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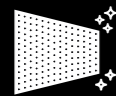
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Dear guests of *airBaltic*,

Over the past few months we've seen a growing number of passengers choosing *airBaltic* for their long-awaited leisure getaways, quick city breaks, and essential business trips. As we now transition into autumn, we're excited to keep the summer spirit alive by offering destinations that allow you to extend the warmth and adventure of the season. This September, popular choices from Riga include Paris, Copenhagen, and Rome. Moreover, with our winter schedule just around the corner, stay connected with *airBaltic* for the latest updates on exciting new destinations and offers.

This growing demand is also reflected in our financial performance. The company's H1 financial results for 2024 are out, and they confirm our continued strong business, financial, and operational performance. We've achieved record-breaking H1 revenue of EUR 539 million, a 16% increase from 2023, along with a 39% rise in adjusted EBITDAR to EUR 77 million. Flight numbers increased by nearly 12%, and other key metrics, such as Available Seat Kilometres and load factor, also reached new peak heights. These milestones are the result of dedicated effort, and we look forward to aiming even higher.

Our growth story does not end there. In partnership with *Airbus*, we've recently exercised ten options for the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, building on the firm purchase agreement made at last year's Dubai Airshow. With plans to operate nearly one hundred *A220-300s* by 2030, we're not only reinforcing our position as the largest customer of this aircraft type in Europe, but also as the world's largest operator, with 48 of these aircraft already in service. The *A220-300* has become the backbone of our operations and a key factor in our international success. By expanding our fleet, we continue to strengthen our commitment to providing the best service to our passengers.

In conclusion, I'd like to touch on a special contest that we announced at the beginning of August. To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way, *airBaltic* invited the public to name our fleet after their most beloved cities and towns in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. This initiative honours the historic unity of the Baltic Way in 1989, when millions joined hands across the three Baltic states in a powerful demonstration for independence. With the votes now in, we will name our 48 aircraft accordingly, with 16 representing the most beloved cities and towns in each country. The voting drew significant interest, with over one million votes cast.

On behalf of the entire *airBaltic* team, thank you for choosing to fly with us.

Wishing you pleasant travels this September and looking forward to welcoming you on board again soon!



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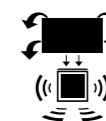
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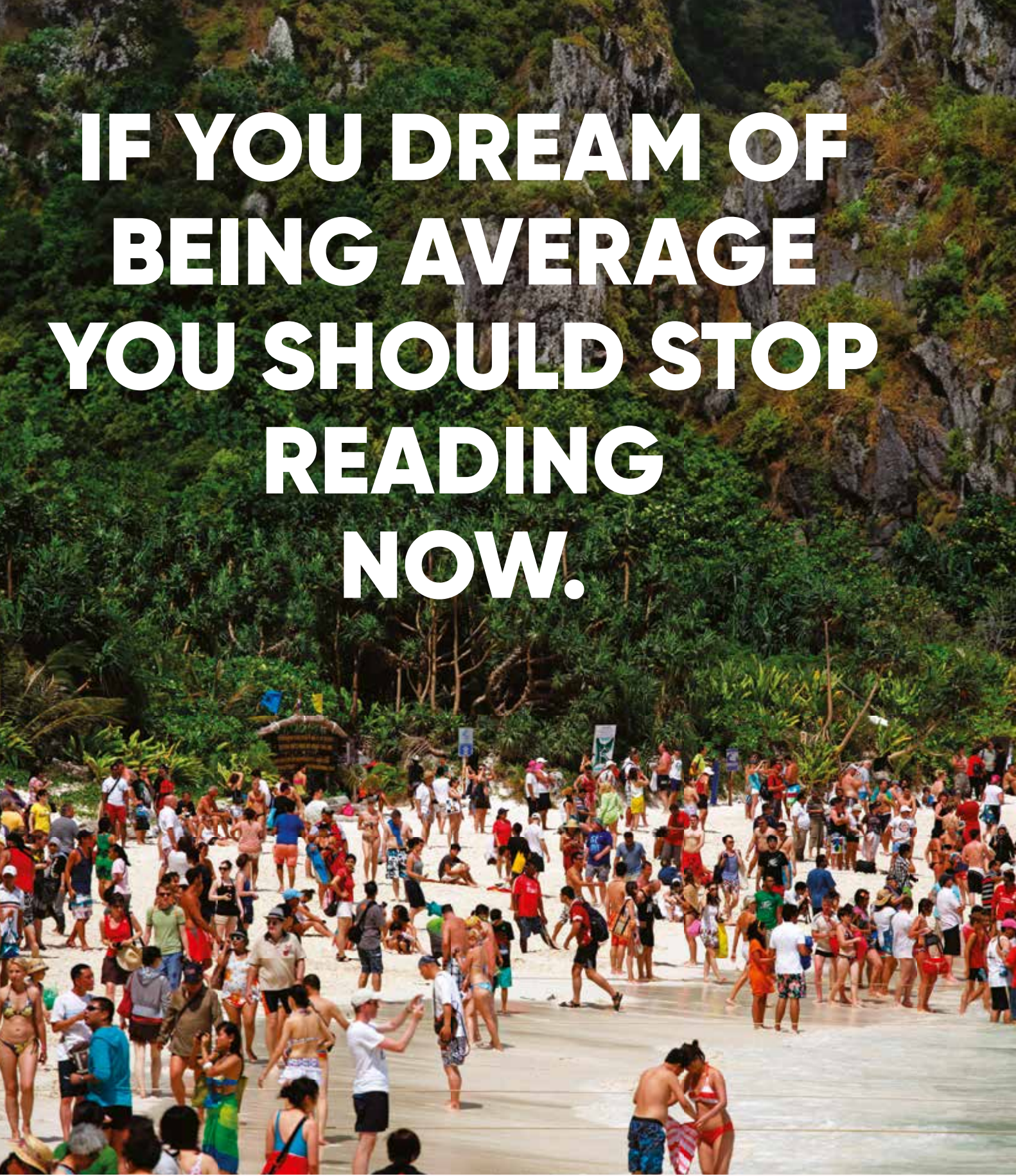
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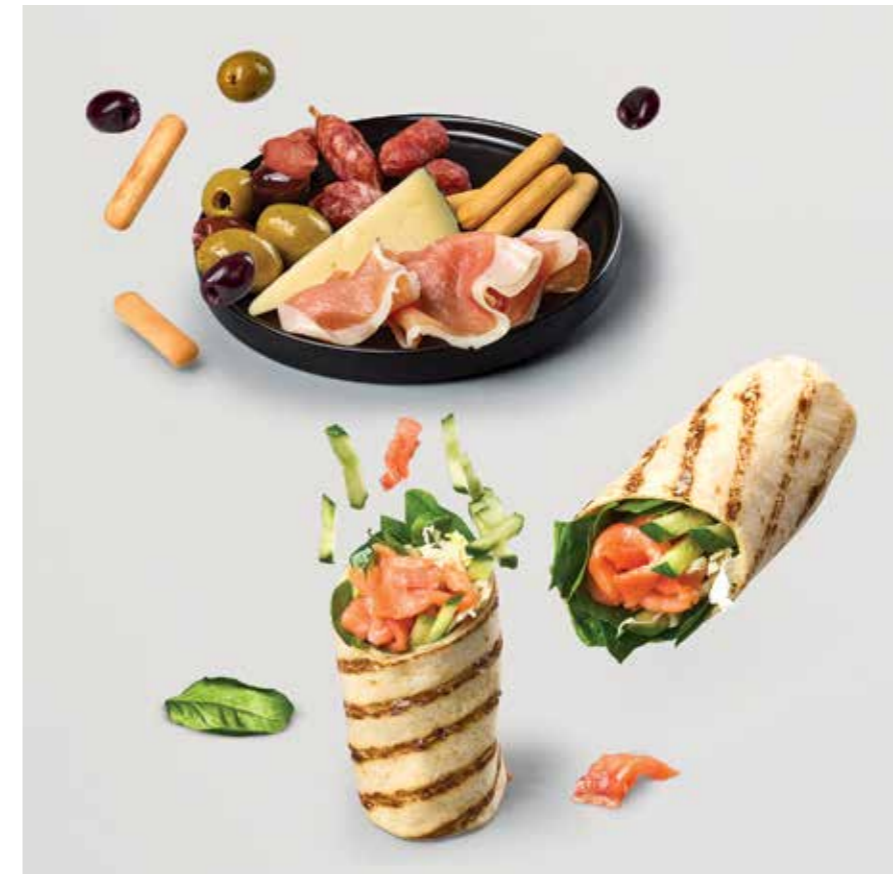
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The ultimate September checklist



Avantgarden's highlight is its 360-degree panoramic view of Riga.

ROOFTOP ESCAPES

September is one of the most beautiful months in Riga, as the late summer light bathes the historical architecture and picturesque parks in a warm, golden glow. The weather remains pleasantly mild and perfect for lazy afternoons spent on outdoor terraces and at rooftop bars.

One of the city's hottest new rooftop escapes is *Avantgarden*, which opened this year above the *Galleria Riga* shopping centre. This vibrant oasis is a lush park full of trees and greenery that exudes life and vitality. *Avantgarden's* highlight is its 360-degree panoramic view of Riga, offering an awe-inspiring perspective of the city's skyline. The culinary landscape is also exceptional, with a variety of street food cafés to suit every palate.

If you prefer elegant classics, the *Stage 22* rooftop restaurant and bar at the *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga* offers culinary excellence with international dishes made using local ingredients. It's all complemented by breathtaking panoramic views of the Latvian National Opera house and a nearby park.



MUSIC

Modernist brilliance

Gundaris Pone (1932–1994) was one of the most fascinating modernist composers in Latvian music. While some composers achieve local significance, Pone had a global perspective. This is perfectly captured on *Portrait*, an album newly released by the *Skani* label that features outstanding performances of Pone's music by the Liepāja Symphony Orchestra. Venice held a special place in Pone's heart and life, inspiring several of his musical works, some of which are included on this album.

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KIDS

Style and sustainability

If you're looking for something special for your child, look no further than the *Choppy* wooden balance bike. This innovative and stylish Latvian design won a gold award at this year's international iF Design Awards, earning praise for both its aesthetics and sustainable design. Made from responsibly sourced wood, the balance bike is durable and easy to adjust as a child grows. *Choppy* is perfect for children up to the age of four, encouraging riding skills and good taste from an early age.

choppy.bike

FILM

An animated gem

Having garnered acclaim at prestigious festivals such as Cannes and the Annecy International Animation Film Festival, Latvian director and animation expert Gints Zilbalodis' film *Straume* (Flow) is now screening in Latvian cinemas. Don't miss this international sensation that has received numerous awards and standing ovations. Critics have noted that *Flow* is the most groundbreaking animated film about nature since *Bambi*. This feature-length masterpiece presents a vibrant yet desolate world abandoned by humanity, with a fiercely independent cat at its centre.

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ANDRIS EGLĪTIS EXHIBITION Until November 5

Renowned for his innovative approach to artistic expression, Andris Eglītis is a leading figure in contemporary Latvian art. Continually pushing boundaries, he explores new creative avenues both alone and in collaboration with others. His work traverses diverse landscapes and communities, effortlessly blending urban and rural influences to cultivate a profound artistic freedom. Eglītis' exhibition at the Latvian National Museum of Art is a landmark event in the cultural calendar.

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

Until September 12

The widely acclaimed State Choir 'Latvija', led by artistic director Māris Sirmāis, invites all to the 27th International Festival of Sacred Music in early September. This is the biggest sacred music event of the year in Latvia. In addition to work by many other composers, the concert programme showcases the rich history of the Georgian choral tradition from ancient times to the present, with Orthodox hymns, early professional Georgian music, and diverse works by late 20th- and 21st-century composers. The festival concludes with a special concert in Riga Cathedral dedicated to the renowned Austrian composer Anton Bruckner.

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Did you know?

Riga is covered in green oases – gardens, parks, and squares where you can breathe in the fresh air, have a family picnic, take a romantic stroll, or go for a refreshing run. Whether covered in white snow or autumn leaves, the city's parks are attractive in any season. liveriga.com

MIĶĒLI DAY FAIR September 28

Miķeļi, or the autumn equinox, is one of the most important festivals in Latvia. Although it's no longer celebrated as widely today, it used to be a time of great celebration to honour nature and the harvest. A visit to the markets on this day is a real treat, with market squares overflowing with locally grown pumpkins, apples, pears, cranberries, and more. One highlight is the Miķeļi Day Fair in Cathedral Square in Riga, which this year takes place on a Saturday. Sample delicious local produce and enjoy a lively atmosphere filled with various activities and goods!

FIM SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX OF LATVIA September 6–7

Latvia will once again host a premier speedway competition, bringing the world's fastest and most skilled speedway athletes to Riga's legendary Biķernieki Track. The event features two consecutive nights of high-speed racing, with the U-21 riders competing for victory on the first night, followed by the Grand Prix riders the next day. These motorcycles have only one gear and no brakes, providing the best high-speed thrills and 'fast and furious' excitement imaginable. Tickets are available for either day (Friday or Saturday) or both days. Tickets at bilesuparadize.lv



May this quote from the legendary Italian film and opera director Franco Zeffirelli inspire you to attend a performance at the Latvian National Opera in the new season. This month, audiences will be treated to classics such as *Turandot*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *The Elixir of Love*.

Quote of the month

I have always believed that opera is a planet where the muses work together, join hands, and celebrate all the arts.



TALLINN

TALLINN FOOD FAIR

September 25–26

The Tallinn Food Fair at Unibet Arena may sound like an event for industry professionals. But it's also a fantastic opportunity for travellers to discover Estonian flavours and food trends. Estonians have a unique approach to food, emphasising its origins and favouring locally sourced ingredients. These 'superfoods' fresh from the forests and fields are rich in vitamins and vibrant in colour. Notably, in 2022, Estonia was the first Baltic country to welcome *Michelin Guide* inspectors. You'll also be pleased to know that a five-course gourmet meal in Tallinn costs half as much as a similar dinner in many other European capitals. profexpo.ee

Did you know?

When it comes to views of Tallinn, you can't beat those from the Old Town Wall, its towers, and the observation platforms on Toompea Hill. The Old Town is like a good book, rewarding those who read beyond the cover with delightful secrets. visittallinn.ee

SWEDBANK TALLINN MARATHON September 6–8

The Tallinn Marathon, Estonia's premier running event, celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. This World Athletics Label competition attracts runners from all over the world to Tallinn's scenic routes, including its UNESCO World Heritage Site Old Town. With a welcoming atmosphere and one-lap courses, the marathon offers something for everyone. With a full marathon, half marathon, 10K, Nike Youth Run 5K, Virtual Run, and children's races, the event caters to all levels. Recognised as one of the 50 most prestigious marathons in the world, the Tallinn Marathon promises an unforgettable experience for all runners. jooks.ee



NARGENFESTIVAL Throughout September

Nargenfestival, a cultural event featuring high-level classical and contemporary music concerts in Tallinn and other regions of Estonia, is one of Tallinn's top festivals. The programme includes a wide range of performers, from bright young talents to internationally renowned virtuosos. Named after the nearby island of Naissaar (known in German as Nargen), Nargenfestival celebrates exceptional music and artistry. This September, Tallinn hosts several fantastic concerts as part of the festival. Follow it on social media to find out more. nargenfestival.ee

ESTONIAN DESIGN AWARDS EXHIBITION Until October 6

September is the time for the Tallinn Design Festival. This year, from September 16 to 22, one of the largest design festivals in the region opens its doors in the Krulli district, a newly rejuvenated industrial suburb on the northern edge of the city. For a comprehensive insight into vibrant Estonian design, visit the Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design for the *Estonian Design Awards 2012–2022* retrospective, which brings together award-winning design projects, designers, and many others who have been featured and recognised throughout the history of the Estonian Design Awards. etdm.ee



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AND
MARGARITA**

/ 17.09.2024. 19:00
/ 08.10.2024. 19:00

Directed by Ene-Liis
Semper and Tiit Ojasoo

Tom Stoppard
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Family Saga**

/ 20.09.2024. 19:00
/ 29.10.2024. 19:00

Directed by
John Malkovich

Henry Lewis, Jonathan
Sayer, Henry Shields
**THE PLAY THAT
GOES WRONG**

Comedy
/ 22.09.2024. 18:00
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Directed by Amy Milburn

Michael Wynne
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Spooky Comedy**

/ 27.09.2024. 19:00

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BALTIC TRIENNIAL

September 6 – January 12

Every three years, the Contemporary Art Centre (CAC) in Vilnius hosts the Baltic Triennial, one of the most ambitious contemporary art events in the region. This year's edition, curated by Tom Engels of Brussels and Graz and Maya Tounta of Athens, is titled 'Same Day', inspired by a 1984 poem by the Greek poet Emerson. It's the first international exhibition at CAC since it recently reopened after a three-year renovation. Featuring emerging as well as established artists, the Baltic Triennial showcases the best in contemporary art. cac.lt

HOT AIR BALLOON DINNER

Through September

Vilnius offers the rare opportunity to see the city from a hot air balloon – an experience that's not to be missed! For something really special, try the 'Dinner Above All', a unique adventure combining a hot air balloon ride with a gourmet dinner. Enjoy haute cuisine prepared by Deivydas Praspaliauskas of the renowned *Amandus Restaurant* while taking in the breathtaking views from the only flying restaurant in the Baltics. Book your experience in advance, but remember that hot air balloons only fly in good weather. orobalionai.lt

VILNIUS

FAITHLESS CONCERT

September 4

One of the world's most iconic electronic music bands, Faithless, takes the stage at Kalnų Parkas. After an eight-year hiatus, the creators of legendary hits such as 'Insomnia', 'God Is a DJ', and 'One Step Too Far' have launched their Champion Sound Tour, promising an unforgettable musical and visual experience. The tour also features the lighting and visual effects of master Jvan Morandi, who has been shaping the band's distinctive visual style since 2001. Its latest album, *All Blessed*, was released in 2020, but fans can also look forward to new compositions, as the band has recently been in the studio working on new material. Tickets at bilietai.lt

Did you know?

Under the Užupis Bridge you'll find an interesting object – Destiny's Swing. As you swing on it, you'll discover another well-kept secret – the mermaid (or maiden) of Užupis. govilnius.lt



RIMI VILNIUS MARATHON

September 8

The Vilnius Marathon is a highly anticipated annual event in the Lithuanian capital. Launched in 2001 as a 10K race, it developed into a full marathon in 2004. This popular sporting event attracts participants and spectators from all over the world. The marathon offers a variety of distances to suit different fitness levels, including a full marathon, half marathon, and 10K race. Families can also join in the fun with the 5K race. The marathon begins and ends in the iconic Cathedral Square, taking runners through the historic streets of Vilnius and offering stunning views of the city's famous landmarks. vilniausmaratonas.lt



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September 11–15

Tampere is one of Finland's most vibrant cultural centres, and the Mukamas International Puppet Theatre Festival is a highlight of its cultural calendar. This biennial event, Finland's longest-running puppet festival, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It showcases top talent from around the world, with performances and activities for children as well as adults. This year's venues include Theatre Mukamas, Finlayson, Hällä Stage, and the Haihara Art Centre. While you're in Tampere, also don't miss the world's only Moomin Museum. It contains thousands of Moomin-related artefacts and is a must for any Moomin enthusiast. mukamasfestival.com

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TAMPERE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

September 27–29

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The park is open to the public for a fee. However, *airBaltic* provides unlimited free access to the park for VIP and Executive members of its loyalty programme as well as Planies NFT holders. **All airBaltic Club members can play free of charge once a month.** If you haven't joined the club, there's no time like the present!

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

IN THE WORLD

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



airBaltic RIGA OPEN 2024

In mid-August, the first *airBaltic* Riga Open took place at the *airBaltic* Disc Golf Park. Over three days, one hundred disc golf players from six countries shone brightly, setting new personal and course records. No one was left indifferent as the organisers created an unforgettable atmosphere for every participant and fan.

During the competition, participants competed in six separate groups for the opportunity to win cash prizes and various gifts from the tournament sponsors as well as the main prize – round trip flight tickets to a destination of their choice, provided by *airBaltic*. There were intense battles for first place in all of the groups, as one wrong decision could decide the fate of the game. In the end, Mathias Villota (EST), Elizabete Pēkšena (LAT), Raimo Kimmel (EST), Nils Rudiņš (LAT), Madis Tučs (LAT), and Jere N. Tiemi (LAT) became the first *airBaltic* Riga Open champions. The first always remain first!

The tournament was a great success and has all the potential to become an international A-level competition in three years' time, which would be the first such competition in Latvia. Next year, the *airBaltic* Riga Open 2025 will take place from July 25 to 27, when, between the world's biggest tournaments, the stars will shine right here in Riga at the *airBaltic* Disc Golf Park.



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The Danish collective MØR and acclaimed Latvian artist Katrīna Neiburga explore solitude at the Homo Novus International Festival of Contemporary Theatre.



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The Asni art gallery is a showcase for Baltic artists and this summer hosted an installation by the Latvian architecture studio Ēter, previously on show in Vienna.

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Where do the artsy locals go?

As the air turns cooler and the nights grow longer, most Rigans seek solace in the vibrant local contemporary art scene.

Artistic September in Riga kicks off with the 19th edition of the annual Baltā Nakts (White Night, from the French *Nuit Blanche*) festival on September 7, when numerous art installations scattered throughout the streets and museums of the city transform the Latvian capital and bring it to life after dark. Then, as one event concludes, another begins: the 15th annual Survival Kit contemporary art festival unfolds from September 6 to October 6. This year's theme, 'Measures', is curated by the innovative Finnish curator Jussi Koitela, who has also curated the Pavilion of Finland at the 60th Venice Biennale this year. Survival Kit showcases more than 30 local and international artists, exploring material, social, and cultural norms in Riga's urban life. As always, the exhibition features installations in lesser-known venues across the city, continuing its tradition of uncovering hidden gems.

For theatre lovers, the Homo Novus International Festival of Contemporary Theatre is happening from August 29 to September 8. The festival's main attractions take place in the charming setting of Riga's Bergs Bazaar passage. This year's theme explores the power of distorted reflections, deformations, and carnivalesque exaggerations, offering audiences a diverse range of Latvian and international performances and installations. Highlights include a performance by Venice Biennale Silver Lion winner Dana Michel; a unique interpretation of 'Ode to Joy' by Amanda Coogan, Lianne Quigley, and the Latvian Association of



The Zuzeum Art Centre houses the largest private art collection in Latvia.

the Deaf; and a collaboration between the Danish collective MØR and acclaimed Latvian artist Katrīna Neiburga. With many other captivating performances on offer, this festival promises to delight theatre fans.

Riga is not only a festival site; it's also a year-round art destination. The Kim? Contemporary Art Centre, a cornerstone of Latvian contemporary art, remains a favourite among connoisseurs and this summer moved into the premises of a former yeast factory. Meanwhile, the Zuzeum Art Centre, home to Latvia's largest private art collection, boasts a minimalist interior that beautifully showcases its distinctive works of art.

Riga has also long been known for its vibrant smaller galleries that captivate passersby with their unique charm and displays of art. Even today, small contemporary art spaces are sprouting up across the city like mushrooms after a summer rain, attracting locals as well as visitors eager to explore Riga's rich artistic offer. Be sure to visit the new Asni art gallery, which opened this spring; the distinctive ISSP photography centre; and Māksla XO, which is one of Riga's most influential galleries. These are just a few of the must-see destinations to experience the true spirit of Latvian contemporary art. After all, there's no better way to prepare for the gloomy autumn weather than by indulging in your artistic passions!

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The votes have been counted

To honour the 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way last month, *airBaltic* launched a campaign inviting the residents of the Baltic states to vote for their favourite city or town to have an airplane named in its honour.

This August marks the 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way, the peaceful demonstration that united all three Baltic nations, with more than two million people joining hands to form a human chain stretching more than 690 kilometres from Tallinn to Vilnius. Thus, brave and patriotic people united in a common force against the occupation of their countries by the Soviet Union and in their desire for freedom.

Thirty-five years ago, the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) were still occupied by the Soviet Union, but their yearning for freedom was growing stronger and stronger, as it was in other occupied countries, too. On August 23, 1989, a peaceful protest in the form of a human chain through all three countries was organised to attract the world's attention and express the people's dream of independence. The choice of date was no coincidence – it marked exactly 50 years since the signing on August 23, 1939, of the so-called Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany, which led to the Soviet Union's annexation of the independent Baltic states and the ruin of millions of lives.

The Baltic Way remains a very memorable event for the people of the Baltic nations. Those who took part in it still remember where they stood



during the demonstration, how they made their way to those positions, and the people they stood next to. Although the demonstration was peaceful, no one knew what the consequences would be. Therefore, the excitement and desire for freedom was mixed with a fear of Soviet repressions and what might be in store for them in the future. Led by the leaders of each nation's national front, the human chain included adults, senior citizens, and even children who wanted to speak up for their future and be part of this human phenomenon that gradually led to the three countries declaring independence later in 1991.

The momentum and success of the Baltic Way has since inspired other occupied and oppressed nations, and it has become a symbol of unity, peace, and freedom.



Sixteen cities and towns from each country – Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia – were chosen in an online vote. Voting took place from August 5 to 22, and people from all around the globe were able to participate in the aircraft-naming process. With one vote per person per day, more than a million votes were collected, and each *airBaltic* aircraft now bears the name of a Baltic city or town.

This is not the first time *airBaltic* has organised such an airplane-naming initiative. In 2018, to celebrate Latvia's 100th anniversary, the airline named 14 airplanes after cities and towns in Latvia that were also chosen by a round of online voting. Now these airplanes have been renamed to bring the Baltic nations even closer together, to honour Baltic unity, and to give each aircraft a new personality. The names on the planes

will also add a new level of excitement: locals will have the unmatched thrill of boarding the plane that bears the name of their hometown, thus bringing them one step closer to home wherever they may be. Others may be inspired to find out more about previously unfamiliar cities and towns.

According to *airBaltic* president Martin Gauss, honouring Baltic cities and towns by naming aircraft after them is an important step in uniting the nations: "The 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way is a significant moment that celebrates our unity and common history. It's a great privilege that our aircraft can carry the names of Baltic cities and towns up in the air!" Thirty-five years ago, not many would have dared to imagine that the Baltic nations would some day soon be able to proudly display their identity.

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Diocletian's Dream

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The ultimate highlight of Split's Old Town, which served as a backdrop for the *Game of Thrones* television series, are the scenic ruins of Diocletian's Palace. The stone remains are very atmospheric, yet how about paying a visit to Diocletian himself via the **Diocletian's Dream** virtual reality experience (Zagrebačka ulica 1; diocletiansdream.com)? Located near the palace walls overlooking the Golden Gate entrance, this adventure brings the city's history to life and transports visitors back to 305 CE, letting them experience the UNESCO Heritage Site in its full splendour, as it was more than 1700 years ago. The 15-minute-long animation shown in the VR headset is narrated by Diocletian's slave Severin, who takes visitors on a tour through the royal chambers and shares plenty of intriguing facts about the emperor's life, rule, and personality. The experience is suitable for everyone, including children, and is available in several languages.

The new **Krug** restaurant on the West Coast promenade overlooks Split's lively waterfront and offers guests a seasonal, organic menu featuring fresh fish from the Adriatic Sea, vegetables from organic farms, and local meats (Trumbićeva obala 17; krugrestaurantsplit.com). It accommodates only 12 people around the open kitchen, where the meal is prepared in front of diners' eyes. Guests receive personalised service, and the nine-course tasting menu changes daily depending on the available ingredients. Everything from the bread to the pickled foods and non-alcoholic beverages is produced in-house.

SUP stands up for 'stand-up paddleboarding', a popular on-water activity anyone can master. Split's coast boasts crystal-clear waters and thus offers an idyllic setting for this activity, while the calm waters make it accessible for beginners. The activity is more popular during the day, yet a colourful **Glow Tour Split** night ride makes it really unique (Prilaz Braće Kaliterna 1; adriatic-sup.com). The paddleboards are equipped with special LED lights on the bottom, making them look like a moving disco fleet. The experience begins no earlier than 7 p.m., or at sunset. The tour usually combines a ride on the river into the sea, providing a totally different perspective to the city.

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Labour: When the Foundations Were Laid. Todor Petrov (1919–1992), *Our Skies*, 1959



SOFIA

DOT Sofia

Photo by Assen Emilov

Labour: When the Foundations Were Laid, an exhibition at the Bulgarian National Gallery, explores the key subject of the Socialist paradigm, namely, work and labour (until November 24; pl. 'Knyaz Aleksandar I' I; nationalgallery.bg). During the communist era in Bulgaria, art and culture performed the functions of propaganda. New visual codes and myths, such as the 'leader' and 'hero', were created to highlight the idea of the bright future, and the image of the worker, who physically built this new world, was assigned a central place. This pathos dominated in art from the late 1940s to the late 1950s. In this show, works by prominent Bulgarian artists including Iliya Petrov, Dechko Uzunov, and Nikola Tanev represent the essence of the Socialist Realism style in paintings, sculptures, and graphics, and the depicted scenes often serve as a visual documentation of Bulgaria's past. For example, Tanev's images reflect the construction of the Lovech-Troyan Railway and the Kutsian mine, while works by Pavel Valkov show the erection of the Georgi Dimitrov Mausoleum in Sofia.

The new **DOT Sofia** boutique hotel blends the concepts of art, design, and architecture (ul. Bratya Miladinovi 46; dotsofia.com; from EUR 150). Here, authentic hospitality meets cosmopolitan spirit, creating a trademark urban experience. The hotel is nestled in the heart of Sofia, close to the Banya Bashi Mosque and the famous Women's Market. Designed by *I/O Architects*, the building contextualises the history of the neighbourhood and houses ten boutique apartments. The interior is minimalist yet cosy and furnished with locally crafted design elements as well as classics. *DOT* also hosts regular exhibitions and cultural events; the hotel's art collection comprises over 200 works by established and emerging contemporary Bulgarian artists, including many key works from the late 1980s to the present day. Its restaurant, *Komat*, serves modern interpretations of Bulgarian culinary gems.

A hike on **Vitosha Mountain** makes for an unforgettable escape from the city out into nature. Sofia is one of the few capitals in the world with a majestic mountain forming the backdrop to its urban panorama. The foothills of Vitosha, which are the starting point for a day-hike, can be easily reached by car or public transport. Late summer and early autumn is a perfect time to enjoy the wooded slopes and breathtaking views of the city, while in winter the area is covered with snow and welcomes skiers. One of the hiking routes makes a loop from the Aleko mountain hut, winding through the forest and shrubby landscape up to the Cherni Vrah peak. There's also a local tavern with hearty homemade cuisine to enjoy. The steeper and more challenging Boyana Waterfall Trail with untamed landscapes offers another adventure.



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Open Kitchen

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Hotel April 1550

Photo by Ana Skobe

The **Karpo Godina: Film Imaginary** exhibition at the Slovenian Cinematheque is a great opportunity to explore the bold visual world of Slovenian cinema and one of its most prominent figures (until December 22; Miklošičeva cesta 28; kinoteka.si). While still a student in the 1960s, Godina (b. 1943) stood out with a series of experimental films. He went on to become a professional in the genre of short films, a director of photography, and one of the key figures of the so-called Yugoslav Black Wave. As director and screenwriter, he has worked on almost 100 films and memorable commercials. Godina is also the only Slovenian who has had a film retrospective at MoMA in New York City. The key feature of his oeuvre is his phenomenal ability to grasp the banalities of everyday life and carefully frame them through the camera lens, often with the help of a static shot. His imagery is an ode to humanity and curious admiration of the surrounding world, its inhabitants, and sublime beauty.

Open Kitchen, which unites foodies from all over the country, is one of the most acclaimed culinary projects in Slovenia (September 6, 13, 20, 27; Pogačarjev trg 1; odprtakuhna.si). The gourmet venue is set in the city centre on Pogačarjev Square and operates every Friday from March until November. First launched in 2013, this food festival is highlighted by the regular visits of star chefs, while popular DJs and street artists take care of the entertainment. The menu varies from traditional Slovenian recipes to modern culinary experiments and dishes from all over the world. Take a seat overlooking the beautiful market colonnade and enjoy the food together with tailored drinks.

The **April 1550** boutique hotel blends history, style, and the celebration of the simple pleasures in life (Rožna ulica 3; april1550.com; from EUR 259). The interior features artisan details and a calm palette of colours and textures. The building was constructed in the mid-16th century as a residence for craftsmen and their families. In a nod to this history, everything here is sourced from the local community: bespoke furniture from local craftsmen, handmade tableware, and other details. Meticulously restored, many original features, including the historical wooden ceilings and exposed bricks, have been preserved. The secret garden is perfect for reading books and enjoying refreshments, while the flexible communal space serves as the hotel's living room, inviting guests for a meal or to use it as a workshop space. Breakfast is served around the large communal table, in the garden, or in your room.

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Fortuny's Venice

An inspiring journey through art, design, and legacy.

Walking along Venice's historic Fondamenta delle Zattere waterfront and looking across the wide canal towards Giudecca Island, the first thing that catches your eye is a striking industrial brick building with the name Fortuny prominently displayed on its façade. This name has an important place in Venetian and global cultural heritage. Behind it stands the legendary Mariano Fortuny y Madrazo (1871–1949), who was a pioneer of industrial design, an artist, textile manufacturer, fashion designer, set designer, inventor, and experimenter.

Born into an artistic family in Granada, Spain, Fortuny was immersed in a world of beauty from an early age. His early years were steeped in art and culture, first in Rome and then in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Paris, where he studied painting before moving to Venice in 1895. This happened to be the first year of the Venice Biennale, and the lagoon city was buzzing with artistic energy.

Soon after, Fortuny acquired the 15th-century Palazzo Pesaro degli Orfei on the Grand Canal, whose magnificent Venetian Gothic façade overlooks Campo San Beneto. This iconic building became Fortuny's creative studio, and in the 1950s his family generously donated it to the city of Venice for use in artistic projects. It now houses the recently renovated Museo Fortuny, or Fortuny Museum.

The museum's rich, multi-storey exhibition, which retains the original layout of the rooms, showcases the breadth of Fortuny's diverse and ambitious projects. From photography, sculpture, and painting to his famous lamp designs, artistic fabrics, costumes, and stage sets (including the patented Fortuny Cupola lighting system), the collection offers a comprehensive insight into the innovative genius of one of Venice's most celebrated artists.

Fortuny gained international recognition for his innovative textile art and design. At the palazzo, he launched his first collection of upholstery fabrics, created together with his muse and partner Henriette Negrin and featuring prints made from natural plant and insect extracts. The atelier's standout creation was the Delphos gown, a revolutionary plissé silk dress renowned for its elegant, figure-hugging shape. While Henriette ran the business, Mariano expanded their presence to cities such as Berlin, Madrid, Milan, and New York City.

Their factory on the island of Giudecca opened in 1922 and is still in operation; it continues to use the original techniques and preserve the secrets of the Fortuny craft. Recently, architect Alberto Torsello revitalised the factory's showroom to celebrate Fortuny's heritage and talent.

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Aino Bergius is a Finnish fintech superstar – she’s the CEO of Slush, a non-profit organisation that connects European startups, investors, and tech journalists in the largest networking event in Finland. In addition to organising this massive startup party and administering a matchmaking platform for founders and investors, Bergius is a true local of Helsinki. Here, she shares her recommendations for a visit to the city.



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Löyly

Visiting Finland without going to a sauna is a crime! Make your experience very Finnish and experimental by trying a Finnish sauna and ice bath. There’s no better way to start your day or relax after a hectic week than bringing your body to the maximum temperatures. This is how I re-centre whenever needed, and *Löyly* not only has public and private sauna rooms but also a beautiful terrace and restaurant.
Hernesaarenranta 4; loylhelsinki.fi

Pompier Albertinkatu

This restaurant located in an old volunteer fire department building has a cosy yet traditional atmosphere. With a buffet filled with delicious home-cooked food, you’ll never leave hungry here. It’s my go-to lunch place, offering a great combination of local delights and novel recipes. The lunch of the day is different every day, so whenever I go there it’s a great surprise but nevertheless a hearty meal!
Albertinkatu 29; pompier.fi

Kaivopuisto & Eiran Ranta

Located just a 15-minute walk from the city centre, the Eiran Ranta and Kaivopuisto beach and pathways offer some of the most beautiful views in Helsinki. The coastal walking route with views of the Baltic Sea is stunning in summer as well as winter, making it my favourite place for running, reading on a bench, or meeting up for casual hangouts with friends and family. The beach can even get a bit crowded in warmer weather, as it’s the most popular seaside spot for Helsinki residents.

Café Succès

This café is located in the trendy and artistic Ullanlinna neighbourhood, on a street filled with cute boutique shops, art galleries, and restaurants. The locals’ go-to order is a cinnamon bun (they’re legendary in this town). I have so many memories of sitting at *Café Succès* with friends, drinking hot chocolate and eating cinnamon buns on cold but sunny winter days. After finishing the bun, head for a stroll through the nearby shops and galleries.
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A hidden delight

Discover Bucharest's aristocratic autumn.

Autumn colours suit Bucharest. The Romanian capital may not be the most visited city in Europe, but with its underdog status comes an authentic charm and a lack of crowds. A fall visit here will be filled with long walks in the city's many parks, picnics next to urban lakes, enjoying cosy coffee shops around the Old Town, hanging out in the pretty bookstores, and exploring the eclectic architecture.

Covering a whopping 187 hectares, Herăstrău Park is the ultimate place for outdoor fun during the autumn months. Admiring the stunning fall foliage, taking pensive strolls next to the shores of Herăstrău Lake, and snapping pictures of the sunset are on the menu of activities here. For the most scenic experience, hop on a lake boat or rent a hydro bike. With its wooden houses, churches, and windmills showcasing traditional Romanian village life, the open-air Dimitrie Gusti National Village Museum in the park is also a great addition to your visit.

Fancy a more vibrant autumn pastime? Head to Victory Avenue (Calea Victoriei), which is the beating heart of Bucharest. Here you'll find a kaleidoscope of trendy restaurants, quirky bars, and cutting-edge coffee shops. Then proceed to the Old Town, where spectacular Romanian Renaissance-style Orthodox churches stand next to imposing Neoclassical palaces and the picturesque historical streets are lined with terraces. And don't miss the Pasajul Macca-Vilacrosse, a 19th-century arcaded street reminiscent of the shopping passages of Paris and Milan.

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Built in the 19th century, Bucharest's Cărturești Carusel was originally a bank.

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Built in the 19th century, Bucharest's Cărturești Carusel was originally a bank. After enduring difficult historical periods, it was revitalised as a bookstore in 2015. Now considered one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world, Cărturești Carusel is a magical haven for bibliophiles with an ultra-photogenic interior. Spread over six floors, it features bookcases, staircases, iron railings, and a vast array of books. Defined by a love of literature, art, and culture, it's surely a space in which to indulge in these passions. The store also includes a café that's perfect for an inspiring tea break.

Stroll through aristocratic parks

Located in the heart of Bucharest, Cișmigiu is an oasis of trees, flowers, and lakes. Its narrow allées evoke the beauty and elegance of the city's past. Completed in 1860, Cișmigiu is the oldest park in Bucharest, with over 30,000 trees and plants from the Romanian mountains and exotic species from the Vienna Botanical Gardens. Since its opening, the park's paths and walkways have been a favourite spot for Bucharest's high society. To experience the aristocratic lifestyle at its best, rent a rowboat and enjoy a charming autumn adventure.

Visit historic restaurants

Romanian cuisine is celebrated for its savoury, hearty recipes that reflect the country's rich history, culture, and traditions. Meat dishes are more popular than fish, and seasonal vegetables are a staple at every meal. *Caru' cu Bere* is a must for authentic local dishes such as *mici* (grilled meat rolls), *sarmale* (cabbage rolls), and *papanashi* (cheese doughnuts). It's also known for its distinctive architectural features. With wooden panelling, stained glass windows, and a charming courtyard, *Caru' cu Bere* is one of Bucharest's most iconic establishments. Just a few steps away, *Scovergăria Micăi* offers a wide variety of delicious pastries.

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Point of view

Where to go on Mallorca according to content creator Sandra Leon.



Overlooking the Malgrats Islands

My secret spot

‘One of my favourite things about Mallorca is looking for and finding the perfect spot to watch the sunset. The island has several stunning spots, each with its own unique charm. For example, Talaia d’Albercutx in the north offers panoramic views of the rugged coastline and the shimmering Mediterranean Sea and provides a stunning backdrop for capturing the magic of dusk. Perched high above the sea, the viewpoint offers a serene and almost ethereal experience as the sun sets, painting the sky in shades of pink, orange, and purple. Similarly, the Mirador de las Islas Malgrats in the southwest is another favourite of mine. This viewpoint offers an unobstructed view of the sun as it dips below the horizon in a blaze of colour, casting a golden glow over the calm sea.’

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Sandra Leon

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Driven by her deep connection to the island, Sandra Leon created the Palma de Mallorca Guide on *Instagram*. For her, Mallorca is more than just a holiday destination; it’s a sanctuary for a relaxed, slower pace of life. She began sharing her love for Mallorca three years ago and never imagined that so many people would be attracted to the Palma de Mallorca Guide. With each post, she tries to give an authentic insight into the soul of the island, from its charming local eateries and stunning views to its hidden village gems and cultural festivals.



Other locations to check out

- Mallorca’s artistic spirit is another treasure to be discovered. A visit to Ana Uceda’s studio, for example, feels like stepping into a parallel world of creativity and inspiration. It’s filled with beautiful, unique pieces that capture the essence of the island, and Uceda loves to tell the stories behind each one.
- For an unforgettable dining experience, *Calixto Restaurant* is a place where the owners treat all guests like family, regardless of language barriers. The paella at *Calixto* is more than just a meal.
- The Binissalem Wine Festival takes place every year at the end of September. The fiesta celebrates the island’s winemaking heritage and is an opportunity to taste local wines, enjoy traditional music, and experience the vibrant spirit of the community.

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WHERE TO STAY

Clarion Hotel Draken Spa

The 33-storey *Clarion Hotel Draken*, which opened in October 2023, is currently Gothenburg's tallest hotel. It boasts 474 rooms, a cinema, several restaurants, and a sky bar with a roof terrace offering unrivalled views. In 2024, the hotel unveiled its new spa area, which promises an extra touch of luxury. For those who prefer historical charm, the *Clarion Hotel Post*, housed in an elegant former post office building, is also a great option.
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WHERE TO EAT

Micmatbar

Tucked away behind a big green garage door in the centre of Gothenburg, *Micmatbar* is the city's newest hotspot. The dynamic duo of Elin (the chef) and Bella (behind the bar) expertly manages this intimate space. Downstairs, you'll find a snug basement setting where dishes are served in smaller sizes that are perfect for sharing and savouring a variety of flavours. *Micmatbar's* credo is simple: to have fun.
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A CLASSIC NOT TO MISS

Feskekörka Fish Market

A paradise for seafood lovers, the 'fish church', or Feskekörka, reopened this year after nearly four years of renovation. Built in 1874, this iconic seafood market resembles a church, featuring pointed arched windows and a pillarless construction. It houses fishmongers, several restaurants, and a bar. Open year round, it offers outdoor seating in the summer and hosts events, food and drink experiences, and entertainment.
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Gran Canaria's geographical position makes it an ideal spot for stargazing.



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While Gran Canaria might be famous first and foremost for its stunning beaches, enviable microclimates, lush forests, and mountainous interior, it's also one of the best destinations in Europe for something else: stargazing. With clear skies, minimal light pollution, and plenty of lofty vantage points, it's an ideal mission for a group trip.

Gran Canaria's geographical position and abundance of clear skies make it an ideal spot for stargazing. The island boasts a unique cloud phenomenon known as the Donkey's Belly, in which clouds gather no higher than 500 metres above sea level, creating a protective screen from the city lights below. This, combined with the island's varied terrain and lofty mountain peaks, makes it one of the best destinations for stargazing in Europe.

One of the most obvious spots for gazing at the stars in Gran Canaria is the Temisas Observatory. Located in the southeastern part of the island, staff here offer guided stargazing sessions in which you can make use of the observatory's powerful telescopes. For a better look at the planets, stars, and galaxies above, sometimes it's better to leave it to the pros.

Standing at 1815 metres above sea level, the iconic Roque Nublo rock formation also offers unparalleled views of the night sky. Arrive at sunset, and you might even see Tenerife in the distance. As one of the highest points on the island, it's perfect for spotting constellations and meteor showers.

Presa de Las Niñas, a scenic water reservoir, has flat spots that are ideal for stargazing. With ample parking and a free campsite equipped with toilets, grills, and running water, it's a convenient spot for a night under the stars. Standing under the Milky Way is unforgettable, especially with friends!

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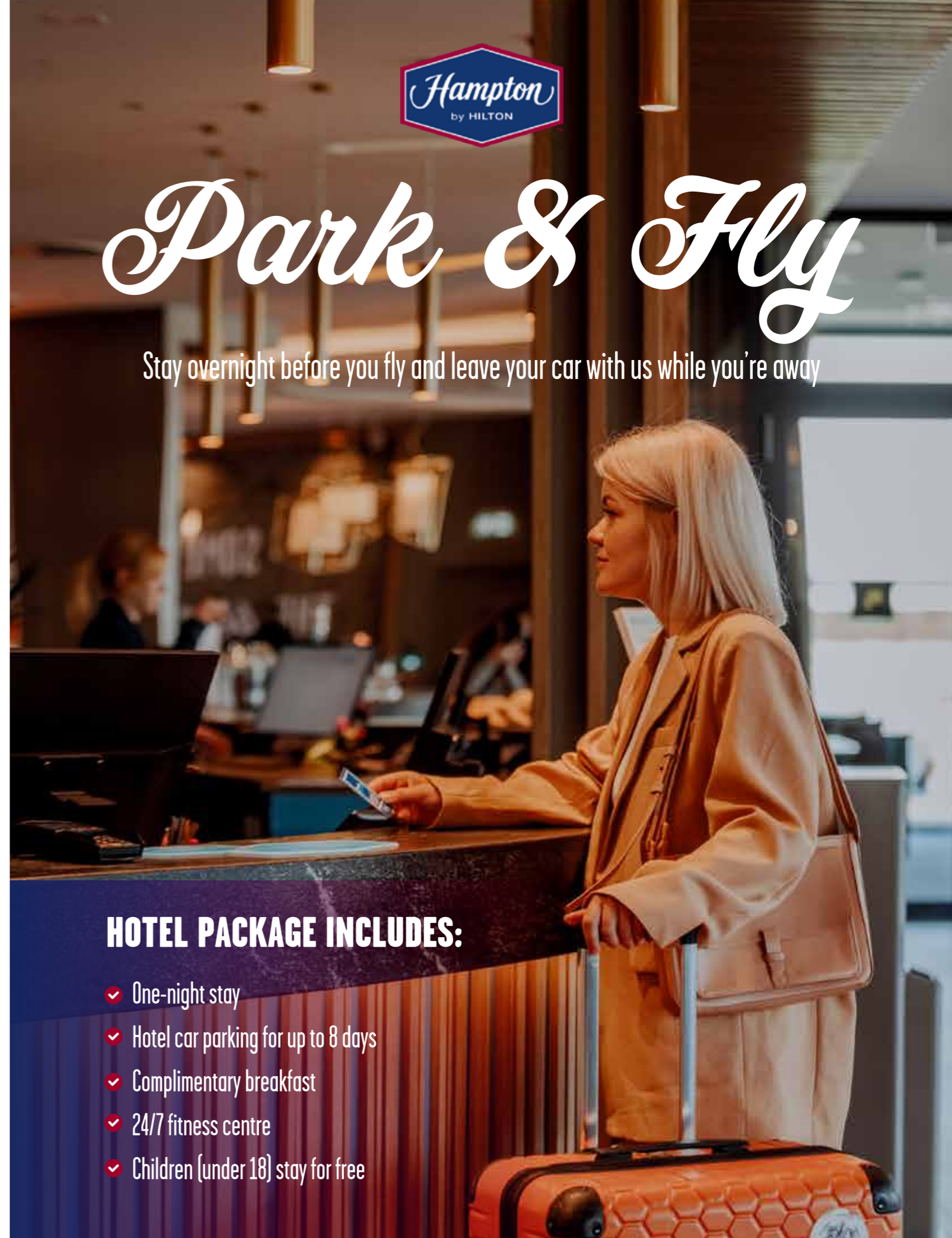
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A bold new wing

A new extension has recently been added to one of Portugal's most-visited museums of contemporary art.

Words by Olga Dolina
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Based in Porto, the Serralves Museum is Portugal's leading institution for contemporary art and culture. It hosts monographic and thematic exhibitions by established as well as emerging artists, which are complemented by a rich programme of film screenings, dance, music, and performance arts. Inaugurated in 1999, the museum's main building was designed by renowned Pritzker Prize-winning architect Álvaro Siza, a master of so-called 'poetic modernism'. Now in his 90s, Siza also designed the museum's new wing, which opened to the public earlier this year.

Nestled among the trees and organically integrated into the park's landscape, the new three-storey angular structure is defined by its bold geometric form. Its reinforced concrete walls are covered in white plaster, creating a pleasing contrast with the surrounding greenery. The Álvaro Siza wing is connected to the main building by an elevated gallery.

Like the exterior, the interior of the new wing is defined by angular forms. Geometric panels on the ceilings diffuse artificial light, while the lines of

the plasterboard walls add dynamism to the exhibition space. One floor of the 4000-square-metre extension is dedicated to the Serralves archives and permanent collection, while the other two floors display contemporary art and works related to architecture. The inaugural exhibition, *C.A.S.A. or Coleção Álvaro Siza, Arquivo*, focuses on Siza's oeuvre and explores the concept of the 'house' as the genesis of all architecture.

The Serralves Museum is set in Serralves Park, which covers 18 hectares of lush gardens, woods, and a traditional farm and has nearly 200 species of plants. Designed in the 1950s by the architect Jacques Gréber, the park is considered one of the finest examples of Portuguese landscape design. Sculptures from the Serralves Collection are on permanent display throughout the park. The highlight of the park is the peach-coloured Serralves Villa, an Art Deco masterpiece built in 1930. Siza also designed the pure-white Manoel de Oliveira Cinema House (2019) and the nearby Gardener's House (2021).

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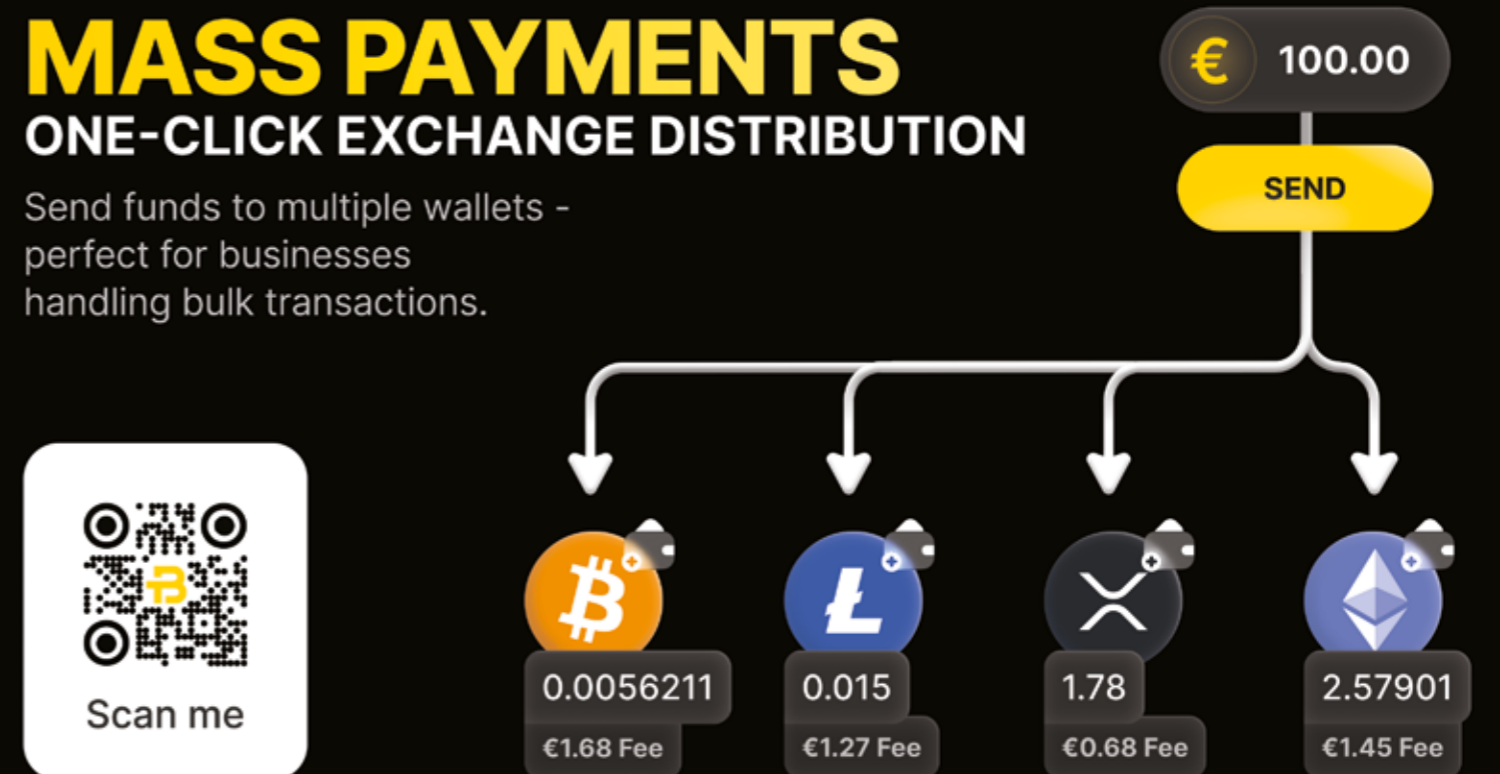
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airBaltic and Riga Airport take off on a renewable energy journey

As the national airline of Latvia, *airBaltic* is the largest carrier at Riga Airport (RIX). *airBaltic* has firmly established Riga as its main operational hub, offering connections to over 70 destinations in Europe and beyond.

Amid the aviation industry's push towards decarbonisation, airlines are tackling their carbon footprint from all angles, not just in the skies but on the ground as well. Although most of *airBaltic's* emissions arise from flight operations, almost one thousand tonnes of CO₂ were released from electricity and heating in 2023. Therefore, the availability of renewable energy at Riga Airport plays a significant role in *airBaltic's* decarbonisation efforts.

Riga Airport has begun producing renewable energy from its newly established solar panel park. From February to July of this year, solar panels on the roof of the terminal building generated 407.5 MWh of electricity. During the summer months, they are estimated to contribute an average of 35–45% to total electricity consumption at the airport's North Pier.

Renewable energy projects are part of the airport's medium-term sustainability strategy until 2030. With solar panels installed on the terminal building (700 kW), the northern part of the airport (2 MW), and engineering-technical areas, including technical service buildings and waste hangars (345 kW), Riga

Airport intends to increase its solar energy production to 14% of its total energy consumption by 2026, when as a result, carbon emissions will be reduced by 300 tonnes.

In 2024, the airport also began incorporating purchased electricity from renewable sources into its portfolio and plans to increase that volume by 10% yearly. Santa Auguste-Šole, Head of Sustainability and Environmental Management at Riga Airport, elaborates on this initiative: 'Transitioning to renewable energy is a vital part of our sustainability strategy and zero-emissions roadmap. With each new project and initiative, we move closer to our goal of becoming a fully CO₂-neutral airport by 2035.'

Looking ahead, Riga Airport is not only focusing on solar energy but is also exploring other renewable energy sources, such as green hydrogen. This includes the potential introduction of hydrogen-powered infrastructure and winter maintenance equipment.

Coordinated efforts can propel the aviation industry towards a reduced carbon emission future. 'We see this as a good example of industry cooperation, as our energy emission reduction is linked with the airport's decarbonisation plans,' says Zita Baranova, Head of Sustainability at *airBaltic*. 'It's encouraging to know that we're moving in the same direction with joint efforts.'



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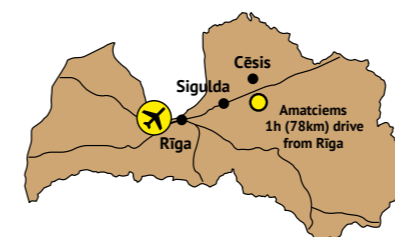
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In with the old

Trendy vintage vibes are shaking up Europe's dining scene.



The Hero may be the most beautiful pub in the world, according to food critics.

Nostalgia is making a grand entrance in the European dining scene, echoing trends in fashion. Comforting dishes steeped in tradition are reclaiming their spots on modern menus. Earlier this year, the BBC reported on the comeback of the Sunday roast – a meal once relegated to the dusty corners of age-old pubs that is now gracing the tables of upscale, white-tablecloth establishments. High tea, once the epitome of refined late-afternoon indulgence, is currently taking *TikTok* by storm, complete with its dainty finger sandwiches, intricate pastries, and assorted teas. Appetisers that ruled the 1980s – such as deviled eggs, Gilda skewers, vegetable crudités, and prawn cocktails – are now found on menus at chic natural wine bars across Europe, luring in millennials and Gen Z'ers kitted out in the latest fashion fads.

But it's the final course that truly stirs up our shared memories and whisks us back to the sweet days of childhood, with treats such as Swiss roll cakes, soft-serve ice creams, and local delicacies. *Instagram*, for its part, is awash with images of lacey, towered cakes with elaborate icing and intricate piped details reminiscent of Victorian-era designs and ice creams served in charming Italian cups.

This retro resurgence is also reflected in restaurant design, with new venues making deliberate nods to the past, shunning the minimalist aesthetic that has dominated recent decades. Instead, they're embracing vintage charm with mid-century furnishings, rustic wood panelling, and retro signage. All in all, it's a delicious journey back in time, where every bite is a sweet reminder that sometimes the old ways are the best ways.

It's a delicious journey back in time

Words by Ilze Vitola
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The Hero in London

When you picture a quintessential British pub, *The Hero* in London might just be what comes to mind... but with a touch more elegance. Upstairs, 'The Grill' offers elevated meats and fish cooked over an open fire, but it's the groundfloor pub that shines the brightest with perfectly executed nostalgic British dishes such as Scotch eggs, cocktail sausages, and shepherd's pie. However, it's the humble-sounding cheese and onion pie that steals the show. 55 Shirland Road; theherow9.com

Ei-12437-B in Berlin

The *Ei-12437-B* restaurant has breathed new life into a 19th-century tavern that was once so beloved it had its own ferry connection. The restaurant blends the nostalgic charm of its origins with a contemporary, serene aesthetic. The menu is a tribute to time-honoured dishes yet has a strong focus on sustainability and preservation, featuring such German classics as roulade and venison with red cabbage salad alongside pickles and bread made in-house. The space also features a beer garden. Kiehnwerderallee 2, Eierhäuschen; ei-12437.berlin

Bar Trafalgar in Madrid

Since opening in 2022, *Bar Trafalgar* has quickly become a favourite among Madrid's stylish nighthawks. It's a sleek take on Madrid's century-old taverns. Snag a seat at the metallic, industrial-style peninsula bar for some people-watching or do a round of pool. The menu features elevated versions of taberna classics, including *croquetas de jamón* and *boquerones en vinagre*, as well as a well-crafted collection of cocktails. Calle de Albuquerque, 14; bartrafalgar.es

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Madeira. An AI-generated illustration inspired by the style of modernist Portuguese artist Henrique Franco (1883-1961), who was one of the most prominent Portuguese painters and a participant in the *Cinco Independentes* (1923) exhibition organised by a group of Portuguese artists who aimed to modernise the art scene in Portugal. Franco was also part of the group of artists who worked on the Nossa Senhora de Fátima (Our Lady of Fatima) church in Lisbon, an emblematic work of Portuguese modernism.



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*.

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THE ISLAND OF POSTCARD-PERFECT VIEWS

With warm weather throughout the year and locals just as welcoming, Madeira is a true paradise in the Atlantic.

How many people do you know who have ventured to Portugal in the past year? Probably quite a few, because the country is a trending destination. And who could blame them? The weather is glorious, the cliff-hugged beaches are breathtaking, the azulejo-covered buildings are picture-perfect, and the local people are still welcoming and not yet weary of visitors. And don't even get me started on the dining scene, which is overflowing with fresh seafood and local wines. In short, Portugal is a full package.

Yet, most travellers stick to the mainland. Their loss. Because let me tell you, Madeira, the second largest of Portugal's islands, is a true gem. So much so that the selfish thought of keeping it a secret briefly crosses my mind.

DUBBED THE ISLAND OF ETERNAL SPRING DUE TO ITS NEVER-ENDING BALMY WEATHER, Madeira is nestled in the North Atlantic Ocean, about 600 kilometres off the coast of Morocco. Its subtropical climate is perfect for outdoor adventures, of which the island has no shortage. The diverse landscape boasts rugged cliffs, lush forests, and stunning coastlines, filling the island's market stalls with exotic fruits, fresh seafood, and wine.

Even if football isn't your thing, you'd have to be living under a rock to not have heard of Madeira's most famous son, Cristiano Ronaldo. In 2017, even the island's airport was named after him. And if you're behind on the latest football gossip, the local taxi drivers are more than happy to fill you in.

Funchal, the capital of Madeira



Natural swimming pools in Porto Moniz



Land meets ocean at Seixal



Thanks to its strategic location, Funchal flourished as a crucial stopover for ships travelling between Europe, Africa, and the Americas

The road from the airport to Funchal, the capital of Madeira, is short but spectacular, giving just enough time for your taxi driver to share his theories on how the referee at the UEFA European Football Championship was probably bribed and thus Portugal lost against Georgia. Funchal was founded in 1424 by the Portuguese navigator João Gonçalves Zarco, who named the city after the wild fennel (*funcho* in Portuguese) he found growing in abundance here. Thanks to its strategic location, Funchal flourished as a crucial stopover for ships travelling between Europe, Africa, and the Americas, boosting its economic and cultural importance. The 18th and 19th centuries brought prosperity through the wine trade, attracting wealthy Europeans who built grand estates with lush gardens, known as *quintas*. Today, fennel fields have given way to quintessentially Portuguese buildings lining cobbled, hilly streets like pastel crayons in a box and mingling with magnificent Baroque and Gothic manors and churches.

To really take in the city's tapestry, I head to Almirante Reis Park, where a *teleférico* (cable car) ascends to the Monte parish above. This area once

served as a retreat for the *nouveau riche* escaping the summer heat, including Emperor Charles I of Austria, the last of the Habsburg rulers. Fifteen minutes later and 560 metres higher, I bid farewell to the five other passengers and quickly realise I should have brought a sweater. But the walk up to the stately white Igreja de Nossa Senhora do Monte church soon warms me up. The views are spectacular, but it's the journey to and from Monte that makes this part of town special. In the late 19th century, locals invented a clever way to zoom between Monte and Funchal, namely, the *carros de cesto*, literally meaning 'basket cars'. These wicker toboggans are operated by two men in white uniforms and straw hats who often pause to give a flirty wink to onlookers. The iconic toboggans glide down on wooden skis, transporting passengers two kilometres downhill to Livramento.

To warm up some more, I head southwest to Ponta do Sol, the sunniest spot on the island. Moving across Madeira's parishes is easy, taking only about twenty minutes by car to reach most of the main parishes. I stretch out on one of the sun loungers on Ponta do Sol Beach, which is on a cove embraced by cliffs and has a pebbled shore known for excellent swimming. It's peak season, but the beach isn't crowded. Even the lifeguards seem fairly relaxed. After a while, I wander to Duke of Luxembourg Pier, which is perched atop a cliff and is reputed to offer the best view of the sunset on the island. If I were to rank my top sunsets, this would be a strong contender for gold.

PORTO MONIZ IN THE NORTH OF THE ISLAND IS FAMED FOR ITS NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS. This is where I head to start my next day, and what

a swim it is! These pools, formed over millennia by cooling lava, are constantly refreshed by ocean water that pours in with each crashing wave, thus maintaining superb water quality. Sitting on the wide concrete steps and soaking in the waters, it's hard to motivate myself to move on.

Seixal Beach is known for its unique black sand and is therefore often called Europe's Hawaii. Naturally, it's also a surfing hotspot. Here I meet João Febrer, the owner of Surf Clube da Madeira, one of the first surf clubs on the island. He has just finished a lesson with a group of smiling surfers high on post-surfing endorphins. We sit on the black sand, surrounded by lush green mountains. Like many locals, João can't imagine living anywhere else. 'This is paradise on Earth,' he says, especially for outdoor enthusiasts like himself.

João has been swimming, snorkelling, and hiking for as long as he can remember. Now 31, he attended his first surf camp at age 11. In fact, it was at Surf Clube da Madeira, the same club he now owns. Needless to say, the young boy instantly fell in love with the laid-back and cheery surfing community. 'We have good surf conditions all year round; it's rare to have a day without waves,' he says.

Madeira's advantage is that, within a single day, you can quickly and easily travel between prime surf spots that match your level of skill. 'You can have five-metre swells in the north and, at the same time, barely half-metre waves in the south,' says João. Beginners should come between June and September, when the waves are smaller and more accessible, while October to May is better for seasoned surfers. The waves reach their peak grandeur in the last months of the year, drawing

big-name surfers to tackle eight-metre giants at Jardim do Mar. It's a true man-versus-Titan spectacle.

As a fail-safe spot for surfers of all levels, João suggests the reef break at Fajã da Areia in the north of the island. The best part? The water temperature doesn't drop below 20°C until January. 'The local surf community is strong. Everyone's welcome at any surf spot, so don't hesitate to approach us; we love to help,' he says, exuding the same warmth, care, and welcoming spirit as the other locals I've met. 'I could talk about surfing in Madeira for hours. And anyone who comes here to surf finds it hard to leave!' he warns.

Seixal isn't just for surfing; it's also a gateway to the trails of the verdant Laurissilva Forest. This 20-million-year-old subtropical rainforest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a hiker's paradise offering trails for seasoned adventurers as well as novices. Madeira's hiking paths fall into two categories: *levadas* and *veredas*. *Levadas* are former irrigation channels that provide generally flat, easy paths and are perfect for those who prefer a leisurely stroll while soaking in the stunning scenery, catching up with friends, and filling their phone's gallery with beautiful landscapes. *Veredas*, on the other hand, are traditional footpaths connecting mountain peaks that locals once used to traverse rugged terrain. These hikes are more challenging and feature steep ascents, caves, and other obstacles, requiring some physical strength and experience. 'When the locals created these, they never imagined someone would one day use them for recreation,' my guide Darya tells me somewhere between Pico do Areeiro and Pico Ruivo during our hike.



Stairs to heaven on the famous mountain path from Pico do Areeiro to Pico Ruivo



Echium candicans is as much of a symbol of Madeira as Cristiano Ronaldo



Hikers approaching the peak of Pico Ruivo

The trail's description as 'challenging yet immensely rewarding' couldn't be more accurate

The trail from Pico do Areeiro to Pico Ruivo features Madeira's three highest peaks – these two plus Pico das Torres, which lies midway between them – and is touted as one of Madeira's most challenging hikes. While I haven't tackled proper mountains since middle school and have since somehow developed a fear of heights, I feel I'm in good hands with Darya. At just 24, she's been guiding for *Madeira Adventure Kingdom* for three years. 'I've got the hiking bug,' she says. 'It's this condition where even on holiday, you still go hiking.' Yesterday, she did some canyoning, which involves descending into canyons using techniques including hiking, rappelling, and swimming. During our six-hour hike, Darya throws out facts about the local fauna and flora, such as how Madeira has no snakes or spiders, just rabbits. She also has an encyclopaedic knowledge of all the plants we encounter... which I find interesting enough to keep my mind off my fear of heights.

As our group of ten, which hails from all corners of the world and various walks of life, follows Darya, we try to capture the stunning scenery with our phones. The diversity of the pathways keeps this ten-kilometre route engaging: from steps to short caves, to narrow and wide paths, and seas of violet

Echium candicans, also called Pride of Madeira. The trail's reputation as the island's most arduous is well-earned, but the short section of steep steps is manageable. At Pico Ruivo, Madeira's highest point (1861 metres), we have 40 minutes to marvel at the surrounding beauty and snap some mandatory photos. The trail's description as 'challenging yet immensely rewarding' couldn't be more accurate.

During my trip, I've been asking locals about their favourite hikes, and the responses vary. Alongside my mountain hike, another crowd-pleaser is PR 6 (also known as Levada das 25 Fontes), a scenic walk with 25 springs and numerous waterfalls that winds through the Laurisilva Forest. For a taste of hiking without committing to a full day in the mountains, Caminho Real do Paul do Mar is a good option. It starts at the Lombo da Rocha viewpoint and then descends to the parishes of Jardim do Mar and Paul do Mar, offers stunning views of the ocean, and takes just under an hour and a half to complete.

THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO RECHARGE AFTER A HIKE THAN WITH A BIG PLATE OF PROTEIN-PACKED SEAFOOD. So, I head down to *Vila do Peixe* in Câmara de Lobos near Funchal. This spot was the island's first settlement and the site of the initial landing point of Zarco, the explorer credited with discovering Madeira.

When I mention the address of *Vila do Peixe* to the taxi driver, he nods approvingly: 'Good choice.' The restaurant is perched above the historical town centre. I step into the simple, open-space dining room crowded with tables and floor-to-ceiling windows offering sweeping views over the bay.

Motivated by my post-hike hunger and northern European dinner time, I'm early, so the place is still relatively quiet. But I'm immediately greeted by a poised waiter who encourages me to pick any table I fancy. While the restaurant has a small patio, I decide on a window seat indoors.

A large display flaunting the fresh catch of the day graces the back of the room – guests can choose what they want, have it weighed, and then watch as it's grilled to perfection. Aside from asking locals about their favourite hikes, I've also been inquiring about must-try dishes on the island, and the responses have been split between two camps: *espetada* lovers and *espada* enthusiasts. Both dishes are quintessentially Madeiran. *Espetada* consists of chunks of beef marinated with garlic, salt, and bay leaves and then grilled on skewers over an open flame; it's traditionally served with *milho frito*, or fried cornmeal cubes. But, being a pescatarian, I opt for the *espada*, or black scabbardfish, which is typically served fried or grilled and served with fried banana and passion fruit sauce. Yet I don't find *espada* listed on the menu.

'That's a tourist thing. We don't actually eat *espada* with the banana,' says the waiter, brushing the excitement off my face. 'But we do have fresh *espada* that we can grill for you,' he offers, even agreeing to customise it a bit by adding the crispy *milho frito* cubes so I can have a taste of both classic dishes. Satisfied with this twist, I glance out the window at the bay for a while, spotting the colourful boats known as *xavelhas*, which are distinctive to Câmara de Lobos. My dish arrives – a stunning white fillet garnished with a dramatic stalk of parsley – and there's nothing black about it. The name, I learn,



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The Vila do Peixe restaurant in Câmara de Lobos



The belly of Funchal: Mercado dos Lavradores, or the Farmers' Market



Atlantic tuna in the traditional fish market at Mercado dos Lavradores

Trout from Seixal, fennel, dragon fruit, watermelon – the menu reads like a farmer's market

comes from its rather intimidating appearance: sleek, black, and lined with jagged teeth. The fish lives in the deep waters off Madeira and around Japan, at depths of about 1700 metres. As it's brought to the surface, the pressure kills the fish, making it possible to catch. The espada's flesh is moist, slightly sweet, and falls apart into perfect chunks at the touch of a fork. Absolute perfection, if you ask me.

Later, I catch chef José Diogo Costa before the dinner shift at *William Restaurant* in the *Belmond Reid's Palace* hotel. The restaurant, lit by large windows facing the ocean, has arguably one of the best views in Funchal. The teal-coloured dining room, which is dotted with round tables dressed in white tablecloths, is a *Michelin*-starred affair. For Costa, it's the *sopa de trigo*, or wheat soup, that excites him most of the native culinary heritage. Fond memories of learning to cook this hearty concoction of veggies and salted pork from his grandmother are what inspired his return to his native Madeira. With more than 40 countries under his belt and having honed his skills in kitchens from Oslo to the Azores, Bangkok, and Chile, he admits that all the places where he's lived made him realise how lucky Madeirans are to have such great weather and such a variety of ingredients.

With a cooking credo of 'simple is more', Costa draws inspiration from the island's elderly population and what they've cooked and eaten throughout the decades. He pairs this with close collaborations with Madeira's farmers and fishermen. Trout from Seixal, fennel, dragon fruit, watermelon – the menu reads like a farmer's market. Asked about the ingredients that most inspire his culinary creativity, he names corn and *pitanga*. 'It's my favourite fruit – it tastes like a mix of tomato, passion fruit, and mango,' he says. The result is three tasting menus at *William* that celebrate the island's culinary culture and are executed with modern interpretations and a blend of flavours as diverse as Madeira's terrain.

TO ROUND OFF A DINNER IN MADEIRA, A LOCAL MADEIRA WINE IS A MUST. This fortified wine originated from sea voyages, when sailors discovered that wine stored in barrels actually improved in flavour from the warm conditions. This heating process is what sets Madeira wine apart from other fortified wines, like port. Fortified with brandy during fermentation, then aged in barrels, the wine develops a strong, complex character with an alcohol content of around 18% to 20%.

To dive deeper into this iconic drink, I continue my epicurean exploration at the Agricultural Cooperative of Funchal on the city's outskirts, where *Madeira Vintners* is based. 'You're visiting us at a special moment,' says Lisandra Gonçalves, a young brown-eyed enologist, as we walk among gigantic steel tanks filled with Madeira wine. 'We just celebrated our first batch of ten-year vintage – Tinta Negra 2021.' This is the 12th variety in the *Madeira Vintners* collection.

Established in 2012 under the auspices of the Agricultural Cooperative of Funchal, *Madeira Vintners* stands out in the crowded field of Madeira wine producers by being run by a young generation of winemakers and boasting an all-female team, from the engineers to the marketing department. 'It wasn't on purpose,' Gonçalves confesses as we enter a hall with a wall of stacked wooden barrels. 'These are second-hand barrels from France that were used to store cognac and whiskey, which add flavourful depth to our wine.'

As we sit down for a tasting, I ask Gonçalves how she ended up in an industry typically dominated by older men. It turns out that her grandfather used to make wine at home. So, after high school, she decided to take the family hobby to a professional level and became an enologist. Gonçalves admits that introducing innovations in such a tradition-rooted field isn't easy. 'It's the small things, like labels,' she says. *Madeira Vintners* bottles have sleek, modern labels, which are quite unconventional for Madeira wine. Another aspect of innovation is that some *Madeira Vintners* wines are lighter, at 17% alcohol rather than the usual 19%, in an attempt to attract younger generations who still view the drink as old-fashioned.

Another challenge is sourcing grapes. *Madeira Vintners* relies on a nurtured network of viticulturists from all terrains of the island, including nearby Porto Santo Island. Harvest time is typically late August to early October, but with climate change, it's happening ever earlier. Sudden warm waves in the winter months have decreased grape production levels. Moreover, the network

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A path through a vineyard along the coast

is shrinking, as grape harvests happen only once a year, while bananas, which thrive in Madeira's subtropical climate, can be harvested year-round, making them a more lucrative crop.

Not usually a fan of strong drinks, I'm surprised by how gentle and complex Madeira wine tastes. The older the varietal, the more chocolatey and toasted the flavour becomes. 'Many people enjoy it after work, like an aperitif, while the older vintages are perfect as a digestif with cheese or dessert. Some even like to drink it on the rocks,' Gonçalves says with a smile.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, MADEIRA IS A DELIGHTFUL DESTINATION FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO TAKE THINGS SLOW AND SOAK IN THE SCENERY AT A LEISURELY PACE. When we travel alone, it often feels like certain luxuries might be out of reach, such as a private boat tour. 'But we go whether it's one person or ten, it doesn't matter,' assures Pedro, a tanned man in cool sunglasses, as I sheepishly ask, 'Is this all for me?' while boarding the chic yacht that's part of Pedro's *Luxury Charter Madeira* fleet. It offers the opportunity to explore Madeira's waters at your own pace, in your own company, tailored to your own whims. 'Snorkelling, paddling. But maybe you like fishing? We can do it all!' Pedro playfully smiles as we set off toward Madeira's east coast.

Lush green mountains frame the stunning turquoise waters. This is one of the three itineraries



Madeira wine is aged in wooden barrels at a gentle, warm temperature

Luxury Charter Madeira offers; longer trips sail to the Desertas Islands, a trio of rugged, uninhabited islets, and to Porto Santo, which is famous for its golden sandy beaches. 'I'll take you to the most beautiful spot on the island,' Pedro announces. A Madeira native, he was the first on the island to offer whale- and dolphin-watching tours. Now that many have followed suit, he's shifted to yacht tours. Like surfing, yachting can be enjoyed year-round. 'We had stunning weather in February,' says Pedro's first mate, André, a dark-haired, tanned twentysomething windsurfer, as he lowers the ladder for my swim at the promised spot. Pedro wasn't exaggerating – the bay, which is embraced by rugged cliffs and features a breathtaking arch carved out of the rock, is easily the most stunning place I've ever swum in.

'I've travelled a lot, but Madeira is Madeira – a paradise,' Pedro tells me when I ask if he has always lived in Madeira. André, who's journeyed the world for windsurfing championships and has studied in the United Kingdom, agrees – nothing beats home. It's refreshing to meet residents who are so content with where they live, especially in the south, where you often hear complaints about things not working or being hampered by lots of bureaucracy. But not in Madeira. The people here are living proof of what sunlight can do to a person, namely, bring them a deep sense of contentment with life.



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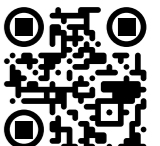
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What are some hidden gems to discover in Madeira that aren't the typical tourist spots? One of my favourite hidden treasures is the Vereda dos Balcões trail in the mountainous region of Ribeiro Frio in the northeastern part of the island. I like to call it a teaser of what a true levada walk in Madeira can offer. This 1.5-kilometre stroll lets you soak in the beauty of our lush Laurisilva Forest and culminates in a breathtaking viewpoint at the heart of the island.

What would you recommend for a day trip outside the capital?

Start with lunch in Caniçal, where you'll taste some of the best seafood on the island. Then make a brief stop at Ponta de São Lourenço, a dramatic windswept peninsula at the easternmost point of the island with stunning cliffs, unique rock formations, and breathtaking coastal views. Afterwards, explore the traditional houses in Santana. These are iconic triangular-shaped structures known as *palheiros*. Then head up to Ribeiro Frio – don't miss the Vereda dos Balcões hike there. And you'll still have time to catch the sunset at Pico do Areeiro and end the day with a delightful dinner at *Abrigo do Pastor*, one of the most authentic dining spots in Madeira. It's housed in a mountain hut in the Camacha region.

Describe for us your perfect day in Madeira. In summer, I'd kick off the day with a visit to the beach, and Seixal's charming black-sand beach is my top pick. Afterward, I'd head to Paul do Mar for a couple of drinks while waiting for the sunset. Paul do Mar is a laid-back coastal village on the island's southwestern coast that's popular for surfing and its seaside bars and cafés. To wrap up the day, I'd enjoy dinner at one of the many delightful restaurants in Funchal's Zona Velha, the historical part of the capital.

How would you characterise the locals? Madeirans are incredibly welcoming. We

Nobody knows Madeira's wine landscape better than sommelier **Leonel Nunes**. A native of the island, he possesses an unparalleled knowledge of Portuguese wines, with a deep focus on the unique wines from Madeira. As the sommelier at *Il Gallo d'Oro* in Funchal, a restaurant boasting two *Michelin* stars as well as a Green star, his ability to pair the restaurant's dishes with the perfect wines to elevate the culinary experience crafted by chef Benoît Sinthon has earned him the *Michelin* Sommelier Award 2024 from *NX Wines & Spirits*. With an exclusively Portuguese wine list, Nunes' dedication shines through and is reflected in his commitment to personally visit all the main wine producers on the island, ensuring he intimately understands their products.

take pride in showcasing our beautiful island and try hard to ensure visitors feel at home. Our gatherings are lively, with plenty of food, drinks, and vibrant celebration that makes everyone feel like family.

Which restaurants and bars do you recommend for local flavours?

For a taste of Madeira, head to *Taberna da Poncha* in Ribeira Brava to sample *poncha*, our iconic local cocktail. It's made with *aguardente de cana* (sugarcane rum), honey, sugar, and freshly squeezed citrus juice, typically lemon or orange. If you're craving *espetada* (meat skewer), family-run *Parada dos Eucaliptos* on the way to Curral das Freiras is a must. For seafood lovers, *Tasquinha do Pescador* in Caniçal is the place to be – don't leave without trying the limpets and garlic shrimp.

How would you describe Madeira's wine scene, and what sets Madeira wine apart from others?

Madeira is renowned for its fortified wine, a tradition that's over two centuries old. What makes our fortified wines unique is the volcanic soil, which gives them a sharp acidity that balances the sweetness and keeps the wines lively. The aging process in warm oak barrels adds caramel and nutty notes. But recently, our still wines – whether white, red, rosé, or sparkling – have also reached impressive quality. We also produce excellent rum and, more recently, apple cider has entered the scene.

Where's the best place to enjoy Madeira's wines?

I always suggest visiting *Blandy's Wine Lodge* in Funchal. It's like a theme park for Madeira wine, offering an immersive experience where you can learn about its rich history and witness the entire production process. Plus, the tasting room lets you savour some of the finest bottles the island has to offer.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

WHERE TO STAY

Hotel Caju
Nestled in the heart of Funchal, *Hotel Caju* blends contemporary design with cosy, earth-toned interiors. The hotel's snug ambiance and commitment to sustainability make it a charming choice for bedding down. The breakfast and lunch café are also beloved by the city's vegetarians and health-minded diners.
hotelcaju.com
Rua da Carreira 112

Next by Savoy Signature

Next, a stylish escape located along the seafloor, merges cutting-edge architecture with a sleek, modern aesthetic. The rooms are flooded with natural light and offer panoramic ocean views, while the rooftop infinity pool is a prime spot for soaking up the sun. *Next* also boasts a dynamic co-working space and a vibrant rooftop bar that's perfect for socialising.
savoysignature.com
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Barceló Funchal Oldtown

Situated in Funchal's picturesque Old Town, the *Barceló Funchal Oldtown* is a blend of historical charm and modern elegance. The hotel's interiors feature a crisp design with a nod to the local culture, complemented by a rooftop terrace with sweeping views of the city and sea. Guests can indulge in the on-site spa and dine at the hotel's restaurant, which emphasises fresh, locally sourced ingredients.
barcelo.com
Rua da Alfândega 9

WHERE TO SHOP

Fábrica Santo Antonio

For sweet souvenirs, head to *Fábrica Santo Antonio*. Founded in 1893, this historic shop was the region's first cookie and biscuit factory and is renowned for its delicious treats, such as traditional Madeira sugarcane honey cake, handmade candies, and a variety of regional jams. The shop, now run by the fifth generation of its founding family, retains a charming retro ambiance, offering a nostalgic journey through time.
fabricastoantonio.com
Travessa do Forno 27-29

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This wine store in Funchal has a laid-back vibe and expert staff. It specialises in independent producers from Portugal and offers a good selection of natural wines produced on the island. The space also doubles as a bar, meaning you can sample the tipples before you purchase.
IG/ameu.gosto
Rua Major Reis Gomes 2C

Mercado dos Lavradores (Farmers' Market)

Madeira is known for its variety of fruits, and the Farmers' Market is the place to sample the best the island's fertile soil and subtropical climate have to offer. Operating since 1940, this centrally located market is housed in a stunning example of Estado Novo architecture.
Largo dos Lavradores

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurante Casal da Penha

This cosy spot perched on the hills of Funchal offers a mix of traditional Madeiran dishes with a modern twist. The terrace also provides stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean, making it a perfect location for a sunset dinner. Expect hearty seafood and meat dishes, all served with a warm, familial touch.
casaldapenha.com
Beco da Ataíde 1

Restaurante Marisqueira O Barqueiro

Famed for its fresh seafood, *Restaurante Marisqueira O Barqueiro* is a no-frills eatery where the catch of the day takes centre stage. Located near the marina, it's the ideal spot to indulge in Madeiran shellfish, which is served simply to highlight its natural flavours. The bustling, down-to-earth atmosphere adds to the restaurant's charm.
marisqueiraobarqueiro.pt
Centro Comercial CentroMar, Rua da Ponta da Cruz

Horta Restaurant

Horta Restaurant offers a farm-to-table dining experience that celebrates Madeira's rich agricultural heritage. The rustic, nature-inspired decor complements a menu filled with organic, locally-sourced ingredients, making each dish fresh and vibrant. Ideal for a leisurely lunch.
portobay.com
Rua de Leichlingen 11

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Madeira's natural diversity extends far beyond its landscapes to the vibrant underwater world teeming with marine life. In these waters, diving enthusiasts are treated to a kaleidoscope of colours and abundant sea creatures. With consistently mild temperatures between 18°C and 24°C and excellent visibility, diving here is a year-round activity suitable for beginners as well as experienced divers. Many local companies offer tours for underwater adventures.

Visit Porto Santo

Referred to as the Golden Island, Porto Santo is a stunning getaway that's famous for its expansive nine-kilometre golden-sand beach. The volcanic island contrasts with Madeira's verdant hills and offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, with crystal-clear waters that are ideal for water-based fun. Beyond the beach, Porto Santo is rich in history, being home to the house where Christopher Columbus once lived, which is now a museum dedicated to his life and voyages. Get there via the Porto Santo ferry line, which offers day cruises.
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Tarmo Peltokoski, the young Finnish conductor who is conquering concert halls all over Europe and beyond, has just begun his third season as the music and artistic director of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra (LNSO). He fell in love with Richard Wagner's music at the age of 11 and, in this conversation with *Baltic Outlook*, he talks about Riga, airplanes, and, of course, the great German composer who also spent some time conducting in Riga.



Photo by Peter Rigaud

On a Monday afternoon, I walk through a park in central Riga. The most powerful storm registered in Latvia in the past 60 years has just ripped through the city the night before. The park has suffered significant damage and feels as if it has witnessed a small apocalypse. I've been listening to Richard Wagner's works recently, and I catch myself smiling and thinking that perhaps it was Wagner, and not a storm, that tore through the park. Wagner is one of Tarmo Peltokoski's favourite composers. I'm on my way to meet him for a conversation, and now that the storm is over and splashes of sun are bathing the park again, motifs from the prelude to *Tristan und Isolde* are running through my head.

The funny thing is, Wagner really may have walked in this same park during his time in Riga. From 1837 to 1839, the German composer served as the Kapellmeister at the Riga City Theatre at what is now Riharda Vāgnera iela 4 in the Old Town, and he lived in a wooden building on the corner of present-day Brīvības iela and Dzirnāvu iela, just a block from the park. Therefore, his path to the theatre could very likely have led through Vērmāne Garden, as this park is known.

Wagner was invited to Riga by the theatre's director, Karl Eduard von Holtei, and the Riga City Theatre went on to become an important venue in European cultural life, hosting concerts by Franz Liszt, Anton Rubinstein, Clara Schumann, Hector Berlioz, and other prominent musicians of the time. In 1863, the theatre moved to the site of the present-day Latvian National Opera and Ballet. The building, designed by Ludwig Bohnstedt in a Hellenised Classical style, burned down in 1882 and reopened in its present form in 1887.

While in Riga, Wagner composed the first act of his opera *Rienzi* (premiered in 1842 in Dresden), but at the Riga City Theatre he mainly conducted operas by Gluck, Mozart, Cherubini, and Spontini. To improve his financial situation, he also organised concerts of symphonic music at the House of the Blackheads, but he was not satisfied with the income nor the audiences in Riga.

Having been pursued by creditors, he soon fled Riga with his wife Minna and his Newfoundland dog named Robber. Heinrich Dorn, the next chief conductor at the Riga City Theatre, is said to have commented: 'There were no serious objections to Wagner as Kapellmeister, but his distinctly artistic character did not know how to conform to civic relationships once they were limited by credit and debit.'

It is believed that Wagner drew inspiration for the construction of his theatre in Bayreuth, Germany, from the layout of the Riga City Theatre: the darkened auditorium, the orchestra pit, and the amphitheatre-like elevation. A tradition of regular concert performances of Wagner's operas became established in Riga as well, and this later proved to have a huge cultural impact, with the Riga Wagner Society (headed by Carl Friedrich Glasenapp) playing an important role. Currently under renovation, the Riga City Theatre building will reopen to the public in 2026. It will be known as the Wagner House and will house a concert hall and a museum dedicated to Wagner. It will also serve as the home for two of Latvia's most prominent ensembles, the Kremerata Baltica chamber orchestra and the State Choir 'Latvija'.

Audiences seem ready to smash chairs after his every performance, as if after a rock concert

Just a few minutes' walk from the Wagner House in Riga's Old Town is the Great Guild, which is the home of the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra and the heart of classical music concert life in Riga. Originally built at the beginning of the 13th century, the structure was last reconstructed in the early 20th century. After a fire in 1963, it was adapted to the needs of a concert hall, but this summer, it was again closed for renovation.

Peltokoski, a young Finnish musical genius, has served as the music and artistic director of the LNSO for the past two seasons. We don't know exactly what Riga audiences thought about Wagner during his time in Riga, but almost 200 years later, this Finnish conductor is adored by audiences in the Latvian capital, which seem ready to smash chairs after his every performance, as if after a rock concert. Including me. The mania has even reached the point where it doesn't matter what the orchestra is performing; one just has to be there. It's a must.

Since the arrival of Peltokoski, the LNSO has become less fettered and is in great shape. And Peltokoski, who is only 24, is flying high. He's the music director designate of the Orchestre National du Capitole de Toulouse, the principal guest conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, and the first-ever principal guest conductor of



Together with the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra

the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen. His first album was released this May, for which, together with the Bremen orchestra, he recorded three Mozart symphonies – Nos. 35, 36, and 40 – as well as three strikingly imaginative and individual solo piano improvisations. He became the youngest conductor on *Deutsche Grammophon's* roster when he signed an exclusive contract with the label last year. And I'm not even going into the reviews he's received from the international press. Although the one I love the most is very simple: 'Watch out – here comes the genius!'

Mozart and Wagner are Peltokoski's favourite composers. As a matter of fact, it was the end of *Siegfried's* third act and the duet between Brünnhilde and Siegfried, which he saw on *YouTube*, that made him fall in love with Wagner's music. He was 11. Now, at 24, he's conducting in the same city where Wagner did, and I see a curious coincidence – Riga is the place where both of these men established themselves as conductors. We're lucky here that Peltokoski has agreed to stay with the LNSO for one more season. That season opens on September 21 with a concert in Rēzekne in eastern Latvia.

Peltokoski began studying conducting at the age of 14 under the legendary Finnish conductor Jorma Panula, but first he learned to play piano and became a pianist. His grandmother was a vocal teacher and had a piano at home, and that's where he spent a good deal of his time as a kid. He used to place Donald Duck comics in front of him on the piano and composed music for the drawings. He doesn't do that anymore.

However, the walk in the park to meet Peltokoski is not actually 'a walk in the park' for me. I physically have to overcome the obstacles in my way and the conversation with Peltokoski that afternoon is also not effortless. We meet at the restaurant in the *Neiburgs Hotel* in the Old Town. He later apologises for not being an easy interviewee: 'I feel very tired.'

A couple of days after our conversation, I have a chance of observing a rehearsal for a concert performance of *Götterdämmerung* (the last of the operas in Wagner's *Ring des Nibelungen* cycle), which takes place in the Cēsis Concert Hall in early August. I spend about an hour listening

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to how Peltokoski patiently goes over the same measures again and again. This type of rehearsal is called a revision. There are 78 musicians on stage, all of whom are reverently following his hand movements. He hums along. He jokes: 'This episode actually began 15 hours ago, and now we've arrived at its solution, finally.' He turns around and asks a hipsterish guy sitting in the middle of the auditorium what it sounds like to him. Mikael Loponen, who is Peltokoski's assistant for this concert performance, sits at a little table with a small, dim lamp and is following every line in the *Götterdämmerung* score. He responds that the second and third trombones should play a bit louder ('add one more forte'), but the first trombone should remain as is. I'm in awe... and I feel I'm in the middle of something very special.

When were you approached with the offer to conduct the LNSO, and what tempted you to come to Riga?

It was about three years ago, when I was originally invited to come. I was at the very beginning of my career then and didn't conduct many concerts, so of course, I was instantly excited to come and work here. The actual offer to become chief conductor was made immediately after my first concert with the LNSO, in January 2022, and it was made public in May 2022. I began as artistic director in November.

By now, Riga feels like home, I love it here. Honestly, it's more beautiful here than in Finland. I mean, the very historical centre of Riga is more interesting than in Helsinki, and the architecture is prettier than in the centre of Helsinki. But it's very close – the flight is just an hour long – and the people are very similar.

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The conductor's job is to guide the orchestra in one direction, because otherwise...

You mean in terms of mentality?
Yeah, we don't speak very much.

Since you've been here, the concerts at the Great Guild Hall have been sold out.
Well... let's not forget that the hall is very small. So I don't think it's surprising that it's sold out. It's just that there aren't that many seats.

I was instead driving at the fact that, with your energy and passion, you've changed the crowd and proved that classical music is not out of fashion and not only for the older generations.
Hmm... I don't know about that, really. For example, in Asia, and specifically in Hong Kong, which I know now very well, the audiences are very young. Maybe it's a cultural thing? At the same time, South Korean pop music is seen as being cool, which I completely disagree with, by the way. But maybe only because I don't know anything about it.

For me the most important thing is that the hall is full; then I'm happy. Even if it's only full of people who have grey hair. After all, people have more time when they retire, more time to do what they want and to pursue their interests; that's always been the case.

How do you feel the audience? Do you sense it at all while you're conducting?

It depends. Of course, when a phone goes off, I hear that, but generally speaking, I'm only focusing on the music and musicians, and I can't really think about the audience. I only do my thing and hope that someone likes it. Of course, when the audience is completely silent, that's the best.

You work with several orchestras, each quite different from the rest.

Yes, they're always different. It's not that I can plan or deliberately decide what to do with them – the best approach to each mostly comes intuitively. I get to know orchestras slowly, and hopefully I also learn what works and what doesn't.

You decided to become a conductor at a very young age but fell for Wagner's music even earlier. What drew you to his music back then?

In that moment? I still don't know... People have been wondering about this for over 150 years. There have been hundreds of books written about it, and I've read quite a few of them (*laughs*), but it's still not easy to put it in words.

You were a trained pianist but chose the path of a conductor. Where was the magic for you?

It's the orchestra, the orchestral sound and orchestral repertoire, especially operatic repertoire. But it's highly important that I played piano first, and I still do. Because otherwise it wouldn't be possible or wise to be trained as a conductor; you simply have to be a musician. Otherwise you can't really conduct. It's very important that I still keep playing piano, that I actually make sound myself, which I don't do as a conductor. People think that that's the way, but it's not. I don't think there's magic really; I think the job is mystified a little too much.

But listen... after that concert in which the LNSO performed the overture from *Tristan und Isolde* and Mahler's Symphony No. 2, I couldn't get out of that mode for days!
Well, I'm very happy to hear that, but it's the music, not the conducting.

It's interesting, though, because you're supposed to be the one who drives the orchestra through the music and sets the tone and speed.

Practically, yes, but of course, it's the composer who wrote it. My job then is to bring it together, because the orchestra is a large group of individuals, they're people, very different people with different opinions and in different moods. The conductor's job is to guide them in one direction, because otherwise... A hundred people can do anything, and it can go in every direction.

Do you remember your first concert, your debut?

I don't know which one officially counts, there have been many,

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but there was one three years ago in Bremen with the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen. It was my first concert with that particular orchestra, and I'll never forget it. I had conducted professionally a few times before, but then I was still studying and wanting to get there; but with the Bremen orchestra it felt very different, I felt something special. This orchestra is still very special for me. We've recorded my first album together – three Mozart symphonies.

Not only Wagner, but Mozart is also your favourite composer. Two completely different composers. Yes, but what they have in common is that their main works are operas. Of course, I recorded symphonies by Mozart, but I think – and it's not only me – that his most important works are his operas. Wagner wrote nothing else. And I think Mozart should always be approached as an operatic composer.

I understand that you're looking to conduct operas. Yes, absolutely.

I find it quite fascinating that you sing your operas, too.

Yes, that's how I study them. Everyone should do it! I mean, everyone who wants to be a conductor (*laughs*).

So, this week I'm doing *Götterdämmerung* in Cēsis, which is a 4.5-hour-long opera. I'm sure someone has counted the words, but it's a lot of words (*laughs*), and you can't learn them by reading them. OK, I'm sure someone can, but that would take infinitely longer. What I've done with *Götterdämmerung* is that over the years I've played it on the piano and have sung every role. By doing that over and over again, I've just learned it. For me, that's really the right way to learn a piece that's that huge... To feel it with my fingertips.

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You mentioned the recording of Mozart's symphonies. I was very pleasantly surprised, and I did enjoy you improvising on Symphony No. 40. But in general, there's not much improvising in classical music.

Of course there is! I even make the orchestra improvise! Although in a very small capacity. For example, when Mozart wants you to repeat a phrase. We know what that means in classical music – that the second time around you should do something different. We've already heard it once, and why would we want to hear it once again in the same exact way? Isn't that a little bit boring? Change something, make it more interesting! Fresh and inspiring! I always encourage musicians to just add something themselves. There's a lot of that on the CD.

This was your first CD. How did you enjoy the process? Well, it was terrible... It was very stressful. We were in the studio for a week, and that's a long time, but it still feels that it wasn't enough. Production was terrible, and then I had to listen to what I'd done and then I hated everything I heard. No, it was not enjoyable at all.

Would you say you're self-critical? Of course! If we're not self-critical, then what are we? How can one learn otherwise?

What for you is a great concert? Or do you always feel that something more could have been done? I'm rarely happy. Sometimes I'm not happy at all but the audience is very excited. Sometimes it's the other way around. It's weird... I feel one thing, but others feel something completely different.

Any other ideas about future albums? There's nothing official yet, but I've always been fascinated by the great British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams; it's great music. I'll be recording some of his music, but I have no idea when those records might come out. There are some plans, but they're happening slowly.

What are the things you enjoy outside of classical music? There are quite many... I'm always looking forward to going

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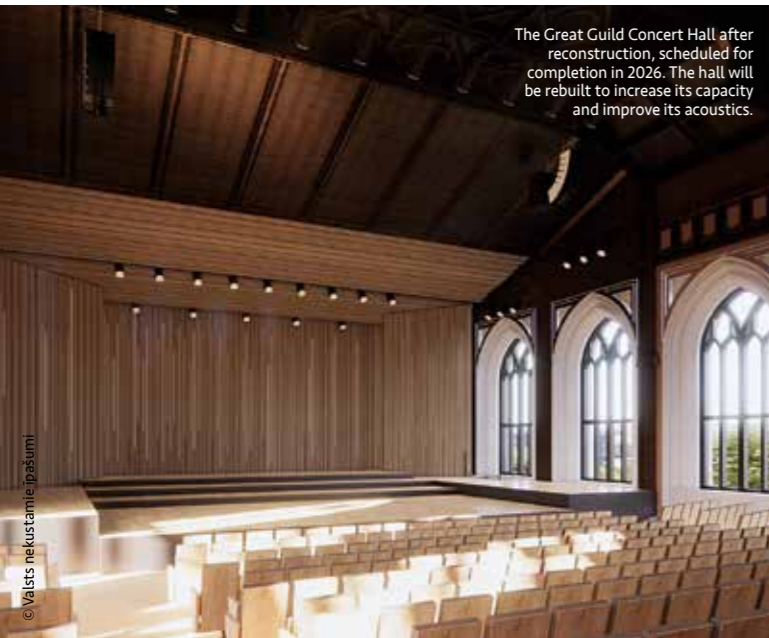
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The Great Guild Concert Hall after reconstruction, scheduled for completion in 2026. The hall will be rebuilt to increase its capacity and improve its acoustics.

home and not having to get on an airplane, not being in a hotel room. But instead to see friends, to see actual people. Old friends. People whom I've known for years and who knew me before all this.

I love to watch films. I used to be quite specialised in cinema, it's just that nowadays it's quite difficult to find time for them, because films are so long and you can't skip some parts of them. When travelling to different cities, it's nice, of course, to go to museums. I don't do that enough. But little by little... I'm fascinated by great cities such as Rome, where you can see literally everything on the streets. I'm generally fascinated by history, especially British history, for some reason.

I'd love to read more and to discuss films and books with friends. I love to write. Just, you know... to educate myself. Things like that...

Simple things.

Yeah... I don't need more than that. Things that are sort of a little bit more normal than flying and staying in hotel rooms.

What keeps you getting on those planes?

By now I just have to. Because I can't not go due to binding contracts. And, of course, because of the music itself.

I probably seem a little slow today, but that's normal, because with this sort of lifestyle you're always tired. It's not a very nice feeling, so I hope to fix that.

But I know you also feel fortunate that you're doing what you've always wanted to do.

Yes... Many people want to do this; I certainly always wanted to. But there are things nothing is taught about, and those you really have to find out for yourself. You don't get warned about certain things before you actually get into them. Like, that sometimes too much is too much. Or, how tired one might be. Or, with this lifestyle how easily one gets lonely, and when one's lonely for long enough, one gets sad. That's not good for music. I hope I'm young enough to be able to fix things before they go really badly. Or very sadly.

There has to be happiness in life outside of that one-and-a-half hours on stage

But then where do you find the contentment, the satisfaction?

If you're in a location for a week, and there are only two concerts, or just one, that's still a very short time compared to the rest of the week. So, there has to be happiness in life outside of that one-and-a-half hours when you're on stage. Otherwise life would be really terrible. So, I'm trying to find that.

What's on for the coming season with the LNSO?

The orchestra will be performing in various other venues due to the Great Guild Hall being under reconstruction.

The season opening concert we'll do in Rēzekne on September 21. We'll do Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 7, which is called the 'Sinfonia Antartica' – officially the coldest piece of music in the world, a very interesting piece. He initially wrote music for a film called *Scott of the Antarctic*. It's about an expedition to the South Pole that went horribly wrong, and everyone died. He wrote the music for the film, and then he reworked it into a symphony. Plus, we're doing *The Planets*, the very famous piece by his best friend, Gustav Holst. Which John Williams later stole from him for *Star Wars*.

Later, I'll be playing a chamber recital with violinist Vineta Sareika – two violin sonatas, and I'll be accompanying her. If I practise enough. Then I must advertise a fascinating concert that will take place in Riga in October. My teacher Jorma Panula, who is 94 years old, will be conducting Sibelius. That will be very interesting. Then I'll do a concert in November with the music of Richard Strauss, Claude Debussy, and Olivier Messiaen. In December, we'll do Shostakovich's 'Leningrad', which is a very loud piece of music.

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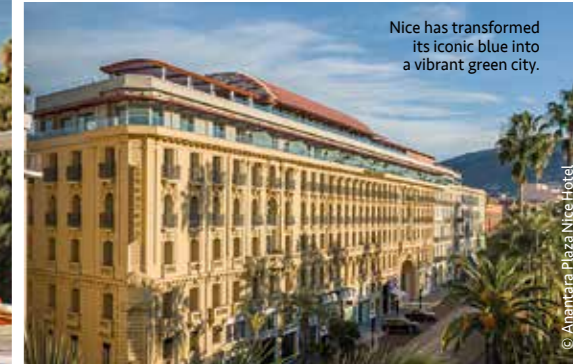
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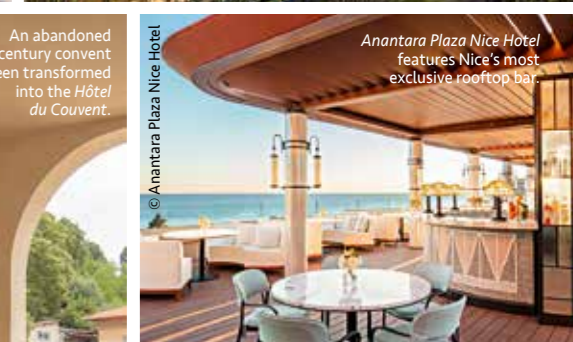


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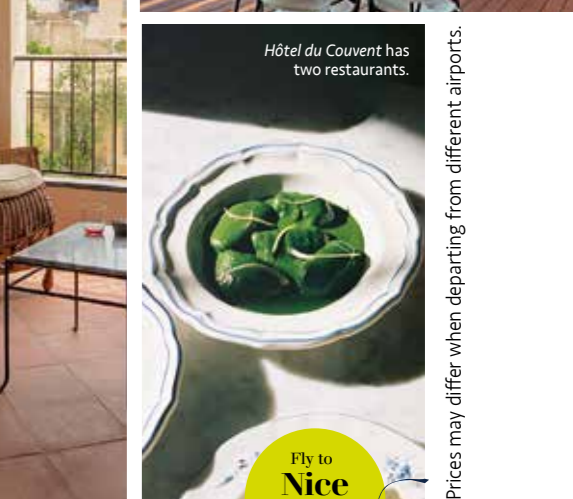


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MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

A fusion of tradition and modernity

The former imperial city of Marrakesh has gracefully evolved into a vibrant centre of creativity and modernity. The city now boasts contemporary museums, art displayed in lush golf courses and enchanting gardens, luxurious hotels, and architecture with modern ethnic touches. Concept stores and prestigious galleries featuring internationally acclaimed artists add to the city's appeal. This wave of creativity and experimentation has revived traditional craftsmanship, offering the world exclusive designs and textiles that beautifully blend old techniques with new interpretations.

At the heart of this modern transformation is the legacy of fashion icon Yves Saint Laurent. The Yves Saint Laurent Museum, which stands next to the legendary Jardin Majorelle and was designed by French architects *Studio KO*, is a masterpiece of contemporary architecture. Its dynamic brick façade reflects local traditions, with a low, elongated structure that incorporates Morocco's rich colour palette and the iconic *YSL* initials. Inside, visitors can gain an intimate insight into the life and work of Saint Laurent, admire a collection of 50 of his most iconic dresses, enjoy the chic ambience of *Café Le Studio*, and shop in a well-curated boutique reminiscent of *YSL's* first fashion store in Paris.

Another must-see is the Villa Mabrouka, once a favourite retreat for Saint Laurent and his partner, Pierre Bergé. Now a stunning luxury hotel, it has been exquisitely transformed by British designer Jasper Conran. Set in one of Tangier's most enchanting gardens (a six-hour drive from Marrakesh), Conran has transformed the villa into a sophisticated oasis of elegance and comfort. Every detail, from the tableware and linen to the bespoke furniture and lighting, has been meticulously designed by Conran and crafted in Morocco, ensuring a truly one-of-a-kind experience.

Back in Marrakesh, the new *Izza* luxury design hotel has quickly made a name for itself, earning a spot on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Best Hotels in Marrakesh 2024 list. Set in seven interconnected riads in the historic medina, *Izza* draws inspiration from creative icons of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, including Jack Kerouac, Jimi Hendrix, and Grace Jones, as well as renowned Marrakesh architect Bill Willis. The hotel also boasts an impressive art collection worth five million British pounds.

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For generations, the Côte d'Azur has captivated creative minds, including those of Pablo Picasso, Raoul Dufy, Jean Cocteau, Jean Marais, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Nouvel, Olivier Zahm, and Philippe Starck. Henri Matisse painted his first masterpieces here, while Gabrielle Chanel, enchanted by the allure of the French Riviera, built her famous La Pausa villa, which served as a haven for global celebrities.

Modernist pioneer Eileen Gray also chose the Riviera's stunning coastline for her iconic white E-1027 villa, whose panoramic bedroom windows frame the vast blue of the sea. Located just 25 kilometres from Nice in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, this architectural gem has recently reopened to visitors after an extensive restoration, offering a new glimpse of the region's timeless beauty.

In the Old Town, a touch of refined luxury has been breathed into the 17th-century Visitation Sainte-Claire convent, now reborn as the five-star *Hôtel du Couvent* after a decade-long restoration. The transformation masterfully blends historical charm with understated modern luxury. Guests can enjoy the serene architecture, outdoor pools, Roman baths,



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An abandoned 17th-century convent has been transformed into the Hôtel du Couvent.

a wine cellar, and beautifully cultivated terrace gardens.

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ATHENS, GREECE

A modern renaissance of the ancient

Athens is a city deeply rooted in ancient history while at the same time embracing a vibrant future. Its traditional charm is epitomised by the iconic view of the Parthenon, but Athens is much more than one architectural style. It's a journey through time, where each historical era gracefully overlaps the one before. Alongside its rich archaeological sites and ancient artefacts, the modern cityscape is adorned with contemporary architectural marvels – new cultural and arts centres and workshops showcasing the unique craftsmanship of local designers and fashion stylists.

A short drive from the city, the beaches of the Athens Riviera reveal another side of this ancient metropolis. These luxurious shores have long been a retreat for the world's elite. Christina Onassis, Joan Collins, and Brigitte Bardot enjoyed the elegance of Astir Beach, while Aristotle Onassis, one of Greece's most famous shipping magnates, built a home on Glyfada Beach. The legendary Maria Callas often sang at the piano there, and today, visitors can immerse themselves in the beauty of her operatic voice at the museum dedicated to Callas and enjoy a drink inspired by her at the *La Divina* café.

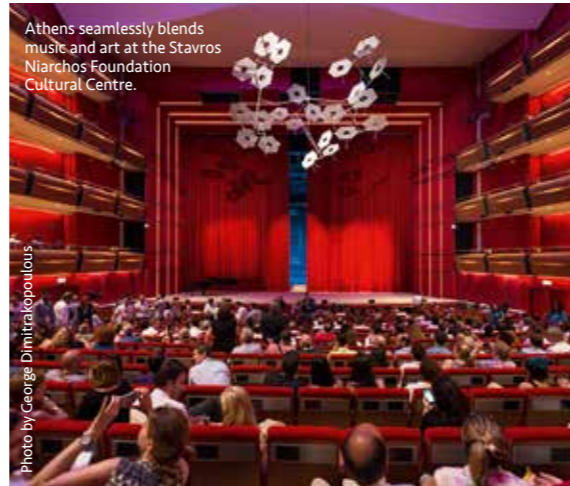
Athens seamlessly blends music and art at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre (SNFCC), designed by acclaimed Italian architect Renzo Piano. Home to the Greek National Opera and the National Library of Greece, this cultural hub is set in one of the city's largest green spaces. The surrounding park is a verdant retreat featuring a diverse range of flora, including olive and carob trees, laurel, cypress, and a variety of native Greek aromatic plants.



Michelin-starred chef Tasos Mantis.

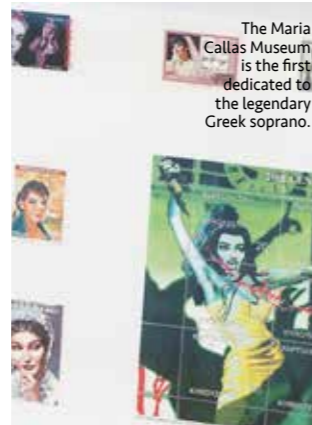


Soil Restaurant's menu highlights the seasonal bounty.



Athens seamlessly blends music and art at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre.

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The Maria Callas Museum is the first dedicated to the legendary Greek soprano.



The One&Only Aesthesis resort has introduced a new standard of luxury.

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The Dolli at Acropolis opened its doors in 2023, offering breathtaking views of the Parthenon and spectacular sunsets. Designed by the legendary Andreas Kriezis and meticulously restored by Greek talent Stelios Kois, this Neoclassical hôtel-maison features artwork by Jean Cocteau and Pablo Picasso alongside contemporary furniture by Pierre Augustin Rose and Seung Jin Yang. It has already won a *Condé Nast Traveller* Readers' Choice Award.

Meanwhile, in the modern Pangrati district, *Soil Restaurant* is housed in a historical Neoclassical building near the Panathenaic Stadium. In summer, guests dine in a charming garden shaded by orange and lemon trees. *Michelin*-starred chef Tasos Mantis, who is also a gardener, creates daily tasting menus that reflect the seasonal bounty of his extensive garden, all the while adhering to a sustainable zero-waste philosophy.

On the Athens Riviera, the *One&Only Aesthesis* resort has introduced a new standard of luxury. Its grand opening was celebrated with a three-day event attended by international fashion and music celebrities, including Kylie Minogue, Joe Jonas, Kim Cattrall, Luke Evans, and Chanel Iman, heralding a glamorous new chapter for the city.

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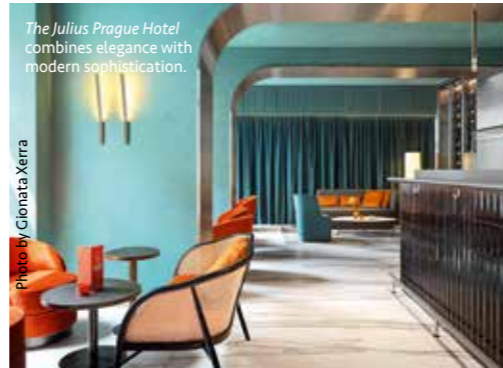
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Masaryčka is an exciting addition to the cityscape.



The *Julius Prague Hotel* combines elegance with modern sophistication.



Deelive specialises in Czech design and decorative arts.



Prague is closely associated with Franz Kafka.



Chef Vojtěch Petržela sources ingredients from trusted local farmers.



Výčep is a Michelin-recommended restaurant.

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PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

A new take on classic beauty

Prague is world-renowned for its rich cultural and historical heritage, with stunning Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture as well as Neoclassical and Art Nouveau treasures. The city is also closely associated with Franz Kafka, whose literary legacy is enjoying a resurgence among today's intellectuals. To commemorate the centenary of Kafka's death, Prague is hosting a series of cultural events, including major art exhibitions at the opulent Jerusalem Synagogue and the DOX Centre for Contemporary Art in the vibrant Holešovice district.

Prague's modern identity is defined by its dynamic energy and highlighted by a thriving local design and fashion scene, innovative architecture, and exceptional cuisine. A standout addition to the cityscape is Masaryčka, a transformative project on the site of the former Masaryk Railway Station. Designed by the acclaimed *Zaha Hadid Architects*, this striking structure features a sleek metallic façade that complements the city's historical towers. It now houses a shopping centre, offices, a hotel, cafés, and a spectacular rooftop terrace with panoramic views of Prague's historic skyline.

In the heart of Prague, the revitalised *The Julius Prague Hotel* combines elegance with modern sophistication. Inspired by the colour palette of Czech artist Alphonse Mucha, the hotel's understated luxury is accentuated by natural materials and timeless furnishings.

On the fashion front, designer Petra Balvínová stands out with her rebranded label, *Balvin Couture*. Her sustainable collections, available both online and in her boutique, are renowned for their feminine charm and durability. Made from quality fabrics such as wool and silk, her designs are made to last.

A new wave of Czech designers is redefining the country's rich heritage of furniture, glass, and porcelain craftsmanship. *Deelive* design stores,

including the latest in Brno-město, celebrate local talent with a diverse selection of home accessories, tableware, jewellery, and fashion. Meanwhile, *Modernista*, with four showrooms in Prague, offers authorised reproductions of early 20th-century works of art alongside contemporary pieces in glass and porcelain as well as jewellery.

For a taste of traditional Czech cuisine with a modern twist, head to *Výčep*, a Michelin-recommended restaurant that embodies a 'from nature to the plate' philosophy. Chef Vojtěch Petržela and his team source ingredients from trusted local farmers to create homemade breads, cheeses, salami, sauerkraut, and compotes using time-honoured methods. Complement your meal with a selection of exceptional Czech beers, including the renowned *Dalešické pivo*. **bo**

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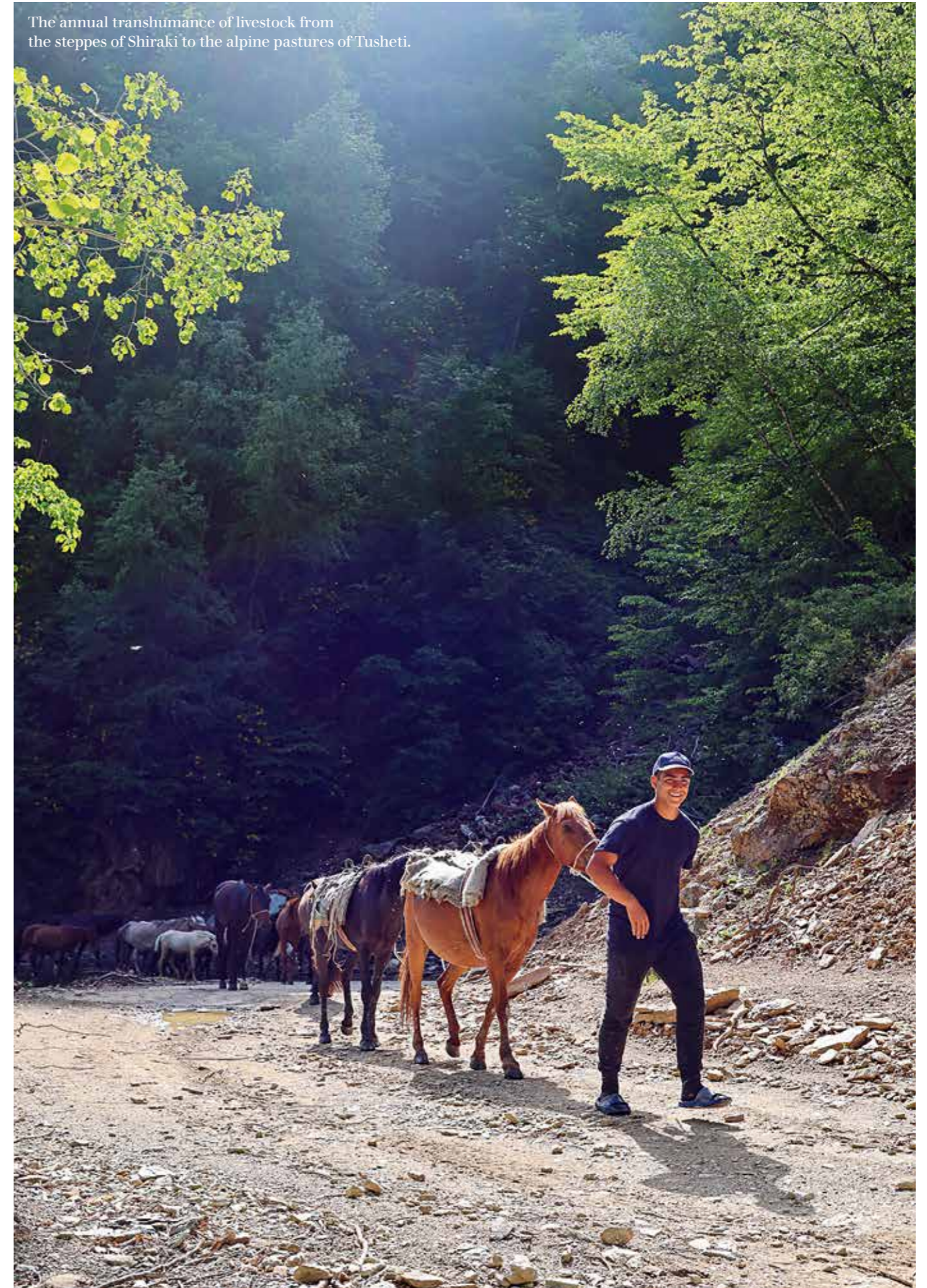
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EVERY BREATH AN ADVENTURE

Georgia – a nation steeped in artistic expression through literature, poetry, painting, and film – continues to unfold a tapestry of proud achievements over the course of its long history. Having spent two decades travelling and living in Georgia, I continue to be captivated by the country's enduring appeal. Bold and vibrant, Georgia embraces its future while remaining deeply rooted in ancient manuscripts and formidable fortresses. Beyond a mere geographical location, Georgia has the power to touch the soul.

The annual transhumance of livestock from the steppes of Shiraki to the alpine pastures of Tusheti.





◀ The view from the village of Upper Khulo in the Adjara region of southwestern Georgia offers a glimpse of the main administrative village of a predominantly mountainous Muslim community of some 80 villages. Long influenced by the Ottomans and situated on a Silk Road trading route, Upper Adjara remains a rugged and remote destination. With sweeping vistas, medieval landmarks, steep hillside vineyards, and pastoral scenes, it's an explorer's paradise and a stark contrast to the glitzy allure of Batumi.



▲ Looking at the lower Racha, the region's signature wine, Khvanchkara, might come to mind. In truth, many micro-wineries here have adopted artisanal practices, making this winemaking scene one to watch. For those wondering where to find wines from these micro-wineries, dedicated shops and bars in Tbilisi, such as *Saamuri Wines* in the venerable Fabrika and *Craft Wine* on Egnate Ninoshvili Street, offer delightful tasting experiences you might never have imagined.

► The vineyard vistas of Kakheti's Alazani Valley offer plenty of opportunities to relax and reset your priorities. Nothing is more invigorating than a poolside glass of the local *pétillant naturel* while gazing at the breathtaking slopes of the Caucasus Mountains.

Visiting during the grape harvest, or Rtveli, at the end of September is an excellent time to experience the region and even offers the opportunity to do some hands-on harvesting.



► Tbilisi's *Gardenia Shevardnadze* embodies the Georgian love of the home as a garden. This stunning venue combines aesthetics with a plant nursery, providing a spectacular setting for social events and weddings. Inspired by the heritage of Guria, Georgia's smallest region (but one that is incredibly rich in culture and natural wonders), *Gardenia Shevardnadze* captures the essence of this area's lush flora, mysterious and decaying silk factories, and incredible mountain roads that literally take you above the clouds.

▼ Mountain trekking, skiing, and horseback riding are the main attractions for the adventurous in Georgia. From the highlands of the north to the south, there are endless opportunities for thrill-seekers to satisfy their adrenaline cravings all year round. For example, tiny historical villages such as Ghebi and Gona offer breathtaking 360-degree views of snow-capped peaks, rushing rivers, and picturesque flower-filled meadows. Don't forget to spend some time petting the local horses!



▲ Frescoes are an enduring feature of almost all chapels, churches, and monastic cave cities in Georgia. This small chapel near Mukuzani vividly demonstrates the meticulous detail with which each biblical scene is depicted. Whatever your religious beliefs, these unique paintings reflect the deep connection locals have with their Orthodox faith, one of the oldest in Christendom.

▲► Market visits in Georgia reveal a vibrant tableau of local culinary delights. From fresh and exotic fruit and vegetables to bundles of mysterious herbs, jars of *tkemali* (plum sauce), *adjika*, an array of spices, and even loose tobacco, Georgian markets offer a feast for the senses. And the watermelons are so delicious that even this jaded writer finds great pleasure in them.

◀ A visit to the house of the artist Niko Pirosmani in the tranquil village of Mirzaani, nestled on the slopes of the Gombori Range, offers more than a glimpse of history. Situated between the walled town of Signaghi and the rugged outpost of Dedoplistskaro, the house, which is now a museum, also rewards visitors with stunning views. **bo**

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10 REASONS TO VISIT MOLDOVA

This country is a hidden gem for those who love places off the beaten track. It's still exquisitely authentic and full of charm one would not find elsewhere.



Orheiul Vechi



Family lunch at Butuceni



Lake Beleu



A church in Orheiul Vechi



Traditional placinta for sharing



Kayaking on the Măistru River



Traditional costumes shown at the Măiestria exhibition



Dinner in the vineyard

Convenient location

With an international airport in the capital, Moldova is a convenient destination. The airport mediates flights between western Europe, eastern Europe, and the Middle East with an average flight time of a couple of hours. In addition, the city centre is located a mere 25-minute car ride away from the airport, so it's easy to get to the city without spending too much time in traffic.

The charm of Chisinau

The Moldovan capital of Chisinau features a unique combination of green scenery, culture, and authenticity, all mixed with a dose of novelty. The city has a rich history dating back to the 15th century and has undergone Ottoman, Russian, and Soviet influence. The city is constantly evolving, and in recent years it has founded a new art centre, built modern residential quarters, and upgraded several remains from the past.

Chisinau is also full of intriguing museums. For example, the National Museum of the History of Moldova tells

the country's story from ancient times to the present day, while the National Art Museum of Moldova is a must to explore the local art scene.

When the weather is nice, locals here enjoy the sun outside. Numerous parks are scattered throughout the city, with the most prominent being Ștefan cel Mare Park, which is named after Stephen the Great, the prince of Moldova in the 15th century and one of the founding fathers of the nation. On most weekends, locals gather there for a dance evening.

Undeniable hospitality

It's impossible to meet an unfriendly Moldovan – they'll invite you to their home, treat you with delicious treats from the cellar, and even give you an additional portion to bring home to your loved ones. Welcoming guests is a sacred duty for people here, and this is especially evident in rural areas. If you visit a guest house, there's a high chance that you'll become best friends with the owner, taste their homemade wine, and meet half of their family.

Ease of communication

While generosity and smiling are universal languages and Moldovans are fluent in them, Moldova is a convenient destination thanks to the very minimal language barrier for travellers from most European countries. The official language of Moldova is Romanian, but many locals also speak English, French, and/or Russian. Moldova's population also includes speakers of Gagauz, Bulgarian, and Ukrainian, and this language mix ensures a unique blend of cultures.

Heartwarming food

Moldovan food is hearty, homegrown, and every hostess' greatest pride. Fans of pastries will love the delicious *plăcintă*, which can be savoury or sweet, with fillings such as cheese and potatoes, apples, cherries, and pumpkin. Because Moldova is famous for its wine and a great variety of grapes, it should come as no surprise that *sarmale*, or grape leaves stuffed with meat, rice, and spices, are a beloved Moldovan snack. Every family also has its own recipe for

zeama, a delicious chicken noodle soup made completely from scratch, with the methods for preparing the broth, the noodles, and even cutting the chicken being unique to each family.

The world of wine

Wine is one of Moldova's main export products, and almost every town has a winery to visit and explore. Therefore, a visit to Moldova must be accompanied by a wine tasting. As wine is one of the main pillars of the Moldovan lifestyle, every October the capital of Chisinau turns into a wine festival. Wine tastings, tours, cultural performances, cheerful people – the city has it all. This year the festival will take place on October 5 and 6. Find out more at wineofmoldova.com.

Cherished traditions

The people of Moldova actively cultivate their traditions and are more than happy to share their joy of them with guests. Moldovans nurture their folklore and craftsmanship. For example, the

richly embroidered traditional blouse known as the *ie* is a significant symbol of Moldovan and Romanian cultural heritage and is a statement piece in every Moldovan's wardrobe as well as a unique souvenir.

This pride in local culture also extends to experiences and celebrations. On March 1, people in Moldova celebrate the arrival of spring and give each other small red-and-white *mărțișor* in the form of flowers. When they see their first blooming tree, they tie the *mărțișor* around a branch of the tree to welcome the warm season.

Astonishing nature

Moldova provides a fairytale-like green landscape, with luscious meadows, accessible forests, beautiful rivers, and limestone cliffs. Moldovan ancestors treasured this stunning natural environment, so accordingly, certain hills and forests hide charming churches and monasteries, making every visit a sacred and breathtaking one.

Historical remains

The rural town of Orheiul Vechi is a calm wonder in the middle of Moldova that features a peaceful landscape of green hills, rivers, meadows, and even ruins from the Ottoman Empire and ancient bathhouses. The town is well-preserved in its historical state to reflect how people lived back in the day, including colourful wells, small family houses, and narrow streets that overlook the valleys. Nearby is a hilltop monastery to visit.

Rural tourism

To fully explore Moldova, one should head beyond the main cities and wander through the small villages. Agro-tourism is experiencing a renaissance here. Stay overnight at an eco-resort and learn about organic farming, go hiking, and enjoy a nature tour. Many resorts also offer traditional cooking classes, folk dance practices, and birdwatching. With a smile, gratitude, and heartfelt care for their guests, the local families invite visitors to their homes to share their favourite home-cooked food and even rituals.



WHY ARE LATVIANS SO OBSESSED WITH FORESTS?

Latvians love their forests. Moreover, they love them so much we even consider them our personal fridge, one-stop-shop, and even hotel for when we need a good night's sleep in the fresh air.

In early spring you might see locals drilling small holes in birch trees to get the delicious birch juice, while later in June they go crazy collecting sweet wild strawberries, leafy branches for sauna rituals, and natural decorations for the Midsummer celebration. Late summer and early autumn are the best times to find locals in the forests with small mushroom knives, while in December they bring the whole family into the forest to seek out a special Christmas tree for their home – a must-do Latvian tradition.

When asked about his or her beloved mushroom spots, the usually calm and cool Latvian turns into a protective sentry. Those spots are sacred and shared only with one's closest family members! Even people who don't eat mushrooms are passionate about this Latvian form of geocaching. However, according to Kārlis Taukačs, a senior forest planner with Latvia's State Forests (LVM), there's really no such thing as good or bad mushroom spots – it all depends on the type of forest. Latvia has three types of forests, and the locally beloved boletus grows best among firs, or so-called Christmas trees. Mushrooms also thrive in pine forests, while various berries, including bilberries, lingonberries, and even raspberries, can be found in glades.

What's more, just locating a particular type of forest doesn't necessarily mean that it's full of these specific treats. A lot also depends on the health of the forest, the amount of light, the humidity, and other factors. 'For example, boletus mushrooms need forests that are approximately 20 to 40 years old,' says Taukačs. 'Therefore, a family's current favourite mushroom spot may no longer be as productive 20 years from now.' A forest changes rapidly, and the glade that brought mouthwatering wild strawberries one year may produce the sweetest raspberries the next year.

But before you grab a knife and head to the nearest forest to put this useful information to use, make sure you know your forest delicacies. Buying a book on mushroom ABCs is one way to go. Many Latvians, though, have learned about the local mushrooms and berries at their mother's (or other relative's) knee and know how to avoid any 'once in a lifetime' experiences.

Latvians have been linked to the forest for ages, but different generations put different meanings and importance on forests. Whenever a Latvian senses the aroma of *vaivariņš* or wild rosemary (*Rhododendron tomentosum*), for example, they're immediately mentally transported back to their childhood and their grandmother's apartment, where wild rosemary was used to protect against

moths. In the past, strolling through the forest as if through a local market was a necessity, and this beneficial relationship with forests is also deeply embedded in Latvian folklore.

'Interaction with forests has long been reflected in Latvian mythology, as we have goddesses for every forest phenomenon,' says Latvian folklore scientist Janina Kursite-Pakule. 'Mothers' of the wind, forest, berries, and mushrooms are just a few of the deities the ancient Latvians revered. There were also various beliefs and superstitions that people took into account before entering a forest. For example, when going mushroom-hunting, they kept their knives behind their backs, otherwise the mushrooms would get scared and hide. Forests were also closely linked with certain beliefs about fertility, health, and even magic and fortune-telling.

Even though most people today no longer believe the old superstitions and sayings, one popular expression still embodying Latvians' love for forests and the goods they produce is *ej bekot*, or literally 'go mushroom hunting'. It means 'leave me alone' or 'get lost' and is something a Latvian might tell someone who's invading their personal space to shoo them away. But deep down, Latvians are kind at heart. While our stares may seem cold, and even when we send someone far away, we still want them to have the best of luck in hunting for mushrooms.

In our ever-changing modern world, many people wonder how long this carefree culture of enjoying forest delicacies can continue to exist. Luckily, in Latvia, one should not be worried. 'Latvia has doubled the size of its forests in the past 100 years,' emphasises Pēters Putniņš, the CEO of LVM. 'That

makes us unique in Europe and showcases that even today's Latvians are keen on sustaining this historical link.'

The love for forests and everything one finds in them flows through the generations. It is also the case that almost all forests in Latvia today are managed. To protect forests, make them accessible for years to come, and ensure the necessary biodiversity, LVM annually renews around 1.2 % of the forest properties it owns. That way, there's always a grand variety of forest types and ages and exquisite delicacies provided by Mother Nature. Latvia is also one of the few countries where forests are fully accessible to the public. Berry picking, mushroom hunting, strolling in the fresh air, sleeping in a tent, building a campfire – all of this is allowed as long as you treat nature with respect and leave it untouched (except for your basketful of edible goodies).

Yes, Latvians are obsessed with forests and what they provide for the table and home. But that doesn't mean they live in the past. After all, even the Latvian fertility symbol called Jumis consists of two spikes of grain: one looking towards the future, the other reminiscing about the past. This attitude is visible throughout the land, with buzzing cities meeting natural forests, untouched bogs bordering well-maintained campsites, relaxation spots set up near wild beaches...

Life goes on, and Latvians find more advanced knives and orienteering equipment, but on weekends they still wind up in the forest to meet their true inner selves.

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In today's fast-paced and demanding world, a healthy mindset has become a critical factor in promoting personal and professional growth. This mindset includes maintaining a positive outlook on life, taking care of oneself and one's health, and being adaptable to change. Sigita Keiša, the owner and director of the accounting outsourcing company *Kamelota*, shares her experience of how, thanks to the *Via Vitalité* weight correction and wellness centre, she manages to maintain a healthy mindset and achieve her goals by incorporating healthy habits into her daily routine.

Keiša's day-to-day life is extremely dynamic. She is involved in several public organisations and is also a wife, mother, grandmother, and a charming lady. Over the past year, she has rebooted her mind, found more time for herself, and learned to live a healthier and more enjoyable

life. These changes have come about thanks to her determination and *Via Vitalité*, which is a unique place in Latvia away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Keiša has always prioritised her health and well-being, but the pandemic brought challenges, as training sessions and treatments were restricted. At home, she faced constant temptations from a fridge full of treats, candies, and cookies. Keiša's journey to a better version of herself began right after the pandemic, when she decided to shed the kilograms gained during lockdown. On her own, she lost ten kilograms, and with the help of the *Via Vitalité* weight correction and wellness centre, she lost an additional 14 kilograms.

'*Via Vitalité* helped me reach my goal faster and understand what I was doing right and where I was making mistakes. My motto is "better slower but steadier", which is perfectly in line with *Via Vitalité's* philosophy. Weight loss is a gradual process of adjusting your daily habits and changing the way you think,' explains the entrepreneur.

Keiša thrives on routine and enjoys a structured schedule. At *Via Vitalité*, she didn't have to worry about anything; everything was carefully planned



Sigita Keiša lost 14 kilograms after spending 25 days at *Via Vitalité*.

for her. Each morning she was given a daily schedule that included various physical activities, facial and body treatments, and five balanced meals. The programme also included Nordic walking, a sauna, swimming, water aerobics, horse riding, and the opportunity to explore over ten kilometres of walking trails.

In 25 days at *Via Vitalité* from November 2023 to May of this year, Keiša lost 14 kilograms, received numerous compliments, and felt ten years younger. 'I visited *Via Vitalité* five times during this period, spending five days there each time, which made it easy to maintain my progress. Outside of the programme, I continued to follow its healthy eating principles and stayed active by playing volleyball, going to the gym three times a week, and taking long walks,' Keiša explains.

At the wellness and weight correction centre, the entrepreneur found that aligning her mindset led to effortless weight loss. Keiša didn't want drastic changes that might disrupt her usual business routine, so she chose a more balanced approach. She still enjoys business dinners with clients but opts for healthier choices or skips a course or two. It's all about balance – if her son bakes a honey cake after returning from Milan, she will enjoy a piece without overindulging. 'I've developed a system: if I allow myself a little extra indulgence, I make up for it the next day with a longer walk or a more intense workout,' she says.

'I would recommend *Via Vitalité* to anyone looking to improve their well-being and health. It's a beautifully designed, aesthetic space where you can relax both your body and mind. The time spent in this lovely and well-maintained environment offers more satisfaction than a vacation in warm climates,' Keiša adds.



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Visit Tallinn

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So, you're wondering where and how to use the Tallinn Card once you've landed in the Estonian capital?

First, choose from the wide variety of museums that Tallinn has to offer. In 2023, the most-visited museum with the Tallinn Card was Seaplane Harbour, with its impressive display of maritime history artefacts, including a 1930s submarine. The museum offers lots of activities for children and is extremely popular with families. Another great place for exploring Tallinn's maritime history as well as an impressive view of the city is the Maritime Museum at Fat Margaret Tower.

At the Kiek in de K ok Fortifications Museum, explore four medieval city wall towers, underground bastion passages, and the Carved Stone Museum. The museum's permanent exhibition introduces the history of the formation of Tallinn and its fortifications. This is a place where history fans can really imagine the life of the soldiers and knights who once used these walls and towers to protect the city of Tallinn.

Make use of the free public transport that your Tallinn Card provides and explore a bit further from the city centre. For example, take to the heights at Tallinn TV Tower! The impressive 170-metre-high platform offers wonderful views of the city, the sea, and the green nature of Tallinn. On the other side of Tallinn you'll find the peaceful Rocca al Mare district, home to the Tallinn Zoo and the Estonian Open Air Museum.

Or hop on a historic tram in the city centre and in less than half an hour you'll find yourself in the 18th-century Kadriorg Park and Kadriorg Palace built by Tsar Peter I of Russia and named in honour of his wife, Catherine I. Today, the Baroque-era palace houses the Art Museum of Estonia's foreign collection. The collection of classical and contemporary Estonian art is held in the neighbouring KUMU Art Museum, which you can also access for free with your Tallinn Card.

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Staying at the *Dome Hotel* means more than just a comfortable room. The hotel also offers convenient transfers to the beach and all the summer destinations you want to explore. Whether it's a sun-soaked day in the waves or a visit to a local

hotspot, enjoy seamless and comfortable transportation there and back.

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 journey or choose from the à la carte menu, every meal promises to be an unforgettable adventure for the senses.

During the summer season, the hotel's rooftop terrace offers breathtaking views of the Riga skyline – it's the perfect setting for romance, business meetings, or an exclusive venue for small weddings. With its enchanting ambience and panoramic views, it's no wonder couples choose to celebrate their special day up here, surrounded by the Old Town's charming rooftops. Amidst the whisper of history and the warmth of Latvian hospitality, guests will find a true home away from home at the *Dome Hotel*.

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MUSIC AND THEATRE ARTS IN THE HEART OF TALLINN

Inspiring music, theatre, energy, and a thirst for knowledge meet at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre in the very heart of Tallinn.

Over its 105 years of history, the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre (EAMT) has brought together many dedicated individuals who have devoted their lives to the musical arts. For decades, the theatre department at EAMT has also been a breeding ground for the acting arts, nurturing beloved actors, directors, and playwrights. The academy is filled with people who enrich the Estonian as well as the international cultural scene through a variety of creative and scientific approaches.

At EAMT, students can explore a wide array of subjects ranging from musical performance and acting to electroacoustic and audiovisual composition, recording arts, and contemporary physical performance making. Additionally, there are specialisations available for those still searching for their place in the musical field. Students are taught by Estonia's top specialists, who are internationally recognised professionals, and regularly benefit from the expertise of outstanding visiting lecturers from abroad. The study environment is equipped with the best modern facilities while still honouring the institution's noble history and traditions.

Located just a two-minute walk from Tallinn's historic Old Town, EAMT welcomes all music and



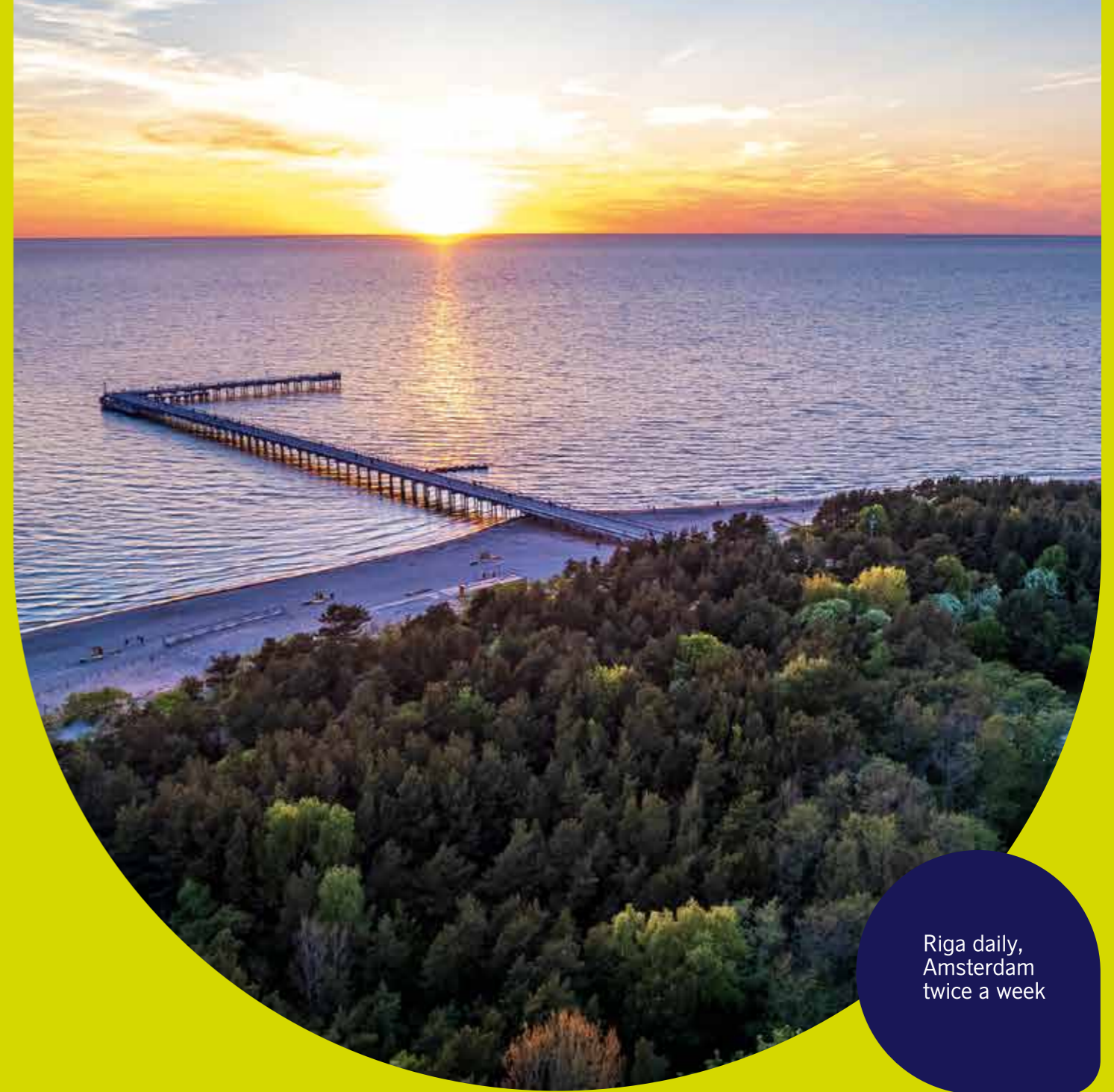
theatre enthusiasts to its new complex, which was completed in 2019. This prestigious venue, located at Tatari 13, hosts a wide array of events.

Nearly every evening, the EAMT Great Hall, which is renowned for its exceptional acoustics, hosts concerts featuring top professionals in the field as well as current students at the academy. The musical repertoire spans all genres taught at EAMT, from classical and early music to jazz and contemporary improvisation. Additionally, audiences can enjoy productions by the opera studio and the theatre department. Choir music and orchestral performances by the academy's large ensembles are also regular highlights. Many events are free or charge only a nominal fee for tickets.

This autumn, EAMT is celebrating its 105th anniversary. The academy's vibrant flagship festival, called MYRIADfest, will take place from September 28 to October 5 and offer experiences to suit all tastes. Audiences are also invited to enjoy high-level concert series such as 'Masters on Stage' and 'Piano Artistry'. In October, don't miss the 20th anniversary celebrations of the academy's jazz department. Estonian Music Week (Eesti Muusika Nädal) will be held from November 11 to 16 in cooperation with the Association of Estonian Professional Musicians; it will focus on works by Estonian composers – particularly solo and chamber music – performed by much admired Estonian musicians. EAMT also invites the audiences to its lunchtime concerts.



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HADAT COSMETICS:

revolutionising hair care with Sea Oil Silk technology

In the dynamic world of hair care, *Hadat Cosmetics* has emerged as a beacon of innovation, setting new standards with its revolutionary approach to hair recovery and beauty enhancement. Established in 2016, the company was born from a groundbreaking discovery in hair structure and health. Through extensive research and development, the brand introduced the Sea Oil Silk technology, a cutting-edge method that has transformed how we think about hair care.

The journey began with an in-depth exploration of the intrinsic structure of hair and the challenge of maintaining its natural beauty over time. Experts devoted years to understanding the complex interplay between environmental factors, daily wear and tear, and the inherent weaknesses of hair fibres that lead to dullness, brittleness, and loss of elasticity. The result of these long-term studies has led to the development of Sea Oil Silk technology.

This innovative formula combines the best of nature and science – it's a perfect molecular blend of Dead Sea minerals, algae extracts, and nourishing oils. Each component of this triad plays a vital role in hair recovery. First, Dead Sea minerals. Renowned for their therapeutic properties, these minerals have been

used for centuries to treat various skin and health conditions. In hair care, they deliver essential nutrients that strengthen hair from the roots, support scalp health, and aid in the recovery of damaged strands. Meanwhile algae extract is rich in vitamins, antioxidants, and proteins and revitalises hair by infusing it with moisture and shielding it from environmental damage. It helps to restore hair's natural elasticity, making it more resilient and less prone to breakage. Last but not least, the blend of nourishing oils in Sea Oil Silk technology provides deep hydration, locking in moisture and adding a glossy sheen to the hair. These oils penetrate the hair shaft, nourishing from within and restoring the hair's natural softness and shine.

This powerful combination, bonded at the molecular level, ensures that *Hadat Cosmetics* products go beyond addressing surface symptoms of hair damage by penetrating deep into the hair's structure to promote long-term health and beauty.

What genuinely sets *Hadat Cosmetics* apart in the crowded hair care market is its perfect balance of functionality and professional-grade results. The brand's philosophy is rooted in the belief that effective hair care should be simple and time-efficient. That's why all the products are designed for ease of use, ensuring that professionals as well as beginners can achieve salon-quality results with minimal effort.

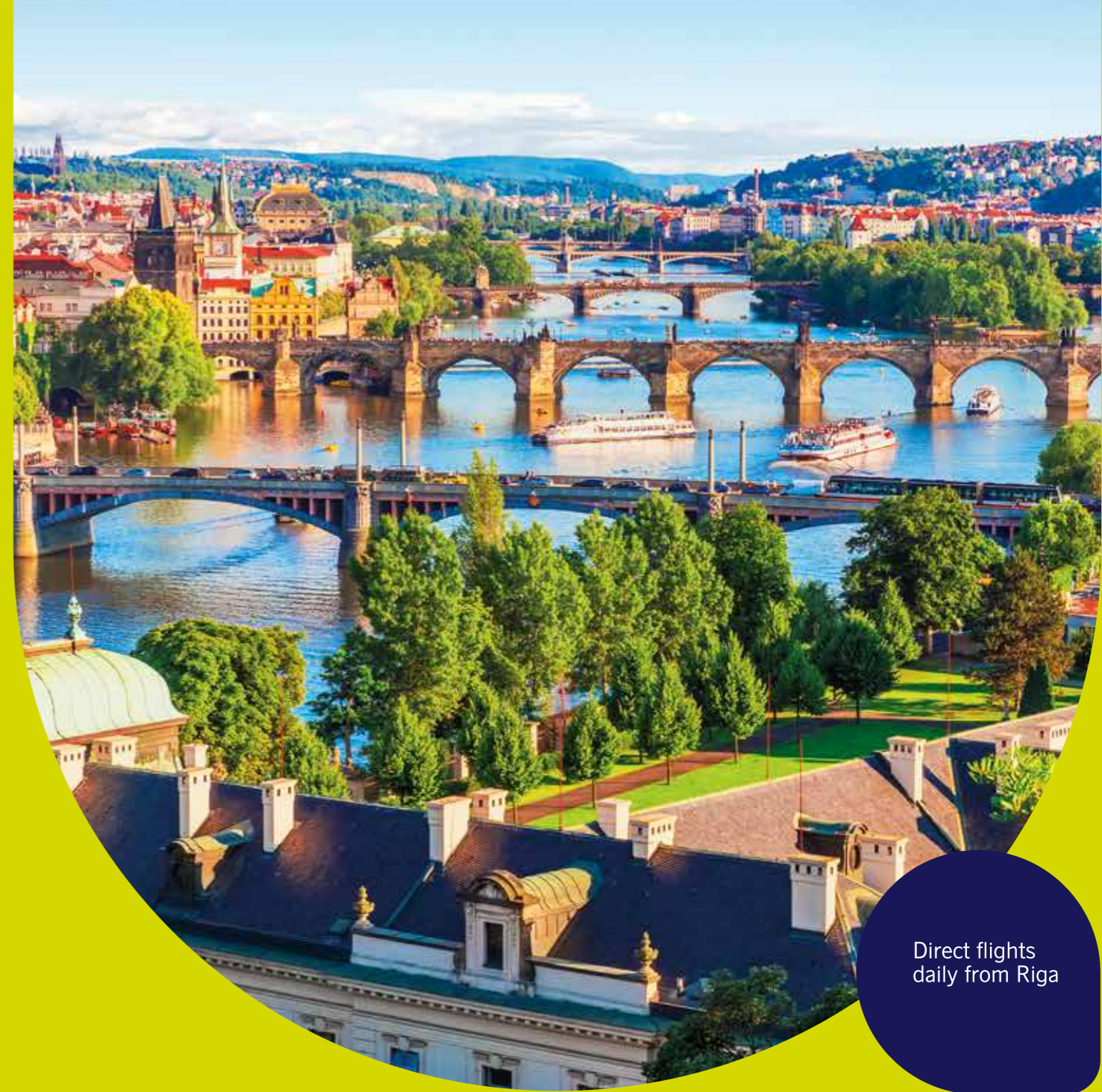


Hadat Cosmetics offers a complete line of products ideal for spa treatments and at-home care. This dual approach allows individuals to enjoy the benefits of professional hair treatments in the comfort of their own homes, without the need for extensive training or expertise.

For professionals in the field, *Hadat Cosmetics* provides a range of products that simplify the hair care process while delivering exceptional results. Hair stylists and cosmetologists can trust *Hadat* products to perform consistently, allowing them to focus on their craft rather than the complexities of product application. For individuals new to hair care, the company's straightforward approach makes it easy to achieve excellent results without the need to spend hours learning techniques or trying various products. The simplicity of the product line is a key strength, providing maximum results with minimal effort.

Since its establishment, *Hadat Cosmetics* has broadened the scope of professional hair cosmetics. The brand's dedication to innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction has established it as a leader in hair recovery and beauty restoration.

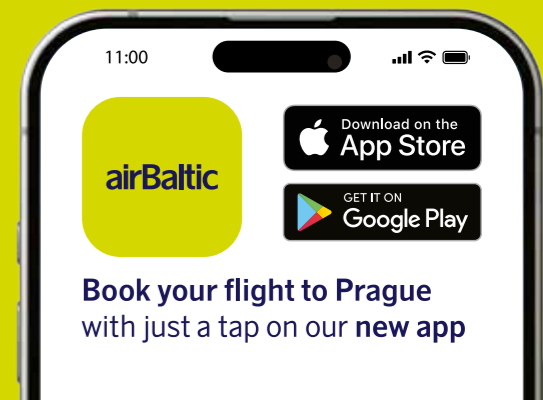
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A booth made in partnership with *Silen*, a furniture company based near Tallinn.



Katrin Kabun.

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Estonian Native Sheep.

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TURNING WOOL INTO ENVELOPES AND CALL BOOTHS

For years, Katrin Kabun, a doctoral student at the Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA), has been working to study the properties of wool and the ways in which it can be applied in interior design.

In an increasingly urbanised society, in which people spend their days in synthetic environments, plagued by ventilation issues and associated health problems, Kabun believes there are answers. The aim of her doctoral work is to examine the properties and potential uses of wool as a substitute for widely used synthetic textiles. Kabun has been undertaking her PhD at EKA since 2017, but her interest in wool – as well as sheep – goes back nearly two decades, when she stumbled upon the existence of native Estonian sheep, which over time have been intensely replaced by foreign breeds.

The small Estonian sheep had mostly disappeared during the Soviet era, but with help from the Estonian Native Sheep Association, Kabun found local farmers still raising them. Supported by UNESCO, she confirmed they were a unique breed through analyses made in Estonia and Finland.

In 2006, Kabun discovered that sheep farmers were discarding wool, treating it in essence as an industrial waste product. And because the sheep need to be sheared once or twice a year, there was an enormous amount of that discarded wool. 'But wool is a unique material. Unfortunately, this is not just an Estonian problem; the discarding of wool

happens all over the world,' she says. Seeing an opportunity, her designer's mind began to turn: 'I saw a problem and knew I had to solve it.'

Inspired, Kabun earned a master's degree in economics at the Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) and later a degree in textile design at EKA in 2017. While textile design is her true passion, economics is crucial for her doctoral thesis. But there was an interesting challenge when she embarked on her study of the use of wool in textile design, namely, there was a lack of scientific literature. 'There were no articles,' she recalls. 'Now there are more that are focused more intensively on this issue, but I couldn't understand why people weren't publishing about it.'

Kabun's interest in wool was not solely linked to the agricultural waste issue that first piqued her interest. 'It has great properties,' she says, noting the material's softness, elasticity, moisture absorption, water repellence, and antibacterial properties. 'In fact, wool is a natural, hi-tech material,' she adds.

Kabun's doctoral thesis, entitled *Rehabilitation of Wool: Implementing Archaic Fiber in a Modern Design Context*, explores the potential to apply wool in fields outside of its traditional use. Kabun also

has relied on studies of wool to describe in depth its beneficial properties. She acknowledges that there are challenges: 'Obviously, the range of problems involved in the topic under study is very wide, and therefore the methods used are different. There's no one specific hypothesis and no straightforward path to find an answer.'

Kabun characterises her thesis as creative research, involving collaborations across disciplines with various specialists to find the best solutions. 'This is all very interesting on the one hand,' she notes, 'but on the other hand, a lot of time and energy is spent on side activities, searching and coordinating.'

Kabun is also the co-founder of *Woola*, a Tallinn-based company that uses wool collected from sheep farmers to produce packaging material. In addition, she sees potential use cases in interior design, emphasising that the air quality in modern apartments is often poor due to the use of materials that emit chemicals.

At *Woola*, almost all of the raw materials used are made from wool, but the company still uses natural binding materials for some products, such as envelopes. However, *Woola* is striving to go 100% wool as a source material, by also creating its binding agents from wool. 'One hundred percent wool means 100% biodegradable,' Kabun explains.

Another interesting use for wool was highlighted in a partnership with *Silen*, a furniture company based near Tallinn that manufactures call booths. Together, Kabun and *Silen* created two booths, one made of wool, the other made of a synthetic material. The two booths were installed at EKA, and their indoor climate quality was measured. Users of the booths were also asked to fill out surveys. 'In

general, people felt better in the wool environment. People don't think about it,' adds Kabun, 'but they can feel it.' The study with *Silen* is ongoing.

Going forward, Kabun says that her research has raised more questions that will need to be addressed. One is related to material development and creating new sustainable solutions by modifying wool. Another line of research relates to the effects of wool on the psyche and body. 'The tests carried out provided interesting inputs that would need further detailed research,' she concludes. researchestonia.eu

'Riga Wood' 3D acoustic shields made of birch plywood provide excellent acoustics in the renovated Mežaparks Grand Stage in Riga.

LATVIJAS FINIERIS: BUILDING LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS

The *Latvijas Finieris* group is a world leader in the research, development, and production of high added value birch plywood products with plants in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Finland. *Latvijas Finieris* products are sold to industrial customers in 56 countries around the world, where individual service is provided by twelve regional *Riga Wood* product development and sales companies.



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'The company's growth is based on sustainably sourced wood resources from European Union member states in the Baltic Sea region and on generations of knowledge in the production of birch plywood,' says Mārtiņš Lācis, a member of the executive board at *Latvijas Finieris*.

Road transport, construction, water transport, air and rail transport – these are just some of the industries in which, due to its unique physical properties, *Latvijas Finieris* birch plywood is an essential industrial raw material. An example that best illustrates this is the use of birch plywood produced by *Latvijas Finieris* in the insulation panels of tanks on liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers. Due to the ability of birch wood to withstand extremely low temperatures (it's -162°C inside an LNG tank), birch plywood is the only material certified for such use. In addition, there are only four companies in the world certified to service this sector, which is extremely demanding in terms of quality.

'The birch is a unique tree. Especially if it has grown in a northern climate,' says Lācis. 'Birch wood has a uniform texture, which is why it has long been used to produce a variety of high-quality products. The most technologically versatile of these is plywood, whose physical and mechanical properties, weight, and durability give it a number of advantages over hard materials as well as plywood made from other species.'

Most often, when we see a ship or a lorry driving by, walk across a parquet floor, enjoy the artificial



Mārtiņš Lācis, a member of the executive board at AS *Latvijas Finieris*.

tiles in a bathroom, or attend a large-scale event such as the Olympics or a rock concert, we do not see or realise that the structures are based on Latvian birch plywood. But in fact, this material is present at every turn in our day-to-day lives; it's just that it's mostly hidden from the eye. Birch plywood is an 'invisible' material that we can hardly live without. But those who use it know that *Latvijas Finieris* provides its customers with complex birch plywood product solutions tailored to their unique needs and adds value throughout the supply chain. The company's birch plywood is currently shipped to 56 destinations worldwide, the farthest of which is New Zealand. The value of this product is demonstrated by the fact that *Latvijas Finieris* sells on average a mere 6% of its birch plywood at home in Latvia.

'The challenge is to guess the future needs of very different customer industries. That's why we're looking in depth at various different sectors in which birch plywood is used or could potentially be used in the future. We're looking for solutions to make our products more relevant to the needs of our customers and in areas they are not yet aware of,' says Lācis, noting that last year, 31% of the company's products were registered as modifications or new products.

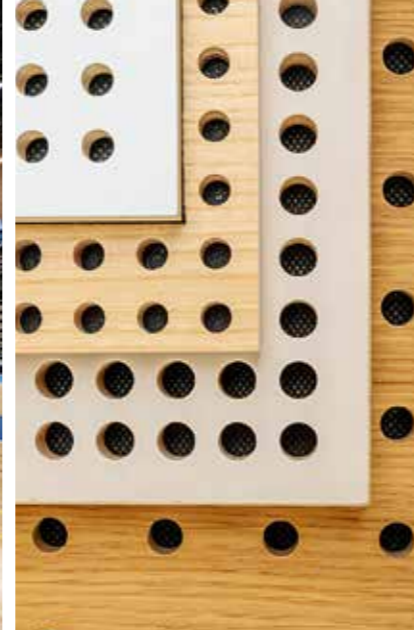
Investing in the development and transfer of knowledge is one of the prerequisites for successful product development and the growth of the whole company. That is why *Latvijas Finieris* has over the years established close cooperation

with scientific and educational institutions. Lācis continues: 'We're convinced that plywood products are and will continue to be one of the best and most economically viable uses of birch wood in industry. At the same time, other birch products will also play an increasing role in the development of the bioeconomy, which is why we have always looked for new applications for birch wood.' Especially because, in this complex production process, only about 2/5 of each log becomes plywood. The rest becomes a resource for various valuable by-products.

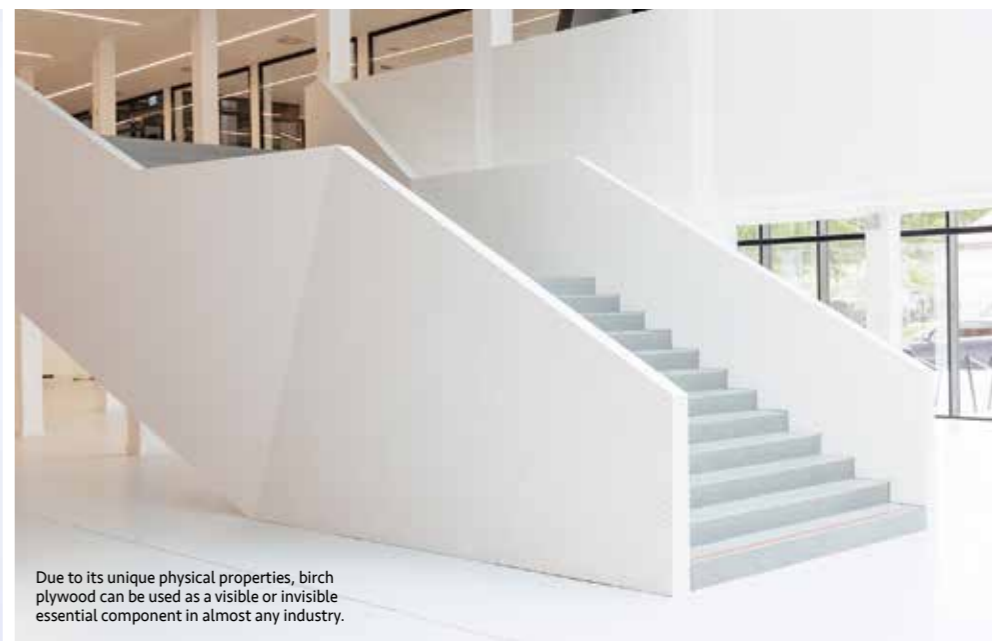
Lācis also points out that there is, and can be, no waste in the birch plywood production process – each unit of wood is responsibly sent for further processing, both locally to *Latvijas Finieris* group subsidiaries and to partner mills and production units. In close cooperation with Latvian, Nordic, and European scientists, in recent years a number of significant practical steps have also been taken in the research and development of chemical wood processing products and technologies. One of the most visible of these is the Betulin Lab pilot plant for the extraction of birch bark extracts. The best known of these substances is biologically active, antibacterial betulin, which has potential in pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and the food industry. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to visit the Pharmacy Museum in Riga and its exhibition devoted to betulin. *Latvijas Finieris* will continue to explore the unique value of the birch tree, giving it the opportunity to continue its life after the forest as diversely as possible.



Various 'Riga Wood' birch plywood products in sports infrastructure facilities ensure a safe training and competition environment and performance for athletes as well as a pleasant indoor experience and excellent sound quality for spectators.



'Riga Wood' birch plywood is integrated into the interior of the reading room in the Children's Literature Centre at the National Library of Latvia through illustrations printed on the plywood.



Due to its unique physical properties, birch plywood can be used as a visible or invisible essential component in almost any industry.

A sustainable approach has for decades been an integral part of the business and culture at *Latvijas Finieris*: caring for the environment, nature, and society. This is manifested in its actions today and in thinking about the legacy it will leave to future generations.

For example, the wood used in plywood products comes from responsibly managed forests in the Baltic Sea region of the European Union. For many decades, *Latvijas Finieris* has produced much of the glue used in plywood at its own Chemical Production Unit. In close cooperation with industrial partners in various European countries, *Latvijas Finieris* is developing new methods to replace fossil raw materials in the production of adhesives with lignin, a natural component of wood. The Viobond consortium project has also received support from the Horizon 2020 European research and innovation programme, which means that these common goals are highly valued. 'We're aiming to develop an adhesive formula that's as free as possible from fossil-based ingredients,' says Lācis, embodying the hopeful outlook in which bio-based solutions will play an increasingly important role in our everyday lives.

Sustainability issues are relevant to producers across Europe from various different perspectives, and one of the most important of these is the availability of wood resources over the coming 15 to 20 years, their use in the long term,

and the use of wood products in energy, pulp production, and chemical processing. This is particularly important in countries where forests and related industries dominate the economy and are important for the general well-being of society. In implementing the European Green Deal, decision-makers have a responsibility to design effective land-use policies that balance the interests of the environment, society, national development, and businesses.

Of course, birch is not the only species of tree from which plywood is produced. The European market both imports and exports large volumes of various plywood products, and producers across Europe are feeling the effects of geopolitical events as well as economic stagnation. Even before the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, European producers were suffering from the dumping (trade at unreasonably low prices, a form of predatory pricing) of Russian-produced birch plywood. In recent years, *Latvijas Finieris* and other European producers had been forced to reduce production, close production facilities, and halt investments in development.

'To protect European Union producers against unfair trade practices, anti-dumping duties were imposed on Russian birch plywood products in 2021,' Lācis explains. 'In 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, the European Commission imposed tough sanctions on the aggressor, barring all wood products produced in Russia and Belarus

from entering Europe. This had a significant impact on their wood industries, as important European markets were lost. But the consequence is that Russian and Belarusian products are now sold outside Europe at inadequately low prices, while European producers in these countries are losing their competitiveness and are forced to reduce their sales or leave certain markets altogether.'

'However, the most worrying fact is that birch plywood from Russia and Belarus is still entering the European market, including Latvia, but with the country of origin changed,' Lācis continues. 'In 2023, the volume of plywood of highly questionable origin on the European Union market amounted to almost 20% of the total volume.' In response, the European Commission carried out further investigations and this year imposed additional anti-dumping duties on birch plywood imported from Turkey and Kazakhstan.

'In its everyday operations, *Latvijas Finieris* actively advocates for fair competition and European values, which is why we have severed all direct and indirect trade ties with aggressor countries. Yes, immediately after the outbreak of the war, this posed a major challenge in the case of certain chemical raw materials. But at this point in time, our group feels secure,' Lācis emphasises. 'Of course, we're cautious, but we're also confident about the future. Our development and growth strategy in market diversification, product development, and long-term customer relationships allows us to continue

to produce products in the current environment, provide jobs for our employees, and invest in development.'

Latvijas Finieris builds long-term relationships based on respect, professionalism, and mutual trust with its approximately 2500 employees worldwide as well as its business partners around the world. 'We're trusted and believed in – both by our employees and our business partners, and this is our company's greatest brand value,' says Lācis. The group's parent company, *AS Latvijas Finieris*, is a joint stock company owned by 579 non-controlling shareholders, the majority of whom are current or former employees of the company. This largely ensures the growth of the company and professional, long-term decisions for sustainable development that are based on diverse competencies, involving all employees of the group as much as possible.

'Geopolitical events and the economic situation highlight our responsibility not only for the well-being of our employees and their families, but also in relation to the growth of the economy and the security and peace of society,' concludes Lācis. 'We have supported Ukraine and its people from day one; we want peace and democracy to prevail in Europe. Looking to the future, we're confident that the professional team at *Latvijas Finieris* is capable of driving and sustaining the long-term growth of the company in a safe and democratic environment, and that is our task.'

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OLIVIA RESTAURANT

AN UNFORGETTABLE GASTRONOMY EXPERIENCE

Mediterranean cuisine with hints of Scandinavian flavour.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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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

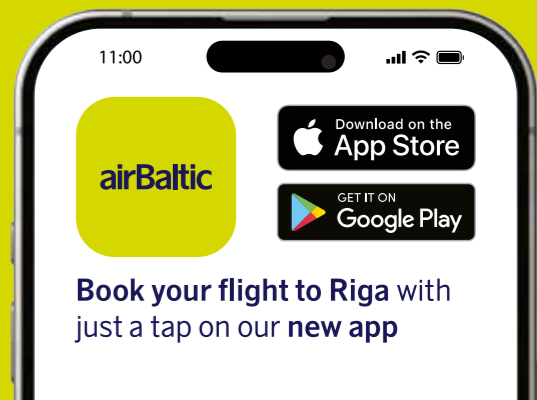
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As autumn arrives, the tourist crowds thin out and the weather settles into a comfortable, balmy rhythm. This is the perfect time to explore Europe's cultural hubs at a leisurely pace, soaking in the late-summer warmth.

AMSTERDAM

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Take a walk along the Parc Rives de Seine, a riverside promenade that was once a bustling roadway but has since been transformed into a peaceful pedestrian space. Continue to the Bourse de Commerce – Pinault Collection, a former stock exchange

reinvented as a contemporary art space. Or head to the nearby *La Samaritaine*, the newest addition to the city's landmark department stores. Round off your evening in the 19th arrondissement in one of its cosy bistros or with wine and ice cream at *Folderol*, the chic wine bar making noise online this summer.

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Start your day in Berlin with a delightful breakfast at *Annelies*, a neighbourhood café in the heart of Kreuzberg that's known for its creative all-day breakfast and lunch menu focused on quality. Afterward, indulge in some retail therapy at *Voo Store* or explore *Highsnobity's* new brick-and-mortar location. Take in a meaningful experience at the Humboldt Forum with a special exhibit commemorating the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Finish your day with small

plates at *Otto*, a lively neighbourhood restaurant offering a taste of Brandenburg's local bounty. Fly to Berlin from EUR 39* from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius.

LONDON

Start your day in London by embracing the city's latest culinary craze with a visit to *It's Bagels* in Primrose Hill. Afterward, immerse yourself in contemporary art at The Factory Project, a new and exciting cultural space showcasing emerging artists. For lunch, head to *Jolene* in Hackney, which is known for its fresh, locally sourced ingredients and relaxed vibe. As you explore the city, don't miss Yayoi Kusama's mesmerising mirrored orbs near Liverpool Street Station, and round off the evening at the *Oranj* wine bar in Shoreditch, where a warehouse setting meets exceptional wine and innovative kitchen residencies.

It's London-calling – book a flight from EUR 39* from Riga and Tallinn.

* airBaltic flies to Paris and Berlin from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, to Amsterdam from Riga, Palanga, Tallinn and Vilnius, to London from Riga and Tallinn. Prices may differ when departing from different airports.



PROLONG SUMMER IN DUBAI

As northern Europe begins to feel the chill of autumn, **Dubai's weather in September is just perfect**, with sunny skies and warm temperatures ideal for exploring the city's wonders. Whether you're drawn to its iconic skyscrapers, vast deserts, or world-famous landmarks, Dubai offers an unforgettable escape. *airBaltic* flies to Dubai throughout the year.

Escape to sunny Dubai from EUR 245 from Riga and Vilnius.



FAMILY OR FRIENDS GROUP OF SIX

Has your group chat finally made it to the group trip? Or maybe it's a long-overdue family getaway? Perhaps you want to bring your friend's bachelorette party to a new level? Gathering everyone can be a challenge, so let *airBaltic* make your group travel smooth and stress-free! If you're travelling in a group of six or more, choose our group tickets for added flexibility and peace of mind. While group tickets might cost slightly more than individual ones, they come with plenty of perks:

- **Free checked baggage** – because shopping together is way more fun.
- **Flexible name changes** – if the always-flaky friend can't make it, again.
- **Free seat reservations** – so the fun can start already on the flight.
- **Split payment options** – pay a part when booking a ticket, and the rest – later.

Plus, these extras come with a discount. And **online check-in is available up to five days before departure**. To book, simply fill out a form and receive your offer within two working days!
www.airbaltic.com/en-LV/group-flight-tickets



PERKS OF THE *airBaltic* CORPORATE PROGRAMME

Unlock exclusive travel benefits with *airBaltic's* corporate client programme, which is designed to cater to businesses of all sizes. Whether your team is large or small, enjoy discounts on Economy and Business class tickets as well as **flexible, changeable, and refundable fares**. **FastTrack** service for those enrolled in the programme is now available not only at Riga International Airport but also at the airports in Tallinn,

Vilnius, Oslo, Helsinki, Copenhagen, and Stockholm. The programme also offers **priority check-in and free seat reservations**. Companies registered in the Baltics and purchasing at least EUR 5000 worth of *airBaltic* tickets are welcome to join the programme. Companies outside the Baltics can join with their first flight. Register your company for the corporate programme at airbaltic.com/en/corporate-register.

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

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

Words by **Marta Metuzāle**
 Photos courtesy of the International School of Latvia

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.



Zigita Paurniete,
the school's
business manager

The International School of Latvia (ISL), an International Baccalaureate Continuum School, was founded in 1992 with the aim of providing early childhood education for international families working near Riga. In the 30+ years since then, the independent school has maintained accreditation by CIS, NEASC and IB. Providing primary and secondary education in English with the opportunity to obtain the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma and also offering a large variety of sports and arts activities, the school has expanded to more than 400 students annually, representing 45 different nationalities and endless success stories of graduates enrolling in their dream universities all around the globe.

The International School of Latvia is an independent, non-profit educational institution, and it pays significant attention to educating its employees, encouraging them to participate in various educational conferences and seminars both in Latvia and abroad. Teachers and other staff members often fly to the Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Romania to attend these events and bring back new skills to the classroom in Latvia. Likewise, ISL invites workshop facilitators from abroad to speak at seminars and conferences held at the school. *airBaltic* provides direct flights to all these destinations, and to some even several times a day, so teachers can choose the times that best suit them.

But teachers are not the only ones frequently flying. The ISL student football and basketball teams, for example, also travel to tournaments throughout the year. 'We highly value the personal approach and the ability to directly contact our *airBaltic* manager whenever needed,' adds Zigita Paurniete, the school's business manager. With large groups of travellers, there will inevitably be some last-minute changes or mistakes, and it's crucial to be able to fix them. Thankfully, *airBaltic* is happy to help.

THREE REASONS THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LATVIA CHOOSES *airBaltic*'S CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- ▶ A wide range of destinations with suitable flight times
- ▶ New and well-equipped aircraft
- ▶ Great and reliable service

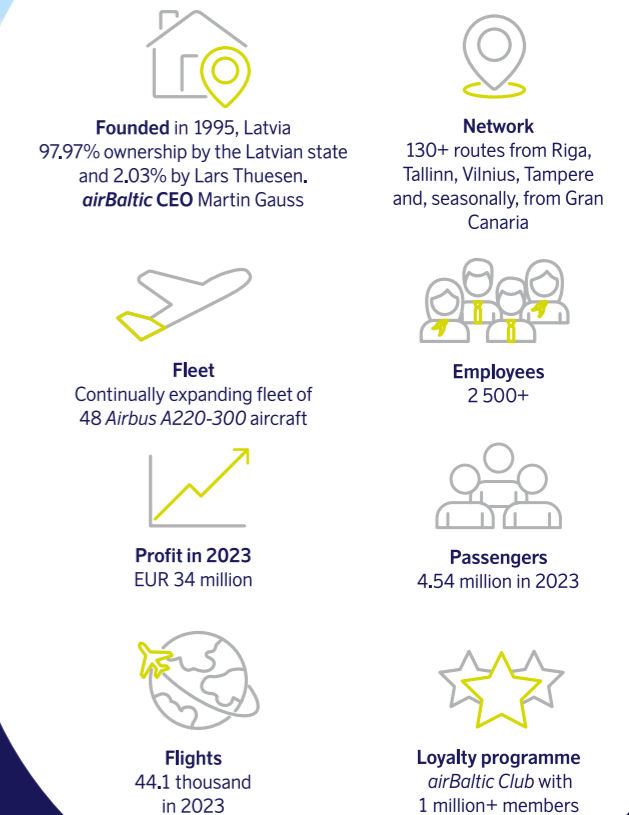
The airline's booking engine itself is very user-friendly. Passenger data is automatically saved in the system and can be easily selected for future trips, and even the ticket class can be selected with one click. Meanwhile, ISL's accountant values precise reports.

In addition to convenient booking and a vast range of destinations throughout the year, ISL loves *airBaltic*'s new aircraft. Boarding a fresh, well-maintained airplane is the first requirement for a relaxing trip, and it's also a beautiful representation of Latvia for the local staff members as well as their foreign guests.

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



airBaltic in Facts and Figures



Award - winning airline

airBaltic has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and significant achievements. *Skytrax* has named *airBaltic* the best airline in its region for three years in a row. Furthermore, in 2022, the *International Air Transport Association* (IATA) awarded *airBaltic* the *Diversity and Inclusion Team Award*. In 2023 the airline received the *APEX Passenger Choice Award of Best Cabin Service in Europe*. Additionally, in 2024 *airBaltic* received the *PROS AI Innovator Award* for leveraging AI to drive transformative outcomes and optimise operations.



Summer adventures await – fly with your own gear

Planning an active getaway? Transporting your favourite athletic gear with *airBaltic* is easy and hassle-free.

Summer is the perfect time for an active trip that combines travel with your favourite recreational sports. With *airBaltic*, you don't have to leave your sports equipment at home; bring your lucky golf club or favourite bike along so you won't need to rent! *airBaltic* loves keeping its passengers active and understands how important it is to have your own gear. The airline therefore allows many different types of sports equipment to be transported on its flights: bicycles, equipment for diving, golf, fishing, kitesurfing, windsurfing and surfing, as well as winter sports gear for skiing, snowboarding, ice hockey, etc.

You can easily book your sports gear online as long as all of the flights in your itinerary are operated by *airBaltic*. Sports equipment fees vary depending on the ticket type and means of booking. Prices per one-way journey for Green, Green Plus, and Classic ticket holders start at EUR 39.99 when booking on *airBaltic.com*, EUR 44.99 when added online via the 'Manage your booking' section, EUR 45 through other sales channels, and EUR 75 at the airport. Business ticket holders and *airBaltic* Club VIP members can bring one set of sports equipment on board free of charge.

For the best deal and for your own peace of mind, we suggest booking your sports gear online at the same time as you book

your ticket. Note that sports equipment transportation fees are non-refundable.

Need to bring more than one set? No problem – you can book up to five sets of sports equipment per passenger, whether they're all the same or different types. Each set can weigh up to 23 kilograms and must be packed in a single baggage unit unless stated otherwise. If your gear exceeds this weight, a heavy-baggage fee of EUR 60 will apply at the airport.

Biking season is in full gear, and cycling around is a fun way to explore new places. *airBaltic* has an exception for bicycles: they may weigh up to 25 kilograms. However, the bicycle must be packed in a special hard protective case or box meant for the transportation of bicycles, which are usually sold at every airport. Please note that if your bicycle is not packed appropriately, the airport may not accept it for transportation. In doubt? Contact the specific airport for more details.

Keep in mind that if the flight is carried by another airline, then sports equipment needs to be booked through the call centre. The respective airline's fees and regulations may also differ. Planning ahead is always the key – there's a limit to how many sets of sports equipment can be accepted per flight, so be sure to book your gear in advance.

ATHLETIC GETAWAYS:

Dive in Larnaca: Cyprus is a premier diving destination known for its warm, crystal-clear Mediterranean waters and rich marine life. The famous Zenobia Wreck is considered one of the world's best wreck dives, offering an underwater adventure as you explore the sunken Swedish ferry teeming with barracudas, groupers, and sea turtles. The Kition Wrecks provide additional exploration opportunities along the coastline.

Cycling in Nice: This gem on the French Riviera is on EuroVelo 8, also known as the Mediterranean Route, which is a network of cycling routes that snakes along the coast for 7560 kilometres through ten countries. The French section of this route offers a combination of coastal views, charming villages, and historical landmarks. Other noteworthy stops along EuroVelo 8 include Barcelona, Venice, and Athens.

Golf in Valencia: Valencia is Europe's best golf holiday destination, according to *Forbes Advisor's* Golf Index 2023. This hub in eastern Spain and the surrounding region hosts many golf courses. A noteworthy one is El Saler, which ranks fifth best in Europe. Set within the stunning Albufera Natural Park, the course offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding pine forests.

Surf near Lisbon: Situated just a 45-minute drive from Lisbon, the surfer's paradise of Ericeira is celebrated for its consistent high-quality waves, picturesque cliffs, and vibrant surf culture. It's home to Europe's first World Surfing Reserve, featuring diverse surf spots suitable for all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned professionals. Other surf spots near Lisbon include Carcavelos Beach, which lies just 20 minutes from Lisbon by train, and Guincho Beach near the beautiful town of Cascais.

Photos courtesy of *airBaltic* and courtesy of *Cido*

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



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

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

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

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

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

THREE WAYS TO BOOK YOUR MEAL:

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

KEEP IN MIND:

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

Find out more and buy on board!



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

Cido tomato juice

Did you know?

- 1/ *Cido* tomato juice consists of 100% juice made from fresh tomato juice concentrate.
- 2/ The concentrate is obtained by pressing juice from fresh tomatoes and removing the water.
- 3/ No preservatives, colourants, or sugar are added to this juice.
- 4/ One glass (250 ml) of tomato juice contains 14% of the recommended daily intake of potassium (K), which helps to maintain normal muscle and nervous system function as well as normal blood pressure.
- 5/ Another significant source of potassium is rye bread. However, according to a study conducted by the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (LBTU), one glass of *Cido* tomato juice contains as much potassium as 200 g of rye bread.
- 6/ A glass of tomato juice also contains 8% of the recommended daily intake of magnesium (Mg), which is important in reducing fatigue and weakness, ensuring normal muscle and heart function, and maintaining bone and dental health.
- 7/ In addition, a glass of tomato juice contains 5% of the recommended daily intake of phosphorus (P), which helps to maintain normal cell membrane function and supports bone and dental health.
- 8/ The vitamin B6 found in tomatoes helps prevent various cardiovascular diseases.
- 9/ The *Cido* brand and its juices have been known since 1996, when production began in Latvia.
- 10/ *Cido* is the leading brand in the juice and nectar production category in the Baltics.

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Iuliia Granja Velasco,
 Project Manager in
 the E-Commerce Department

The winning game

In May, *airBaltic* received the very significant AI Innovator Award 2024 sponsored by *PROS*, a United States-based industry leader in providing marketing, pricing, and selling tools. Every day, more than 400 million prices and 1.7 billion forecasts are driven by *PROS* products across 50 industries around the world.

The award recognises companies that leverage AI to drive exceptional outcomes, optimise operations, and foster collaboration. *airBaltic* received the award in recognition of the *PROS* AI-powered Dynamic Ancillary Pricing (DAP) solution that it uses to automate and optimise the pricing for seat assignment on its website.

One of the people from *airBaltic's* team who worked for over six months to implement this solution was Iuliia Granja Velasco, a project manager in the airline's E-Commerce Department who made sure all of *airBaltic's* requirements were taken into account.

This award sure is a huge recognition for *airBaltic* and its innovative spirit. Can you tell us more about the DAP solution? Indeed, we're very pleased that all the work we invested has paid off so well and that *PROS*, our long-term partner, is also proud of what we've achieved together.

For two years now, I've been in charge of managing the ancillaries pages at *airbaltic.com* as well as implementing the new pricing engine together with *PROS*. The idea about DAP, to implement an AI engine to improve our seat pricing strategy, came about with the aim to cut maintenance costs as well as to offer our passengers more personalised pricing based on overall demand, chosen routes, flight times, seat characteristics, and other factors. We were increasingly considering the implementation of AI, and we're happy that it turned out to be a successful project, automating our pricing system and enhancing our overall efficiency in that particular ancillary segment.

The engine behind DAP works based on AI algorithms. The project started with defining the segmentation parameters based on which the AI would determine pricing. Having fed this data into the AI, we gave it some time to learn the purchasing behaviour of our customers in real time. We don't leave the AI to operate on its own (*laughs*); it still works within the boundaries that we set according to our requirements.

The AI then studied all of the data until it finally could prepare a balanced offer to our passenger. Today, the AI solution provides a price that is closely tailored to what the customer is willing to pay for the seat. To some it may seem high, or maybe even low in some cases, but it's still a very good and balanced price, considering the particular route, day, flight time, seat type, and overall demand for the particular seat.

Now that it's up and running, how does DAP make life easier in the E-Commerce Department?

The team is pretty happy because now they have less work to do manually on the *Excel* sheets (*laughs*), which means they can now focus on other, more strategic tasks. The work is now much easier, because AI is managing it all. Most importantly, it offers more precise pricing that takes into consideration all the parameters and conditions. We're now thinking about how to utilise AI more and where else we can implement it to enjoy its advantages.

How has this award for *airBaltic* resonated with the industry? *PROS* is a huge company based in the United States, with headquarters in Houston, Texas, and we're proud to have this collaboration and that we've achieved good results.

We received the award during the *PROS* Outperform 2024 conference in Orlando, Florida, in the the United States. A lot of representatives from other airlines also attended the conference, and they were very interested in our experience. Everyone's looking for something innovative and new to attract more customers and increase efficiency.

Our colleagues from other airlines were literally hunting us down, eager to talk and hear about our experience. They're also thinking about how to embrace AI and how to use it to their advantage, because not only is it such a hot topic right now, but it can also be a real help.

Is this project the only thing the E-Commerce team does?

Besides working closely with the Revenue Management division, our team is primarily in charge of *airBaltic's* website in terms of booking engine support, ticket sales, and merchandising of all ancillary products and services. We ensure that this process is smooth for our customers and meets all of their needs as well as ours. Revenue Management is in charge of the pricing strategy as such, while we're responsible for the whole technical part so that all the prices actually appear on the site. We also ensure that all the marketing campaigns run smoothly on our website. That requires close collaboration with the marketing



Receiving the award in Orlando. Iuliia Granja Velasco with her colleagues at *airBaltic*: Eva Plakane, SVP Revenue Management, Jolanta Rema, VP E-commerce & Commercial Distribution, Liga Gundega, Head of Revenue Management Strategy

team as well. We collaborate with various departments within *airBaltic* to ensure smooth sales of our tickets and other products.

What's your own background?

In Ukraine, where I come from, I worked in the field of IT, but not in aviation; IT project management is my background. I earned a master's degree in linguistics from Kyiv National Linguistic University, but after a while, I decided to pursue a career in aviation and began studying aviation management in Poland, where I graduated from the University of Information Technology and Management.

How did you find *airBaltic*?

It was actually the other way around (*laughs*)! We in fact had two encounters.

Long before I joined the company, I was working on a project for my university studies, and when considering which airline I could do this project about, I chose *airBaltic*. Later, thinking about my future career, I applied for a position at *airBaltic* that was vacant at the time.

I applied for that job in 2020, during the pandemic. I remember I had three rounds of interviews, but I was rejected at the very end. However, *airBaltic's* HR team contacted me with an offer a couple of years later, when this position opened up again. Although I already had a job offer from a Polish company and was thinking about moving to Poland, I made the decision to move to Riga instead.

You said the airline looked quite attractive from the outside, but what did you find when you arrived and started working here?

It met all my expectations in terms of environment and the team itself, as the people who work here are extremely professional, friendly, helpful, and collaborative. I do enjoy the company culture, the transparency in all the processes, and being able to openly share ideas and have them heard and implemented.

Where do you find joy in your job?

Here I have to talk about AI again – it's super interesting and something totally new! There's not that much practical information about it yet, so for me it's really interesting to observe how it works.

I also enjoy improving the website, adding something new to enhance our customers' experience so they can clearly understand what they're getting and for what price and then make a decision quickly. What I liked about *airBaltic's* website already some

The AI solution provides a price that is closely tailored to what the customer is willing to pay for the seat

time ago, when I first explored it, was how it looked. It was clean and clear, not overloaded with information, and now that I've started working here, I can see that this trend is still being pursued. But of course, being insiders, we always notice the imperfections, the small details that can be changed or improved, even if they're not obvious to customers (*laughs*). But overall, it's nice and I'd like it to continue that way.

What makes your own journey as a passenger comfortable?

Smooth payment is important. In that regard, we implemented *Apple Pay* and *Google Pay* already a couple of years ago to make the experience for our customers even easier. To be honest, if there's no *Apple Pay* or *Google Pay* option on a platform, such as a shopping platform I'm visiting, I just leave it; there's no time anymore to enter card data. I really do enjoy this quick payment option.

My actual flight experience really depends on how long the flight is. If it's three or four hours or more, I do consider buying a seat with extra leg space or a window seat. I also make use of the opportunity to order a meal on board. Having a flight be on schedule is also something I look forward to. And a good mood!

5 THINGS THAT CHARACTERISE IULIIA'S DAY:

Sweet routine: Almost all of my days at the office begin with black coffee and something sweet. This is my sacred routine that boosts my energy level and mood so that I'm ready to dive into my mailbox and notes to see what challenges the new day is about to bring.

Catch-up & brainstorming meetings: It's never boring in the E-Commerce Department; we've got dozens of projects of various scale going on at the same time. So, regular syncs with teams and colleagues from other departments as well as vendors is an inevitable part of my day to ensure we're aligned conceptually and in terms of timelines. Because I'm in charge of merchandising of our services on *airbaltic.com*, brainstorming sessions about what can be improved there to make our customers' journeys smoother and even more joyful are another big part of my typical day.

Planning: No project can succeed without thorough planning and regularly revisiting the plan. I religiously follow this rule at work.

Collaboration: As a project manager at a very dynamic and fast-growing airline, I can hardly imagine traditional linear project flow. That simply doesn't work nowadays. When organising the work of cross-functional teams, I believe collaboration is key, as it boosts innovation, enhances creativity, and speeds up problem solving. Hence, each of my days involves numerous big, small, and micro collaborations to achieve our common company goals.

Silent mode: Hours spent communicating and collaborating can't drive the projects on their own, so I always try to reserve at least a few hours a day for deep work when nothing distracts me and my concentration level is high. This is time for structured work and processing really complex tasks, and believe me, there are many of those as we deal with our booking engine.

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.



Maksis Gustavs Auziņš (24),
First Officer on *Airbus A220-300*
aircraft, from Latvia

HOBBY

Maksis Gustavs Auziņš has ridden bicycles since he was a young child. He learned to ride a bicycle in the yard by his home so long ago that he doesn't even remember how old he was. And he still rides today, in various amateur bicycle rides and tours but also to work on days when he doesn't have to bring along a suitcase for longer flights abroad. In fact, Maksis has never owned a car; he's never needed one. He also specifically chose to live along the route of bus no. 22, which runs between the airport and the city centre of Riga.

'This bicycle is ideal for riding on gravel roads,' Maksis explains. 'Before this one, I had a *fixie* with very narrow tires for riding around the city, but it was hard to ride it outside the city, so I've now turned more to off-road bicycles.'

One of the events Maksis enjoys are the night rides in Riga, which are organised by the local Night Ride Riga bicycle community. 'We meet by the Dailes Theatre every Friday night at 10 p.m., and then we decide which direction to ride in,' Maksis explains. 'For example, towards Sigulda...or perhaps in the other direction, towards Jūrmala and Sloka. The number of bicycle riders participating varies, but it's usually around 30 to 50 people. The whole event is a little extreme, but it's actually a lot of fun.'

Another event Maksis participates in is the annual Critical Mass Bike Ride, which takes place once a year in Riga and is very popular, with about a thousand cyclists taking part. The idea is to show that cyclists have a place in the city, too. 'I've always been in favour of cycling and pedestrian rights in the city. But our Riga is currently still a very car-based city,' he says.

The craziest ride Maksis has been on was the 135-kilometre ride from Riga to Ķegums and back. And all because the local bike shop in the Āgenskalns neighbourhood where he lives had announced an advertising campaign: ride 100 kilometres and get a free coffee! 'So a friend and I did it together for fun,' Maksis laughs. 'The shop organises a 100-kilometre challenge like that every now and then.'

Maksis' other hobby is basketball. Because he can't take his bicycle with him on work trips, he brings

a basketball (with the air let out, of course), because you can find a court with a basket anywhere, and people to play with, too. Maksis has already established a circle of friends this way in Zurich, Dusseldorf, and Gran Canaria.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

'The beginning of my story is quite fun. I remember that I really liked buses when I was a kid and wanted to be a bus driver. Later on, though, I realised that the salary wouldn't be very attractive, so I wondered what might be similar to driving a bus, but at the next level. And I realised I had to become a pilot,' Maksis laughs. Luckily, his mother worked at the airport, so at the age of 15 Maksis began working summer jobs at the airport and has been around aviation ever since. His very first job was as an assistant to an aviation security inspector, meaning that he helped scan passengers' boarding passes and slide trays along the security line.

Maksis has also worked in the duty-free shops at the airport, in customer service for another airline, and as a flight dispatcher planning flights. Then he joined the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy at age 19 and began training as a pilot. But he also had a plan B, namely, studying political science at the University of Latvia. He remains interested in politics and international relations to this day.

Maksis' studies at the Pilot Academy coincided with the Covid-19 pandemic, a time of great uncertainty regarding the future of the aviation industry and job security for pilots. But Maksis believed that the sector would weather the storm. He didn't give up, continued his studies, and nowadays the pilot profession is again in high demand. He has been flying for *airBaltic* for two years now.

'Of course, no one can tell you or show you what a pilot's work is really like. The simulator doesn't provide that,' Maksis laughs. 'Only when you actually begin working as a pilot do you understand that it's really a lifestyle. Some things turn out to be much more challenging than I had initially imagined, while others seem easier. But I really like my work, I like flying, and eventually I'd like to become a flight instructor. I hope it will come true!'

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Progress in modern travel comes from human creativity and innovation, with the aviation industry constantly pushing the boundaries of technology. At the heart of this are aircraft engineers – the often unseen but essential experts who keep aircraft in excellent condition. Their knowledge ensures planes are reliable for safe flights and comply with strict regulations. Their work combines technical skills, careful planning, and teamwork with various departments.

So, what do aircraft engineers actually do? While much of their work happens behind the scenes, engineers are far from working alone. They are key members of a larger team, working closely with the maintenance, operations, safety, and quality departments to address every aspect of aircraft performance.

'Our team consists of highly skilled professionals who support and help each other to achieve the best results,' says Mareks Liepiņš, a Type Engineer at

airBaltic. He notes that strong knowledge of aeronautical engineering and attention to detail are essential for aircraft engineers. 'Contrary to popular belief, our work isn't just theoretical; it also involves a lot of hands-on tasks, inspections, on-site support to technicians, and participation in maintenance check flights as task specialists.'

Engineers must be skilled in reading technical manuals, solving complex issues, and staying up to date with manufacturers and suppliers. They also analyse data and reports to improve aircraft performance. 'We manage nearly every aspect of *Airbus A220-300* maintenance at the company, and honestly, my time here has been the highlight of my aviation career,' Liepiņš says and emphasises that, while the job is challenging, it offers countless opportunities for growth.

Become an *Airbus A220-300* Type Engineer and take your career in aviation to new heights!

BENEFITS



Secure & Flexible Environment

For more than 28 years in the sky, offering broad options in locations and schedules



Traditional & Travel Benefits

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



International & Dynamic Work

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



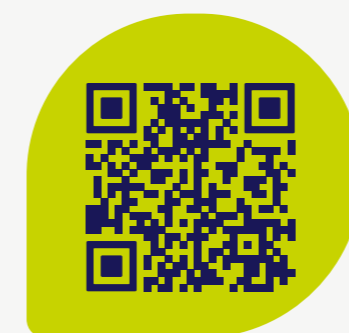
Professional & Personal Growth

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



Join the new *airBaltic* Corporate Programme – effortless enrollment, exceptional travel rewards

- ✈ Discounts on economy CLASSIC and business class tickets to all *airBaltic* destinations
- ✈ Flexible, changeable and refundable tickets
- ✈ Fast track services in Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Oslo, Helsinki, Copenhagen and Stockholm
- ✈ Priority check-in
- ✈ Included checked baggage
- ✈ Free seat reservations



airBaltic Club – an innovative loyalty programme for every traveller



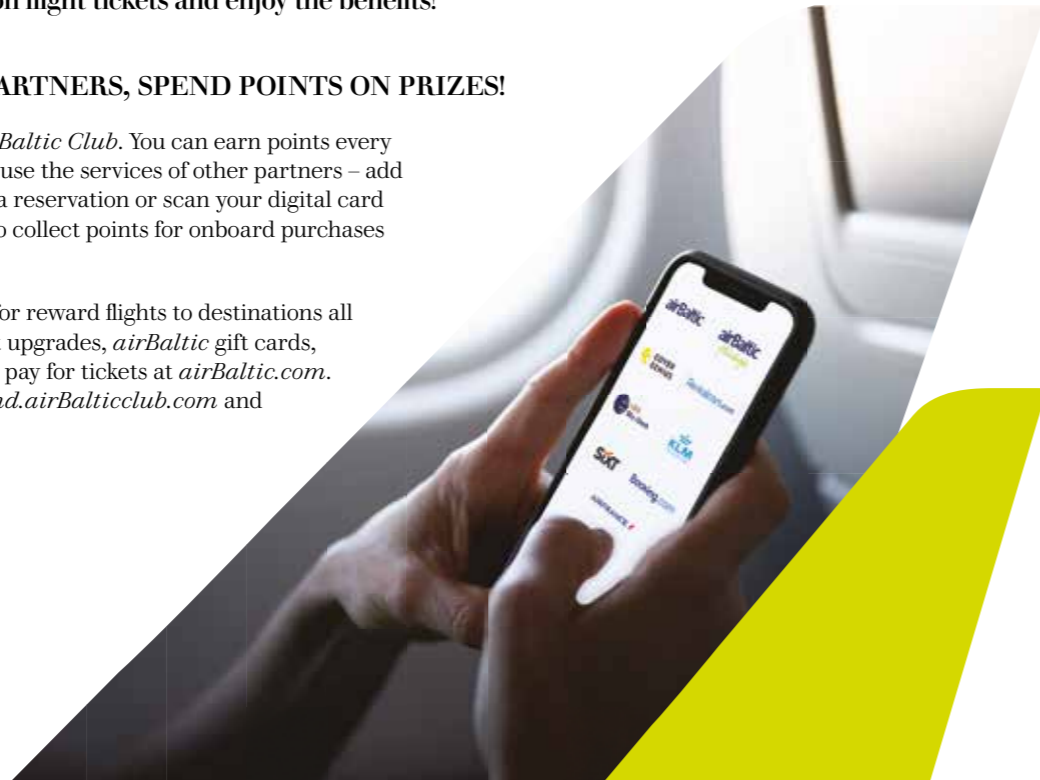
Earn points, spend them on flight tickets and enjoy the benefits!

EARN POINTS WITH PARTNERS, SPEND POINTS ON PRIZES!

Points are the currency of *airBaltic Club*. You can earn points every time you fly with *airBaltic* or use the services of other partners – add your membership number to a reservation or scan your digital card during the payment process to collect points for onboard purchases while flying with *airBaltic*.

Collected points can be used for reward flights to destinations all over the world as well as flight upgrades, *airBaltic* gift cards, baggage vouchers and even to pay for tickets at *airBaltic.com*. Visit the Rewards shop at spend.airBalticclub.com and choose your favourite prize!

Download the new app



airBaltic Club flight e-voucher

Book a reward flight online at any time!

- Visit the Rewards shop and exchange your points for an *airBaltic Club* flight e-voucher at spend.airBalticclub.com.
- Go to *airBaltic.com* and insert the voucher code in the 'I have a gift card / discount code' field.
- See the available reward flights and complete your online booking.

Slide towards a free flight

Want to spend less money on a ticket? Use *airBaltic Club* points to pay for the ticket at *airBaltic.com*!



- Have at least 10 *airBaltic Club* points per passenger in your account.
- Log into your *airBaltic* profile.
- Mix cash and points or pay for the ticket by fully using points.

airBaltic reward flights

Direct flights to/from the Baltics & Finland* <small>*except Kittila</small>	the Baltics & Finland* <small>*except Kittila</small>	Scandinavia & Poland	Central & Eastern Europe	Western & Southern Europe	Asia, Middle East, Canary Islands, North Africa, Madeira
In Economy class	4 500 points	5 500 points	7 500 points	12 000 points	17 500 points**
In Business class	17 000 points	22 000 points	30 000 points	35 000 points	50 000 points**

*Airport taxes must be paid additionally. Special conditions apply.
**The price is valid for all direct flights to/from the Canary Islands.

The more you fly, the more benefits you get!



There are 3 membership levels – Club, Executive and VIP. Club is the basic level, while Executive and VIP status provide special privileges when travelling, such as extra baggage, fast track and much more.

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



Enjoy 10% off hot and soft drinks

Save on your favourite beverages while collecting *airBaltic Club* points for your next flight!

To avail the discount and earn points, simply become a member and present your *airBaltic Club* card during the payment process.



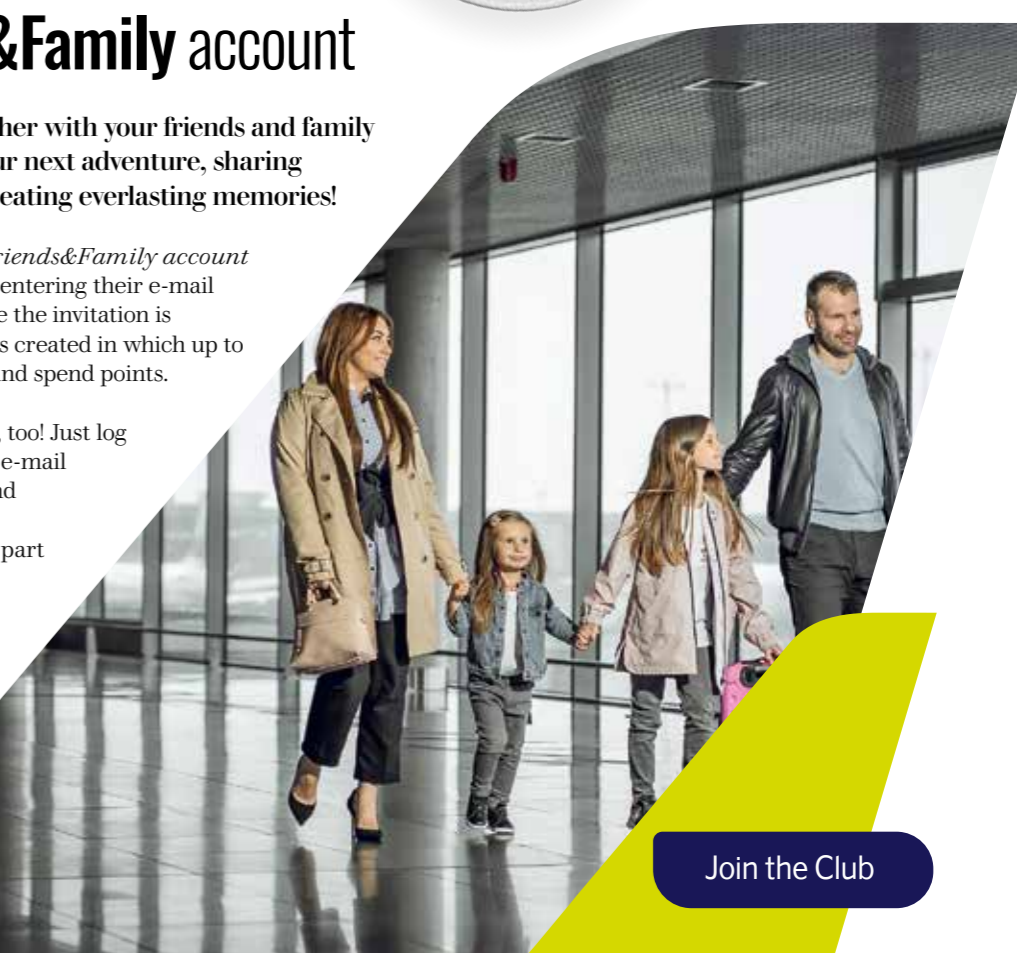
Create a Friends&Family account

Earn *airBaltic Club* points together with your friends and family members and spend them on your next adventure, sharing unforgettable experiences and creating everlasting memories!

Go to *airBalticclub.com*, open the *Friends&Family account* section, and invite your loved ones by entering their e-mail address or membership number. Once the invitation is accepted, a Friends&Family account is created in which up to eight members can collectively earn and spend points.

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

More information at airBaltic.com/club



Join the Club

September deals for reward flights

50% off



Riga ↔ Ljubljana Vilnius ↔ Munich Tallinn ↔ Amsterdam

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Offer valid for travel from October 1, 2024 until March 31, 2025. Airport taxes must be paid additionally. Special conditions apply.

Book on spend.airbalticclub.com

New!

Appgrade your travel experience

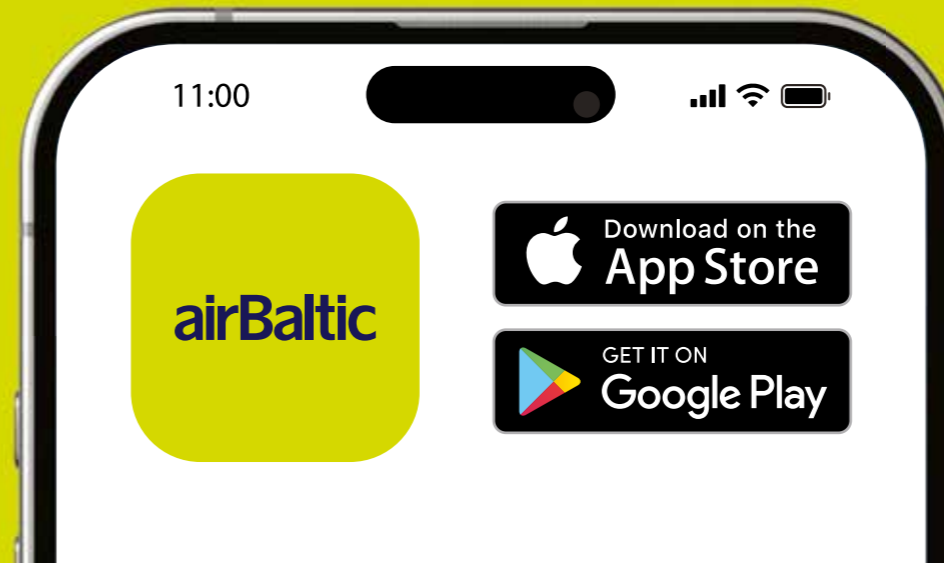
Book flights ✈️

Boarding pass 📄

Check-in ✓

Flight status notifications 🔔

Upcoming bookings 📅



Get the new app

airBaltic Club members
earn 5 points
per euro spent!

save at least
15%



Booking.com



Planies NFTs – a new digital loyalty experience

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



Planies will get you numerous airBaltic Club **benefits:**

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

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

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

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- ✉️ planies@airbaltic.com
- 💬 discord.gg/planiesnft
- ✂️ @PlaniesNFT
- 🔥 opensea.io/collection/planies

Scan to get your Planie



Get 5000 points instantly for every Planie and fly for free!

We have some great news for you! If you're not yet a Planie holder or want to expand your existing collection, now is the perfect moment to get Planies and start enjoying exclusive airBaltic Club travel benefits! **For a limited time, receive 5000 loyalty bonus points instantly with every new Planie you connect to your airBaltic Club account.** Use the points to book your next airBaltic holiday or add travel extras such as luggage!

Psst ... there's no limit on how many Planies you can purchase. Feeling adventurous? Get 10 Planies and receive 50 000 loyalty points - enough for multiple free flights! As always with Planies, the more you have, the more benefits you get. Remember, Planies will also bring you surprises like 20 points daily, even without flying, free upgrades to business class, event entries, and much more!

Hurry, this offer will end! Don't miss this opportunity to join the exclusive travellers club and earn some bonus points along the way!

SPECIAL OFFER

Stay stylish with Planies

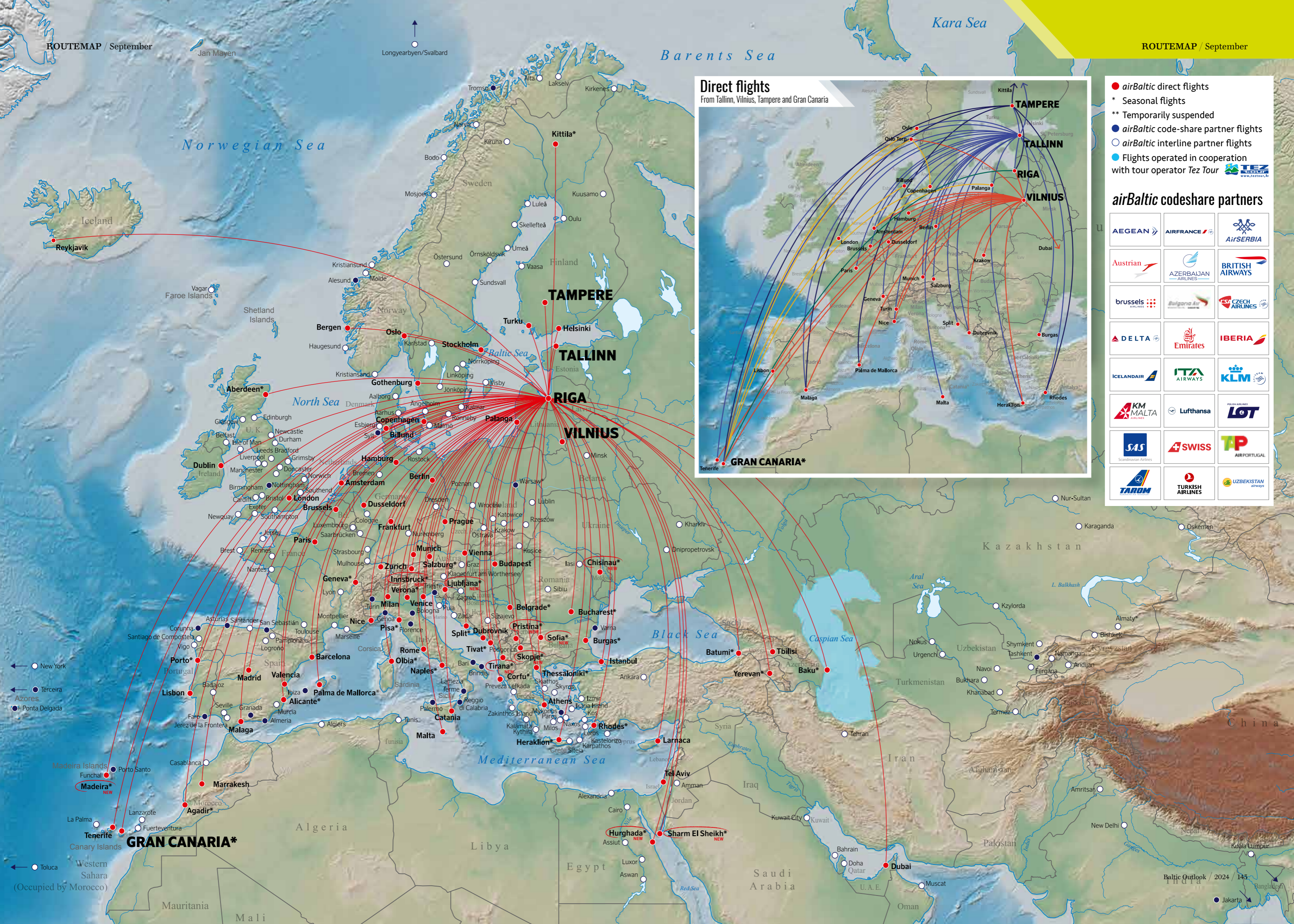
Now you can show off your passion for Planies and add some Planies flair to your outfit with our exclusive Planies-inspired collection of hoodies and T-shirts available at the airBaltic souvenir shop souvenirs.airbaltic.com. These pieces are perfect for every adventure, whether you're flying or hanging out on the ground. Grab yours now and stay stylish!



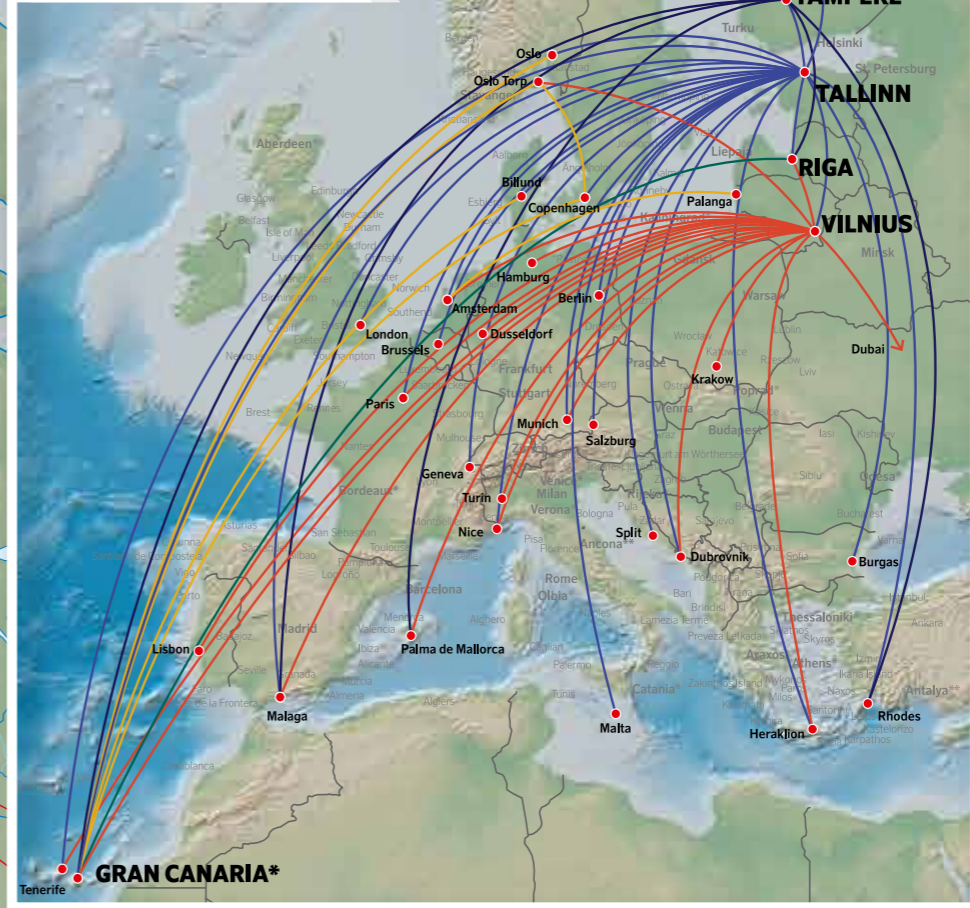
RIGA, LATVIA

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Direct flights
From Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and Gran Canaria



- **airBaltic** direct flights
- * Seasonal flights
- ** Temporarily suspended
- **airBaltic** code-share partner flights
- **airBaltic** interline partner flights
- Flights operated in cooperation with tour operator **Tez Tour**

airBaltic codeshare partners

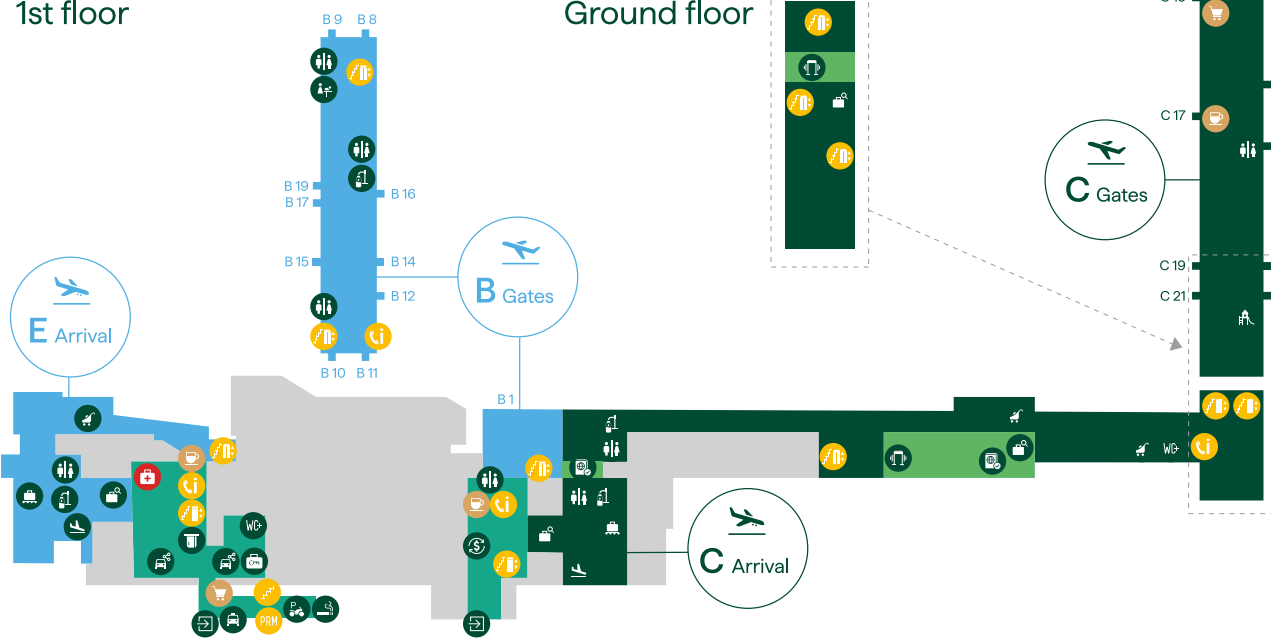
Welcome to RIX Riga Airport

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

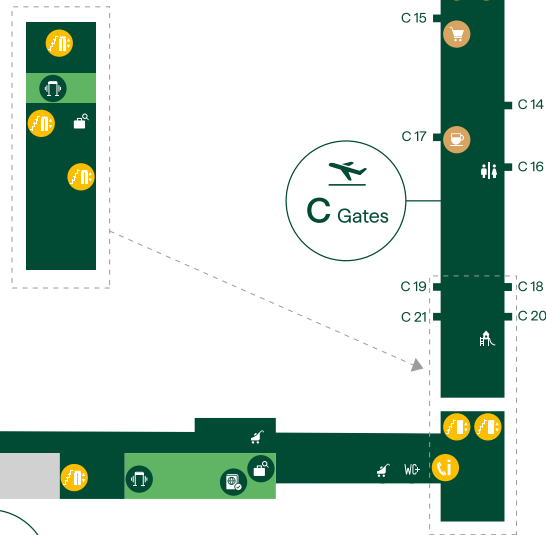
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- ▶ From Non-Schengen passport and security control 1st floor to Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes;
- ▶ From Security control 2nd floor to: Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes; Non-Schengen departure gates – 22 minutes.

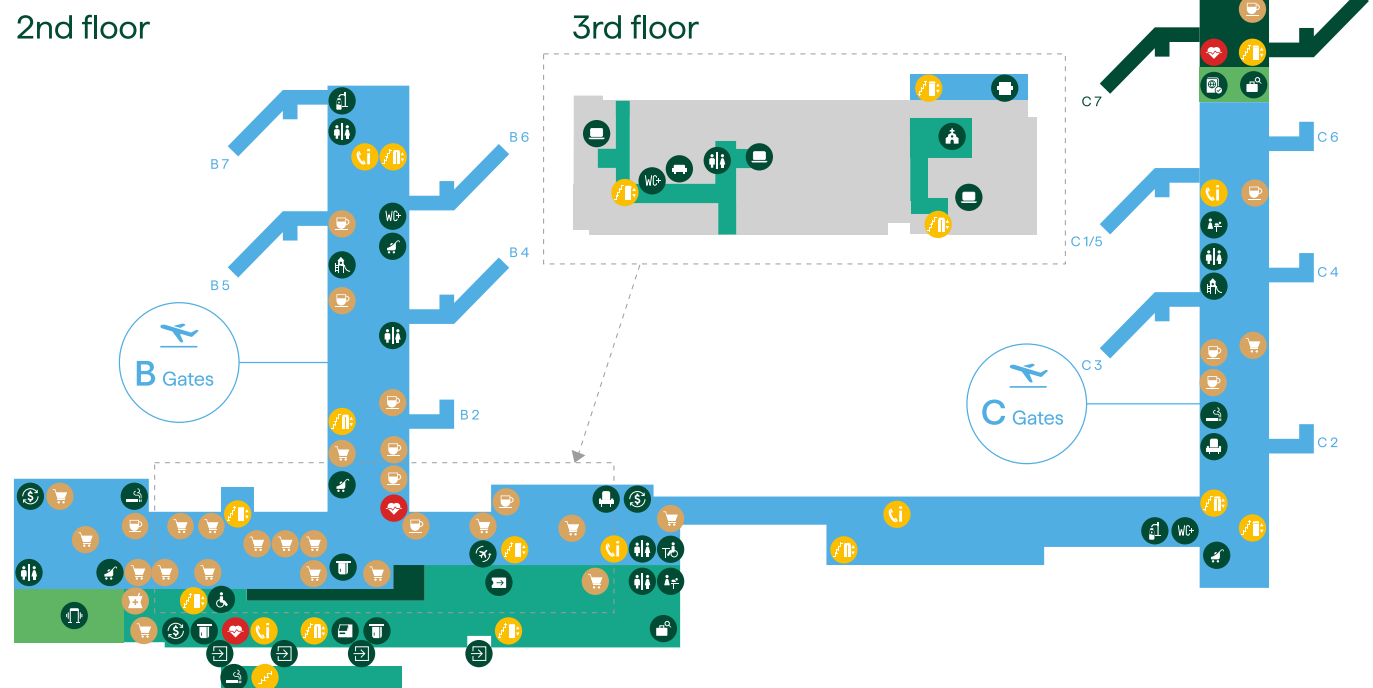
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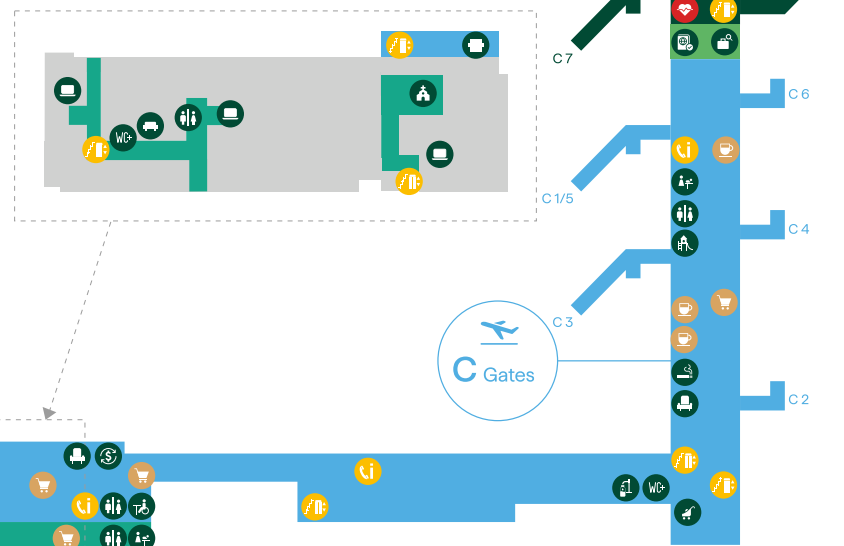
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3rd floor



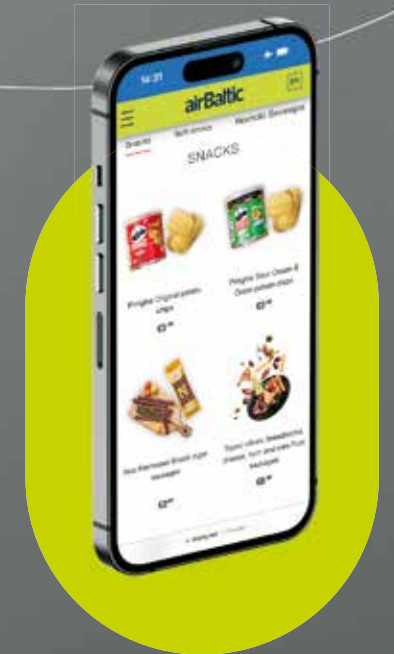
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| SCHENGEN ZONE | WC | PRM Meeting Point | Baggage Storage | Transfer center | Motorcycle parking | PRM call point |
| NON-SCHENGEN ZONE | WC/diaper-changing table | Self-Check-In Kiosk | Arrival Service | Chapel | Smoking area | Information Point |
| Defibrillator | PRM Changing Room | Currency Exchange | Passport Control | Office | Hotel | Cafe |
| First aid | Nursery | Playground | Customs Control | Longe | ATM | Pharmacy |
| | Baby Carriage | Ticket offices | Security Control | Car rental | | Shop |

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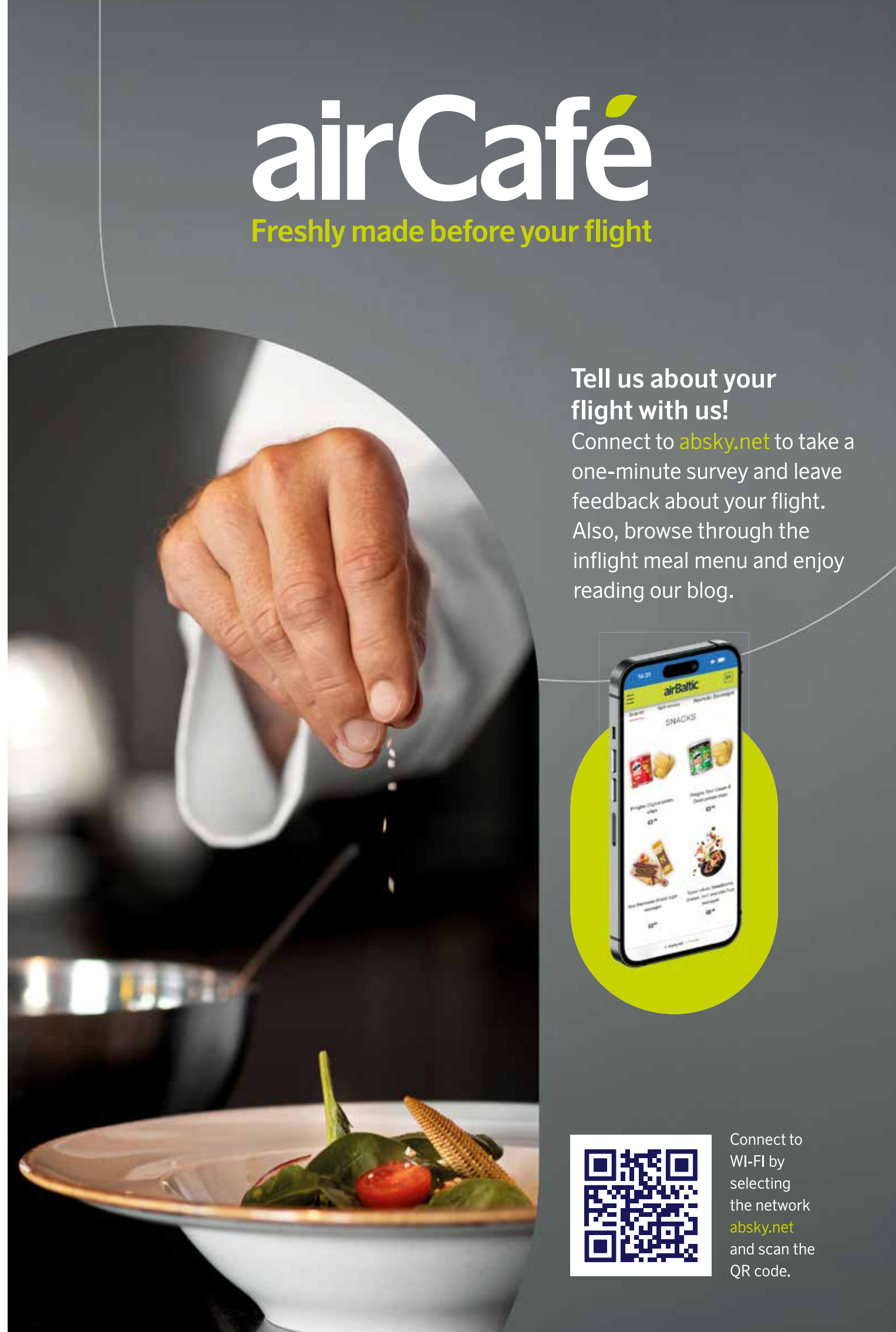
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APPETIZERS | UZKODAS

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

Tapas

Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

Olīvas, maizes standziņas, siers, šķiņķis un mini fuet desiņas

8⁴⁹ €

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Beer, p. 155
Alus, 155 lpp.



Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

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

5⁹⁹ €

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+ Coffee, p. 149
Kafija, 149 lpp.

9⁴⁸ €



Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgais vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

6⁹⁹ €

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+ White or red wine, p. 155
Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns, 155 lpp.

13⁹⁸ €



Panini

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

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

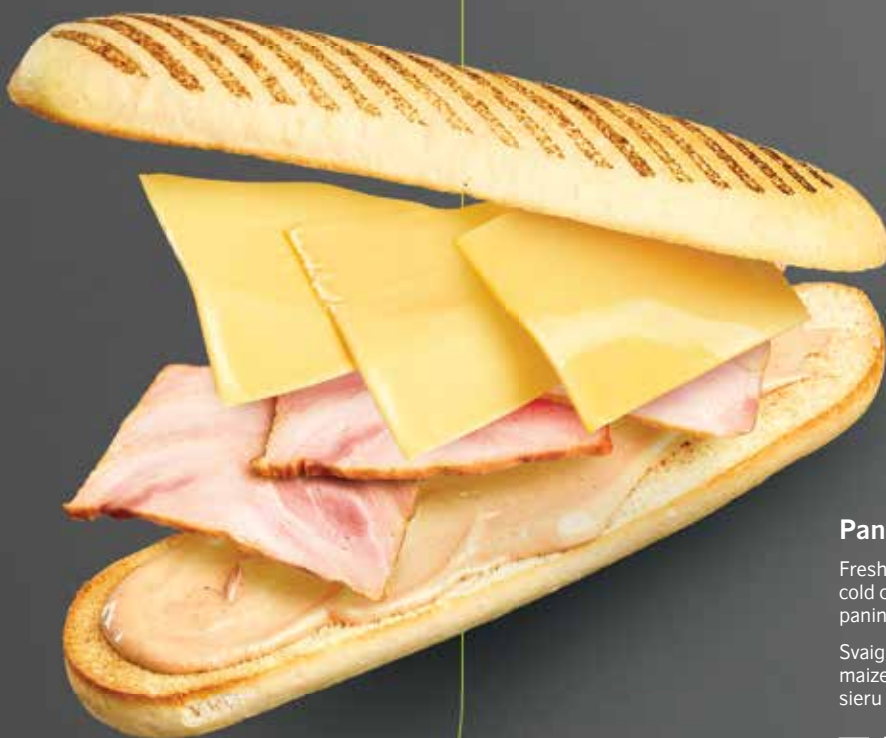
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+ Any soft drink, p. 151
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Wrap burger

BBQ-infused pulled beef wrapped in a delicious burger

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar barbekju plucinātu liellopu gaļu

7⁹⁹ €

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+ Any dessert and soft drink, p. 148, 151
Jebkurš deserts un atspirdzinošs dzēriens, 148, 151 lpp.

12⁹⁷ €



Lasagne Bolognese

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

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

8⁹⁹ €

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Lūdzu, jautājiet stjuartiem par produktu pieejamību



Chicken

Sweet & sour chicken with rice and vegetables

Vistas filejas gabaliņi saldskābā mērcē ar rīsiem un dārzeņiem

8⁹⁹ €

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Lūdzu, jautājiet stjuartiem par produktu pieejamību



Soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

5⁹⁹ €

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+ Croissant, p. 145
Kruasāns, 145 lpp.

10⁹⁸ €

Blueberry muffin

Melleņu kūkss

2⁹⁹ €



MONS Filled date balls

Salted caramel or blueberry, 45g

Dateļu bumbas ar sāļo karameli vai mellenēm

2⁹⁹ €



Twix 'Xtra

Chocolate bar
Šokolādes batoniņš

2⁹⁹ €



Basilur tea

Black / Green

Melnā / Zaļā

3⁴⁹ €

Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee

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

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

4⁹⁹ €



Plūkt Blossom tea

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

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

3⁹⁹ €



Freshly brewed Barista coffee

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

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

3⁹⁹ €



Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Kapučīno

3⁹⁹ €



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BĒRNU BALLĪTE

Fazer Remix Minis

Assorted sweets, 120g
Saldumu izlase

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Cido

Apple juice, 25cl
Ābolu sula

2⁹⁹ €



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airB Planie pats!

Rudy's Kombucha

Naturally fermented
tea with pineapple
and peach, 33cl

Dabīgs tējas dzēriens
ar ananasu un persiku

3⁹⁹ €



"Oreo" original

Chocolate sandwich
cookies, 44g

Oreo cepumi kakao
ar vaniļas garšas
pildījumu

2⁹⁹ €



BalticWater natural mineral water

Still or sparkling, 33cl

Viegli mineralizēts
dabīgs ūdens,
negāzēts un gāzēts

2⁹⁹ €



Cido Exclusive

Tomato juice, 30cl
Tomātu sula

2⁹⁹ €



Cido Exclusive

Orange juice, 30cl
Apelsīnu sula

2⁹⁹ €



Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2⁹⁹ €



Coca-Cola,
Coca-Cola Zero
33cl

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Pringles Original
Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato chips, 40g
Kartupeļu čipsi

3⁴⁹ €



Crunchy cheese
"Hrumm Hrumm"
Classic, 35g

Kraukšķīgs siers "Hrumm Hrumm" klasisks

3⁴⁹ €

GOES WELL WITH
SIM PIESTĀVĒS

Beer, p. 155
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Nōo Parmesan
Snack cigar
sausages, 85g

"Nōo Snack"
cigārdesinās ar
parmezāna sieru

3⁴⁹ €



Salysol
salted peanuts

"Salysol" sāļiti
zemesrieksti, 60g

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25cl, 8%, Classic Italian cocktail
enriched with notes of vanilla
and rhubarb

Klasiskais itāļu kokteilis ar vaniļas
un rabarberu garšas notīm

8⁴⁹ €

Bottega
Lemon Spritz

25cl, 5,4%, Lemon flavored
sparkling wine-based cocktail

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ar citrona garšu

7⁴⁹ €



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vai ābolu sula

9⁹⁸ €

Jack Daniels whiskey &
Coca-Cola

Jack Daniels viskijs & Coca-Cola

10⁴⁸ €

Finlandia Premium
vodka & Premium
Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns &
Premium Indian Tonic Water

8⁹⁸ €

Finlandia
Premium vodka &
tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns &
tomātu sula

8⁹⁸ €

Riga Black Balsam
Currant & Premium
Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu &
Premium Indian Tonic Water

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33cl, 4.5%, all-natural apple
cider with hint of cherry &
rhubarb, Latvia

Dabīgs ābolu sidsrs ar ķiršu
un rabarberu notīm, Latvija

7⁴⁹ €



Marcy Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon

18,7cl, 13%, France

Sarkanvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹ €

Alexis Colombard Chardonnay

18,7cl, 11.5%, France

Baltvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹ €

Bottega Gold Prosecco Brut

20cl, 11%, Italy

Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8⁴⁹ €

Carlsberg

Pilsner 33cl, 5%,
Denmark

Gaišais alus, Dānija

4⁹⁹ €

Mežpils Traditional Lager

50cl, 5.1%, Latvia

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Lāgers, Latvija

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Premium vodka
5cl, 40%
Degvīns
5⁹⁹ €



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Dry Gin
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Džins
6⁹⁹ €



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LBV port
5cl, 19%
Portvīns
6⁹⁹ €

Jack Daniels
Whiskey
5cl, 40%
Viskijs
7⁴⁹ €



Rémy Martin
VSOP cognac
5cl, 40%
Konjaks
7⁹⁹ €



Riga Black Balsam
Currant 4cl, 30%
Rīgas Melnais
Balzams upeņu
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Sheer Beauty
EDT for her, 50 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 smiltis siltā vasaras dienā. Viļņu izskaloti, tie guļ saulē un gaida, kad kāds tos atradīs.

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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.

€19⁹⁰

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SAVE 60%



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

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SAVE 27%

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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.

€19⁹⁰

City Price €29.99
SAVE 31%



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VERSACE
Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

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, valdzinošs un juteklisks.

€72⁹⁰

City Price €85.00

SAVE 14%

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CAROLINA HERRERA
Good Girl
EDP for her, 30 ml

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!

Parādiēt 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!

€67⁹⁰

City Price €74.50

SAVE 9%

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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

SAVE 16%



GISADA
Ambassador
EDP for him, 50 ml

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

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

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MAGIC FINISH Set (MAKE-UP 30 ml
classic + 10 ml travelsize classic)

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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.

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

€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.

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

€35

City Price €42.90
SAVE 18%

Diego dalla Palma MILANO

MyHappyToy mascara

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

LASTS 24 HOURS*
UP TO 24H WEAR SMUDGE-PROOF**

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

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

* Instrumental test on 20 subjects. ** Assessment carried out by a dermatologist on 20 subjects. *** Self-evaluation test carried out immediately after application of the product on 20 subjects. Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement of the effect claimed. **** Instrumental test carried out on clean lashes with Antera 3D® instrumentation after 30 days of application on 20 subjects. Average % value of increase.

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara,
13 ml

€23

City Price €27.90

SAVE 18%

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 acumirkļi 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.

Diego dalla Palma MILANO

MyToyBoy mascara

100% VOLUME*
100% LENGTH*
90% DEFINITION*

LASTS 24 HOURS

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

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

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyToyBoy Mascara,
13 ml

€23

City Price €27.90

SAVE 18%

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

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

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Discover new levels of hydration with Seoulista Hydration Super Serum®, a lightweight serum that delivers intense hydration and nourishment to the skin. Infused with multi-dimensional hyaluronic acids, the potent formulation penetrates the deeper layers of the skin to help stimulate the production of collagen, while larger molecules bind together to moisturise the skin's surface. Its advanced formula targets dryness, fine lines, and dullness, resulting in a more radiant complexion.

Pilnīgi jauns ādas mitrināšanas līmenis: Seoulista Hydration Super Serum® ir viegls serums, kas nodrošina intensīvu ādas mitrināšanu un barošanu. Tas ir piesātināts ar daudzdimensiju hialuronskābēm un iekļūst dziļākajos ādas slāņos, veicinot kolagēna veidošanos, savukārt lielākas molekulas savienojas, lai mitrinātu ādas virsmu. Uzlabotā formula novērš ādas sausumu, sīkas grumbiņas un ādas blāvumu, padarot ādas toni mirdzošāku.

PEARLS

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STENDERS
Face mist Green Calm, 85 ml

€15

City Price €17.90

SAVE 16%

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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.



BIO2YOU
Moisturising Day Cream SPF 30, 50 ml

Thanks to precious vegetable oils, hyaluronic acid and panthenol, the cream moisturises and nourishes the skin, protects it from the sun's rays and leaves it soft and smooth.

Mitrinošs dienas sejas krēms ar SPF 30. Pateicoties vērtīgajām augu eļļām, hialuronskābei un pantenolam, krēms mitrina un baro ādu, aizsargā no saules stariem un padara ādu maigu un gludu.

€12⁹⁹

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BIO2YOU
Anti Age Day
cream, 50 ml

€33

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.

BIO2YOU
Anti Age Night
cream, 50 ml

€33

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.





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PATENTED TECHNOLOGY



TEAOLOGY

Matcha Infusion Serum, 15 ml

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Ultra-firming lifting-effect serum with Acmella Oleracea, Matcha Tea infusion and hyaluronic acid. A concentrated formula combining the antioxidant power of Matcha Tea, the moisturising and plumping power of molecular hyaluronic acid and the instant lifting effect of acmella oleracea extract. A formula with surprising and immediately visible results designed to improve skin tone, brighten the complexion, smooth wrinkles and erase signs of stress and fatigue. Already after the first application, wrinkles and signs of ageing appear visibly reduced, the skin is smoother, firmer and more radiant.

Koncentrēta formula, kas apvieno mača tējas antioksidantu spēku, molekulārās hialuronskābes mitrinošo efektu un akmelas ekstrakta tūlītējo iedarbību. Serums nodrošina pārsteidzošu un uzreiz redzamu rezultātu, tas uzlabo ādas tonusu, izgaismo sejas ādu, izlīdzinātu grumbas un novērš stresa un noguruma pazīmes. Jau pēc pirmās lietošanas reizes grumbiņas un novecošanās pazīmes ir jūtami samazinātas, āda paliek gludāka, tvirtāka un starojošāka.

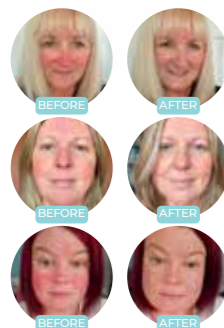


ROSALIQUE

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 attira 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.



€29

City Price €34,95

SAVE 17%



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.

€55

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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 izmaiņšanai. Smalkās krunciņas, grumbas, kā arī tumšie loki tiek samazināti tikai 20 minūšu laikā. Dermatoloģiski pārbaudīts.



€29⁹⁰

City Price €42,00

SAVE 29%



NEW ON BOARD

POLISHED LONDON

Teeth Whitening Strips, 14 pcs

Enhance your smile with Polished London's award-winning Teeth Whitening Strips. Specially designed and formulated using the latest in advanced dental technology to provide a superior whitening experience. Strips are kind to teeth and even kinder to your smile.

Iegūstiet žilbinošu smaidu ar zobu balināšanas plāksnītēm Polished London! Tās ir izstrādātas, balstoties uz jaunākajām progresīvās zobārstniecības tehnoloģijām, lai nodrošinātu izcilu zobu balināšanas pieredzi. Tās ir saudzīgas pret zobiem un padarīs jūsu smaidu neatvairāmu!

€25

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Soummé

Anti-Transpirant Deo, 50 ml

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

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



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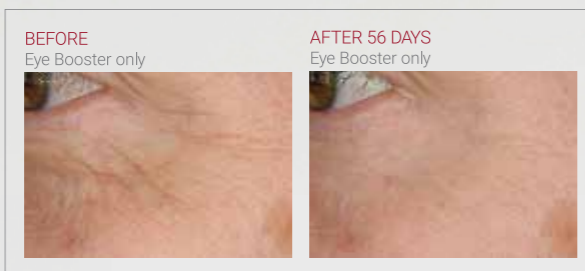


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DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND

Intense Eye Rescue,
15 ml


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

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).

€59

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M. Asam® RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50 Lifting Cream 50 ml

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

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

€29⁵⁰

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the 1st eye
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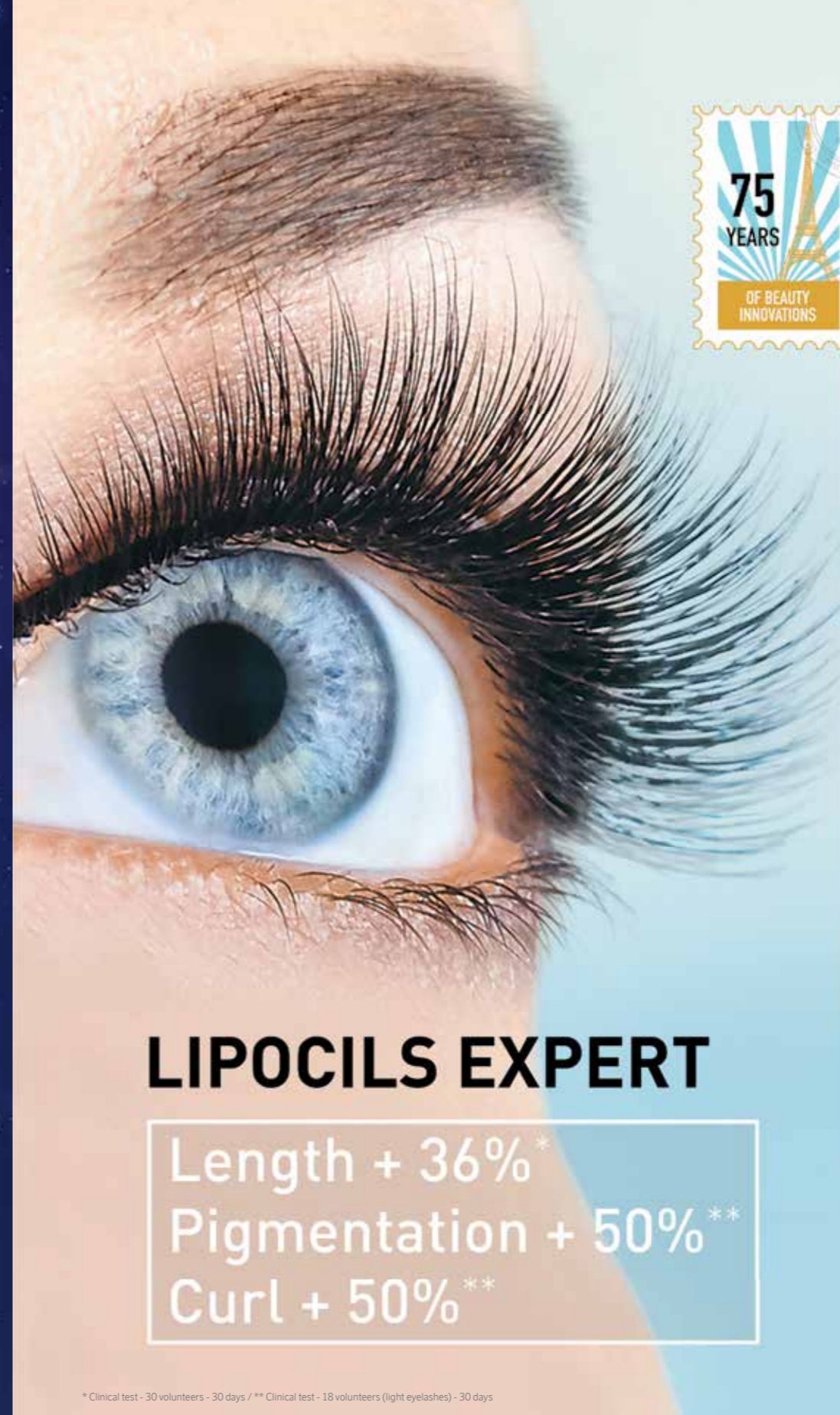
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anti-aging: wrinkles, dark circles & puffiness
Stimulates growth: eyelash and eyebrow growth
Helps reduce jet lag effects



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GROWTH



LIPOCILS EXPERT

Length + 36%*
Pigmentation + 50%**
Curl + 50%**



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

TALIKA
Genius Eye Anti-Aging
and Growth Light

€199

City Price €249,00
SAVE 20%

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.

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

€39

City Price €49,50
SAVE 21%

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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THE RESEARCHED FORMULA BEAUTY BRAND

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*Proven in clinical studies.

M2 BEAUTÉ
Hair Activating Serum,
30 ml

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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.

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



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JĀNEKE
Small Superbrush

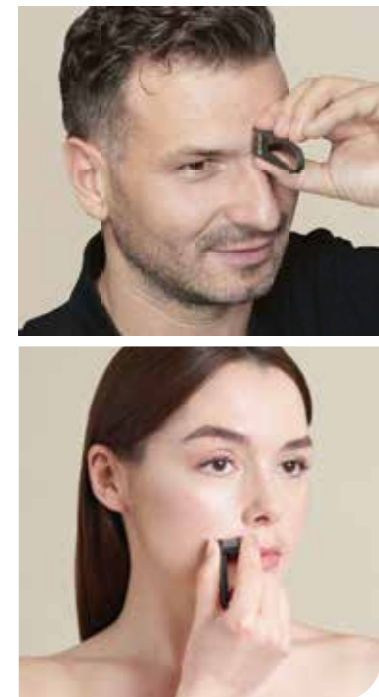
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SAVE 26%

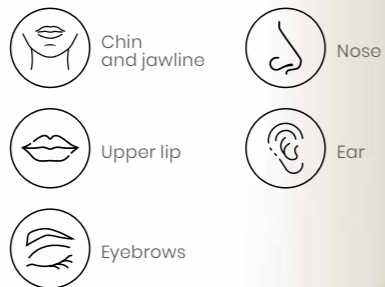
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Hair-styling has never been so quick, easy, safe and fun! Small Superbrush gently and effectively detangles thanks to its soft tips. Perfect for drying the hair, it can also be used to apply your favourite cream in the shower. Perfect for sensitive,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

Matu veidošana vēl nekad nav bijusi tik ātra, vienkārša, droša un jautra! Pateicoties mikstajiem 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.



UNITWEEZER
Universal multi tweezer
for careful facial hair removal



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UNITWEEZER
Universal Multi Tweezer

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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.

FEET FRIENDS
Healthy Socks

The ultimate magic cure against painful feet – the innovative Feet Friends Healthy Socks relax your tired feet in a very short time. The specially shaped terry fabric loops gently separate and massage your toes. Wear the socks after a long day at work, after a workout or after a night full of dancing, and you will experience relief. Beyond this, the socks are a great help when polishing your nails. Follow the instructions on the packaging for the best results. Size 36-40.

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

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3 EASY STEPS TO
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– Relax your feet! –

- 1 Start with the dividers at the top of your toes. (Wear for approximately 15-20 minutes per day).
- 2 After a few days of wearing your socks, slide the dividers 1/2 way down between your toes. (Wear for approximately 1 to 2 hours per day).
- 3 Within a couple of weeks you should be able to slide the dividers all the way down between your toes providing maximum benefit and comfort to your feet. (You could now wear the socks overnight while sleeping).

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Facet Princess Set

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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 25.6 X 27.3 MM	CASE MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL	WATER RESISTANCE 5 ATM	MOVEMENT RONDA SWISS	STRAP MATERIAL LEATHER / STAINLESS STEEL	STRAP LENGTH 14.5 - 18.5 CM / 12.0 - 20.0 CM
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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 nītu spilgtums, papildu silikona siksnīņa, vairāk nekā 250 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP 67 aizsardzība.

€119

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DIAL SIZE 45 MM	CASE MATERIAL ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	WATER RESISTANCE IP67	STRAP MATERIAL SILICONE	STRAP LENGTH 21,5 CM
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- CONTROL MUSIC PLAYER INTEGRATED
- ~5 DAYS BATTERY
- WIRELESS CHARGING
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- AI VOICE ASSISTANT
- IP67 WATER RESISTANT
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP



AVIATOR F Series Ladie's Smart Technique Watch

This Aviator F Series Ladie's 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 sievietes viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 1,19 collu pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 300 nītu spilgtums, Milānas siksnīņa un papildu silikona siksnīņa, vairāk nekā 300 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP 67 aizsardzība.

€139

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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

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AVIATOR
F Series Ladies Luxe
Worldmap Watch

Unveil timeless elegance with our striking timepiece, the Aviator F Series Ladies Luxe Worldmap watch! The green-gold dial, complemented by luminescent markers and gold hands, radiates sophistication. Explore 24 global time zones with the rotating inner ring. Encased with a luxurious golden finish, paired with a genuine green leather strap.

Atklājiet pārtaicīgu eleganci ar mūsu pārsteidzošo pulksteni Aviator F Series Ladies Luxe Worldmap! Zaļa zeltīta ciparnīca ar luminiscējošām stundu iedaļām un zelta rādītājiem izstaro izsmalcinātību. Izmantojot ciparnīcas rotējošo iekšējo gredzenu, varat noteikt precīzu laiku jebkurā no 24 pasaules laika joslām. Pulkstenim ir iespaidīga zelta apdare un dabīgas ādas siksnīņa.

€89

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

DIAL SIZE 38 MM	CASE MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL	WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM	STRAP MATERIAL LEATHER	STRAP LENGTH 19 CM
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RAINBOW
Colors of Happiness
Unisex Watch

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

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

€149

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

CHOCOMOON
Geometric Ladies Watch

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

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

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

CHOCOMOON
Holi Ladies Watch

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

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

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iTOUCH
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City Price €89
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ZAZA&LILI
Ring

€39

City Price €43
SAVE 9%

Smoothly wraps around the finger, in rhodium plating, highlighted by tiny sparkling transparent cubic zirconia. Free from nickel, lead and cadmium. Adjustable size from 16 to 19.

Izsmalcinātais gredzens ar rodija pārklājumu, rotāts ar dzidriem, dzirkstošiem kubiskā cirkonija kristāliem. Nesatur niķeli, svīnu un kadmiju. Regulējama izmērs no 16. līdz 19.

ZAZA&LILI
3 Bracelet Set

€39

City Price €81
SAVE 52%

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

männ
www.man-acc.com



MÄN
Black Onyx Bracelet

€29

City Price €39
SAVE 26%

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 rokassprāzdes 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.

BRACELET LENGTH
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER
Ø 8 MM



MY JEWELLERY
Mother & Daughter
Bracelets, Gold

€22

City Price €22,99
SAVE 4%

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.

BRACELET LENGTH
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

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

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

€76

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

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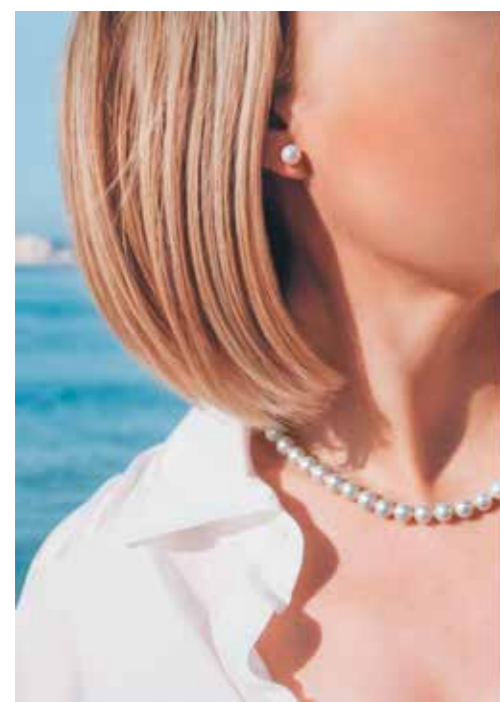
Nela Gems
Red String Bracelet and Earring set

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 diecīņa rokassprādzes komplekts ar naglīnauskariem, 24k apzeltīts juveliertērauds - antialerģisks materiāls, kas nesūbē un ir mitrumizturīgs. Rotas garums ir regulējams, 16cm ar pagarinājumu 3cm, caurspīdīgs 8mm kristāls. Auskariem 3mm kristāls.

€55

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ORQUIDEA
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl
Necklace And Earring Set



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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 Maļorkas pērles ar sudraba aizdari. Autentisks roku darbs no tradicionālās pārļu fabrikas Orquidea Maļorkas salā. Komplektā ietilpst pārļu auskaru pāris.

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER

€126

City Price €172
SAVE 27%

BELLE & BEAU
Over The Rainbow Set

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

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



€69

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NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 5 CM EXTENDER



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ACCESSORIES & TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

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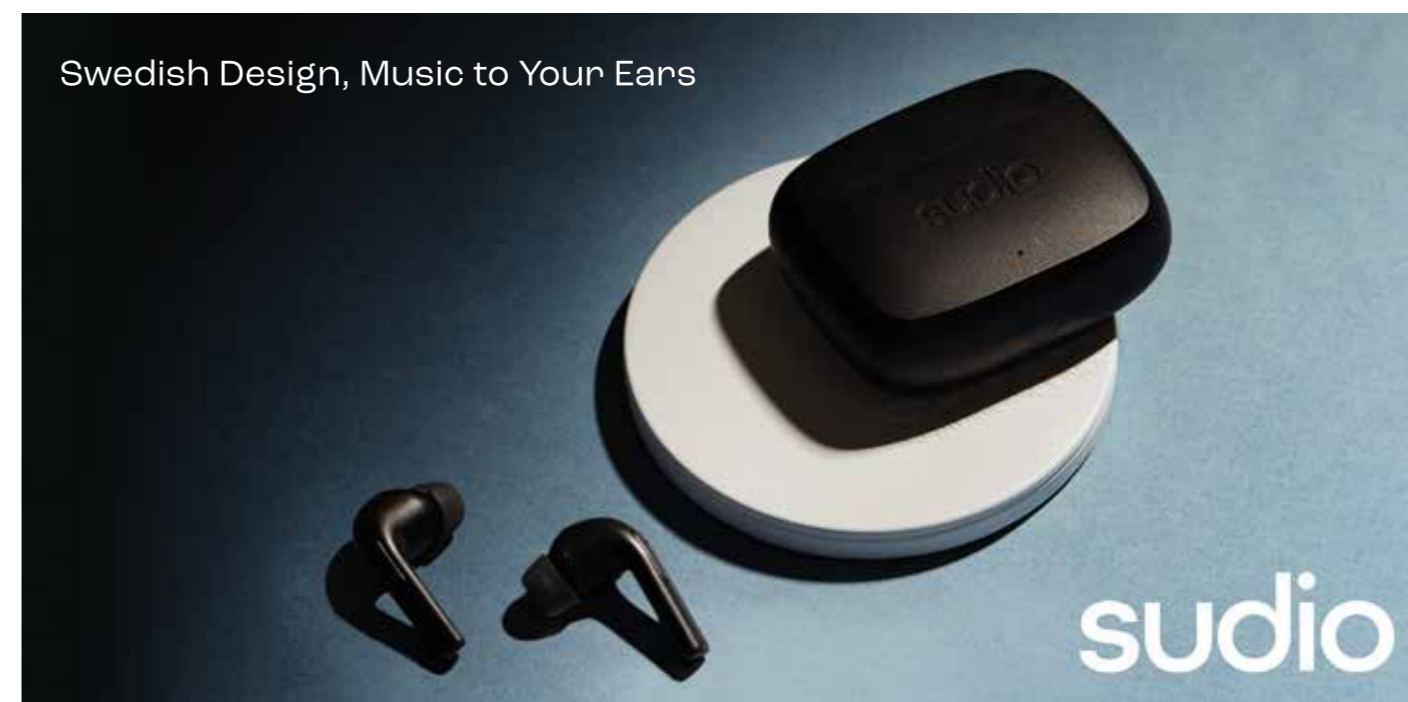
DOPPLER
Pocket Umbrella

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

€29
City Price €34.99
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Swedish Design, Music to Your Ears



SUDIO
N2 Pro Black

The Sudio N2 Pro is where music and design meet. The combination of a closed acoustic construction, in-ear design, and Active Noise Cancellation efficiently cuts out distractions from your day-to-day life. With touch panel buttons and Bluetooth 5.3 technology, these in-ear true wireless earbuds offer a sophisticated listening experience.

Sudio N2 Pro apvieno mūziku un dizainu. Šis bezvadu austiņas ar aktīvo trokšņu slāpēšanas tehnoloģiju efektīvi novērš jebkādas apkārtējos trokšņus. Austiņas aprīkotas ar skārienjutīgām pogām un Bluetooth 5.3 tehnoloģiju un nodrošina izcilu klausīšanās pieredzi.

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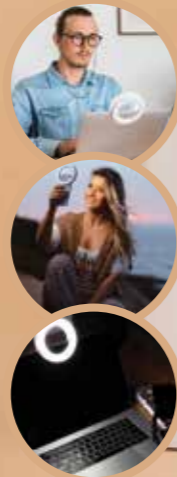
BEURER
BR 60 Insect Bite Healer

With BR 60, itching and swelling are a thing of the past. Alleviate pain and other symptoms of insect bites and stings without chemical additives. The quick-warming ceramic hot plate is ready within seconds and also suitable for pregnant women and children. Choose from 2 different programs for normal or sensitive skin.

Pateicoties līdzeklim pret kukaiņu kodumiem BR 60, par niezi un pietūkumu vairs nav jāuztraucas. Līdzeklis ir bez ķīmiskām vielām, tas mazina sāpes un citus kukaiņu kodumu un dzēlienu simptomus. Ātri sasilstošā keramikas plāksne ir gatava lietošanai dažu sekunžu laikā, tā ir piemērota arī grūtniecēm un bērniem. 2 dažādas programmas normālai vai jutīgai ādai.

€29

City Price **€39.99**
SAVE 28%



KODAK
Ring Light

This handy light is perfect for everything from portraits and selfies to online meetings and makeup. Works with any smartphone and laptop. Technical details: 4 inch diameter, 1,5 h running time (90 mins), 50 individual LEDs.

Šis parocīgais gaismas avots ir lieliski piemērots it visam, no portretiem un pašbildēm līdz tiešsaistes sapulcēm un grima uzklāšanai. Lampa ir savietojama ar jebkuru viedtālruni un klēpj datoru. Tehniskā informācija: 4 collu diametrs, 1,5 h darbības laiks (90 min), 50 gaismas diodes.

€29

City Price **€29.90**
SAVE 3%



I-CLIP
Advantage Caramel
incl. RFID Shields

I-CLIP
Carbon Optics Wallet
incl. RFID Shields

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 miecētas teļādas ar oglekļa perforācijas pārklājumu melnā vai kamieļādas krāsā. Ar RFID karti, kas nodrošina aizsardzību pret elektronisko datu zādzību.

€39

City Price **€45**
SAVE 13%



VONMÄHLEN
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

Phone strap that slips around any phone with ease and the adjustable nylon drawstrings assures the most comfortable, secure hold. The perfect tech accessory when you are on-the-go and need to be reachable, busy at the office, or enjoying a day of sight-seeing.

Tālruna siksnīņa viegli aptver ap jebkuru tālruni, regulējamas neilona aukliņas nodrošina drošu un stabilu tālruna pozīciju. Ideāls risinājums, kad esat ceļā, aizņemts birojā vai piedalāties ekskursijā un jums ir jābūt viegli sazināmam.

€17

City Price **€17.99**
SAVE 6%



ÖGON DESIGNS
Carbon Fibre Aluminium Wallet

Elegant wallet made in France. This light and strong wallet provides super-fast access and optimum protection. Designed to open with one hand. For 10 cards and cash. RFID Safe: protection against demagnetisation and electronic data theft. Size: 11x7.4x2.1 cm.

Francijā ražots elegants māk. Tas ir viegls, izturīgs, nodrošina ērtu piekļuvi māk 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

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TRU VIRTU
Click & Slide Wallet Bio Vegan

The sustainable "CLICK & SLIDE" wallet is not much bigger than a credit card. With a fingertouch up to 5 cards slide out easily. Protects all cards in the aluminium case against electronic data theft and demagnetization. The envelope is made of eco-friendly vegan apple leather and offers space for additional cards and banknotes. Size: 9.9 x 6.7 x 2.1 cm / 88 g.

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

€75

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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 nezinātos 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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€9⁴⁹



SALT CHERRY

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

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

€9⁴⁹

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BEURER
LS 10 Luggage Scale

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

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

50 g graduation,
torch light.

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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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SMARTGAMES

Iq Puzzler Pro

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

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



€13

City Price **€14.50**
SAVE 11%

DISNEY

Frozen Kids Watch

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

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

€29



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 ķiņķežiņus vai skaistus attēlus. Lielisks palīgs, lai nodarbinātu bērnus ceļojuma laikā.

€5

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WABOBA

Water Bouncing Set

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

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

€19

City Price **€21.90**
SAVE 13%



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ICE

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 jebkuram bērnam vecumā no 6 līdz 16 gadiem. Kad pulkstenis ir (vai nav) savienots ar viedtālruni, tas piedāvā dažādas funkcijas, piemēram, īsziņu 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.

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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

❖ Apmaksal 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 apliecināošs 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 čekū vai stingrās uzskaites kvīti.

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

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

❖ Jautājiet 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, līdzpapemtos alkoholiskos dzērienus un smēķēt t.s. elektroniskās cigaretes, kā arī ir jāievēro vispārpieņemtās pieklājīgas 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.

❖ Atlaišanas nesummējas.

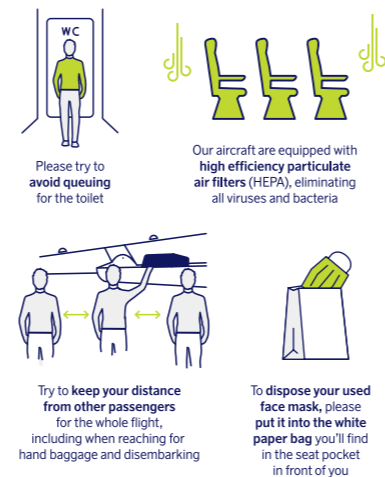
PASAŽIERIEM AR ALERĢISKĀM REAKCIJĀM

❖ 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.

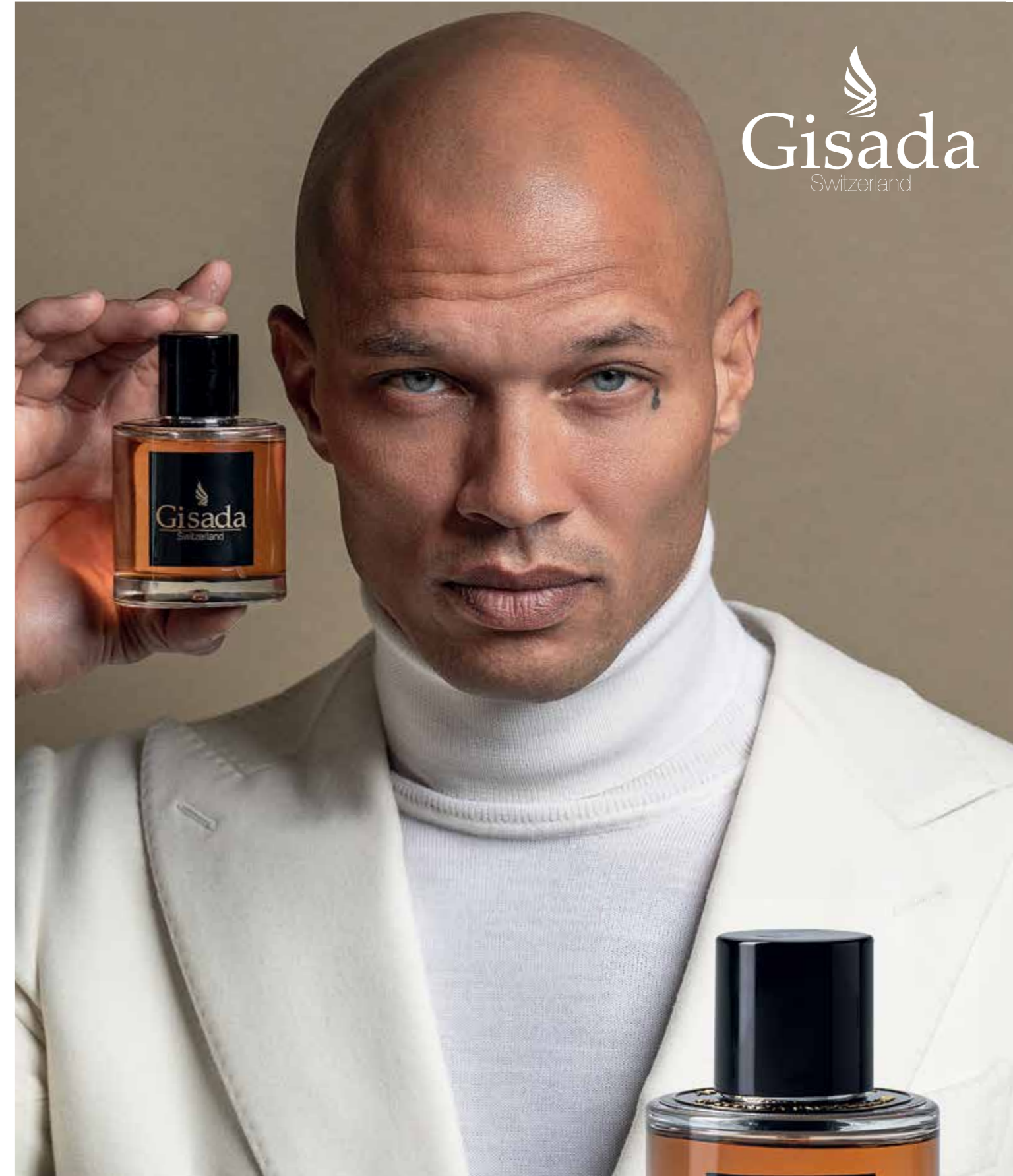
❖ Ja jums ir īpašas prasības attiecībā uz pārtiku, varat izvēlēties un pasūtīt maltīti pirms lidojuma vietnē www.airbalticmeal.com

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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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 *GREEN* and *GREEN plus* tickets, whereas the Name change option is available for *GREEN*, *GREEN plus*, *GREEN Classic* and *BUSINESS light* 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 starting from **EUR 19.99**. You can also add baggage anytime later at a higher price.



Pre-order a meal

Order a meal before your flight and be among the first served on board. Choose our great value meal sets, which include a main course and dessert starting from **EUR 4.99**. All meals are freshly prepared and packed separately under strict hygiene standards. Special vegetarian and kids' meals are also available.



Reserve a seat

Are you a window person, or do you favour more legroom? Want to avoid the middle seat or sit together with your family? Or do you want to sit in the front to be the first off the plane?

Whichever it is, you can secure your favourite seat in advance starting from **EUR 5.99**.



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Assistance for children flying alone*

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



Travelling with pets*

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

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: *GREEN*, *GREEN plus*, *CLASSIC*, *BUSINESS light* 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.



	GREEN	GREEN plus only on airBaltic.com	CLASSIC	BUSINESS light	BUSINESS
	The simplest ticket for the lowest price – with the option of changing the flight date.	A great price that includes checked baggage and the option of flexibility. Plus regular discounts on different ancillary services.	A smart choice! The most important services plus greater flexibility in changing or cancelling the flight.	Exceptional service for an affordable price.	Our proven value – enjoy plenty of benefits, sophisticated service and total flexibility.
CABIN BAGGAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHECKED BAGGAGE	from EUR 19.99	✓	✓	✓	✓
SEAT RESERVATION	from EUR 5.99	from EUR 5.99	✓ ¹	✓	✓
DATE CHANGE ²	EUR 50 per direction	EUR 50 per direction	✓	EUR 50 per direction	✓
REFUND	✗ ³	✗ ³	EUR 50 per direction, or EUR 25 per direction, if you choose a refund in the form of a gift voucher	non-refundable	✓
NAME CHANGE ³	EUR 200 per ticket	EUR 200 per ticket	EUR 100 per ticket	EUR 100 per ticket	✓
MEAL	from EUR 4.99	from EUR 4.99	from EUR 4.99	✓	✓
AIRPORT CHECK-IN	EUR 9.99	EUR 9.99	✓	✓	✓
FAST TRACK	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
BUSINESS LOUNGE	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
<i>airBaltic Club</i> ⁴	Earn 1–3 points per euro spent	Earn 1–3 points per euro spent + 50 bonus points	Earn 1–3 points per euro spent + 100 bonus points	Earn 1–3 points per euro spent + 150 bonus points	Earn 1–3 points per euro spent + 200 bonus points
EARLY ONLINE CHECK-IN (5 days before departure) ⁵	From EUR 5.99	From EUR 5.99	✓	✓	✓

¹ Excluding extra legroom seats.

² Fare difference may apply.

³ A Flight Cancellation option and Name Change option can be added to your tickets by making the reservation on airBaltic.com.

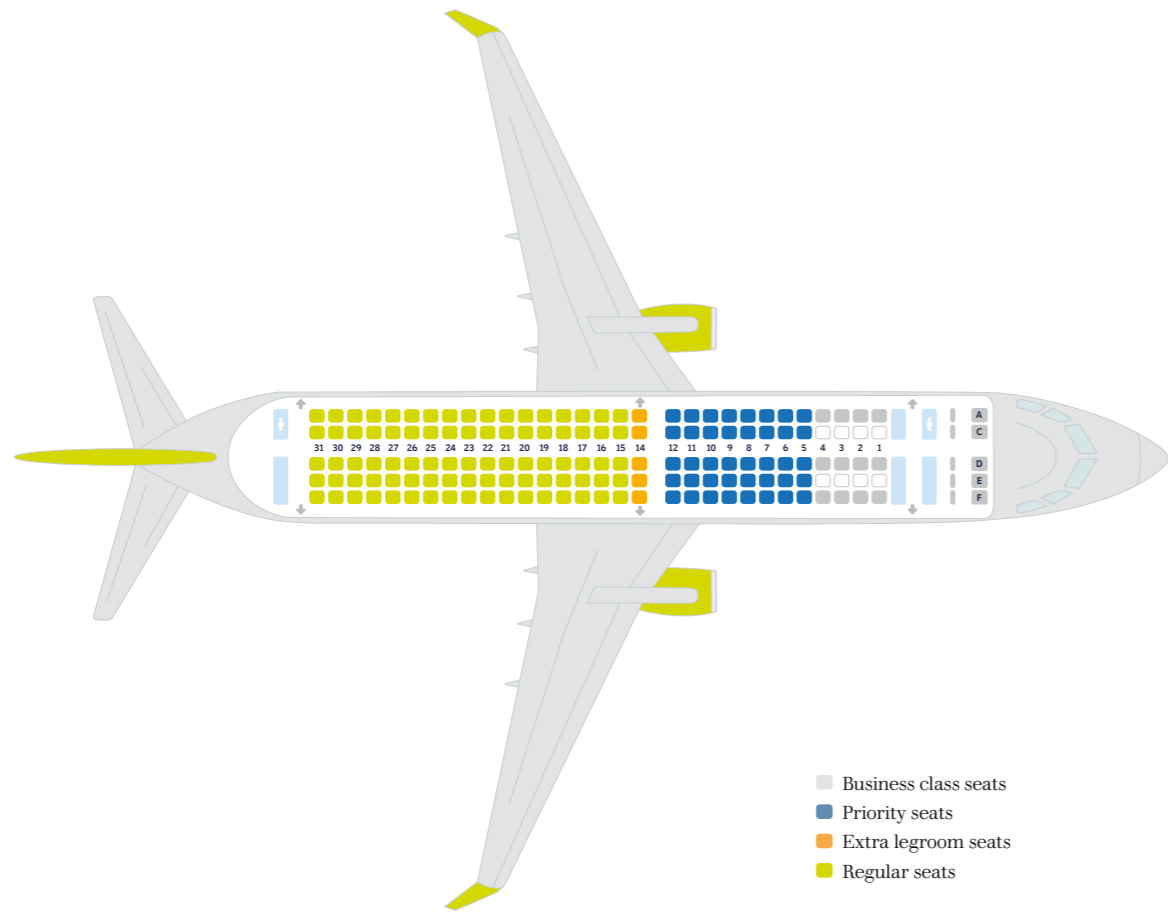
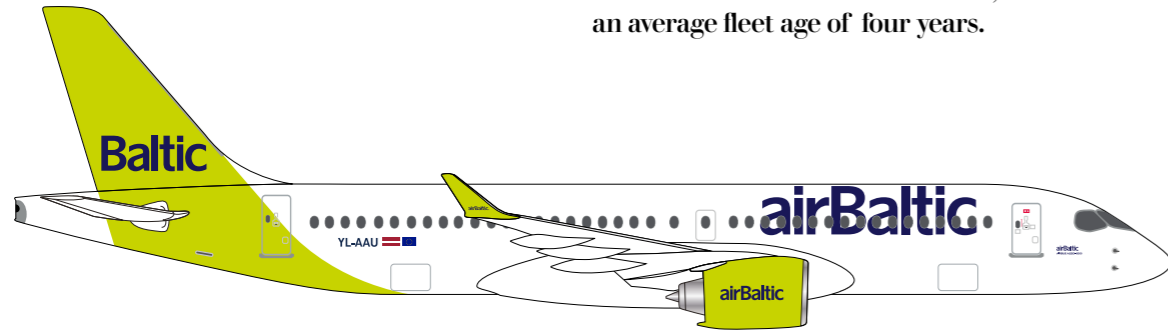
⁴ The number of points earned per each euro spent on a ticket depends on the tier level within the *airBaltic Club*.

⁵ Online check-in 24 hours before departure is free for all passengers.

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Wing span	35.1 m
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Fuel consumption	2200 l/h
Engine	PW 1521G

*Currently maximum operationally used distance for BT flights

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