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**MARTIN GAUSS**  
Chief Executive Officer, *airBaltic*

### Dear guests of *airBaltic*,

In business, the New Year is celebrated twice: on the first day of January and upon releasing the previous year's report. And we have a lot to celebrate this year! Last month, *airBaltic* presented its 2023 Annual Report, and we're proud to announce that we marked a record year with a historic profit of EUR 34 million. Revenue also reached a peak at EUR 668 million, a 34% increase from 2022. By surpassing pre-pandemic levels with these achievements, including an impressive EBITDAR of EUR 159 million, *airBaltic* has started 2024 on a strong note. Such success even more sharply focuses our attention on continuing the path to a potential IPO.

Building on this momentum, the new summer season is underway, and we're anticipating very busy traffic to and from the Baltics, with a total of 15 new routes added from our bases in Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, and Tampere. Having identified opportunities to expand *airBaltic's* network in central and southeastern Europe, destinations such as Chisinau, Pristina, Skopje, Tirana, and more will

join our network, providing extensive opportunities for relaxation and exploration. *airBaltic* continues to be the leading airline in the region, and with the launch of our new routes, we aim to strengthen our ambition to grow.

This spirit of ambition is also evident in our approach to technological innovations. As *airBaltic* looks forward to becoming the first airline in Europe to equip its entire *Airbus A220-300* fleet with *SpaceX's Starlink* connectivity system, we recently performed the first successful testing of this state-of-the-art technology on our aircraft. It's exciting to continuously improve our services, and we're confident that *airBaltic* passengers will quite soon benefit from unlimited, free-of-charge high-speed satellite internet on board.

In conclusion, I'd like to share that, at the end of March, I had an extraordinary opportunity to visit Kyiv in Ukraine and hold significant meetings with country officials and airport representatives there. *airBaltic* is prepared to resume flights to Kyiv, Lviv, and eventually Odesa, reintegrating these cities into our route network once the war ends and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency declares it safe to fly there. We're dedicated to supporting the recovery of Ukraine's air traffic and remain a trustworthy partner in the reconstruction of Ukrainian aviation.

Looking forward to having you on board again soon!



Yours, Martin Gauss  
President and CEO





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## FOOD & DRINKS MENU SHOPPING & GIFTS

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# The ultimate April checklist



## WILD SWIMMING

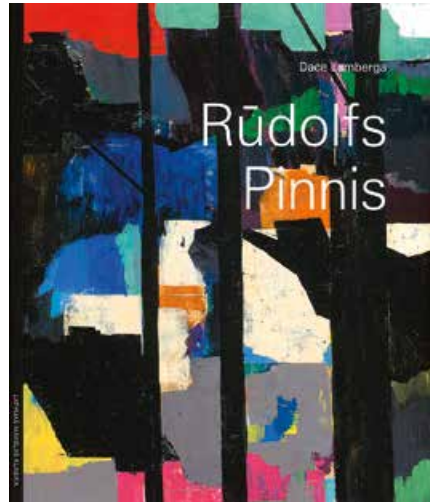
Wild swimming has emerged as a leading wellness trend, and there's been a visible surge in fervour for the activity. Engaging in this practice often involves immersing oneself in icy natural bodies of water under an open sky. Once viewed as merely a niche hobby, wild swimming has now entered the mainstream consciousness, particularly gaining momentum in Latvia and nearby countries. The trend has also prompted hotels and resorts worldwide to embrace wild swimming, with many properties integrating the activity into their wellness offerings.

In Latvia, you can enjoy wild swimming in lakes, rivers, and along the Baltic Sea coast. Remember to check water conditions, avoid strong currents, and heed all warnings. Also study the specific locations, accessibility, and local regulations beforehand.



## FASHION Spring mood

With natural materials, an impeccable cut, and Nordic elegance, *Anna Led's* signature style is immediately recognisable. Founded in 2000, it's one of the most iconic contemporary fashion brands in the Baltics. Latvian fashion artist Anna Ledskalniņa is the driving force behind *Anna Led*. The brand's latest spring collection, *Paris – Texas*, embodies freedom and courage and is tailored for the strong, sophisticated woman who seeks contemporary style with a feminine touch.  
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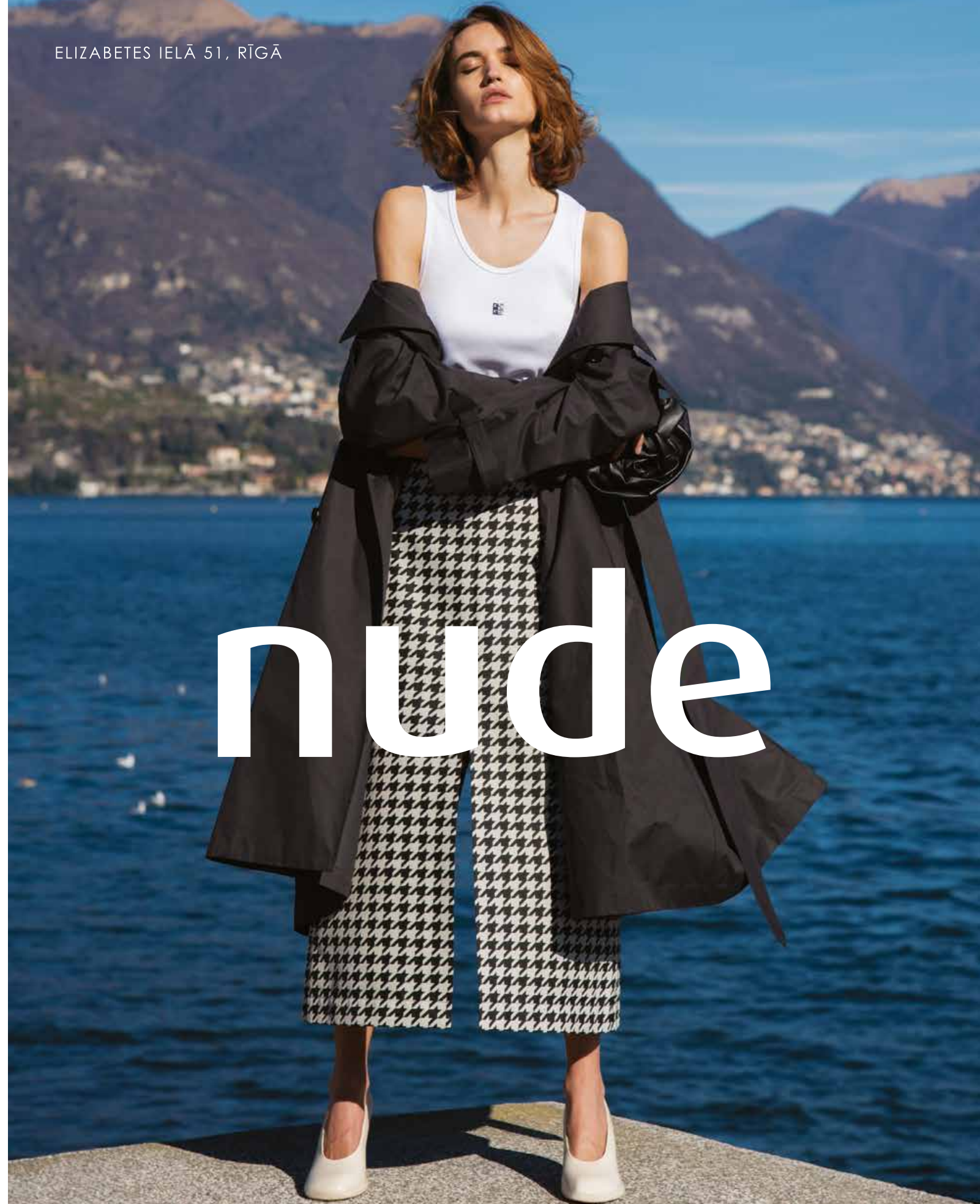
The remarkable Latvian artist Rūdolfs Pinnis (1902–1992) was one of the brightest colourists in Latvian art, and his artistic courage and temperament are evident in his paintings. The *Neputns* publishing house recently released a splendid book reflecting the life and work of this notable artist. Meanwhile, an exhibition of artwork by Pinnis titled *Es dzīvoju krāsās* (I Exist in Colours) is on display at the Zuzeum Art Centre.  
neputns.lv



## MUSIC Calm mind

Lūcija Garūta (1902–1977) was one of the first female Latvian professional composers. She wrote several dozen a cappella choral songs, but some of them are only now experiencing their premieres with this album recorded by the distinguished Latvian Radio Choir under the direction of conductor Sigvards Kļava. Last year the choir received the prestigious Gramophone award for a recording of choral works by John Cage. This, too, is a delight for the ears and soul.  
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### AIJA JURJĀNE EXHIBITION Until May 19

Aija Jurjāne (1944–2015) was a unique representative of Latvian contemporary painting whose subject matter revolved around day-to-day life and her own family. She looked upon things as prosaic as a boiler or gas stove, a lily of the valley growing in the back yard, or a braid of onions in a market stall with equal attention and care. Her long-awaited exhibition at the Latvian National Museum of Art is a real treat for those who love art.

Inmm.lv



### CONCERT AT HANZAS PERONS Throughout April

Riga has acquired several charming cultural venues in recent years, including Hanzas Perons. This former cargo railway warehouse in the New Hanza area of the city has been reborn as a stylish platform for culture, art, and music. In April alone, it's hosting a concert by Iceland-based electronic music artist Ben Frost, Canadian saxophonist Colin Stetson, and Canadian instrumental rock collective Godspeed You! Black Emperor. All are must-visit events for music lovers.

hanzasperons.lv

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### WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

March 31 – April 6

The 2024 Women's Ice Hockey World Championship in Division I, Group B is taking place at the Volvo Ice Arena in Riga. In addition to the home team, the tournament also includes the national teams of Poland, Italy, Slovenia, Great Britain, and Slovakia. Latvia has a very long tradition of ice hockey, and its people are known to be passionate hockey fans, so the atmosphere is sure to be very exciting!

Tickets at [passportix.eu](https://passportix.eu)

#### Did you know?

Riga Restaurant Week runs from April 8 to 21. During this event, the city's restaurants open their doors to all wishing to indulge in an enjoyable adventure of flavours. [liveriga.com](https://liveriga.com)



### TECHCHILL CONFERENCE

April 18–19

This popular Baltic startup and technology event takes place at Hanzas Perons. Having grown out of a small grassroots movement of like-minded tech enthusiasts, TechChill brings together the fastest-growing startups, the most innovative corporations, investors active in the region, and talented tech enthusiasts. This year's event focuses on exploring frontier technologies, startup foundations, and the new rules of business in a changing world, but the speakers and workshops are just as exciting for anyone interested in professional and personal growth.

[techchill.co](https://techchill.co)

### Quote of the month

The arrival each year of the cherry blossoms is a reminder that nature's beauty is always worth the wait.

May this popular saying by an unknown author serve as inspiration for you to visit the Japanese cherry, or sakura, garden in Uzvaras Park in Riga. The trees usually start flowering at the end of April and delight passersby with their splendour.



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Sigrid Viir (b. 1979). *Office Sweet Home*. 2019. Photo.



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### (UN)BALANCED: AN EXHIBITION ABOUT NOTICING AND PEACE OF MIND

Until October 2025

Maintaining inner peace and balance has become increasingly difficult in our complex and turbulent world. This witty, thought-provoking exhibition at the Adamson-Eric Museum invites us to reflect on how to survive and adapt to new circumstances without harming ourselves. It features works by eight contemporary artists, all of whom, in one way or another, explore the concept of balance. This outstanding selection of works can serve as an inspiring reminder to celebrate small and simple successes, be kind and gentle to ourselves, and be grateful for what we have. [adamson-eric.ekm.ee](http://adamson-eric.ekm.ee)



### TALLINN MUSIC WEEK

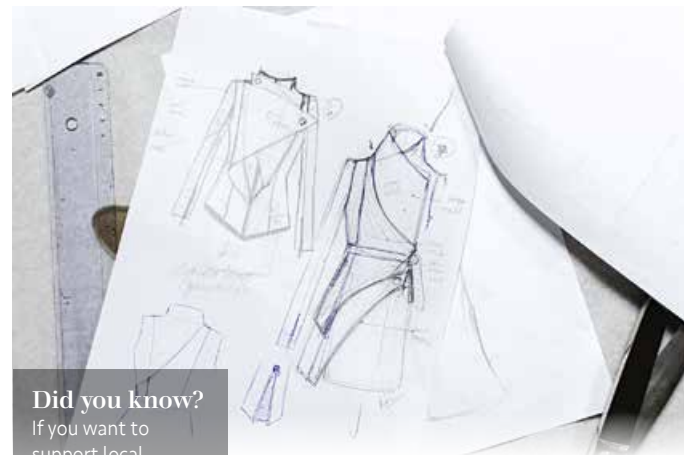
April 5-7

Tallinn Music Week is a music industry conference and new-music festival that's recognised as one of northern Europe's most significant events of its kind. With central hubs at Telliskivi Creative City and the districts of Noblessner, Kalamaja, and Kopli, the festival features 165 artists from 35 countries, representing a wide spectrum of genres. Notable international names include indie-soul artist Beharie, award-winning artist and activist Madame Gandhi, Canadian soul star Tanika Charles, and rising Finnish pop artist Miss Molly. The programme also includes special pop-up events and urban stage gigs. [tmw.ee](http://tmw.ee)

### JAZZKAAR FESTIVAL

April 21-28

The biggest jazz festival in the Baltics is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a genuine springtime party of jazz. This year's edition boasts a diverse programme of contemporary jazz, blues, world music, electronic sounds, and club rhythms. Jazz enthusiasts can look forward to concerts showcasing the latest trends in jazz by young musicians such as Bianca Rantala, Reti Niimann, M-Group, Project Pennar, and more. The vibrant celebration unfolds in Telliskivi Creative City in Tallinn as well as Tartu, Pärnu, and Viljandi. Great jazz music – one can never have too much of it! [jazzkaar.ee](http://jazzkaar.ee)



#### Did you know?

If you want to support local manufacturers and take home a real piece of Estonia, visit the shops organised by the Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union and buy products that have an authentic handicraft label. [visittallinn.ee](http://visittallinn.ee)

### TALLINN FASHION WEEK

April 18-19

Tallinn Fashion Week, which this year takes place at the Tallinn Creative Hub, has been organised by the Estonian Fashion Council since 2007. Over the course of two days full of spectacular fashion shows, it presents the latest collections by more than 15 fashion designers and brands. As befits a fashion week, it includes well-known and beloved fashion designers as well as exciting new designers quickly rising on the domestic fashion landscape. [tfw.ee](http://tfw.ee)



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Donata Minderytė, *Doris Day*. Oil on canvas. 2022.

### DONATA MINDERYTĖ SOLO EXHIBITION

Until May 17

The Vartai Gallery is presenting a solo exhibition by brilliant Lithuanian artist Donata Minderytė (b. 1991). Her work centres on translating images of everyday life from photos or video stills into the medium of painting. Using this concept of visual translation, she then analyses significant changes in an image. Her newest show presents paintings based on her doctoral research, which grapples both practically and theoretically with 'untranslatable' images and explores what happens when they're rendered in contemporary painting. galerijavartai.com



### COLIN STETSON CONCERT

April 22

For the first time ever, the living legend of the saxophone is doing a solo performance in Lithuania. Taking place in the Church of Saint Catherine, the concert venue itself is also very special. The Late Baroque-style church boasts excellent acoustics, while Stetson, with his phenomenal technique and mind-boggling ideas, is a phenomenon on the 21<sup>st</sup>-century music scene. He's accompanied by a specially crafted stage design consisting of lights and visual installations. Tickets at kakava.lt

### CINDERELLA TRADE FAIR

April 12-14

Cinderella is the largest beauty industry event in the Baltic countries. The exhibition features the latest global beauty market news and trends, presentations by beauty specialists, and various competitions. In addition, it hosts seminars about international standards and training for specialists. This grandiose show takes place at the Litexpo convention and exhibition centre. cinderella.lt



VILNIUS

#### Did you know?

The bohemian Užupis district of Vilnius declared its independence on April 1, 1997, as an April Fool's Day prank. Meaning 'beyond the river' in Lithuanian, Užupis is separated from the rest of the city by the Vilnele River. govilnius.lt



### SPRING AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN

Throughout April

Sprawling across 199 hectares and featuring more than 10,000 plant varieties, the Vilnius University Botanical Garden is the largest and most diverse garden in Lithuania. Located on the grounds of an old manor, in spring the garden comes to life with the amazing colours and scents of flowers and blossoming trees. Come here to enjoy hundreds of species and cultivars of daffodils, magnolias, lilacs, rhododendrons, peonies, and tulips. botanikos-sodas.vu.lt

### THE HORSES FAIR

April 6-7

Bringing people in the horse industry together and growing each year, The Horses Fair is taking place for the 14<sup>th</sup> time this year at the Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre. Over the years, it has become an event that celebrates the beauty and nobility of the horse and attracts industry professionals as well as horse lovers. The popular programme includes shows, breed presentations, info pitches, and naturally, high-level competitions. If you love horses, don't miss it! hevossessut.fi



### TAMPERE FLOORBALL TOURNAMENT

April 27-28

Over the course of its short history, floorball has quickly risen to become the third most popular sport in Finland (after ice hockey and football/soccer). The country has over 70,000 registered players and even the world's very first floorball museum, in the Finnish town of Lempäälä. If you want to feel the special atmosphere of this sport, visit the prestigious Tampere Floorball Tournament, which takes over the city's sports halls for two days in April and pits the most talented young floorballers against each other. ilvessalibandy.fi



#### Did you know?

The Hatanpää Arboretum is an absolute gem in Tampere. Located next to the Hatanpää Mansion, this beautiful and vast park area on the shores of Lake Pyhäjärvi is a favourite place for joggers and people looking for a place to relax. visittampere.fi

TAMPERE

### TAMPERE BIENNALE

April 10-14

The Tampere Biennale introduces the most important phenomena in contemporary Finnish music, including leading contemporary composers and their latest compositions. Organised every other year since 1986, the festival was born out of the need to showcase music from living Finnish composers and encourage audiences to become acquainted with new music. There will be music throughout the city at various venues, all easily walkable within the city centre. tamperebiennale.fi



### CHARLES SANDISON EXHIBITION

Until May 5

Charles Sandison (b. 1969) is a Tampere-based media artist and one of the internationally best known artists in Finland. His art has been described as 'poetry of light'. Sandison creates computer-generated light installations on exterior and interior surfaces and video projections that combine words, symbols, and movement. Visitors to the exhibition at the Tampere Art Museum can get the sensation of being on a space flight moving through universes of words, on the border between chaos and order. tampereaitaitemuseo.fi

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ufogolf.lv/airbaltic-riga-open

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## MORE ABOUT airBaltic DISC GOLF PARK

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

### THE COURSE

airBaltic Disc Golf Park offers two specialty courses: the Main Course with 19 baskets, and the Beginners' Course with ten baskets. It takes a few hours to complete each course, making disc golf a great way to spend time outdoors and explore the enchanting forest. **The pine trees in Mežaparks create natural obstacles that add an extra layer of challenge and strategy to the game.** In addition, a game can be accompanied by a refreshing stroll to nearby Ķīšezers Lake for magnificent views.

### FREE ACCESS FOR airBaltic CLUB VIP AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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!

### THE RULES

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

### IN THE WORLD

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

CALENDAR airBaltic / April

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## HEAR FROM PLAYERS

**Kristin Tattar, two-time world champion in disc golf**

What do you wish to say to those who are still hesitating?

Disc golf welcomes everyone and captures your interest when you hit the course. All you need is a disc and a basket. Simply toss the disc, proceed to where it lands, and keep throwing until it lands in the basket. It's as straightforward as that. The finer details of the rules and various tips and tricks can come later. The main thing is to get out there, give it a shot, and have fun.

Who might like it?

Potentially, disc golf can appeal to everyone. After all, who doesn't enjoy a stroll through nature with friends? It's a versatile hobby that can be enjoyed both competitively and casually. Given the widespread availability of courses in many European countries, especially in the Baltics and Scandinavia, you can play almost anywhere. There's likely a disc golf course near you that you haven't been aware of before.

The key to good results?

When you're new to disc golf, the key is simply getting out there, enjoying the game, and cherishing the moments spent with friends. After a few rounds, you'll find yourself naturally beginning to compete against yourself and the course. The more you play, the more you'll grasp the game's strategy. Disc golf is a technical sport that demands specific skills and a resilient mindset. However, these aspects will naturally develop as you keep playing.



August 16–18

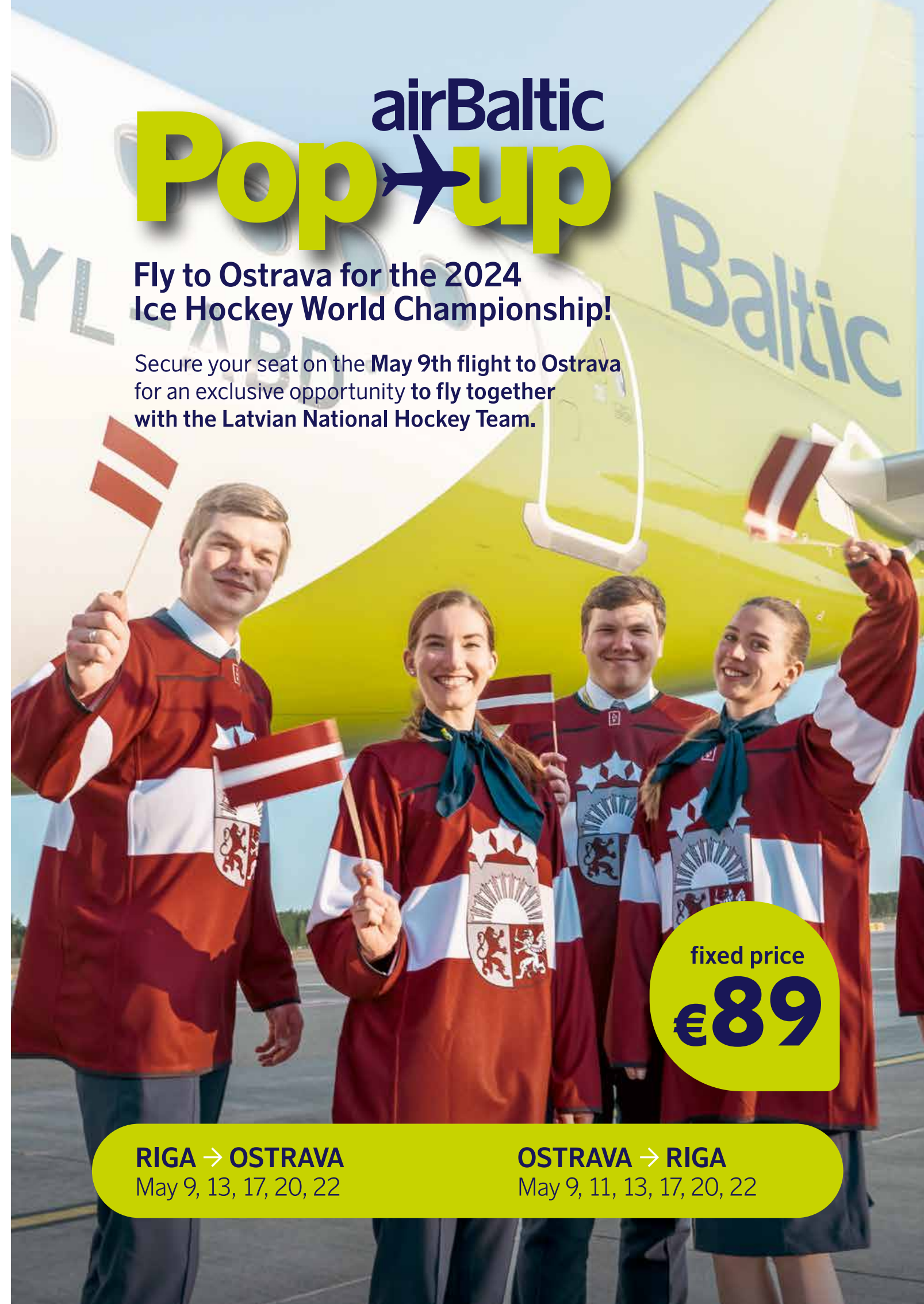
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The Venice Biennale  
welcoming its  
visitors in 2022

## Shapes of Latvia in Venice

The Venice Biennale, which takes place every two years and is one of the most prestigious cultural exhibitions in the world, is back this year for the 60<sup>th</sup> time. Latvia has been a frequent participant in the Biennale since 1999.

From April 20 until November 24, art enthusiasts are invited to Venice to explore the newest works of contemporary art from around the world. Participating in the The Venice Biennale is one of the greatest achievements a contemporary artist can wish for. It's one of the longest-lasting contemporary visual art exhibitions in the world, and over its lifetime the exhibition has featured such artists as Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, and Salvador Dalí.

Artists may be represented in the Biennale's collective exhibition space or they may set up a unique national pavilion for their country. That way, the artists not only showcase their own talent but also bring their country into the global spotlight, representing its artistic trends and boosting its status in terms of creative tourism. Regardless of an exhibition's form, it's guaranteed to receive enormous public attention, as the Biennale sees around half a million visitors, including art professionals. And how could it not – the major cultural and historical centre of Venice in combination with novel art trends makes for an unforgettable destination.

This year's Venice Biennale shines a light on acclaimed Latvian artist Amanda Ziemele and her project *O day and night, but this is wondrous strange... and therefore as a stranger give it welcome*. Ziemele successfully combines art with geometry, literature, and philosophy. She received the prestigious Purvītis Prize in 2021 (Latvia). Her solo exhibition was presented at the Latvian National Museum of Art in 2023. In Latvia's contemporary art scene, Ziemele is known for creating humorous and situational associations through her works.

Ziemele's project for Latvia's pavilion at this year's Venice Biennale is inspired by English schoolmaster and theologian Edwin A. Abbott's novella *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions* (1884). It challenges the boundaries of dimensions by fully exploiting the pavilion's space, and grips viewers with its eight gigantic and colourful geometric shapes. Abbott's satirical science fiction novella plays with the concept of the reader's imagination and 'respective dimensional prejudices' during the Victorian era, when everyone was expected to conform to a two-dimensional world of sorts.

Ziemele shows us that these almost 150-year-old notions are still present today, leading to questions about queer ecology, diversity, inclusiveness, and interconnectivity. While Abbott describes a 'flatland', Ziemele moves the concept further, to a 'thoughtland' where unconditional hospitality, embracing, and healing exist.

The commissioner of the Latvian Pavilion is Daiga Rudzāte, and it is being curated by Adam Budak, the director of the Kestner Gesellschaft art association. Budak has curated numerous major art exhibitions and has worked with many internationally renowned artists, including Louise Bourgeois, John Baldessari, Maria Lassnig, and Katharina Grosse. 'This is Ziemele's version of a mature space, a counter-phantasmagoria resisting exhaustion and fatigue, a space with an attitude that's ready to think and host the irregular world of contemporary society,' says Budak. The architect of the Latvian Pavilion is Niklavs Paegle of *Ēter*, and the exhibition is being produced by the Indie Culture Project Agency. [latvianpavilion.lv](http://latvianpavilion.lv)



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## MUNICH



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Carousel at the Oktoberfest

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**Viktor&Rolf: Fashion Statements** at the Kunsthalle München invites fashion aficionados to discover around 100 creations by this couture brand (until October 6; Theaterstraße 8, kunsthalle-muc.de). The fashion house led by the Dutch duo of Viktor Horsting and Rolf Snoeren is known for its daring sculptural creations, unconventional approach to dressmaking, technical perfection, and jaw-dropping shows. Favoured by first-class stars including Madonna, Tilda Swinton, and Lady Gaga, *Viktor&Rolf* have also designed costumes for numerous ballets as well as an opera directed by Robert Wilson. As part of their latest sensational runway collections, the duo has presented deformed, upside-down, and sideways dresses. Accompanied by spectacular scenography with animate projections, the showcase at the Kunsthalle is packed with a variety of archival pieces as well as behind the scenes elements such as videos and sketches. Porcelain dolls hand-made by the artists are also on display alongside dresses made over the past three decades.

**Rosewood Munich**, a brand-new hotel from the state-of-the-art hospitality chain, has opened just a few steps from Marienplatz in central Munich (rosewoodhotels.com; Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße 1; from EUR 767). With 132 rooms, the *Brasserie Cuvilliers*, and the relaxing Asaya Spa, the hotel is housed in two restored historical landmarks – the former State Bank of Bavaria and the Palais Neuhaus-Preysing – that feature a mix of Baroque and Rococo elements, uniting the past with the sleek, elegant style of the present day. The grand lobby features beautiful frescoes, a vaulted ceiling, and an imposing double staircase. The interiors by *Tara Bernerd & Partners* delight guests with bespoke furniture, marble bathrooms, and artwork by local illustrators. The stylish and jazzy *Bar Montez* is also home to *100B*, an exclusive hidden speakeasy with dimmed lighting and a mysterious ambience for enjoying tailor-made cocktails.

In spring, Munich hosts a no-less rich programme of traditional festivities than it does in autumn. **Frühlingsfest** (April 19 – May 5), or 'spring festival', is like the younger brother of the Oktoberfest and takes place on the Theresienwiese grounds (St. Paul-Straße; muenchen.de). The festival has been held since 1965 and still today draws in visitors with traditional beer gardens, tents serving local delicacies, carousels, and a massive Ferris wheel with the best views over Munich. In all, there are around 30 rides and 70 stalls. Here you'll witness a fashion parade of locals wearing traditional *Dirndls* and *Lederhosen* to the ever cheerful soundtrack of brass bands. On April 20, Theresienwiese is also the site of Bavaria's largest flea market. Other Frühlingsfest events include a vintage car show, colourful parades, and musical fireworks.

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## BUDAPEST

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One of the largest venues of its kind in the world, the Light Art Museum (LAM) set in the atmospheric hall of the old Hold Street Market explores the phenomenon of light via installations and projections. There, the **Superluminal** exhibition is presenting new perspectives on understanding the nature of light (until 30 May; Hold utca 13; lam.xyz). It brings together more than 40 artists who reflect on the physical and artistic scale of light, covering such themes as black holes, parallel universes, radiating glass objects, the northern lights, and even the choreography of light on the human retina. Among the works are interactive and ever-changing light-and-space constructions, light objects, and installations by prominent Hungarian artists such as László Moholy-Nagy, Victor Vasarely, and Vera Molnar as well as the international contemporary teams Zünc Studio, Nohlab, None Collective, and others. Guided tours in English help viewers get a deeper understanding of the subject.

Uniting three historical buildings of different styles – Neo-Renaissance, Art Nouveau, and Modernist with Art Deco elements – the new **Dorothea Hotel** from the *Marriott Autograph Collection* blends contemporary comfort with Hungarian heritage (Dorottya Utca 2; marriott.com; from EUR 212). Named after the Archduchess Dorothea, a cultural icon of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the hotel's image reflects the spirit of Hungary's golden age. The man behind the grand makeover of this site is the world-renowned architect and designer Piero Lissoni. The reception zone impresses with an ornate ceiling, shimmering chandelier, and, in a nod to a trademark local craft, an imposing staircase against the blue background of a Zsolnay-tiled wall. The 216 exquisitely designed rooms and suites feature either a contemporary or heritage design. The lush, green, oasis-like courtyard houses the farm-to-table *Pavilion Restaurant & Bar*, while *Anton Bar & Deli* offers small bites with artisan coffee and signature cocktails in the evenings.

Visiting Budapest's historic thermal bathhouses is on every traveller's bucket list. But popping into a late-night party at one of those cult venues is even more thrilling. **Sparty**, the Grand Budapest Bath Party held in the century-old pools of the Neoclassical-style Széchenyi Thermal Baths, has been luring bathers and partygoers since 1994 (Állatkerti krt. 9-11; spartybooking.com). But come here also for the electronic dance music, the live DJ sets, the acrobatic performances, and the light shows on the stunning historical architecture – the warm pools do indeed turn into dance floors! The party takes place every Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Guests can easily pay for drinks from the refreshments bar with money charged onto a special bracelet. The largest pool party in Europe is underway from February until December, during all weather conditions. Just bring your swimming suit, slippers, and good vibes.



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## The scent of tradition

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As the saying goes, nothing is more memorable than a scent. This holds particularly true in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where even the air carries a unique fragrance and leaves an enduring imprint on one's memory.

Perfume has always been an integral part of everyday life in the UAE. Originating from the Bedouin tribes, the tradition of Arabic perfumes has a millennia-old legacy. The Bedouins used natural ingredients for spiritual rituals, social events, or simply to stay refreshed in the desert climate. Interestingly, still today Emiratis prefer traditional perfumes over European ones.

One of the key ingredients in Arabic perfumes is *oud*. Also known as *gaharu* or aloe wood, oud is the resinous heartwood of the agarwood tree, and its alluring aroma comes from the tree's response to a fungus attempting to damage the trunk. To fight the infection, the tree produces a thick, dark, and highly aromatic resin. In natural forests, only about seven out of 100 *Aquilaria* trees produce oud, which explains why it's the most expensive wood globally, and why oud oil commands an average price of around USD 30,000 per litre.

Oud, in turn, is used to make *bakhoor*, or scented chips. Derived from the Arabic word *bakhara*, bakhoor means 'to smoke' and embodies a rich cultural tradition that goes back thousands of years. Historically, nomadic tribes would burn agarwood chips upon settling in a new location, not only to fill the air with a delightful scent but also to ward off insects.

In modern-day Dubai, the practice of burning bakhoor has transformed into a symbol of hospitality and a method of creating a warm and inviting ambience. Similar to how Europeans use candles, Emiratis embrace the fragrant tradition of burning bakhoor in their homes. This practice has also become a widespread custom in hotels, malls, and various public spaces.

To delve deeper into the world of fragrances, visit the Al Shindagha district, which is the largest open-air museum in Dubai. Among the many museums in the neighbourhood, the Perfume House located in the former home of the late Sheikhha Sheikhha bint Saeed bin Al Maktoum, an avid perfume collector, promises a unique aromatic experience. There, visitors can explore and smell the most commonly used fragrances that hold significance in Emirati and Arabic culture.

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## MY ATHENS

**Anastasia Adamaki** is a Greek photographer specialising in interior spaces, hotels, architecture, food, and commercial products. Born in northern Greece, she moved to Athens at the age of 19 to study the art of photography at the Leica Academy. Adamaki loves photographing familiar things and turning them into something unexpected. 'Everything around us can be considered art,' she says, 'as long as we're prepared to see them from a different perspective.' She loves the historical centre of Athens because it's a beautiful contrast of Neoclassical and modern buildings. Here are some of her favourite places in the city.



### Acropolis Museum

The Acropolis Museum was built to house the artefacts found on the rocky hill and surrounding slopes during the many excavations that have taken place in the area. It consists of two buildings: one old, one new. The new building, designed by French-Swiss architect Bernard Tschumi, opened to the public in 2009 and exhibits more than 4250 objects in an area measuring 14,000 square metres. It offers breathtaking views of the Acropolis as well as the nearby mountains and urban environment. Its glass floor reveals the ruins of an ancient Athens neighbourhood. Dionysiou Areopagitou 15; [theacropolismuseum.gr](http://theacropolismuseum.gr)

### National Garden

A small oasis in the centre of Athens, the National Garden is officially designated as a historical landscape. It's open to the public from sunrise to sunset and features a wide range of flora and fauna, ponds, a small zoo, a botanical museum, a café, a children's library, a playground, lots of shade for picnics, and also a few ancient ruins. This former royal garden reflects the style of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century English garden. You'll find it right behind the Hellenic Parliament building. Vasilisis Amalias 1

### Kombrai bookstore

Open since 2022, *Kombrai* is a small, independent bookstore right in the centre of Athens. The friendly owners Dimitra and Victoria have developed the cosy space into a favourite meeting place for book lovers with a penchant for literature and literary essays. Their book presentations and music parties attract a particularly loyal crowd. Fresh coffee is also always on offer. Didotou 34; [kombraibookstore.gr](http://kombraibookstore.gr)

### Cherchez la Femme

You'll find this café-restaurant in the heart of the historical centre, next to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Athens. The simple, laid-back space has an amazing selection of seafood, mains, desserts, and good wine. It's got an 'old Athens' feeling to it, harking back to the traditional *kafenio* scene of yore. Here you'll find the best *kok* (chocolate cream puffs) in the city. Mitropoleos 46, [cherchezlafemme.gr](http://cherchezlafemme.gr)



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## Point of view

Where to go in Madrid, according to photographer Leyre Cañizares.



### My secret spot

'Madrid is full of magical corners, viewpoints, historical streets, quaint cafés, and stores from a bygone era. But my favourite hidden treasure and undoubtedly the most romantic place in Madrid is the Sabatini Gardens. Nestled in front of the Royal Palace and adjacent to the Plaza de Oriente, the Neoclassical-style garden was created in the 1930s. It's a true feast for the eyes and looks amazing in pictures throughout the year. However, it often remains just beyond the reach of the casual stroller due to the steep stairs leading to it. But those who venture down are rewarded with stunning views of the largest royal palace in Europe, its expansive gardens, and a serene lake.'



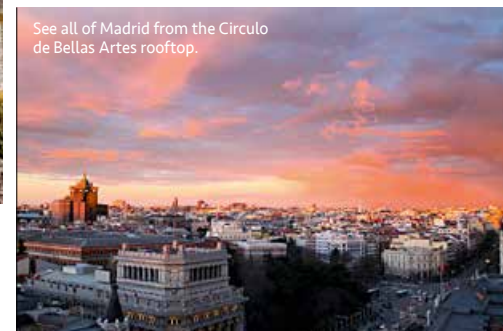
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Leyre Cañizares has been working as a professional photographer for eight years. She specialises in wedding and proposal photography as well as couple and family portraits. Born and raised in Madrid, she knows the city like the back of her hand. Her favourite times for photo sessions are the golden hours: early mornings and evenings. Apart from photography, Cañizares loves spending time in nature, travelling to new places, watching television series, and eating brownies and chocolate cake.



See all of Madrid from the Circulo de Bellas Artes rooftop.

### Other spots to check out

- For a bird's-eye view of the city, head to Circulo de Bellas Artes. It's a cultural organisation hosting a diverse cultural programme in a historical 20<sup>th</sup>-century building, and it has a spacious terrace on the top floor. The vibrant Gran Via looks particularly impressive from up there.
- Another magical spot is the Crystal Palace hidden in the lush El Retiro Park, which features a lake with a fountain. Visit this beautiful glass-and-iron construction at sunset, when the lighting is particularly magical. Access inside the palace may vary depending on the season and day of the week. The venue is also occasionally used for art exhibitions.

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## Sun-filled North Macedonia

The small country of North Macedonia is inhabited by the most southern Slavic nation and is indeed full of sun and warm, authentic southern hospitality.

Don't let the word 'north' in the country's name fool you. The Republic of North Macedonia is not only the southernmost part of the former Yugoslavia but in fact the essence of southern Europe – a country with impressive architectural monuments, a rich history, wonderful nature, delicious cuisine, and friendly, open-minded people.

While easily accessible from all points abroad and boasting all the amenities of the Western world, North Macedonia remains one of Europe's last undiscovered countries. Located in the heart of the Balkan peninsula, it's a natural paradise of mountains, lakes, and rivers where life moves to a different rhythm amidst the grandeur of historical ruins and idyllic villages that have remained practically unchanged for centuries. The country represents the Balkans in the truest sense, consisting of a fascinating mix of Slavic, Greek, Albanian, Turkish, and Mediterranean influences.

Mountain ranges cover 80% of North Macedonia's area, and the country has three national parks: Pelister, Galičica, and Mavrovo. The city of Bitola near the border with Greece is called 'the city of consulates' due to the large number of them here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. And then there are the vineyards, which include the popular *Popova Kula*.

Less than a three-hour direct flight from Riga, the North Macedonian capital of Skopje is a good starting point for visitors wanting to discover the charms of North Macedonia, which – notwithstanding its small size – has an exceptionally large number of attractions to offer. Here you can enjoy gastronomy tours or clubbing in Skopje, soak up some serenity at the 15<sup>th</sup>-century cliff-top Zrze Monastery featuring priceless Byzantine artwork and sweeping views of the Pelagonian Plain, or ski in Mavrovo, North Macedonia's premier winter resort. Whatever you choose, North Macedonia is sure to delight you with its authenticity and diversity.



## TAKE A TRIP BEYOND SKOPJE

### Lake Ohrid

Lake Ohrid, which features mountainous scenery and crystal-clear waters, is the largest lake in North Macedonia and lies on the country's border with Albania. The city of Ohrid on the lake's northern shore is known for its Byzantine monuments and is the most popular resort in the country. The small Byzantine-style Sveti Jovan Kaneo Church on a cliff above the lake offers unforgettable postcard-perfect views of the area, and the town's numerous restaurants serve, among other fish dishes, the famous Ohrid trout, a species found only in this lake. [macedonia-timeless.com](https://macedonia-timeless.com)

### Matka Canyon

This natural wonder is one of the biggest tourist attractions in North Macedonia, especially because it's located barely 15 kilometres from Skopje. Covering an area of about 5000 hectares, the canyon contains an artificial lake as well as ten caves, including Vrelo, and several interesting medieval monasteries. Matka Canyon is also a nature reserve for many plant and animal species, including several found only in this region. It's one of the main places in North Macedonia for high-mountain tourism. The climbing season begins around Easter and ends in November. Kayaking through the canyon on the Treska River is also a very popular activity. [canyonmatka.mk](https://canyonmatka.mk)

### Mavrovo National Park

This vast park (over 686 square kilometres) sits at the western edge of North Macedonia near its border with Albania. It's an excellent place for mountain hiking, but it also lies on the way from Skopje to the southwestern part of the country, that is, to Lake Ohrid and Lake Prespa, among other sites. The park encompasses the Shar Planina, Korab, and Bistra mountain ranges. The dense beech and fir forests are home to some of Europe's largest populations of bears, lynx, foxes, and deer. Of the several villages in the park, Galičnik boasts a particularly rich folklore. The village is known for its traditional costumes and huge wedding celebration performed every year on St. Peter's Day (*Petrovden*) in July. [nprmavrovo.mk](https://nprmavrovo.mk)





YOUR 24 HOURS / April

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April is when the legendary Milan Design Week takes place. Here are a few places in the city that design lovers shouldn't miss.

### WHERE TO STAY

Located just a ten-minute walk from the Duomo di Milano, the new *Max Brown Missori* hotel by the international hospitality group *Sircle Collection* opened its doors to the public late last year. Designer Saar Zafrir has brought a 1970s vibe to the cheery interior, with an emphasis on comfortable beds as well as Italian and international icons such as colourful *Smeg* tea kettles and *Crosley* record players in every room. Original furniture not repurposed for the new design was donated to local charities.

Via Lentasio 3; maxbrownhotels.com; from EUR 236



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### WHERE TO SHOP

As per good old Milanese tradition, a leisurely shopping stroll along the iconic pedestrian Corso Como fashion promenade is a must. It's home to small boutiques selling niche brands of clothing as well as lifestyle and design items. Afterwards, dive into the picturesque Brera district next door – as part of this year's Design Week, its historic palazzos and narrow streets are hosting more than 165 events, 15 new openings, and 196 showrooms.

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Society Limonta's store in Brera.

### WHERE TO EAT

Just like mamma's cooking – that's what they're saying about the new *Casa Fiori Chiari* restaurant in the heart of the Brera district. The historical building features authentic wooden beams and stately columns, while the well-considered and nuanced menu focuses on an updated version of traditional Mediterranean cuisine and includes an array of satisfying dishes, from *spaghetti al pomodoro*, *vitello tonnato*, and *Parmigiana di melanzane* to melt-in-your-mouth desserts.

Via Fiori Chiari 8; casafiorichiari.com

### CLASSICS NOT TO MISS

For already the 62<sup>nd</sup> time, Milan is hosting the world's largest design event, the annual Salone del Mobile.Milano international furniture and accessories fair, which takes place this year from April 16 to 21 at the Rho Fiera Milano pavilions. Under the motto 'Where design evolves', this year's edition will also include the EuroCucina/FTK kitchen exhibition, the International Bathroom and Workplace Exhibitions, the SaloneSatellite young designers' show, and many other events. The event is open to the general public on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21.

Rho Fiera Milano, salonemilano.it

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The rose is a symbol of Bulgaria, and the essential oil extracted from its petals is the country's 'liquid gold'. The Damask rose, or *Rosa damascena*, was introduced here from the Middle East, and Bulgaria has held the position of a major player in the rose-oil industry since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Seventy percent of the world's rose oil is produced in the famous Rose Valley, which stretches for about 95 kilometres between the picturesque Sredna Gora ('middle mountain') and the Balkan Mountains.

This area, which is defined by two river valleys, enjoys an ideal climate for roses, and thus every May and June the verdant green fields turn an overwhelming pink. Workers carry massive yet seemingly weightless transparent bags and baskets full of roses, and the air is filled with the lingering and powdery scent of the flowers. Once ripe and carefully hand-picked, the petals are placed in boilers with water, which is heated to distil the oil. Then the precious elixir is sent to leading perfume, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical producers around the globe. Nearly 3500 kilograms of rose flowers are needed to produce one litre of rose oil!

On the first weekend of June, towns and villages across the Karlovo and Kazanlak regions host the Rose Festival. It has been held since 1903 and celebrates the harvest season. The rose theme is everywhere, from pastries, rose jams, and rose brandy to souvenirs and clothing. While pure rose oil is rather pricey, rose water is just as pleasant a souvenir to bring home. To learn more about the history of the rose-oil craft, the Museum of the Rose in the town of Kazanlak displays more than 10,000 exhibits related to its production. All of the towns in the valley are easily reached by train or bus from Sofia or via organised tours that also offer dining options.



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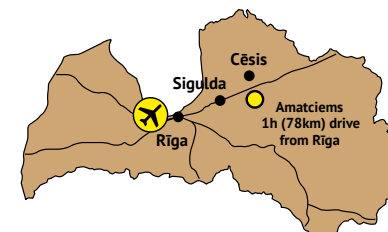
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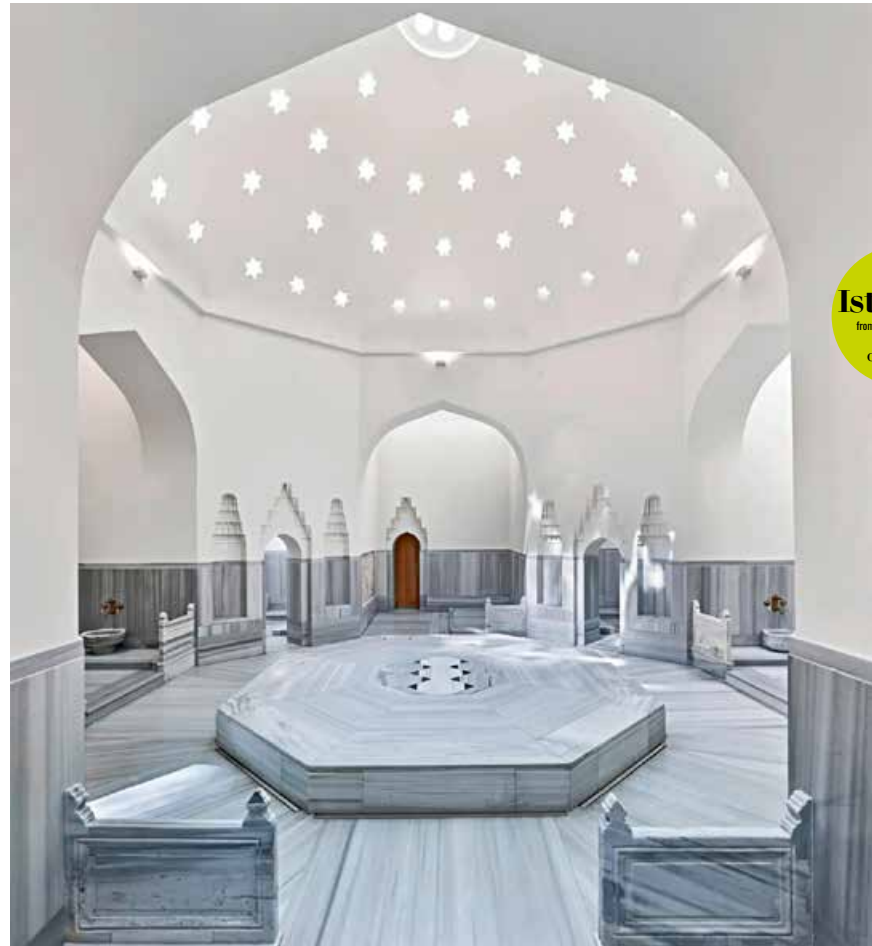
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## Timeless treasure

The restored Zeyrek Çinili Hamam offers a glorious trip back in time with bathing rituals dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Words by Olga Dolina  
Photo by Ibrahim Ozbunar

The tradition of public bathhouses is a trademark element of Muslim culture that reflects the sacred idea of physical and spiritual purity. For centuries, hammams have played a crucial role in socialising between people of different faiths, cultures, and trades, with the healing properties of water and steam uniting people from all walks of life. After a 13-year-long restoration completed by *The Marmara Group*, the Zeyrek Çinili Hamam – an architectural marvel nestled in Istanbul's UNESCO-listed historical district of Zeyrek, again welcomes bathers for a steam-filled relaxation ritual.

The imposing bathhouse was built in the 1530s, during the reign of Süleyman the Magnificent in the golden age of the Ottoman Empire. It was among the first elaborate examples of social architecture. Up until then, only the royal palaces had been so richly decorated. Among the key elements of the splendid Zeyrek Çinili are the intricate blue-and-white Iznik tiles. The bathhouse's interior walls were originally adorned with more than 10,000 tile pieces in thirty-seven unique designs. Most of them were dismantled in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and sold to antiquities dealers, although some can be found in Europe's leading museums.

Nearly 3000 tile fragments were recovered during the recent restoration and now again greet bathers in the bathhouse. They contrast with contemporary design additions that exist harmoniously within the hammam's classical architecture. The renewed interior has marble cladding on the walls and floors, which give the spaces a visually clean, almost spiritual touch. Golden taps, marble fountains, crystal chandeliers, rugs, and wooden benches with soft cushions add style as well as a certain cosiness. Ancient Byzantine cisterns that once brought water to the baths, a number of 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century wall paintings, and even a private garden area that now hosts events were also uncovered during the excavations.

Starting this spring, visitors to Zeyrek Çinili can immerse themselves in a traditional bathing experience in this timeless treasure. The hammam also has a major cultural function, namely, its former cistern space now hosts site-specific contemporary art installations. With an interesting display of Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman artefacts, the adjoining museum designed by *Atelier Brückner* provides an interactive glimpse into the site's history and bathing culture.  
Zeyrek, İtfaiye Cd. No: 44;  
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Given the current trend, it's possible to observe a steady increase in gender diversity in pilot training as well. In 2023, 12% of the cadets were women, up from 6% in 2022. Also, 10% of the graduates in 2023 were women (compared to 8% in 2022). Lapsa adds that more than 100 graduates have now joined the first-officer programme at airBaltic, with the first participants in the programme becoming captains very soon.

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Training for general aviation is conducted in Liepāja, and training for commercial aviation takes place in Riga. 'As a bonus, in both the pilot and technician training programmes, the training is provided by industry professionals, that is, experienced airBaltic pilots and technicians who can share their hands-on experience with the students,' Lapsa explains.

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Sessions Arts Club in London.

Creative minds have historically congregated in cafés, bars, and restaurants. Although their tools may have evolved from notebooks and pencils to laptops and headphones, the enduring camaraderie between artists and their beloved haunts remains.

Certain locales are monuments to historic art movements, such as the laid-back *Els Quatre Gats* serving Catalan cuisine in Barcelona's historical district. At the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was the meeting place for the local Modernist movement, including the rising artist Pablo Picasso. He not only hosted his first solo exhibition in the café in 1900 but also designed the cover for its menu.

However, some of the most stylish establishments of our days are led by chefs and restaurateurs with an ardent appreciation for art and who are keen to exhibit their impressive art collections to their clientele. Take *Le Gavroche*, for instance, where the collection of chef Michel Roux Jr. and his predecessor – which includes original works by Picasso, Giacometti, Miró, and Dalí – enhances the experience of the *Michelin*-starred eight-course tasting menu. Other venues have directly commissioned esteemed artists to enhance their interiors, such as *Sketch* in London, where designer India Mahdavi and artist Yinka Shonibare collaborated to create a captivating, copper-hued tribute to African culture and its enduring legacy.

Some of the most stylish establishments of our days are led by chefs and restaurateurs with an ardent appreciation for art

Words by Ilze Vitola  
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### WHERE TO FEED BOTH BODY AND SOUL

#### No Man's Art Gallery in Amsterdam

Starting as a pop-up art space, the gallery opened a permanent location in the Bos en Lommer neighbourhood in 2018. It spotlights up-and-coming international artists, while the menu stays true to beloved Dutch café staples: juicy sandwiches and brunch platters that switch over to gourmet bites (think *Ortiz* sardines, truffle butter on sourdough bread, and celeriac with beurre blanc) in the evening. A second location opened in 2021 at No Man's Art Gallery Kiosk in Amsterdam, a space with a project-based programme.

Bos en Lommerweg 88-90;  
nomansart.com

#### Sessions Arts Club in London

Opened in 2021, *Sessions Arts Club* has already become a London classic. Perched on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of a building in the historical heart of Clerkenwell and named among the city's most beautiful restaurants, the jade-coloured walls serve as a canvas for rotating exhibitions by international artists. The culinary offerings are masterpieces in their own right, with dishes inspired by European flavours and crafted with locally sourced produce. Dining here will make you feel like a guest in a wealthy nobleman's tumbledown manor.

24 Clerkenwell Green;  
sessionsartsclub.com

#### Zagreus Projekt in Berlin

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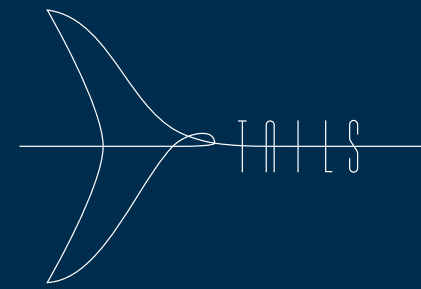
The restaurant is complemented by a cocktail lounge that serves a selection of beverages and signature cocktails designed to perfectly blend with COD culinary creations.

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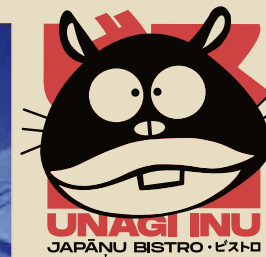
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Jeruzalemes 10, Rīga www.unagiinu.lv







An AI-generated illustration of Germia Park in Pristina, inspired by the style of artist Alije Vokshi. She was the first academically trained female artist in Kosovo and the first ethnic Albanian female painter from Kosovo to study in Belgrade and Paris. Later she began teaching fine arts at the University of Pristina. Vokshi was seen as a true trailblazer on Kosovo's art scene and gained international recognition for her expressionist portraits.



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

Words by **Marta Metuzāle**  
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## THE WELCOMING AURA OF KOSOVO

Having gained its independence in 2008, Kosovo is Europe's youngest country and is still searching for its place on the radar of potential visitors. Featuring Yugoslavian brutalist architecture, romantic cafés, breathtaking Balkan nature, and incredibly kind locals, the now visa-free country offers plenty for the body and soul.

Sitting in one of Pristina's many enchanting cafés, I feel nostalgic grooves pulsate through my ears and wish I could join all the artistic young Kosovars reading books, listening to music, and chatting over a cup of coffee. In the courtyard a few adolescents in leather jackets are smoking cigarettes (outside, where it's allowed) and enjoying the early spring sunshine. One of the comfortable cushions is occupied by the café's mascot, a tri-coloured cat who lazily yawns and enjoys the attention of two women seated nearby. At the next table over, young adults are reading *The Fourth Wing* and other fantasy books borrowed from the cafés overflowing bookshelves. I sit back in my chair as well, sip the delicious hot drink in my hands, and lose myself in the magnificent music and atmosphere.

THE MEDIAN AGE OF KOSOVO'S POPULATION IS 29 YEARS, AND THIS YOUTHFULNESS CAN SURELY BE SEEN IN THE STREETS. Students, teens, affectionate couples, and well-dressed professionals stroll through the city. Because only a few days have passed since the country's independence day celebrations, the streets are still full of flags and banners, adding a celebratory cheer to every corner. Kosovars have much to celebrate this year – as of January 1, it has become a visa-free country, allowing anyone to visit this young, charming country with only a passport in hand.

It's still early spring, and I'm slowly taking in the charm of Kosovo's capital city. Rumour has it that it's even more vibrant in summer, when the diaspora returns for holidays and the warm weather makes people come out of their shells. The young people, for their part, are passionate about travelling and can't wait to explore all corners of Europe. They're proud of their roots and gladly announce to anyone and everyone that the pop stars Dua Lipa and Rita Ora





The stray dogs are friendly, free-of-charge companions that follow tourists and locals wherever they go, including the Ethnological Museum.



The National Library of Kosovo presents a unique mixture of brutalist and Ottoman architectural elements.



Bill Clinton is a beloved political figure among Kosovars, and this monument has overlooked one of Pristina's main boulevards since 2009.



While the name implies otherwise, Pristina's Boxing Club is a novel contemporary art gallery that showcases works by rising local artists.

## Kosovo's young people are brave, curious, and artistic to their core

are both of Kosovar heritage. Kosovo's young people are brave, curious, and artistic to their core; they also remain close to their country and families while exploring the beautiful opportunities the world offers.

Kosovo's architecture, which offers surprises on every corner, reflects the country's long history under various powers and influences. Remnants from the Ottoman era alternate with Yugoslavian elements and new buildings from the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The most prominent building in Pristina is the National Library, which is often called one of the ugliest buildings in the world. But I can't wait to see how those domes look from the inside. And indeed, the interior does not disappoint. Natural light pours into the spaces from the large domes on top of each cube, and the structure itself, which reflects the brutalist architecture of the 1970s, is well preserved. Croatian architect Andrija Mutnjaković is said to have used domes in the design in a nod to the Ottoman and Byzantine architecture so characteristic to the Balkan region.

A short walk away, next to residential apartment blocks built when Kosovo was still part of Yugoslavia, I say hi to Bill Clinton. The statue of Clinton waves to all who pass by, while behind it a portrait of him stands on the side of a building. Memories like this honouring the American president's visit to Kosovo in 1999 can be found scattered throughout

the city centre. But even though Pristina may at times feel like a well-kept reminiscence of the late 1990s, it has in fact never stopped developing.

To thoroughly experience everything Pristina has to offer, I join a walking tour with a local guide named Astriti. There are only three of us on the tour – one of the wonderful perks of Pristina still being largely hidden from the public eye. Our small and intimate gathering allows for long conversations and learning lots of facts about the history of this place. Astriti, who is 34 years old, has seen Pristina both before and after becoming the capital of independent Kosovo. 'The city is expanding every year, with everyone trying to move closer to the centre and with expats coming back home after numerous years abroad,' he says, emphasising the importance of all the new residential buildings being built.

To give us a glimpse into the city's past, Astriti takes us to the Ethnological Museum, which is located right in the centre of the city. This is his favourite part of town, as it dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century and the Ottoman Empire. But sadly, not much remains of its historic beauty nowadays. On our way, we meet many stray dogs. 'They all hope you'll have a treat to give them, but it's better to ignore them,' Astriti recommends. Nevertheless, the dogs gladly accompany us wherever we go. One furry friend walks with us right to the door of the Ethnological Museum, playfully requesting a bit of attention now and then.

It's already late in the evening and the museum is closed, but charmingly, everyone knows each other in Pristina. One quick call to the museum's manager and we're let into the museum complex. Constructed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the site was once owned by an affluent Turkish family. Everywhere I look I see reminders of what life was like back in the day. Small

white houses with majestic terraces overlook the garden, making this a beautiful, dreamy location for a morning coffee or friendly gathering. The house's grand room on the first floor has an old fireplace while the kitchen features low benches and authentic pottery. Elsewhere I see colourful dresses and low doorways that gradually become even smaller and lower.

'They get increasingly smaller so that you continually bend lower and lower, thus showing respect to the house, the ground you're standing on, and your roots by bowing down to enter the room,' Astriti explains. I bow low to enter the guest room, which reveals a luxurious carpet and wide windows with a view of the yard. The room has no chairs, only a long narrow bench that could also be used as a bed. Sitting on the ground was a part of Ottoman culture, so guest rooms rarely had functioning chairs.

**CONTEMPORARY ART IN KOSOVO IS ALSO IMPACTED BY HISTORICAL CULTURE AND EVERYTHING THE COUNTRY HAS EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST.** As my first impression of Kosovo shows, the country's best asset is its people, who constantly create, do, and engage. Upon entering the acclaimed Stacion centre for contemporary art, I'm welcomed by its friendly team of Albert Heta, Vala Osmani, and Venera Çoçaj, and they become my most treasured contacts and best guides to the city. Heta is an artist himself and has founded numerous private museums as well as the Pristina Summer School, which has been gathering local and international art enthusiasts since 2015 to improve their artistic skills and become more competitive at the international level. While Kosovo does not have its own state-managed contemporary art centre, Heta is optimistic about the future. 'Having so many privately owned art galleries

makes art more accessible to people, and all gallery owners have equal opportunities to excel,' he says. Stacion also houses the Museum of American Art in Pristina, which showcases a great variety of American artwork.

Heta's biggest treasure is his team's recently established art gallery. Called the Boxing Club, it's located in a historical building just a few minutes' walk from Stacion. In the past, the space served as a boxing gym where numerous Yugoslavian boxing champions trained. Now it houses an alternative gallery. 'We kept the name to honour the historical significance of the building. But it still raises questions online, and we often get people asking us at what times is the boxing gym open,' Heta laughs.

While the building itself is rather difficult to find, the gallery reveals a spacious room containing an exhibition by Enxhi Mehmeti, the winner of last year's Summer School contest and a representative of the Kosovar diaspora. Her exhibition *Dream Baby Dream* plays with the concept of rebirth in Kosovar culture and features detailed pencil drawings accompanied by physical installations and sound effects. As Heta says, the diaspora is still very connected to Kosovo, participating in local competitions, marrying fellow Kosovars, returning home for visits in the summer, and consistently investing in the country's real estate.

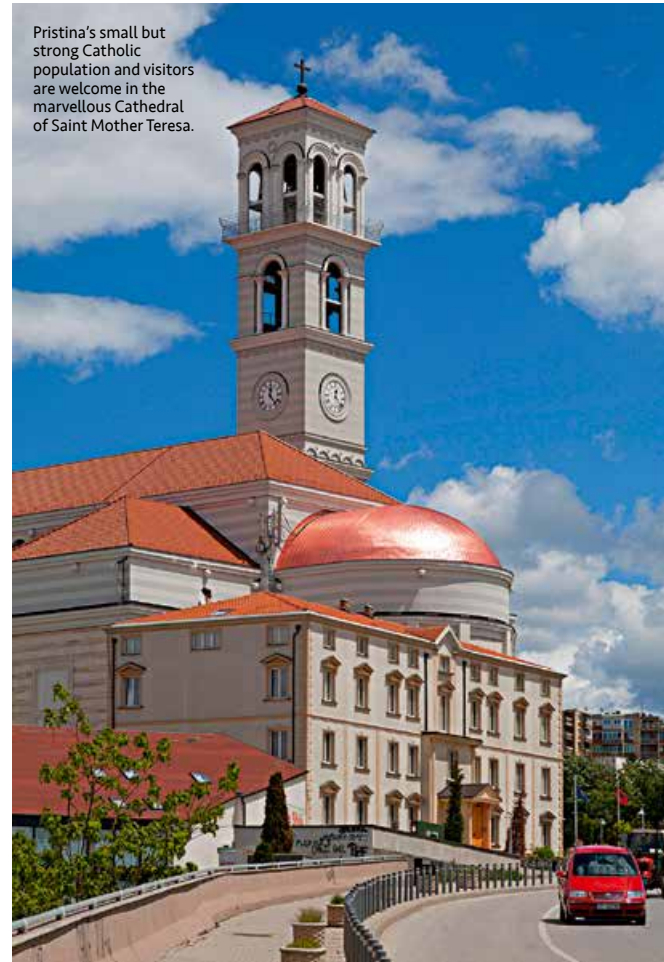
Pristina has a lot to offer in terms of art. In addition to small contemporary galleries, the National Gallery of Pristina is also full of art. Alongside its permanent exhibitions, it hosts frequent workshops, lectures, and temporary artworks to showcase Kosovo's rich heritage of art. Established in 1979, it's one of the longest-operating art museums in Pristina.

Although Kosovo has experienced much fluctuation and frequent conversions in terms of religion, today around





Sultan Mehmet Fatih Mosque, or the Imperial Mosque, as locals call it, is located in the centre of the Old Town and is the city's main mosque.



Pristina's small but strong Catholic population and visitors are welcome in the marvellous Cathedral of Saint Mother Teresa.



The 'Newborn' monument celebrates Kosovo's recent independence, which it declared in 2008, making it the youngest country in Europe.

## Kosovars are also proud of their nation's success at the global level, and they express this pride quite creatively

97% of the population is Muslim, making it the country with the highest Muslim population in Europe. Pristina's skyline features magnificent mosques from various centuries, with the most prominent being the Imperial Mosque. Dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, it still functions as a place of worship where religious leaders address believers on a regular basis. The Imperial Mosque is only open to visitors during prayer time, meaning one must be dressed appropriately to enter the building. On the streets, however, people wear whatever they feel comfortable in, and I see only a few women wearing hijabs or other religious clothing.

But Pristina is full of other religious buildings and artefacts as well. The Roman Catholic Cathedral of Saint Mother Teresa catches my eye thanks to its tall tower and white walls. At night it's beautifully lit up, and I promise myself to visit it during the day to explore it thoroughly. As only around 1% of Kosovo's population identifies as Catholic, the presence of such a building raises a lot of questions. When I bring this up to my newly found acquaintances Heta and Osmani from the contemporary art centre, their answer is quite short: to assimilate within European culture. 'Because Kosovo highly values its close relationship with western Europe, building a Catholic church was a polite gesture and a nod to the nearby countries where Catholicism is the main religion,' Heta says.

The interior of the cathedral is unexpectedly light and impressive. There are no other people in the church, which is something I've never experienced in any other capital city. The stained glass images portray the religious development of Kosovo, inviting me to sit down in one of the pews and bask in the calm silence one only finds in a religious building.

Not far from the Cathedral of Saint Mother Teresa lie the remains of what was once intended to be the Serbian Orthodox Church of Christ the Saviour. The Serbs began building the church while Kosovo was under Serbian influence in the 1990s, but they did not finish it in time. To visit a functioning Serbian Orthodox church, I head to the town of Gračanica a mere ten kilometres away.

Here I find a completely different picture – Gračanica is not only home to a Serbian-speaking population but is also famous for the Gračanica Monastery built back in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. I park the car right next to the entrance to the monastery's grounds. The gate is wide open, and it's obvious how important this church is to the local community. I even witness the photo shoot for a baby's christening. I stroll around the church examining the marvellous architecture and peek inside the sunlight-filled building. Behind the church lies a restricted area where only the nuns are allowed.

Surrounded by cafés and smiling locals (including the stray dogs), I feel I'm liking this country more and more. And the people here are also very articulate. With Kosovo home to two ethnic groups – Albanians and Serbs – they have chosen English as their common language. Therefore, every local speaks at least two languages, making it quite pleasant for a visitor to explore the country. You always know what you're eating, what a museum's opening hours are, and how much a bottle of authentic rakija liquor costs.

As Heta and I walk through Pristina, he suddenly stops by a bench along Bulevardi Nënë Tereza where four elderly men are smoking cigars. Heta shakes hands with each one of them, and they all indulge in a quick conversation about how they're doing and what's new in their lives. With a population of only around 600,000, almost everyone in Pristina is somehow interlinked and knows each other.

Thanks to the welcoming locals, I feel safe and comfortable throughout my visit. Whenever I cannot find the right change to pay for a pastry or the car park or cannot find the right direction, someone is always there to help. Really! People constantly ask me about how I ended up coming to Pristina and what I like most about the city, giving never-ending recommendations on what I should see and visit.

Kosovars are also proud of their nation's success at the global level, and they express this pride quite creatively. A mural of Kosovar-Albanian singer Dua Lipa looks down on me from the wall of a residential building, the 'Newborn' sculpture features images of European landmarks, and there are surely many more colourful works of art throughout the capital. The *Pristina Street Art* application helps me plan my walking route to explore all of the street art in the city, and eventually I end up on a former railway track that's been transformed into a literal underground art scene. Graffiti carries a whole new meaning here, combining serious messages with amusing drawings. The rails are now covered with potted plants, and I'm sure this is a go-to meeting spot in summer. I can't wait to come back to see it all lively and full of people!

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Street art is a whole separate genre in Pristina. Works of art decorate walls of residential houses and even an abandoned railway.



Thanks to the country's Ottoman past, Kosovars have a strong café culture, with beautiful coffee places on every corner in Pristina.

## Nothing could have prepared me for the abundance of cosy and inviting cafés and bars all over Pristina

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ANY CITY CAN SURELY BE FOUND IN ITS CENTRAL MARKET, AND PRISTINA IS NO EXCEPTION. So in between my tours, I take a stroll through the grand Pristina Bazaar. Its narrow pedestrian streets are full of vendors selling everything from everywhere. The more sophisticated vendors have set up tables and chairs to showcase their grand arrays of fruits, vegetables, and spices, while some more creative merchants have stocked a great variety of produce in their car boots. Between the cars and stands you'll also find a few cafés, where the elderly enjoy spending their days. I peek through a window and see three such men doing what they love the most: playing cards, smoking cigars, and sipping coffee.

If I had to describe Kosovar cuisine in three words, it would surely be: hearty, filling, diverse. Or cheese, meat, flour ... which goes along the same lines. When I first walk into the *Me Lugë* restaurant, I'm greeted by a lovely atmosphere of mauve walls and local workers enjoying their lunch. The menu looks enticing, and I order a bunch of *sarmas* (spicy cabbage rolls), green bean stew, a savoury cottage cheese pie, and *petulla* (sweet fried dough that's dipped in jam). A cup of strong Turkish tea is typically served at the end of a meal. I'm overwhelmed by the variety and portion sizes, but luckily there's no need to worry about consuming it all in one go,

as restaurants here encourage packing up the leftovers to take home.

Meat is a staple in Kosovar gastronomy, and I make sure to taste all kinds of different meats while I'm here. Sausages, freshly cooked meats, and kebabs are often accompanied by a savoury cheese pastry called a *burek*, which resembles a crepe with salty cheese inside. An absolute gem of Kosovar cuisine is *ajvar*, a tangy sauce made of bell pepper and eggplant. As soon as I take my first taste of it, I already know I'll find room for a jar of it in my suitcase. Kosovars eat this condiment with everything: on a burek, alongside meat or vegetables, or even as a base for a stew.

But once I encounter the sweet side of Kosovar cuisine, I forget all about the main courses. Traditional Turkish and Albanian baklava and *trilece* milk cake can be found in nearly every restaurant and café and are a dessert lover's dream. But the poppy- and sesame-seed pastries on the shelves of the local boulangeries also rapidly steal my heart.

Nothing could have prepared me for the abundance of cosy and inviting cafés and bars all over Pristina. As Astriti explains, the tea and coffee culture in Kosovo arose during the Ottoman era, and taking tea breaks is still common in practically every household. The local coffee specialty is macchiato – no matter the time of day, it's always macchiato o'clock. I order my first classic macchiato at *Caffez* to accompany my lunch, and I'm hooked. The foamy texture, the richly flavoured coffee, and the tangy sweetness of the milk are to die for. After that, every single one of my coffee orders in Kosovo is a macchiato. Cafés in this city often also double as bars. As they dim their lights in the evening, the coffee cups gradually turn into glasses of local wine or rakija, and the bookshelves turn into backdrops for live concerts.



Mountains in the Bjeshkët e Nemuna National Park. No trip to Kosovo is complete without a day trip to the western part of the country.

THE BALKAN MOUNTAINS IN KOSOVO ARE THE LITERAL PEAK OF THE REGION, so paying them a visit is a must if you're in the area. I decide to head to the Bjeshkët e Nemuna National Park for snow-covered peaks and beautiful waterfalls. My first stop is the picturesque town of Peja, a 1.5-hour drive from the capital. Located right next to the park, the town is small, but on this Saturday morning it feels like all the residents have come outside to join me in the town centre. Peja hosts a weekly market, and I stroll along the busy streets, finding incredibly affordable pastries and a cup of coffee. Peja also provides me with my first view of the majestic mountains. Suddenly it's clear to me why the neighbouring country is called Montenegro, which translates to 'black mountain' – the hills in front of me are indeed black. At this time of year they lack the nourishing green touch you'd find in the mountains of western or central Europe, but they intrigue me nonetheless.

Driving towards the Montenegrin border, each view is breathtaking and the steep and unexpected turns reveal new gems at every bend in the road. While the highway can be a bit tricky at times, the concentration it demands is worth it once I arrive at the magical Rugova Canyon viewpoint. The glass floor makes me contemplate whether I have a fear of heights and if I dare step on it to get a better view of the canyon and waterfall. In the warmer season, it's also possible to jump on a zipline and see the landscape from a bird's point of view.

On my quest to explore the countryside of Kosovo, I unintentionally find myself in a tiny mountain village whose name is unclear to me even after searching the depths of *Google Maps*. The Deer Waterfall, which I've read great

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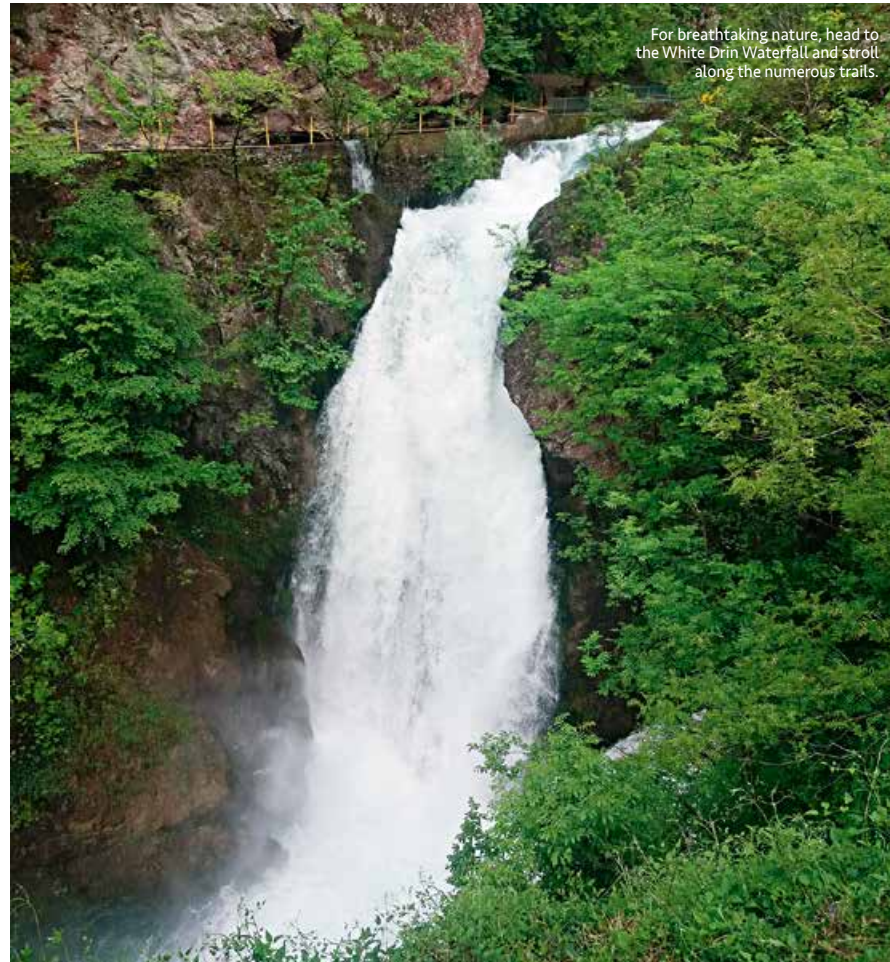


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For breathtaking nature, head to the White Drin Waterfall and stroll along the numerous trails.

things about, is nearby but can only be reached via a footpath. The mountainous roads do not have many parking spots, so I pull up next to a local inn. Its owner immediately rushes out to greet me, and, even though I'm not a guest at the inn, I receive permission to leave my car here and even come inside to warm up before my hike. I gratefully step inside the tiny countryside café with Kosovar music on the radio and regional soups as well as meat dishes on the menu. I choose a soup for a couple of euros to get some extra energy for the hike and then go out to hunt for the Deer Waterfall. The owner gives me some more tips on what to visit in the area and wishes me a safe trip.

On my way to the Deer Waterfall, I'm amazed by the beautiful environment around me. The black mountains, the idyllic tranquillity one only finds in mountain villages, and the lack of traffic make my heart skip a beat. Even though the Deer Waterfall ends up being somewhat underwhelming, the views I see off the beaten track are definitely worth the walk. The beautiful mountains against the backdrop of white cotton-candy-like clouds and the pure sound of nature make me pinch myself

to be sure that I'm not dreaming. But I'm determined to find a few more waterfalls before calling it a day.

I drive several kilometres north from Peja to the White Drin Waterfall. A group of schoolchildren on an excursion approaches, and it seems that this is also a popular tourist destination for locals. The White Drin Waterfall Park is home to numerous waterfalls, but the most majestic one can be heard even from the other side of the park. People say there are three things one can look at forever: water, fire, and other people working. This is definitely true, and I spend a good five minutes mesmerised by the waterfall's beauty.

My walk does not end here – going around the waterfall, I enter another section of the park with several smaller but nevertheless breathtaking waterfalls. The park has great infrastructure, built with financial help from the European Union. The wooden steps are sturdy and clean, the directions are crystal clear, and getting lost is impossible, making this a delightful last stop before heading back to Pristina, stocking up on jars of ajvar, drinking one last macchiato, and hopping on a plane back to reality.

#### USEFUL ADDRESSES

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###### Hotel Manami

Back when Kosovo was a part of Yugoslavia, this structure served as a residential building, and the rooms were apartments. The building has since undergone an extreme makeover and looks very intriguing from the outside with its popping window blocks. *Hotel Manami* is conveniently located in the city centre, within a ten-minute walk of all the main sites. 2 Fehmi Agani | [hotelmanami.business.site](http://hotelmanami.business.site)

###### Hotel Sirius

Located on the main street in Pristina, *Hotel Sirius* never sleeps. It's surrounded by large stores, cafés, 24-hour pharmacies, and small shops. One of the greatest assets of this accommodation is its marvellous rooftop bar *Hera Rooftop*, which provides a magnificent view over the city. This is a great choice for visitors seeking high-level comfort. Agim Ramadani | [siriushotelpristina.reserve-online.net/about](http://siriushotelpristina.reserve-online.net/about)

##### WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

###### Dit' e Nat'

This lovely vegetarian place is full of books, delicious coffee, and cocktails. It even has its own adorable mascot – a tri-coloured cat usually found lounging on one of the café's chairs and gladly greeting customers. The food here is very hearty, and everyone can find something to their liking. 5 Fazli Grajqevci

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### What do you think differentiates Kosovo from other Balkan countries?

Kosovo stands out in the Balkans for a few key reasons. It's super young as a country, having declared independence in 2008, and this youthfulness shows in its vibrant vibe. The place is full of young people pushing for change and making their mark, which gives Kosovo a unique, forward-looking energy. Culturally, it has a cool mix of ancient history and more recent influences. This blend makes Kosovo's food, architecture, and traditions different from what you find in other Balkan countries.

### How would you describe the local people?

The locals in Pristina, and Kosovo in general, are some of the warmest and most welcoming people you'll come across. The sense of hospitality here runs deep. People are genuinely interested in where you're from and your story. This openness and friendliness is really at the heart of what makes spending time here so special. The young people, especially, are dynamic and progressive and keenly interested in connecting with the wider world while contributing to their own society's growth. You'll find that many speak multiple languages, which makes it easy for travellers to communicate and connect.

Kosovo has a knack for bringing out some real stars, too, such as Dua Lipa, who's killing it on the global music scene. It just goes to show how tough and talented folks from here are, shining bright in the arts, sports, and beyond. Their success is a big deal for Kosovo, proving that no matter where you're from, you can make it big. It's all about that Kosovo spirit: strong, bold, and full of talent.

**Arbron Gashi** is a Kosovo-born web designer whose main passion is creative writing and poetry. Having published his first book in 2021, he's a well-known young writer in Kosovo and uses his experience of living in Kosovo, Switzerland, and Italy to reflect on different cultures and the vibrant energy one gets from travelling. His book *What Silence Hides* can be found at *Soma Book Station*, Pristina's most popular up-and-coming book café and bar, which also hosts frequent live music concerts and workshops.

### What are the main things one should see and experience in Kosovo?

Our capital is always buzzing and has this vibrant energy that's hard to ignore, with street art popping up everywhere and cafés that easily make you lose track of time. But the country has other beautiful cities and towns as well.

Arriving in Prizren, for example, feels like stepping into a postcard from the past in the best possible way. It's not just the old buildings or the fortress overlooking the town; it's also the vibe of the streets, and the festivals, such as Dokufest, which bring in movie buffs from all corners of the world. It's a blend of history, culture, and modern beats that somehow all works together perfectly.

Peja is another place that's close to my heart. With the Rugova Valley right next door, it's a gateway to adventure. It's perfect for all who love the outdoors.

Gjakova has an old bazaar, the Çarshia e Madhe, to get a sense of the old crafts and traditions. It's a bit like stepping back in time, but in a way that feels incredibly warm and inviting.

And let's not forget about Brezovica, which is a hidden gem for anyone who loves the mountains. In winter, it transforms into a snowy paradise that's perfect for skiing. Brezovica has a way of making a person forget the hustle and bustle of daily life, offering a slice of serenity that's hard to find anywhere else.

### And what's the tastiest dish in Kosovar cuisine?

If I had to pick just one, I'd go for *flija*. It's so simple, yet so rich

in flavour. *Flija* is made with layers of batter and is cooked slowly over an open fire under a special metal lid that's covered with hot coals. What I love about *flija* is the sharing aspect of it. It's not just about eating; it's about gathering with family or friends, often outdoors, and making the dish together. It takes time and patience, but the result is an incredibly delicious smoky-flavoured treat that's crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. It's a dish that brings people together and tells a story of tradition. And honestly, it's just really tasty. Every bite reminds you of the simplicity and richness of Kosovar culture.

### What are your go-to food and drink spots in Pristina?

For meals in Pristina, the *Liburnia* restaurant, which serves up some of the best traditional dishes, is a must. It's very cosy and welcoming and feels like you're dining in someone's home. *Casa Rita* is another gem. It's got a warm, inviting atmosphere, and the food is just amazing. *Soma Slow Food* is another favourite for when you're looking for something a bit more health-conscious but still packed with flavour. There's also *Olive Bakery* for when you're craving a good croissant. Its pastries are just divine: buttery, flaky, and everything a croissant should be.

When it comes to drinks, *Soma Book Station* is where it's at. The establishment doubles as a bookstore and has a laid-back, intellectual vibe. It's a fantastic place to unwind after a day of exploring the city or to catch up with friends. And if you're looking to party, you're in luck, because Pristina comes alive at night with a bunch of cool spots to check out, including *Zone Club* and *Gate Club*.

### Boho

Located next to *Soma Book Station*, the *Boho* bar is a great alternative for a quieter atmosphere and more intimate conversations. The menu offers only drinks, but the great variety is plenty for a diverse mix all night long, from local wines, rakija, and a gigantic assortment of cocktails to the always-appropriate macchiato. The walls are covered in beautiful artwork, inviting guests to stroll around the bar between drinks. Rr Fazli Grajqevci

### Shpija e Vjetër

The fairy lights surrounding the entrance to this restaurant invite guests into a warm interior where local delicacies and international dishes for all tastes are offered. The pizzas, filling meat dishes, and great breakfast selection will satisfy any craving. *Shpija e Vjetër* also serves delicious desserts that change on a daily basis, letting one explore all the flavours of Kosovar cuisine. Qamil Hoxha

### WHERE TO SHOP Prishtina Mall

One of the largest shopping malls in the region, Prishtina Mall is located a bit outside of the city centre. However, it has more than 200 stores representing local and international brands and also plenty of places to get souvenirs and delicious snacks. From very affordable fast fashion to luxurious boutiques, Prishtina Mall has it all. Mramor, near Badovc Lake | bearsanctuary-prishtina.org

### Libraria Dukagjini

One of the most charming bookstores in Pristina has a surprisingly vast assortment of books in English. In addition to books you probably won't easily find in the stores back home, it also has some breathtaking

hardcovers and funky reading accessories. If you find something you simply can't wait until you get to the hotel to start reading, grab a cup of coffee at the store and curl up on one of the chairs on the first floor. 87 Nëna Terezë | dukagjinibooks.com

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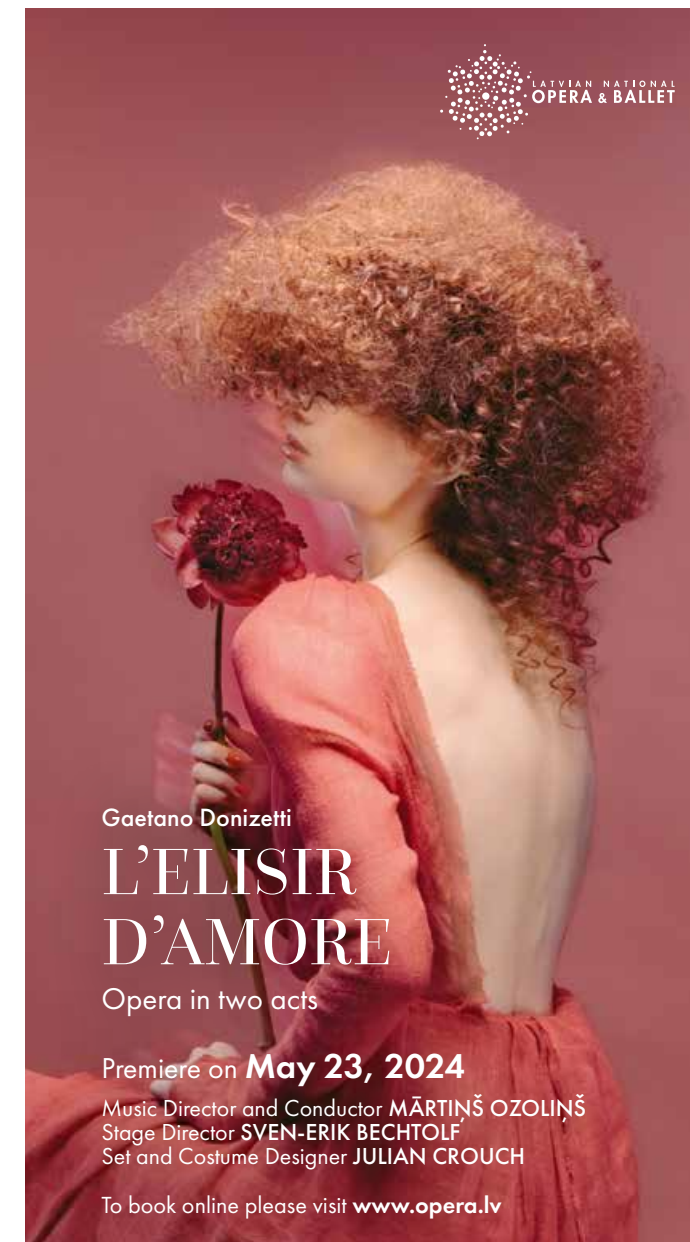
While the Pristina Bazaar is the best place for local goods, the Farmmarketi farmer's market is the go-to choice for authentic craftsmanship and local delicacies. Here, fresh meat, cheese, *ajvar* condiment, and alcoholic drinks can all be found in one place. All of the products are organic, so customers can be sure of the quality and source of what they purchase. Farm Market

### WHY NOT

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Just 22 kilometres from central Pristina is a sanctuary for bears that used to be exploited for entertainment purposes. Up until the late 1990s, it was common to cage bears and make them entertain people. This practice has since thankfully been restricted, and all bears previously kept for entertainment have now found a new home in this 16-hectare sanctuary. It offers guided tours, educational lectures, and several restaurants to enjoy the beautiful nature and bears in their new wilderness.

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## IN A CORNER OF PARADISE

The Dutch designer and landscape architect Ronald van der Hilst is on a mission to create beauty and revive the earth.



Photo by Marcel Lennartz

It's a grey day in Antwerp, with small raindrops falling from the sky. After our conversation at his studio, Ronald van der Hilst and I cross the street, and he unlocks a very simple grey wooden door. We enter a corridor, where a bicycle leans up against the wall. It's the priest's, I assume. We've just entered his living quarters next to St. George's Church, and at the end of the corridor we reach another door. Van der Hilst also unlocks this door, and an enclosed garden opens up right in front of me.

This *hortus conclusus* (meaning 'enclosed garden' in Latin) that Van der Hilst has created was once a forgotten church garden with almost no signs of life. Now, even on the greyest of days, I notice scents and splashes of colour – pinks, reds, and whites – and the camellias, early tulips, and hyacinths draw my attention like magnets. I can only imagine what it'll look like a month from now, with thousands of tulips blooming in this small space. And, yes, there's a ceramic figure of the Virgin Mary on the black wall, with dark pink camellias blooming at her feet. 'The priest said I can do whatever I want here,' Van der Hilst recalls, 'only the figure of Mary has to remain where it is.'

The wall was painted black to serve as a background for the changing palette of lush colours here throughout the year. It's also a reference to the Flemish still-life flower paintings of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The garden feels like peace on Earth, although full of reminders of life's ephemeral and fragile nature. I notice the three plants that, as Van der Hilst has just told me a short while ago, should grow in every paradise garden: an olive tree symbolising peace on Earth, a cypress connecting heaven and earth, and a rose without thorns. Researchers, however, tend to think that the 'rose without thorns' in the original paradise gardens was more likely a tulip.

The beauty of this garden is overwhelming, as the church bells start to ring and the rain grows stronger. But the plants seem undisturbed by us, the rain, or the laughter of the schoolchildren just outside the walls. I take some photos, those return tickets to fleeting moments otherwise gone forever. Then I wink to Mary, and we quietly leave.

Like other gardens by Van der Hilst, Hortus Conclusus has been featured in many international design and architecture magazines. Nowadays, he's one of the most renowned Dutch designer and landscape architect, having designed not only gardens but also vases – both independently and for Italian and Dutch design companies. Van der Hilst has also extensively researched the history of tulips. Recently, he was commissioned to create the gardens for the Museum Hof van Busleyden in Mechelen, Belgium. This Renaissance-style palace in the former capital of the Burgundian Netherlands is now encircled by Van der Hilst's plantings.

Upon the request of art and antiques dealers Axel and Boris Vervoordt in Antwerp, Van der Hilst even prepared a gift for the future King Charles III on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday – a collection of early-18<sup>th</sup>-century period tulips. He had to focus on the period of history when King William III and Queen Mary II were the king and queen of England and Holland, reigning around the turn of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Interestingly, William and Mary were the first joint sovereigns, sharing equal status and power, and Mary introduced the use of pagoda vases with spouts, made in Delft, which are now known as tulip vases.

During his research while preparing the gift, Van der Hilst managed to acquire a bulb of the very rare *Zomerschoon* variety of tulip, which was sold at auctions during the tulip mania of the 1630s. Back then, a single bulb sold for 1200 guilders. For comparison, a grand home by the canals in Amsterdam cost around 10,000 guilders... Today, only around a hundred of these bulbs remain in the world. King Charles III wrote a letter of thanks to Axel Vervoordt for the gift, in which he stated that he had commissioned an artist to make a painting of the tulips.

### The garden feels like peace on Earth, although full of reminders of life's ephemeral and fragile nature

But have you ever wondered where the concept of the garden comes from and why Paradise is referred to as a garden? It turns out that the word 'paradise' comes from the Old Iranian word *parādaijah*, meaning 'walled enclosure'. This is the first thing we speak about – the actual meaning of paradise.

In the well-known documentary series *Civilisations*, Simon Schama explains the concept of paradise by referring to the beauty and harmony in old Persian gardens. I know you're also fascinated by this concept. What's paradise for you?

That's very true, I'm fascinated by the subject because, yes, the very first gardens were laid out in the deserts of Persia. In the oases, people began surrounding these places that had sources of water, and they called the plots *parādaijah*, or 'enclosed spaces'. And that's really where garden architecture started. You have to imagine nomads travelling through the deserts and reaching these oases after days or even weeks of travelling. There they found fresh water, the sound of gurgling water, shade, and also the aromas of flowers. It must have given them some sort of ecstatic moment, an ecstatic feeling. I imagine that this feeling they experienced goes together very well with the word 'paradise'.





The figure of the Virgin Mary in the Hortus Conclusus in Antwerp, designed by Ronald van der Hilst



Photo by Marcell Lennartz

Hortus Conclusus, the enclosed garden



Tulips in full bloom in the Hortus Conclusus

Photo by Joseph Bugles

But for me, paradise means a place where you really want to be, and I always try to implement this in my gardens. It's a place to have your closest, or even your first, connection with nature. It's a place to experience the seasons, sounds, insects, birds, and scents of a garden.

In different times and in different cultures this concept changes, mostly in response to the outside world. The Taj Mahal gardens, for example, are very directly connected to the first gardens in Persia. In the Middle Ages, in the monasteries, monks developed their own version of paradise and enclosed gardens. In reaction to the outside world, their gardens were very simple and minimalistic. It was a lawn divided into four parts with a water source in the middle. Water is always important in all the concepts. Their normal surroundings consisted of forests and bushes, and in those they saw chaos. For them, chaos symbolised being expelled from Paradise, and therefore the gardens they created were completely the opposite: locked off from the landscape beyond but connected with the endlessness of the universe above.

What I'm doing and trying to achieve is again, in a way, in reaction to our surroundings, which are very lacking in nature. Landscapes nowadays are very structured and minimalistic, but I want my gardens to be rich and lush.

The high walls enclosing Dutch gardens also served to protect all these precious plants and trees that during the Dutch Golden Age had been brought here from all over the world.

Yes, in the Middle Ages gardens were created purely for religious reasons – a garden for contemplation and meditation. Or they were purely functional, for the growing of vegetables and herbs. But later, in the Renaissance spirit, people began to travel and discover the world, and Holland especially became very rich. The famous *East India Company* brought all kinds of spices, plants, and animals to Europe. They were very interested in plants due to their medicinal properties, and people back then studied the scientific aspects of plants quite extensively.

People also started to collect plants. They wanted to bring the most exotic plants into their gardens to show them off. That's something people do nowadays on social media with their cars, for example (*laughs*). Back then they did it in their gardens with exotic plants and fruits. Those gardens were indeed protected by walls, because some of the plants, such as tulips, were very expensive and the walls protected them from thieves. They even invented an alarm system involving small cords connecting the tulip to bells. So if a thief tried stealing the flower, the bells started ringing.

Here you touch upon the subject of tulips, which is your passion. That includes everything – and I mean everything – from researching the history of tulips, planting them in great numbers in gardens, and caring for period tulip varieties so they do not

go extinct to even designing vases for tulips.

Gardens still are my most important work, but indeed the tulip has become a very important part of it. It started here in Antwerp, as a joke, in fact. The people in our neighbourhood used to organise open-door weekends, and they asked me to participate as well. Well, I thought, I'm Dutch, and I'm a landscape architect, so I'm going to do something with tulips. So I did! (*Laughs*.)

I knew that the tulip is a garden plant and that it had something to do with flower still-life paintings from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but I didn't know anything else about the flower. I had always thought of them as very boring flowers, because they're such a cliché in the Netherlands, where I grew up – the cheapest flowers in the market and very 'touristy' flowers. But as I began learning more about them, I quickly realised there's so very much more to them!

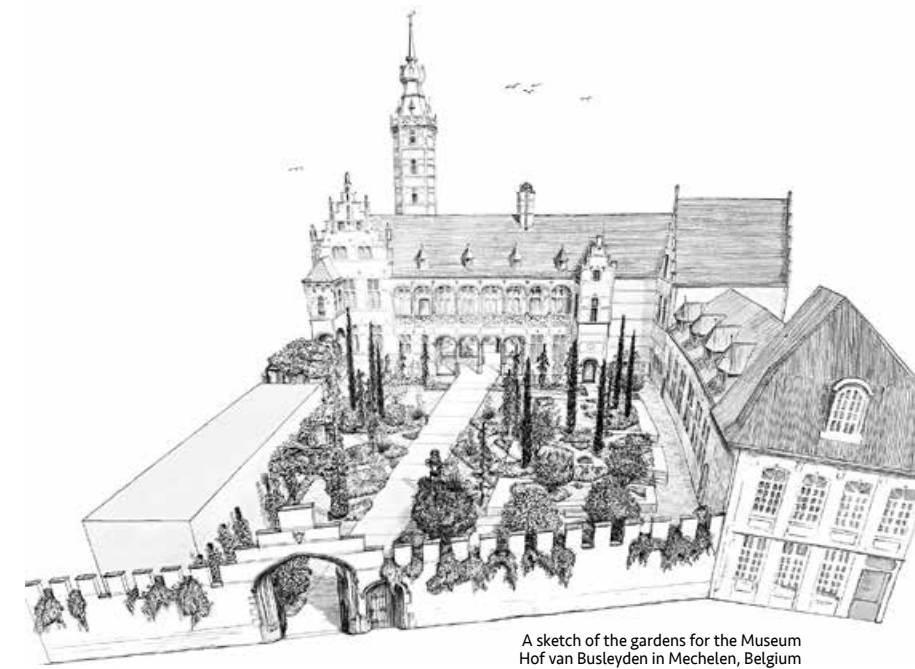
I came into contact with tulip collectors, and I found out about the existence of very ancient varieties dating back to the period of those old still-life paintings, such as the striped, flamed Rembrandt tulips. I had no idea those varieties still existed, and a whole new world opened up for me. I began selling tulip bulbs here in the shop, but I didn't have any images of them. I knew there were books with detailed descriptions of all the ancient varieties, and so I made watercolour pictures of what the flowers were going to look like. My customers reacted so positively, so enthusiastically! Completely different from what I would have expected, or how it usually is in the Netherlands, where they would probably have commented, 'Yes, but can you make a living from it?' or 'Did you work in the bulb industry?' Very practical, very down-to-earth questions (*laughs*). But here it was: 'They're so beautiful! They're a sign of the start of spring!' In the Netherlands, tulips have a strong association with the Second World War, because people were starving, and to survive, they ate tulip bulbs. My mother did.

So, the ball got rolling, and after a few years, there was an article about me in *Elle Decor* in Italy, about my tulips and my drawings... And then *Ceramica Bardelli* contacted me and asked me to create collections of tulip drawings on tiles, which I did, and which again was a completely new world for me. I did presentations all around Europe, including in Riga, for *Krassky*. Then came tulip vases for *Val-Saint-Lambert, Liège, Seguso* in Murano, and *Mobach Ceramics* from Utrecht. It all started very playfully; I never intended to do anything with it. I didn't have any business ideas regarding vases, but it turned into a very interesting adventure.

I think one of my favourite gardens of yours is Falling Drop. Maybe because I love things in plenty. Yes, Falling Drop has 70,000 white tulips – several different varieties for a long flowering season.

Planted by?

Every single bulb was planted by hand. It took us weeks, but we planted them all by hand.



A sketch of the gardens for the Museum Hof van Busleyden in Mechelen, Belgium



Falling Drop, a garden in the Netherlands, designed by Ronald van der Hilst

Photo by Michael James © Brien

## Falling Drop has 70,000 white tulips – several different varieties for a long flowering season

And how many tulips are there in the garden here, in Hortus Conclusus?

Only about 5000. I still sell bulbs every autumn, and when people select their tulips, they often say, 'Oh, we've already bought so many!' But I can see it's only about a couple hundred bulbs. That covers just a very few square metres (*laughs*).

What do you find most fascinating about the history of tulips? Are there still things that surprise you?

Yes, still. There's always a new angle, a new fact I haven't discovered yet. They still fascinate me. The first description of tulips is from China. I discovered that only a couple of years ago. It's a poem by Li Bai, a Chinese poet and a notorious alcoholic who lived at the beginning of our era, in the 700s CE. Ninety percent of his poems are about alcohol or drinking alcohol. The poem I'm





Photo by Marcel Lennartz

talking about is also about drinking wine. He's doing a tour around the Chinese Empire, and he finds himself in a city that feels very foreign to him. Then somebody offers him wine, and he writes that the aroma of that wine reminds him of the aroma of the tulips in his hometown. That's very special, because the fragrance of tulips is so unknown. Tulips are generally all about their appearance, not how they smell.

Tulip history is so rich – there's no other flower to compare it to! During the Ottoman Empire, the tulip was a divine flower, called *lâle*. The pronunciation of *lâle* was similar to the word 'Allah', so it was considered a divine flower and had to be planted in their paradise gardens. For the restoration of the Rubens gardens in Antwerp, they did a study about the original plantings and found out that tulips were the most important plants at that time. Tulips were so important in Antwerp during Rubens' day that every year there was a special celebration of Mass for the blessing of tulips. And guess in which church that took place. Right here in St. George's Church, because it had an altar for Saint Dorothy! Sometimes it feels like destiny... So, there are always angles like these that surprise me and make it all so fascinating.

**You touched on the theme of fragrance. If I understand correctly, that particular poem by Li Bai inspired you to start thinking about a fragrance of your own. You released *Hortus Conclusus Tulipa* last year.**

Fragrances have also long been a fascination for me. During the pandemic, when scents and smells were such an issue, and when we spent so much time in our gardens, I thought maybe yes, maybe this is the right moment to start doing something in that regard.

I invited Sophie Albrecht, a journalist who focuses on fragrances and beauty, to come and visit my garden. She was indeed very surprised by my selection of fragrant tulips. Then she introduced me to the perfumer Laura de Coninck. We didn't want to make an exact copy of the scent of a tulip. Instead, we made it more special by adding scent impressions of the garden itself – herbs, soil, and so on – to create the impression of a spring garden. It was super exciting, although so out of my comfort zone. Last year, in April, we released a limited edition of five hundred numbered bottles.

It's a very natural perfume in terms of ingredients, too. We also decided not to stabilise the perfume, as is normally done. That would've meant adding chemical ingredients to it. So now I can compare a bottle of *Tulipa* with a bottle of wine. It becomes richer and richer over time because it's still *alive*.

**When you create a garden, you pay attention to its natural location, its *genius loci*. Yes, the spirit of the place.**

**How does it guide you?**  
Here, in the church garden, it was very evident. Now in Mechelen, for the museum garden, I did a lot of research about the history of the palace and about the historical period. There's an herb book from that period I used. I wanted to create a quite formal garden,



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Ispahan tulip vase

**Of course, I do all the dirty work, and I like it! It's so important!**

which is characteristic of Renaissance-era gardens in general. But I always start with writing a text about the garden and about what I plan to do there – that's my basis.

Then I start making sketches. I referred to the *hortus conclusus* ('enclosed garden') concept, but the Renaissance was also a time when people started collecting things, including plants, and I had to bear that in mind as well. Therefore, the garden in Mechelen actually consists of three gardens: a small *hortus conclusus* from the Middle Ages for contemplation; the Renaissance gardens, or *hortus catalogus*, which is a garden for the collections; and a *hortus ludi*, a love garden, a garden for pleasure.

It also depends on the people who commission the garden; their interests can also serve as the spirit of the place. I did a small garden here in Antwerp for some people who are very into Japan and all things Japanese, and that theme is very present in their garden. I don't have what you'd call a signature style, like many architects and landscape architects do. A sort of stamp that makes all their gardens look more or less the same. My gardens are a kind of adventure.

**But it takes a lot of patience. Are you patient?**  
Yes, I am.

**Because it's a process.**  
I always say to people that a garden, unlike a building, is never finished. A garden is a process, and it will be different every year, every season, every day. You can't compare this year's scenery with last year's scenery, and that's what makes it so exciting. People always have a sort of fantasy or a dream about what it's going to look like, but that perfection... you can only achieve that in some rare moments. For example, when the sun comes through just after a rain, and you can still see all the rain drops in that sunlight... That's a divine moment.

But it's the same with happiness in life. It's not a constant line. Instead, you have moments of happiness, these ecstatic feelings at certain points in time. Like the change of the seasons, when everything is winding down and then coming up again.

I love seasons. I find it very important that there's no day without a flower blooming in my garden. Every day of the year there is something, even in winter.

**Do you get your hands dirty?**  
(Laughs.) Yes, of course, I do all the dirty work, and I like it! It's so important

to really feel the connection with the soil and the earth. For me, working in a garden is the most relaxing thing to do; it's equal to what other people find in yoga or meditation. And everything I do is with a positive intention – to work something more beautiful.

**How do you feel the climate changing?**  
Unfortunately, it's changing very, very rapidly. It's very painful to see how quickly it's happening. People are not always aware of that. When you go into a forest, it looks green and nice, but there are many species that have already gone extinct. Many plants have also become quite sensitive to certain diseases. For the museum garden, I chose plants that do not grow here naturally but that can resist periods of heat and drought, which we're having more and more of now. Especially in the cities, which become like heat islands. There's a considerable shift towards Mediterranean plants taking place, because they can survive these hot and dry periods more naturally. But then we have periods of very wet weather, too. So, what to do?!

Therefore, I feel that my work is becoming more relevant. Maybe when I started, the idea was just to have a nice garden, more like a decoration. But now I feel like it's more of a mission, because it's so important to have good gardens in cities, to revive dead areas, to somehow help nature in these challenging times. Just to give you an example, last winter we had daytime temperatures of 15°C. Bees start flying at 7°C, but if there are no flowers yet, they starve.

When I started Hortus Conclusus here six years ago, it was a dead place, there was no life in the soil. I was very surprised to not even find a single earthworm here. But I started putting in a lot of compost and clay and other organic materials, and now it's full of life. In a way, it gives me hope that something can be done. Now I see the garden all alive: mushrooms are growing, birds are picking worms from the soil, there are insects.

**So you try to move away from a merely sentimental approach to the garden. It's not just a romantic flower bed.**  
In a way it is, because it's very lush and beautiful. But you're right, it's much more about creating a living space, not only a nice view. It's not a painting. For me, well-kept lawns are only an outdoor space. A garden, on the other hand, is something that works together and fits well within a whole system. **bo**



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/ 03.04.2024. 19:00  
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/ 10.05.2024. 19:00  
Directed by Mărtiņš Eihe

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## KEEP IT SLOW

**Stop planning and rushing. Forget about the tight tourist schedule. Switch off the social media notifications and embrace the revelation and fulfilment of genuine slow travel. Here are four idyllic destinations for savouring each moment in unhurried exploration.**

The slow-food movement blossomed in Italy in the 1980s, having grown out of a protest against the arrival in Rome of the fast-food colossus *McDonald's*. Instead of grabbing a quick hamburger and french fries, it turned out that the local community yearned to restore the splendour of regional cuisine and honour the heritage of local artisans.

But how does one apply the slow-food ethos to travel? First of all, don't hasten to tick off every item on your list. Instead, linger longer in one place, perhaps relishing the charm of a historical villa or revelling in the bustling melodies of a farmers' market. Try conversing in the local language and champion local craftsmen, soaking up their wisdom and honing new skills. Immerse yourself in the embrace of nature and partake in the rhythms of regional events and festivals. Slow travel beckons the adventurer within to rediscover the magic of authentic encounters and immerse oneself fully in the rich tapestry of a local culture and lifestyle.

Tuscany offers both cultural authenticity and scenic beauty, making it an ideal slow travel destination.



## CÔTE D'AZUR IN FRANCE

Savour the ethereal beauty of the azure coast



Èze's exotic garden sits atop a 429-metre-high ancient medieval fortress overlooking the Mediterranean.



The Côte d'Azur, with Nice and its neighbouring areas, unfolds like a precious tapestry and invites travellers to immerse themselves in the art of living with every gentle step. Slow tourism in Nice reveals the untouched beauty of its landscapes, where the azure sea kisses the horizon, where the mountains whisper ancient tales, and where verdant expanses stretch across 86,000 hectares.

Embark on a journey of rural discovery as you wander through hilltop villages and past fertile farms, where locals weave stories of passion for their land and culinary heritage.

Slow travel around the Côte d'Azur involves visiting tranquil villages such as Saint-Jeannet or Tourrettes-sur-Loup and exploring nature in places like Mercantour National Park or the Esterel

Massif. It also means embracing *socca* and *pissaladière* and other aspects of the local cuisine, engaging with locals to learn about traditions and hidden gems, limiting your itinerary to focus on quality experiences, relying on sustainable public transportation or cycling, and staying in charming accommodations (think boutique hotels or *agriturismos*) for a more authentic and immersive journey.

## Enjoy culture

Embraced by parasol pines and a relaxing garden, the Fondation Maeght in Saint-Paul-de-Vence is a hidden gem that displays works by the biggest names in 20<sup>th</sup>-century European sculpture and art: Braque, Miró, Giacometti, Calder, Léger, Chagall, and many others. To celebrate the foundation's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it will inaugurate the new extension to its museum in the summer of 2024. [fondation-maeght.com](http://fondation-maeght.com)

## Eat well

Browse the local markets, such as Cours Saleya, for fresh seasonal fruit, vegetables, cheeses, olives, and herbs. On weekends, the market is filled with fresh oysters. For a *Michelin*-star experience and gourmet poetry, head to *Les Agitateurs*. The same team also stands behind the *Sous les Pins* restaurant at the Fondation Maeght, where the menu changes weekly and highlights the best of Nice's terroir. [lesagitateurs.com](http://lesagitateurs.com) [restaurantsouslespins.com](http://restaurantsouslespins.com)

## Learn new skills

*Atelier Cuisine Niçoise* in Nice's Old Town offers cooking classes that focus on regional specialties such as *pissaladière* (the Niçoise equivalent to pizza), sweet and savoury pies, stuffed vegetables, and other delicious recipes. Then, to shake off the kilos you've gained, try out a new water activity with a view – aquabike sessions in the sea with bikes installed in the shallow waters of the beautiful bay by the Marinières beach in Villefranche-sur-Mer. [FB/lateliercuisinenicoise](http://FB/lateliercuisinenicoise) [aquabike06.com](http://aquabike06.com)

## Move more

The parks in Nice and the Côte d'Azur showcase a unique kind of serene beauty, making it easy to walk 10,000 steps a day. The Jardin du Monastère de Cimiez, a former monastery orchard, features a medieval layout framed by rose pergolas. The Parc Floral Phoenix consists of more than 20 differently themed gardens. The Jardins du Musée Renoir in Cagnes-sur-Mer is ideal for a repose in the shade of century-old olive and orange groves. The spectacular Jardin Exotique in the hilltop village of Èze is a panoramic garden set against the backdrop of the forever-blue sea.

## TUSCANY IN ITALY

Indulge in soulful cuisine and picturesque vineyards



A typical early morning scene in Tuscany, with a traditional hilltop farmhouse.



Take a picture with the Leaning Tower and then head out of Pisa to explore the Tuscan landscapes, where temptation might even lead you to consider buying a villa, much like the protagonist in *Under the Tuscan Sun*. With 28 distinct areas, Tuscany captivates with its iconic cypress-lined roads and agricultural richness. Explore Renaissance treasures in cities such as Pisa, Siena, and Florence,

and slow down by people-watching in the parks or piazzas. Experience the elegance of Italian life while savouring the tranquillity of the vineyards, olive groves, and coastal villages with exquisite seafood. Embrace a slower pace of life, opting for meditative road trips and authentic local bars over tourist hotspots.

Definitely do explore SR 222, the road through the wine lover's paradise. It

features stunning vistas and countless vineyards, including in the renowned Chianti region. Enjoy romantic picnics and hikes through vineyards, and visit goat farms such as Chianti Cashmere for a rural experience. Stay in romantic *agriturismo* accommodations located in historical villas or converted farmhouses to unwind and embrace Italian hospitality in the countryside.

## Enjoy culture

One of the central streets of Pisa leads to a giant colourful mural created in 1989 by American graffiti artist Keith Haring that adorns the wall of the Church of Sant'Antonio Abate. Titled *Tuttomondo*, meaning 'all the world', the image consists of 30 metaphorical figures interconnected like a jigsaw puzzle and reflects on the theme of world peace and harmony.

## Eat well

Here, the farm-to-table concept rules the roost. Highlights of the regional menu include *ribollita* soup, hand-rolled *pici* pasta, and various types of fresh and fried fish along the coast. However, *bistecca alla Fiorentina*, or Florentine steak, is king in Tuscany. The beef must come from the Val di Chiana, the piece must be at least four centimetres thick, it must weigh no less than 800 grams, it is strictly grilled, rare, and seasoned with salt and extra-virgin olive oil. The best places to get one are the *Trattoria da Benito* in Pisa, *InCarne* in Livorno, and *Il Latini* in Florence. [pizzeriatrattoriabenito.it](http://pizzeriatrattoriabenito.it) [incarne.it](http://incarne.it) [latinifirenze.com](http://latinifirenze.com)

## Learn new skills

Those who advocate for slow travel in Tuscany are enthusiastic about *Km Zero Tours*. The travel agency organises getaways that introduce travellers to authentic Tuscan culture and cuisine. These include tours of villages; meetings with local producers of olive oil, wine, cheese, and bread; truffle hunts in forests with local families; pasta cooking classes; and much more. It's a great way to truly learn about the region – through crafts, traditions, people, and their stories. [kmzerotours.com](http://kmzerotours.com)

## Move more

Discover the magnetic Tuscan landscapes by taking a ride on a *Vespa*. The legendary Italian scooters are still produced by the *Piaggio* company in Valdera, a city that lies between Pisa and Florence. Rent one to take a loop through the medieval town of Palaia on the banks of the Arno River, Montefoscoli with its curious Museum of Rural Civilisation, Andrea Bocelli's native town of Lajatico, and finally Lari, which is known as a cradle of Etruscan civilisation.



## VALENCIA REGION IN SPAIN

Discover the joyful land of oranges and serene beaches



La Granadella is a beautiful beach with clear turquoise waters that are ideal for diving.



A relaxing year-round getaway with a strong presence of nature, Valencia lies on the coast of the Iberian Peninsula and boasts more than 300 days of sunshine a year. Alongside tourism, its economy also thrives on agriculture, particularly oranges and rice. Experience authentic Valencia by visiting the orange groves, learning about the manufacturing process, and

joining the harvest season activities until early summer. Don't miss tasting the local orange liqueurs, fresh juice, and beer made from orange peel. Another local specialty is *horchata*, a milky drink made from tiger nuts, which are unique to Valencia's Horta region. Explore the tiger nut fields and attend a workshop to learn how to prepare this nutritious drink.

Located just 12 kilometres from Valencia, the Albufera lagoon is the birthplace of paella. It's surrounded by rice fields and gardens supplying fresh produce to local restaurants in the nearby village of El Palmar. Albufera Natural Park features walking trails, sand dunes, and pine groves protecting the lagoon. Nearby beaches such as Pinedo, El Saler, and La Garrofera offer serene, green surroundings for hiking and swimming.

### Enjoy culture

Lonja de la Seda, or the Silk Market, is one of the most important highlights of Valencia. Built in the 15th century in the Gothic style as a place for silk trading deals, it represents the grandeur and wealth of the city's golden age and is the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in town. The interior flaunts a series of slender 16-metre-high pillars, multicoloured marble flooring, ornate windows, and imposing doorways.

### Eat well

*All i pebre* (eel with potatoes) as well as *arroz al horno* (rice baked in a clay pot with chickpeas, potatoes, tomatoes, and pork ribs) are typical dishes of the Valencia Lagoon. The best paella is always found near the sea, in restaurants such as *Casa Carmela*, *Casa Navarro*, and *La Pepica*. In El Palmar, head to *Arrocería Maribel*.  
casa-carmela.com  
casa-navarro.es  
lapepica.com  
arroceriamaribel.com

### Learn new skills

*My First Paella* offers cooking courses to master the authentic way of making paella, all the while also imparting knowledge about the region's history and traditions. Workshops begin at the Russafa Market, a local culinary and architectural gem. Once the chef and participants have purchased all of the necessary ingredients, a special wide, shallow *paellera* pan is placed over the fire and the magic of paella begins.  
myfirstpaella.es

### Move more

With nearly 160 kilometres of bike lanes, Valencia is a city of bicycles. Rent one and spend an afternoon biking along the Turia Gardens. This nine-kilometre-long green space was born in 1986 along the former bed of the Turia River. This oasis is now filled with palm and orange trees, pines, rose bushes, sunflowers, ponds, fountains, football fields, and golf courses. It's a favourite location for joggers, yoga practitioners, and Latin dance enthusiasts.

## YEREVAN AND ARMENIA

Dive into ancient hospitality and breathtaking nature



Lake Sevan, the Caucasus' largest freshwater lake, is a stunning destination.



Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, is renowned for its authenticity, warmth, and delicious cuisine. The city's residents are open-hearted, joyful, and love to celebrate, often inviting strangers to join their festivities. Here, the lively evening scene includes buzzing outdoor terraces under shaded boulevards. Two neighbourhoods in particular, Kond and Old Nork, offer a glimpse into the calm spirit of old Yerevan. Hilly Kond with its narrow streets and friendly residents

will transport you back in time. Old Nork, which is currently undergoing restoration, boasts charming guesthouses with stunning views of the city. Don't miss tasting the local wines in cellars called *marans* in Nork.

But Armenia also boasts untamed landscapes with lakes, waterfalls, canyons, caves, meadows, and ancient monasteries. In these lush green areas, hikers can encounter more than 3800 plant varieties. The Transcaucasian Trail offers

a 827-kilometre trek across breathtaking terrain and provides a veritable adventure despite the limited infrastructure. From the Garni Temple, which stands just 30 kilometres from Yerevan, a hiking path leads past the hexagonal basalt columns of the renowned Symphony of Stones in Garni Gorge and further to the Azat Reservoir. Opt for public transportation or an organised tour to immerse yourself in Armenia's culture and meet local residents while exploring the country.

### Enjoy culture

Yerevan is the Caucasian capital of jazz! The Armenian jazz scene began to flourish in the 1970s and gets more diverse every year. Cult jazz clubs such as *Malkhas*, *Ulikhanyan*, *Club 12*, and *Mezzo* host improvisations and concerts almost every night, but it's nevertheless recommended to book a table in advance. The atmosphere is cosy and the audiences are charismatic – a vivid mixture of young people and seniors, locals, expats, and citizens of the world.  
FB/MalkhasClub  
FB/ulikhanyanclub  
FB/Club12.Erevan  
mezzo.am

### Eat well

Let the vendors at the GUM Market treat you to a tasting of a lifetime. The stalls will tempt you with candied fruits, *sujukh* sweets, *dolma* meat rolls covered in grape leaves, pomegranate juice, cheese, and *basturma* meat from the countryside. Must-try specialties include *lahmajoun* and *zhengyalov hats* flatbreads. At the traditional *Tavern Yerevan* restaurant, the hearty Caucasian menu is supplemented with performances by folk ensembles. Saryan and Tamanyan Streets are filled with stylish and delicious restaurants and wine bars.  
pandokyerevan.com

### Learn new skills

*Khachkars*, or 'cross-stones' are UNESCO-listed elements of Armenian culture. Usually standing about 1.5 metres tall, they depict events of heaven, earth, and hell with an ornamentally carved cross in the middle. There are more than 50,000 such stones in Armenia, and each has a unique pattern. The open-air stone workshop of Hambik Hambardzumyan is hidden away at 29 Arami Street. There, he continues the craft of his ancestors and is eager to share the khachkar carving techniques with others in the workshops he organises.

### Move more

One of the largest high-altitude lakes in the world, Lake Sevan is often nicknamed the Armenian Sea. Here, the kaleidoscopic colours of the water, hills, and sky make for mind-blowing scenery. It's especially attractive when observed from the peninsula, which is home to the 9th-century Sevanavank Monastery. Lake Sevan also has some charming old-school resorts and beaches along its shores. A swim in the lake is quite refreshing, and the vacation season lasts from June to August. It's also a great place for hiking.





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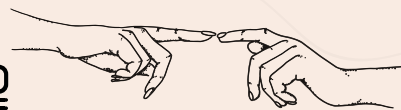
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A view of the Gauja River in Gauja National Park



The Pavāru māja restaurant is located in a former maternity hospital



Pavāru māja



The Lejaslīgas guest house



One of the bedrooms at Lejaslīgas

## LĪGATNE'S GEMS – PAVĀRU MĀJA AND LEJASLĪGAS

Located just an hour's drive from Riga, Līgatne attracts visitors throughout the year, and not only from Latvia but also from abroad.

Līgatne is the pearl of the Vidzeme region of Latvia, a town that boasts some of the most beautiful cliff-lined hiking trails in Latvia (the Līgatne Nature Trails), as well as a captured moment in industrial history – a paper mill that was in continual operation for nearly 200 years until its closure in 2014, and which is now developing into an art and culture hub. With such natural and historical appeal, the region has instinctively placed great emphasis on the hospitality sector. Moreover, being well aware of its unique attributes, the region develops all projects and activities with great respect for nature and the principles of sustainability. At the end of last year (and in what could nowadays be called almost divine recognition), one of the area's most popular eateries, the *Pavāru māja* restaurant, was awarded a Michelin Guide Green Star for exceptionally sustainable gastronomy. Whether you're a gourmet who has come to Līgatne in search of the region's prize-winning characteristic flavours, or just want to get away from the big city and everyday responsibilities, the *Lejaslīgas* guest house is the perfect choice for accommodation.

**Lejaslīgas:**  
IG/lejasligas

**Pavāru māja:**  
Menu and reservations  
pavarumaja.lv

The *Lejaslīgas* guest house is located in the Gauja National Park, surrounded by lush forest as it invites its guests to savour the joy of togetherness. Both built and renovated to serve as a single-family dwelling, *Lejaslīgas* has been designed down to the smallest detail to make everyone who stays there feel at home. The owners restored the building in such a way as to preserve as much authenticity as possible, including the heart of the house – the staircase leading to the second floor – which has been there since the house was built in the 1930s. Likewise, the interior design has been adapted to fit in with the surrounding natural landscape while maintaining modern-day comforts.

*Lejaslīgas* is the perfect place to stay for both families and friend groups, as well as for celebrating special occasions. When renovating and furnishing the house, great attention was paid not only to the design of the rooms but also to their functionality. That is why *Lejaslīgas* has a spacious living room with a dining area, a fully-functional kitchen, a balcony, and four bedrooms – each with its own bathroom. Everything has been thought through

to make your stay especially pleasant and relaxed. According to the owners, comfort matters, and it should be evident from something as small as the best quality wool blanket for a healthy night's sleep to the provided shuttle service to and from the guest house. '*Lejaslīgas* has an otherworldly calm,' is how the project's developer Aleksandra Zumente describes the place. 'We didn't create this house as a commercial project but rather as a place where one could draw strength far away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Starry skies, birdsong, the desire to spend time with your own people, be they family or friends; these are the things that characterise *Lejaslīgas*.'

While staying at *Lejaslīgas* and visiting Līgatne, you must make time for a meal at one of the most unique restaurants in Latvia – *Pavāru māja* – and enjoy the best flavours of the region at a leisurely pace. An interesting fact is that the restaurant is housed in what used to be a maternity hospital where around 3500 new lives were brought into this world. As the first restaurant in Latvia awarded a Michelin Guide Green Star, *Pavāru māja* successfully combines a philosophy of sustainability with truly delicious food. As the Michelin Guide states, *Pavāru māja* is a modern restaurant where 'you are encouraged to relax in their lovely nature observation garden – a place to sit back, listen and watch – before taking time to really savour your meal.'

Working with local farmers and exploring the natural forests and ecosystems of the Līgatne area, the team at *Pavāru māja* searches for flavours that are specific to the region. The menu is based on the slow-food concept, seasonality, and the philosophy of 'nose-to-tail' cooking. Accordingly, the menu also includes produce from the restaurant's own garden and beehives.

The restaurant's chef, Juris Dukaļskis, and owner, Ēriks Dreibants, together with their team offer a four-course lunch and a special eight-course dinner/tasting menu featuring the region's best flavours of the season. Both tasting menus are available with matching wines or soft drinks as selected by sommelier Juris Semjonovs. 'We have a set menu with either four or eight courses, and it respects vegetarians and those with allergies,' says Dreibants. 'Our guests arrive knowing that we don't have an à la carte menu but rather a set menu, and we are delighted that our guests believe in what we do and will eat whatever we've prepared, knowing that it is the best possible food that can be served at that time of the year.'

As the owner of *Pavāru māja* points out, Līgatne is a destination you'll want to share with your friends – it's far enough from the big city to forget your everyday responsibilities, but close enough to come back in almost no time at all. At the end of the day, Līgatne is a place where you can enjoy not only slow food but also slow living.



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# NATURE HOLIDAYS IN THE BALTICS

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Known as some of the greenest countries in Europe, Latvia and Estonia are ideal destinations for uplifting nature-based holidays. This region truly stands out with its diverse natural environment that has been scarcely touched by human hands, so make sure to explore the opportunities these countries provide in terms of nature tourism. In addition, the region offers a wide range of activities, from award-winning hiking trails and excellent birdwatching spots to active boat trips, gourmet tours based on local traditions, and relaxing sauna rituals.

If you don't know where to begin your journey, take a look at the *Baltic Nature Tourism* platform, which has compiled a list of around 100 nature tourism service providers offering more than 160 different nature tourism experiences in Latvia and Estonia. The tours are listed according to category for easier navigation: wildlife watching, active tourism, nature education, tours for the soul, food and foraging, nature capture, and nature extreme.

For example, wildlife watching is a popular activity in the Baltic states. The region is home to a wide variety of wildlife, and

the best way to see it is in a small group led by a guide. The guided educational trips and excursions offered on the *Baltic Nature Tourism* platform are a great way to discover our planet and some of its most beautiful secret corners. For those who prefer to capture nature with their camera, there are also guided nature and wildlife photography and videography tours.

If you want to further nourish your spirit, soul, and body, then indulge in the various yoga, meditation, sauna ritual, and nature escape experiences in rural and natural settings. The platform also brings together masterclasses focusing on cooking with wild ingredients and other gourmet experiences in which forest foods, including wild berries, mushrooms, and herbs, play a key role.

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# VIA VITALITÉ

## COPING WITH STRESS, OR THE PATH TO A WELL-BALANCED BODY AND MIND

Stress has become a particularly acute problem over the past decade. Chronic stress affects not only one's well-being but also one's appearance, causing fluctuations in weight and accelerating the aging process. Maija Atvara, who is head of the *Via Vitalité* (formerly known as *Academy Vitality*) weight correction and wellness centre, and psychologist Zane Avotiņa point out that it's very important to recognise chronic stress in time in order to prevent it from turning into burnout.

'One of the most common causes of fluctuations in weight tends to be chronic stress, which then leads to a range of other problems, such as sleep disturbances, inability to concentrate, and low self-esteem. At *Via Vitalité*, we do everything possible to help guests find time for themselves and put a stop to the 'hamster wheel' that has been set in motion by, for example, a job with a high level of responsibility or perhaps the constant worry of caring and providing for one's family. The reasons for prolonged stress are varied, but all guests at our centre can learn to organise their day-to-day routine so that they can maintain an independent and permanent sense of well-being even after returning to their everyday life,' explains Atvara.

Avotiņa also points out that many people today are dealing with chronic stress. 'A survey in the United Kingdom has shown that around half (45%) of all employed people experience high levels of stress at work and one in five report an inability to manage work-related stress. Another study, carried

out in 15 countries around the world, found that a quarter of those surveyed showed signs of burnout,' says the psychologist. 'Burnout is caused by constant tension and chronic stress, when demands exceed a person's resources. It occurs gradually as a response to increasing levels of stress and the exhaustion of internal and external resources. It's important to stop and take care of yourself in time so that chronic stress does not turn into burnout, which makes it harder to live and work to one's fullest,' she adds.

According to Avotiņa, the 'red flags' of chronic stress include physical and emotional fatigue, a reluctance to go to work, and difficulty concentrating and making decisions. Cynicism, disgust, anger, and irritation can also be present. Perfectionism, over-commitment or too much zeal, low self-esteem, a poor ability to accept criticism, and an inability to balance work and home life contribute to chronic stress, which can eventually develop into burnout. It can also be exacerbated by external factors such as a lack of control, limited ability to influence one's workload, and a lack of support and positive feedback from others.

'If you used to find your work satisfying but now it seems pointless, and you feel that your efficiency has declined or you're working more slowly than usual, it's worth taking some time off and getting your daily routine in order. Because chronic stress not only affects the emotional and cognitive spheres but also has significant consequences for physical health, recovery can start by



Sigita (49), who is the owner and board member of an accounting firm, lost 11 kilograms after spending 15 days at *Via Vitalité*.

addressing the simplest of your basic needs. By first strengthening your physical well-being, you can then gather the strength to tackle other, more complex issues,' says Avotiņa. 'In order to improve mood, self-esteem, and stress management, it's important to get enough sleep, eat a healthy and balanced diet rich in vitamins and minerals, and exercise regularly.'

Located away from the hustle and bustle of the city, the all-inclusive *Via Vitalité* is a good starting point for your new life. The centre's 180 hectares of scenic surroundings provide all the conditions for guests to clear their minds, regain their energy, and improve their figures. *Via Vitalité* has 50 comfortable rooms and several all-inclusive programmes, including Basic, Extra, and Relax. Whichever programme they choose, guests enjoy a full and fulfilling daily schedule at *Via Vitalité*, with five balanced meals per day, regular workouts, a 25-metre swimming pool, Nordic walking, and high-quality spa treatments for the body and face, all of which help them to focus on their well-being and boost their metabolism. Peace of mind can be regained while enjoying the beautiful Baltic countryside on the more than ten kilometres of walking trails or going for a horse ride. All of this keeps people returning to *Via Vitalité* again and again. In addition, one of the centre's guiding principles is emotional and physical safety, which is why its grounds are completely isolated from the view of others.

According to the centre's manager, the Relax programme is increasingly in demand. This seven-day programme includes five balanced meals (1500–1800 kcal) per day; determining body composition twice a week using the bioimpedance method; daily morning exercises to speed up the metabolism (optional); water aerobics; body roll fitness classes; relaxing facial, body, head, and foot massages or spa rituals for the body; a magnesium or aromatherapy bubble bath; a sauna; a swimming pool; and nature walks. 'It's suitable for those who want a restart and to relax more peacefully. The people who come to *Via Vitalité* want to find time for themselves, to organise their thoughts, and to age beautifully,' says Atvara.



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## DOME HOTEL

A hotel with a special aura

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

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

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

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

At *Dome Hotel*, guests enjoy not only 15 luxury-level rooms and unique cuisine at the *Le Dome* restaurant, but also breathtaking views of Riga's Old Town and unwinding with various spa treatments. Experience the 5<sup>th</sup>-floor sauna and unwind in the hotel's new gem – a hot tub on the terrace with stunning views of Riga Cathedral and the enchanting rooftops of the Old Town. Elevate your stay with this unique city-centre experience.

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# ZEMGALE

## AN ENTREPRENEURIAL HUB IN THE HEART OF THE BALTICS

Zemgale – a region in southern Latvia already historically renowned for its lush meadows, vast plains and abundant grain harvests – is gradually asserting its position as one of the key investment points in the Baltics.

Thanks to its novel industrial park and proximity to both Riga and the Lithuanian border, the region's tailored infrastructure is perfect for businesses wishing to enter or advance their position in the Baltic market. Agricultural companies, forestry businesses, and the food processing industry have been present in Zemgale's entrepreneurial landscape for a very long time. Zemgale's grains, eggs and timber are not only popular among local consumers but are extensively exported abroad. It is forecast that the array of businesses will soon greatly expand thanks to the quickly developing business infrastructure of the region, namely, the region's recently established first industrial park where local and international businesses can launch logistics centres, factories, warehouses, and even offices. This is a significant development in Latvia's entrepreneurial growth and also showcases Zemgale's importance in the country's business landscape. While Zemgale can be a suitable location for any business, its proximity to nature and the largest Baltic cities is especially beneficial to companies specialising in manufacturing, technological research and development, and transportation.

Zemgale's landscape is full of unexpected contrasts, such as the pastoral beauty of cows grazing in emerald-green fields while, in the background, high-tech modern wind-turbine parks power the economy forward. It's been a story of success as the region's traditional love for nature and its highly developed agricultural industry have seamlessly intertwined with technological advancements. To ensure that Zemgale's marvellous nature is left as pristine as possible, the industrial park has been created with environmentally friendly solutions in mind, and promotes that the companies entering the park must focus on saving and respecting natural resources.

Moving a business into the Zemgale industrial park is a convenient and affordable choice because the park's infrastructure has already been developed and new entrants do not have to plan and build any additional premises. Businesses can be launched as quickly as ever, since machinery and equipment installation is all they need to do. Operating in an industrial park also significantly reduces the initial investments needed to start operations and allows for the precise prediction of future expenses. If needed, expansion is also rapid and easy to do without any additional investments or starting from scratch – simply request more space in the existing zones of the industrial park if you need to increase the area for parking your company's trucks or if you need to install more machinery – no new construction or capital is required.

Starting a company's operations in Zemgale not only opens the doors to the Latvian market but also eases the process of entering the Lithuanian market. Zemgale is conveniently linked to Riga, Kaunas, and Šiauliai through various motorways, ensuring quick transportation and logistics options between the countries. As Zemgale is a vast region itself that links together six municipalities, it is planned to increase the highway infrastructure between these as well in order to ensure seamless transportation options.

Moreover, vast opportunities for guidance supporting entrepreneurship in Zemgale is available: business incubators, research resources, and monetary initiatives for agricultural companies – Zemgale has everything to help you start your business and ensure its future operations. There is also no need to worry about the workforce – 62% of Zemgale's inhabitants are of working age, so finding the most suitable employee for each role should be a straightforward process. Upcoming plans include increasing cooperation with research institutions such as the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies faculties to organise workshops on new technologies that will improve the competitiveness of businesses in Zemgale. The region is also in the process of introducing a brand-new mentoring programme that will link experienced entrepreneurs with those who are just taking their first steps in business, thereby ensuring a fruitful future for both economic growth and cooperation.

Let your business grow in Zemgale!

### IMPORTANT STATISTICS:



Overall annual turnover for the region: EUR 6.8 billion, 15,799 actively operating companies.



Most popular industries: agriculture (23%), construction (16.4%), retail and wholesale (13%), transport and logistics (12.5%).



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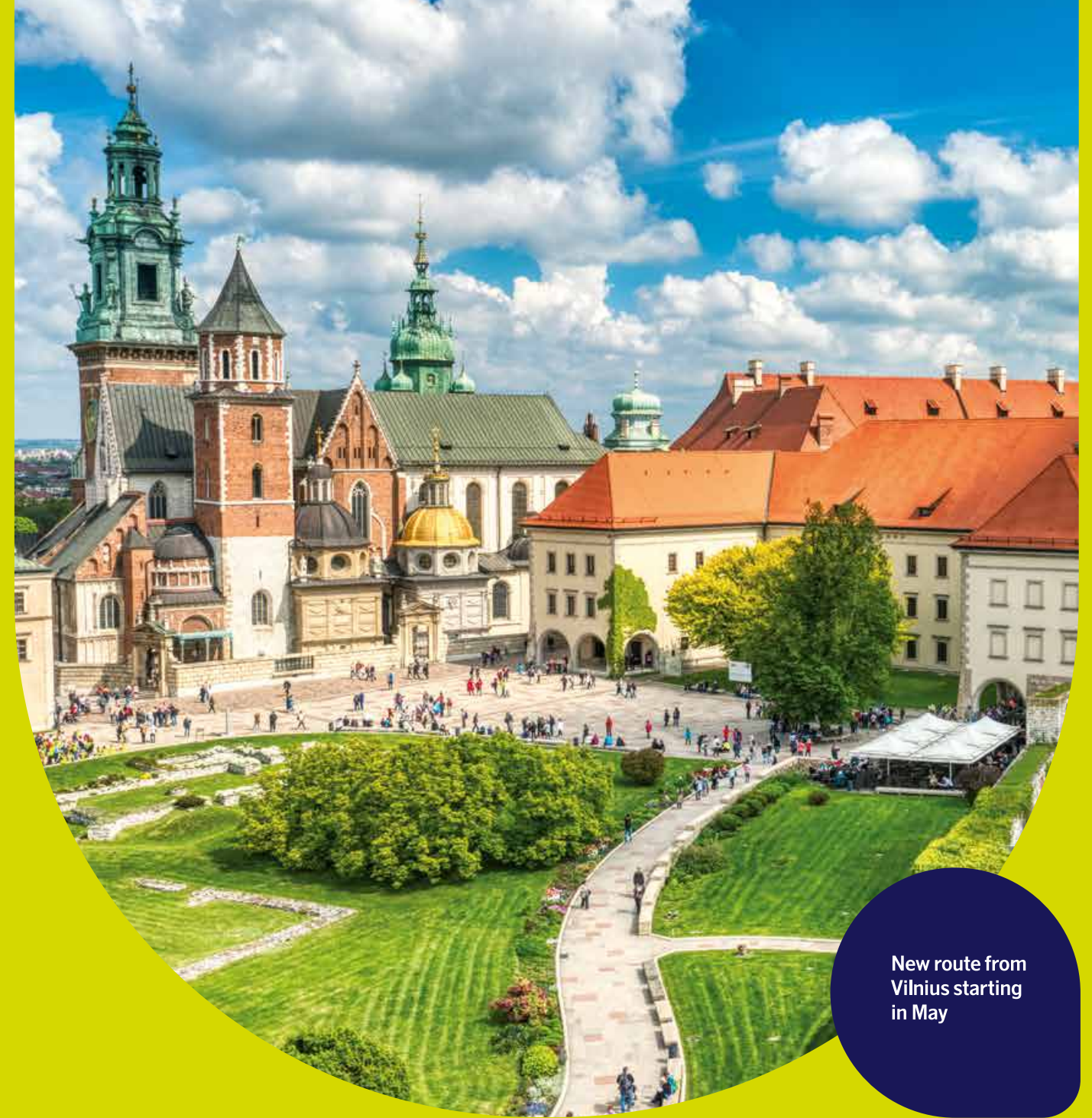
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## A22 YOUR ULTIMATE BOUTIQUE HOTEL EXPERIENCE

At the *A22* hotel, 21<sup>st</sup>-century chic meets classic 1960s design, serving as a reminder of the fact that one of America's greatest presidents, John F. Kennedy, once stayed in this building. With its unique aura, the *A22* is so much more than just a regular five-star hotel. From afternoon tea to a romantic overnight stay with dinner at the restaurant *John*, the *A22* hotel is the perfect place to stay whether you're travelling for business or planning a city break in Riga.

The *A22* is a design- and experience-led boutique hotel perfectly located in the heart of the city in the Quiet Centre, Riga's most elegant neighbourhood. Each of the hotel's 20 rooms has its own character and style. The mansard level of the hotel features an exclusive presidential suite that reflects on the time when Kennedy stayed in this very same space when he was still a university student. The *A22* is a hotel with status, individuality, and special service, where business travellers as well as those looking for a romantic getaway will feel comfortable. Here you'll find the best service in everything, and it's no coincidence that the hotel's restaurant is popular not only with guests to the city but also with local gourmets.

*John* is a leading fine-dining destination on Riga's culinary scene and is also listed in the *Michelin Guide*, the world's most popular restaurant guide. The ambience is fresh yet warm, and the signature restaurant with views of the picturesque Viesturdārzs park boasts an open kitchen so that guests can take a peek 'behind the curtain' as chef Kristaps Silis reveals the secrets of cooking. 'Each dish on the menu is crafted to perfection to achieve the best combination of flavours and service experience,' says Silis. The tasting menu changes every season. However, there is one dish that will always be on the menu at *John*, and that's the chef's own signature dish – honey cake. Made according to a special recipe developed by Silis, it has become a favourite in Riga over the years. In addition to the excellent à la carte menu, the team at *John* also offers breakfast and lunch menus. Afternoon tea, that most beloved of British traditions, is also available.



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## LAVA DENTAL STUDIO

### A dentist's appointment as relaxing as a visit to the spa

Painful dentist visits have been universally relegated to the past, but the *LAVA Dental Studio* in Riga has already left the others behind as it enters a revolutionary future. A future where, for starters, a tailored dentist's appointment is accompanied by the patient's favourite TV show on Netflix, a customised coffee order, and an ergonomic pillow. These are just some of the extras that come along with the process as a highly skilled team of professionals perfect your smile in a comfortable and relaxing setting in the heart of the Art Nouveau quarter in Riga. What is more, your dental-care journey can begin with a one-on-one Zoom call, ensuring the start of rapid, affordable, and high-quality treatment from anywhere in the world.

The *LAVA Dental Studio* is like no other dental clinic not only thanks to its technological advancements in smile reconstruction and its vast team of professionals, but also because of the studio's overall character and remarkably personalised approach. From smile makeovers to implants and veneers, *LAVA* offers a range of options for obtaining that perfect smile. Whether it's regular checkups and cleanings or more serious

reconstruction, the *LAVA Dental Studio* is ideal for those who prioritise their dental health and aesthetics. Maintaining a beautiful and healthy smile is a goal that *LAVA's* staff shares with their clients.

As Dr. Vladislavs Aleksejevs, the clinic's founder and leading dental surgeon explains, the clinic takes into account the traumatic experiences that many people may have gone through in childhood or at other dentists' offices, which is why *LAVA* ensures that the patient experience is as painless – and yes, even enjoyable – as possible. When you come to the *LAVA Dental Studio* for the first time, you may think you've mistakenly taken a wrong turn somewhere because you've never seen a dental clinic like this one – an elegantly artistic interior created with high-quality natural materials, a friendly and professional reception, and calming music make you feel as if you've entered a spa or beauty salon. The thoughtful design of the clinic plays on all five senses, and even takes care to minimise the harsh antiseptic smell characteristic of most dental practices.

At *LAVA Dental Studio*, the first appointment involves a thorough discussion to understand the patient's needs, expectations and current smile status, without immediate chair time. Whether you've come for a full smile reconstruction or just a routine checkup, *LAVA* uses 3D intraoral scans and CBCT x-rays to assess your smile. A team of 10 specialised dentists then creates a tailored smile reconstruction plan for you. The final treatment concept is introduced at the second appointment.

All *LAVA Dental Studio* clients fill out a detailed well-being questionnaire so as to customise their experience. You can choose everything from the doctor's chattiness to background-film, blanket and pillow preferences, and even the flavour of lip balm that will be applied after the procedure. This personalised approach enhances comfort and reduces negative associations with dental appointments.

For their patients based out-of-country, the *LAVA Dental Studio* prioritises efficiency by starting the diagnosis and treatment process even before the client has arrived in Riga. An online consultation usually suffices to assess the client's dental health and devise a detailed procedure plan. Before arrival, the client is advised to get x-rays done in their home country.

The clinic then plans an intensive treatment schedule lasting no more than a week. This allows clients to combine their medical treatments with a pleasant visit to Riga, and then return home with a healthy, restored smile in almost no time at all.



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Tallinn's Old Town is known for its rich medieval history. In some places, the city walls built eight centuries ago are right within reach. For instance, at the *Nunne Boutique Hotel*, where the walls even pass through some of the rooms.

While the hotel's building has provided accommodation for guests to the Estonian capital for already quite some time, new owners purchased it a few years ago and began a renovation during the pandemic in 2020. The newly renovated hotel has acquired a tasteful and luxurious interior and reopened to guests in August 2023. It has 74 rooms, no two of which are completely alike.

Since the building itself is old and dignified, every detail in it has been thought through very carefully to provide a top-notch holiday experience, starting with the interior design and ending with the art displayed on the walls. Everywhere you look, you'll spot local design, whether it's the furniture, ceramics, artwork, or lighting. While preserving the site's dignified history, a modern touch has been added with technical solutions. For instance, check out of the hotel or view your billing on the television in your room. The hotel also has a spa that opened last month for guests to enjoy three different saunas, a pool, and a leisure area with a water-based steam 'fireplace' to lounge around with refreshing drinks. *Nunne Boutique Hotel* has developed special solutions for disabled guests, which is quite rare in other historical buildings. For children, there is a nursery where your child will be lovingly taken care of while you enjoy, for example, a romantic dinner with your partner at the hotel restaurant. If the child is too young to play unsupervised, the hotel can also provide a babysitter upon prior request.

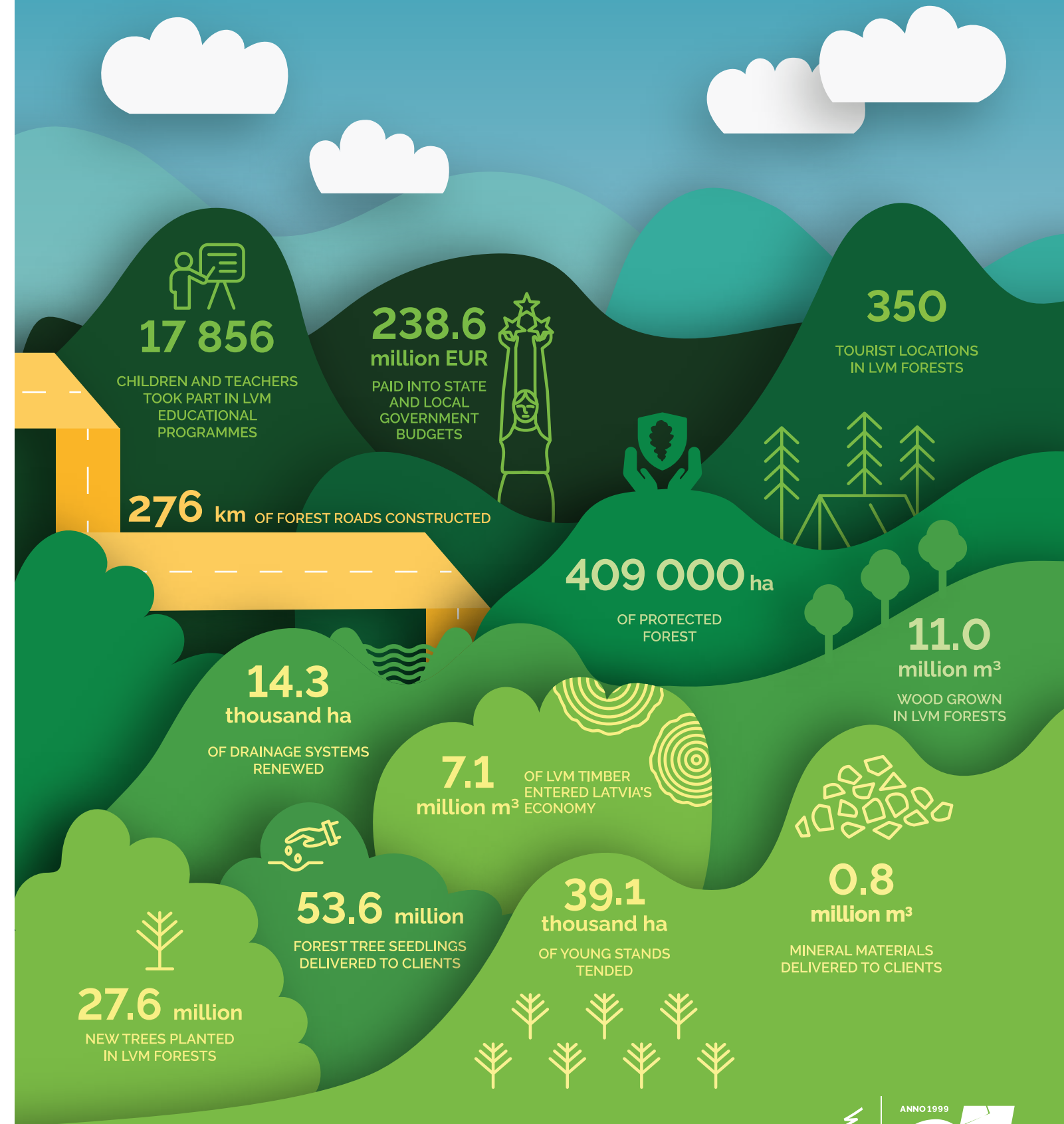
Modern solutions combined with the unique environment will make guests feel like royalty. There aren't many places nowadays with their own private medieval courtyards, but at *Nunne Boutique Hotel* there is. Some rooms have separate entrances from the courtyard, and in the warmer months guests can enjoy their morning coffee or room service in a private outdoor area.

Dining is another thing that cannot go without mention. The hotel's restaurant, *Âme* (meaning 'soul' in French), is run by Stella Kurik, a talented chef with experience in *Michelin*-starred restaurants. *Âme* offers French cuisine with a Scandinavian touch and emphasises the importance of using local ingredients to prepare the dishes. Much to the pleasant surprise of guests, breakfast is served every day from 7 to 11 a.m., letting them sleep in while on their holiday. In fact, for better sleep, guests can choose either smaller, bigger, harder, or softer pillows from the hotel's pillow menu. Yes, this is just one more thing this establishment has – one of the many seemingly small things that adds to the wow-factor of your stay at *Nunne Boutique Hotel*.

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For the eighth year in a row, RSU has been recognised as the university with the best reputation in Latvia – a title that arguably increases the attractiveness of the university in the eyes of potential students.



RSU has 57 study programmes in Latvian and seven in English. The number of foreign guest lecturers at RSU makes up 21% of elected RSU academic staff, i.e. 111 foreign guest lecturers worked at RSU last year.

The results of both an internal anonymous student survey and a survey on the industry as a whole by the research company Kantar show that RSU is highly valued and that its graduates feel confident that they will get a well-paid job after their studies at RSU. According to the Ministry of Education and Science's employment monitoring data for 2021, 89.9% of RSU graduates are employed, of which 93.2% are working in highly skilled professions.

The University also cares deeply about its external reputation. One indicator of RSU's high external reputation is the fact that the number of applicants – both Latvian and foreign – is continually increasing year after year. The number of foreign applicants in particular has increased by 10–15% with each consecutive year (this metric has been recorded since 2018). Likewise, the mid-winter student intake of 2024 also saw an increase in the number of foreign admissions, demonstrating that the content of RSU study programmes is of high quality, meaningful, and synchronised with the study content of leading European higher education institutions, all of which allows graduates to feel confident about their future work life.

As to the factors contributing to RSU's distinguished reputation, RSU Research Week is now a biennial event, drawing 7,000 participants and spectators from nearly 50 countries, both in person and online, for five multidisciplinary research conferences held over five days. More than 1,000 presentations are delivered on subjects in medicine, the social sciences, public health, and the natural sciences.

The number of foreign students at RSU is impressive. Of the 10,467 students studying at RSU, around 3,000 (or 27%) are foreign students. Among them, 31% are from Sweden, 23% from Germany, 15% from Finland, 8% from Norway, and 4% from Italy. RSU's brand, reputation and quality study programmes make it competitive among other strong European universities, as clearly indicated by the large proportion of international students at RSU. In fact, RSU is the undisputed leader in the export of higher education in the Baltics, and a very strong player in the Northern European higher education export market – for example, there are currently 385 Finnish students

studying at the university, while the most represented foreign student community – from Sweden – is 909 students strong.

Student life at RSU would be unimaginable without the institution's close cooperation with medical institutions in Latvia as well as abroad. In total, the university has opened 15 clinical training centres, and has additional cooperative agreements with more than 100 clinics in Germany, Sweden, Finland, Israel, Italy and elsewhere. These collaborations provide prospective doctors with a wide range of opportunities for learning about surgery, internal diseases, and a specialisation of their choosing, as well as volunteering. RSU also offers students internships in their home countries so that it is easier for them to enter the labour market upon graduation.

As at top institutions like Harvard and Indiana Universities in the USA, King's College in the UK, and the University of Auckland in Australia, RSU now also offers courses in the fundamentals of military medicine. The military medicine course at RSU is mandatory for all 4th-year students of the Faculty of Medicine; students are divided into 45 groups in total (with both Latvian and English groups), which equals about 500 students per academic year.

RSU is home to the Medical Education Technology Centre, the only simulation centre in Latvia and the largest in the Baltics. It contains the appropriate infrastructure and equipment to provide students with the skills they need in a wide range of healthcare sectors, while promoting patient safety and improving the overall quality of healthcare. It is an opportunity for students to learn in an environment and with conditions that are very close to those they will encounter in real life – features such as a simulated admissions ward, an operating theatre set up like those in real hospitals, and so on.

Moreover, RSU has a well-developed research infrastructure – 35 study bases, institutes and laboratories in both Latvia and abroad, as well as opportunities to participate in international scientific conferences during the study process. A strong foundation of diverse and leading-edge research going on at an educational institution enriches the student body's academic environment by promoting their curiosity and allowing them to delve deeper into their areas of scientific and professional interest.

RSU is now accepting applications for several English-language programmes in the September 2024 admissions cycle. The Medicine and Dentistry study programmes are undoubtedly the most popular, and attract a large number of students from both Latvia and abroad. RSU also offers the International Business and Start-up Entrepreneurship bachelor's programme, as well as several master's programmes geared towards international students: International Governance and Diplomacy, Russia and Eurasia Studies, Biostatistics, and Health Management.

Applications for the September 2024 admissions cycle may be sent in from late February 2024 until July 1, 2024. Additional rules and shortened application periods apply to international students coming from countries outside of the European Union/ European Economic Area.

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## THE MOST EFFICIENT BILLING MANAGEMENT

It's always the right time to take a look at your company's finances and make billing management more efficient.



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Perhaps your company could benefit from invoice processing and debt collection automation? Or is there more information about your clients that would make your business processes even more effective? All this is part of the services provided by *Aktiva Finance Group*, which offers comprehensive and complete financial infrastructure solutions. *Aktiva Finance Group* is based in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, and is proud to be the only company in the Baltic region and Poland that offers all-in-one financial solutions for businesses.

'Our goal is to offer a solution to our clients that will cover the entire lifecycle of an invoice, starting from background checks and credit decisions to invoicing, payment collection, and debt recovery,' says Oliver Markvart, the CEO of *Aktiva Finance Group*. 'We believe that data-driven automation is key for the success of businesses, especially when it allows you to make better decisions, increase efficiency, and speed up internal processes,' he adds. The core of *Aktiva Finance Group* is full-service financial infrastructure management.

The first part of the lifecycle is covered by *Krediidiregister*, the leading provider of credit information, which collects and analyses financial data of natural persons as well as legal entities, offering several solutions and models for the risk management of creditworthiness. The company partners with a wide range of banks, lenders, telecommunication companies, and other businesses that need input information or scoring models appropriate to their risk appetite in order to make credit decisions.

One of the key parts of *Aktiva Finance Group* is the *Altero* financing brokerage platform, which enables companies and consumers to submit financing and loan requests with efficiency and ease. Additionally, *Altero*



serves as a partner to lenders by providing a steady stream of loan applications so they can expand their customer bases. *Altero* is a safe, effective, and innovative solution to support financing needs.

The next step in the *Aktiva Finance Group* business processes lifecycle is invoice management with *Perfi*. *Perfi* has been operating in the Lithuanian market under the name *Viena sąskaita* for already 15 years, and as of last year it is also available in Estonia and Poland. Today, *Perfi* serves over 200,000 private customers, digitally processing more than 1.2 million invoices each month.

*Perfi* offers businesses a comprehensive solution that reduces the time and cost associated with invoice delivery, payment collection, and customer support. This efficiency leads to more on-time payments and fewer payment errors. For consumers, *Perfi* simplifies bill management by consolidating all monthly invoices into one, enabling payment through a single bank transaction.

A key part of the *Aktiva Finance Group* portfolio is debt recovery as the last step of the financial infrastructure. With nearly 30 years of experience, *Julianus Inkasso* specialises in national and cross-border debt collection and is the leading brand in the region offering these services. The company manages its clients' overdue credit portfolios, helping them reduce their credit losses and increase cash flow, which frees up resources to focus on their main business. *Julianus* also supports customers with legal aid and court proceedings, should there be a need. Additionally, *Julianus* offers a white-label reminder service to its customers in which the reminders are still branded to represent the company the claim is from, thus adhering to soft collection principles.

'When a company reaches a certain size and status, the only option on your table is to work with the best business solutions and partners,' concludes Markvart, emphasising the benefits of working with *Aktiva Finance Group*. The group's enterprises in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland employ over 350 people dedicated to developing financial infrastructure, from background checks and credit decisions to invoicing, payment collection, and debt recovery.

In 2023, *Aktiva Finance Group* earned a spot on the prestigious Top 101 list of Estonia's most valuable companies put together by *Prudentia Tallinn*, Nasdaq, and *Delfi Meedia*, solidifying its position as a valued and innovative partner. Last month, *Aktiva Finance Group* received the first-ever Financial Excellence certificate for its remarkable financial performance and dedication to excellence.



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## BETTER WITH EVERY MOVE

6500. That's how many cars are taken care of every day in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia by the full-service rental company *Ayvens*, which for the past two decades has operated in the Baltics under the name *ALD Automotive*.

After merging with another major player in the mobility market, *LeasePlan*, the newly created global brand *Ayvens* has even more capacity to offer customers modern and cost-effective mobility solutions. *Ayvens'* customers in the Baltics range from smaller businesses to large ones, but they all need to use cars on a daily basis and do not want to take on the additional responsibility of managing their own fleet.

'Businesses choose the full-service car rental option so that they can optimise their internal resource consumption and focus on their core business. Buying a car, maintaining it, calculating depreciation, selling it at the end of its service life, and then documenting everything correctly in financial statements is a rather cumbersome process. We ease that burden,' explains the head of *Ayvens* in the Baltics, Mārcis Mauriņš, who has been with the company for 18 years. 'Our customers select the cars of their choice with all the features and extras that they require from any car dealer in the Baltics; we then buy the cars and lease them out to the customer, usually for several years. When the contract is signed, the customer knows exactly how much the monthly payment will be. This is fixed for the duration of the contract and includes the car's rental, insurance, maintenance, tyre changes, replacement and repair of worn parts, technical inspections, and all administrative work.'

To help customers choose the right cars, *Ayvens'* staff need to know the cars inside and out. That's why they regularly visit manufacturers' representatives and learn about the strengths and weaknesses of each model. Moreover, it's not enough to just learn the technical data,

since customers are usually interested in the personal experience of driving the car. For example: Is the car comfortable on longer journeys? How does its fuel consumption change in various conditions? Or even – How quickly does the interior warm up in the winter? To answer these questions, you need hands-on experience. Mauriņš reveals that he has tested most of the cars on sale in the Baltics himself, and he gives his customers the opportunity to do the same whenever possible. Customer events where customers have the opportunity to drive the latest models on sale are held all over the Baltics. Last summer, for example, around 50 of Latvia's most sought-after all-electric cars were available for test driving at the *Sporta Komplekss 333* motor sports complex in Ropaži.

In the past, full-service rental was mainly used by large companies who opted for brand-new cars. These days, smaller companies looking to save money have also found leasing to be a suitable option. An ideal solution for them is *Ayvens Multilease*, which provides slightly used cars. Statistics show that 66% of *Ayvens'* customers use a car for four years; 23.5% of *Ayvens'* customers use a car for five years. After this period, most vehicles are in very good condition because the necessary maintenance and repairs have always been always carried out on time. Accordingly, customers whose employees need to drive company cars less frequently are entirely content to use these pre-owned cars in exchange for a significantly lower monthly payment.

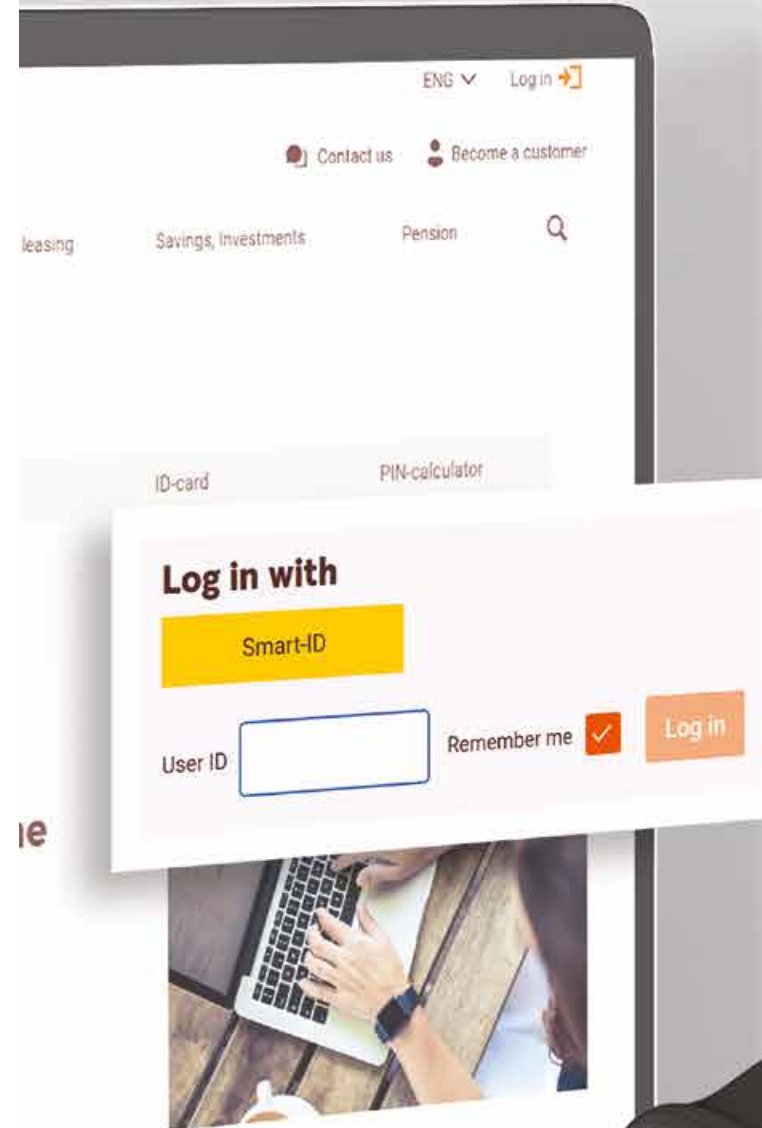
Another *Ayvens'* solution, *Flex*, allows you to rent a car for a shorter period – starting from three months. It's a popular choice for seasonal businesses and fixed-term project workers.

Following the recent merger, *Ayvens* has become the world's leading fleet management and operational car leasing company. It manages more than 3.3 million vehicles. 'This position gives us the opportunity to negotiate better prices with car manufacturers when buying cars in bulk. The range and variety of used cars is also expanding,' says Mauriņš. 'I am confident that we will be able to delight our customers with new, attractive offers in the near future. After all, *Ayvens'* mission and promise to customers is to improve with every step of the way.'



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## GIVE ANOTHER USE TO YOUR CRYPTO WITH A CONNECTEE DEBIT CARD

Since the advent of cryptocurrencies, the once mystical and almost elitist currencies are gaining more and more trust with each passing year. And with solutions such as *Connectee*, they're also becoming more tangible to the everyday user.



Founded in 2020, *Connectee* is a fiat-cryptocurrency exchange provider with headquarters in Tallinn, Estonia. Now, to add another layer to the use of cryptocurrencies and bring them closer to day-to-day financials, *Connectee* is introducing *Visa* debit cards as a key part of its service. This revolutionary move represents a significant step towards bridging the gap between the worlds of cryptocurrencies and traditional finance.

The plastic or virtual debit *Visa* cards can be topped up with cryptocurrency or via SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area) payments, allowing you to make purchases online, pay in shops, or withdraw cash from almost any ATM in the world where *Visa* cards are accepted.

With a *Connectee* debit card, users only need to top up the card with popular cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, or USDT, or via a traditional fiat currency such as the euro. Once a card is loaded, it can be used for safe, fast, and convenient purchases anywhere worldwide that *Visa* is accepted. This seamless integration of cryptocurrencies into standard payment infrastructure gives customers true spending power and flexibility, letting them tap into their digital asset holdings for everyday purchasing needs. The debit card exemplifies *Connectee's* mission to bridge the worlds of cryptocurrencies and mainstream finance.

If you're interested in ordering a *Connectee* debit card, register at [connectee.io](https://connectee.io) and verify your account by verifying your identity. Then order the actual card to your confirmed address or request a virtual card. Once you've got the card, fill the balance with cryptocurrency or fiat, and start using it right away. The user-friendly onboarding process makes it easy for customers to get started with using their cryptocurrencies for everyday transactions.

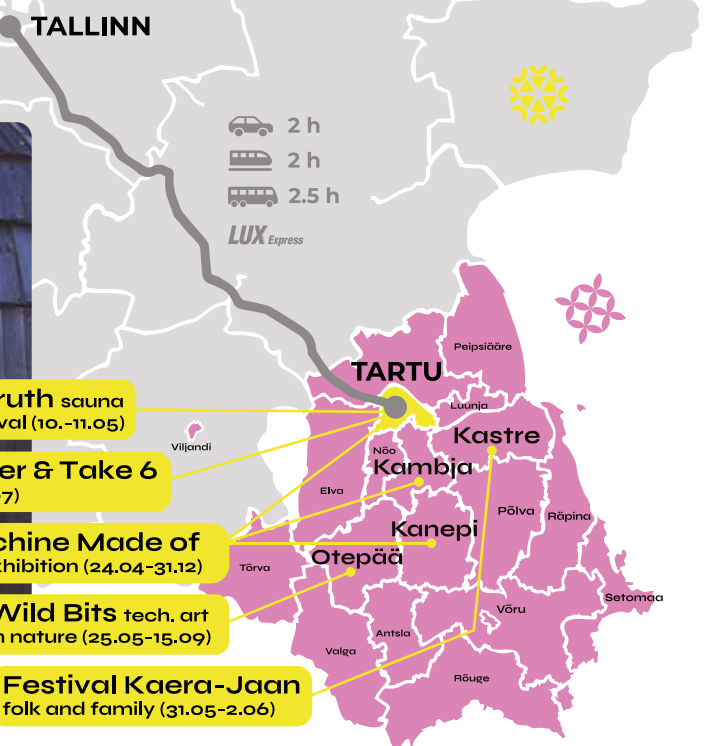
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## A JOURNEY INTO THE WORLD OF TOYS

*XS Toys* – a place of fun for the whole family, whatever your age.

As part of the privately owned company *Anvol*, *XS Toys* has been specialising in the retail sale of toys and children's items in the Baltic states, Finland, Sweden and elsewhere for 20 years. The almost 40 *XS Toys* stores in the Baltic Sea region inspire adults to make children's dreams come true. You'll find everything in this wonderland for children – from first cuddly toys for newborns and a wide range of top toys to unique collectible figures for the 'kidult' audience. Not to mention board games, jigsaw puzzles, and other fun and mind-challenging activity sets to spend meaningful time together with family. There are mind-challenging activity sets for every member of the family. *XS Toys* is the place to make not only children's dreams come true but also the dreams of adults. We've observed that their habits are changing – they're more and more interested in collectibles and accessories,' says Jānis Jasenovičs, the head of retail at *XS Toys*. That's



why adults often visit our stores to buy things such as strategic games, FUNKO celebrity figurines or LEGO collection for adults, which, by the way, make great gifts,' explains Jasenovičs.

*XS Toys* stores offer hands-on experience, letting customers not only find what they are looking for but also try out the novelties and have fun while shopping. 3D figures, photo props, and play areas allow children to feel the atmosphere of wonder. *XS Toys* stores offer adventure and stand out with their attractive design and easy navigation logic. In most of the stores, customers can also experience real-life magic in the form of meet-and-greet events with children's favourite characters and heroes.

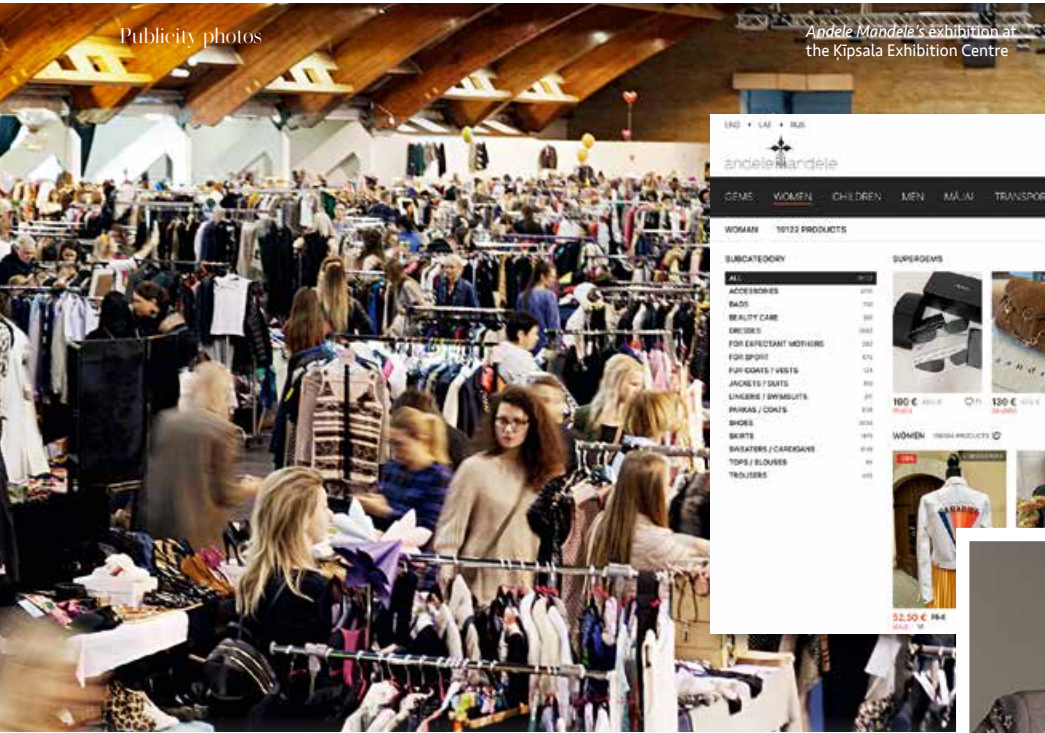
While everyone is invited to experience the joy of toys, children are the best – and also the most demanding – toy testers. Furthermore, they are the ones who know the latest fads and crazes, and are experts at which toys are the most popular at the moment. The *XS Toys* team follows through by bringing shoppers the latest and hottest trends in the market as they appear on social media platforms such as TikTok and elsewhere. Gaming and TV/film offshoots and merch are also in high demand right now. In total, there are more than 400 different toy brands available at *XS Toys* stores; moreover, many items sold at *XS Toys* are not available anywhere else. *XS Toys* also offers a line of eco-friendly products with environmentally responsible features, from the packaging to the toy itself. Find *XS Toys* stores in the largest shopping malls in Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Stockholm, and Helsinki.

Although trends are always changing, values and standards stay strong; this holds true for the toy market as well. Customers are still drawn to toy classics that have endured through the generations, which include board games such as *Alias*, collectible animal figurines, dolls and more. Plushies and stuffed animals are one of the favourites at *XS Toys*, as they never fail to create a sense of home and comfort. Perhaps a soft and fluffy friend is just what you need to bring home from a trip...

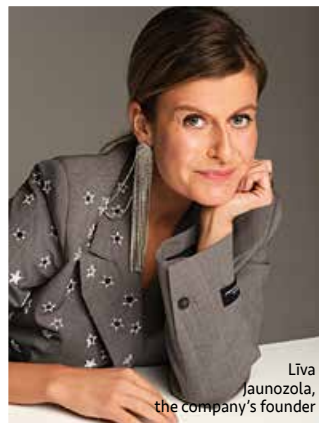
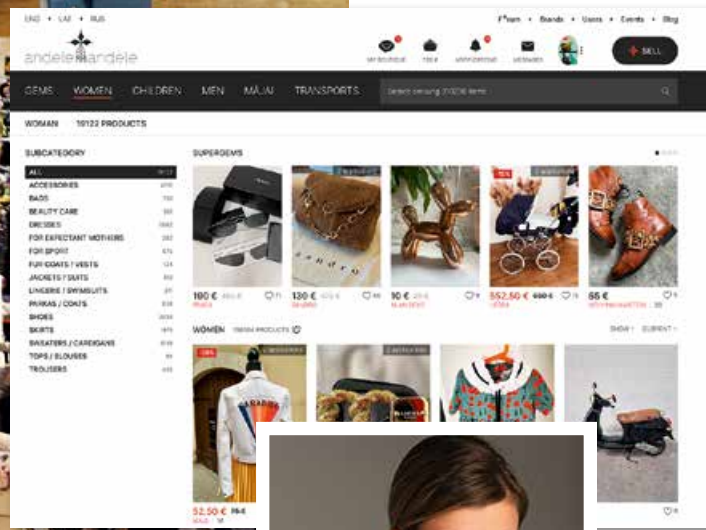




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Andele Mandele's exhibition at the Ķīpsala Exhibition Centre



Līva Jaunozola, the company's founder

## SPRING SHOPPING FESTIVITIES WITH *ANDELE MANDELE*

The Latvian shopping platform lets Baltic fashionistas give their exquisite clothing, accessories, and even furniture a second life.

There's no doubt that choosing the right outfit for an occasion is a way to channel one's inner self. However, sometimes the desired item is inadequately expensive, or a once-so-beloved item still sits at the back of the closet hoping for a new wearer. *Andele Mandele* eases the process of finding and selling unique fashion gems.

Founded in 2008, when the financial crisis was at its peak and stores were closing like dominoes, *Andele Mandele* aimed to help Latvian women find new fashion items and earn a bit of extra income. What started with 25 vendors has now grown into a successful website, an advanced mobile app for even quicker purchases and easier communication between the seller and the staff, and even pan-Baltic pop-up markets with more than a thousand participating sellers. Every day, around 5000 unique gems find new owners, and the platform boasts around 200,000 loyal vendors, ensuring a high standard of quality and a grand variety of items for sale. The platform is also equipped with numerous moderators who diligently look at every single item before it's published to ensure quality. 'We check the sharpness of the picture and give recommendations to sellers to help them portray each item in the best possible way,' says Līva Jaunozola, the company's founder.

Interestingly enough, Jaunozola remarks that it's not only women's clothing that's extremely popular on the platform. While seasonal dresses are widely available, there's also a wide variety of home accessories, children's apparel, and unique statement pieces that have been previously worn at important events by nationwide celebrities. The quality of these items remains good, providing the desirable combination of like-new quality for a much lower price than in the store.

Each piece sold at *Andele Mandele* has a past and emotions its former wearer once linked with it: a first date, receiving an award, moving to a new apartment... The positive energy is endless. Direct communication with the seller lets buyers learn the back story of an item and thus continue the unique life of the piece in a new light.

While for the past 15 years *Andele Mandele's* offering was mostly limited to users in Latvia, this spring marks a significant expansion for the platform. As of May 1, any user in the Baltics can sell and purchase new items through *Andele Mandele*. This is a real opportunity for all who want to have a look into a fashionable neighbour's closet and buy some pieces for their own wardrobe. The reserved and Nordic-like Estonians, the southern and pleasantly eccentric Lithuanians, and the welcoming Latvians can now all easily send their gems across national borders to establish a new sense of Baltic fashion and expand the friendly local community.

To celebrate this pan-Baltic expansion, all fashion lovers are meeting at *Andele Mandele's* spring exhibition on May 11 at the Ķīpsala Exhibition Centre in Riga (Ķīpsalas iela 8). More than 500 Baltic vendors offering goods for grownups as well as children, a DJ, and numerous catering options will take over the large exhibition hall. These grand seasonal sales celebrate the rejuvenation of fashion and serve as a great reunion for loyal customers who have otherwise only met each other online. Each vendor becomes a fashion boutique owner, going the extra mile to craft decorations for their stall, install changing rooms, and give their space a unique spirit. Some sellers even provide small gifts with each purchase or organise fun activities for children while their parents shop, making it a lovely weekend experience for the whole family. [andelemandele.lv](http://andelemandele.lv)



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Rosme concept store at Akropole Alfa (Riga) shopping centre

## ROSME LINGERIE TIMELESS QUALITY

High-quality, comfortable and affordable Latvian-made lingerie that suits any body shape or size? Yes, *Rosme* has proven its competence and timeless quality over numerous decades, and its lingerie is a statement piece in any woman's closet, both in Latvia and abroad.

Founded in 1952, *Rosme* was one of the first lingerie manufacturers in Latvia, and having withstood the test of time, today *Rosme* is as strong as ever, becoming the biggest lingerie producer in the Baltics. In its history of more than 70 years, *Rosme* has mastered the art of creating flattering and comfortable lingerie and swimwear that accentuates the beauty of any body shape or size. Having started with feminine corsets, the company has endlessly innovated and grown to become one of the most popular Latvian lingerie brands. *Rosme* has undergone countless changes to comply with the highest European quality standards and relevant designs. The brand has also been noticed far beyond Latvia's borders – every year *Rosme* manufactures more than a million bras for export to Europe and the USA.

One of the main pillars of *Rosme* is inclusivity and a healthy body image – every woman deserves to feel confident and feminine in her own natural beauty. That's why *Rosme* produces lingerie that is size-inclusive and affordable for everyone. Both classic and trendy pieces are reasonably priced and available in

sizes 70–120, with cup sizes from A to I. Significant attention has been devoted to plus-size women so that everyone will be able to find their perfect fit among *Rosme*'s vast range of sizing.

Women's bodies go through so much during their lifetimes, and they rightly deserve only the highest luxurious quality so that they can both feel good and look good. That's why the company's designers stay on top of all the new materials and technologies; nowadays, every piece of lingerie can be made to feel like a second skin – lightweight, soft to the touch, and most importantly, boosting the wearer's comfort and confidence. Every bra contains more than 40 carefully selected and fine-tuned details that correspond to the current fashion trends and meet high-quality standards. Traditionalists will appreciate the classical *Rosme* lines and the simplicity of cotton, whereas trendsetters will fall in love with the fresh designs and sensual lace.

All production processes – concept development, design, manufacturing, and selling the final product – are executed by the company itself, and using sustainable, high-quality fabrics and materials made

## ROSME



The choice of lingerie depends largely on the clothes a woman wears. In summer, it's more about thin, light, airy, breathable fabrics. Accordingly, *Rosme*'s new Spring/Summer 2024 emphasises soft colours, femininity, and harmony.

in Europe. The company is not content to stop here, however – it continuously researches new methods and materials that will make their products last even longer and, when they reach the end of their life cycle, easy to recycle.

The *Rosme* store on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Akropole Alfa shopping and entertainment centre in Riga has reopened after reconstruction. Last year, the brand underwent an extensive renovation process and acquired a new visual identity. This has also been reflected in the design of the new concept store.

The new visual identity brings a sense of lightness and confidence to women. *Rosme* designs and manufactures lingerie that enhances the beauty of every woman's body, making her feel feminine, elegant, and graceful. The store design emphasises light colours, convenient elements for customer comfort, and informative materials about its products. Consultants at the store can also help customers find the right bra size and give advice on the best design for their body.  
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## 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

different types of whisky, rum, tequila, and other alcoholic beverages from all around the world, including unique and very rare drinks. Scan the QR code to find out more. Much of *Beer Museum's* range is also available by the glass. And the bartenders will gladly whip up a wide variety of cocktails on request, too. The beer can be served for taking away.

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

Since the day it opened, *Beer Museum* has remained constant not only in the quality of its offer but also in its opening hours – visitors are welcome every day from 12 p.m. until three o'clock the next morning. Here you'll meet a great variety of people, from visitors to the city to locals just looking to refresh and relax a bit from the commotion of everyday life. There are 50 seats in the bar, and you will be welcomed not only to choose from the wide selection of drinks, but to enjoy the music as well.

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



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## ZIVJU LETE – INSPIRED BY THE SEA

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

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

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



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

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

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

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





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*Street Pizza* and *Street Burgers* are names that have won the trust of gourmets both in Riga and outside the capital city. The establishments share not only the same owners, but also the same principle – to instill high quality and excellence in everything they do.

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

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

*Street Pizza's* menu features classic Neapolitan pizzas – Marinara, Margherita, Milano, Pancetta, and more. The pizzerias carefully follow the old traditions, pointing out that Neapolitan pizzas must follow the classic recipe if they are to taste exactly as they are meant to. This means that the pizza dough is made according to the traditional recipe for Neapolitan pizza and then fermented for 72 hours. Once formed and topped, the pizza is then baked in an oven at 400C for 90 seconds. The pizzas at the Āgenskalns branch are baked in an oak-wood-fired oven, while those at the branch on Elizabetes iela are baked in an electric oven, both ovens being Neapolitan-certified and providing the authentic taste of Neapolitan pizza. Tradition is also important in the way the pizza is presented, which is why *Street Pizza* serves their pizzas uncut. Likewise, as Aleksandrs Vēvers – the pizzerias'

owner and pioneer of the Neapolitan pizza tradition in Latvia – points out, the pizzas taste best when freshly made.

Pizza for lovers – this could be the motto for *Street Pizza*. The owners of the establishment celebrated their own wedding at the first *Street Pizza* pizzeria, and the beautiful tradition has been adopted by many visitors who have not only enjoyed their wedding meal there, but also gave their vows to each other in the pizzeria. '*Street Pizza* is a place to enjoy moments away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is an adventure not only in terms of taste but also in terms of feelings,' says Vēvers. He also recommends the tiramisu, which is said to be one of the best in Riga. The recipe was created by his own family, and has not changed since day one.

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

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

Just as *Street Pizza* once introduced authentic Neapolitan pizzas to the people of Riga, *Street Burgers* was one of the first restaurants to offer quality medium-rare beef hamburgers. The first *Street Burgers* restaurant in Riga opened more than ten years ago, and today there are six *Street Burgers* restaurants across Latvia. One is located in Āgenskalns, right next to the *Street Pizza* pizzeria, while the newest *Street Burgers* recently opened in the very centre of Riga, on Blaumaņa iela.

Since day one, *Street Burgers* has been breaking down society's errant conviction that all burgers are unhealthy. The burgers at *Street Burgers* have put the focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients. 'Healthy living is important to us, so taste has always been a priority. That's why every element that goes into a burger is carefully considered. We use only the highest quality ingredients,' says Vēvers. He also points out that the burgers are cooked on an open-fire grill, which gives them their tantalising flavour and aroma.

From the very outset, *Street Burgers* has prepared its beef hamburgers using only the juiciest Latvian beef from one specific meat supplier in Latvia, thereby guaranteeing consistently high quality. The meat is ground on site to preserve its freshness and flavour. The restaurant offers more than 20 different types of burgers as well as salads and snacks. While most of the burgers on the menu come in a variety of meats – including beef, lamb and even Latvian venison – *Street Burgers* also provides tasty options for vegetarians and vegans. All of the burger sauces are made on site, as are the chips cut from natural potatoes (said to be some of the best in Latvia). And last but not least, *Street Burgers's* classic brioche burger buns, including the gluten-free ones, are baked in-house.

When visiting Riga, be assured that going to *Street Pizza* and *Street Burgers* will be culinary experiences that not only satiate your hunger but also celebrate the rich tradition of Neapolitan pizza-making and the art of cooking both classic and innovatively healthy burgers – all in a setting that is at once cosy and decidedly metropolitan.





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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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Mon-Sun 12.00–23.00

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

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

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

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

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

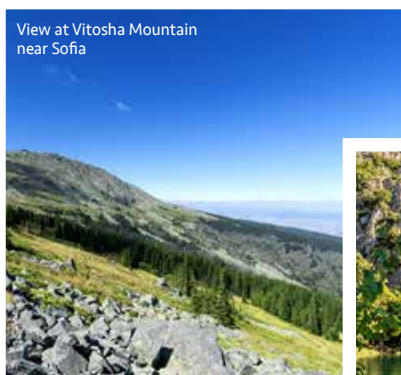


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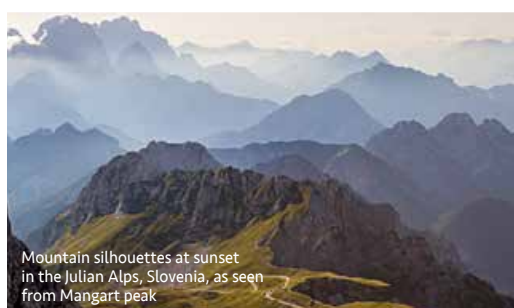
## WELCOME ABOARD WITH *airBaltic*



Traditional houses in the old town of Berat



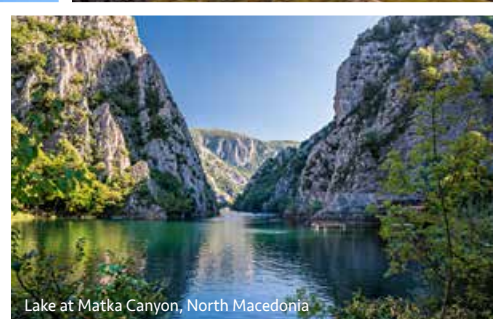
View at Vitosha Mountain near Sofia



Mountain silhouettes at sunset in the Julian Alps, Slovenia, as seen from Mangart peak



The Sharr Mountains form a mountain range in the Balkans that extends from Kosovo and the northwest of North Macedonia to northeastern Albania



Lake at Matka Canyon, North Macedonia



Christian Orthodox church in Old Orhei, Moldova

### DISCOVER THE NATURAL WORLD OF THE BALKANS

As of May, and just in time for summer, *airBaltic* invites you to embark on nature-filled adventures in the Balkans. The Balkan countries are a treasure trove of pristine, less-crowded hiking trails catering to hikers of all levels and easily accessible from the region's capitals.

#### TIRANA

The rolling Balkan hills and crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic Sea converge in the Albanian capital. But leave behind the city's vibrant streets filled with Ottoman-era architecture and head for the winding trails of Mount Dajti, which is easily accessible by cable car. Consider a trip to the historical city of Kruijë as well, which is set on a mountainous perch, or challenge yourself with the peaks surrounding the enchanting UNESCO-listed town of Berat.

Fly to Tirana from EUR 89 one way.

#### SOFIA

Hikes through history and nature intertwine in Sofia. The lofty heights of Mount Vitosha serve not only as a stunning backdrop to the city's skyline; they also offer a plethora of trails. Another must is trekking the Boyana Church trails leading to waterfalls and woodland serenity. After a day of wandering, rejuvenate with a soak in a mineral bath in one of the Bulgarian capital's palatial old bathhouses. Embark to Sofia for hikes and history from EUR 79 one way.

#### LJUBLJANA

Wander beyond the Slovenian capital's fairytale-like Old Town for some Alpine adventures, with the Julian Alps and the idyllic Karst Plateau offering gentle walks as well as challenging treks suitable for every adventurer. Catch a glimpse of the sapphire waters of Lake Bled graced by its iconic island church. Back in town, the ancient Ljubljana Castle offers sumptuous views of the city.

Ljubljana's peaks await from EUR 99 one way.

#### SKOPJE

Tucked between majestic mountains and the serene Vardar River, North Macedonia's capital Skopje is a gateway to thrilling nature walks. With the towering Millennium Cross, nearby Mount Vodno offers routes with panoramic vistas. Further afield, the paths of Matka Canyon wind past Matka Lake, which cuts through the sheer cliffs, as well as several medieval monasteries, which serve as a testament to the region's ancient allure.

Discover Skopje and its mountain mazes from EUR 99 one way.

#### PRISTINA

With its Ottoman and Byzantine heritages, Pristina charms with its rich history. Beyond the city, the landscape transforms into an outdoor enthusiast's heaven. Ascend to the breathtaking heights of the Sharr Mountains, or follow the Sharr mountain range to discover the alpine splendour of Brezovica's ski resort, which in summer offers a paradise of trails with pine-scented air. Other highlights include the dramatic gorges of Rugova Canyon and the subterranean wonder of Gadime Cave.

Set off to Pristina for hiking escapades from EUR 79 one way.

#### CHISINAU

A favourite for wine and food lovers, Chisinau also delivers a feast for the eyes. The gentle hills surrounding the capital of Moldova are a hiker's delight. The trails leading to the historical monasteries of Orheiul Vechi will make you feel like you're travelling back in time. The Codri Nature Reserve, Moldova's largest tract of primeval forest, offers a canopy of ancient woodlands and rich biodiversity to explore. After your journey, savour the local wine-making traditions that date back to 3000 BCE.

Delight in Chisinau's culinary and hiking trails from EUR 99 one way.



### DUBAI'S INDOOR AND NIGHTTIME TREASURES

Escape to the sun-soaked metropolis of Dubai with *airBaltic* this summer! While the city bakes in the heat by day, a world of indoor marvels and nocturnal adventures awaits once the sun sets.

Aside from world-class shopping, the vast Dubai Mall offers icy thrills at its Olympic-size ice rink and a window into the aquatic world at the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, ensuring entertainment and comfort away from the summer heat.

Miss skiing? Experience the paradox of skiing in the desert. The indoor winter wonderland of Ski Dubai houses snowy slopes and even a colony of penguins. Catch a ballet show or a classical music concert at the majestic Dubai Opera or head to Dubai's many art galleries, such as the XVA Gallery, which showcases Middle Eastern artists. Explore the dunes in the cool of the evening by taking part in a night safari tour. Or watch traditional belly dancing and dine under the stars for an unforgettable Arabian night. *airBaltic* flies from Riga to Dubai all year long. Flights from Vilnius to Dubai will recommence on October 30, 2024.

Tickets start from EUR 239 one way.

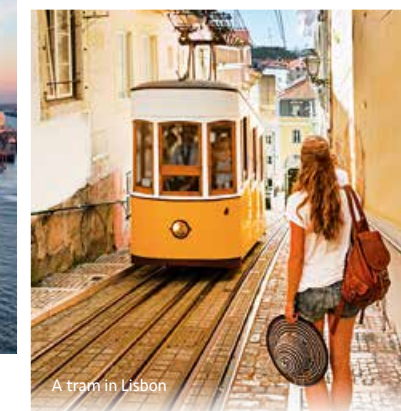


### FLY WITH THE LATVIAN NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM

Hockey fans, brace yourselves! *airBaltic* is offering an amazing opportunity to fly to the 2024 Ice Hockey World Championship in Ostrava together with the Latvian men's national hockey team. This special flight will take place on May 9. Pop-up flights to Ostrava are the first of a series of pop-up flights *airBaltic* will introduce in the upcoming months, which will feature exciting routes to off-the-beaten-path gems, seasonal delights, and world-class events. The debut pop-up route will operate between Riga and Ostrava from May 11 to May 22, coinciding with the 2024 Ice Hockey World Championship in Czechia. Fly with the champs to Ostrava for EUR 89.



Sandtorhafen and the Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg



A tram in Lisbon

### NEW FLIGHTS FROM VILNIUS TO LISBON AND HAMBURG

*airBaltic* is broadening its wings with the addition of two captivating destinations to its summer schedule from Vilnius. Starting May 4, the airline will launch twice-weekly flights to Lisbon (Portugal's colourful and relaxed capital) and Hamburg (Germany's dynamic port city and a vital business centre). This expansion opens up new horizons for leisure as well as business travellers eager to explore these European gems. With these additions, *airBaltic* now proudly offers a total of 18 routes from Vilnius, further establishing its commitment to connecting Lithuania with the world. Catch a Vilnius - Lisbon flight from EUR 139 one way. Fly Vilnius - Hamburg from EUR 59 one way.

To get the best flight deals, look for prices with cherries on [airbaltic.com](http://airbaltic.com)!

All flight prices mentioned in this magazine apply to GREEN tickets from Riga that are booked in advance at [www.airbaltic.com](http://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 Kremerata Baltica Chamber Orchestra

## 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.



Kremerata Baltica Chamber Orchestra and its founder, Latvian violin virtuoso Gidon Kremer (in the centre)



Ingrida Zemzare, the orchestra's director

### THREE REASONS WHY KREMERATA BALTICA CHOOSES *airBaltic*'S CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- ▶ A convenient flight network to the largest airports in Europe
- ▶ Vast onboard shopping opportunities
- ▶ Extensive space for hand luggage

The Kremerata Baltica Chamber Orchestra is one of the most famous chamber orchestras in the world. It's a world-renowned Grammy Award winner and nominee that traces its beginnings back to Riga in 1997. Founded by Latvian violin virtuoso Gidon Kremer, Kremerata Baltica gathers more than 20 musicians from all three Baltic countries. Kremerata Baltica is special not only thanks to its impressive performances and accolades but also in regard to its travelling habits. With its concerts and competitions, the orchestra has performed almost everywhere in the world.

Kremerata Baltica's story is closely linked to *airBaltic*'s history, as the two entities have been working together since 1997. Even though many things have changed since then, the orchestra's director, Ingrida Zemzare, reveals that it's always a pleasure to board an *airBaltic* plane. 'The crew is very polite and professional, and it's always touching that they speak Latvian,' she says. Like *airBaltic*, Kremerata Baltica also proudly carries Latvia's name out into the world.

Because the orchestra's musicians travel several times a month, a convenient destination network is a must. Besides frequently flying between the Baltic capitals, the orchestra often has concerts and competitions all around the world. Therefore, **Kremerata Baltica appreciates *airBaltic*'s regular and convenient flights to the largest European airports** to ensure seamless transit to the next flight. 'There's a concert hall in almost every city in Europe where we have performed, so each destination has its additional value,' Zemzare adds.

Kremerata Baltica's travels are full of concerts as well as competitions, and they are planned down to the last detail, leaving little to no room for

changes or time for shopping. Zemzare remarks that *airBaltic*'s onboard shopping options have come in handy numerous times, letting the musicians purchase high-quality items at appealing prices. It's a convenient way for them to purchase forgotten souvenirs or to buy something great for themselves to remember the trip. The flights are also enjoyable thanks to the spacious baggage compartments.

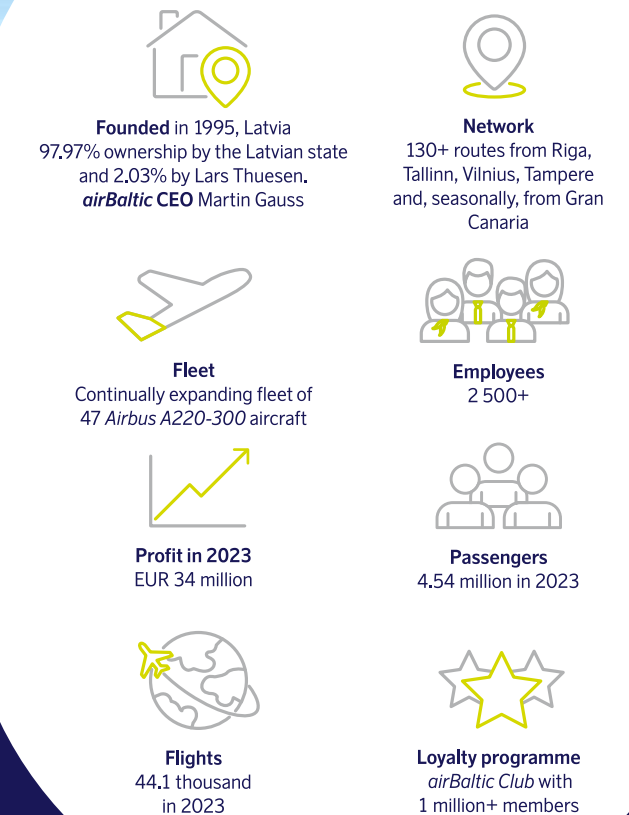
Orchestra musicians often have a lot of luggage with them; thus, sufficient space for hand luggage is of great importance. With the new *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, there's always plenty of space to store backpacks, luggage, outerwear, and so on.

In addition to its wide range of destinations and the proud Latvian flag, one more reason why Kremerata Baltica chooses *airBaltic* is because of their long common history. Both of them started their operations back in the 1990s and have come a long way since then. *airBaltic* planes and crew always provide a warm welcome, letting the musicians feel at home even when thousands of kilometres away.

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



## airBaltic in Facts and Figures



## The leading airline in the Baltics

*airBaltic*, the leading airline in the Baltics, operates more than 130 routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and, seasonally, Gran Canaria. This extensive network offers convenient connections across Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Caucasus region. As the Baltics' vital link to the rest of Europe, *airBaltic* ensures seamless travel with more than 20 codeshare partners, providing one-stop connections to over 200 destinations worldwide.

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## Unparalleled comfort

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

### PERKS OF TRAVELLING IN BUSINESS CLASS

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

### BUSINESS CLASS FARE

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

### BUSINESS LIGHT FARE

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

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

### TIPS! BUSINESS LIGHT TRAVEL IDEAS FOR FAMILIES:

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

### BUSINESS CLASS FARE COMPARISON

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

For more info about the ticket types, check airbaltic.com. Please note that the listed prices apply to one-way flights.

## 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 have even been acknowledged by the Skytrax Award 2022.

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

### Crunchy, a raw bar from Latvia

#### Did you know?

- 1/ The term 'healthy food' is often associated with 'not that tasty', but Crunchy was developed with the goal to be enjoyed by all, including children. It's therefore made with 55% dark Belgian chocolate so it's not too bitter for little ones.
- 2/ The raw bars come in three different flavours. The peanut-and-almond flavour is intended as a healthier alternative to the well-known Snickers bar. The bar made with dried fruit and hazelnuts resembles the local *Serenāde* chocolate candy. And the coconut-pineapple flavour may remind one of *Bounty* chocolate bars.
- 3/ All three flavours are very different and equally appreciated, with none the clear 'leader' in the market. Everyone finds their favourite flavour.
- 4/ All Crunchy raw bars are 100% handmade. The process is quite time-consuming and full of love and responsibility towards the consumer.
- 5/ The bars have been tested in a laboratory and are certified lactose- and gluten-free. Crunchy bars are made with only plant-based ingredients, so they're suited for those following a vegan diet.
- 6/ Adults mostly consume the bars as a healthy and energising snack between meals or enjoy them for breakfast with a cup of coffee or tea.
- 7/ For children, Crunchy bars can serve as a healthy snack between meals as well as a good energy-boosting snack before sports activities.
- 8/ Mārcis Grundulis, one of Latvia's new boxing talents, includes Crunchy bars in his diet before competitions.
- 9/ Crunchy is a small business run by mother of two Elīna Nelsons.
- 10/ Nelsons established the company in 2020, while on maternity leave. By experimenting with various ingredients that her family enjoyed, she came up with the idea of Crunchy as a brand that offers healthy and tasty snacks.

The information in this article is the sole responsibility of the product manufacturer, SIA Crunchy.



# We are hiring!

airBaltic offers exceptional career opportunities, and this month's spotlight is on our team of pilots. Interested? Come under our wing!



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Being a pilot isn't just a job; it's a lifestyle rich in unique experiences and full of exhilarating days. The desire to explore and travel is currently at an all-time high. airBaltic has grown fleet-wise, destination-wise, and also employee-wise. By the end of the year, we will have a fleet of 50 Airbus A220-300 aircraft, and we will have 100 such aircraft by the end of 2030, making it one of the newest fleets in Europe. That means more flights and more flight crew as well. With this surge in demand, airlines have become competitive in the benefits they offer in order to attract new talent. This might be the best time yet to join airBaltic.

Currently, we have positions available for First Officers (TR/NTR) and Senior First Officers (TR/NTR) with fast-track command. These roles present a unique opportunity to have your A220-300 type

rating covered. Candidates can choose between flexible or fixed-roster schedules, allowing them to tailor their schedules and bid for preferred flights and days off. This also provides an average of 70 block hours monthly and a minimum of eight days off a month, including four consecutive days off. Additionally, our employees enjoy unlimited home leave tickets and comprehensive health insurance benefits with a wide range of well-being benefits.

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

## BENEFITS

 <p><b>Secure &amp; Flexible Environment</b></p> <p>For more than 28 years in the sky, offering broad options in locations and schedules</p>	 <p><b>Traditional &amp; Travel Benefits</b></p> <p>We offer comprehensive health insurance with a wide range of well-being benefits and fantastic airfares</p>	 <p><b>International &amp; Dynamic Work</b></p> <p>Life at airBaltic never stays still – work on an international scale in a multicultural environment</p>	 <p><b>Professional &amp; Personal Growth</b></p> <p>We grow also within, offering in-house development programmes and coaching for all employees</p>
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# Come under our wing

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# For a safe and exceptional in-flight experience

Welcome aboard to the dynamic world of cabin crew training, where safety, service, and hospitality converge at 41,000 feet! In the vast expanse of the sky, cabin crew training stands as a beacon of preparedness and assurance. From emergency procedures to impeccable service, join us as we explore the meticulous processes and simulations that shape flight attendants into guardians of your safety.



Cabin crew training involves immersive simulations of emergency scenarios, which are conducted in mock aircraft cabins equipped with smoke, alarms, and other sensory cues to mimic possible emergencies.

▼ In today's increasingly inclusive world, the aviation industry plays a pivotal role in ensuring accessibility and equal opportunities for all passengers. Among the essential components of cabin crew training is specialised instruction on assisting persons with reduced mobility (PRMs). Cabin crew members are trained to offer personalised assistance to PRMs, including boarding and deplaning. This also includes training on how to safely evacuate PRMs.



▲ Customer care and service are an integral part of the inflight customer experience. Through comprehensive training, cabin crew trainees master communication skills, learn about diverse customer profiles, and practice Business and Economy class service standards.



◀ At 41,000 feet, trust and assurance are paramount. The cabin crew seamlessly blends service and sales, ensuring every interaction leaves a lasting impression. Training equips the students with product knowledge, bolsters confidence, and expands their comfort zone through numerous role plays, ensuring they deliver exceptional experiences in any situation.



► Door training emphasises the importance of following specific safety procedures and protocols when opening aircraft doors. Cabin crew learn the correct sequence of actions for disarming door mechanisms, verifying external conditions, and ensuring the safe egress of passengers in emergency situations. Cabin crew receive instruction on the operation and use of door opening mechanisms, including handles, levers, locks, and emergency release systems.



▲ In the controlled environment of an aircraft cabin, fire poses a significant threat to the safety and well-being of passengers and crew. It is a very unlikely event, but flight attendants nevertheless receive hands-on training in basic firefighting techniques, including the use of fire extinguishers and suppression methods tailored to the unique challenges of an aircraft environment.



► Decompression refers to the sudden loss of cabin pressure at high altitudes. Cabin crew can recognise signs of decompression, such as the sudden release of oxygen masks from the overhead compartments, which is accompanied by a loud noise and sometimes mist or fog in the cabin. In training they practise how to act accordingly and apply the correct procedures.

►► Did you know that your flight attendants have also received survival training? This training ensures that they are equipped with the necessary knowledge and practical skills to be able to survive in polar, rainforest, and desert regions. This also includes first aid, fire safety, water survival, and navigation techniques. Training in the water includes techniques for the proper use of flotation devices and life jackets to maintain buoyancy and conserve energy while awaiting rescue. Here airBaltic partners with Novikontas Maritime College's Training Centre to provide a water survival environment as close to real life as possible. The college helps the airline conduct the high-level training needed for aviation.

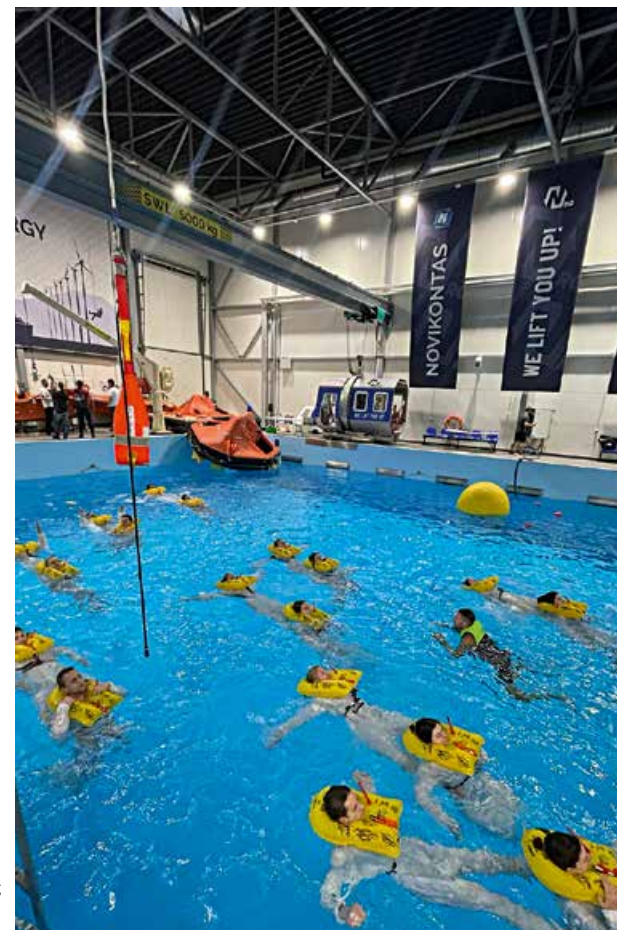


Photo by Enija Zeimene

Sabīne Mizune (26), flight attendant

Sabīne Mizune has only recently joined *airBaltic* and, having just finished her training, she is already working as a flight attendant.

Sabīne began training in early December. She applied for a job as a flight attendant because she wanted to get away from the usual office routine and the eight-hour workday. She was also attracted by the opportunity to travel. Sabīne says that the training process was very intensive and she had to learn a lot of different skills that she had not even imagined a flight attendant would need to know. But the instructors were very supportive and knowledgeable, which made it easier to soak up the information and to ask for help if something was unclear.

One of the surprises was discovering how responsible the job is and how many safety procedures a flight attendant needs to know to successfully get passengers to their destination. 'The most exciting part was the practical training day in the specialised pool, where we tried out an emergency water landing,' Sabīne remembers. 'The conditions in the pool had been set to imitate an emergency landing as closely as possible: the space was semi-dark and rainy, and there were waves. We put on vests, jumped in the water, formed groups, swam together towards rafts, and rowed across the pool. It was really very interesting and an unprecedented experience.'

Sabīne passed her final exam at the beginning of February, and her first few weeks of work seem to have literally flown by. 'It was very interesting to put everything we had learned into practice in a real working environment,' Sabīne says. 'It's very dynamic. We often work in an international environment with colleagues of different nationalities, and the most satisfying thing is seeing the passengers leaving the plane with smiles on their faces.'

Sabīne encourages others to not be afraid and, if they're interested in the aviation industry, to apply for a flight attendant position and come under *airBaltic's* wing!



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## Pilots out of their office

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



**Rihards Zālītis (25),**  
First Officer on *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, from Latvia

### HOBBY

As is usually the case, the achievements of professional athletes on the world stage inspire children and young people to take up a sport. After Latvian beach volleyball duo Mārtiņš Pļaviņš and Jānis Šmēdiņš won bronze at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Rihards Zālītis decided to become involved in beach volleyball. 'I still remember the bronze medal game against the Dutch team,' he says. 'I followed the Latvian players throughout the tournament.'

That same summer, Rihards began attending beach volleyball practices, as did his father. They both started out in the beginners' group twice a week, learning the basic skills. Later, in high school, Rihards joined a regular, indoor volleyball team. His sports teacher at school was a coach at the Riga Volleyball School and encouraged him to try the classic variation of the sport. This team trained four to five times a week and also took part in competitions, even winning the Latvian Junior Cup in 2014.

During the summer holidays, Rihards continued to play beach volleyball with his friends. 'We went to the lakeshore almost every day, practised, and took part in various tournaments in Latvia,' he recalls. There was a lot of volleyball in his life. But once he started training to be a pilot, he had little time left over for sports.

'I think I've tried every sport there is,' Rihards laughs. 'It began with my father taking me to hockey practices when I was three. Then it was basketball. But none of the sports he tried getting me into stuck. Beach volleyball was the only one I chose myself; it was a conscious decision on my part, and it was a sport I truly liked.'

Asked how his experience with sports helps at work, Rihards comments: 'Beach volleyball is definitely a team game in which it's very important for each player to get into the right positions and work together. Which is exactly what happens on a flight deck.'

Rihards has worked for *airBaltic* since March 2023, after moving back to Latvia from

Georgia, where he was based with his previous job. Now he has time again for beach volleyball and regular volleyball practices as well.

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

'When I was six years old, my mother began working for *Latvijas gaisa satiksme* (Latvian Air Traffic). The company is located in the building next to the control tower at the airport,' Rihards explains. 'Her job wasn't directly related to aviation, but her office windows faced the runway. Whenever I had the chance to visit her at work, I would take it and just sit and watch the planes.'

Rihards began attending air shows with his family, and from then on expressed an interest in becoming a pilot. Later, at the age of 12 or 13, he began plane spotting and, together with a friend, posted his photos on the popular Latvian website *aviofoto.lv*. 'I remember taking the bus to Skulte with my friend to get to the other side of the airport, where you can get right up to the fence and take photos,' he says. 'Photography definitely increased my love for aviation.'

But his first definite step towards a career in aviation was beginning pilot training at the age of 16. 'A big thank you to my mother for making it possible for me to start training and, alongside attending high school, get my private pilot's license at the age of 17, even before I could legally drive a car.' Let's not forget that Rihards also continued going to volleyball practices. 'I call this the most productive period of my life,' he laughs.

Rihards decided to become a commercial pilot in his final year of high school, and he began his studies at the Baltic Aviation Academy in Vilnius after graduating from school. After obtaining his licence, he was guaranteed a job with another airline. First he was based in Kyiv, and later he was transferred to Kutaisi. However, when *airBaltic* announced pilot vacancies at the end of 2022, Rihards applied for a job in his native country and is very happy he did so.

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club. To get a sneak peek at the community, join the Planies Discord channel! Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of something extraordinary – get your Planie today!

## Chapter 13

### Our runway into the future continued to

guide us into the sky. It almost seemed as though no instruments and navigation systems were needed to reach our destinations. It truly felt as if we were on a lucky streak, with the bright sky being a place where our dreams were coming true.

We vividly remember especially one of those dreams... Although we Planies have all come into this world 'wearing' green, one special Planie has the honour of carrying as his livery the flag of our home country, Latvia. Oh, how distinguished he felt the day he got his new 'suit'! As if that wasn't remarkable enough, another maroon-white-maroon Planie has finally joined him. They were revealed in a special ceremony to celebrate that the skies now held 40 Planies. Furthermore, it was announced that all of these Planies would be bringing people from around the world to Latvia, so that all our travel buddies could experience the magic of the Latvian Song and Dance Festival - arguably the most Latvian cultural event one can participate in and/or attend. This ceremonial reveal - held in the hangar where not long ago we were locked in with the lights turned off - was now filled with loads of people and joy. Accompanied by inspirational choir songs that echoed throughout the space, the darkness of the past was replaced by the light of today...and by the light of the future.

Some might call us superstitious, but read on and we'll let you decide for yourself. This patriotic spirit kept accompanying us as, from singing and dancing our hearts out, we went straight on to hockey. We've welcomed quite a few amazing guests on board, but this one was something completely different - his name was Stanley, as in the Stanley Cup - and it looked almost as impressive as the awesome people whose achievements it embodied. Believe it or not, a couple of months later, instead of 'Stanley', we brought home the Latvian men's ice hockey team with their very own Bronze Medals around their necks.

While we will forever cherish that heartwarming moment - the first Planie in Latvian flag livery doing a flyover above the Freedom Monument as it brought home the bronze medal winners of the Ice Hockey World Championship - we couldn't help but wonder...was it a mere coincidence, or was this a sign of even more incredible flight paths coming our way?

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### CAPTAIN PLANIE'S LOG

This April, Captain Planie returns with his log, brimming with positive emotions and happiness. Join him as he recounts the joyous moments shared by Planies, including their presence at the Latvian Song and Dance Festival and celebrating the Bronze Medal winners of the Ice Hockey World Championship. Soak in the positivity and join Captain Planie in reliving these happy moments!

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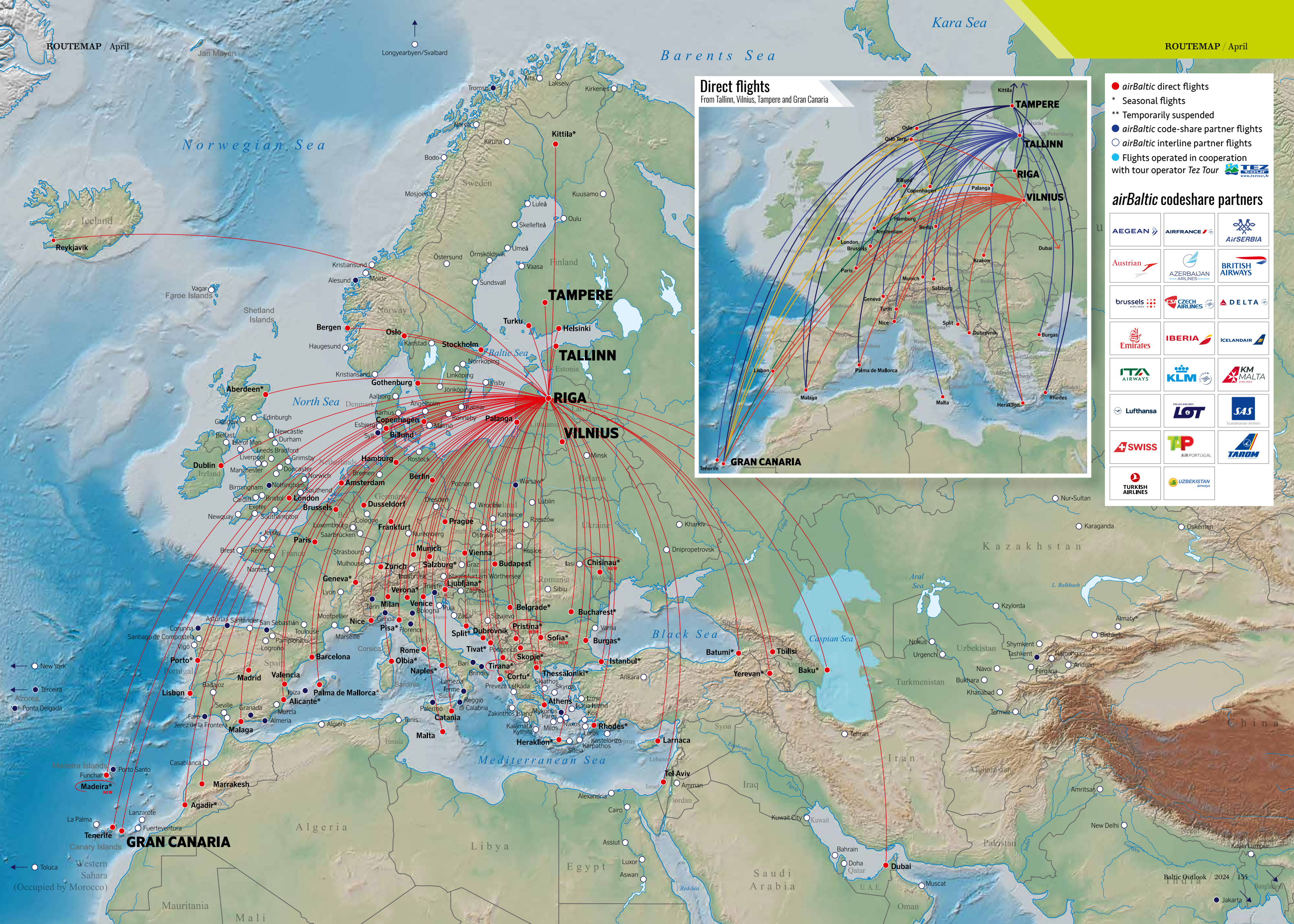
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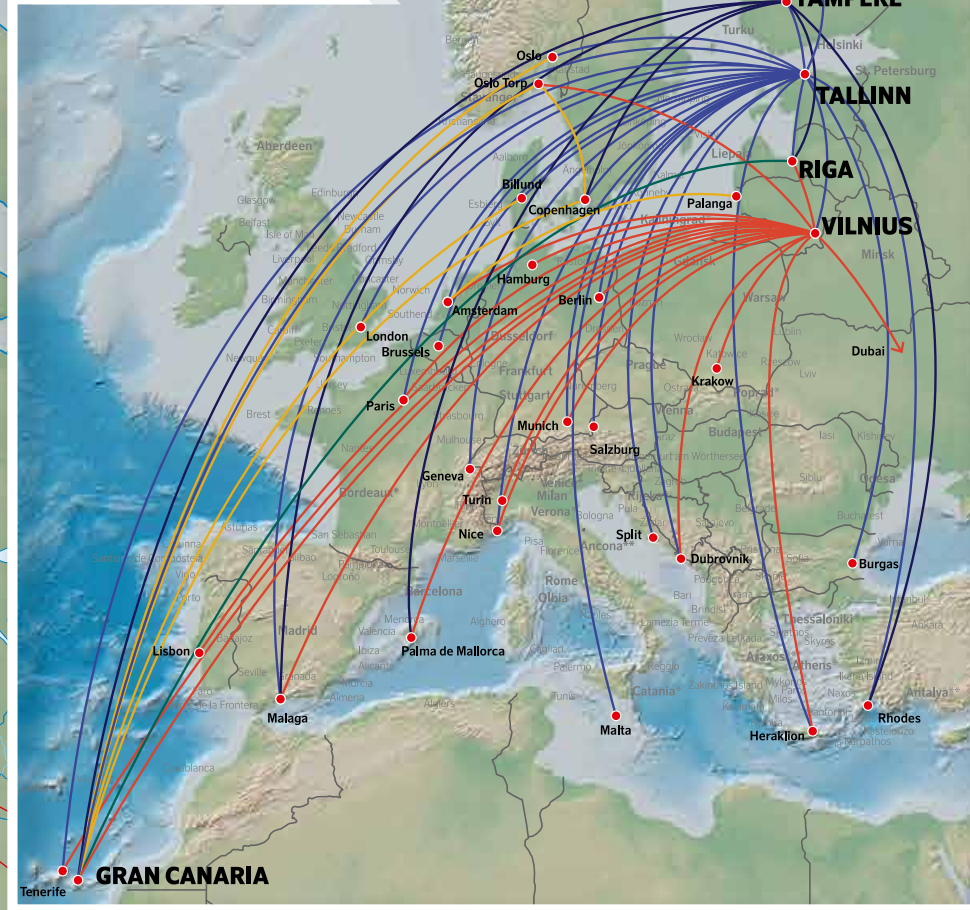
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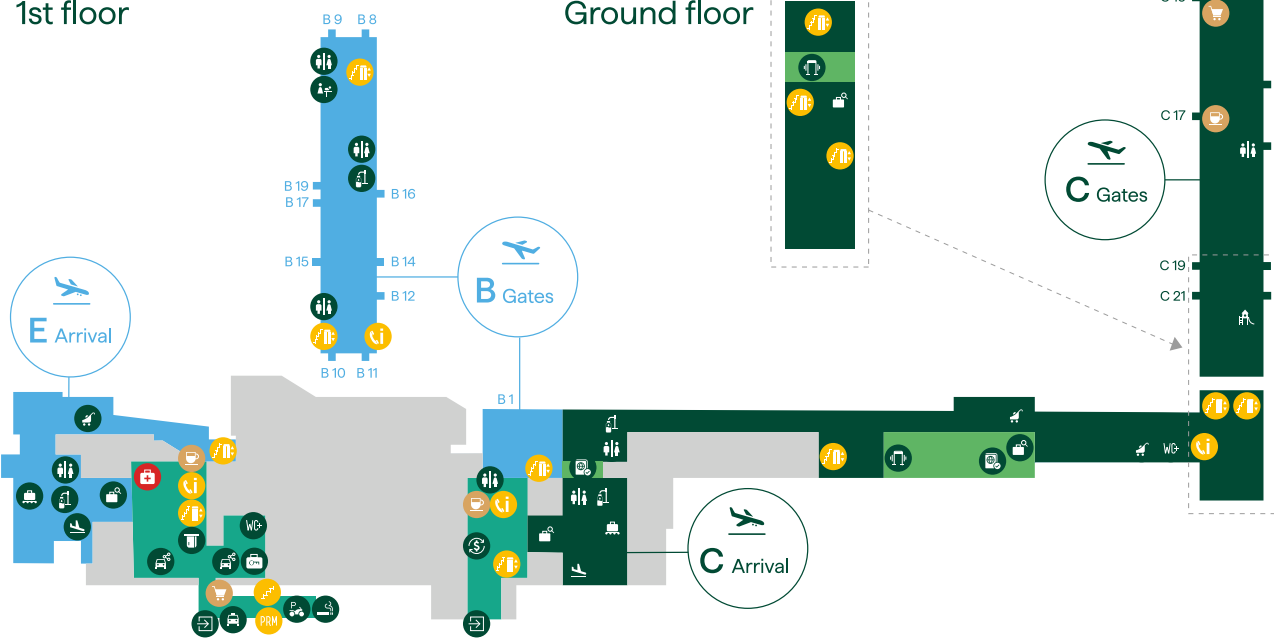

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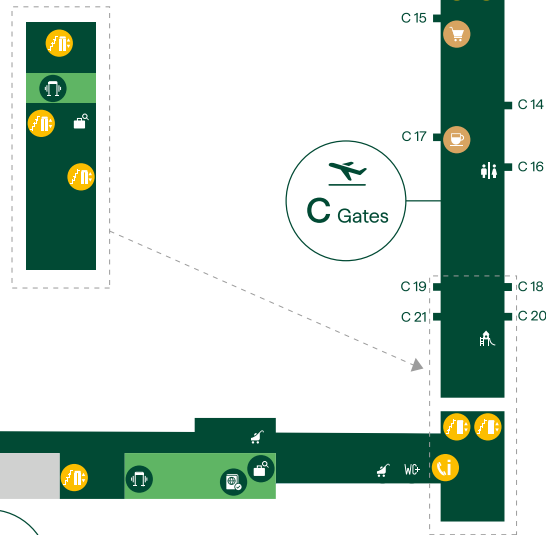
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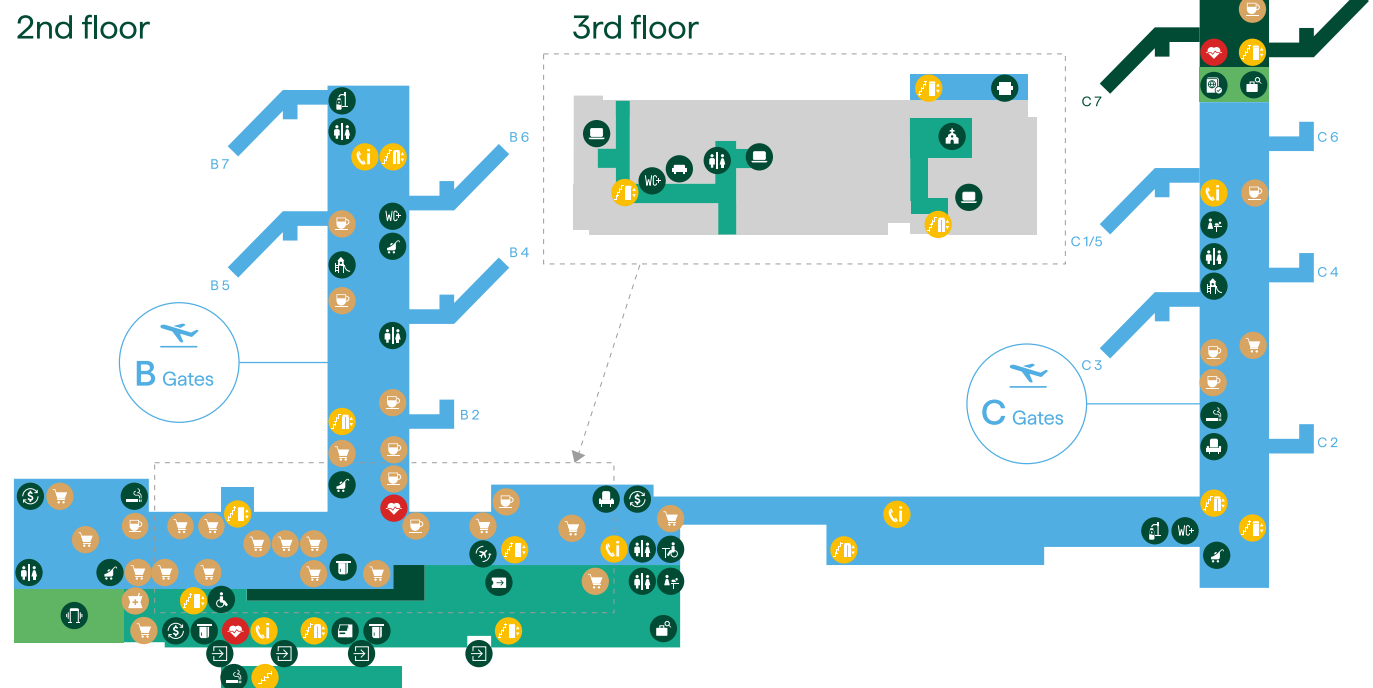
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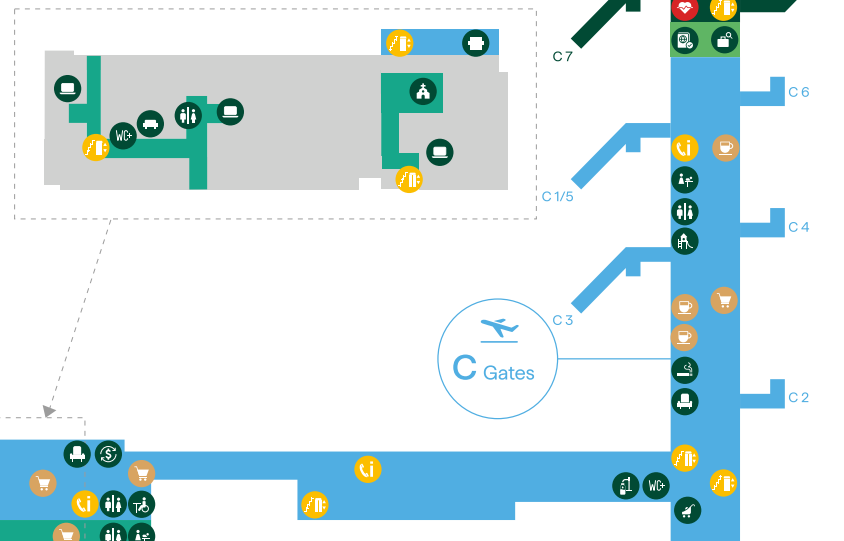
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## 2nd floor



## 3rd floor



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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

8<sup>49</sup> €

 GOES WELL WITH SIM PIESTĀVĒS  
Beer  
Alus

## Panini

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

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

7<sup>49</sup> €

 BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Coca-Cola  
9<sup>98</sup> €



## Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

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

5<sup>99</sup> €

 BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Coffee  
Kafija  
9<sup>48</sup> €



## Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgais vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

6<sup>99</sup> €

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+ White wine  
Baltvīns  
13<sup>98</sup> €

Ask the cabin crew about the ingredients and allergens of a given product.  
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# Hot dishes | Siltie ēdieni

Fresh meals available on flights over 1 h 30 min.  
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## Wrap burger

BBQ-infused pulled beef wrapped in a delicious burger

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar barbekju plucinātu liellopu gaļu

7<sup>99</sup> €

## Chicken

Sweet & sour chicken with rice and vegetables

Vistas filejas gabaliņi saldskābā mērcē ar rīsiem un dārzeņiem

8<sup>99</sup> €

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



## Lasagne



Vegan lasagne with vegetable sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu mērci (bez glutēna)

8<sup>99</sup> €



## Soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

5<sup>99</sup> €

BUY  
TOGETHER  
AND SAVE  
KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Croissant  
Kruasāns  
10<sup>98</sup> €



# Desserts | Deserti



## Cookies



The Beginnings blackcurrant cookies, 80g

"The Beginnings" upeņu cepumi

**3<sup>99</sup> €**



## "Oreo" original

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

**2<sup>99</sup> €**



## Blueberry muffin

Melleņu kūkss

**2<sup>99</sup> €**



# Hot drinks | Karstie dzērieni



## Basilur tea

Black / peppermint  
Melnā / piparmētru

**3<sup>49</sup> €**

## Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee

Seasonal coffee blend "Ethiopia Guji" gives rich and long lasting flavour

Sezonas kafija "Ethiopia Guji" ar piesātinātu un ilgstošu pēcgaršu

**4<sup>99</sup> €**



## Rocket Bean tea

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

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

**4<sup>49</sup> €**



## Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Kapučīno

**3<sup>49</sup> €**

## Freshly brewed Barista coffee

Svaigi gatavota kafija

**3<sup>99</sup> €**





# Sweet snacks | Saldie našķi



**Fazer Tutti Frutti**   
Assorted sweets, 120g  
Saldumu izlase  
**2<sup>99</sup> €**



**Crunchy raw bar**   
Dried fruit & hazelnut  
Batonīš ar žāvētiem augļiem un lazdu riekstiem  
**2<sup>99</sup> €**




**Twix 'Xtra**  
Chocolate bar  
Šokolādes batoniņš  
**2<sup>99</sup> €**

# Salty snacks | Sāļie našķi



  
**Salysol salted peanuts**  
"Salysol" sāļiti zemesrieksti, 60g  
**3<sup>49</sup> €**

  
**Pringles Original**  
**Pringles Sour Cream & Onion**  
Potato chips, 40g  
Kartupeļu čipsi  
**3<sup>49</sup> €**

  
**Mežete Dip & Go Classic Hummus**  
With breadsticks, 90g  
Hummuss ar maizes standziņām  
**3<sup>99</sup> €**

**BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE KOPĀ LĒTĀK**  
+ Red or white wine  
Sarkanvins vai baltvins  
**10<sup>98</sup> €**

**Nõo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages**  
"Nõo Snack" cigārdesiņas ar parmezāna sieru  
**2<sup>99</sup> €**



**Beef Jerky**  
"Nākotne" dried and smoked barbeque Beef Jerky, 45g  
"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vitināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa  
**3<sup>99</sup> €**





# Soft drinks | Dzērieni

## BalticWater natural mineral water

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

2<sup>99</sup> €



## Pūre tomato juice

Tomātu sula, 33cl

3<sup>49</sup> €

## Franklin & Sons Natural Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2<sup>99</sup> €



## "Rasēns" milk

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

2<sup>99</sup> €



## Aura orange, apple juice

Apelsīnu, ābolu sula, 33cl

2<sup>99</sup> €



## Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero

33cl

2<sup>99</sup> €

# Cocktails | Kokteiļi

Ready to serve premixed cocktail for the festive mood!

Iepriekš pagatavots kokteilis pasniegšanai svētku noskaņai

## "Sip" Aperol spritz

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

Klasiskais itāļu kokteilis ar vaniļas un rabarberu garšas notīm

8<sup>49</sup> €



Special price for in-house blended cocktails!

Ieskaties! Īpašas cenas uz vietas jauktiem kokteiļiem

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

Bombay Sapphire Dry džins & Indian Tonic Water vai ābolu sula

9<sup>48</sup> € ~~10,98 €~~

## Jack Daniels whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniels viskijs & Coca-Cola

9<sup>98</sup> € ~~10,48 €~~

## Finlandia Premium vodka & Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Indian Tonic Water

8<sup>48</sup> € ~~8,98 €~~

## Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8<sup>98</sup> € ~~8,48 €~~

## Riga Black Balsam Currant & Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu & Indian Tonic Water

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## Beer & wine Alus un vīns



**Marcy**  
Merlot & Cabernet  
Sauvignon

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

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€

**Alexis**  
Colombar  
Chardonnay

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

**7<sup>99</sup>**  
€

**Bottega Gold**  
Prosecco Brut

20cl, 11%, Italy  
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

**8<sup>49</sup>**  
€

**Bottega Rose**  
Gold Brut

20cl, 11.5%, Italy  
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

**8<sup>49</sup>**  
€

**Carlsberg**

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

**4<sup>99</sup>**  
€

**Mežpils**  
Traditional  
Lager

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

**7<sup>99</sup>**  
€





# Alcoholic beverages | Alkoholiskie dzērieni

**Finlandia**  
Premium vodka  
5cl, 40%  
Degvīns

**5<sup>99</sup> €**



**Bombay Sapphire**  
Dry Gin  
5cl, 40%  
Džīns

**6<sup>99</sup> €**



**Jack Daniels**

Whiskey  
5cl, 40%  
Viskijs

**7<sup>49</sup> €**



**Rémy Martin**

VSOP cognac  
5cl, 40%  
Konjaks

**7<sup>99</sup> €**



**Riga Black Balsam**

Currant 4cl, 30%  
Rīgas Melnais  
Balzams upeņu

**5<sup>99</sup> €**



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

Nikotīna spilventiņi bez tabakas ar  
mentola vai ķiršu garšu, 20 spilventiņi

**9<sup>49</sup> €**



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**PALOMA PICASSO**  
Mon Parfum EDT for her, 30 ml

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

**€19<sup>90</sup>** City Price €49.90  
SAVE 60%



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

**€19<sup>90</sup>** City Price €49.90  
SAVE 60%



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

**€19<sup>90</sup>** City Price €41  
SAVE 51%



**GUY LAROCHE**  
Drakkar Noir EDT for him, 50 ml

**€19<sup>90</sup>** City Price €51  
SAVE 61%



**ESPRIT**  
Rise & Shine EDP for her, 40 ml

**€19<sup>90</sup>** City Price €24.90  
SAVE 20%





**ICE-WATCH**  
Ice Solar Watch

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

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

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City Price €109  
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DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	MOVEMENT	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
36 MM	PLASTIC	5 ATM	SOLAR	SILICONE	18.5 CM



**RAINBOW**  
Colors of Happiness  
Unisex Watch

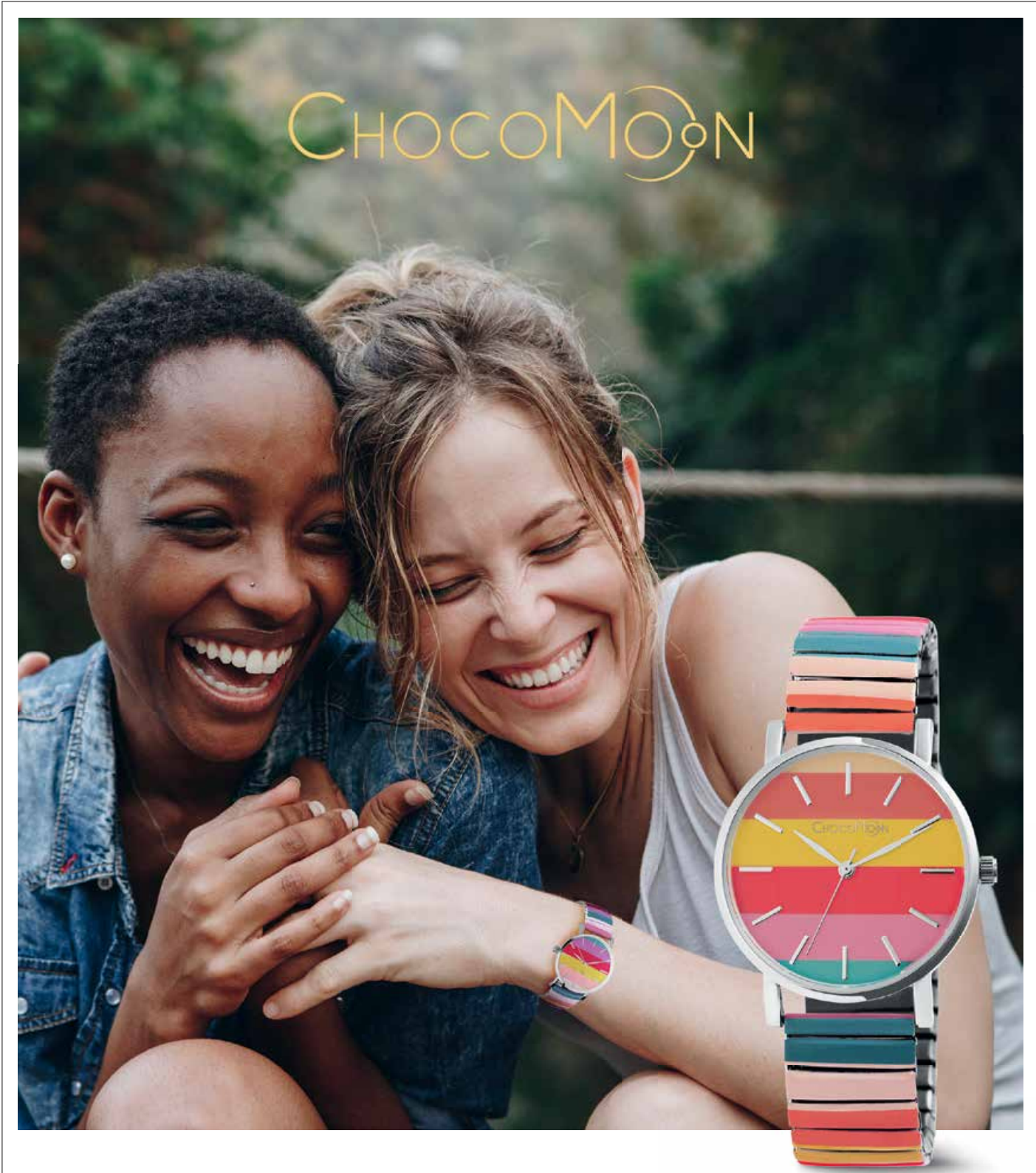
Designed in Germany, Japanese movement. Rainbow e-motion of Colors – the innovative transformation of time into an interaction of colors and shapes. Transparent discs continuously create new color segments which precisely show the time. Adds color to your life.

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

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38 MM	STAINLESS STEEL	5 ATM	QUARTZ	LEATHER	21.5 CM



**CHOCOMOON**  
Happy Stripes Ladies Watch

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

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

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36 MM	METAL	3 ATM	QUARTZ	METAL	FLEXIBLE



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**CHOCOMOON**  
PEACE Ladies Watch

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

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

DIAL SIZE 36 MM	CASE MATERIAL METAL	WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM
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**CHOCOMOON**  
Pink Pineapple Ladies Watch

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

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

MOVEMENT QUARTZ	STRAP MATERIAL METAL	STRAP LENGTH FLEXIBLE
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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.

DIAL SIZE 36 MM	CASE MATERIAL METAL	WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM
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TRAVEL  
RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

€49



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

MOVEMENT QUARTZ	STRAP MATERIAL METAL	STRAP LENGTH FLEXIBLE
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RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

€49





**BYELOISE**  
Bangle Set

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

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

€19

TRAVEL  
RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

BELLE & BEAU



**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 satricošs dizains, kas iekļauj pārsteidzošus krāsainus akmeņus un mirdzošus taisnstūra formas kristālus – kulons, auskari un regulējama aproce ar plānu rozā zelta pārklājumu. Šis vienlaicīgi elegantais un uzmanību saistošais komplekts ir ikdienas greznība.

TRAVEL  
RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

NECKLACE LENGTH  
45 CM + 5 CM EXTENDER

€69



**ORQUIDEA**  
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

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

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

TRAVEL  
RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

€76



**ORQUIDEA**  
Majorca Duo Bracelet

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

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

TRAVEL  
RETAIL  
EXCLUSIVE

€49



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**Orquidea**  
Jewels with  
Mediterranean  
essence

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

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

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

€126

City Price €172  
SAVE 27%

NECKLACE LENGTH  
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER



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Bracelets, Gold

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

€22

City Price €22.99  
SAVE 4%

BRACELET LENGTH  
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL  
STAINLESS STEEL

**ZAZA&LILI**  
Ring



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

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

City Price €43  
SAVE 19%

€35

**ZAZA&LILI**  
3 Bracelet Set



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

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

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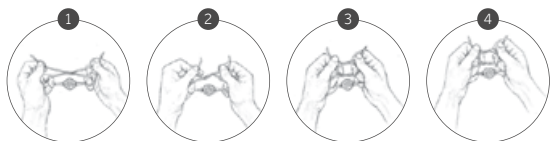
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**UKIYYO**  
Bracelet Tree of Life

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

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

€22

City Price €22.95  
SAVE 4%

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**MÄN**  
Black Onyx Bracelet

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

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

€29

City Price €39  
SAVE 26%

BRACELET LENGTH  
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER  
Ø 8 MM





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PARFUMS

# ICON

**AIGNER**  
Icon EDP for her, 100 ml

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**€65<sup>50</sup>** City Price **€82.00**  
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A fusion of delicious fruits and opulent blossoms. Mandarine and peaches unfold their sparkling and fruity facets. The heart is an iconic bouquet of flowers that gets a soft finish with vanilla, tonka beans and gentle sandalwood. As sensual and feminine as the woman who wears it. A true signature fragrance for a modern female icon.

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



**Pepe Jeans**

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**PEPE JEANS**  
Life is now  
EDP for her, 30 ml

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

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

**NEW**  
ON BOARD

**€19<sup>90</sup>**

City Price **€25.95**  
SAVE 23%



**PEPE JEANS**  
Life is now  
EDP for him, 30 ml

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

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

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**TONI GARD**  
Toni EDP for her,  
40 ml

**NEW**  
ON BOARD

**€36**

City Price **€42.99**  
SAVE 16%

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

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



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

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

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

**€29**

City Price **€31.95**  
SAVE 9%

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

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

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

**€29**

City Price **€31.95**  
SAVE 9%



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

**€75**

City Price **€85**  
SAVE 12%

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

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



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

**€75**

City Price **€85**  
SAVE 12%

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

Dzīvīgs, svaigs un intensīvs. Šo 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 pasvītrot jūsu eleganto stilu.

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

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**€26**

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

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*Embrace your natural beauty this summer!*

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

**Our Triple Action Effect:**

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

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

**ROSALIQUE**  
Anti-Redness Cream,  
30 ml

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

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

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

**€39** City Price **€49.50**  
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**Diego dalla Palma** MILANO

## MyHappyToy mascara

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

**LASTS 24 HOURS\***  
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\* Instrumental test on 20 subjects. \*\* Assessment carried out by a dermatologist on 20 subjects. \*\*\* Self-evaluation test carried out immediately after application of the product on 20 subjects. Percentage of subjects who found a visible improvement of the effect claimed. \*\*\*\* Instrumental test carried out on clean lashes with Antera SD9 instrumentation after 30 days of application on 20 subjects. Average % value of increase.

**DIEGO DALLA PALMA**  
MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

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

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

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**Diego dalla Palma** MILANO

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**DIEGO DALLA PALMA**  
Vitamina C Radiance Serum, 30 ml

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

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

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**DIEGO DALLA PALMA**  
MyToyBoy Mascara, 13 ml

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

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

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**DIEGO DALLA PALMA**  
Gold Infusion - Youth Potion, 30 ml

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

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

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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.

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

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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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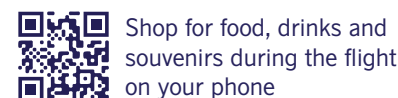
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Travel Set (Perfect Teint 30 ml  
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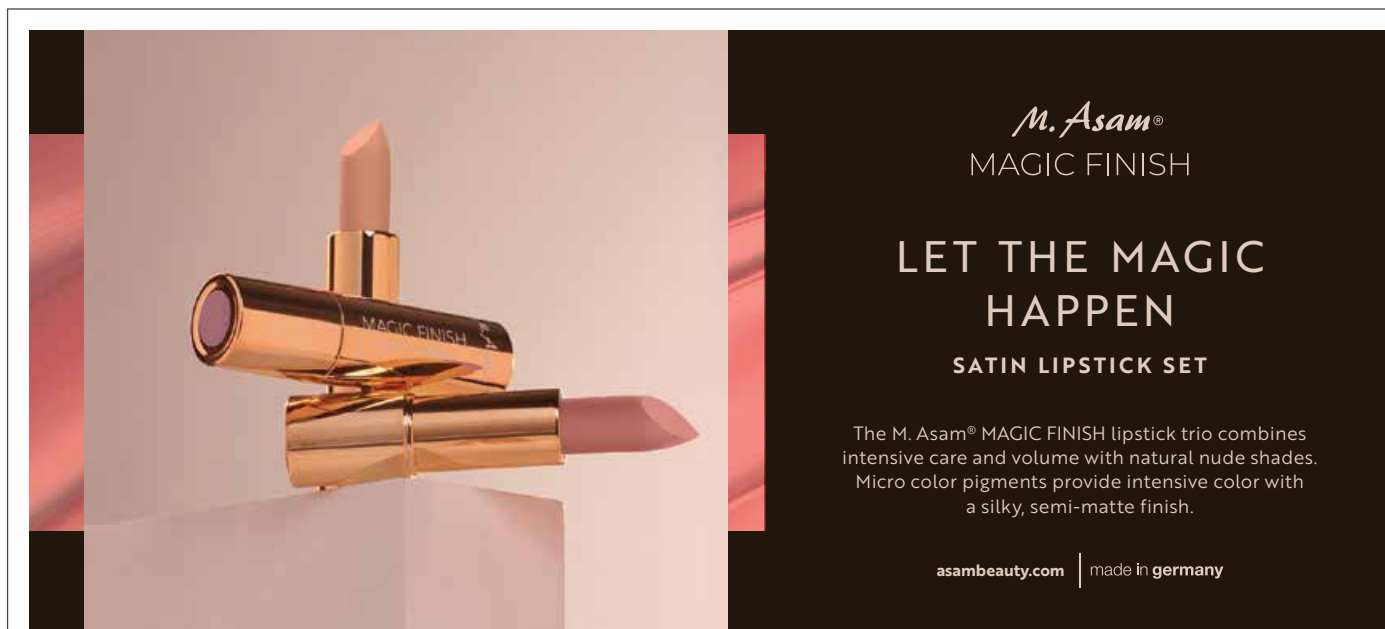
Serums bez smaržvielām ar atvēsinošu gēla tekstūru, kas, pateicoties īpašām aktīvajām sastāvdaļām, efektīvi samazina krunciņas ap acīm. Matējošais līdzeklis Perfect Teint, pateicoties tā inovatīvajam peptīdu kompleksam, samazina poras un grumbiņas.

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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.

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

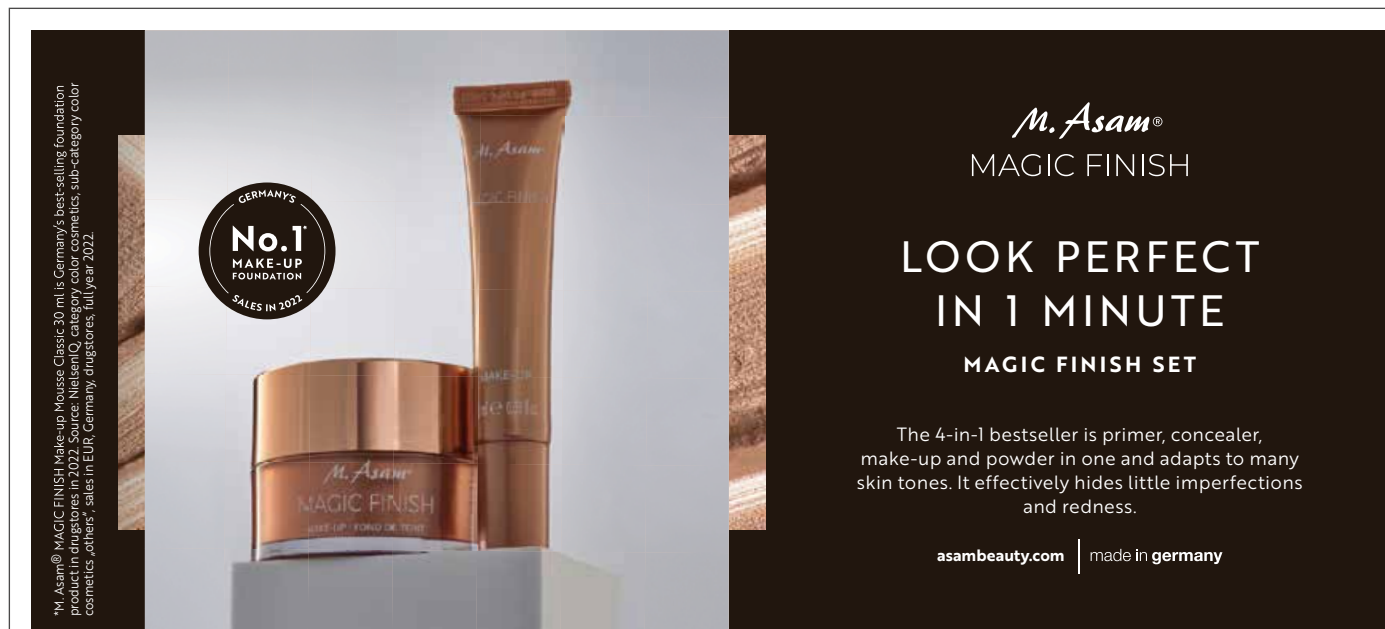
The M. Asam® RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50 Essence of Youth Serum with highly concentrated resveratrol, skin-smoothing paracress extract and cross-linked hyaluronic acid helps the skin protect from negative environmental influences. For a firmer, younger looking complexion.

M. Asam® RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50 Essence of Youth serums ar augstu resveratrola koncentrāciju, ādu nomierinošu parakreses ekstraktu un hialuronskābi palīdz ādai aizsargāties pret negatīvās ārējās vides ietekmi. Stingrākai, jaunākai sejas ādai.

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

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**M. Asam® RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50** Lifting Cream 50 ml

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

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

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

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

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Changes Colour

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

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

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

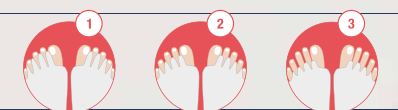
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Īpaši veidotas frotē auduma cilpas maigi atdala un masē jūsu kāju pirkstus. Uzvelciet zeķes pēc garas darbadienas, treniņa vai nodejotas nakts un izbaudiet atvieglojumu, ko tās sniedz jūsu kājām. Šīs zeķes arī lieliski noder, krāsojot nagus. Izmēri: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

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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. bezmaksas dāvana: mikrostrāvas liftinga ierīce tūlītīgiem rezultātiem.

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

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

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

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

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**FUNKCIJAS UN DIZAINS, KAS PIEMĒROTS IKVIENAM DŽĪVESVEIDAM**  
Uzlabojiet savu dzīvesveidu ar šo augstākās klases veselības un fitnesa viedpulksteni, kas aprīkots ar nepārtrauktu sirds ritma izsekošanu, miega monitoringu un vairākiem sporta režīmiem. Paziņojumi par zvaniem, izziņām un e-pastiem. Saderīgs ar Android un iOS.

**€69<sup>95</sup>** City Price **€89**  
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USB-C to USB-C cable  
Micro-USB | USB-A | Lightning

Fast Charging Performance

Compact case  
Ø70mm




**VONMÄHLEN**  
allroundo® c


allroundo® c is the compact all-in-one charging and data transfer cable with fast charging (USB-C to USB-C). The innovative design offers six (6in1) different connections for end devices. The spiral cable extends up to 75 cm in length for flexible use of the phone while charging. The compact travel case contains a USB-A, a micro-USB and a Lightning Adapter.

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

**€24** City Price **€24.99**  
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Easy adjustable up to 150cm



All ports remain free

With case & without case


**VONMÄHLEN**  
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

Infinity is the phone strap by Vonmählen. It slips around any phone with ease and the adjustable nylon drawstrings assures the most comfortable, secure hold. Infinity provides your phone with refuge by your side while still being easily accessible, 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.


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

**€17** City Price **€17.99**  
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THE TRAVEL CHARGER



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- Hair dryers
- Smart devices
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- Gamepads

**VONMÄHLEN**  
Unity One  
Travel Charger

Unity One is the most compact travel charger for your electronic devices. In addition to the main connector, the integrated USB-A and USB-C ports allow you to charge different devices in parallel. Unity One is compatible with power outlets in over 150 different countries. The integrated overcharge protection converts the voltage and adapts it safely to your end devices.

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

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SAVE 17%





**UNITWEEZER**  
Universal Multi Tweezer

UniTweezer, the universal multi tweezers 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.

**NEW**  
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**€12**

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**KODAK**  
Ring Light

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

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

**€29**

City Price €29.90  
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**BEURER**  
HT12 Ion Detangling Brush

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

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

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**BEURER**  
LS 10 Luggage Scale

**BEST SELLER**

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.

**€25**

**TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE**

50 g graduation, torch light.



**BANALE**  
Omnipillow

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

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

**€49**

City Price €59  
SAVE 17%



**ZIPSTAR**  
Mobile Screen Magnifier

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

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

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**€10**



**TRU VIRTU®**  
HI-TECH WALLETS

Made in Germany  
RFID SAFE  
FOR 12 CARDS  
5 Cards in Alu Case (max. 4 embossed & 1 flat)  
7 Cards in Envelope

40% ORGANIC  
PLANT BASED  
50% ALU  
VEGAN LEATHER



**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.

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

**NEW**  
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**€75**

Made in Germany

SIZE:  
9.9 X 6.7 X 2.1 CM / 88 G





**ÖGON DESIGNS**  
Carbon Fibre Aluminium Wallet

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

TRAVEL  
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EXCLUSIVE

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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.

BEST  
SELLER

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**SMARTGAMES**  
IQ Puzzler Pro

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

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

€13

City Price €14.50  
SAVE 11%



**SCRATCH ART**  
Magic Rainbow Scratch Notes

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

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NATURAL  
TANNING

**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 kameļjādas krāsā. Ar RFID karti, kas nodrošina aizsardzību pret elektronisko datu zādzību.

€39

City Price €45  
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**I-CLIP**  
AdvantageR Caramel incl. RFID Shields

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City Price €45  
SAVE 13%



**DISNEY**  
Frozen Kids Watch

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

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

€29



**DISNEY**  
Mickey Mouse Kids Watch

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

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

€29





**WABOBA**  
Water Bouncing Set

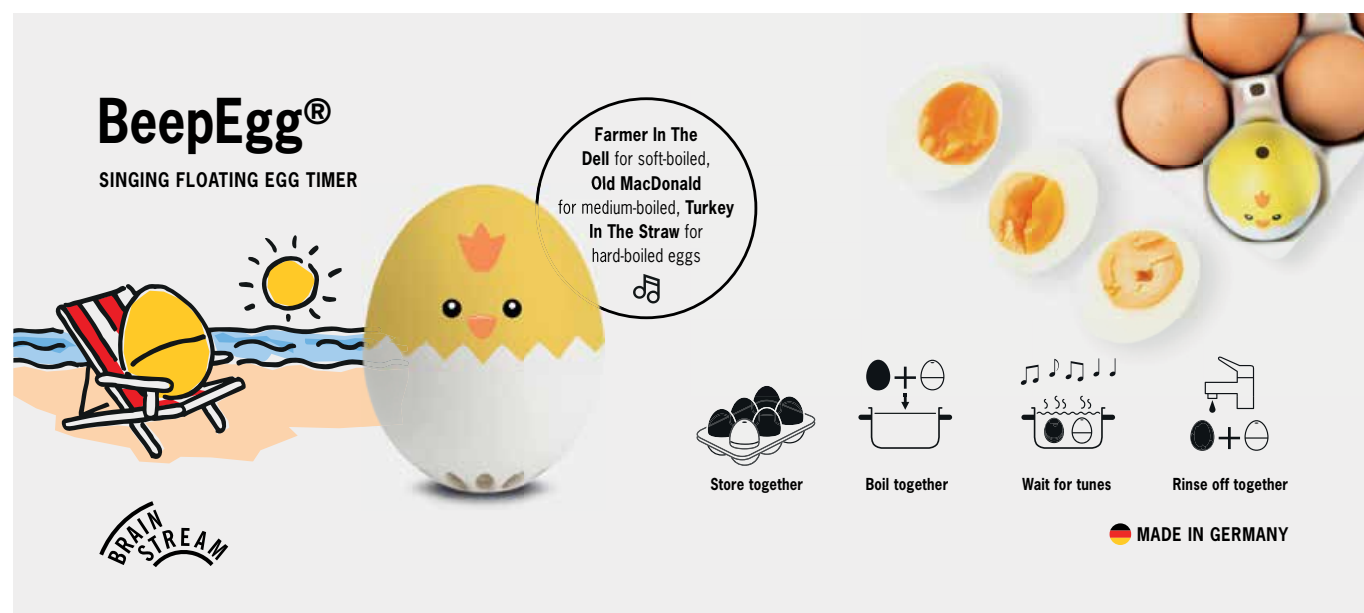
The Swedish classic! The one that started it all - the original water bouncing ball. An essential for the days when life takes you to the beach or lake. Bounce it on water like skipping a stone. Best for oceans, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls.

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

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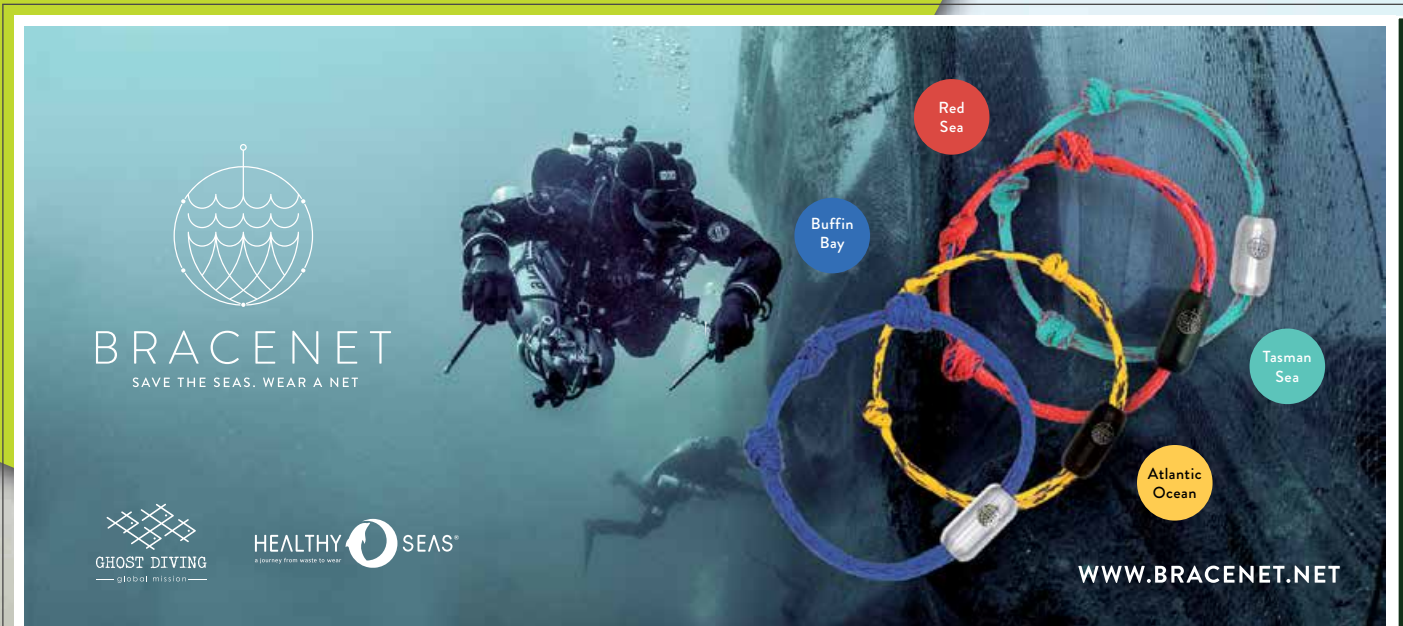
**BRAINSTREAM**  
Chicken Beep Egg

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

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

**€21<sup>99</sup>**

# Nature Friendly



**BRACENET**  
Arctic Ocean Bracelet

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

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

**TRAVEL**  
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**TREECELET**  
Amazonia Bracelet

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

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

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

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

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### Riga Black Balsam Collection

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

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

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

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### SALT ARCTIC

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

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

€9<sup>49</sup>



### SALT CHERRY

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

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

€9<sup>49</sup>

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# USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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

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

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

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☒ We only accept payment cards:



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

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

☒ All prices include VAT where applicable.

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

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

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

⚠ It is prohibited to sell alcoholic beverages to persons under 18 years of age.

☒ Please note that all items are subject to availability.

### FOR ALLERGIC PASSENGERS

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

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

☒ 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 apliecināšs 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 kvītī.

☒ 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, līdzspemtos 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 aizliegts pārdot personām, kuras ir jaunākas par 18 gadiem.

☒ Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.

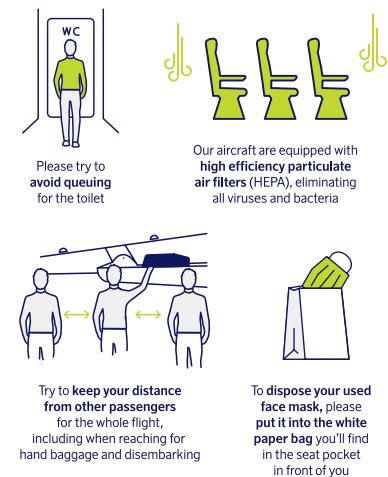
### PASAŽIERIEM AR ALERĢISKĀM REAKCIJĀM

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

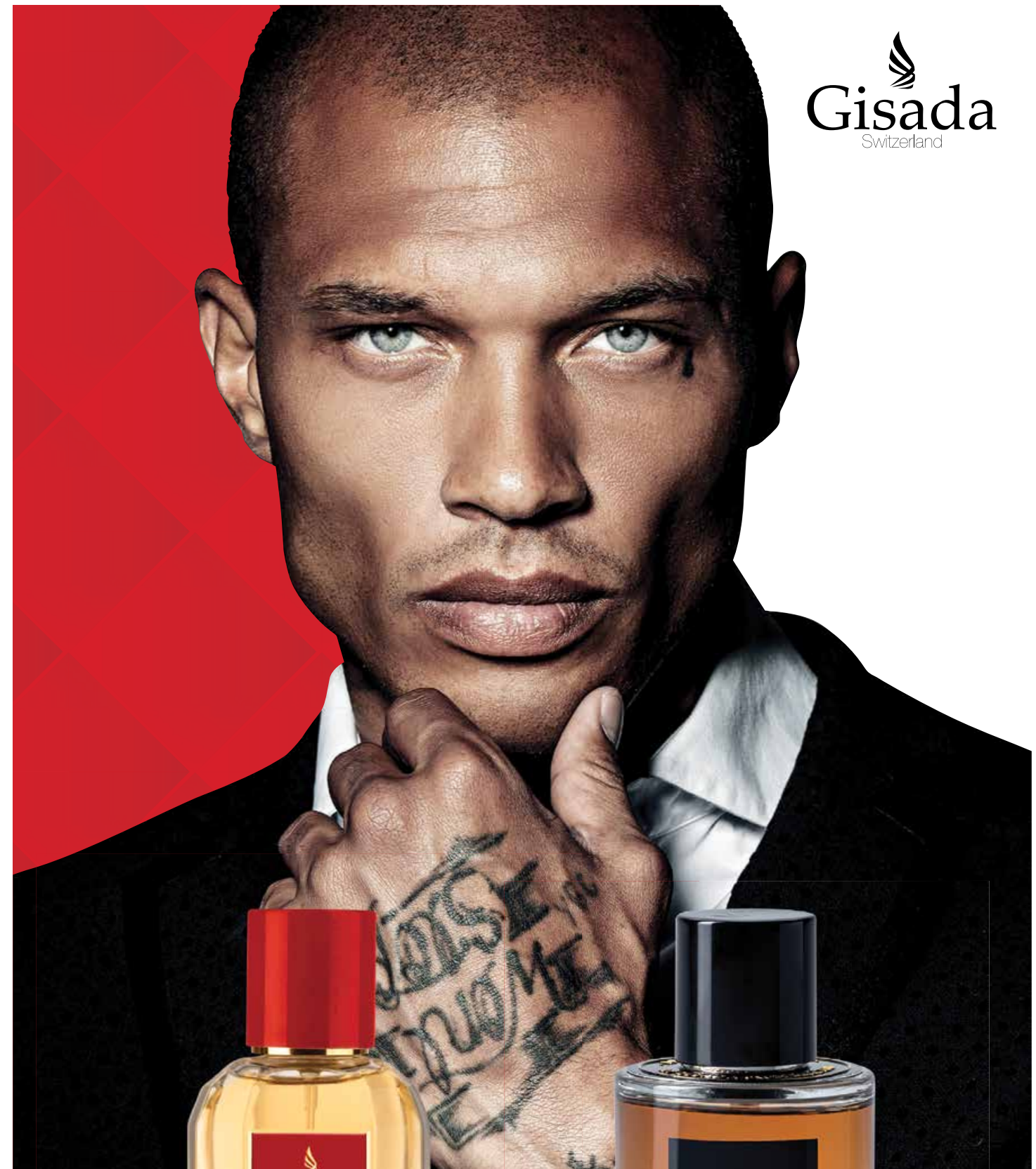
☒ Ja jums ir īpašas prasības attiecībā uz pārtiku, varat izvēlēties un pasūtīt maltīti pirms lidojuma vietnē [www.airbalticmeal.com](http://www.airbalticmeal.com)

## 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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## Spice up your trip with our extras!

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



**Flight cancellation and name change options**  
 For your peace of mind, add the option to cancel your reservation and get a full refund in the form of an *airBaltic* gift card in case your travel plans change. This service costs **EUR 19.99** per passenger per direction.  
 Or add the option to change the passenger name on your ticket for a fee from **EUR 9.99** per flight segment.  
 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](http://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, dessert, and a drink starting from **EUR 12.99**. 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**. With a reserved seat you will enjoy an additional bonus – the opportunity to **check in for your flight already five days before departure** (instead of the usual 36 hours).

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

**Special equipment**  
 Whatever your hobby, you don't have to live without it during your trip. Take your bicycle, skis, or golf bag with you from **EUR 39.99**.  
 \* Guitars, cellos, and other fragile musical instruments that do not fit in cabin baggage can be transported on the seat next to the passenger if a special ticket has been purchased for their transportation.

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

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

## Ticket types on *airBaltic* flights

Whenever you reserve an *airBaltic* flight, you can choose from five different ticket types depending on your needs and wishes: *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 <a href="http://airbaltic.com">airBaltic.com</a>	CLASSIC	BUSINESS light	BUSINESS
CABIN BAGGAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHECKED BAGGAGE	from EUR 19.99	✓	✓	✓	✓
SEAT RESERVATION	from EUR 5.99	from EUR 5.99	✓	✓	✓
DATE CHANGE*	EUR 50 per direction	EUR 50 per direction	✓	EUR 50 per direction	✓
REFUND	✗**	✗**	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**	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 35.00	EUR 35.00	✓	✓	✓
FAST TRACK	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
BUSINESS LOUNGE	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
<i>airBaltic Club</i> ***	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

\* Fare difference may apply.

\*\* A Flight Cancellation option and Name Change option can be added to your tickets by making the reservation on [airBaltic.com](http://airbaltic.com).

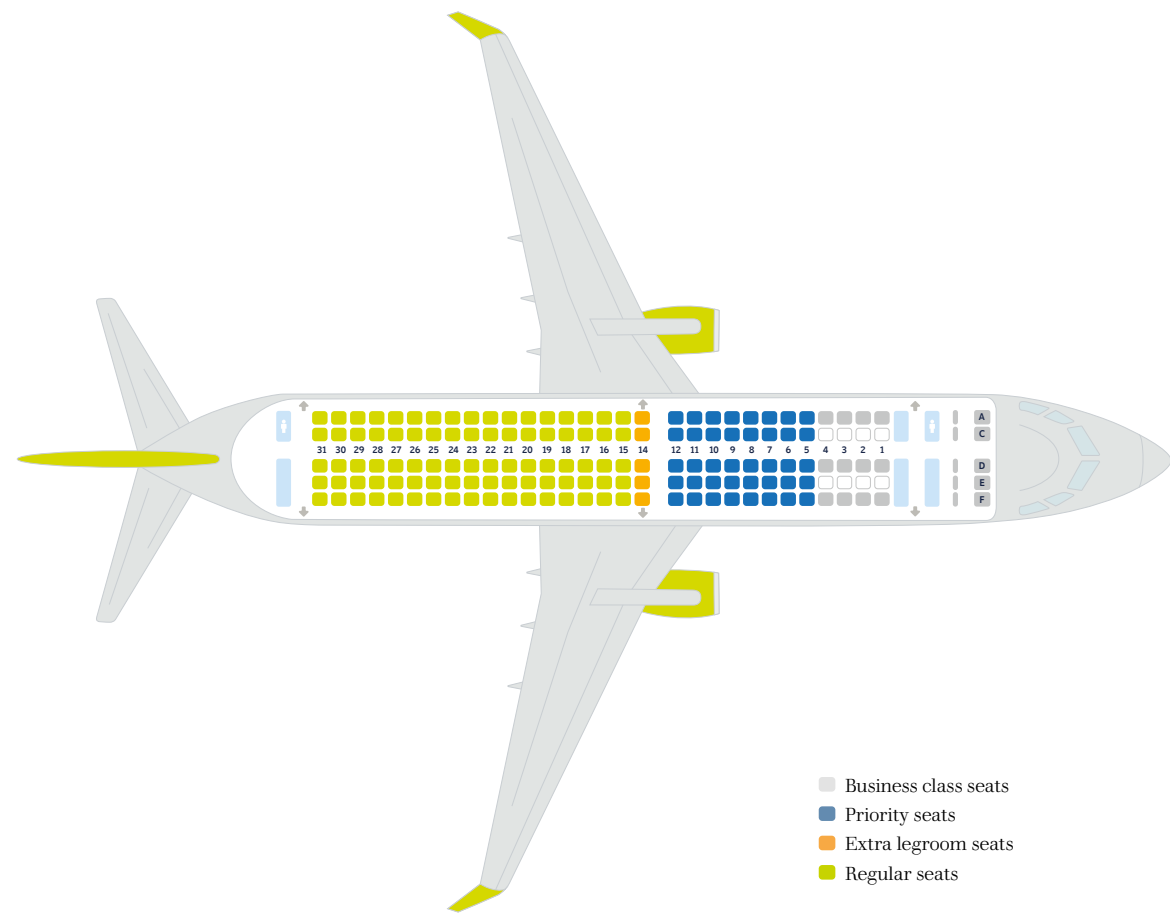
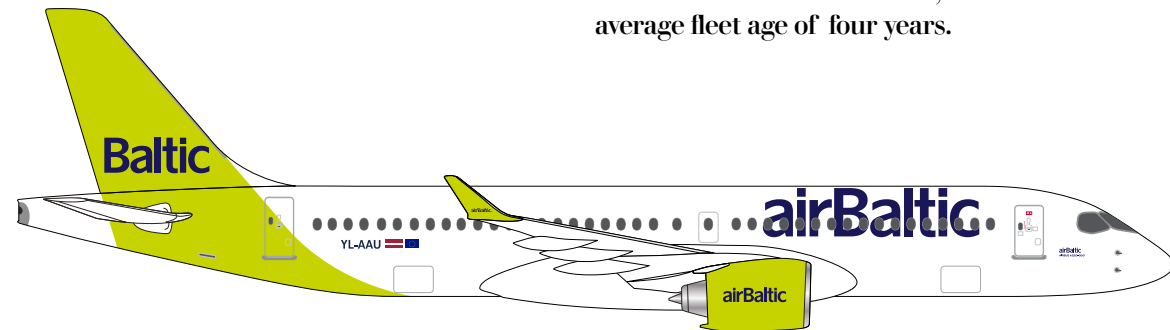
\*\*\* The number of points earned per each euro spent on a ticket depends on the tier level within the *airBaltic Club*.

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

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

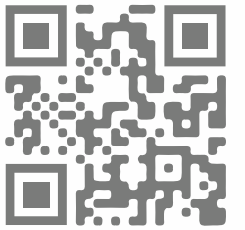


- Business class seats
- Priority seats
- Extra legroom seats
- Regular seats

Number of aircraft	47
Number of seats	145
Max take-off weight	676 metric tons
Max payload	16.7 metric tons
Length	38.7 m
Wing span	35.1 m
Cruising speed	870 km/h
Commercial range*	5200 km
Fuel consumption	2200 l/h
Engine	PW 1521G

\*Currently maximum operationally used distance for BT flights

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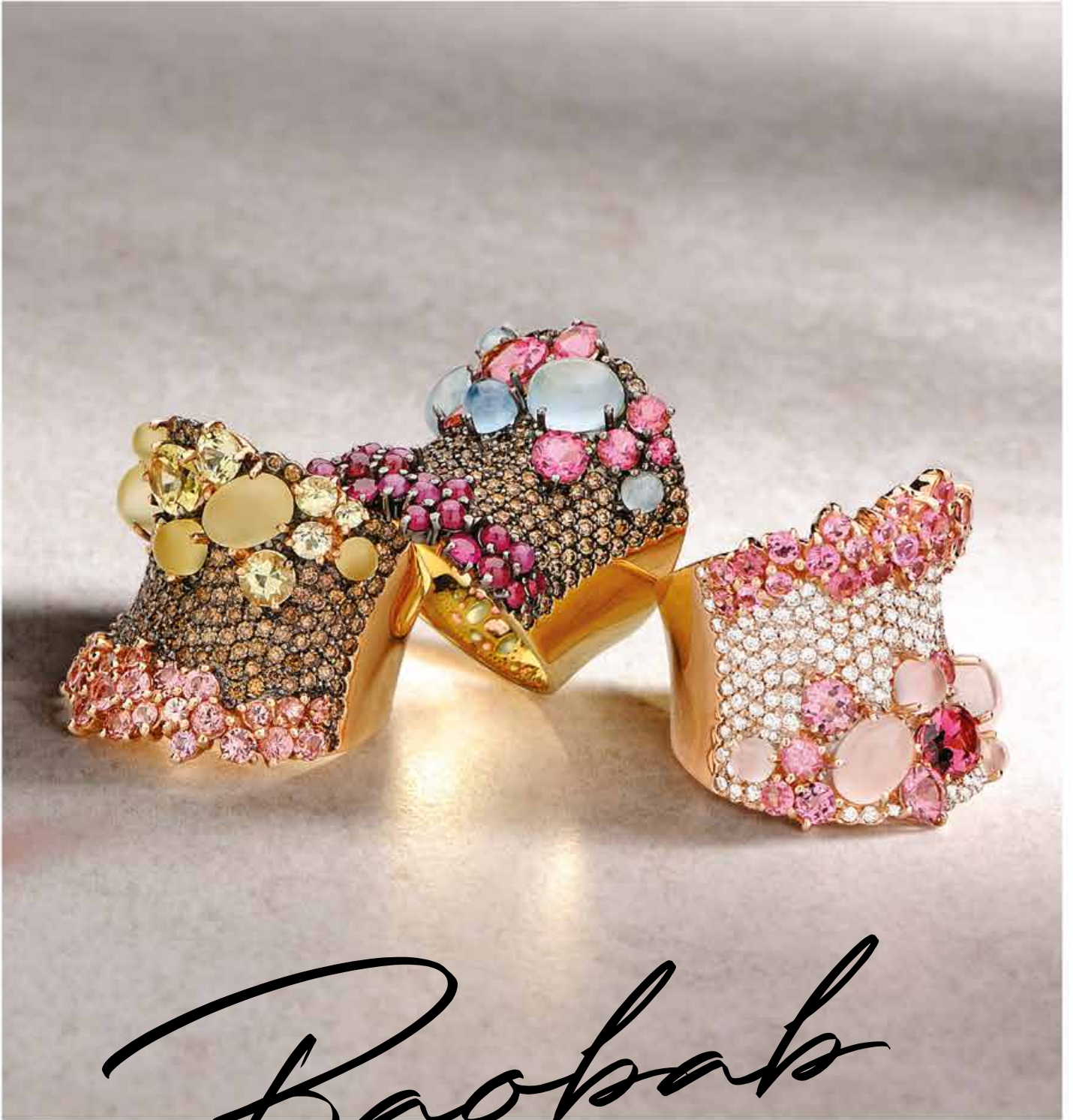
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