matte Bronze** in **Sunkissed Cool** bronzes and sculpts the face while **Nudies Bloom Blush** in **Sweet Cheeks** adds a juicy pop of color to eyes, lips and cheeks. The perfect duo for easy, multi-tasking, minimalist makeup on-the-go.

MINIMALIST MULTI-TASKING MAKEUP @NUDESTIX

**NUDESTIX**  
Sweet & Sunny Cheeks Duo,  
2x7 g

**€40<sup>50</sup>**

City Price €45

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NEW  
ON BOARD

NUDESTIX's Sweet & Sunny Cheeks 2-Piece NUDIES Kit features a mix of shades and finishes that create a pretty blush and sunkissed bronze for a must-have healthy glow perfect for every season.

NUDESTIX divdaļīgajā balzamu komplektā Sweet & Sunny Cheeks NUDIES ietilpst dažādi toni un krāsas, kas rada skaistu sārtumu un saulainu bronzas toni veselīgam ādas mirdzumam, ideāli piemērotu katram gadalaikam.

## THE EYE CREAM DUO FOR A RELAXED FLIGHT

Eye Care Duo

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**VINO GOLD®**



**26%**

WRINKLE  
REDUCTION -  
CLINICALLY  
PROVEN\*\*

**M. ASAM® VINO GOLD®**  
Eye Care Duo,  
2x30 ml

**€33**

NEW  
ON BOARD

Day or night, the M. Asam® VINO GOLD® Eye Care Duo is the secret to radiant eyes on any journey. Our convenient double-chamber jar offers two effective eye creams: during the day, white flower extracts and caffeine revitalize the eye area, while at night our rich formula revitalizes the skin. The patented\* VINO GOLD® grape power provides antioxidant protection against premature skin aging and dehydration. Perfect for frequent flyers and globetrotters.

M. Asam® VINO GOLD® acu kopšanas komplekts ļaus jūsu acīm mirdzēt jebkurā ceļojumā un jebkurā diennakts laikā. Mūsu ērtajā divdaļīgajā flakonā iepildīti divi efektīvi acu krēmi: dienas laikā balto ziedu ekstrakti un kofeīns atjauno acu zonu, savukārt naktī mūsu bagātīgā formula revitalizē ādu. Patentētais VINO GOLD® vīnogu spēks nodrošina antioksidantu aizsardzību pret priekšlaicīgu ādas novecošanos un atūdepošanos. Lieliski piemērots cilvēkiem, kas bieži ceļo.

\* DE102011112092; CA2786214  
\*\* M. Asam® VINO GOLD® Eye Care Duo: Clinical study: assessment of single wrinkle depth, Dermatest® GmbH, PRIMOS optical 3D skin measurement, 30 female volunteers, 4 weeks, 2x daily, June 2022: Average reduction in single wrinkle depth: 26.0% (eye cream day).

# PEARLS

of the Latvian Skincare



**BIO2YOU**  
Anti Age Day  
Cream, 50 ml

Reduces wrinkles, provides long-lasting hydration and skin renewal, increases skin elasticity and stimulates collagen production.

Dabīgs atjaunojošs dienas krēms ar hialuronskābi. Samazina krunciņas, nodrošina ilgstošu mitrināšanu, un ādas atjaunošanos, paaugstina ādas elastību un stimulē kolagēna rašanos.

€27 =

**BIO2YOU**  
Anti Age Night  
Cream, 50 ml

Provides long-lasting moisture, nourishment, protection & rejuvenation, increases skin elasticity and stimulates collagen production, allowing your skin to regain lost vitality and slow the onset of further signs of aging.

Dabīgs atjaunojošs nakts krēms ar hialuronskābi. Nodrošina ilgstošu mitrināšanu, aizsardzību, paaugstina ādas elastību un stimulē kolagēna rašanos, ļaujot ādai atgūt zaudēto vitalitāti un palēnināt novecošanās pazīmju rašanos.

€27 =



**STENDERS**  
Face Mist Green Calm, 85 ml

Hydrate your skin on the go with this calming mist, enriched with aloe vera, kaolin clay, and a valuable extract of 13 fruits and flowers. It's suitable for sensitive skin, with 92% ingredients of natural origin and a natural fragrance. Apply over or under makeup for refreshed skin anytime, anywhere.

Nomierinošs sejas sprejs, kas bagātināts ar alveju, kaolīna māliem un vērtīgu 13 augļu un ziedu ekstraktu, lieliski noder ādas mitrināšanai, kad esat ceļā. Sprejs ir piemērots jutīgai ādai, par 92% tas sastāv no dabiskas izcelsmes izejvielām un tam ir dabīgs aromāts. Uzklājiet uz vai zem kosmētikas – jebkurā laikā un vietā.

€15 =

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## THE ULTIMATE DUO

FOR DAILY GLOW BY BIO2YOU



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MADE IN LATVIA

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**BIO2YOU**  
Regenerating Travel/Gift set.  
Moisturising Day Cream SPF30, 50 ml  
+ Regenerating Hyaluronic  
Face Serum, 50 ml

€20 = TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

This skincare treatment set features two must-have products for glowing, youthful skin: Moisturising Day Cream SPF 30 and Regenerating Hyaluronic Acid Face Serum. Together, they provide hydration, protection, and rejuvenation. The perfect gift for pampering yourself or someone special.

Šis ādas kopšanas komplekts satur divus būtiskus must-have produktus mirdzošai un jauneklīgai ādai: Mitrinošs dienas krēms ar SPF 30 un Atjaunojošs hialuronskābes serums sejai. Kopā tie nodrošina ilgstošu mitrināšanu un aizsardzību. Ideāla dāvana sevī vai kāda cita palutināšanai.

## AWARD WINNING SKINCARE ROUTINE



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### AVANT GLOW Starter Set, 5x10 ml

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Discover Avant's Glow Starter Set, the perfect place to start your Avant Skincare journey or try something new. Featuring award-winning and bestselling products in try-out sizes:

- Deluxe Hyaluronic Acid Vivifying Face & Eye Night Cream.
- Eight Hour Retexturing & Antioxidising Hyaluronic Facial Serum.
- Blue Volcanic Stone Purifying & Antioxidising Cleansing Gel.
- Harmonious Rose Quartz Revitalising Firming Mask.
- Pro-Perfecting Collagen Primer Touche Eclat.
- Cotton Canvas Bag made of recycled materials.

Atklājiet Avant Glow starta komplektu: tas ir ideāls, lai izmēģinātu ko jaunu vai atklātu citus Avant Skincare līdzekļus. Starta komplektā ietilpst godalgoti un populārākie produkti maza izmēra konteineros:

- Augstākās klases atjaunojošs hialuronskābes nakts krēms sejai un acīm.
- Astoņu stundu atjaunojošs un antioksidējošs serums sejas kopšanai ar hialuronskābi.
- Attīrošs un antioksidējošs ādu attīrošs gēls ar zilu vulkānisko akmeni.
- Revitalizējoša rožu kvarca maska tvirtai sejās ādai.
- Bāzes tuša ar kolagēna formulu.
- Kokvilnas audekla maisiņš, kas izgatavots no pārstrādātiem materiāliem.

€22 City Price €45 **SAVE 40%**

### 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.

€29<sup>50</sup>

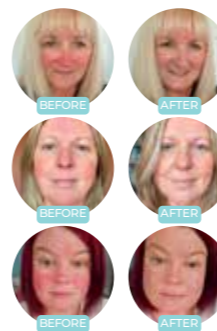
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### ROSALIQUE Anti-Redness Cream, 30 ml



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 tonēts mitrinātājs, krāsas korektors vai grima bāze.



1 Conceals Instantly  
2 Treats Gently  
3 Protects Long Term

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### DR. SEVERIN® Beauty Routine Set, 3 x 50 ml

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 best antiaging 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. Labākais pret novecošanās efekts, augstākā kvalitāte – ražots Vācijā.

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# TALIKA

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rejuvenation mask

RED LIGHT + INFRARED

## GENIUS EYES

anti-aging: wrinkles, dark circles & puffiness

Stimulates growth: eyelash and eyebrow growth

Helps reduce jet lag effects



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RED +  
INFRARED  
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Creator of the 1st eyelash growth care in 1948 and pioneer of photorejuvenation for 20 years, Talika innovates again with Genius Eyes: the 1st red and infrared LED beauty eye mask targeting all eye contour's signs of aging while stimulating eyelash and eyebrow growth.

Talika, kas 1948. gadā radīja pirmo skropstu augšanu veicinošu līdzekli un jau 20 gadus ir fotorejuvenācijas pionieris, piedāvā kārtējo pārsteigumu: Genius Eyes ir pirmā sarkanā un infrasarkanā LED acu maska, kas iedarbojas uz visām acu novecošanās pazīmēm, vienlaikus veicinot skropstu un uzacu augšanu.

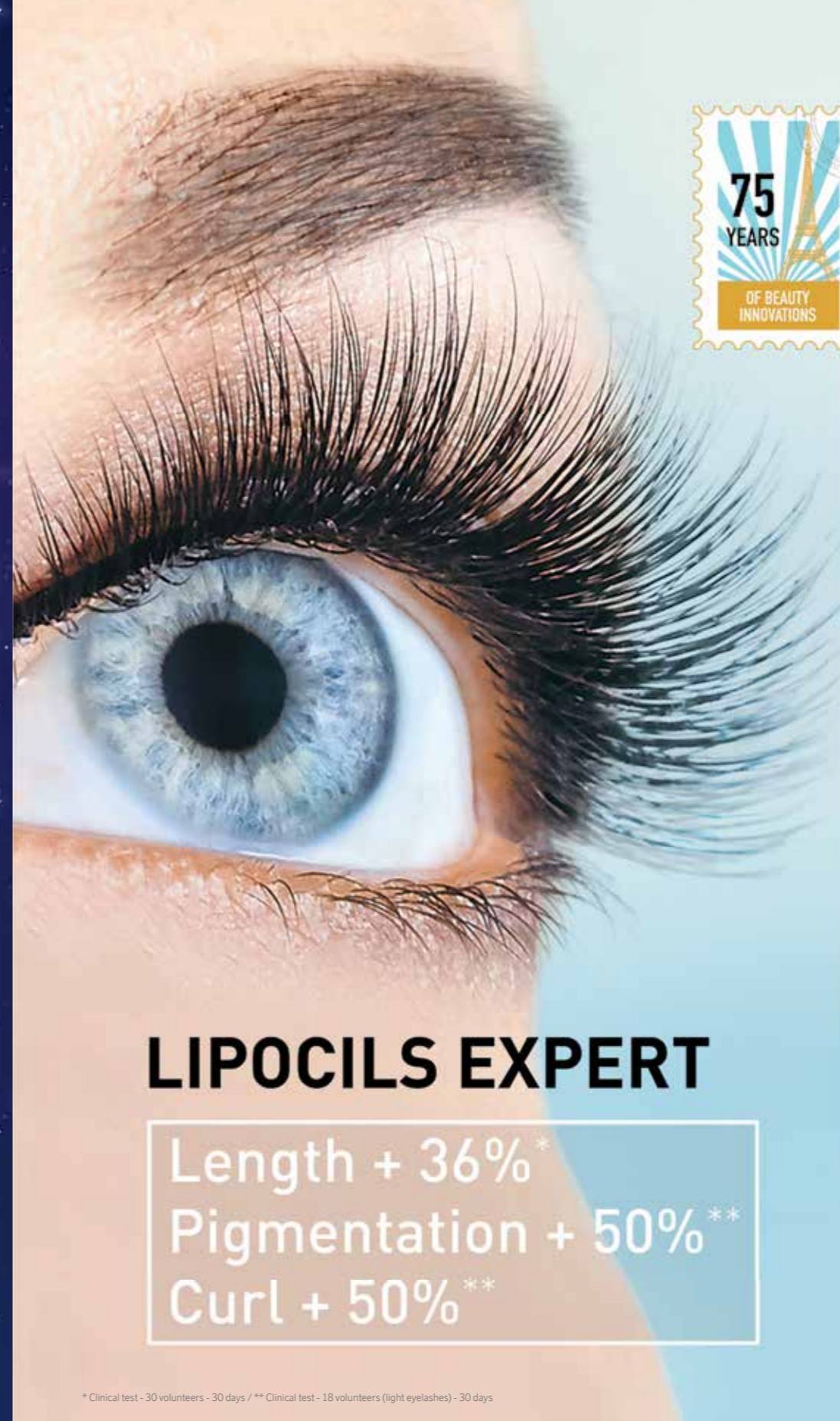
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Genius Eye Anti-Aging  
and Growth Light

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Length + 36%\*

Pigmentation + 50%\*\*

Curl + 50%\*\*



\* Clinical test - 30 volunteers - 30 days / \*\* Clinical test - 18 volunteers (light eyelashes) - 30 days

TALIKA

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

€41

City Price €49,50

SAVE 17%

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!

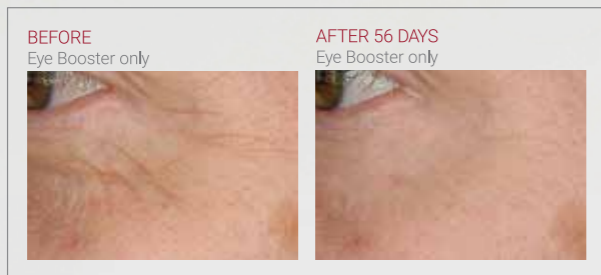


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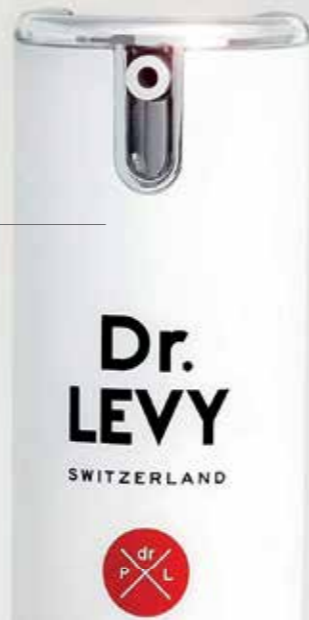
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**DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND**  
Intense Eye Rescue,  
15 ml

**€170**

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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 tūlītējiem rezultātiem.

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**DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND**  
4 Miracles Mask & Cure

**€59**

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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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THE RESEARCHED FORMULA BEAUTY BRAND

**30% FULLER\***  
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An innovative activating serum that promotes hair growth for long, thick and naturally beautiful hair. Initial improvements can usually be seen after approximately six to eight weeks when used regularly. For long, thick and naturally beautiful hair.

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!



**YOUTH LAB**  
60 patches & spatula

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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**SOUMMÉ**  
Anti-Transpirant Deo,  
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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.

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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 norādījumus.

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100ml

Keep your clothes fresh and stain-free, perfect for life's little mishaps! Compact and convenient for stain emergencies on the go.



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unexpected  
spills!**

**PURENN**  
Universal Stain  
Remover, 100 ml

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Keep your clothes fresh and stain-free, ideal for little mishaps. Compact and convenient for on-the-go emergencies. The concentrated formula tackles tough stains like coffee, wine, and grease. Non-GMO, nature friendly and safe for people, eco-friendly, and easy to use – just spray, treat, and wash for spotless results.

Universālais Traipu tīrīšanas līdzeklis (100ml). Palīdz saglabāt drēbes tīras un pasargā no pēkšņiem traipiem! Kompakts un ērts lietošanā. Koncentrētā formula efektīvi tiek galā ar kafijas, vīna un tauku traipiem. Bez GMO, videi draudzīgs un cilvēkam drošs, viegli lietojams – vienkārši uzsmidziniet, ļaujiet iedarboties un izmazgājiet.



**UNITWEEZER**  
**Universal multi tweezer**  
for careful facial hair removal

- Chin and jawline
- Nose
- Upper lip
- Ear
- Eyebrows

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**UNITWEEZER**  
Universal Multi Tweezer

**€12**  
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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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A fashionable Swiss Made Facet Princess watch with a glossy blue leather strap and an additional golden bracelet as a set. Inspired by the popular princess diamond cut, the glass sparkles in a 25 mm gold tone stainless steel watch case (nickel free). Hand-assembled in Switzerland. 5 bar water resistant.

Facet Princess ir mūsdienīgs pulkstenis ar spīdīgu zilu ādas siksnīņu un papildu zelta aproci komplektā. Pulkstenim ir 25 mm zelta krāsas nerūsējoša tērauda korpus (bez niķeļa). Roku darbs no Šveices. Ūdensizturība: 5 bāri.

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	MOVEMENT	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
25.6 X 27.3 MM	STAINLESS STEEL	5 ATM	RONDA SWISS	LEATHER / STAINLESS STEEL	14.5 – 18.5 CM / 12.0 – 20.0 CM



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- ~5 DAYS BATTERY
- WIRELESS CHARGING
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- AI VOICE ASSISTANT
- IP67 WATER RESISTANT
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP



**AVIATOR**  
F Series Ladies Smart  
Technique Watch

This Aviator F Series Ladies Smart Technique Watch charms with 1,19" full touch screen, 300 nits brightness, milanese strap and extra silicone strap, 300+ available dials, health monitoring, and exercise tracking. IP 67 protection.

Aviator F sērijas sieviešu viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 1,19 collu pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 300 nitu spilgtums, Milānas siksnīņa un papildu silikona siksnīņa, vairāk nekā 300 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP 67 aizsardzība.

**€139**

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

DIAL SIZE 42 MM	CASE MATERIAL ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	WATER RESISTANCE IP67	STRAP MATERIAL MILANESE / SILICONE	STRAP LENGTH 18,5 CM
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AVIATOR TIMEPIECES  
TIME TO FLY

- RFID Blocking
- Slim Design (10mm)
- Holds up to 15 Cards
- Aluminum case
- Quick Access Slot
- Magnetic Money Clip

**AVIATOR**  
F Series RFID  
Foldable Wallet

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Safeguard your information! Wallet with RFID-blocking technology. Holds up to 15 cards. With quick access slot.

Sargājiet savus datus! Maks ar RFID aizsardzību, kurā ietilpst līdz 15 kartēm. Ātrās piekļuves mehānisms.

**€49**

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AVIATOR SMARTWATCH  
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- CALORIE TRACKER
- ~5 DAYS BATTERY
- WIRELESS CHARGING
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP
- IP67 WATER RESISTANT

**AVIATOR**  
F Series Gent's Smart  
Technique Watch

This Aviator F Series Smart Technique Gent's Watch impresses with 1,39" full touch screen, 500 nits brightness, extra silicone strap, 250+ available dials, health monitoring, and exercise tracking. IP 67 protection.

Aviator F sērijas vīriešu viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 1,39 collu pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 500 nitu spilgtums, papildu silikona siksnīņa, vairāk nekā 250 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP 67 aizsardzība.

**€119**

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

DIAL SIZE 45 MM	CASE MATERIAL ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	WATER RESISTANCE IP67	STRAP MATERIAL SILICONE	STRAP LENGTH 21,5 CM
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**AVIATOR**  
F Series Ladies  
Luxe Set, Rose Gold

**NEW**  
ON BOARD

Aviator F Series Ladies Luxe Rose-Gold set features a rose-gold watch with Milanese stainless steel strap and world map on a black dial, accompanied with an adjustable rose-gold world map bracelet. Šajā Aviator F sērijas komplektā ietilpst sieviešu rozā zelta pulkstenis ar tikla aproci no nerūsējošā tērauda un pasaules karti uz melnas ciparnīcas, kā arī regulējama rozā zelta rokassprādze ar pasaules karti.

**€79**

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH	BRACELET LENGTH
36 MM	STAINLESS STEEL	3 ATM	STAINLESS STEEL	16 CM + 2 CM	17 CM



**NELA GEMS**  
Red String Bracelet  
and Earring Set

An elegant red thread bracelet set with earrings, made of 24k gold-plated stainless steel - an anti-allergic material that is non-reactive and moisture-resistant. The bracelet length is adjustable, ranging from 16cm with a 3cm extension, featuring a transparent 8mm crystal. 3 mm crystal for earrings.

Elegants sarkanā diedziņa rokassprādzes komplekts ar nagliņauskariem, 24k apzeltīts juvelierārauds - antialerģisks materiāls, kas nesūbē un ir mitrumizturīgs. Rotas garums ir regulējams, 16cm ar pagarinājumu 3cm, caurspīdīgs 8mm kristāls. Auskariem 3mm kristāls.

**€55** =



**MY JEWELLERY**  
Mother & Daughter  
Bracelets, Gold

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.

Aproces izgatavotas no augstākās klases nerūsējošā tērauda, nezaudē krāsu, 100% ūdensizturīgas, 100% pārstrādājamas. Augstas kvalitātes, ilgmūžīgs materiāls. Aproces nav nepieciešams noņemt, kad esat pludmalē vai ejat dušā.

**€22**

**BEST**  
SELLER

BRACELET LENGTH	MATERIAL
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER	STAINLESS STEEL



**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

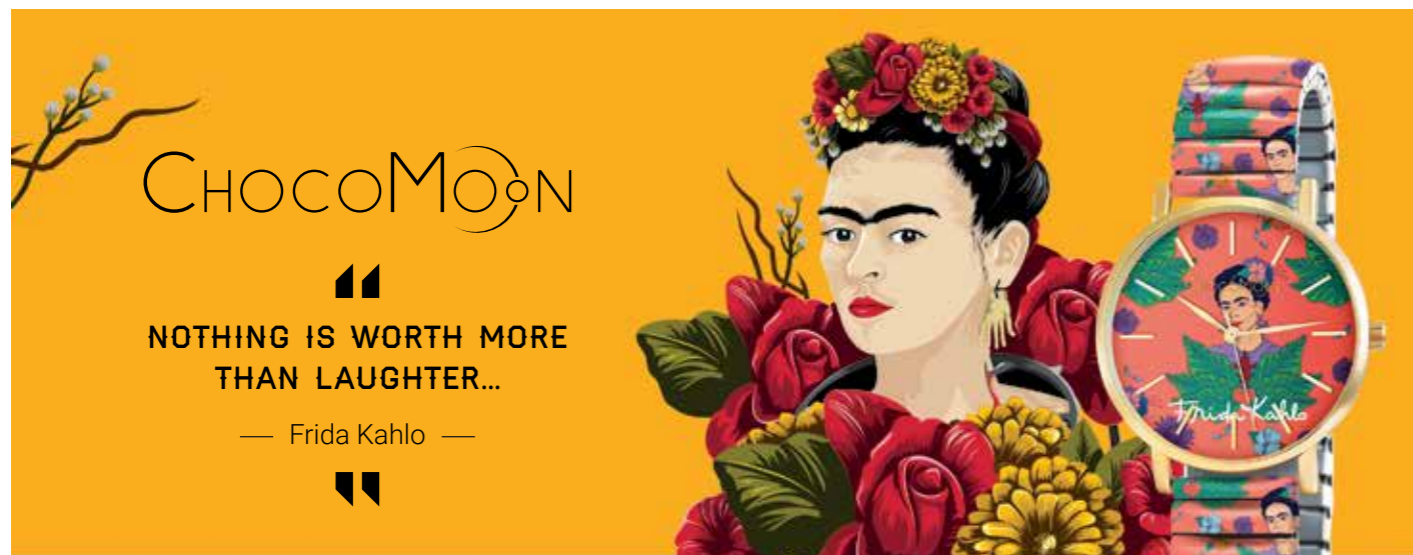
Trīs minimālisma stilā ieturētas aproces ar rodija, zelta un rozā zelta pārklājumu, rotātas ar mirdzošiem kristāliem. Aproces var valkāt kopā vai pa vienai. Garums: 17.5 cm

**€39**

City Price €81  
**SAVE 52%**



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**CHOCOMOON**  
Frida Ladies Watch,  
Frida Kahlo Collection

Passion, Courage, Authenticity - Frida Kahlo's art bursts with color and vitality! The Chocomoon "Frida Kahlo Collection" is a tribute to the exceptional Mexican artist, whose soul we see dancing in her paintings. Statement ladies watch with a flexible strap that fits almost any wrist.

Kaisle, drosmē, autentiskums – Frīdas Kalo māksla ir krāsu un vitalitātes pārpilna. ChocoMoon kolekcija Frīda Kalo ir veltījums izcilajai meksikāņu māksliniecei, kuras dvēseli redzam dejojām viņas gleznās. Ļoti oriģināls sieviešu pulkstenis ar elastīgu siksnīņu, kas der gandrīz jebkurai plaukstas locītavai.

€59

City Price €69  
SAVE 14%

NEW  
ON BOARD

DIAL SIZE 36 MM	CASE MATERIAL METAL	WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM	MOVEMENT QUARTZ	STRAP MATERIAL METAL	STRAP LENGTH FLEXIBLE
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**MY JEWELLERY**  
Travel the World Necklace, Gold

NEW  
ON BOARD

Travel in unforgettable style with My Jewellery! Complete your look with our premium stainless steel Travel the World necklace and get ready for new adventures. Wear this piece solo or mix it up with the matching bracelet for instant travel style.

My Jewellery piešķir ceļošanai neaizmirstamu stilu! Papildiniet savu izskatu ar mūsu augstākās kvalitātes nerūsējošā tērauda kaklarotu Travel the World un gatavojieties jauniem piedzīvojumiem! Kaklarotu var valkāt atsevišķi vai kopā ar pieskaņoto rokassprādzi.

€24 BRACELET LENGTH 38.5 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL

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**MY JEWELLERY**  
Travel the World Bracelet, Gold

NEW  
ON BOARD

My Jewellery is known for its on-trend Dutch designs made from waterproof premium stainless steel, so they'll last a lifetime. The tans might fade, but our Travel the World bracelet will remind you of your favourite travel memories for years to come!

Holandiešu uzņēmums My Jewellery ir pazīstams ar saviem modernajiem aksesuāriem, kas izgatavoti no augstākās kvalitātes ūdensizturīga un nerūsējošā tērauda, tāpēc tie kalpos visu mūžu. Iedegums pāries, taču mūsu aprobece Travel the World atgādinās par jūsu mīļākajām ceļojumu atmiņām vēl daudzus gadus!

€19 BRACELET LENGTH 16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL

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Original scarfs by Latvian artist  
Elita Patmalniece



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«Lucky Monkey»



«Flower girl»



«Princess»



«Wildlife»

Elita.

Enjoy!

**ELITA PATMALNIECE**  
The Artful Scarf  
Collection

€72 NEW  
ON BOARD

The famous Latvian artist ELITA Patmalniece has created an original scarf collection from her latest paintings. Colorful scarf is a unique style element, made from high quality silky polyester, size 72cm x 72cm for You. Please note: the price is for a single scarf. ENJOY! ELITA  
Populārā latviešu māksliniece ELITA Patmalniece piedāvā oriģinālus lakatus ar saviem gleznu motīviem. Košais lakats radīts kā efektīgs stila elements, veidots no maiga mākslīgā zīda 72cm x 72cm izmērā-iepriecinās ar krāsām. Cena norādīta par vienu lakatu. LAI IR PRIEKŠ!

Please inquire with the cabin crew about available scarf designs. Lūdzu, jautājiet stjuartiem par pieejamajiem lakatu dizainiem.



**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 Majorkas pārļu pāriem dažādās krāsās. Astoņi vienā!

**€79**

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**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 Majorkas pērles baltā (6 mm) un melnā (12 mm) krāsā, kā arī sudraba elementi. Roku darbs no tradicionālas Majorkas pārļu fabrikas. Piemērots gan formālam, gan ikdienas stilam. Der visiem izmēriem.

**€52**

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**ORQUIDEA**  
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl  
Necklace And Earring Set

**€126**

City Price €172  
SAVE 27%

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.

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

NECKLACE LENGTH  
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER



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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.

**€38**

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

SIZE  
11X7.4X2.1 CM



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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 rokassprādzes 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  
SAVE 26%

BRACELET LENGTH  
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER  
Ø 8 MM



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Jūsu atmiņas ir vienmēr pa rokai. Saglabājiet savas vērtīgākās atmiņas un izdzīvojiet tās vēlreiz un vēlreiz. Neatkarīgi no tā, vai tās ir fotogrāfijas no atvaļinājuma, kāda īpaša notikuma vai ikdienas dzīves – šis albums ir tikpat unikāls kā jūs. Izveidojiet savu virtuālo albumu ar fotoattēliem, videoklipiem, mūziku un piezīmēm. Šim virtuālajam albumam var piekļūt jebkurā laikā un jebkurā vietā, vienkārši nolasot NFC mikrosihēmu jūsu suvenirā.

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**SUDIO**  
C7 Earphones

With up to 6 hours of play time (28 hours total) and a water resistance IPX4 the in-ear Sudio C7s are ideal for those who don't want to break the bank with their everyday earbuds. Expect a stable Bluetooth 5.4 connection, 2 microphones for calls, and touch buttons.

Sudio austiņas C7 ar līdz pat 6 stundām atskaņošanas laiku (kopā 28 stundas) un ūdensizturību IPX4 ir ideāli piemērotas tiem, kas nevēlas maksāt milzu naudu par ikdienas austiņām, ko lietot katru dienu. Tām ir stabils Bluetooth 5.4 savienojums, 2 mikrofonu zvaniem un skārienpogas.

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PLAY TIME  
6 HOURS

CONNECTION  
28 HOURS

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Carbon Optics Wallet  
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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.

Mazākais no visiem makiem! Kompakts, drošs un elegants, ar 12 karšu un banknošu ietilpību. Tagad no dabīgi micētās teļģadas ar oglekļa perforācijas pārklājumu melnā vai kamieļģadas krāsā. Ar RFID karti, kas nodrošina aizsardzību pret elektronisko datu zādzību.

€39

City Price €45

SAVE 13%



**R.O.C.K.S.**  
Whiskey Chilling Stones

Gone are the days of watered-down spirits. Discover our handcrafted granite chilling stones & appreciate the sophisticated hidden aromas of your favorite blend. The Original Rocks cool your drink to the perfect temperature without melted ice diluting the spirit's true taste. Elevate your tasting experience or spoil a loved one with the perfect gift!

Stipros alkoholiskos dzērienus nu vairs nav jāatšķaida, lai atdzesētu. Iepazīstiet mūsu ar rokām darinātos granīta atdzesēšanas akmeņus un novērtējiet sava iecienītākā dzēriena neizzinātos izsmalcinātos aromātus. The Original Rocks atdzesē dzērienu līdz ideālai temperatūrai, un jums vairs nav jāizmanto ledu, kas izkūstot atšķaida stipro alkoholisko dzērienu garšu. Izbaudiet dzērienu patieso garšu vai palutiniet mīļoto cilvēku ar lielisku dāvanu!

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**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.

€9<sup>49</sup>



**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.

€9<sup>49</sup>

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allroundo® GaN is Vonmählen's GaN Power Charger (30 W) with an integrated all-in-one charging and data cable (120 cm) that allows you to rapidly charge all your devices (up to 60 W). Conveniently stored in a minimalist travel case, the integrated adapters (USB-A, micro-USB, and Lightning) are always perfectly protected, making allroundo® GaN an especially durable and loyal companion.

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Zero99 - lighter than a chocolate bar. With only 99 grams the Red Dot Award winning Zero99 never falls into weight. No matter whether in a small purse or in the jacket. Due to its size of only 21 cm this small doppler umbrella always fits in any pocket. The handy form and the simple handling make the pocket umbrella the lightest companion, even in heavy rains.

Zero99 ir vieglāks par šokolādes tāfelīti. Red Dot Award balvas ieguvējs Zero99 sver tikai 99 gramus. Šo mazo lietussargu var ielikt nelielā somiņā vai jebkura izmēra kabatā, jo tas ir tikai 21 cm garš. Pateicoties ērtajai formai un vienkāršai lietošanai, šis kabatas lietussargs kļūs par jūsu visvieglāko pavadoni pat ļoti stiprā lietū.

**VONMÄHLEN**  
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Infinity is Vonmählen's universal phone strap, compatible with all popular smartphone models. Infinity ensures unrestricted use of your smartphone, as the camera as well as all buttons and functions remain easily accessible. The individually adjustable nylon cord (up to 150 cm) provides comfortable wearing comfort. Thanks to the flexible silicone, Infinity can be attached within seconds – even to your favorite phone case.

Infinity ir universāls Vonmählen tālruņa turētājs, kas ir saderīgs ar visiem populārākajiem viedtālruņu modeļiem. Infinity nodrošina neierobežotu viedtālruņa lietošanu, jo kamera, kā arī visas pogas un funkcijas joprojām ir viegli pieejamas. Individuāli regulējamā neilona aukla (līdz 150 cm) nodrošina ērtu valkāšanu. Pateicoties elastīgajam silikonam, Infinity var piestiprināt dažu sekunžu laikā – pat pie jūsu iecienītā tālruņa vāciņa.

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**VONMÄHLEN**  
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

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Hair-styling has never been so quick, easy, safe and fun! Small Superbrush gently and effectively detangles thanks to its soft tips. Perfect for drying the hair, it can also be used to apply your favourite cream in the shower. Perfect for sensitive, children hair and extensions.

Matu veidošana vēl nekad nav bijusi tik ātra, vienkārša, droša un jautra! Pateicoties mīkstajiem sariem, Small Superbrush izķemmē matus maigi un efektīvi. Šo matu suku var izmantot matu žāvēšanai, kā arī, lai dušā uzklātu savu iecienītāko krēmu. Tā ir ideāli piemērota jutīgiem matiem, bērnu matiem un pieaudzētiem matiem.

**JÄNEKE**  
Small Superbrush

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City Price €19.99  
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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. Offers an excellent viewing experience as it helps reduce strain on your eyes.

Telefona ekrāna palielinātājs darbojas kā projektoris, kas palielina jūsu tālruna ekrānu 2–4 reizes. Piedāvā lielisku skatīšanās pieredzi, jo tas samazina acu noslodzi.

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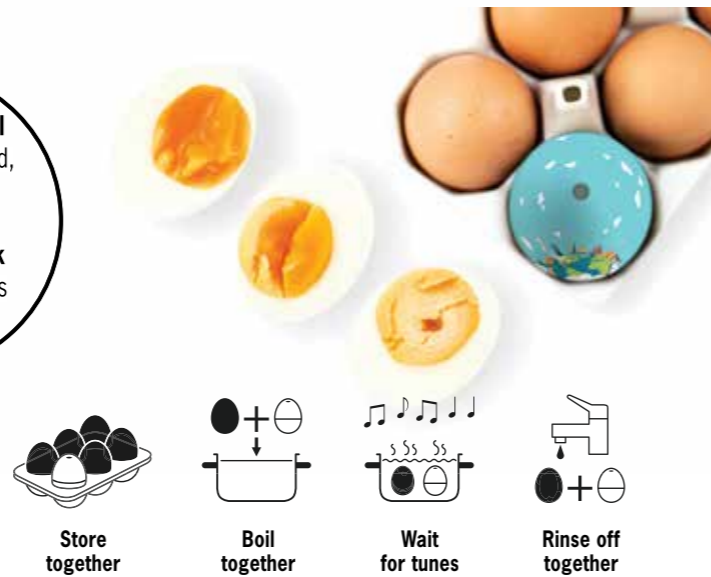


**BeepEgg®**  
Singing floating egg timer

What a Wonderful World for soft-boiled, 99 Red Ballons for medium-boiled, Hit the Road Jack for hard-boiled eggs



It's cool, it's fun and it really works.



MADE IN GERMANY

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

€22

NEW ON BOARD

**beurer**

**IFT 87**  
Non-contact Thermometer

- Measurement of body, ambient and surface temperature
- Hygienic and safe – measurement in seconds without skin contact



**BEURER**  
Non-contact Thermometer FT 85

NEW ON BOARD

Fever measurement made easy! With the FT 85 non-contact clinical thermometer, it is extremely easy to measure body temperature, ambient and surface temperature. Infrared measurement in seconds make it suitable for babies and young children. Thanks to the easy-to-understand smiley-face indicator, measurements can be quickly interpreted without needing to read them. The thermometer has a total of 60 memory spaces, facilitating optimum temperature monitoring over a longer period of time. Incl. 2 x 1.5V batteries (AAA) and 5 years guarantee.

Termometrs, kuru lietot ir neticami vienkārši! Ar bezkontakta klīnisko termometru FT 85 ir ļoti viegli izmērīt ķermeņa temperatūru, apkārtējās vides un dažādu virsmu temperatūru. Izmantojot infrasarkanos starus, temperatūra tiek izmērīta sekundes laikā, tāpēc šis termometrs ir ideāli piemērots zīdaiņiem un maziem bērniem. Pateicoties viegli saprotamajam smaidiņu indikatoram, mērījumus var nolasīt vienā mirklī. Termometra atmiņā ir vieta 60 lietotājiem, kas atvieglo optimālu temperatūras kontroli ilgākā laika periodā. Komplektā ietilpst divas 1,5 V baterijas (AAA), termometram ir 5 gadu garantija.

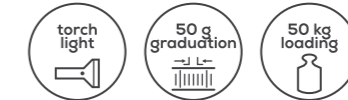
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LS 10 Luggage Scale



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**BEURER**  
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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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BEST SELLER

50 g graduation, torch light.



**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 atklājiat spilgtas krāsas zem matēta pārklājuma. Rakstiet zīmītes, zīmējiet ķiņķežīņus vai skaistus attēlus. Lielisks palīgs, lai nodarbinātu bērnus ceļojuma laikā.

**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.



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City Price €14.50

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**USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

	BOARDING	TAXI BEFORE TAKE-OFF	TAKE-OFF	CRUISE	APPROACH AND LANDING	TAXI AFTER LANDING
<b>Connectivity</b> GSM, Bluetooth, Flight Mode						
<b>Handheld devices</b> e.g. tablets, e-readers and mobile phones						
<b>Heavy devices</b> e.g. laptops and notebooks						

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

In case a battery or device is damaged, hot, produces smoke, is lost, or falls into the seat structure, immediately inform the cabin crew.

**HOUSE RULES**

❏ We only accept payment cards:



❏ 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.

❗ It is prohibited to sell alcoholic beverages and products that contain nicotine to persons under 18 years of age.

❏ Please note that all items are subject to availability.

❏ Discounts do not add up.

**FOR ALLERGIC PASSENGERS**

❏ Passengers with food allergies must assume responsibility for this risk. We will not assume any liability for allergic reactions to the foods consumed or contacted on board.

❏ If you have specific food requirements, you can choose and pre-order food for your flight at [www.airbalticmeal.com](http://www.airbalticmeal.com)

❏ Apmaksai pieņemam tikai maksājumu kartes:



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

❏ Ja maksājums ar maksājumu karti pārsniedz 50 EUR, jāuzrāda personu apliecinošs dokuments. Pirkums ar vienu maksājumu karti nedrīkst pārsniegt 250 EUR, kopējā pirkumu summa ar maksājumu kartēm no vienas personas nedrīkst pārsniegt 500 EUR.

❏ Visas cenas norādītas ar atbilstoši piemērojamo PVN.

❏ Par katru pirkumu airBaltic stjuarti izsniegs jums čekus vai stingrās uzskaites kvītī.

❏ Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ir ilgāki par 1 h 30 min. Jautājiat stjuartiem par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.

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

❏ Jautājiat stjuartiem par maltītes pieejamību jūsu reisā, kā arī par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.

❗ Iegādājoties aviobiļeti, Jūs esat piekritis airBaltic pasažieru pārvadāšanas noteikumiem, kas paredz, ka airBaltic lidmašīnās nav atļauts lietot narkotikas, līdzpaņemtos alkoholiskos dzērienus un smēķēt t.s. elektroniskās cigaretes, kā arī ir jāievēro vispārpieņemtās pieklājības uzvedības normas. Ja būs pamats uzskatīt, ka Jūsu uzvedība neatbilst noteikumiem, veiksīm nepieciešamās darbības, lai šādu uzvedību novērstu.

❗ Alkoholiskos dzērienus un produktus, kas satur nikotīnu, aizliegts pārdot personām, kuras ir jaunākas par 18 gadiem.

❏ Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.

❏ Atlaides nesummējas.

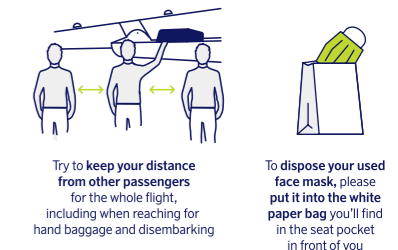
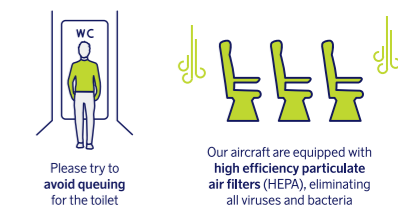
**PASAŽIERIEM AR ALERĢISKĀM REAKCIJĀM**

❏ Esiet piesardzīgi, ja jums ir alerģija pret kādu no pārtikas produktiem. Mēs neuzņemamies atbildību par alerģisku reakciju no pārtikas produktiem, ko esat patērējuši vai ar ko esat nonākuši saskarsmē lidmašīnā.

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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.



Take note that masks may still be required on flights, airports or public spaces in other countries so make sure you are familiar with the local rules.

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**ICE WATCH**  
Smart Junior  
Blue

Kids can wear the same watch as mum or dad with the ICE smart - Blue! This connected watch, perfect in sync with trends and DNA of the Ice-Watch brand, will really impress children aged between 6 and 16. Connected (or not) from a Smartphone, it will include various features such as receiving SMS messages and notifications (provided it is connected to its phone), step counting, sport mode, access to numerous games and much more. There are various different dials which can be changed according to your mood!

Pateicoties ICE smart - Blue, bērniem var būt tāds pats pulkstenis kā mammai vai tētim! Šis pulkstenis perfekti atbilst visām Ice-Watch zīmola tendencēm un DNS, un tas būs īsts pārsteigums jebkurai bērnam vecumā no 6 līdz 16 gadiem. Kad pulkstenis ir (vai nav) savienots ar viedtālruni, tas piedāvā dažādas funkcijas, piemēram, izziņu un paziņojumu saņemšanu (kad tas ir savienots ar tālruni), soļu skaitīšanu, sporta režīmu, daudz dažādu spēļu un daudz ko citu. Pulksteņa ciparnīcu var mainīt pēc garastāvokļa.



**TIME FOR SMARTWATCH!**



# Spice up your trip with our extras!

Book these useful services along with your ticket at [airbaltic.com](http://airbaltic.com) or add them to your booking later on.



**Flight cancellation and name change options**  
 For your peace of mind, add the option to cancel your reservation and get a full refund in the form of an *airBaltic* gift card in case your travel plans change. This service costs **from EUR 14.99** per passenger per direction.  
 Or add the option to change the passenger name on your ticket for a fee from **EUR 9.99** per direction.  
 The Cancellation option is available only for *Economy BASIC* and *Economy CLASSIC* tickets, whereas the Name change option is available for *Economy BASIC*, *Economy CLASSIC*, *Economy FLEX* and *Business EXPERIENCE* tickets.

**Heavy cabin baggage**  
 You can take on board one cabin bag (55x40x23 cm) and one personal item (30x40x10 cm) with a total weight of eight kilograms free of charge.  
 However, sometimes you may need to carry more but want to avoid waiting for a checked suitcase at the baggage belt. Now you can **add an extra four kilograms to your cabin baggage from EUR 11.99** and take a total of 12 kilograms on board.  
 Please note: If you purchase extra cabin baggage weight, your cabin baggage must still remain within the above-mentioned dimensions. Exceeding the allowed cabin baggage weight or size limits will cost EUR 75 at the airport.

**Checked baggage**  
 Add checked baggage if you want to take up to **25 kilograms**, including liquids over 100 ml, which are not allowed in cabin baggage. The cheapest option is to book checked baggage along with your ticket at [airbaltic.com](http://airbaltic.com) starting from **EUR 19.99**. You can also add baggage anytime later at a higher price.

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**Fast track in Riga**  
 Add fast-track security check to your booking for only **EUR 9.99** and skip the security lines at Riga Airport.

**Special equipment**  
 Whatever your hobby, you don't have to live without it during your trip. Take your bicycle, skis, or golf bag with you from **EUR 59.99**.  
 \* Guitars, cellos, and other fragile musical instruments that do not fit in cabin baggage can be transported on the seat next to the passenger if a special ticket has been purchased for their transportation.

**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.

## Ticket types on *airBaltic* flights

Whenever you reserve an *airBaltic* flight, you can choose from five different ticket types depending on your needs and wishes: *Economy BASIC*, *Economy CLASSIC*, *Economy FLEX*, *Business EXPERIENCE* and *BUSINESS*.

The date can be changed for all tickets. This gives our guests extra flexibility and security when planning their trips.  
 Check out the chart to see which services are included in each ticket type, and choose the one that's best for you.



	Economy BASIC	Economy CLASSIC	Economy FLEX	Corporate Economy FLEX	Business EXPERIENCE	BUSINESS
	A customizable travel plan at the lowest price	Hassle-free travel with the most valued services included	A smart choice for convenient and flexible travel	Special discounts and benefits for corporate clients	All the perks of the business class for an affordable price	Ultimate flexibility and comfort for business travellers
Cabin baggage (8 kg per bag + personal item)	✓	✓	✓	✓	2 bags	2 bags
Heavy cabin baggage (12 kg per bag)	€	€	€	€	✓	✓
Checked baggage (23 kg per bag)	€	✓ <b>New</b>	2 bags <b>New</b>	2 bags <b>New</b>	2 bags + sports equipment	2 bags + sports equipment
Seat reservation	€	✓ <sup>4</sup> <b>New</b>	✓ <sup>5</sup>	✓	✓	✓
Date change <sup>1</sup>	EUR 50 per direction	EUR 50 per direction	✓	✓	EUR 50 per direction	✓
Refund <sup>2</sup>	×	×	Full refund with gift card or EUR 25 <b>New</b>	EUR 25 <b>New</b>	non-refundable	✓
Name change <sup>2</sup>	EUR 200 per ticket	EUR 200 per ticket	EUR 100 per ticket	EUR 50 per ticket	EUR 100 per ticket	✓
Meal	€	€	€	€	✓	✓
Early online check-in (5 days before departure) <sup>3</sup>	€	€	✓	✓	✓	✓
Airport check-in	€	€	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fast track	€ (Riga only)	€ (Riga only)	€ (Riga only)	Included for Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo	✓	✓
Priority boarding	×	×	✓ <b>New</b>	✓ <b>New</b>	✓	✓
Business lounge	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
airBaltic Club		Extra bonus: +50 points	Extra bonus: +100 points	Extra bonus: +100 points	Extra bonus: +150 points	Extra bonus: +200 points

<sup>1</sup> Fare differences may apply

<sup>2</sup> A Flight Cancellation option and Name Change option can be added to your tickets by making a reservation on [airBaltic.com](http://airBaltic.com)

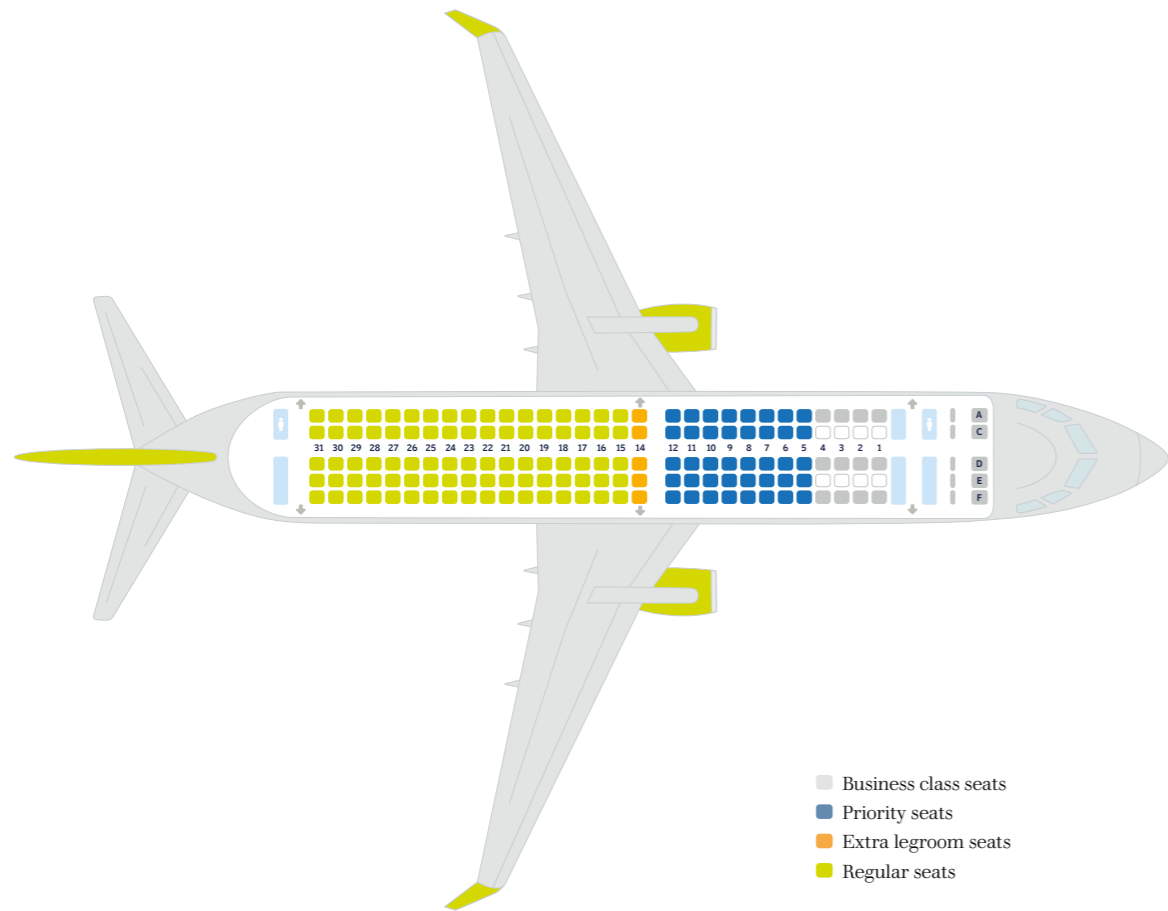
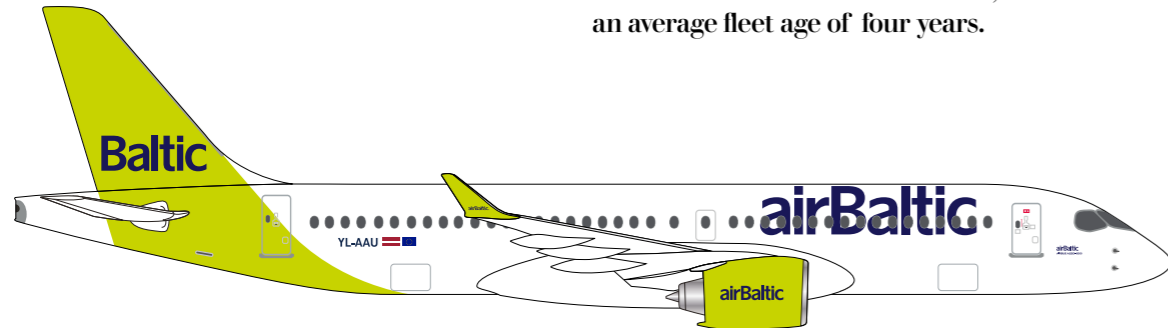
<sup>3</sup> Online check-in 24 hours before departure is free for all passengers

<sup>4</sup> Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

<sup>5</sup> Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

## Welcome aboard our new **Airbus A220-300**

We are proud to have Europe's youngest fleet of aircraft. *airBaltic* flights are operated with the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, which has an average fleet age of four years.



- Business class seats
- Priority seats
- Extra legroom seats
- Regular seats

Number of aircraft	48
Number of seats	145
Max take-off weight	676 metric tons
Max payload	16.7 metric tons
Length	38.7 m
Wing span	35.1 m
Cruising speed	870 km/h
Commercial range*	5200 km
Fuel consumption	2200 l/h
Engine	PW 1521G

\*Currently maximum operationally used distance for BT flights

# airBaltic Disc Golf Park



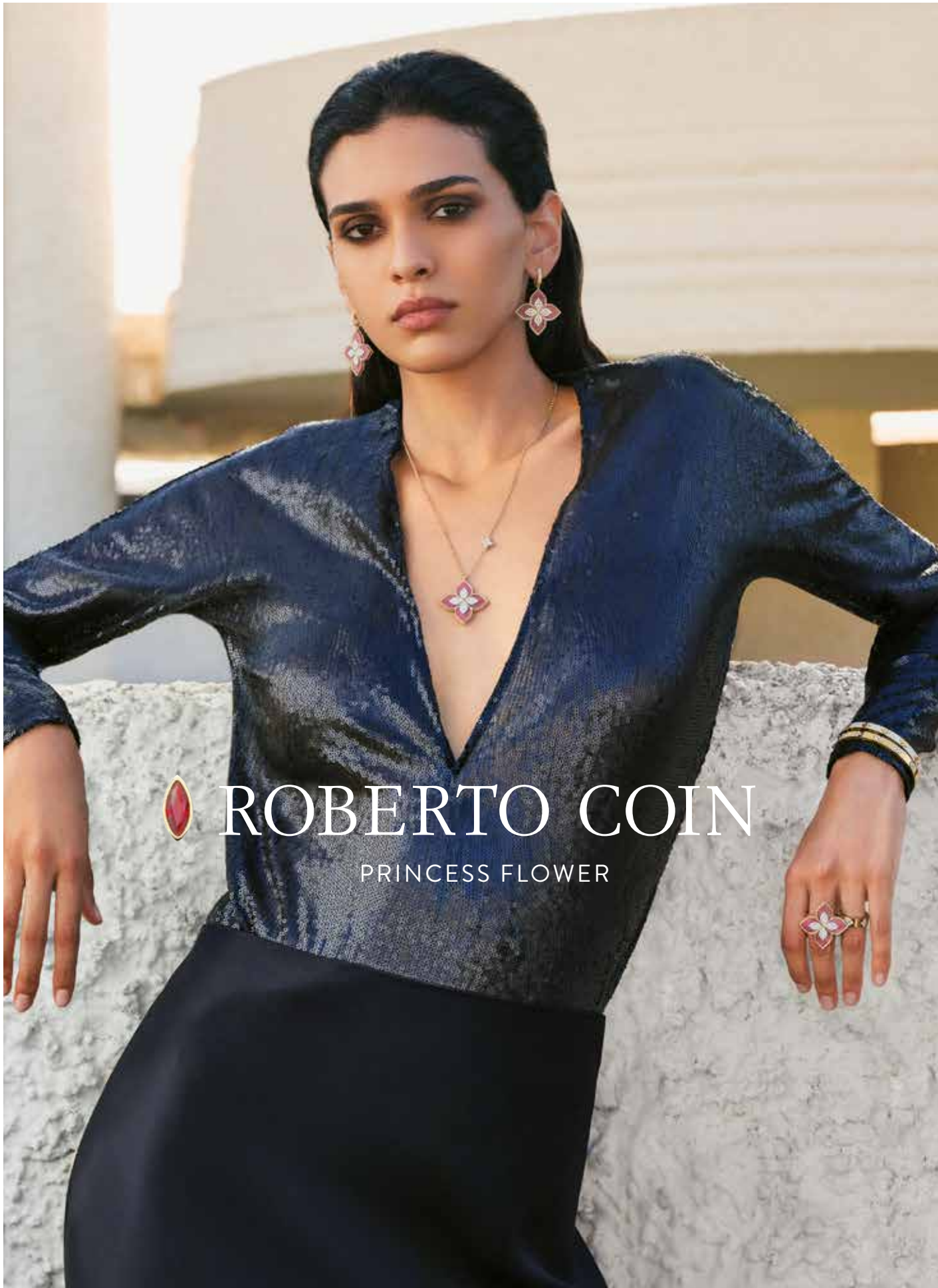
## Experience autumn disc golf in Riga

Enjoy the fresh pine forest air as you combine the beauty of fall with an active escape from the daily grind.

Scan the QR code for more information:



airBaltic Club members can visit the park once a month for free!



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