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Dear *airBaltic* passengers,

The summer season is at its peak, and it's a busy time for *airBaltic*. We continue to see strong performance across our route network, leading the market in the Baltics and carrying nearly half a million passengers in June alone. However, this success is more than just seasonal; it's part of a larger journey, as this month we reach a historic milestone, namely, the beginning of *airBaltic's* 30th anniversary.

While the full celebrations will unfold in the coming months – including a special edition of our *Baltic Outlook* inflight magazine in September and dedicated activities through early October – we want to pause for a moment and simply say 'thank you'.

Thank you for choosing to fly with us. For trusting us with your journeys, your holidays, your business trips, and your reunions. It means the world to us.

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And *Baltic Outlook* – the magazine you're reading now – is no less a part of that experience. For many, the publication has become a loyal travel companion and a source of inspiration, stories, and insights along the way. As part of our celebrations, *Baltic Outlook* is also marking its own milestone – 15 years under the care of our trusted publisher, *Frank's House*. Throughout a significant part of *airBaltic's* journey, this magazine has been a valued presence on board – awaited, read with interest, and recognised by passengers across our network. It has become not only part of our identity but also a unique way of telling the world about Latvia, the Baltics, and *airBaltic*.

We look forward to celebrating our anniversary with you in full very soon. Until then, August marks the height of summer, which is a time for meaningful journeys and memorable moments. Whether you're exploring new places or returning to familiar ones, we invite you to enjoy this season together with us.

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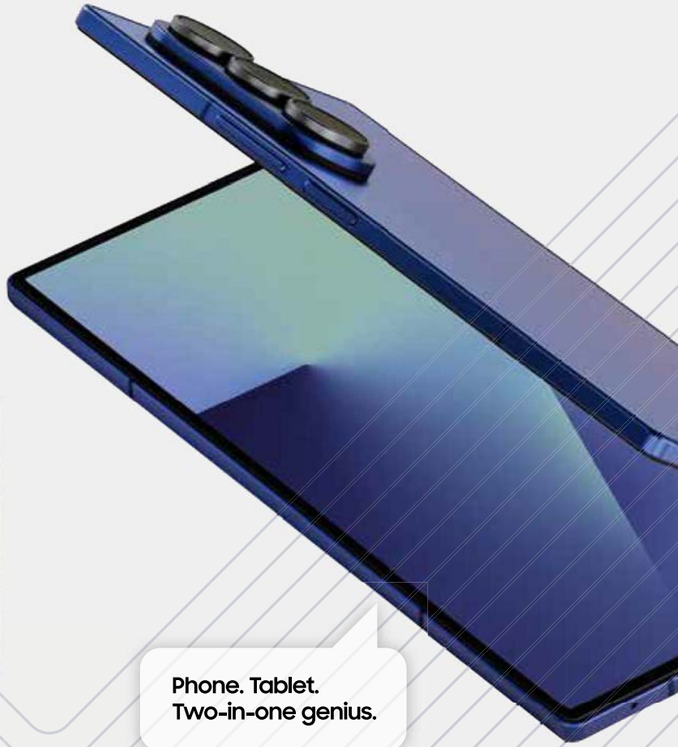
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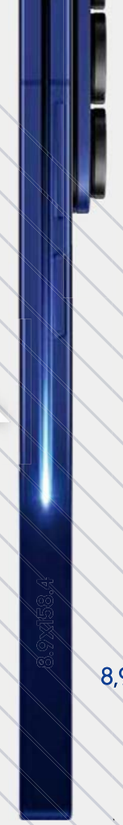
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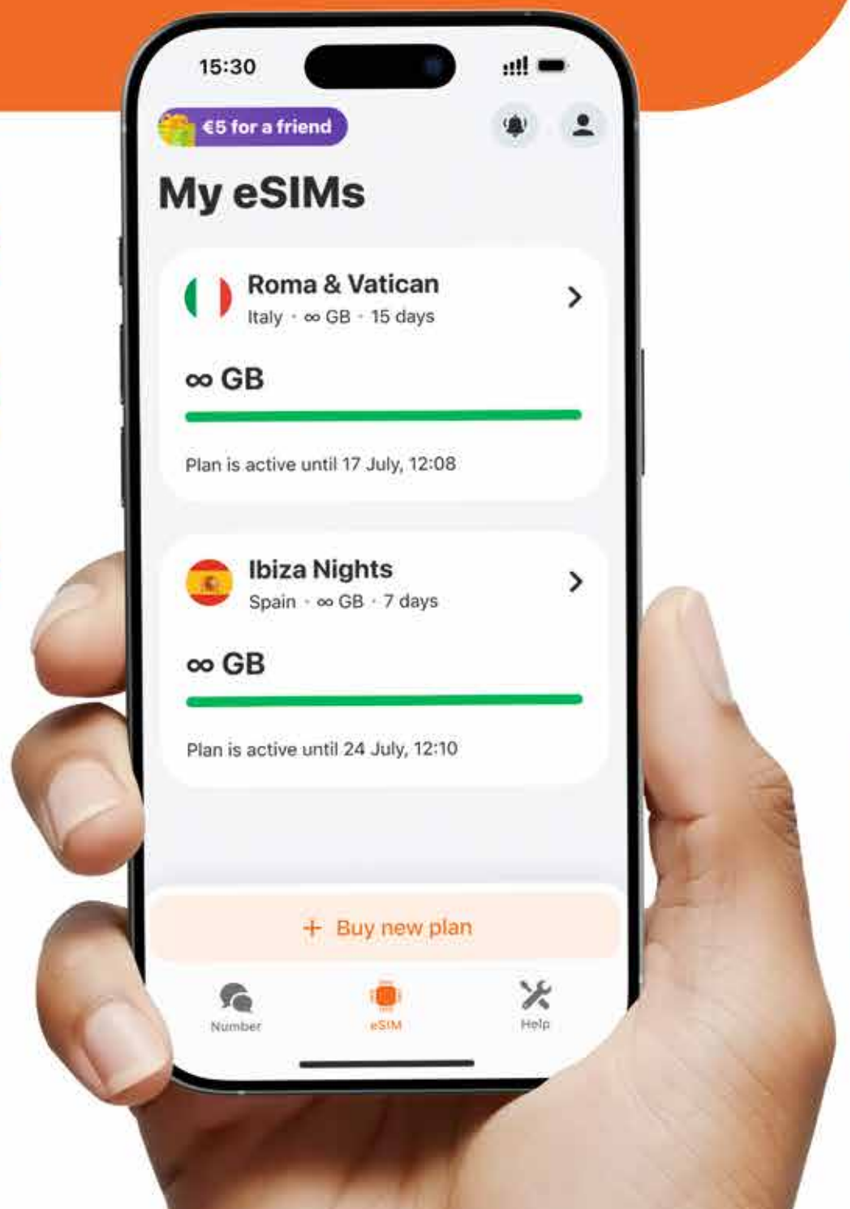
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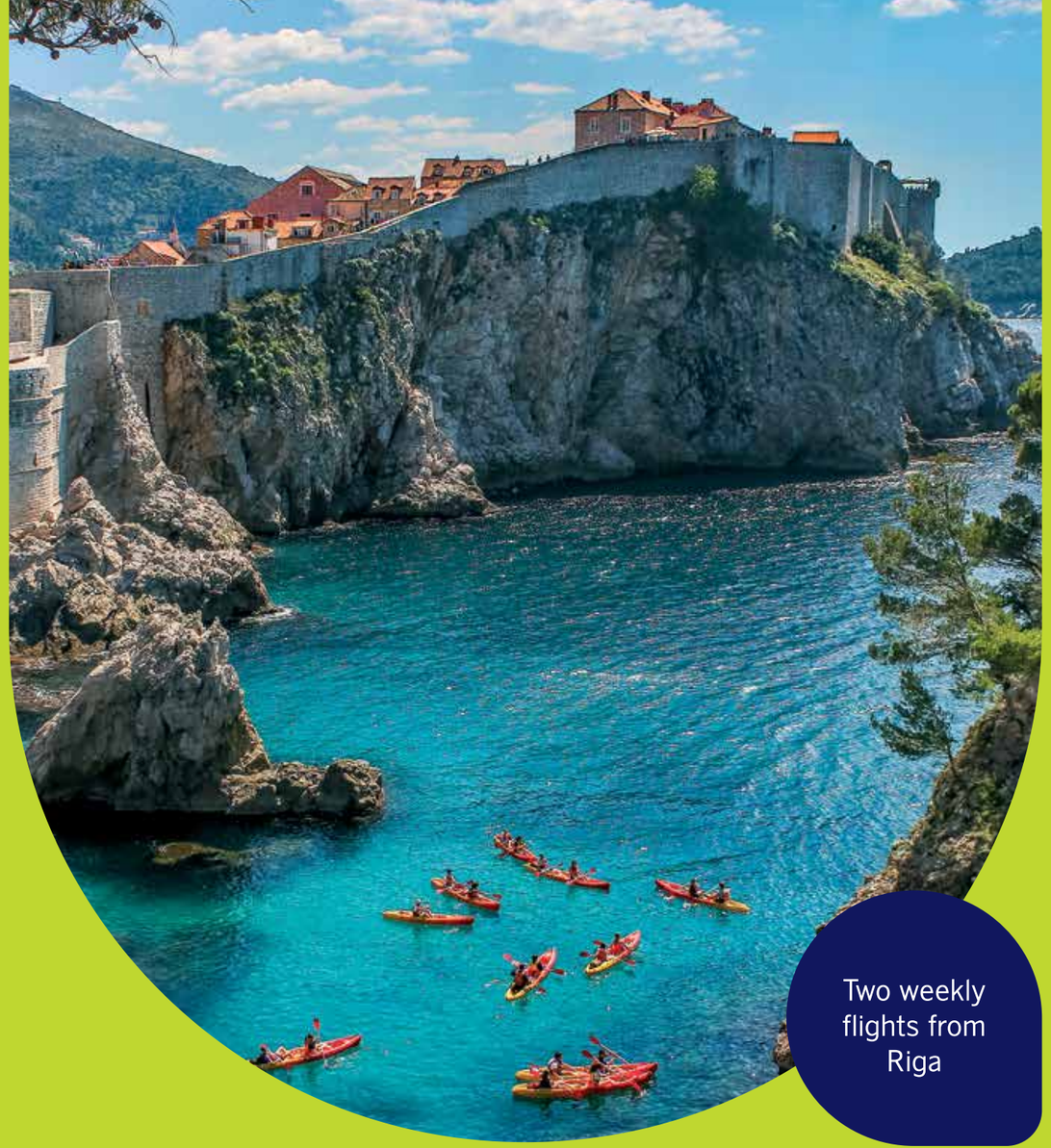
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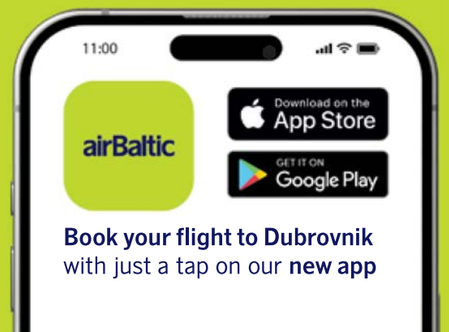


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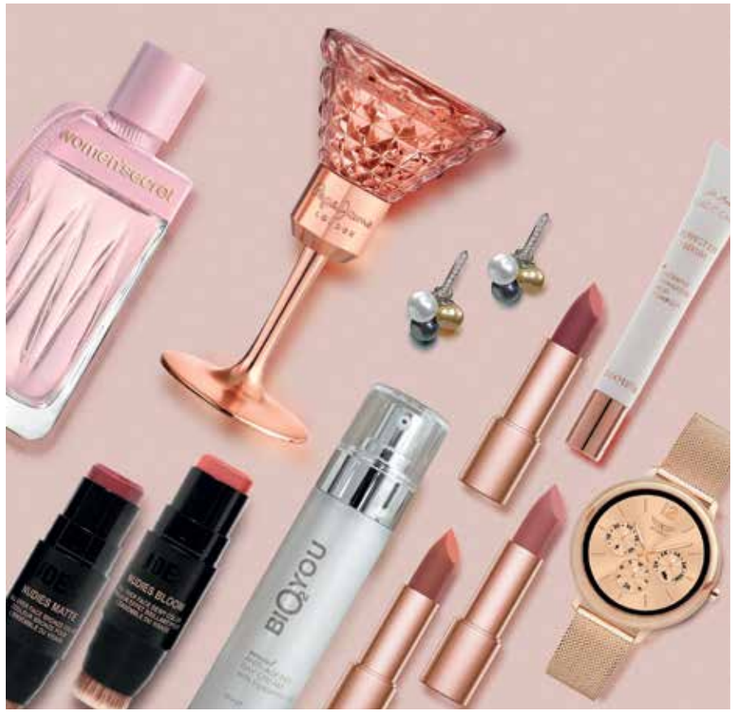
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The ultimate August checklist



CELEBRATE SUMMER

Come mid-August, Riga truly comes alive. This year, on August 16, the city will celebrate its 824th birthday with a vibrant festival that perfectly captures the local spirit. While Riga's rich history – which dates back to 1201 – is always present, this celebration is really about people coming together to enjoy great music, delicious food, and the infectious energy of summer in one of Europe's most stunning cities.

The festivities spread throughout Old Riga (called Vecrīga in Latvian), along the 11. novembra krastmala promenade, and across the city's parks and green spaces. Live concerts, children's activities, and performances by street artists fill the streets, while artisan markets offer everything from handcrafted treasures to tempting local treats.

A highlight is the Riga Taste Festival, where you can dive into the city's dynamic food scene. Imagine fresh Baltic seafood, hearty rye breads, and inventive twists on Latvian classics. Whether you're a dedicated foodie or simply searching for good eats, it's the perfect place to mingle with locals and travellers alike.



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FOOD

Historical flavours

August is the perfect time to try one of Latvia's local delicacies – fresh crayfish. For a truly authentic experience, join a crayfish-catching trip (just check for a license!), or find them on menus at local restaurants. If you're in Liepāja this summer, head to *Hoijeres Krogs*, a cosy spot serving dishes inspired by 17th- and 18th-century recipes that sometimes feature crayfish. The restaurant is set in Madame Hoyer's Guest House, a museum showcasing centuries-old interiors. This makes a visit a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

MUSIC

Warm days

Looking for the perfect summer soundtrack? Domenique Dumont's fourth album, *Deux Paradis*, brings together sophisticated dance beats and dreamy melancholy for music that invites listeners to explore inner worlds while soaking up the sun. Created by Latvian duo Artūrs Liepiņš and Anete Stuce, who have won fans across francophone countries, the album's warm, relaxed vibe is perfect for beach days, sunset gatherings, and summer moments with friends. It's a go-to sound for beautiful, sunlit moments.

ART

Special exhibition

Maija Tabaka (b. 1939) is one of the most prominent contemporary Latvian painters, and shows of her work are always special events. A unique exhibition of her paintings can be seen at the Ola Foundation cultural space until October 30. Tabaka herself participated in the selection of the works, as she wanted to showcase paintings that hold special meaning for her. The Ola Foundation itself is a distinctive spot on Riga's cultural map. This meeting point for art, music, and creative discussions captivates visitors with its innovative architectural design, beautiful garden, and elegant atmosphere.



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ERWIN WURM **EXHIBITION**

Until September 14

World-renowned artist Erwin Wurm (b. 1954) has spent decades transforming the ordinary into the absurd, leaving a lasting mark on both pop culture and contemporary art. One of Austria's most celebrated contemporary artists, he has continuously pushed the boundaries of sculpture, performance, and conceptual art. Most recently, Satoshi Kondo, who is the creative director at *Issey Miyake*, drew inspiration from Wurm's work for the brand's Autumn/Winter 2025/26 collection. This summer, Wurm has brought his exhibition *How It Is* to Riga's Zuzeum Art Centre. It's a show you definitely won't want to miss!

zuzeum.com



POSITIVUS **FESTIVAL**

August 8–9

Renowned for its diverse and vibrant musical offerings, the Positivus Festival is the premier summer event in the Baltic states. It showcases a variety of artists, from top international stars to up-and-coming local talent. This year, international acts such as Rag'n'Bone Man, Mura Masa, Milky Chance, Elderbrook, and Ivan Dorn will take centre stage. The festival will also feature some of the most talented local musicians. Taking place on picturesque Lucavsala Island in Riga, the festival promises to be a captivating experience, combining breathtaking scenery with exhilarating performances for an unforgettable celebration.

positivusfestival.com

Did you know?
During the summer season, visitors to Riga can explore the city from a unique perspective by taking a ride on the Riga Canal boats. The route winds along the picturesque city canal and the Daugava River, offering beautiful views of the Old Town, parks, bridges, and major landmarks.

liveriga.com



INTERNATIONAL SACRED **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

August 14 – September 5

Latvia is home to one of the world's finest choirs, the State Choir 'Latvija', which is known for its soul-stirring performances. This August, under the direction of conductor Māris Sirmais, the choir is hosting the 28th International Sacred Music Festival. The programme features a richly diverse selection of sacred music, ranging from Italian Renaissance masterpieces and contemporary world premieres to lyrical Nordic works and the Latvian premiere of a Passion inspired by Buddhist teachings. The festival opens on August 14 at St. Peter's Church in Riga with *Premieres. Palestrina.*

sgmf.lv

JŪRMALA **COLOUR RUN**

August 24

Let's be honest – every August, lots of Riga residents love to escape to Jūrmala's beaches. Just a 30-minute drive from the capital, this charming resort town boasts white sandy beaches and a relaxed holiday atmosphere. One of the season's most colourful events is the Jūrmala Colour Run, which sees participants run, walk, or dance along a five-kilometre route while clouds of brightly coloured powder fill the air. As part of the global The Colour Run series, this feel-good event transforms the seaside into a vibrant festival of colour. Pro tip: wear white and get ready to be covered in colour!

baltijasmaratoni.lv

Quote of the month

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.

Let this timeless quote by the Chinese Confucian philosopher Mencius inspire you to track down the world-famous animals from the Oscar-winning animated film *Flow* (*Straume*) that have made their home in Riga's urban landscape. The cat welcomes visitors from atop the large RĪGA letters by the Freedom Monument, while the dog, capybara, and lemur are hidden in other corners of the city. See if you can find them all!



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ART ADDICTION: REIGO KUIVJÕGI'S **ART COLLECTION EXHIBITION**

Until October 19

For a true taste of contemporary Estonian art, don't miss the *Art Addiction: Reigo Kuivjõgi's Art Collection* exhibition at the Mikkel Museum. A passionate gallerist and art collector who champions modern Estonian creativity, Kuivjõgi is a familiar and influential figure in the country's art scene, and this captivating exhibition offers a rare glimpse into his personal collection. Over the years, Kuivjõgi has done more than simply collect art; he has actively nurtured the careers of emerging talents, organised auctions, and forged lasting connections within the artistic community.

mikkelimuuseum.ekm.ee

Did you know?

Kadriorg Palace, a Baroque jewel in Estonia's cultural heritage, is not only an art museum; it also offers a musical experience. The *Summer Classics in Kadriorg Palace* concert series features exciting and sophisticated performances every Thursday.

visittallinn.ee

DAVID GUETTA **SHOW**

August 23

Global dance legend David Guetta is bringing his epic new show, *The Monolith*, to Baltic and Scandinavian audiences for the first time. It's set to be the biggest dance event the region has ever seen. Expect a night of massive hits such as 'Titanium' and 'When Love Takes Over', paired with state-of-the-art lighting, visuals, and sound for an unparalleled audiovisual experience. This is more than just a concert; it's a celebration of the biggest anthems in electronic music. Get ready to dance under the open sky at the iconic Tallinn Song Festival Grounds.

balticlive.ee

IRONMAN **TALLINN**

August 23–24



Every late summer, Tallinn comes alive with the Ironman festival, a celebration of endurance and community. This world-class triathlon winds its way through the enchanting medieval streets of Tallinn's Old Town and the stunning landscapes of Harju County. Athletes from around the world gather to take on the full Ironman and Ironman 70.3 distances, making it one of the most hotly anticipated events in the triathlon calendar. But it's more than just a race; the entire city pulses with energy, with cafés spilling out onto cobbled squares and music filling the air as locals and visitors line the streets to cheer on the competitors.

ironman.com



ANCIENT **BONFIRE NIGHT**

August 30

Once a year, bonfires are lit along the Baltic coast to celebrate Ancient Bonfire Night, which is a tradition that dates back centuries. Long ago, these fires guided sailors home safely at sunset. Today, they burn in memory of those times, bringing communities together by the water. In many seaside towns, museums and landmarks keep the tradition alive with bonfires, concerts, and gatherings. In Tallinn, popular spots to experience the event include Seaplane Harbour and Inglirand Beach, where visitors can enjoy the glow of the fires against the evening sky.

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GERDA PALIUŠYTĖ **EXHIBITION**

Until September 14

The Contemporary Art Centre is currently hosting *Expectations*, the latest chapter in Lithuanian artist and curator Gerda Paliušytė's (b. 1987) long-form project *Guys and Blue Flowers*. At its centre is a striking series of macro photographs capturing the delicate textures and ghostly elegance of white orchid blossoms. This exhibition is a must-see for anyone interested in contemporary photography or poetic minimalism, or who simply needs a moment of stillness amidst the summertime hustle and bustle of the city.

cac.lt

Did you know?

At Lukiškės Square in the very centre of Vilnius, the Live Square complex has brought fresh changes to this part of the city. The project has also opened a new public space with an oasis of greenery and a view of the city.

govilnius.lt

Armin van Buuren, one of the most influential figures in electronic music, is performing exclusively at Vingis Park. This special event is set to feature the debut of his spectacular new world tour, titled *The Orb*. Renowned for his innovation and showmanship, the five-time World's No. 1 DJ and Grammy-nominated producer has shaped the global trance and electronic music scene for over 20 years. Don't miss this landmark event, which promises to be an unforgettable night with one of the world's greatest DJs.

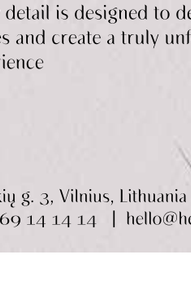
arminvanbuuren.com

CHRISTOPHER **SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Until September 9

From its humble beginnings in the backyards of Vilnius' Old Town, the Christopher Summer Festival has grown into one of Europe's leading cultural extravaganzas. With a diverse programme ranging from classical masterpieces to vibrant jazz performances, the festival takes place in traditional venues as well as unconventional spaces such as former factories and the peaceful banks of the Neris River. To find an event that suits your taste and mood, explore the festival's website.

kristupofestivalis.lt



Do you want to meet happy people and happy dogs? Then mark your calendar for the Corgi Race Vilnius! Since its inception in 2020, this event has positioned Vilnius as the centre of the corgi universe. Taking place in Vingis Park, which is known for its iconic gatherings, it attracts corgi enthusiasts from all over Europe to witness the international race. The aim of the organisers is to uplift the dog-loving community while showcasing Vilnius as the ultimate corgi hotspot.

corgiracevilnius.com





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TAMPERE THEATRE FESTIVAL

August 4–10

One of Europe's leading theatre festivals, this spectacular event presents the most compelling and up-to-date productions from Finnish theatre and attracts prestigious international guests. Local and international companies transform Tampere's stages and squares, filling the city with contemporary theatre, modernised classics, dance theatre, contemporary circus, and captivating street performances.

teatterikesa.fi

Did you know?

The European Athletics U20 Championships takes place at Ratina Stadium in Tampere from August 7 to 10. More than 1000 up-and-coming athletes from over 40 European countries will compete for European Championship titles.

visittampere.fi



BLOCKFEST

August 16–17

Blockfest is not only the largest hip-hop festival in the Nordic countries; it's also a cornerstone of Finnish hip-hop culture, showcasing the freshest trends and introducing the hottest artists to an eager audience. This year's festival, held at Ratina Stadium and the Ratinanniemi Event Park, features Grammy-nominated artist Lil Baby, British rapper Central Cee, leading Finnish artist Ibe, and many more stars. Since its inception in 2008, Blockfest has grown into a vibrant celebration that continues to shape and define the hip-hop scene in Finland and beyond.

blockfest.fi



FIBA EUROBASKET 2025

August 27 – September 3

The European Basketball Championship will return to Tampere for the first time in 58 years. One of the group stages of FIBA EuroBasket 2025 will be held in Tampere at the turn of August and September. Tampere Deck Arena will host the Group B games, featuring Finland (the host nation), Germany, Great Britain, Lithuania, Montenegro, and Sweden. Don't miss the incredible atmosphere as these top teams battle it out in a thrilling competition!

fiba.basketball



TAMPERE CITY FESTIVAL

August 8–9

This August, Tampere turns up the volume as a brand-new international mega-festival hits the Exhibition and Sports Centre. Leading the charge are global rap icon Timbaland, UK electro-pop duo Hurts, drum and bass powerhouses Rudimental, and Dutch EDM legends Dash Berlin. The Tampere City Festival will light up the stage with nearly 50 acts, featuring a killer lineup of top Finnish talent and international stars ready to bring the heat.

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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

The *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.

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

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.**



airBaltic RIGA OPEN 2025

August 15–17

airBaltic invites you to take part in this world-level disc golf competition held at *airBaltic* Disc Golf Park in the Mežaparks district of Riga, which offers an unprecedented prize pool for Latvia. If you don't play the game yourself, come anyway to enjoy the fresh air, good music, and to take part in various contests with the opportunity to win some great gifts.

This is only the second time that this competition is taking place in Riga, but it's already an A-tier disc golf tournament. This signifies a high-level regional event often lasting two to three days with a minimum of 54 holes and with strict requirements for purse size and payouts. These events typically attract a higher calibre of players.

At the *airBaltic* Riga Open 2025 tournament, players will compete in nine divisions: four professional and five amateur. As of the beginning of last month, players from the Baltic states, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, United Kingdom, and even New Zealand and Israel had already registered for the event. In accordance with the Professional Disc Golf Association, professional division players will receive cash prizes, while other winners will receive *airBaltic* flight tickets as gifts.

The course will open for scheduled practice at 10 am on Thursday, August 14. The first-round tee times are scheduled for Friday, from 8 am until 4 pm, when random groups within divisions will begin competing. Score-based groups will tee off from 8 am until 4 pm on Saturday, August 16. Third-round tee times are scheduled for Sunday from 8 am until 4 pm.

Last year's tournament was a great success, paving the way for an A-level competition this summer. The battles last year were intense, with Mathias Villota (EST), Elizabete Pēkšena (LAT), Raimo Kimmel (EST), Nils Rudiņš (LAT), Madis Tučs (LAT), and Jere N. Tiemi (LAT) becoming the first *airBaltic* Riga Open champions.

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Team Latvia singing the national anthem before a game



The FIBA World Cup 2023 qualifiers; Latvia vs Türkiye. Kristaps Porziņģis (LAT) with the ball

Photo by Renars Koris

A EuroBasket summer in Riga

At the end of this month, Riga will become a basketball capital. From August 27 until September 14, it will be one of four cities to host FIBA EuroBasket, attracting basketball enthusiasts from all over Europe and also hosting the prestigious final phase of the tournament.



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FIBA EuroBasket is the European championship in men's basketball, and it's taking place this year for the 42nd time. While this is the third time Latvia is one of the host countries, Latvia's history with the tournament goes way back to 1935, when it won the gold medal. Alongside the other host countries of Finland, Cyprus, and Poland, Latvia will provide an exceptional celebration of basketball, professional hosting, and superb city infrastructure.

The road to the championship has been an exciting one for the Latvian national men's basketball team. After not qualifying for the FIBA EuroBasket 2021 tournament, the celebrated Italian coach Luca Banchi took over the team and guided it to 9th position in the FIBA ranking and an impressive 5th position among European men's basketball teams. Since August 2021, the team has won 29 out of 34 matches. But the team is also no stranger to painful losses, which have strengthened its character. For example, it placed 5th in the FIBA World Cup qualification in 2023, losing in the quarter-final to Germany by only two points. And in 2024, it lost the final Olympic qualification game, just barely missing to qualify for the Paris Olympics.

While the hope is still there that Latvia will finally reach the semi-finals for the first time since the restoration of the country's independence, the competition will surely be fierce. Many countries have titles and local club reputations to defend, while others are eager to challenge the usual narrative.

Visiting Riga during the tournament is a great opportunity to catch a glimpse of some of today's most prominent basketball players in the world, as every country sends its best athletes to the tournament. In the group stage, Latvia's team will be joined by its NBA unicorn Kristaps Porziņģis, while Serbia's team will include the superstar Nikola Jokić. But the knockout stage is likely to gather even more basketball celebrities: Slovenian NBA player Luka Dončić, the famous Lithuanian Jonas Valančiūnas, France and its at least ten NBA players, and many more impressive players of today's generation. The tournament will celebrate the success of these well-established talents and also reveal some new names that will go on to rewrite basketball history.

All group A matches (Portugal, Estonia, Latvia, Türkiye, Serbia, and Czechia) as well as the much-anticipated final phase will take place at Xiaomi Arena in Riga. For fans left without tickets, there will be a free fan zone offering fun activities, game-watch parties, friendly gatherings, and many basketball-related surprises.

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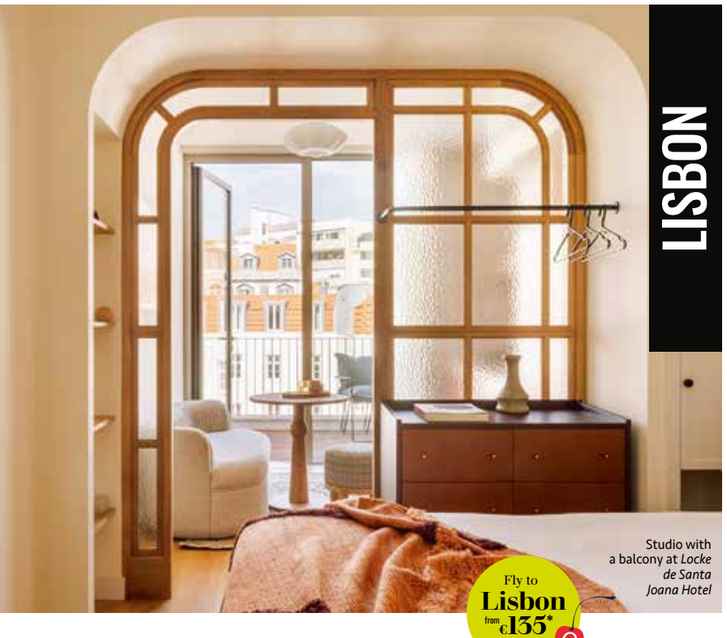


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Exposition in MUDE



La Traviata at Operafest Lisboa e Oeiras 2025



LISBON

Studio with a balcony at *Locke de Santa Joana Hotel*

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Publicity photos

The long-awaited reopening of the MUDE design museum is being celebrated with numerous exhibitions alongside its permanent showcase of design history through a wide variety of iconic objects. **The Tiger's Leap** exhibition, for example, is dedicated to the British fashion icon Vivienne Westwood (until October 12; Rua Augusta, 24; mude.pt). It displays about 50 pieces of clothing together with accessories, illustrations, photography, and books, all of them reflecting Westwood's (1941–2022) inspirations, particularly from 18th century fashion, with such signature elements as the crinolines, sculptural bustles, and sensual bodices that made up the complex and feminine architecture of her tailored garments. Another highlight show related to fashion is *Portugal Pop: Fashion in Portuguese (1970–2020)*, which presents the rapidly changing fashion culture in the country.

With the passionate motto 'Forbidden Love', the rather unconventional **Operafest Lisboa e Oeiras** celebrates its sixth edition this year (August 7 – September 13; operafestlisboa.com). The highlights of the opera festival's programme include timeless classics such as *La Traviata* and *Dido and Aeneas*, but also contemporary pieces such as Philippe Boesmans' *Julie*. The Satellite Opera section of the festival offers new explorations and perspectives on the genre by combining it with other musical formats, such as performance and happenings. To that end, the Cloisters Convent of Cartuxa will host an operatic nighttime rave on August 8 lasting until 3:30 in the morning. There will also be a series of worldwide opera cinema screenings at the Cinemateca Portuguesa, a diverse programme of family-friendly events, and educational workshops.

An early-17th-century convent in the heart of Lisbon has now been converted into the **Locke de Santa Joana Hotel** (Rua Camilo Castelo Branco 18; lockeliving.com; from EUR 180). Designed by *Post Company* and Lázaro Rosa-Violàn, the spaces exude a sleek balance of history and modernity. The hotel spans nine floors and offers a pleasant stay in 370 rooms, apartments, and suites. The minimalist design highlights the bold historical features, such as archways and mouldings. The rugs, ceramics, and stone sourced from the surrounding region enhance the tactility of the interior. In the bathrooms, Portuguese 'Rose Aurora' stone and limestone set the mood. Communal spaces coloured in terracotta, yellows, and greens reflect the lively spirit of Lisbon's contemporary culture. And yes, you'll also find the country's signature blue and white tiles. The hotel features restaurants, a bar, co-working and meeting spaces, and a central courtyard where guests can take a refreshing plunge in the pool.

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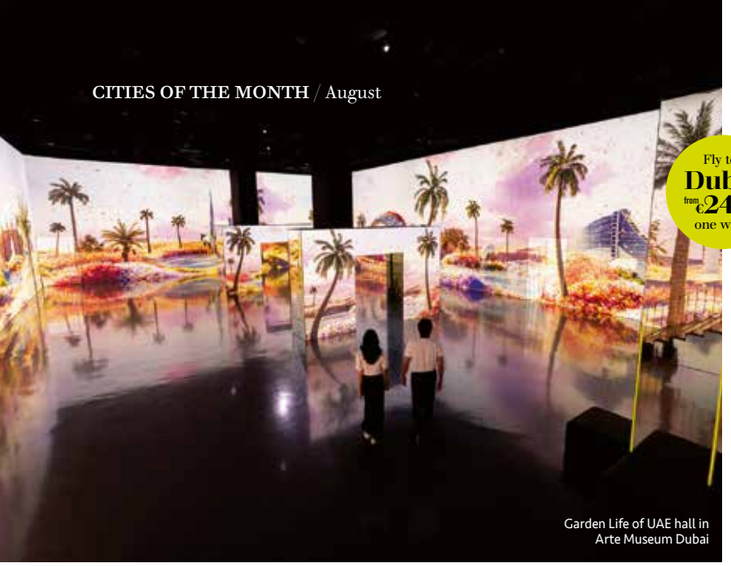
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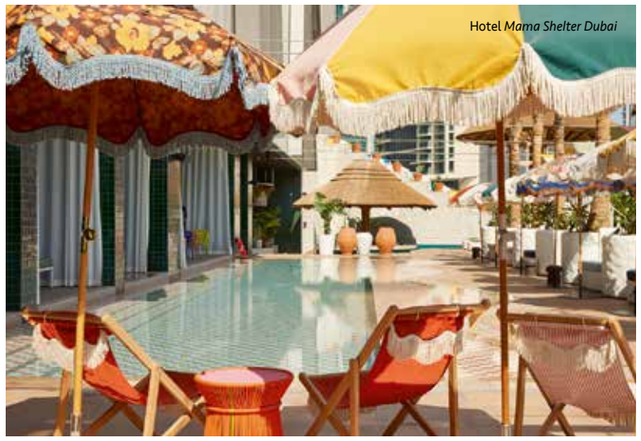


Garden Life of UAE hall in Arte Museum Dubai



Alica bakery Dubai

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Hotel *Mama Shelter Dubai*

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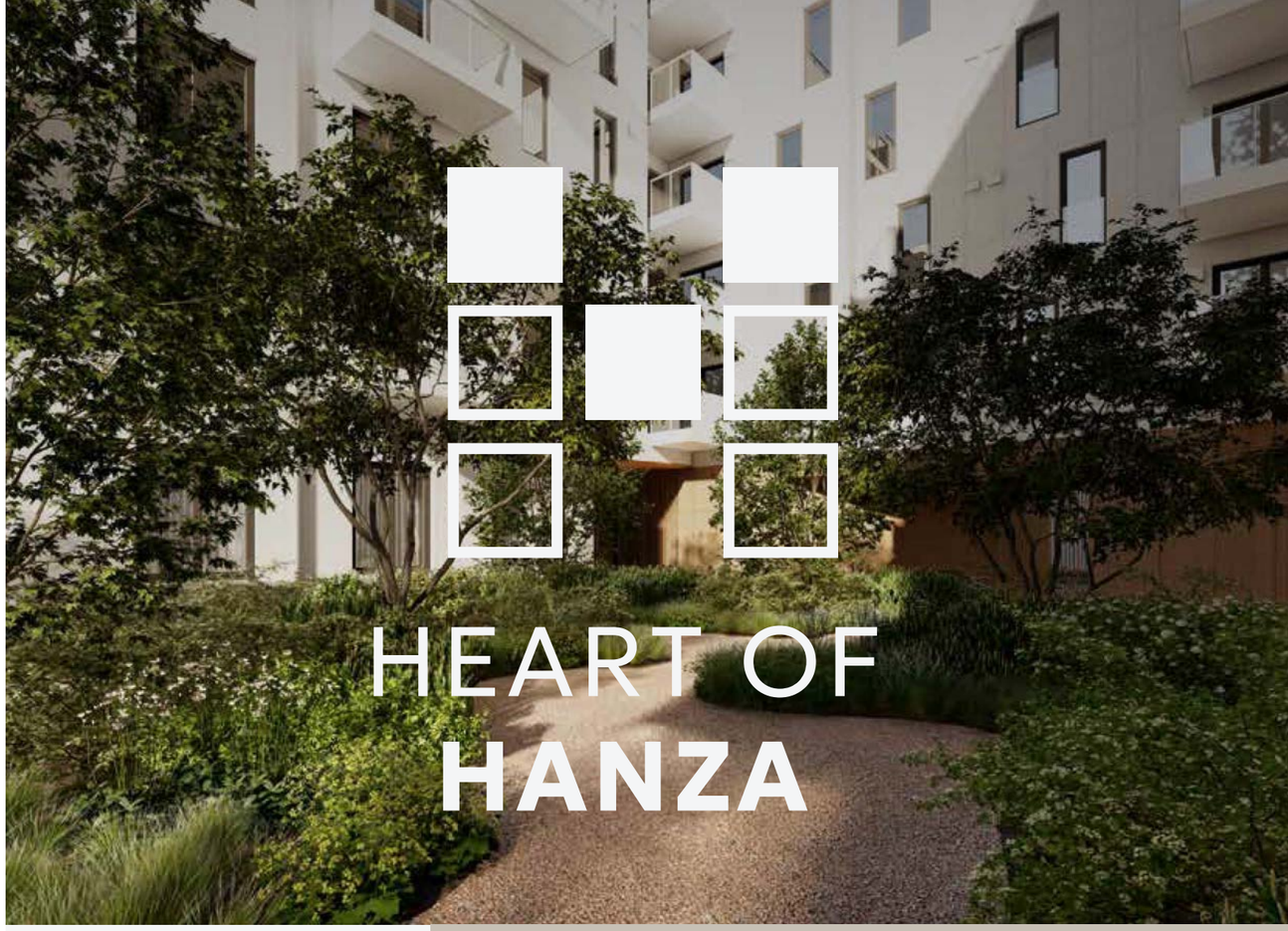
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Arte Museum Dubai invites all to an immersive journey into visual art (Dubai Mall, Level 2; dubai.artemuseum.com). Its current showcase focuses on nature and its rich diversity and eternality. The Flower Rose Odyssey hall offers the hyper-realistic beauty of blooming flowers, while in the Ocean hall visitors feel as if they're standing at the bow of a ship, exposed to the harsh waves and wind. The Garden Life of UAE hall is dedicated to the sandy landscapes of the desert and its inhabitants. While the visual images astound both technically and emotionally, the exhibition also engages visitors with custom-created aromas and sounds that complement the works of art. Another subject of the dynamic visual programme is the cultural and visual landscapes of Dubai. Afterwards, visitors can enjoy a curated tea experience in the *Arte Tea Bar*.

The recently opened **Alica** bakery is set in the heart of Port de la Mer and adheres to a farm-to-table concept (La Cote 2, Jumeirah 1; @alicabakery). The interior by Etienne Bastormagi features wood as well as warm beige and yellow hues against the tactile contrast of stainless steel, in a nod to the tools used to make bread. Rice-paper lamps in various shapes add a touch of airiness and delicacy to the space, while the leather chairs make the setting more grounded. The artwork on the walls, by Ahmed Amer, is painted on recycled paper and reflects the abstract beauty of harvesting grain. Needless to say, the selection of classic French pastries and sourdough breads is irresistible. *Alica* also offers breakfast and lunch menus with hearty soups and salads.

Mama Shelter Dubai offers an affordable, stylish, and fun stay and is the latest newcomer to the city's rapidly evolving hotel scene (57JC+5P7, Business Bay; mamashelter.com; from EUR 62). With 197 rooms and four terraced swimming pools, *Mama Shelter* is all about relaxation and enjoying life, the sun, and delicious meals. The ground-floor restaurant serves up an Italian trattoria experience and typical Mediterranean cuisine. Light finger food can be enjoyed on the homey terrace, and there's also another restaurant on the 4th floor. The rooms, some of them connected, feature extra-comfortable beds and memorable decor pieces. The hotel also has meeting rooms, a relaxing spa zone, and an outdoor cinema with a large projector that screens classic films and sports events.

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La Villette's Open-Air Cinema

PARIS



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Duplex room at The *Elysée Montmartre Hotel*

After a major four-year-long renovation designed by *Chatillon Architectes*, Parisians are celebrating the long-awaited reopening of the historic **Grand Palais** (grandpalais.fr). The ornaments, balconies, statues, and windows of the imposing early-20th-century Beaux Arts-era building were all carefully restored. And the once fragmented interior of this landmark is now linked together to ensure full public access to the spaces, with 40 elevators added to the existing 30 staircases. A vivid exhibition of work by Niki de Saint Phalle and Jean Tinguely is taking place until January 4. The new museum is also suitable for younger audiences, with the Palais des Enfants section presenting the *Transparence* exhibition (until 29 August), a poetic and sensory path featuring artwork, interactive details, and optical effects.

August in Paris is a time of tender summer nights and open-air festivals. Until August 17, the stunning **La Villette** park is hosting open-air cinema events. This year's programme is rich with classic musicals and animated films, screened at 6 pm and 9 pm sessions on a massive inflatable screen that's one of the largest in Europe. Locals often bring blankets and picnic baskets, while comfy deck chairs can be also booked online (lavillette.com). Jazz à la Villette is another highlight of the season, with a bold, creative performance by saxophonist Isaiah Collier, Afrobeat by Seun Kuti & Egypt 80, soul by Jalen Ngonda, hip-hop by Rejjie Snow, Cuban rhythms by Cimafunk, and other exciting international musicians (August 28 – September 7; jazzalavillette.com).

The new **Élysée Montmartre Hotel** sits in an imposing building right next to the historic Elysée Montmartre concert hall (78 Boulevard Marguerite de Rochechouart; emhotel.fr; from EUR 170). The subtle, calm design and cocoon-like atmosphere of its welcoming communal spaces and 16 rooms contrast with the lively, bohemian vibe of the Montmartre district. Outside, street musicians and tourist crowds set the tone, while inside, guests are offered a tranquil, peaceful escape. The interior, created by the *Policrónica* studio, is inspired by Japanese wabi-sabi aesthetics, in which visual modesty intertwines with the raw beauty of natural materials and an abundance of wood and stone. The setting enchants with soft hues, a craftsmanship aesthetic, and custom furniture made of eucalyptus wood. The breakfast corner treats guests to homemade delicacies and a selection of specialty coffee.

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Tivoli Gardens

The most unmissable sight in the whole of Copenhagen is its magical theme park in the heart of the city.

The story goes like this: in 1843, Georg Carstensen sought the permission of the King of Denmark to open a pleasure garden in the heart of Copenhagen. A well-travelled man, he'd seen similar offerings on his visits to other cities across Europe and thought that the Danish capital would be a good location for a site where people could enjoy fairground rides and rollercoasters as well as a stroll through scenic gardens. More than 180 years later, Carstensen has over and over again been proven that his hunch was right. The central theme park and gardens are the city's most visited and least disappointing attraction, beloved by tourists and locals alike.

Located across the street from Copenhagen Central Station in the middle of the city, the park's history is entrancing. Hans Christian Andersen was inspired to write his fairy tale *The Nightingale* after a tour of the park; Walt Disney visited often before opening his own magical kingdom in the United States. Here you can also ride one of the oldest wooden rollercoasters in the world, the Rutschebanen, which has been in operation since 1914 and still makes the adrenaline spike as its track takes you up and around a fake mountain and down a dark shaft inside it. The main difference today is that you can have your photo taken mid-scream.

History was made here, stories were written here, and today's park still plays a pivotal role in life in Copenhagen. It's the place you go to on a first date, for the beautiful Christmas market, for a fright at Halloween, and to celebrate birthdays. It's an iconic Danish tourist attraction.

Today's park is only a little different from Carstensen's vision. The former city moat where a pirate ship floats is now a lake, and the Japanese pagoda now hosts pop-up restaurants for *Michelin*-starred chefs, adding an unlikely fine-dining experience to the typical fairground staples of burgers, candyfloss, and fried doughnuts. The city's most luxurious hotel, *Nimb*, backs on to the park and offers lucky residents access to the park after hours. And summer nights are incomplete without the park's highly egalitarian Fredagsrock (Friday Rock) nights, during which global superstars play on the central stage and locals come with a picnic, paying just the price of entry to the park to watch. This year's acts include the Black Eyed Peas and Bryan Adams, who are more used to playing in big stadiums than enchanted places like the Tivoli Gardens.

But some things never change. White peacocks still strut around the manicured grounds, and people come partly for the rides, partly for the food, partly to enjoy this green space in the heart of the city, and partly for the history. There's a lot to uncover.

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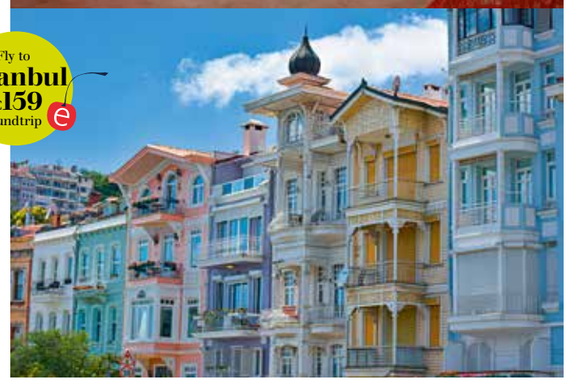
Feride Tansug is the founder of *L'Appart PR Istanbul*, a boutique public relations agency known for connecting brands with their audiences through thoughtful storytelling and strategic communication. Inspired by her hometown – a city where history and modernity intertwine – Tansug values authentic, meaningful connections. When she's not leading her team or crafting brand narratives, she loves exploring Istanbul's hidden cafés, lively neighbourhoods, and timeless landmarks. Here, she shares a few of her favourite spots in this endlessly inspiring city.





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Karaköy Lokantası

Tucked in the heart of the Karaköy district, *Karaköy Lokantası* welcomes guests with its signature blue tiles and inviting warmth. A timeless favourite, the restaurant serves up classic Turkish cuisine with elegance and heart, including seasonal mezes, rich stews, and flavours that linger. Whether it's a quiet weekday lunch or a lively dinner with friends, the atmosphere feels both refined and familiar. It's the kind of place that stays with you, where each visit feels like a return to something comforting and beautifully constant.
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Theodosius Cistern (Şerefiye Sarnıcı)

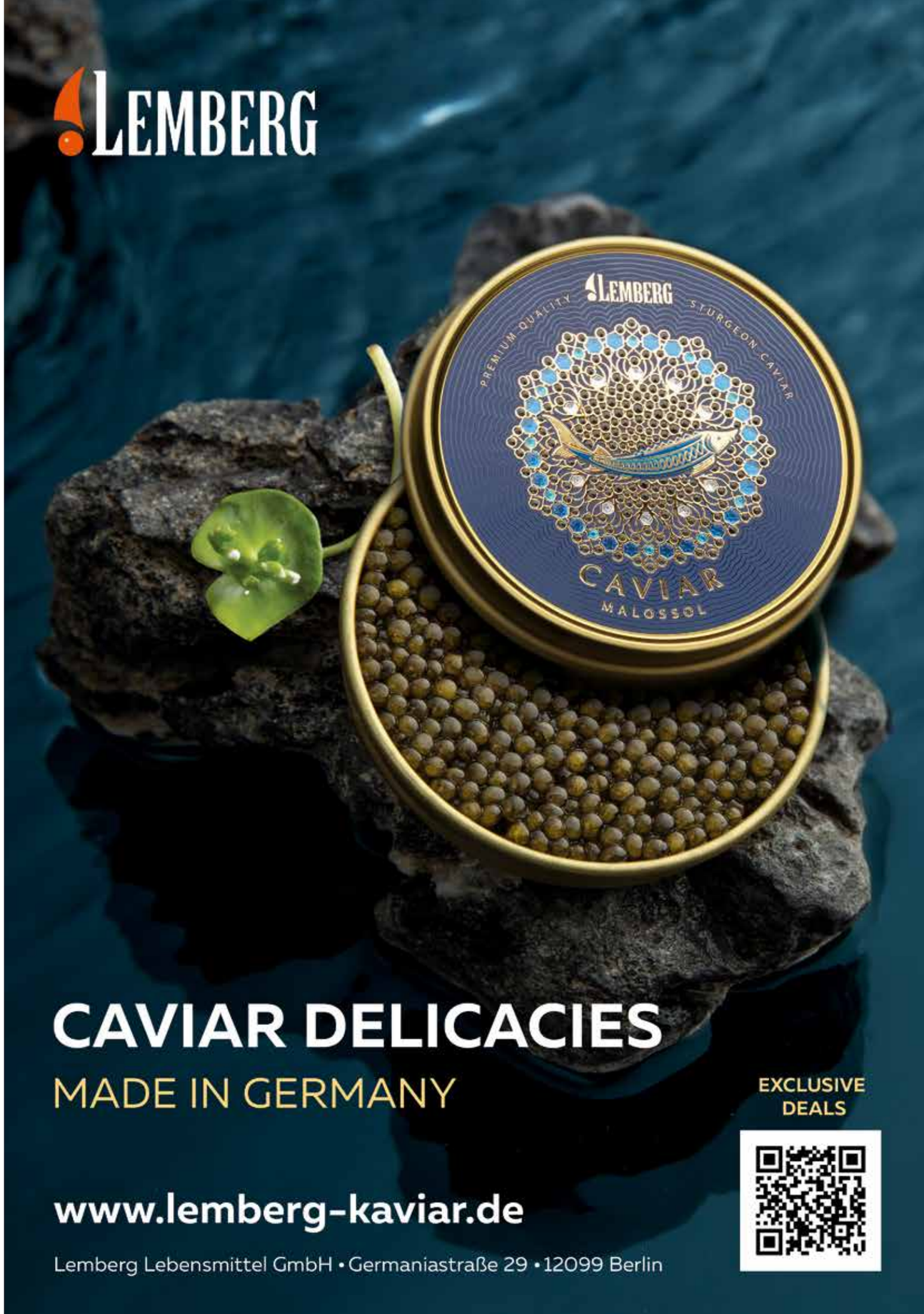
Beneath the bustling streets of Istanbul lies the Theodosius Cistern, a hidden gem from the 5th century CE. Restored to quiet splendour, its softly lit arches and mirrored waters create a dreamlike space untouched by time. As you step inside, the city's noise fades away and is replaced by a silence that feels sacred. Shadows dance across ancient stone, and for a moment, you're suspended between past and present. It's a secret sanctuary – cinematic, mysterious, and profoundly still – waiting quietly beneath the heart of the city.
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Istanbul Museum of Modern Art

Set along the breathtaking Bosphorus in a magnificent building designed by Renzo Piano, the Istanbul Modern serves as a vibrant hub of contemporary art and culture. Inside, dynamic exhibitions showcase local creativity alongside global perspectives, capturing the lively spirit of modern Istanbul. The museum's sleek, light-filled architecture elevates the experience, transforming it into a visual journey that complements the cultural exploration. Whether you're a dedicated art enthusiast or just an inquisitive visitor, the Istanbul Modern provides a profound insight into the city's evolving artistic identity.
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Arnavutköy

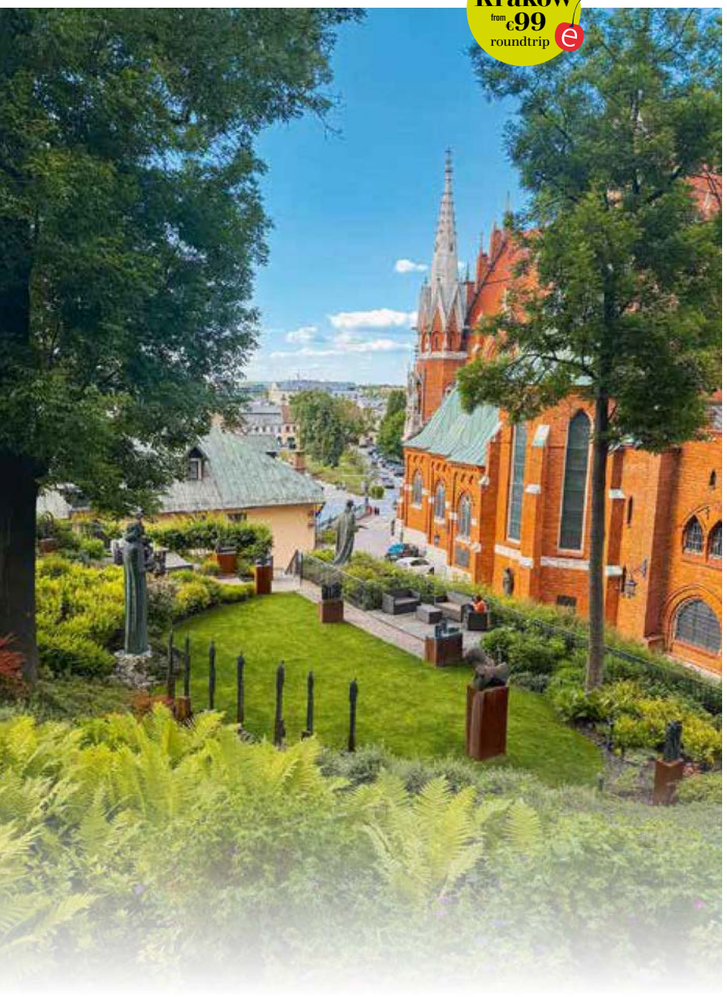
Situated along the Bosphorus, Arnavutköy is a neighbourhood where old-world charm meets contemporary style. Its streets, which are lined with beautifully preserved wooden Ottoman houses, cosy cafés, and thoughtfully curated concept stores, exude a nostalgic magic that reflects the essence of old Istanbul. Yet the area thrives with modern creativity, inviting you to slow down and appreciate the details, as every corner unveils a hidden courtyard, a local artisan, or a breathtaking view waiting to be discovered.



Point of view

Where to go in Kraków, according to content creator Margo.

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Words by **Līga Vaļko**
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Margo
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Number of followers: 8.7k
Margo is a marketing specialist and content creator based in Kraków who is driven by a love for storytelling, travel, and local culture. Originally from abroad, she moved to Kraków eight years ago and was immediately drawn to the city's unique atmosphere, which features a blend of rich history, creative energy, quiet cobbled streets, lively neighbourhoods, and a dynamic food scene. What began as simple weekend walks and café visits soon grew into a deeper connection with the city, inspiring her to capture its charm through photography and thoughtful *Instagram* posts. Over time, Margo's online presence has become a trusted source of travel inspiration for others discovering Kraków and beyond.



Collegium Maius

My secret spot
'Just behind the fairytale-like St. Joseph's Church in the Podgórze district is one of my favourite hidden spots in Kraków – it's a quiet, almost secret place that feels like a world of its own. Tucked between rocky cliffs and winding stone paths, the area has a calm, timeless atmosphere that always draws me in. Sculptures are scattered among the greenery, half-hidden as if they were part of the landscape, and the only sounds are usually birdsong and the soft rustle of leaves. I visit there whenever I need a moment of stillness.'

Other locations to check out
• Kopiec Krakusa (Krakus Mound) is one of the oldest historic sites in Kraków and offers beautiful panoramic views of the city, especially at sunset.
• Collegium Maius, the oldest building of the Jagiellonian University, features a peaceful, almost enchanted courtyard. Walking through it feels like stepping back in time.
• No trip to Kraków is complete without visiting Wawel Castle. Majestic and endlessly inspiring, strolling along the royal castle walls or by the river below is always a special experience.

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WHERE TO STAY

Nestled between the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, Rome's newest boutique hotel, *Palazzo Talia*, offers an experience as cinematic as the city itself. Opened in May 2024, this accommodation has transformed a former school into a set for sumptuous drama, with velvet-draped rooms, deep crimson tones, and a show-stealing floral carpet by Nigel Peake. Designed by director-turned-designer Luca Guadagnino, every detail here plays its part in telling a visual story.

Largo del Nazareno, 25; palazzotalia.com; from EUR 622

WHERE TO SHOP

The iconic *Rinascente* department store on Rome's Piazza Fiume, designed by Franco Albini and Franca Helg between 1957 and 1961, is one of the greatest masterpieces of Italian architecture. Its essence has recently been restored by the *2050+* interdisciplinary studio. The redesign pays homage to the original vision of the architects while incorporating modern features such as a rooftop food court and a panoramic lift. The project successfully combines heritage with contemporary retail demands and the spirit of modernism.

Piazza Fiume; rinascente.it



WHY NOT

This summer, step off the beaten path and into one of Rome's most enchanting hidden gems. Tucked away in the heart of the medieval Trastevere neighbourhood, a charming *piazzetta* awaits. The small square is the city's newest must-visit destination for great aperitifs and laid-back evenings under the stars. Here, *L'Oratorio Trastevere*, an intimate open-air cocktail bar set in front of the historic Church of Santa Maria in Cappella, offers the perfect blend of aperitifs, authentic atmosphere, and timeless Roman charm.

Vicolo di Santa Maria in Cappella, 6; IG/oratorio.trastevere

WHERE TO EAT

Hidden in the bohemian streets of San Lorenzo, the *Mazzo* trattoria serves authentic Roman soul food: honest, bold, and made with the best local ingredients. The atmosphere is unpretentious and full of charm, with vinyl spinning in the background. Be sure to try its unforgettable twist on a Roman classic: fried tripe bathed in spicy tomato sauce and finished with fresh mint and grated pecorino cheese. All of the dishes are expertly paired with upscale Italian wines.

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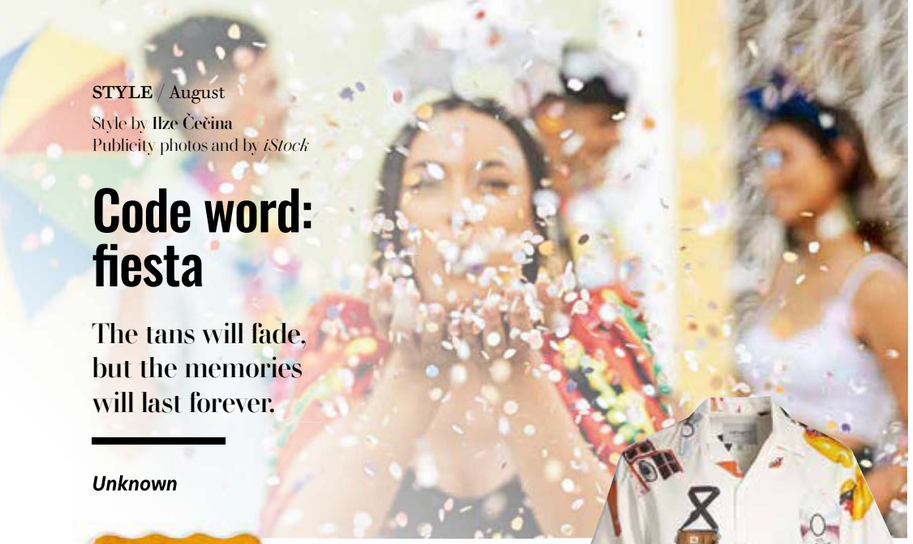
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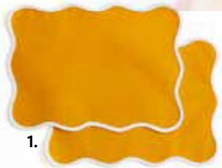
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The historic Prague Exhibition Grounds are regaining their momentum with a new and bold green urban statement.

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With the imposing Industrial Palace in the background, the cluster of white steel Křižík Pavilions designed by architect Michal Brix was built in 1991 to celebrate the centenary of the grand Jubilee Exhibition, the Czech Republic's first industrial exhibition of that era. Originally intended as temporary structures for expo purposes, the pavilions remained in use for more than three decades. Today, they're entering a new chapter of multifunctionality, offering spaces for exhibitions, film shoots, and concerts. The team of architects at the Prague Exhibition Grounds (or Výstaviště Praha in Czech) is behind the revitalisation project of these gems, where forward-looking urban concepts meet history and modernist architecture.

Pure white on the outside – just as they were originally – the refurbished pavilions feature a black matte interior that allows exhibited items to stand out. The signature concrete elements have also been preserved in their raw form, with an industrial contrast provided by stainless-steel railings, balustrades, and furniture details.

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Even though it's in the city, *Micas Garten* in Zurich has a laid-back green vibe.

When the warm season hits the Northern Hemisphere, life moves outside. Meetings shift to park benches, workouts happen riverside, and dining and drinking take over pavements, courtyards, and any patch of sun a city can offer. It feels like cities double their hospitality options once summer rolls in, with seasonal spots popping up exactly where people naturally gravitate: by the water, under trees, in hidden courtyards.

Some cities are lucky. In Lisbon, alfresco life is the default and kiosks pour beer all year round. Parisian café terraces are also a permanent fixture, no matter the season. But in the north, where cold weather pushes life indoors, summer cafés are savoured like a limited-edition release. From Munich to Hamburg, long communal tables appear under leafy canopies, always with beer close by. In Vienna, makeshift beach clubs spring up along the Danube Canal. Zurich's lakefront turns into a slow-moving social loop, with spritzes in hand and feet in the water. In Copenhagen, swimming spots get a post-dip upgrade with floating bars and sun decks. Brussels brings its rooftops back to life, each summer reinventing the skyline with fresh open-air bars. These places prove you don't need much. A foldable chair, a decent view, and a cold fridge can go a long way.

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WHERE TO SPEND A SUMMER AFTERNOON

Reffen in Copenhagen

Set in the sprawl of Refshaleøen's shipyard, *Reffen* is northern Europe's biggest street-food market and a playground for open-air eaters. Here, more than 75 upcycled shipping containers serve everything from Danish hot dogs to Argentinian empanadas and Greek gyros, with beers brewed on site and cocktails flowing. There's enough variety to satisfy even the pickiest visitors. Just next door, the Copenhagen Contemporary art centre and the raw-edged *Klub Werkstatt* offer a dose of culture and nightlife to work up an appetite.

Refshalevej 167A; reffen.dk

Micas Garten in Zurich

Tucked into Altstetten's former industrial zone, *Micas Garten* is a 3000-square-metre urban hangout with space for 500 and a rooftop terrace draped in greenery. Enjoy a wide range of street food – Afghan dumplings, Korean rice bowls, grilled skewers, and gelato on rotation – served by a mix of permanent and guest vendors. Bars keep the drinks flowing, while table tennis and foosball round out the mood. Named after the nearby Micafil tram stop, it's easily reached by tram, bus, or a short walk from the Altstetten station.

Badenerstrasse 790; micasgarten.ch

Vasaros Terasa in Vilnius

Few places get the pairing right, but *Vasaros Terasa* nails it: quality live music and excellent pizza, side by side in a tree-lined Old Town courtyard. Here you'll find everything from moody techno on Minimal Mondays to native rock legends on weekends, all paired with the airy, sumptuous Neapolitan creations of *Flying Tomato Pizza*, arguably the city's new favourite pizza supplier with two permanent outposts in Vilnius. With cold drinks, twinkling lights, and a dinner sorted, *Vasaros Terasa* is a one-stop spot for a perfect summer evening.

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FARO – THE SUNNY, SALTY PORTUGUESE GETAWAY



Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso (1887–1918) was a Portuguese painter who belonged to the first generation of Portuguese modernist painters and who in his short lifetime enjoyed international success. He integrated styles such as Cubism, Futurism, and Expressionism into his work, the quality of which is recognised as exceptional.
In 1906, Souza-Cardoso left for Paris, where he worked as a draughtsman and caricaturist and where he became acquainted with leading artists of the time, including Modigliani, Brancusi, Sonia and Robert Delaunay, and Max Jacob. In 1913, his works were exhibited at Galerie Der Sturm in Berlin and in the legendary Armory Show in New York City, where almost all of his paintings on display were sold.
In 1914, Souza-Cardoso returned to Portugal, where he maintained contact with the country's most prominent artists and poets of the day. He died of the Spanish flu in 1918.

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*.

'Let's drive all the way down to Faro!' one of my friends suggested while we all tried to fit into the tiny living room of our communal apartment near Lisbon and plan our Portuguese road trip. It turned out to be unforgettable, filled with breathtaking landscapes, awkward attempts at surfing, and other adventures that are not for the record. Back then, we made it to Sagres, the southwesternmost tip of the country and Europe.

Now, more than a decade later, I'm finally reaching Faro. The photo album from my student days still contains images that call to mind the most beautiful, fun, and inspiring memories of my Portugal. I call it 'mine' because there's no other way I can refer to it. This country has shaped me in so many ways – most importantly, by teaching me to appreciate beauty and simplicity.

The Algarve region looks towards Africa and is tenderly washed by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. While the most popular photos of the region show its trademark rugged shorelines and dramatic cliffs and coves, the Algarve also proudly offers kilometres of sandy beaches with calm, warm Atlantic waters. So, when contemplating a fulfilling beach vacation – with the family and children, in a surf community, solo, or any other configuration – it's actually the Algarve that steals the attention away from the rest of the Portuguese coast.

The Moors occupied these lands for more than five centuries, beginning in the early 8th century CE. The name Algarve, which is derived from the Arabic *Al-Gharb*, means 'the western edge of the world'. Here, Arabic influences are still reflected in the ornate details of the architecture, in the cuisine, and even in the urban planning. When the Christians reconquered these lands in the 13th century, a new layer of sacral buildings (think Gothic churches) as well as fortifications were added to the landscape.

THE QUIET CHARM AND EVEN SHYNESS OF FARO IS A RESULT OF ITS ETHEREAL ATMOSPHERE AND LIGHT SOUTHERN PATINA, which seems to extend to every single aspect of life here. The Algarve has been a very popular tourist getaway for decades, but Faro seems underestimated. Maybe because it quietly enjoys its own simplicity, slow rhythms, and unpretentiousness. Compared to other seaside towns, the city is indeed small, and a couple of days are enough to explore it. But it's a great starting point for further exploration of the region.

Faro's strategic location was particularly auspicious during the Portuguese Age of Discovery, the overseas explorations from the 15th to 17th century that established trading and influences from Asia and Africa. In fact, Faro means 'lighthouse' in Spanish, but there's no direct evidence that this name was intentional, although the city's strategic location and history of navigation could seem to imply otherwise. Faro successfully recovered from the catastrophic 1755 earthquake and remained a lively port. By the 19th century, it had become a centre for the cork and fishing industries. Today's Faro is a mix of its rich heritage, with Roman remains underground, Moorish archways, Baroque churches, traditional low-rise whitewashed buildings, and opulent 20th-century mansions.

It's an early summer morning as I venture out without a map, on a first date with the city. The centre of the town is small, and it's hard to get lost here. I see just a few tourists with their backpacks and cameras, but I also see fig vendors walking through the crowd, carrying boxes filled with huge, vividly green figs.

The neoclassical-style Arco da Vila near the marina serves as the graceful entryway to Faro's oldest neighbourhood, called Vila Adentro, or the 'inner town'. The Mouraria quarter near the old castle walls is where the Moors settled. The streets here, with iconic *calçada portuguesa* patterned pavements, are particularly shiny in the sunlight. The squares are generously adorned with blooming orange trees. The Faro Cathedral (Se de Faro) in the heart of the Old Town has a bell tower providing beautiful views across the city and the lagoon.



Faro blends a laid-back coastal atmosphere with some fine architectural gems to discover.



Splashes of colour appear unexpectedly throughout the city, such as this rooftop terrace at the *Tilia Hostel*.

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Unlike in Spain, where the Moorish heritage is well preserved, you won't find that much in Portugal, because the Christians tried hard to erase it. Built in 1251, the cathedral, which has a massive Baroque organ, stands on the site of the ancient mosque. The oldest part of the construction, which survived the 1755 earthquake, is the Gothic-style entrance. Over the subsequent centuries, several Christian structures in the city have been repurposed for other needs. For example, the Museu Municipal, set up in a former convent, now houses an exhibition of historical artefacts, restored Roman mosaics, and temporary exhibitions of art. Meanwhile, the Teatro Lethes was established in an early-17th-century Jesuit college in 1845. I join a free walking tour of the city on which our guide Patricia shares the theatre's backstory.

The building looks very simple from the outside, but Patricia tells us that inside it looks like a copy of La Scala in Milan. And indeed it does. Together with a stunning interior and an unusual name referring to a mystical river in Greek mythology that could erase the bitterness of life for the dead, the theatre also hides some dramatic stories. For example, the skeleton of a Napoleonic soldier was found in the wall during a restoration, and a ballet dancer greatly tortured by an unrequited love committed suicide right on stage.

Later that day I meet Ell, a schoolteacher with sparkling enthusiasm and a deep knowledge of the history of the art and architecture of the city and beyond. With deep family roots in Faro and the surrounding area, he's familiar with every inch of the city and shares his passion with others by organising 'anti-walking tours'. When I ask him to describe the local people, he instantly says, 'No silence! We like to have a good time, to invite people over, to talk over food or discuss our things over coffee. In Faro and the Algarve, we tend to be more relaxed. If there's something to solve, we're going to do it eventually, but we're not going to stress over it. In the south of Portugal, there are much fewer things to do in comparison to Lisbon and Porto. There's the beach or nothing. Chill, chat, nap – all the good things in life,' he laughs and takes me for a stroll, on which I learn, among other things, that many churches here – such as the São Pedro – have blank white façades.

As Ell explains, despite one side of classical Portuguese architecture being lush, pompous, exuberant, and detailed, sacral buildings were deliberately designed with plain façades to protect them from invasions. Beautiful buildings attract attention and were the number-one targets for robberies. The interiors of these white churches, however, are drowning in abundance. Gilded altars, tiles, wooden and marble statues of saints – every detail fights for the attention of the viewer. While the interior is truly captivating, what makes the visit to the São Pedro church memorable for me is the baptism ceremony we witness and the commotion of a dozen guests gathering for a photo.

Undoubtedly, one of the most photographed buildings in Faro is the bourgeois residence commissioned in 1912 by the wealthiest family in town. The light blue and white façade of the Palácio Belmarço was created by Manuel Joaquim Norte Júnior, a celebrated architect of the time.

Ell points out that Portugal is not a nation that loves to celebrate its own artists...unless they're football players. But the case of Norte Júnior is different. In the past, the best art academy students were sent to Paris, the epicentre of the arts, to gain more knowledge and experience, and when they returned, they became like rock stars in their fields. Norte Júnior was one such rock star. After returning to his native country, he designed one of the most striking residential and commercial buildings in Lisbon at the time. The elite of Faro invited him to create this majestic palace as well, which clearly contrasts with the modesty of the traditional houses that surround it, showing off the power and superiority of the family.

But one of the biggest discoveries of my trip is oyster farming. 'When my grandmother was young, her daily meals consisted of oysters. They were unbelievably cheap,' Ell tells me. 'Historically, shrimp, clams, and oysters were considered poor people's food.'

The nutrient-rich waters of the Ria Formosa lagoon are perfect for this industry, which operates all year round. Despite the fact (or belief) that oysters should be eaten only in months that have a letter 'r' in their names, local varieties can be enjoyed also in summer. For oyster connoisseurs, they stand out with their firm texture and subtly salty taste. In the evenings, fishermen dock their boats in Faro's marina and load boxes of oysters that are later sold to restaurants such as *Taberna Zé-Zé*, *O Chalavar*, and *Estaminé*. For an extra oyster experience, take a tour of an oyster farm or an oyster-tasting cruise through the lagoon.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION EVERYONE CRAVES WHEN TRAVELLING TO FARO IS THE BEACH. Some guidebooks claim that the Faro area has more than a hundred beaches to choose from. Whether that's true or not, there's luckily no need to drive far, as the closest beach to the city is just a 20-minute drive away. A long strip of golden sand, the Praia de Faro sits at the southwestern edge of the city. When the evening sun is still hot but my first day of sightseeing is done, I hop on the public bus that drives through the Faro airport to deliver a mix of locals and tourists with all their swimming accessories directly to the beach.

My first-ever encounter with the ocean was in Portugal, back when I was studying here. Used to the calmness of northern European seas, I rushed into the ocean...which almost immediately pulled me in like a centrifuge. That was a good lesson to respect wild nature. Although the waters at Praia de Faro are very calm, it can still be a challenge to get in. Some people stand on the shore and cautiously measure the waves before wading in or simply admire the ocean as if hypnotised by its beauty. Others cheerfully jump over the waves without noticing the passage of time. I do both. To me, watching the waves as my feet sink in the wet sand and occasionally finding huge gem-like seashells feels like meditation.

But it's the surfers who travel to the coasts of Portugal almost as if on a pilgrimage. Even though the Algarve treats vacationers with calmer waves more suitable for swimming, there are plenty of opportunities for other water sports in the area. Praia de Faro is dotted with surf schools and board rental shops,

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Wine culture is essential to the Algarve region, even at train station buffets.


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Faro's Old Town is pleasant for walking. It can easily be explored in half a day – just trust your senses and the aromas from its tiny cafés.

and one can also sign up for kitesurfing lessons or rent paddleboarding equipment. The promenade along the beach is filled with ocean-view beach clubs and restaurants – a perfect choice for vacationers tired from spending the entire day lying in the sand.

The ocean breeze has curled my hair, and with dry salt clinging to my arms and legs, I catch the last bus back to town for dinner. The seafood dish of *cataplana* is a trademark of Faro. Its name comes from the special clam-shaped copper pan in which it's stewed and served. The traditional recipe includes shrimp, razor clams, pieces of octopus, sometimes even little pieces of pork, onions, tomatoes, and bell pepper, all steamed in white wine. However, the nasty tradition of serving the dish only for two people is the same as in Spain. I'm lucky to find a restaurant that does not follow this rule, and my dinner of steamy, fragrant cataplana at *Há Pátria* is a spectacle of marine flavours and local hospitality.

The Associação Recreativa e Cultural de Músicos (ARCM) occupies a former brewery. I find it by chance, following the sounds of music while walking along the Mirador Ria Formosa, where the ancient city walls on my left face the peaceful lagoon and a group of teenagers with speakers are discovering their first bachata moves. I reach the venue, and it turns out to be celebrating its 35th birthday. The courtyard illuminated with dozens of little lightbulbs gathers groups of musicians and their supporters, including kids and dogs, and is filled with the soft sounds of folk and jazz compositions. ARCM was founded by a group of local musicians with the aim to provide a rehearsal space for creatives. It soon grew into a vibrant culture hub with rehearsal rooms and exhibition spaces that regularly host live performances, jam sessions, workshops, and debates. It actively supports broader artistic expression, from theatre and dance to the visual arts, and encourages local talents to step up.

To my surprise, the major square at Faro Cathedral, which was almost empty by day, is now filled with locals. I find myself joining the crowd and moving along to the sounds of traditional guitars playing under the entryway arch. Later, the local orchestra plays instrumental versions of greatest hits.

ON SUNDAY MORNING, I HEAD TO THE FARO MUNICIPAL MARKET just a few minutes' walk from the city centre. It's a classic indoor market, unpolished and raw in its simplicity, neither *Instagrammable* nor touristy. At the market's bar, a dozen elderly citizens watch me with one eye and a football game with the other. I head to a canteen-like nook with the menu of the day written in chalk on a blackboard. *Polvo à lagareiro* it shall be – octopus roasted with olive oil and garlic accompanied by heavenly potatoes. And a cool beer with starters of marinated carrots, olives, and anchovies. It's the best breakfast one could have! The cook, a dark-haired woman in her 60s, watches me eat, and we catch each other's approving gazes and smile.

The Algarve gastronomy scene blends fresh flavours from the sea with the bold seasonal ingredients of the countryside. Think *arroz de lingueirão* rice with razor clams served with a squeeze of lemon and coriander, grilled sardines, Algarve-style tuna steak, and meat dishes featuring pork and chicken. Codfish, or *bacalhau*, is a classic. *Bacalhau a Bras* is made with onions and chopped fried potatoes bound together with eggs, while *bacalhau com natas* is cooked in an oven with cream and seasoned with nutmeg. *Bitoque* is the local version of steak, topped with an egg and a sauce made of wine, garlic, and butter.

The sunny slopes around Faro produce crisp white and robust red wines. In regions such as Lagoa and Tavira, the winemaking traditions are centuries old. But port wine, the signature drink of Portugal, is not that much in favour here in the south, except for the specialty *porto tonico* cocktail made with white port wine. Local granddads seem to favour *medronho*, a traditional brandy made mostly from the fruit of the *Arbutus*, or strawberry tree, that grows wild in the poor soils of the rural inland.

AS THE SPEED OF THE MOTORBOAT INCREASES, I STRETCH MY HAND AND THEN MY FACE TOWARD THE WIND AND SPLASHING WATER. Faro's coastline is atypical compared to other southern resort cities. To reach its beaches, one must sail through a salt-water lagoon. The Ria Formosa is a nature reserve and the main focal of point of Faro and the surrounding area. It forms a distinctive landscape and shapes the lifestyle and economy of the community.

This protected natural area with its network of canals, islands, and mudflats covers some 170 square kilometres and is quite fascinating. It's a 60-kilometre-long system that includes six barrier-like islands surrounded by water that lies between the mainland and the ocean. Near Faro, the landscape is plain and meditative, shaped by the daily tides. Closer to Lagos and Albufeira, the coastline is dotted with picturesque limestone grottoes and caves.

Before taking a tour through the lagoon, I've paid a visit to the Algarve Life Sciences Centre. The interactive educational museum is set in a former power station near the marina and features immersive exhibitions dedicated to oceanography,



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Built in 1851, the 50-metre lighthouse on Ilha do Farol is one of the oldest in Portugal. It is open to the public on certain days.



Fishermen's huts on Ilha Deserta.



People often rent the picturesque seaside cottages on Ilha do Farol for tranquil vacations.

science, and the ecosystem of the Ria Formosa in particular. Later, on my way to explore the lagoon's islands together with a group of other enthusiasts, I notice luxurious yachts and rusty vintage boats anchored throughout the lagoon as well as kayaks parked by the inlets. They can be rented at the tourist offices or via travel apps and offer a more active way to explore the lagoon at your own pace. Birdwatching, fishing trips, food tours following the boat-to-table concept, and sunset boat rides are also popular attractions in the Ria Formosa.

The closer to the ocean we get, the deeper is the lagoon. Ilha da Barreta is a pristine island that faces the Atlantic Ocean and can only be reached by boat. Locals have nicknamed it the Deserted Island as it's the only uninhabited island here. Sand dunes reach as far as the eye can see, and it all feels quite surreal. There's nothing here except a lonesome wooden restaurant called *Estaminé*, which is powered by solar batteries, and several shabby huts where fisherman keep their nets. When I finish the hike along the specially designated trail, I reward myself with a swim. The beach is a paradise for those who want to avoid crowds. The water is soft and clear, the waves are gentle, the sand is almost white and silky. It's hard to leave this pristine beauty behind. If you take a public ferry to reach the island, be sure to check the timetable for the last ride back to Faro.

Our second stop is Ilha do Farol, which is topped by a 50-metre-high postcard-like lighthouse painted white and red. In contrast to the Deserted Island, this one has a narrow grid of summer cottages and a mix of lazy vacationers and wandering tourists. As I step off the speedboat, a line of lively *al fresco* bars leads to the labyrinth of white-and-blue houses, each more beautiful than the next. They're adorned with colourful details and tiny front gardens with splashes of flowers, shrubs, and cactuses. The beaches boast clear water, and the one further to the eastern side of the island features tropical-vibe beach bars. Here I catch my genuine summer-escape feeling, as I watch the vacationers carry their equipment and wet swimming suits back to their huts, the aroma of grilled seafood mixed with the salt of the ocean filling the air.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS COASTAL TOWNS TO EITHER SIDE ALONG THE LAGOON THAT ARE WORTH VISITING FOR A HALF DAY OR DAY-LONG TRIP. The train tracks lead directly along the Ria Formosa coastline, offering a most picturesque ride to explore the neighbouring town of Olhão, which lies just 12 kilometres east of Faro. This former fishing village is now a port and seafood production centre that has managed to keep its aura of tranquillity and charm.

The Old Town area is dotted with rows of white cubist-like homes with flat Moorish-style rooftop terraces used for drying fish and fruit in summer and for watching across the water for the fisherman to return. In Olhão, bougainvillea covers the door arches and windows of the tiny shops and art studios. While the bright afternoon sun sharpens the whiteness of the houses, evenings with their orange-tinged sunsets bring particularly dramatic contrasts.

A bit further to the east, Tavira entices with the timeless charm of cobbled streets, tiled houses, the remains of Moorish architecture, and the picturesque bridge across the Gilão River. The town is small, yet it has more than 30 old churches. Here you'll also find shady piazzas and a relaxing waterfront.

The towns west and north of Faro set a different tone. Albufeira, Vilamoura, and Portimão offer more nightlife, oceanside bars, and open-air discos. With the beautiful contrast between the cliff-side Old Town and a golden strip of beach, Albufeira has become a popular tourist hub. Lagos, which lies an hour's drive from Faro, offers accessible beaches, views of the dramatic Ponta da Piedade rocks, active nightlife, and restaurants for every taste.

But the most powerful architect in the Algarve is nature itself. For an exciting day trip from Faro, head to the Benagil Caves. These limestone caves form a vast domed chamber with a circular hole, or 'eye', in the middle that allows the sun to shine through onto the bright turquoise waters. The cave looks like a natural cathedral. The location has become so popular, especially among kayakers and paddleboarders, that it's no longer allowed to bring water equipment or swim directly inside the cave – only on the nearby beach. The views from the top of the formation lure photographers from around the world.

When my island-hopping day is done, I head to *O Recife*, a *churrasqueira* (grill house) in Faro's Old Town. The quiet piazza with a dozen simple tables is surrounded by shabby garage-like buildings and several cats, yet this is the most delicious dinner of my new Portuguese chapter. 'Two people – one chicken; one person – half a chicken,' The waitress patiently yet persistently explains to a French couple who refuse to understand her. Meanwhile, I'm waiting for my order to arrive. The late evening sun still burns. I enjoy a plate of huge green olives that costs only 70 cents. Somehow, I still feel the ocean salt prickling my shoulders.

The spicy grilled piri-piri chicken I've ordered is a favourite local comfort food with roots stretching far back to the times of the Portuguese explorers. In the 15th and 16th centuries, they brought home African chilli peppers the size of

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Camilo Beach in the Algarve region.

a bird's eye that were easily cultivated in the warm climate of Faro. To prepare the dish, you must dip the whole chicken in butter and then into a mix of those chillies, garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, and paprika. Then cook it on an open vertical charcoal grill.

My chicken with crispy skin arrives solemnly on a metal tray, together with French fries, rice, and a fragrant tomato-olive oil salad. And I remember the dinner I had with my friends once we finally made it to the southern tip of Portugal, hungry and tired on a windy, rainy January evening. Luckily, we found a place to eat, and it turned out to be one of the best dinners I've ever had. It was pitch dark outside when we entered the cosy establishment with dark wooden tables. We ate the piri-piri chicken with our hands, as the friendly locals had suggested. We drank red wine, laughed a lot, and started to draw on the paper tablecloths. This evening I'm in a similar place, smiling to myself. The food is simple and great, adding more memories to my Portugal album.



USEFUL ADDRESSES

WHERE TO STAY

The Modernist

This gem of Faro – a former maritime office and well-preserved piece of 1970s modernist architecture – now houses a hotel that offers stays in six apartment-like suites with private balconies and terraces. Paying tribute to the style, it stands out with pure geometric lines, green marble accents, and the comfort every traveller seeks. The rooftop is great for sunbathing and enjoying views of Faro.
Rua Francisco Gomes, 27
themodernist.pt

3HB Faro

Nestled in the heart of the city, this five-star hotel blends welcoming comfort with resort-like chic. The balance between the classic and contemporary is reflected in both the architecture and the design of the rooms, which have elegant wooden details. *3HB Faro* also features family rooms, while some suites have jacuzzis. There's also a relaxing spa and two restaurants, including a panoramic one on the rooftop.
Rua Vasco da Gama, 33
3hb.com

Convento B&B

Set in the charming historical centre of Olhão, *Convento* offers an atmospheric stay in its airy rooms, which are nestled in an old, traditional, white-washed townhouse that once housed village girls working in the nearby canning factory. The outstanding rooftop terrace overlooks the neighbouring white roofs as well as the lagoon, while the intimate courtyard with its fountain and decorative handmade tiles brings a piece of Morocco to Portugal. *Convento* is the home of a local family of passionate creatives who enjoy welcoming guests and recommending ideas for exploring the surrounding area.
Travessa António Bento 10, Olhão
conventoolhao.com

WHERE TO EAT

LAB Terrace

For captivating sunsets, *LAB Terrace* has a cosy rooftop that serves classic cocktails, its own signature drinks, local wines, and quick bites. From late afternoon onward, lounge music and live DJ sets elevate the mood. As evening approaches, the place gets busy, so make sure to arrive early to nab the first-row chaise-longue spots with uninterrupted views across the lagoon.
Rua Comandante Francisco Manuel
IG/ @labterrace

A Venda

This restaurant close to Faro's marina is beloved by locals. The menu presents a modern take on classic Portuguese cuisine with a focus on locally sourced ingredients. It serves small aperitivo bites, or *petiscos,* such as beef *estufadinho*, fish *pataniscas*, and aubergine with a spicy tomato sauce. The menu changes according to the season and offers vegetarian options. The desserts are mostly vegan, but you will surely find figs, carob, and almonds in them.
Rua do Compromisso 60
@a_venda_faro

CheckIn

This restaurant occupies a former cereal and wine storehouse in the heart of Faro's Old Town. The Algarve-born chef Leonel Pereira puts the spotlight on seasonal ingredients, with a bold focus on creativity and respecting the individual flavour of each product. Menu highlights include codfish on chickpea puree, squid and lemon dark risotto, and roasted lamb rack.
Rua do Castelo 7, 8
checkinfaro.pt

WHERE TO SHOP

Vinhas de Nexe

For a direct encounter with the rich winemaking traditions of the region, where the limestone soil is mixed with clay and where ocean breezes and gentle sunlight give birth to heartwarming red and white wines, head to this family-run winery located just a short ride from Faro. Vinhas de Nexe offers tailor-made eno-gastronomic experiences, guided tours, 90-minute tastings, accommodation, and even participation in harvesting.
Sítio do Medronhal, Santa Bárbara de Nexe
vinhasdenexe.com

The Fantastic World of the Portuguese Sardine

Canned sardines and tuna are the trademark seafood of Algarve and one of the best souvenirs to bring home. The first fish canneries in Portugal emerged in this region in the early 19th century, and their products are still widely produced and exported all over the world. This bright, retro-styled boutique raises sardine shopping to a new level, with stylish vintage-inspired packaging and theatrically designed interiors that celebrate this Portuguese legacy in every can.
Rua Dom Francisco Gomes 8
portuguesesardine.com

Forum Algarve

Set just outside Faro's city centre, a few minutes' drive from the airport, *Forum Algarve* is a mecca for modern shopping that's home to high-end international brands as well as Portuguese designer boutiques, with more than 100 stores in all. Its open-air layout features beautiful pathways and fountains. It also hosts urban festivals, dedicated events, and cinema screenings.
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WHY NOT

Nurtured by a dry and sunny climate, the picturesque centuries-old olive groves growing in the limestone soils of the Algarve are famous for producing delicious olives and fragrant extra virgin olive oil. Many farms near Faro offer tours that take visitors behind the scenes to learn about the olive-to-oil process and the secrets of the craft, complemented by tastings of local delicacies. Tavira and its surroundings, such as Moncarapacho, are home to the finest locations and olive oil factories. The harvest season begins in autumn. On some tours, visitors can even hand-pick olives straight from the branches and enjoy a picnic under the shady silver-green trees.
portugalfarmexperience.com



INSIDER'S VIEW



Toma Svazaite and her husband, **Miguel Neto**, have run the Gama Rama art gallery and creative centre for artistic promotion and education since 2020. Located in Faro, Gama Rama includes four studios for resident artists and an exhibition space; it also offers a rotating calendar of workshops for adults and children. Here you'll also find prints, illustrations, ceramics, jewellery, and original paintings by more than 60 Portugal-based artists.

Svazaite is originally from Lithuania, where she studied art history and theory. Her husband, Neto, was born and raised in Faro. After travelling the world and gaining experience in digital art and event production, he returned to his hometown with his future wife, Svazaite, with whom he now runs creative projects inside and outside the gallery walls. The couple enjoys the slow lifestyle, travelling with their children in a campervan and sharing a nice meal and good wine with friends. (IG/ gamarama_gallery)

Describe a perfect day in Faro for a local.
Svazaite: A perfect way to start a day is by taking a *galão* and *torrada* (milky coffee and buttered toast), a very typical Portuguese breakfast, in the Jardim da Alameda João de Deus. While you're there, take a moment to admire the sculpture by the well-known Portuguese artist Pedro Cabrita Reis. Check out the municipal library just behind the garden, too. There you'll find a recent new work of art dedicated to the poet António Ramos Rosa by the local artist Miguel Martins.

Then, after a walk in the marina, grab a ferry to Praia de Faro for a swim and fresh seafood at *Zé Maria*. Back in town, enjoy a coffee at *Gardy*, which is probably the oldest pastry place in Faro. Get lost in the Old Town for a final walk before having dinner at *Ato*, where chef Sean Marsh uses the finest local seasonal ingredients, which are paired beautifully with the best selection of wines. End the night with a cocktail at *Madalena*, a bar where you can just chill on the terrace while listening to good music.

What are your favourite off-the-beaten-track places in Faro and the surrounding area?
Svazaite: We love going to Barrinha at the end of the Praia de Faro island. After a beautiful walk on the wooden path, which takes about half an hour, you get to the point where you can see the next island, called Deserta. There you can do some birdwatching, gaze at the Faro skyline, observe the boats passing by, and listen to the waves with few other people around. It's a real treasure! Bring a picnic basket and take it easy.

What's the best in Faro for culture vultures?
Neto: Faro is a small town, but there's always something going on: exhibitions, concerts, theatre shows, films, festivals. You just need to find them. Check out Club Farense, which is a unique institution founded in 1863 and set in a 17th-century townhouse. It has a library, a TV room, and a games room, while a small bar offers drinks to sip while enjoying an event. Magical performances take place in the saloon, which has small tables and chairs for the audience.

What are three colours, aromas, and sounds that define Faro for you?
Neto: The colours would be blue from the sea, white from the old traditional houses, and orange from the orange trees in the Old Town. The main aroma is the one coming from the Ria Formosa lagoon: a mix of salt, seaweed, and fish. When it comes to sounds, it's the vendors at Faro's main market, the boats and fishermen in the marina, and the calm, warm breeze.

Can you suggest some creative local concepts worth checking out?
Svazaite: Head to Associação 289 for contemporary art exhibitions. There's also the 900 Atelier jewellery and ceramic studio, as well as La Brava, which is a ceramic studio. If you have a car, head to Loulé and check out Alfaia for more contemporary art and the Loulé Design Lab – located in the beautiful Palácio Gama Lobo – for handicrafts and design.

What would you recommend for a day trip outside the city?
Neto: One of the excellent features of Faro is the train running along the shoreline of the Algarve. Rent a bicycle and jump on an old school diesel train to Castro Marim and ride to Cacela Velha. You'll pass by the *salinas* where salt is harvested by hand in the traditional way. Usually you can also see flamingos and other birds that inhabit the Ria Formosa. When arriving at Cacela Velha, check out the amazing view next to the church and look for an oyster bar.

Svazaite: There are many environmentally friendly ways to explore nature and the local lifestyle in the Algarve: by bicycle, on a solar boat, or hiking along the coast. It's definitely worth considering doing the Via Algarviana, the Fishermen's Trail, or the Seven Hanging Valleys Trail to explore the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, with rugged cliffs, sandy beaches, stunning lookout points, charming towns, blue waters, and diverse wildlife.

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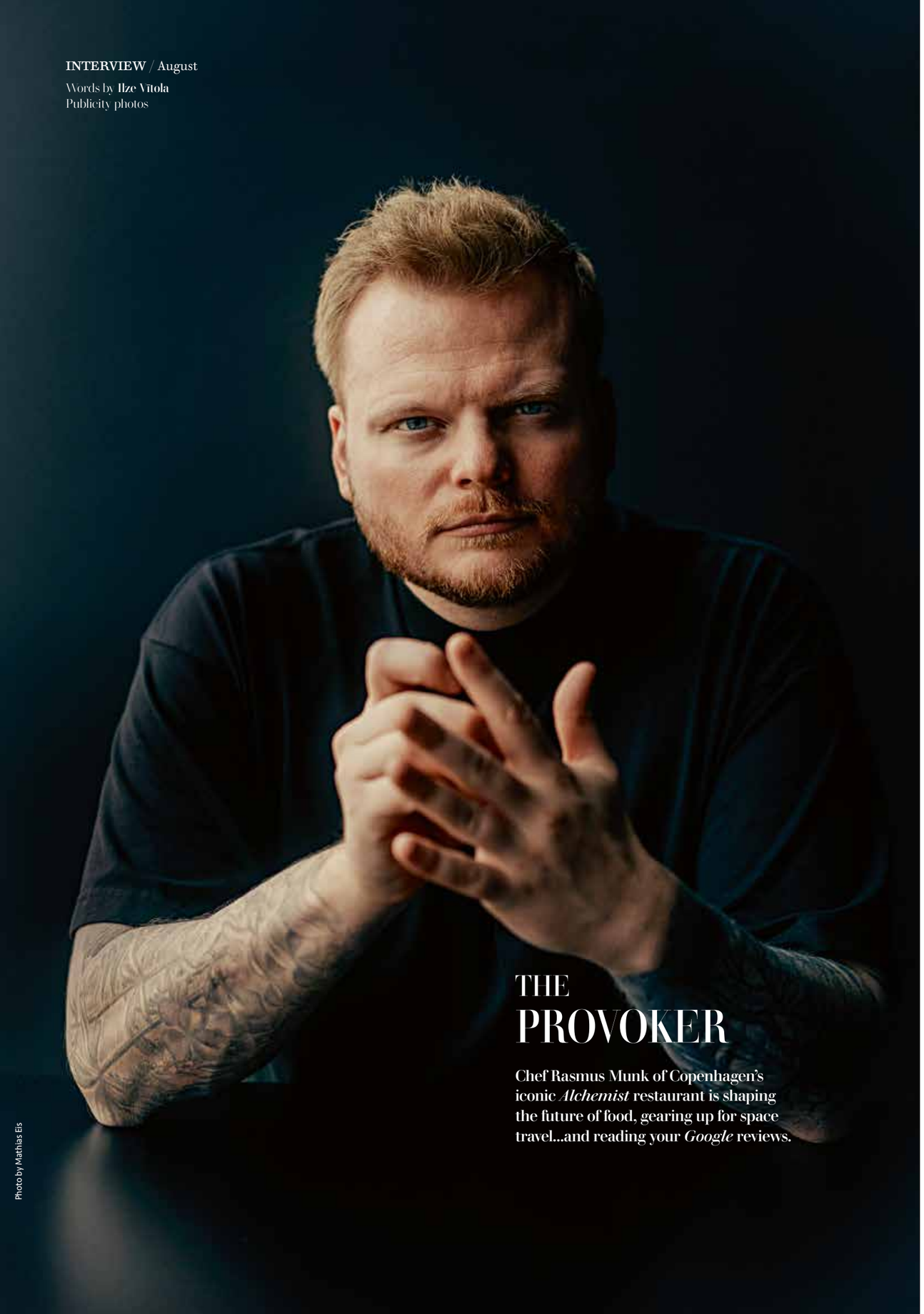
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THE PROVOKER

Chef Rasmus Munk of Copenhagen's iconic *Alchemist* restaurant is shaping the future of food, gearing up for space travel...and reading your *Google* reviews.

Photo by Mathias Eis

INTERVIEW / August

'Yesterday, a guest cried three times,' Rasmus Munk tells me when we meet in the calm before the storm. Meaning dinner. 'Such softies,' I snark to myself. But a few hours later, I'm being served an impression called Hunger – delicate rabbit carpaccio laid over a scaled-down metal rib cage, accompanied by a story about global food insecurity and why rabbit might be the sustainable protein we've overlooked. Suddenly, I'm trauma-dumping to a member of the *Alchemist* team, unloading childhood memories of my grandad's rabbits, cuddled one day, stewed the next.

For others, the trigger might be Plastic Fantastic, which consists of tempura-battered cod cheeks topped with a delicate edible film made of algae and fish skin collagen, evoking the swirling microplastic soup of ocean garbage patches. Or 1984, a well-documented dish that invites diners to scoop out a glossy 'pupil' consisting of layers of new potatoes, lovage, green peas, and scallops, topped with caviar set in a gel made of codfish eyes and razor clams, all served from a resin eyeball. That's what *Alchemist* does to you and what Munk calls 'holistic cuisine' – a collision of food, visual art, performance, and activism designed to immerse, provoke, stir up memories, and pull emotions to the surface in ways no other restaurant can. Oh, and it tastes fantastic.

The *Alchemist* experience unfolds across five hours and features fifty courses, or 'impressions', with guests moving through various theatrical spaces. The main dining room features a colossal dome where video projections play across the ceiling – a construction dreamed up by Munk himself.

Born in Randers, Jutland, into a family of mechanics, Munk never imagined a future in restaurants. But after enrolling in culinary school on a friend's whim and staging in London at age 21, he quickly rose through the fine-dining ranks. At 24, he opened the original *Alchemist* in central Copenhagen. It closed two years later so he could dream bigger. The restaurant was relaunched in 2019 in its current form, housed in the Royal Danish Theatre's former scenery workshop in the industrial Refshaleøen district. Since then, it has earned two *Michelin* stars as well as a *Michelin* Green Star and was recently named the fifth best restaurant in the world on The World's 50 Best Restaurants list.

Next up? Serving dinner in space. Munk is part of a team preparing to take fine dining to the edge of the stratosphere aboard a carbon-neutral capsule flight set to happen in the upcoming year.

At 24, most young chefs still have their heads down, learning the ropes under a big-name chef. What gave you the confidence to open your own place so early?
I was 22, working at *North Road* in London, and thinking: What will I do when I'm back in Denmark? Should I work for a big-profile chef for another 15 years and then start my own thing? Then I'll be in my late 30s. Add another ten years for developing my own idea – will I have the energy to operate restaurants so late and for the rest of my life?
I had the interest in being my own boss, and I wanted to get my own thing going. It's one of the rare moments in my life when I thought very rationally.

But growing up, you didn't have a special interest in gastronomy. As I understand, a friend convinced you to study culinary arts?
He was my best friend, and together we built cars and scooters in our spare time. He was two years older than me, and he'd just been kicked out of mechanic school. In Denmark, if you want to get subsidised by the government, you need to attend something, I mean, some kind of school. He went to cooking school, and I followed him so we could have the same schedule and still build cars together.

> Next up? Serving dinner in space. Munk is part of a team preparing to take fine dining to the edge of the stratosphere

My friend abandoned the studies after two or three months, but I kept going. It opened a whole new world for me. Most of my family are mechanics – my stepdad has a car shop, my dad is a truck driver – so there was no food culture in my family at all.
We ate to sustain our bodies. I knew maybe two or three herbs: mint, chives, parsley. Then suddenly I smelled lemon thyme or drank homemade pickled elderflower juice – it was unbelievable.

You first opened *Alchemist* in 2015. Then you closed it and reopened in 2019. What happened?
One day an investor [*Lars Seier Christensen – Ed.*] came to the restaurant, dined, and asked: 'Do you ever want to do something bigger?' By that point, I didn't actually need him; the restaurant was fully booked, people were happy. To open the restaurant, I had loaned all the money myself and renovated the place with my own hands. If *Alchemist* went bankrupt, that would mean debt for life. He should have come two months ago, I thought.

So, I went down to my parents' house to do some thinking and sketched out a full concept, complete with a massive dome, a wine cellar, a team of 50 staff...and a budget of at least 25 million. The idea was to change the world of food and use food as a medium for something bigger. I thought I was going to scare him off, but Lars was very interested in making it happen. So, after a year and a half of developing the concept whilst operating the first



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The planetarium dome at *Alchemist*.

> It makes me happier creating actual impact rather than pretending to be the kind of chef who finds inspiration by looking at a tree

Alchemist, we shook hands, agreed to close the existing restaurant, and fully dedicated ourselves to building the new version.

When was the idea of the holistic kitchen born?
In the first restaurant, we had a lamb tartare dish that came with organ donor cards and encouraged guests to register as donors. We were already serving food with social commentary, but we didn't have a name for the approach. Thus, every time we were described by food journalists, they put us somewhere between molecular gastronomy, such as the likes of *El Bulli* and *The Fat Duck*, and New Nordic cuisine.

We not only take an artistic approach to food, going beyond the plate; we also use it as a medium to communicate other aspects of the world. The manifesto of holistic cuisine wasn't written just for the sake of it – there are enough manifestos in the world already – but it helped us to understand what we were doing and made it easier to convey our thinking to the staff and to the outside world.

Other chefs also educate their guests through food, but usually it's confined to food-related issues. When did you realise that you can use food to talk about topics beyond food?
Before opening the *Alchemist*, I was a head chef at the New Nordic restaurant *Treetop* in Jutland, and I had sort of talked myself into the idea of being a New Nordic chef who goes into the forest and finds inspiration. Meanwhile, I was running Ønskejul (Christmas Wishes), an annual charity Christmas dinner for families in need. The turning point came on Christmas Eve in 2014, when I told myself that this makes me so much happier, creating actual impact rather than pretending to be the kind of chef who finds inspiration by looking at a tree.

At the time, I'd just been named the best young chef in Denmark, but I quit my job and started wondering what to do next. Should I dedicate my life to helping people in need through food? At the same time, I really loved creating experiences for others – seeing happy, surprised faces. So I came up with the idea of building a restaurant that could bridge both, creating change through food and using food as a communication tool. I noticed that restaurants such as *Noma*, once successful, gained a huge platform to speak about things. Chefs are celebrities; they can actually have an impact.

A good example was the media attention our organ donor dish received in the early days of the first *Alchemist*. We were just a small restaurant in Copenhagen with no *Michelin* stars, and suddenly the dish got global media coverage. If four chefs in a tiny restaurant could create the same impact as famous rock stars, I knew that was the right path.

We also noticed that speaking about social issues such as environmental pollution through food really resonates with guests. The whole process of seeing, peeling, tasting – it makes the message more powerful.

How do you decide what topics to convey though food?
We're cautious about sensitive topics that might evoke personal negative connotations for some guests. But most importantly, the idea needs to resonate with me. Sometimes I come up with it, sometimes the other chefs do. Recently, the science journal *Nature* published a report stating that the average human brain contains seven grams of

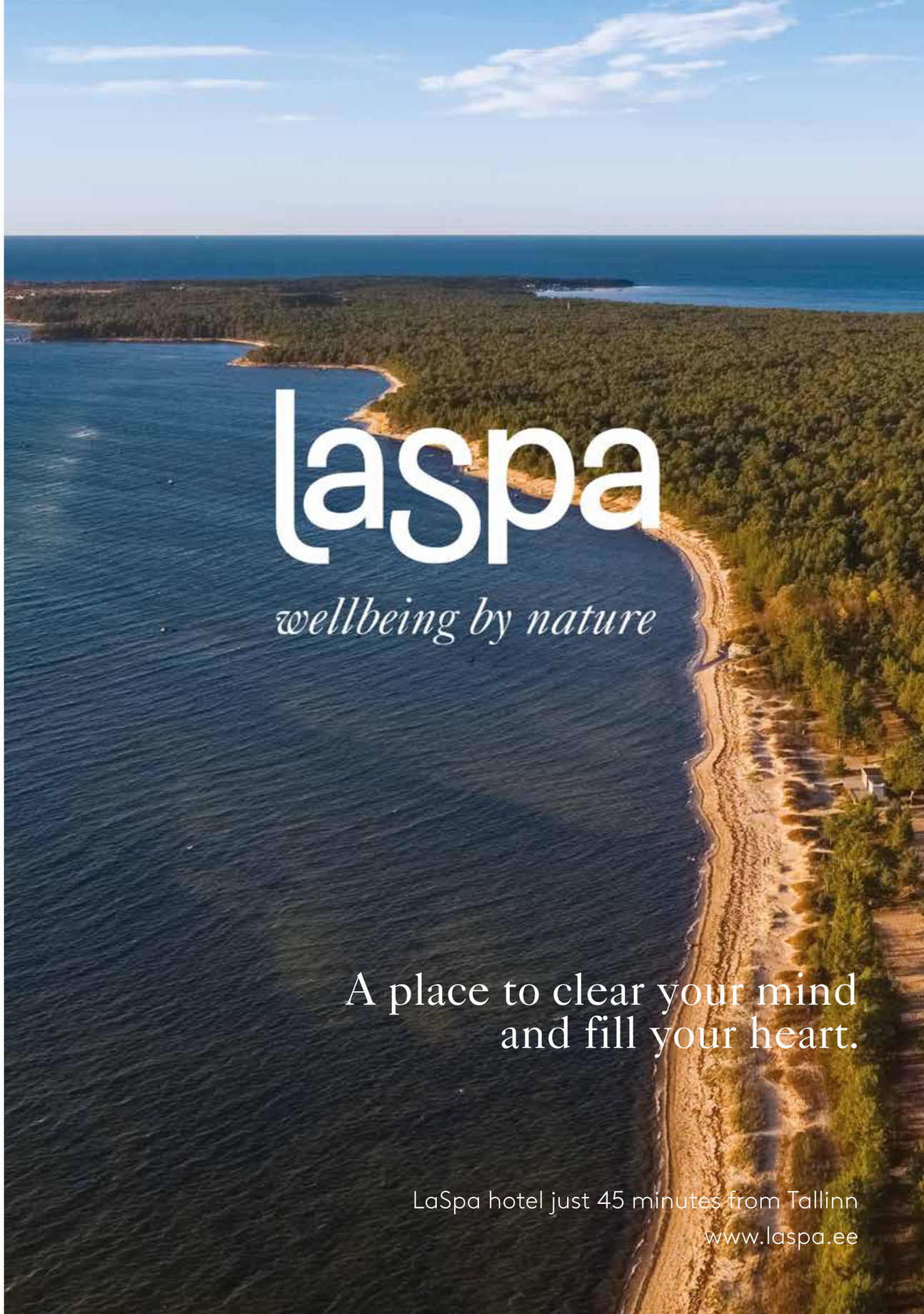




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Impression: Space Bread
Explore team has been working with a researcher from MIT on designing food for space travel

> A lot of people cry, some say they're going to become vegetarian or start eating only organic

microplastics. We're going to create a dish about that. Society itself and new scientific discoveries often inspire us – rarely does a dish start with an ingredient itself, like, 'Oh, it's asparagus season, let's cook that.'

The time from idea to execution varies. It can take anywhere from a few months to two years. The story behind each dish is important. I compare it to visiting a museum: if the only thing written next to a painting were the type of paint and surface used, it wouldn't make any sense to the viewer. It's the same with our dishes. We're not pointing out that we use biodynamic milk – if you're coming to *Alchemist* and paying that amount of money, you already expect we're using the finest ingredients.

Apart from the lamb tartare that inspired thousands to sign up as organ donors, do you have any proof that the *Alchemist* experience has actually changed guests' behaviour?

The funniest I've heard is that our Burnout Chicken led one guy start his own chicken farm. But I'm not saying everybody should establish their own chicken farm now – that's probably not sustainable. [*Burnout Chicken is a dish that consists of deboned chicken thigh stuffed with a green curry-spiced soufflé and rolled in fried shrimp and puffed potato, served in a cage with proportionally the same amount of floor space as a cage-farmed chicken has at its disposal. To eat it, you must first set the chicken free. – Ed.*]

With some guests, we can really feel that it resonates. A lot of people cry, some say they're going to become vegetarian or start eating only organic. At first, when a guest said something like 'This was transformative,' I thought they were just being nice because they were speaking to me in person. But then I read the reviews online, and people genuinely write about how the experience has changed their lives.

After years of being a vegetarian, I recently started eating meat again – a decision I still feel uneasy about. It reminds me of your approach to ingredients: you don't stick to strict seasonality or locality. How do you navigate the tension between ethics and uncompromised experience?

I think the most sustainable thing for the planet would probably be to close the restaurant tomorrow. But I hope that, in the long run, we create changes that leave a positive impact and justify running such a large fine-dining restaurant. For example, at *Spora*, our innovation lab, we're working on a new protein and an alternative to chocolate.

We source many local ingredients, but of course, there are products like jamón... We simply can't produce ham of that quality in Denmark, so we source it from Spain. We also try to challenge myths like 'local is always better'. People praise Danish tomatoes, but growing them here in greenhouses requires far more energy than growing them in Spain and transporting them to Denmark – and that's backed by research.

Sure, people ask me, 'Oh, you want to save the planet, and you're still serving meat. Why do you do that?' To provide enough protein for the world's population, we still need to eat meat. The only alternative would be to completely overhaul global agriculture into a fully plant-based system. I'd love for that to happen, but realistically, it probably won't. That said, you won't see a big steak at *Alchemist*. Instead, we feature some of the lesser-used parts of the animal, such as lamb's brain or chicken's head, which usually get discarded. Hopefully, we can assign new social value to these ingredients.

With *Alchemist* you create your own reality, disconnected from the location. Why then did you choose to base the restaurant in Copenhagen? Why is the Danish capital such a culinary hub?

Perhaps it's a bit of national pride, and also a strategic decision. I actually wanted to start the original *Alchemist* in Aarhus, but that would have meant people needing to drive or fly in from Copenhagen. And when you're in Copenhagen, you can easily spend two days here and visit other places.

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Dishes called Burnout Chicken, Hunger, Tongue Kiss, The Scream, Butterfly, Lithophane, 1984, and Andy Warhol.



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Chef Gregor Power plating the impression 1984.

The future of gastronomy lies in having multiple layers of experience with meaning

It's also easier to establish something in your home country than abroad.

New Nordic Cuisine, with *Noma* and *Geranium*, was what put Copenhagen on the map, but now there are many more restaurants; the scene has kept evolving. The city's done a good job of attracting people from elsewhere to come here and do their own thing. We've got good Mexican taquerias, Italian osterias, one of the best bakery scenes in the world, and great coffee – *Andersen & Maillard*, *Coffee Collective*, *Prolog*.

You've said chefs, like artists, should be allowed to make people uncomfortable. Why do you think discomfort is necessary for people to pay attention?

Maybe it's because we're constantly surrounded by so much conflicting information that we don't know what to believe – one day a tomato can cause cancer, the next day it's coffee. But when you present something in a more physical, visual, immersive way, it makes people listen maybe just a little more. And you can see there's a craving for it. Since we opened, we've had 1.5 million people on the waiting list.

I do believe the future of gastronomy lies in having multiple layers of experience with meaning, something beyond just the craft of preparing food. I mean, craft is amazing, I admire it deeply. But just like with music, you don't listen to an album purely for the guitar tuning; you listen because there's something more behind it, a meaning.

Some of your impressions are also inspired by famous works of art.

Some of the dishes are tied to memories. For example, I remember seeing Munch's *The Scream* when I was 27. I got such a strong kickback of flavours and emotions from it – it was overwhelming. The only way I could express all that was through gastronomy. So, we turned it into an edible painting. There's a story behind every dish – sometimes it's social commentary, while other times it's deeply personal.

You also run *Spora*, the food research centre you mentioned earlier. What are you currently working on there?

Spora is where we apply creativity and innovation to figure out how we can help the global food industry, beyond the guests at the restaurant. There's a broader ambition. We're currently working on a few things. For example, together with UC Berkeley, we made an enzyme that recreates the flavour of sugar, so you can get sweetness without using sugar. This was published in the journal *Nature*.

Another product we're investing a lot of time in right now is based on rapeseed. Rapeseed is the biggest crop in Europe, but we only use the seeds to press oil, so most of it goes to waste. The rest is a byproduct, and it contains toxins, so it can't be consumed easily, not even by cows. But we developed a technology to remove the toxins, plus make it taste good without countless additives. This could provide enough protein for 900 million people.

And then there are the two chocolate alternatives: one from spent grain, and the other from legumes. The one from the spent grain is particularly exciting because it's a byproduct of beer production.

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What about the future of fine dining? What role do you see AI playing in it?
I'm a fan. We use AI a lot: in our 3D design, in our research departments for idea generation, and in the fermentation process, where a bioreactor uses AI to monitor aroma and colour, stopping fermentation at the right stage. But I do think it needs stronger regulation, and I recently learned that even saying 'thank you' to *ChatGPT* consumes a surprising amount of energy.

How do you find time to keep up with so many topics and areas?
I surround myself with people from all kinds of industries, not just the food industry. We collaborate with magicians, psychologists, designers, industrial designers, and product developers. Right now, we're working with magicians on an impression in which the guest thinks of someone they wish was at the restaurant with them as they dine. Then they blow on the plate, and that person's name appears.

Are you already working on the menu for the Space Perspective project?
We were approached to do a project with a company developing a pressurised capsule that will go into near space – 100,000 feet – lifted by a hydrogen balloon. It's carbon neutral. We said yes not just for the experience, but because we want to work with innovative people – engineers, designers, researchers. It could lead to new ideas that benefit the industry here on Earth.

The menu will be inspired by 60 years of space discoveries. We want to highlight what we take for granted on Earth as well as raise awareness of space junk and deforestation. If it were just a seven-course dinner with a view, we wouldn't do it. It must have meaning. But every time I get an email saying the project has been postponed, I'm a bit relieved, because I'm afraid of heights. I love researching and designing, but flying is a different thing.

***Alchemist* came in fifth on this year's The World's 50 Best Restaurants list and has earned two *Michelin* stars. Are you aiming for the top spot on the list and a third star, or do you have other ways of measuring success?**
Impact is what matters most. If *Spora* helps to create a new protein that can feed 900 million people, I'll gladly close the restaurant and say we did our job. To me, success is also about pushing boundaries. Getting people to think differently about what a restaurant can be. About recognising food as art. Of course, we'd love a third *Michelin* star. But I don't know what more we can do. We try to operate at the highest level every evening. **bo**

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LATE-SUMMER MEDITERRANEAN HOLIDAYS

Do definitely consider the Mediterranean for your travels this year. While the peak season brings throngs of people eager to explore, the true charm of the Mediterranean coast shines from late August through October. This is when the crowds start to thin, but the weather remains beautifully warm and the sea invites you for perfect swims. With accommodation prices dropping, you'll also find more options and better value for your stay.

From the sun-drenched beaches of the Costa Blanca around Alicante to the elegant charm of Nice on the French Riviera, the lesser-known Tuscan coastline near Pisa, and the captivating Aegean shores around Thessaloniki, here are the top hidden gems for a late-summer Mediterranean adventure.

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The scenic cove and historic fishermen's huts at Cala Llebeig in the Alicante region make it a popular destination.

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DESTINATION: ALICANTE, SPAIN

What awaits you there: golden sands and Spanish flair

The Costa Blanca, or White Coast, is an alluring Mediterranean dream. Alicante is said to enjoy 300 days of sunshine a year, so travelling there in late summer almost guarantees cloudless days and perfect weather. While this region is a European hotspot for holiday travel, you can still find many under-the-radar beaches and charming historic towns. And with 220 kilometres of coastline, the Costa Blanca has enough to satisfy any beach aficionado.

Alicante's look couldn't be more dramatic. From up on its hill, a 9th-century Moorish castle watches over the city. With its white façades, charming gardens, and friendly cats, the colourful Santa Cruz neighbourhood offers countless *Instagram* opportunities. Then, there's the vibrant modern city offering some of Spain's best nightlife, restaurants, and bustling markets. Alicante lies right next to the sea, and the magnificent Paseo de la Explanada with its iconic tiles and superb views of the water is the heart of the city.

This is also a city of beaches. While the central Postiguet Beach is a must-visit after exploring the Old Town, venture outside the centre for some less-crowded, locally loved beaches. Albufereta is a laid-back family-friendly stretch next to the La Isleta tram stop. Cala Cantalar is a unique semi-wild cove in Cabo de la Huerta Natural Park. But the most striking of Alicante's beaches is probably San Juan – a six-kilometre-long stretch of golden sand with a Blue Flag certificate.

The Alicante Tram conveniently links the city to other coastal gems. This simplicity of getting around is ideal for short-term travellers. Check out Villajoyosa, a resort town with coloured houses by the port and one of the best family-friendly beaches in Spain. There's also gorgeous El Albir, which lies next to Serra Gelada Natural Park. In Altea, you'll find Santorini-like whitewashed houses and sweeping coastal vistas. Go to the beaches around Penyal d'Ifac Natural Park in Calp to admire epic views of a gargantuan limestone outcrop. All of these marvellous destinations are within two hours of Alicante.



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DESTINATION: NICE, FRANCE

What awaits you there: azure waters and old-world glamour

Celebrated as the jewel of the Côte d'Azur (meaning 'azure coast'), Nice is a year-round destination. That being said, August to October give you the best of both worlds: it's still hot enough to spend days on the beach, but the tourist frenzy is gone. Vacationing here means enjoying the astonishing Promenade des Anglais overlooking the sea, sampling Provençal street-food delicacies, marvelling at the picturesque Old Town, and exploring the French Riviera.

It's safe to say that Nice is among the world's greatest beach towns. The deal here is a large, pebbly stretch with turquoise water. *La plage* (or 'the beach' in French) starts at the foot of the Colline du Château hill next to the Old Town and goes all the way to the airport – that's a whopping seven kilometres. Watch gorgeous sunsets from centrally located Ponchettes, find Riviera glamour at Bocca Mar Beach, and try water sports at Plage de Carras.

Shoulder season in Nice feels amazing. The fourth-largest city in France, it never truly goes into hibernation. August to October finds Nice at its most relaxed, yet it's still full of energy. Start your day at the beach, swimming, paddleboarding, jet-skiing, or simply feeling the light Mediterranean breeze on your face. Then enjoy the cafés and restaurants of Vieux Nice (the pastel-coloured Old Town), visit the many art museums in town, and walk the lush urban gardens.

What's great about the French Riviera is how easy it is to move around. Located at the heart of the coast, Nice is perfect for a base. TER trains connect the city to most of the Côte d'Azur destinations. This means you can start with a morning swim in Nice, savour a coffee next to a turquoise bay in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, lunch in Monaco, take a sunset dip in Cape Martin, and indulge in a Provençal dinner in Menton. Sounds magical, doesn't it? Well, that's the beauty of going to the South of France – the distances are small, and there are so many exceptional places to visit. SNCF (French Railways) even has special multi-day passes to help you save money.

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What awaits you there: Tuscan treasures and seaside pleasures

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the world's most recognisable sights. Come to this town in any season, and there will be thousands of travellers eager to see the iconic tilted attraction. What most will skip entirely is the Tuscan coast – Pisa lies just a 20-minute drive from the sea.

This is still Italy's best-kept secret, with many surprising finds for curious souls. Sure, it doesn't have the drama of Amalfi, Sardinia, or Cinque Terre. But the Tuscan coast's underdog status is precisely what makes it a good alternative late-summer destination.

Marina di Pisa is a relaxed resort town that's the de facto city beach. The stretch here consists of white pebbles. Further south is Tirrenia, with many *bagni* (privately managed beaches) dotting the promenade. Unlike in Marina, the beaches of Tirrenia are sandy and backed by dunes, such as Bagno degli Americani. For something different, rent a bicycle and explore the San Rossore estate, a vast natural park just outside of Pisa where deer, cows, and rabbits roam freely.

Pisa has train connections to many major Tuscan destinations, so you're never too far from the beach. Viareggio in the province of Lucca serves as a gateway to the Ligurian Sea. This popular seaside resort is famous for several things: Art Nouveau architecture; broad, sandy, umbrella-covered beaches; and the annual Carnival founded in 1873. Viareggio is packed with Italian tourists during peak season, so visiting in late summer or early autumn is a calmer way to enjoy it.

If you're into history, don't miss Livorno. Tuscany's third-largest city, it's usually entirely overlooked on trips to the region. But a short 20-minute train journey from Pisa takes you to one of Italy's most exciting port towns. Livorno's historical centre boasts a collection of Venice-style canals, mighty fortresses, cosy piazzas, and stunning Baroque churches. Another highlight of the city is the chequered Terrazza Mascagni, which is the ultimate place to watch the sun set over the Tyrrhenian Sea. If time permits, take the train to the rocky coast south of Livorno to visit Quercianella and Castiglioncello.















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DESTINATION: THESSALONIKI, GREECE

What awaits you there: Aegean sunsets and urban energy

The blue of the Aegean Sea sets the scene in Thessaloniki. This, the second-biggest city in Greece, lacks the chaos of Athens, the glamour of Mykonos, and the striking panoramas of Santorini. Instead, it offers a relaxing immersion into the authentic Greek lifestyle. Thessaloniki also has one of the most gorgeous waterfronts in Europe. The promenade passes along almost the entire city, and here you'll have countless opportunities to admire sunrises and sunsets, drink frappés with a view of the sea, and cycle along the coast.

While Thessaloniki isn't the most-visited destination in the country, the summer heat can be quite intense. Visiting in early autumn means much more bearable weather with all the perks of summer. You'll explore the dramatic Thessaloniki Acropolis towering over the city, see the Roman Forum, and discover other marvels of the ancient world at the Archaeological Museum. You can also admire the town's main symbol, the waterfront White Tower dating back to the Ottoman era. This city lives and breathes history.

It's also a street-food paradise, with mouthwatering treats such as *souvlaki* (grilled meat on skewers), *gyros* (pita bread stuffed with grilled chicken or pork), and *bougatsa* (a custard pie with various fillings). Terraces define buzzy city life in Thessaloniki, and they're full of energy day and night. Check out the Ladadika neighbourhood for hip bars and tavernas, drink coffee with a sea view on central Nikis Avenue, and find authentic family-oriented restaurants in the residential Kalamaria district.

Thessaloniki doesn't have beaches within the city limits, but it's a gateway to some of the best stretches in mainland Greece. Just beyond the airport is Perea, a favourite beach escape for locals. The town of Neoi Epivates and Perea's sandy beaches are ideal for a lazy day off. But a truly unique coastline awaits you at Halkidiki. This peninsula with three 'fingers' is famous for its pristine blue bays, traditional villages, and the striking mountainous scenery of Mount Athos. You can easily reach Halkidiki by bus from Thessaloniki, although renting a car is the best option to see more of the peninsula. **bo**



SPECIAL / August

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UNDRESSING THE SOUL

In warmer climates, summer often passes calmly, its urgency less deeply woven into daily life. But with the first golden rays of a strengthening sun, Latvian hearts begin to awaken – there's a natural impulse to stretch, to bloom, and to seek out the countryside that lives within us all. And naturally, the magnificent Baltic seacoast once again takes centre stage.

Writer Michael Perdue and photographer Ieva Andersone have beautifully captured the essence of Latvian summer in a series of snapshots of everything from sleepy fishing villages to heat-filled meadows. Far from the bustling cities and towns, this time of year feels idyllically intimate and, at moments, even enchantingly elusive.





▲ Moving inland, Latvian agriculture – the nation's lifeblood – takes centre stage. Rays of sun fall on harvested wheat fields, bales of straw releasing a scent almost divine: warm, toasty, and impossibly inviting. Who knew summer could offer such an otherworldly olfactory parade? The gentle perfume of a freshly mown meadow on a waning summer evening feels like a rebirth of the senses...if you allow yourself to slow to the quieter, lingering pace of the season.

► Craftsmen by nature, Latvians have long preserved the skills of their ancestors, with ancient practices still alive among those committed to maintaining tradition. In rural life, the Latvian farmyard serves as both a sanctuary and a space of defined order – farm animals within, predators without. The generous Latvian forest continues to provide essential materials for both practical construction and artisanal craft, a legacy still visible in the quiet, secluded farms and villages of today.

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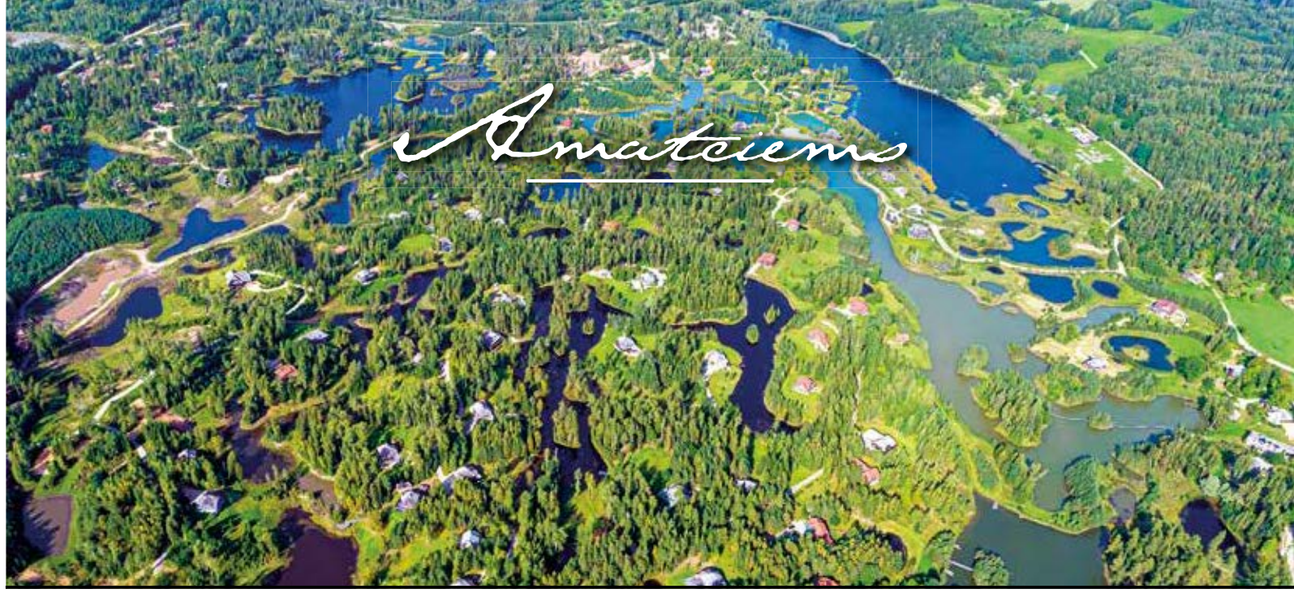
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▲ Beekeeping is a source of fierce national pride in Latvia, and rightly so. From the remote reaches of forests, bogs, and meadows come a hardy breed of entrepreneurs. Accustomed to enduring both the sting of their bees and the flood of cheap, adulterated imports, these men and women share a remarkable kinship with the very creatures they tend: resilient, colourful, and a little whimsical.

► Dripping with sweet nectar, linden-flower honeycomb is like no other. Delicate yet vivid, its fragrance is a sensory explosion embodying the scent of riotous, blooming trees abuzz with bees. Keep an eye out for roadside sellers; *medus* (Latvian for 'honey') is your key to capturing the taste of summer sunshine in a jar.





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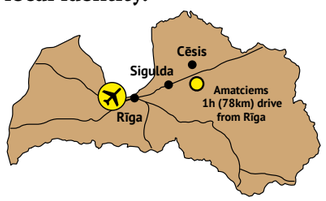
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▸ Bucolic scenes don't get much better than a herd of cows in a sunlit summer pasture. Latvia's distinctive Blue cows, once on the brink of extinction, are making a quiet comeback. Most often found in the coastal regions of Kurzeme, they've been lovingly preserved by a devoted group of breeders and tourism farms. Spotting them feels like a small, hopeful glimpse into Latvia's unwavering connection with its land and traditions.

▾ Beautifully stacked piles of firewood – *malka* in Latvian – reflect a longstanding reliance on the forest for warmth during the cooler months. With nearly half of Latvia's area covered by woodland, the enduring connection between the people and the woodstove is unmistakable. Birch, alder, oak, and pine are the woods of choice, and summer is the season when nearly every country house boasts a pile of firewood, either artfully stacked or waiting to be put in the woodshed to dry.





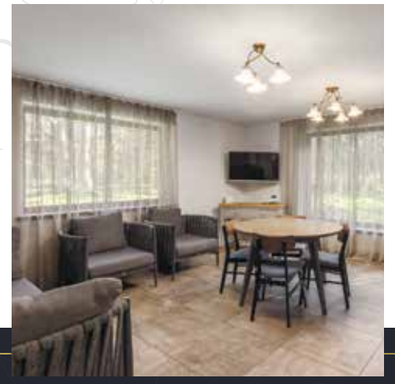
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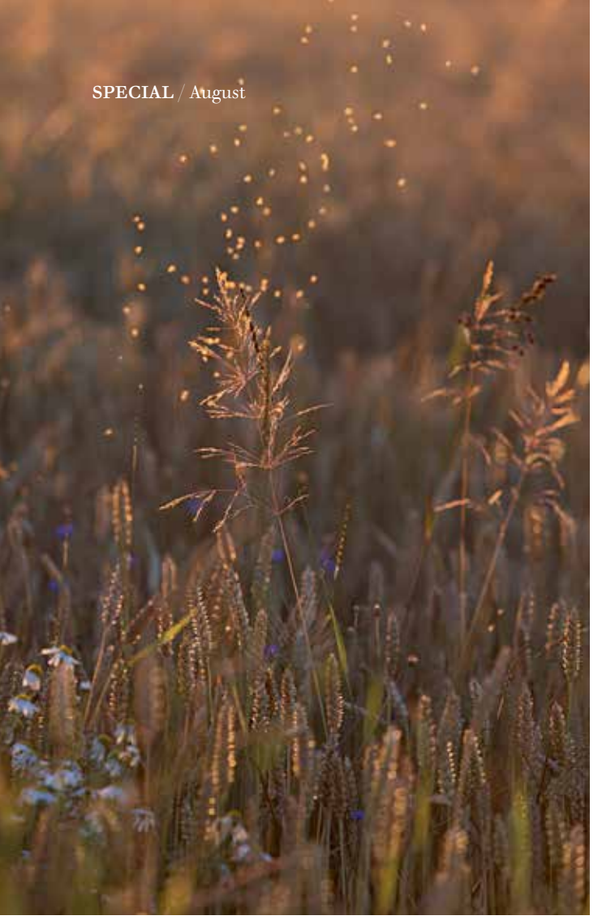






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◂ During the hotter days of summer, fertile fields, groves, and borders come alive with a remarkable diversity of animal and plant life. Cranes, with their distinctive whooping calls, share space with the secretive crake, while myriad creatures inhabit the forests. Songbirds compete with the wild chorus of marsh frogs late into a summer night. It's pure magic.

◂▾ Summer in Latvia also means fruit. Strawberries, raspberries, currants (black, red, and white), gooseberries, bilberries, cherries, pears...the list seems endless! But it's the apple that gets special attention for its immense varietal diversity. Apples for every season, apples for fresh eating, apples for baking, apples for cider. In fact, Latvia boasts some of the finest cider makers in northern Europe. By August, apples are usually so plentiful that neighbours will be supplying you by the boxload.

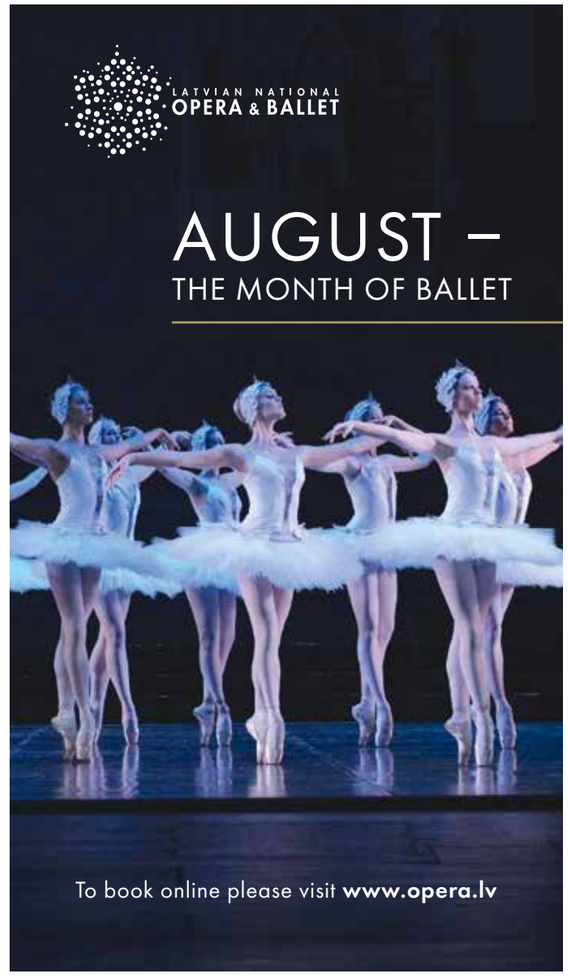
▾ Once threatened by overfishing, Baltic herring remains a staple of Latvian cuisine. Salted herring paired with potatoes, cottage cheese, and a generous helping of dill creates the perfect marriage of land and sea. Once fished nearly to extinction, herring populations are now showing signs of recovery. Especially in the Gulf of Riga, allowable catches have increased, which is very good news for this iconic fish. **bo**





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This summer, LIDO celebrates the unforgettable energy of the Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival – a cherished event uniting over 38,000 young singers and dancers from all over Latvia. Inspired by the joy and rhythm of the festival, LIDO chefs have created a special festive menu, combining beloved Latvian flavours with fresh, seasonal twists. Enjoy the refreshing Fruit and Spinach Smoothie with Matcha Tea, the juicy and slightly spicy Chicken Steak in a Chili-Lime Marinade, the crisp and colourful Fresh Summer Salad, the hearty and flavourful ASHAIS Beef Burger, and the light and sweet Fresh Fruit Mix! Every dish is prepared with care to capture the essence of summer and the joyful rhythm of the festival. Savour the moment and let your heart sing!



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At the heart of LIDO is our iconic Recreation Centre on Krasta iela – a beloved destination for both locals and visitors. Housed in one of Europe's largest traditional log buildings, it's a lively meeting place where you can savour rich Latvian cuisine, experience vibrant traditions, and find fun activities for the whole family.

A tasty LIDO experience is always just around the corner. Your next delicious moment awaits!











Fredis Bikovs, the director of the Riga Investment and Tourism Agency

RIGA – EUROPE'S SMARTEST CAPITAL IN THE MAKING

Discover the heart of northern Europe, where rich history meets modern innovation, and opportunity is matched by potential.

Perched on the shores of the Baltic Sea, Riga is a city where cobblestone streets, Art Nouveau façades, and centuries-old traditions blend effortlessly with a bold, forward-looking spirit. It's a place where creativity thrives, ideas are born, and life moves at a rhythm that balances ambition with high-quality living.

Riga isn't just Latvia's capital; it's also a growing hub for international business, culture, and innovation. The city offers access to vast markets, cost-efficient operations, and a highly skilled, multilingual workforce. Its well-developed infrastructure and stable, investor-friendly environment make it an increasingly attractive destination for entrepreneurs, creatives, and global companies alike.

Thanks to a modernised airport, deep-water port, and seamless links to the European transport network, Riga stands as a gateway to the world. The city's thriving academic and research scene fuels fresh thinking and nurtures talent, while its open, dynamic society embraces new ideas and challenges.

This year Riga will host the ABSL Europe Summit on September 25–26, bringing together more than 200 C-level executives and business services leaders in a clear sign of the city's growing strategic role in the region.

So why Riga – and why now? The city offers one of Europe's most adaptable, forward-looking markets for global business services. Major players such as *Accenture*, *SEB*, and *Circle K* operate multifunctional service centres here, each employing over 1000 people. Riga's highly educated, multilingual workforce is well-aligned with global corporate culture, while its business environment remains less saturated than in Western European capitals, offering room to expand and easier access to talent.

As Latvia's academic heart, Riga is home to around 35 accredited universities, academies, and colleges, including internationally recognised institutions such as the University of Latvia, Riga Technical University, Riga Stradiņš University, and the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga. With 60,000 students, including 11,000 international students, the city offers a dynamic academic community and a steady talent pipeline.

Riga also ranks among Europe's greenest capitals, with more than 40 protected urban meadow areas supporting biodiversity. Its compact, walkable layout, affordable public transport, and steadily expanding cycling network combine modern mobility with natural access to parks, rivers, beaches, and forests. In addition to having a mild climate, reasonable living costs, public safety, and *Michelin Guide*-level dining, Riga is emerging as an ideal setting for professionals and students seeking a genuine life–work balance.

But that's not all. The startup and fintech sectors are essential to Riga's economic growth, strengthening the city's appeal to global investors and top talent. 'That's why the city is actively cultivating a vibrant and inclusive entrepreneurial environment through targeted support mechanisms. Riga is home to international landmark events such as the Latvia Fintech Forum, now in its third edition, and TechChill, which has taken place in Riga for 13 years. These gatherings serve as crucial meeting points for industry leaders, founders, and investors to exchange ideas, collaborate, and help shape the future,' says Fredis Bikovs, the director of the Riga Investment and Tourism Agency.

'Our outward-facing mindset is also reflected in Riga's active participation in global technology forums such as Slush in Helsinki and Web Summit in Lisbon,' Bikovs continues. 'These initiatives build trust, attract capital, and elevate Riga's profile as a connected, forward-thinking destination at the heart of northern Europe. The city's growing visibility in international rankings and awards affirms its role as a reliable long-term partner and a magnet for high-value human capital.'

The city's entrepreneurial momentum continues to accelerate. In 2024, Riga-based tech ventures raised over 21.8 million euros, a figure that more than doubled in the first half of 2025, surpassing 60 million euros, with robotics leader *Aerones* among the standout success stories. Upcoming events, such as TechChill (March 11–13, 2026) and the annual Latvia Fintech Forum (September 30, 2025), reinforce Riga's growing role as a regional entrepreneurship hub.Startup House Riga, opened in 2024, has quickly become the city's epicentre for startup activity.

These efforts are coordinated by the Riga Investment and Tourism Agency, which also runs tailored support programmes such as the Riga Startup Ecosystem Support Programme, Accelerator and Incubator Support, Startup Centre Grants, a diaspora relocation programme, and a business events co-financing scheme. Through these initiatives, Riga ensures that opportunity isn't just promised – it's actively built in collaboration with the city's growing entrepreneurial community.

KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

- 1 million residents in the greater Riga metropolitan area
- In 1st place globally for corporate tax competitiveness (International Tax Competitiveness Index)
- Ranked 3rd in Europe for Human Capital & Lifestyle (fDi Intelligence)
- Central and Eastern Europe's most dynamically growing GBS city (CEE Business Services Awards 2025)
- Over 60 million euros in startup investment in 2025

RIGA



THE NEW AGE
OF FAMILY SUVs

Compact SUVs are dominating Europe's urban landscapes, becoming the preferred choice for families seeking comfort, versatility, and advanced technology.

The appeal of these vehicles has evolved significantly beyond their raised seating position and robust appearance. Today, cutting-edge infotainment, sophisticated connectivity, and, most importantly, advanced safety and driver-assistance technologies are leading purchase criteria for buyers.

Safety is no longer just an optional extra but a vital investment. According to recent research by the European Transport Research Review, drivers highly value systems that not only provide warnings but also actively intervene when necessary. For instance, forward collision warning coupled with automatic emergency braking has proven highly effective, reducing collisions by up to 24 percent. Recognising their importance, the European Union mandated automatic emergency braking systems as standard equipment for all new vehicles from 2024 onward.

Leading manufacturers are already ahead of this curve, equipping their latest models with advanced features once exclusive to premium vehicles. The all-new *Kia Sportage*, debuting this year, exemplifies this trend by integrating systems capable of detecting not just other vehicles but also pedestrians and cyclists at intersections. This proactive approach significantly enhances safety for drivers as well as vulnerable road users. It's no wonder the *Kia Sportage* has become one of the best-selling compact SUVs, especially in the Baltic countries, where its exceptional balance of comfort, technology, and safety has made it a consistent favourite.

Furthermore, *Kia* introduces another innovative solution aimed at protecting passengers from unforeseen hazards, namely, an alert system warning occupants if opening a door could be unsafe due to approaching traffic. Until recently, this technology was reserved exclusively for luxury cars. Its introduction into mainstream SUVs, and particularly the *Sportage*, underscores the commitment of manufacturers to bringing superior safety to broader consumer segments.

Such advancements are driven by consumer expectations, as highlighted in a survey conducted by the American Automobile Association (AAA), which revealed that 78 percent of drivers prioritise advanced safety features when selecting their next vehicle. Clearly, today's buyers prefer technology that actively enhances safety, far surpassing traditional selling points such as performance or economy.

Safety testing organisations such as Euro NCAP further reinforce these preferences through their rigorous rating systems. Vehicles that achieve a five-star Euro NCAP rating frequently see increased



popularity across various European markets. For example, having been awarded the highest safety rating, the previous-generation *Kia Sportage* notably benefited from enhanced visibility and consumer trust in markets such as Spain, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the Baltic states.

While highway safety is critical, urban driving scenarios – where most family drivers spend their daily routines – also require specialised solutions. Technologies that once seemed futuristic, such as radar sensors monitoring blind spots and traffic conditions up to 90 metres behind the vehicle, are now standard in many SUVs. The updated *Kia Sportage* further advances urban safety by integrating a specialised highway driving assist system that's capable of maintaining lane positioning and safe distances from other vehicles at speeds up to 180 km/h, ensuring both confidence and comfort during family travels.

Moreover, everyday urban incidents such as minor collisions resulting from heavy traffic or distracted manoeuvring are being increasingly addressed through electronic assistance. Today's drivers appreciate these 'extra electronic eyes' that substantially minimise urban risk. This is particularly important because urban areas account for approximately 70 percent of accidents.

Vehicle manufacturers have recognised this shift in consumer priorities and are now consistently embedding advanced safety measures as standard offerings. Features such as driver fatigue recognition systems, intelligent speed limiters, and automatic braking technologies reflect an industry-wide commitment to safety.

In practical terms, when considering a new family SUV, buyers are advised to focus their questions on the specifics of safety technology: Does the vehicle automatically brake for pedestrians and cyclists? Does it combine cameras with radar systems for better situational awareness? Can the safety system software be updated remotely?

The evolution of compact SUVs, prominently represented by leading models such as the *Kia Sportage*, reflects a broader commitment by automakers to elevate everyday driving safety. What was once considered luxury has become essential, reshaping family mobility with technology that proactively protects lives and delivers peace of mind.

Today's SUVs aren't just vehicles – they're sophisticated safety companions built around the day-to-day needs of families, transforming the way we navigate our increasingly complex urban environments.

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SPORTY EASE, TIMELESS CLASSICS, AND THE SMART-CASUAL REVOLUTION

Fashion and lifestyle stylist Anatolijs Ksenofontovs from the *Spice* shopping and lifestyle centre shares what's in fashion this season.

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Sports-inspired style continues to confidently make its way into everyday wardrobes, while sensual silk and satin suit sets proudly claim their place in fashion store windows. Yes, it's all in vogue – but classic elegance hasn't disappeared. This season, it's worth paying attention to the subtle balance between the new and the timeless, and considering what pieces to add for a sustainable, versatile wardrobe.

One of the season's key trends is the return of the tracksuit. Inspired by the 1980s and 90s, these sporty sets made a comeback last winter and continue to appear in the 2025 collections. What to take from this? Look for sporty trousers in bold or neutral colours, made from classic materials such as nylon or softer options like cotton or even wool. Oversized hoodies, retro sports sweaters, 1990s-style windbreakers, and, of course, comfortable sneakers are all essential pieces. This season, attention is on proportions – relaxed, slightly exaggerated silhouettes dominate, so those figure-hugging T-shirts can stay at the gym. Everyday style is all about comfort.

Wide-leg jeans are also holding their ground this season, proving that this cut can look just as polished and attractive as slim-fit styles. Their versatility is their biggest advantage. They're easy to pair with just about anything in your wardrobe, and they look just as great with classic sneakers and summery sandals as with platform boots, loafers, or heels. The important thing is to choose shoes that visually elongate the legs and complement the overall silhouette.

When it comes to footwear, the old rules no longer apply. In the past, anything outside conventional style boundaries was seen as bad taste, but thankfully, those days are over. Today, you can wear almost anything: sneakers, chunkier soles, retro-inspired shoes... A particularly stylish alternative to trainers is the loafer. Nearly as comfortable but undeniably more refined, it works well with both casual outfits and more formal combinations. What matters most, however, is that your shoes suit your personal style and give your look confidence.

And, of course, no wardrobe is truly complete without a timeless trench coat. In its nearly 200-year history, the trench has never lost relevance – and there's no sign that will change anytime soon. Over the years, interpretations of this classic silhouette have grown bolder, with creative versions from designers such as Alessandro Michele and Pierpaolo Piccioli. Even *Burberry*, the brand that originally brought this elegant coat to fame in the world of film and fashion, now freely experiments with cuts and details. One thing remains clear: a good trench coat is a long-term wardrobe investment that always proves its worth.

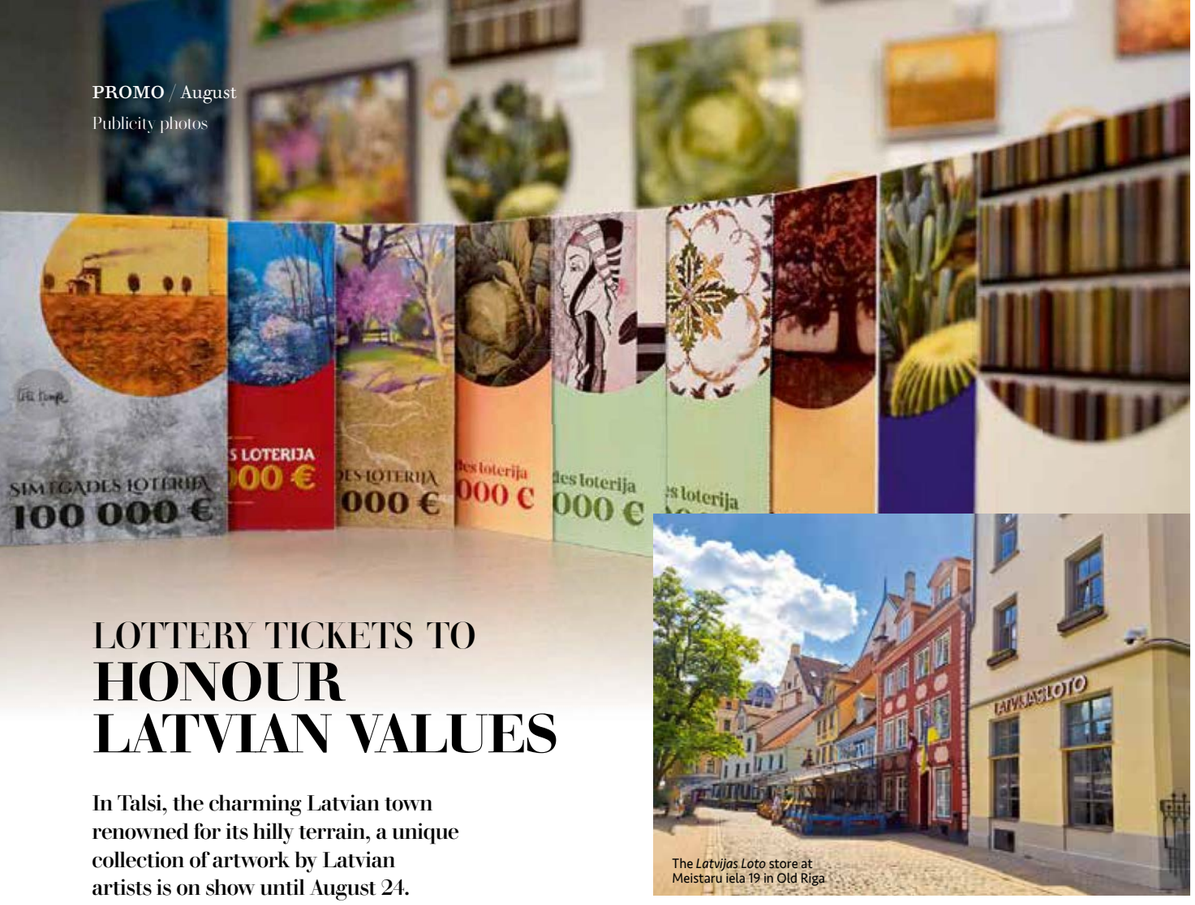
And what's new in men's fashion? The term *smart* in English means not only 'intelligent' but also 'stylish', 'elegant', and 'cool'. Meanwhile, *casual* stands for 'everyday', 'relaxed', or 'informal'. The smart-casual style combines the ease of casualwear with the elegance of formal pieces. Originally popular among office workers, this style was quickly picked up by younger generations and has since taken over wardrobes worldwide. It's a style choice that simplifies your life for several reasons. It ensures you're always ready for any situation, takes your personal appearance and features into account, and saves time when getting dressed, giving you a few extra minutes of sleep in the mornings. It also helps cut down on impulse shopping and protects your wardrobe from becoming cluttered. At the same time, it trains your imagination and encourages you to create as many different looks as possible with a minimal number of well-chosen pieces.

TOP 3 TIMELESS FASHION ESSENTIALS

1. A classic white shirt – fits effortlessly into formal settings such as business meetings as well as more relaxed everyday looks. Simple, comfortable, and always in style.

2. A high-quality leather bag – lasts for years and only gets better with time, developing character and thus becoming even more appealing.

3. A classic design watch – more than just an accessory, it reveals the wearer's taste, attention to detail, and approach to life.



The *Latvijas Loto* store at Meistaru iela 19 in Old Riga

LOTTERY TICKETS TO HONOUR LATVIAN VALUES

In Talsi, the charming Latvian town renowned for its hilly terrain, a unique collection of artwork by Latvian artists is on show until August 24.

What makes these works of art so special is that they are featured on Latvia's national lottery tickets, honouring local art and values.

The exhibition at the Talsi Regional Museum showcases 25 works from a collection of 100 original artworks created by Latvian artists for lottery tickets, each serving as a tribute to Latvian art. Džemma Skulme, Edīte Pauls-Vīgnere, Kristīne Luīze Avotiņa, Vilipsōns, and other well-known Latvian artists have gifted their vision and art to the lottery to create this unique collection of artwork. Every work depicts a different value close to the Latvian heart, such as summer, singing, the mother, the Baltic Sea (often called the Amber Sea by Latvians), rain, and more. Neither the artists nor the values repeat, amounting to an astonishing range of elements representing the diversity of Latvian culture.

However, these works of art are not the only unique element of the lottery tickets. The symbols under which the prizes are revealed are also carefully chosen and reflect 400 more Latvian values, items, and objects related to the country, including the *zefīrs* confectionery, the poppy flower, the town of Sigulda, and the National Library of Latvia. Coming up with so many symbols is not an easy task; therefore, anyone interested was invited to help decide on the symbols for the lottery tickets.

All these delightful works of art were created for the Simtgade (Centenary) lottery. A couple of years before Latvia's significant centenary anniversary in 2018, the state-owned lottery company *Latvijas Loto* introduced a special celebratory lottery with tickets featuring artwork by local artists. Thus, the lottery pays tribute to Latvian art and provides everyone with an opportunity to create a unique collection of art.

Latvijas Loto has almost 30 years of experience in the market as a fully state-owned business. Its core purpose is to generate additional revenue for the state budget, simultaneously offering people an opportunity to win various monetary prizes. What's more, every year the revenue from the Simtgade lottery is used to award scholarships to the most promising high school graduates. As of today, 2729 graduates have received monetary support in the total amount of 1.5 million euros to achieve their future goals. The largest wins to date in *Latvijas Loto*-organised lotteries have been one million euros, while in the Simtgade lottery the biggest prize has been 100,000 euros (as the name suggests, with *simt* meaning 'hundred').

Until August 24, visitors to the Talsi Regional Museum can become acquainted with the local art scene and see numerous lottery ticket series, including ones that are already off the market. Visitors can also participate in drawing additional symbols that will be used for upcoming lottery ticket series. If Talsi is not on your travel itinerary, you can admire the art-themed lottery tickets at various *Latvijas Loto* stores across the country.

SYMBOLS OF THE SIMTGADES LOTTERY – DISCOVERING THE ESSENCE OF LATVIA

Who would've thought a lottery ticket could spark a sense of national pride?
The symbols in the Simtgades Lottery are anything but random – they're inspired by traditional Latvian patterns, age-old customs, and that unique feeling we call *latviskums*. Look closely, and you just might feel it too.
Can you see the Latvian spirit woven into the designs – or perhaps find your own meaning within them?



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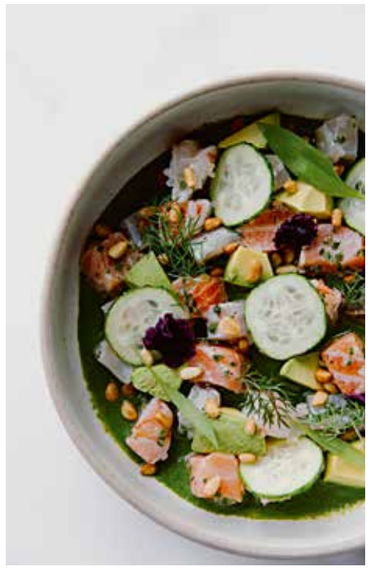












WHITEHOUSE

An unforgettable flavour experience in the heart of Riga

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

With its international cuisine and diverse Asian flavours, *Whitehouse* attracts local and international foodies. By using only the finest ingredients and specially sourced produce from around the world, chef Reinis Cerņajevs has created a high-class menu that's available on a daily basis, not just on special occasions. 'Here at *Whitehouse*, our guests go on a journey of flavour,' he says.

The *Whitehouse* team is convinced that the best restaurant experiences involve learning something new, and this is why the team is not afraid of being adventurous in offering guests new and sometimes even seemingly incompatible flavour combinations. 'According to the *Whitehouse* philosophy, the experience of going to a restaurant is also about acquiring new knowledge. That's why it's important to us to offer variety and also to educate our guests by showing them that, for example, wild-caught scallops taste completely different and much better than farmed ones,' says Inese Vicupa, the manager of the *Whitehouse* restaurant.

WHITEHOUSE

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To make your restaurant experience even more enjoyable, *Whitehouse* has added a new category to its menu this summer, named Small Bites, which can be enjoyed with one of the restaurant's excellent cocktails or a glass of wine on the terrace. The selection includes pâté and homemade focaccia as well as stracciatella and Faroe Islands salmon tartare. Restaurant guests have already praised the new menu for being light, seasonal, and consistently interesting with bold combinations, all the while not forgetting classic flavours.

A new cocktail menu is available to *Whitehouse* visitors beginning in August. Dedicated to the 12 months of the year, each cocktail symbolises one month and features flavours that are characteristic of it. The signature cocktails are masterfully crafted by some of Latvia's top bartenders, showcasing their exceptional skill and creativity. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option, several equally delicious versions are available. For wine lovers, the restaurant has prepared a special treat – wines from Piedmont and Campania that are available exclusively at the *Whitehouse* restaurant and the events it hosts.

And of course, the dessert menu has become something of a hallmark at *Whitehouse*. While last season's standout was a now-famous dessert inspired by a Banksy painting, this spring introduces an entirely new edible 'artwork' sure to surprise and delight guests.

Whitehouse is undoubtedly a place where life is celebrated – and where it *should* be celebrated. With its spacious layout, central location, convenient amenities, and top-tier gastronomy, the restaurant has also become a sought-after destination for private gatherings and special occasions. The two rooms above the main floor can seat up to 500 people. The restaurant team provides full-service catering and can recommend the best event organisers, decorators, and other event professionals, depending on the client's needs. In preparation for the autumn and winter event season, the *Whitehouse* team invites you to remember to make your private event reservations early. With its high-quality service and prime location, the restaurant is a popular venue for a wide range of celebrations. *Whitehouse's* dining rooms host a variety of private and corporate events almost every week, from wedding receptions to seminars and even fashion shows.

In addition to the professional service and journey of flavours it provides, one of the restaurant's greatest strengths is its convenient location. Located just a five-minute walk from several of Riga's major hotels, *Whitehouse* is the perfect destination for your planned event. Its second-storey terrace overlooking Vērmane Garden is also a great addition to any event. Whether you're a gourmet in search of a culinary adventure or simply looking to savour a glass of wine on one of Riga's largest and most vibrant restaurant terraces, *Whitehouse* has something for everyone. The view from the terrace is especially breathtaking in summer and autumn, making a visit to *Whitehouse*, whether solo or with friends, an absolute must this season.







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 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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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.

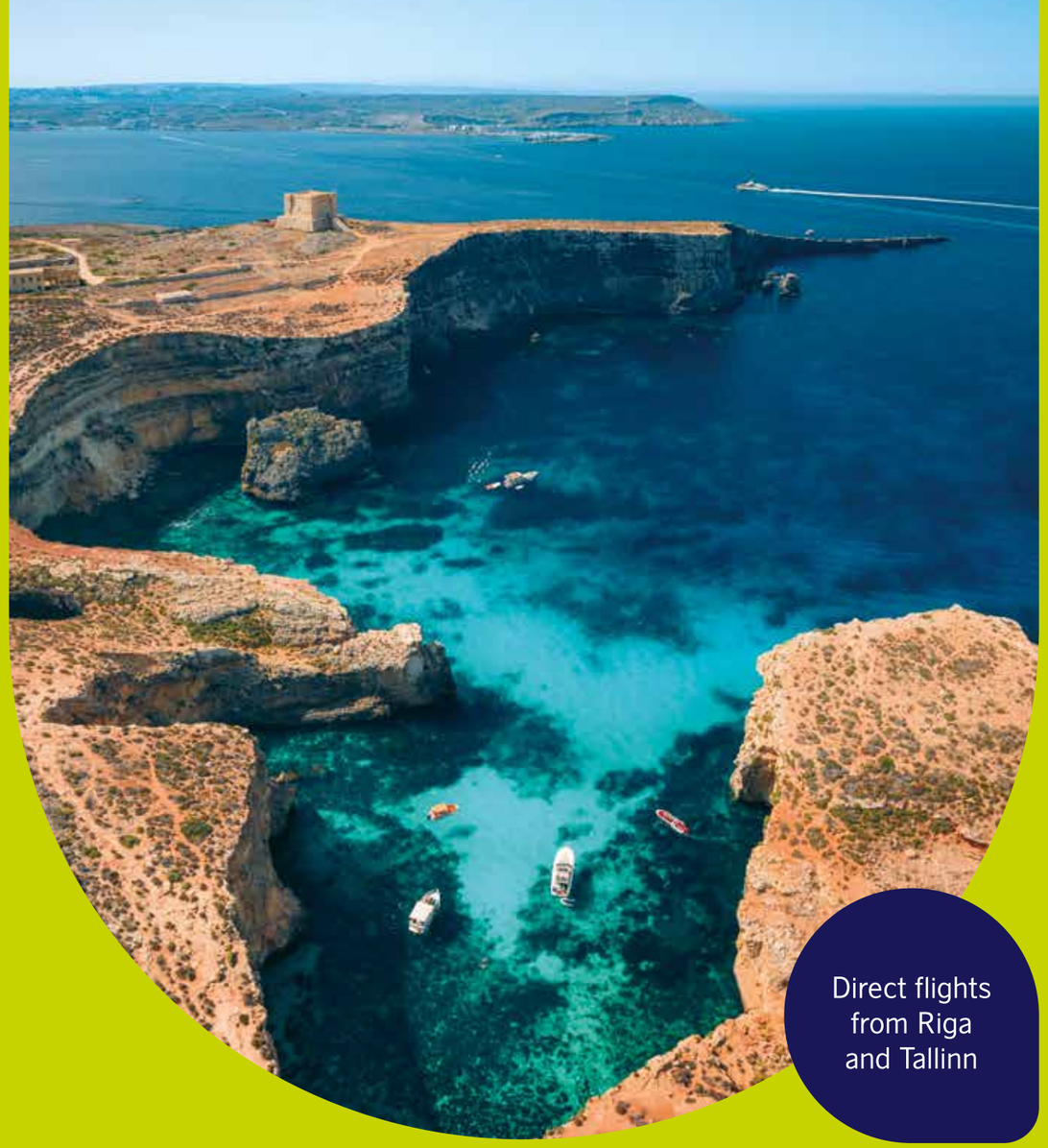
When they walk into *Beer Museum*, in addition to the excellent beer collection, guests will notice several hundred different types of whisky, rum, tequila, and other alcoholic beverages from all around the world, including unique and very rare drinks. Scan the QR code to find out more. Much of *Beer 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 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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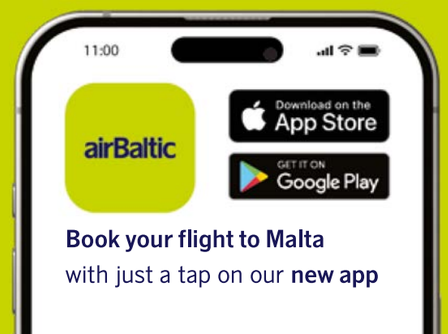


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OLIVIA RESTAURANT

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

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

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Red king crab from Northern Norway

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Park Guell, Barcelona


Salt lake with flamingos, Larnaca


A market in Marsaxlokk, a fishing village in the southwest of Malta


A street in Faro

Summer never ends

As the last month of summer rolls in, the *airBaltic* network continues to serve up sun-drenched escapes where the season lingers on for those who aren't ready to trade beach days for sweaters just yet. Think golden beaches, turquoise waters, culture-packed cities, food scenes, and unbeatable hospitality. Still craving that sun fix? We've got your boarding pass ready!

BARCELONA

The Catalan capital is a love letter to creativity and coastlines. Bask beneath the surreal spires of La Sagrada Família, trace the psychedelic curves of Park Güell, or get lost in the stylish warrens of El Born and authentic Gràcia. The city pulses with art – from Joan Miró to beachside galleries – and thumps to the rhythm of flamenco, techno, and terrace banter into the late hours. Stroll down to Barceloneta for a sunset swim or hop on a scooter and snack-hop your way through tapas bars dishing out *bombas*, *jamón ibérico*, and *boquerones en vinagre*.

Book your getaway to Barcelona from just EUR 99 one way.

LARNACA

Larnaca is the laid-back gateway to the island of Cyprus, where summer refuses to quit. Start the day flanked by cafés and soft sands on Finikoudes Beach, or dive into history at the 9th-century Church of Saint Lazarus. The Salt Lake shimmers nearby, where flamingos flock in season, while the nearby village of Lefkara is a slow-sipping, lace-making, bougainvillaea-draped dream. This is a place where ancient ruins meet lively tavernas. Those who try Cypriot cuisine will attest that it offers some of the best out there: sumptuous mezze spreads, halloumi hot off the grill, moussaka, and fresh seafood.

Fly to Larnaca to treat yourself from just EUR 115 one way.

MALTA

Postcard-pretty and drenched in history, in Malta you can swim in turquoise coves before walking through centuries-old citadels. Valletta, Europe's sunniest capital, is compact, elegant, packed with Baroque beauty, and dressed in globigerina limestone. But it's the surrounding landscape that really wows. Snorkel the Blue Lagoon on the island of Comino, hike Gozo's rugged cliffs, or find a hidden cove in Mellieħa. The local food scene mixes Sicilian swagger with North African spice – expect rabbit stew, *ftira* sandwiches, and flaky *pastizzi*. Malta's laid-back rhythm makes it easy to lose track of time.

Catch some sun in Malta from EUR 95 one way.

FARO

Faro serves as the gateway to Portugal's sun-soaked Algarve coast and the waves of the Atlantic. Stroll through its walled Old Town, where cobblestones lead to hidden courtyards, azulejo-covered chapels, and leafy squares echoing with fado music. Venture beyond the city for breathtaking nature. The Ria Formosa Natural Park is a maze of lagoons, sandbanks, and islands that feel like secrets; it's ideal for kayaking, birdwatching, or just lazy swims. Hungry? Settle into a seaside terrace for *cataplana de marisco* (seafood stew) and crisp *vinho verde*.

Discover Faro from EUR 129 one way.


The village of Canical and Marina da Quinta Grande, Madeira

EXPLORE OUR FRESH AUTUMN AND WINTER ROUTES!

airBaltic's upcoming season brings exciting updates with increased flight frequencies and brand-new destinations across Europe and beyond. On September 6, *airBaltic* will launch flights from Riga to Faro, the southern Portuguese marvel that's perfect for laid-back beach days and fresh seafood under the sun. Faro lies at the southern end of Portugal in the Algarve, a region renowned for its mild climate, golden beaches, dramatic limestone cliffs, world-class golf courses, and some of Europe's best surfing and hiking spots. The Algarve enjoys over 300 days of sunshine a year, and even in December daytime temperatures often reach a pleasant 17°C. Book a seat from Riga to Faro from EUR 129 one-way. Here's a brilliant idea for a road trip: fly into Lisbon and follow the coast south, stopping in charming fishing villages and picturesque towns along the way. Wrap up your trip in Faro and return home on a convenient direct flight!

October 25 marks the start of direct flights from Slovenia's charming capital Ljubljana to Gran Canaria. Catch a flight from EUR 175 one-way. And starting from November 1, Tallinn will enjoy new direct access to Madeira, Portugal's lush Atlantic island known for its stunning cliffs, floral landscapes, and springlike climate all year round. Hop on a direct flight from EUR 189 one-way. If sunshine is a non-negotiable for you, Dubai steps in with its year-round warmth, vibrant city life, and beachside leisure. This winter, *airBaltic* is boosting flights to Dubai from both Riga and Vilnius, making it easier than ever to swap snow boots for sandals. Fly from Riga to Dubai seven times a week from EUR 249 one-way, from Vilnius – four times per week from EUR 245 one-way.



airBaltic AND *TURKISH AIRLINES* EXPAND PARTNERSHIP

airBaltic and the national flag carrier of Türkiye, *Turkish Airlines*, announce an expansion of their existing codeshare agreement, adding several new destinations to their shared network. Since 2023, the two airlines have jointly operated flights between Riga and Istanbul under a codeshare arrangement. This latest expansion builds on that foundation, allowing both carriers to broaden their route networks and enhance connectivity for their passengers.

Codeshare happens when two airlines team up and sell seats on each other's flights, even if only one of them operates the actual flight. For passengers, this means more destinations, smoother booking, and easier connections – all under one ticket. Under the expanded agreement, *airBaltic* will be entitled to place its flight code on *Turkish Airlines*-operated routes for journeys between Riga and Tbilisi, Batumi, Ashgabat*, Baku*, Dushanbe, and Bishkek via partner hub Istanbul. In return, *Turkish Airlines* will add its code to *airBaltic* flights for journeys between Istanbul and Turku, Tampere in Finland as well as Palanga in Lithuania via Riga.

* subject to Government approval.



airBaltic WINS BIG AT SKYTRAX 2025

We're flying high with pride! *airBaltic* has been named the Best Low-Cost Airline in Eastern Europe at the prestigious 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards. Chosen by over 21 million travellers from more than 100 countries, this award reflects what matters most to passengers: comfort, reliability, and great value. This is the fourth year in a row that *airBaltic* has been recognised in the global Skytrax rankings, and the love keeps growing. From seamless service and punctual flights to an ever-expanding network and fresh onboard experience, we're continuing to raise the standard for low-cost travel in Europe.



airBaltic SOUVENIR SHOP'S GREATEST HITS

Forgot to shop for souvenirs? *airBaltic's* got you! Whether you're jetting off for business or chasing adventure, the *airBaltic* souvenir shop is stocked with perfect keepsakes, from disc golf sets and gift cards to collectible aircraft models, including the special-edition 50th *Airbus A220-300* in 1/100, 1/200 and 1/500 scale. Also embrace the charm of chilly summer evenings with our cosy blanket, which is perfect for enjoying the outdoors, stargazing, sharing stories around a fire pit, or simply relaxing on your patio. All items can be purchased at the RIX *airBaltic* ticket office or souvenirs.airbaltic.com webshop. Now you can also pay with *airBaltic* Club points – just enter your Club number in the order notes at checkout (home delivery excluded).

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Pauls Cālītis,
airBaltic's Interim CEO and COO

Flight time: 30 years and counting

His career at *airBaltic* began along with the very first days of the airline. 'My first interaction with *airBaltic* happened even before the company was called *airBaltic*,' Pauls Cālītis remembers. 'I was invited for a pilot selection, and at the time the airline was still being established.' That was exactly 30 years ago.

Now, after years serving as a captain and SVP Flight Operations – and for the past five years also as Chief Operations Officer and a board member of the airline – Cālītis' career path has led him to the role of interim CEO. 'Given my long-standing experience and how much *airBaltic* means to me, I accepted the role of interim CEO with a deep sense of responsibility and gratitude for the trust placed in me,' he states.

Indeed, his is a unique story, which Cālītis reveals in this conversation.

To begin with, I'd like to ask you to recall the first time you were introduced to *airBaltic*. What did you see?
I'd say that I saw *airBaltic's* genesis. When I was invited for pilot selection, the company was still being formed, and it didn't have its present name yet. The onboarding then was a longer process for pilots than it is today. Now we have a very established flow of how it's done, but back then it was a brand-new company with no established processes behind it. Everything was being done for the first time.

I think it's important to understand that, from day one, the company was created with a very clear intention to be something that's of a completely different quality than what was available in the region at the time.

One of the airline's founders was *Scandinavian Airlines*, or SAS, and the new airline was based on European standards. *airBaltic* was already something totally unique for the region at the time, both in terms of business practices and business mentality and in terms of operational standards and operational practices, which are at the core of any airline business. Because of this, *airBaltic* was very different already back then, and that's still one of the defining factors for this company – why it is what it is today. The high quality and value of our product and constant adaptation and innovations are key features that we've maintained to the present day.

***airBaltic's* fleet now consists of brand-new *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, but at the beginning it flew small *Saab 340* turboprops.**
Yes, that was our first aircraft and the first aircraft I flew. At that time, we got our training and qualifications in Sweden, because Latvia did not have or offer the needed competencies. The company was so small that we all knew each other by name. The management team initially came from abroad, and it was a lot about getting to know and understand one another, understand the different cultures, the thinking behind what's excepted from both sides. It was a very interesting time.

When did you join the management side of the business?
Having been with the company since its very first days, I've had the unique opportunity to see it from a time of very limited structure and few established processes. We didn't call it that at the time, but I'd compare it to what's now known as a startup.

That's what we were – we were like a startup. It wasn't like you came to work and did your own thing and let the bigger system take care of the rest. It was more like, 'Let's do this! But we don't have that, so... OK, let's do it this way! But who's gonna do this?" It was very much like that. We all worked very closely, shoulder to shoulder, also with the other departments in the company.

Of course, we've grown very significantly since then, both in terms of scope and operations, and in the number of people. But having had that early experience and having it here now, I feel that in some ways it's still similar. For me, this is more than just an airline and a place where to work. It's something I've been involved with in building and experiencing.

We, the pilots, were spending more and more time together, not just flying but also helping to set up the operational part of the business. For example, putting together flight planning and crew planning systems, operations manuals, and so on. There was a big push in the industry at the time, because a common European Union standard in aviation was being introduced. It was called JAR-OPS, with JAR standing for Joint Aviation Requirements, meaning 'joint' for all the European countries. Now it's known as EU-OPS. Up until then, almost every country and every airline had their own way of doing things, but with JAR-OPS, a unified system was created, and we had to adopt it within *airBaltic* as well.

So that's how you got involved in management?
Yes, first informally and then formally, I was becoming more and more a part of the management team. After the first five years, I replaced the manager who was from SAS and responsible for flight operations.

This change was a big step for me, and it came with a big learning curve. It's one thing to fly an airplane, and it's one thing to be a part of the team, but it's a completely different thing to be a team leader, which I had to become. It was a very valuable experience and also valuable growth for me as a person.

There have been many challenges in this job, and I remember the first serious crisis I had to deal with in my position. When Latvia joined the European Union in 2004, one of the first waves of impact we as a company felt, which eventually became a national issue, was an outflow of workforce. For us, it was an issue with pilots. With the opening of the EU market, our pilots had a license to work legally in any given EU country. With that, many of our pilots chose to leave and earn more money elsewhere. At the time, we were competitive in the Latvian market in terms of pilot salaries, but not on the European level. There was definitely a big difference, and we were losing pilots.

This was a catalyst, and we became one of the first airlines in the region to recruit pilots from other EU countries. We quickly adjusted to become competitive. *airBaltic* has always had to compete for professionals, not only at the local level but internationally as well. And it's not just about salaries, there's much more – the company and its internal culture, its reputation. We did overcome this challenge, and still to this day we're able to recruit pilots from all over Europe.

When did you become a captain?
I'd have to check my logbook [*laughs*]. But that's one of the benefits of a startup – there's the possibility of very quick growth and advancement. I became a captain about two years after I started flying for *airBaltic*, in 1997.

Which captaincy skills do you think have helped you in your management role?
There are a lot of parallels to draw. I work in these two very different fields, but they're complementary. In my case, it's what you see is what you get – with my approach and my personality. In flying, I rely on my competence, steadiness, abilities, and communication style. Also, being able to process a lot of information in dynamic situations, to take it in quickly and focus on the best solution.

In terms of leadership, it's very similar. I'm able to gather, make decisions, take the lead, and work with the team. When you want to become a captain, you go through leadership training as well, because being a captain is not only about technical skills or flying better than others; it's also about being a leader, because you've been appointed the team leader of your crew. And as a team leader, you have to create a climate that generates openness, clarity, and cooperation. That's the way to achieve a higher operational level and a better operational outcome. That's the way I operate in the management side of things as well.

Basically, pilots can't fool around with you because you know the job inside out.
That helps [*laughs*]. Thankfully, we have a very strong operational team, and the issues that do arise are managed very well, and relationships are upheld at the level where they should be.


In 2019, Pauls Cālītis was one of the captains on the South Pacific Airbus Demo Tour.

As a team leader, you have to create a climate that generates openness, clarity, and cooperation

In general, of course, I have great advantages because I know the company, I know how it works, I know the people. We have a bilateral understanding, a history, and experience working together, and that creates further effectiveness. But in any case, I'm delighted to see the breadth and depth of the competence my colleagues have; it really runs deep. Especially in the past few months, having the opportunity to delve into the details in different areas of *airBaltic* where I previously didn't have a direct role. To get to know different people, to get to know them better and see their competency.

In your opinion, what are the three main turning points for *airBaltic* over the course of its 30-year-long journey?
I think the first one was Latvia joining the EU and the opening of the EU aviation market, when the strategy was to grow and be more aggressive. Before then – which is probably very hard to imagine nowadays – you needed to have specific traffic rights, which were negotiated bilaterally between countries. For example, each country regulated how many aircraft could fly per day between different cities. It was a highly regulated market, and in that sense very controlled and inefficient. Joining the EU opened this up, enabling any airline in any European country to fly as often as they wanted to anywhere they wanted; it opened the market to free competition.

It was a radically new model, and it completely changed the landscape of Europe in terms of the airline business. From very controlled, centralised operations to a very liberal, open, and dynamic market. *airBaltic* at that time had the right attitude and business strategy to embrace this opportunity. Some of the neighbouring countries and airlines did not do this, saying, 'No, no, we're stable, let's stick to what we're doing.' But they're no longer here. And I think that's one of the key reasons why.



Cālītis' first flight with the *Airbus A220-300* in Mirabel, Canada, to test the aircraft in September 2016.



Together with Willie Walsh, the director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), after signing the IATA Safety Leadership Charter in Amsterdam in 2023.



In September 2018, Cālītis captained the special airBaltic flight that took Pope Francis from Tallinn to Rome after visiting the Baltic states.

The second turning point would be the Latvian government becoming the majority shareholder and the decision that *airBaltic* needed a new fleet. The growth strategy had run into a situation that resulted in the Latvian government stepping in as the majority shareholder, and a strategy was developed that emphasised the importance of *airBaltic*. That the airline has a future, and that that future is very closely linked to establishing a new fleet. A new aircraft type had to be selected to be the basis for future growth.

It wasn't an easy or risk-free decision to select the *Bombardier CSeries* (now the *Airbus A220-300*) because this aircraft hadn't yet been built! There was a lot of talk in the industry that this was not a wise choice, that a conventional aircraft type would be better for us. But time has proven this to have been the right decision.

And the third turning point was the post-Covid restart with a single, consolidated fleet. We entered the Covid-19 pandemic operating three different types of fleets, and after the Covid shutdown, we restarted as a single-fleet operation based on the most modern aircraft available. All the ideas and strategy elements that had been put together over the last decades and which until then had really only existed on *Excel* sheets and *PowerPoint* presentation slides, now became a reality. We already had the new aircraft, and we decided to have a single-aircraft fleet. That was a very rewarding time.

> Statability in aviation – and during turbulence – is never accidental

Now we have 50 aircraft in our fleet, and we are the most experienced in the world with this type of aircraft. It's a very successful aircraft, it has proven itself, and, most importantly, it has a very bright future ahead of it. Because it's at the leading edge of efficiency and economy. The aviation industry is very slow in creating new products to bring into the market, and it's also very expensive to do so. There's currently no product being planned to replace this one, because there's simply not enough new technology developed to create sufficient improvements to warrant creating a new aircraft. You need to have a strong paradigm shift or the next generation of something specific – engines or fuel source – in order to make such an investment.

So, because of that, this aircraft is currently at the forefront of its class. This means it has its future ahead of it. Whereas, had we made the decision back then to take a different aircraft, we would now be having discussions about going for this new aircraft. The *Airbus A220-300* has proven itself, and it's proven itself within the business that we do here as *airBaltic* at *airBaltic*.

But we also have other important business. In addition to our network flying, we also fly as an ACMI provider. This aircraft and our product have proven themselves in this area as well. So, we have two strong legs to stand on. It's a combination of having a company that knows what it's doing, does it well, and has the right product to offer with the right aircraft.

When the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft was being designed – and it was designed completely from scratch – how much were you involved? Did you work together with *Bombardier*, which was the original producer of this aircraft type?
Yes, this programme used to belong to *Bombardier*; it was only later acquired by *Airbus*. For sure, this was a unique and very special experience, and it's something that I very much appreciate. New aircraft in the passenger commercial sector don't come along very often. But I had the pleasure to be involved in the process as the aircraft was still being designed, as it was being tested, and as it was being brought into operation.

Had it been one of the other larger manufacturers at the time, then, of course, we would have been just another customer queuing in line; we would have received a product and flown it. But *Bombardier* was a bit special, because they were also a smaller company, an underdog, just like *airBaltic*. They were very open and looking for feedback from their customers. It was a unique experience. Many pilots can have a very long and rich career and never have that experience.

You were part of the crew that brought the first *Airbus A220-300* aircraft to Riga.
Yes, that was the culmination of the whole process – taking this aircraft from the factory to Riga. And then, just a few months ago, we received our 50th *Airbus A220-300* aircraft. Before our flight crew flew it back, we had a special event in Mirabel, Canada, where the aircraft are made.

It was a very nice way to round out one part of the journey, but the journey continues. It's not really about the aircraft count, because it has been more important to see the success of the aircraft. And from the company's perspective, that the people using the aircraft, the crews, have accepted it and really fallen in love with it. That's not a given; it means that the aircraft works. And even more important, that our passengers have accepted it and feel good in it. They're used to it.

There have been difficulties, of course. For example, if you look at the challenges and the issues we had with the engines over the years. But we've always been confident that it will get better, that this is something that will pass. And we're now seeing very important signs and data that the situation is in fact slowly turning around and improving.

You describe this as being a journey, and I feel this is a good point at which to talk about how the recent leadership transition has affected the company.
We definitely haven't stopped in any pit stop, we're still on course and we're moving quickly. Our fundamental business – carrying passengers – is strong and on-going, and this has been our highest priority. We had to ensure that, despite having a transition in leadership, there's still a clear focus on the execution of our core business. That's flying, and that's the commercial part of the business as well. And to do it all in a way that meets and exceeds expectations. Not that there's any doubt that we could do it. The strength and dedication of our leadership team have been instrumental in maintaining stability and focus, and it's important that that stability and focus is shown and emphasised both from myself and the team. We're now at our busiest part of the year, and that's why these months are the most important ones both from the business and operational perspective. It's the most intense time of year, and we really need that everybody is focused and working. Having said that, our results are improving – we're having much more stable, better-performing operations than in previous summers, because we have fewer outside disruptions. Also, our commercial performance is stronger than last year.

Stability in aviation – and during turbulence – is never accidental. It's the result of countless choices, any one of which, made differently, could have set us on another course entirely. Together with the *airBaltic* team, I remain committed to maintaining that clarity of purpose.

And in terms of bigger strategic goals, such as an IPO?
An IPO is definitely our goal, and we're working to make sure that our strategy and business plan is in place to reach that goal. There's a focus on this at all levels of the company, each working towards supporting it. Our supervisory board is also involved and actively engaged, positively influencing and promoting our path towards an IPO. Our majority shareholder, the Latvian government, has also been supportive and clear on its expectations.

Concluding this conversation, one might ask why you're not bored yet, working for 30 years at the same company. But I think your situation is unique, having started out as a pilot and now taking the position of interim CEO.
For sure, these days I guess that's not the standard path. I get it, building a career nowadays means changing companies, maybe even different areas and different professions. But I've had quite a unique experience within *airBaltic*, and it wasn't something that was planned out. It just happened this way, and I value that greatly, to have this career here.

For me, it's important that not only has the company grown, but I've been able to grow with it as well. There've been so many different periods, changes, challenges, and things to do – that's where the excitement and motivation has come from. There's always a new challenge and new circumstances, a new dimension, a new development. Even though it's one company, it has changed a lot. I've gained a lot of experience in that process.

Do you still fly?
I'm not currently flying as a line pilot. The past two years have been very intense, so I've stepped away from active flying, but I definitely maintain my license. I keep this important part of my professional career, and I value it very much – it's something that has been with me from the start.

Words by **Marta Metuzāle**
Photos courtesy of the Latvian Volleyball Federation

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.**



The Latvian women's volleyball team celebrates victory over Switzerland in the first final match of the CEV European Silver League.



From left: Arturs Vitkovskis, the national teams' director; Elvita Dolotova, a setter for the women's national team; and Arnis Tunte, the president of the Latvian Volleyball Federation.

THREE REASONS WHY THE LATVIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION CHOOSES *airBaltic's* CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- Great flight network within Europe
- Comfortable, new aircraft
- The national airline with similar patriotic values

Volleyball is one of the most popular sports in Latvia. Representing both beach volleyball and indoor volleyball, the Latvian Volleyball Federation organises the main local championships for youth and adults and also manages the national teams. **The federation manages up to ten national teams and has more than 5000 licensed athletes.** Currently, both adult volleyball teams are close to qualifying for the European championship final tournament, with the final qualification matches for women's teams taking place on August 2 and for the men's on 16 in Riga.

Because volleyball championships and tournaments take place in various European countries, all teams are frequent travellers. In 2025 alone, the federation has organised more than ten group trips, while the total number by the end of a year is usually around 20. In recent years, Latvian teams most often had travelled to Vienna, because Austria by coincidence has been most frequent opponents. Most flights take place in spring and summer, which are the most active seasons for indoor volleyball, while beach volleyball competitions take place throughout the year.

Arturs Vitkovskis, the national teams' director, says that flying for teams requires rapid organisation – a team may qualify for the final matches just a couple weeks before they need to travel. **To simplify the ticket reservation process**, the federation uses *airBaltic's* corporate client programme. A team and its support crew consists of up to 20 people, so seamless ticket purchasing and the receiving of documents are crucial for accounting and trip management. The corporate client programme system is easy to use and has responsive live support for any additional changes or specific requests. 'The coaches also prefer to finalise the players' list at the last possible moment; therefore, last-minute passenger name changes can happen,' Vitkovskis adds, emphasising the need for flexibility.

Vitkovskis shares that the federation **truly cherishes its years-long cooperation with *airBaltic***, as it has helped to solve numerous difficult situations. The communication has always been smooth and welcoming. For example, in June, the women's team qualified for the CEV European Silver League final 2025 in Zurich only two weeks before the match. The team had not made a booking in advance, and the *airBaltic* reservation system showed insufficient capacity for the whole team. 'Luckily, we reached out to *airBaltic*, and they kindly found a solution by changing the aircraft so that the whole team could fit,' he states. The athletes also enjoy the option to check in for flights at a separate check-in desk and avoid the queues at the security control. That way, they can save time and mentally prepare for the upcoming matches.

In addition to the seamless booking process, flexibility, and responsive problem-solving service, the federation **often takes advantage of the option to check-in baggage**. Because some tournaments take place longer than a week, an extra change of clothes and sports equipment is necessary. *airBaltic* planes and crew also always make everyone feel at home – as if they were already back in Latvia.

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The leading airline in the Baltics

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***airBaltic* Interim CEO** Pauls Cālītis

Network
Nearly 130 routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and, seasonally, from Gran Canaria

Fleet
Growing fleet of 50 Airbus A220-300 aircraft

Employees
2 800+

Innovation
Free high-speed internet on board

Passengers in 2024
airBaltic: 5.2 million,
Total: 8.3 million*

Flights in 2024
airBaltic: 47 000,
Total: 73 300*

Loyalty programme
airBaltic Club with 1 million+ members

**Total airBaltic passengers and flights, including wet-lease and all categories of travellers.*

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Strawberries in chocolate



Salmon cold cut



Shrimp wok

Summer's in the air!

Whether you're heading to a sunny beach or reuniting with loved ones, elevate your journey with a taste of something new. We're thrilled to unveil our refreshed pre-order meal selection, which has been crafted with seasonal flair and global inspiration!

Savour the flavours of summer with our brand-new hot dishes, now available for pre-order. Choose the fried shrimp wok with egg noodles and vegetables in teriyaki sauce – a light, fragrant dish bursting with vibrant Asian zest. There's also bold and tangy sweet-and-sour chicken full of rich flavours, as well as our classic potato pancakes, which you can now tailor to your taste. Choose to add rich meat toppings or fish for a heartier option, or savour them plain if you prefer the timeless, classic taste.

Complement your meal with a delightful side dish. Choose from several options, each thoughtfully designed to add an extra nuance of flavour to your meal. For example, try the salmon cold cuts – lightly salted salmon marinated in beetroot juice and served with cream cheese and cucumber. Or the meat cold cuts – slices of Milano salami and Parma ham served with red cherry tomatoes and cucumbers. These cold cuts will hit the spot for those seeking a well-balanced addition to the dining experience.

Inspired by the latest global wellness trends, we've redesigned our desserts to align with the more health-conscious lifestyle choices of our customers without compromising on flavour or enjoyment. We suggest trying the chia pudding, which is naturally sweet, light, and rich in nutrients. This summery treat is loved around the world because it's an ideal guilt-free way to indulge while staying energised for your journey ahead.

Life's special moments deserve to be marked. Whether it's a birthday toast, an anniversary surprise, a joyful getaway with friends, or a cherished family journey, let your celebration take flight with a touch of indulgence and elegance! Pre-order strawberries in chocolate – luscious strawberries dipped in rich dark and creamy white chocolate, delicately paired with premium chocolate chips. This timeless treat is crafted to delight the senses and elevate any celebration.

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Joining the bidding process is easy. There are two ways to do this. Visit airbaltic.com, select Prepare, and click on Upgrade to Business Class with Bidding. Check availability for your flight and submit your bid. You can do this immediately after booking your ticket. Alternatively, you can wait for an email invitation from *airBaltic* about a week before departure, prompting you to place a bid in just three simple steps. Once you've placed your bid, sit tight. You'll receive a confirmation email 12 hours before departure if your upgrade is approved. If not, you'll be notified of your bid status no later than 48 to 12 hours before take-off. And remember, your credit card will only be charged if your upgrade is successful.

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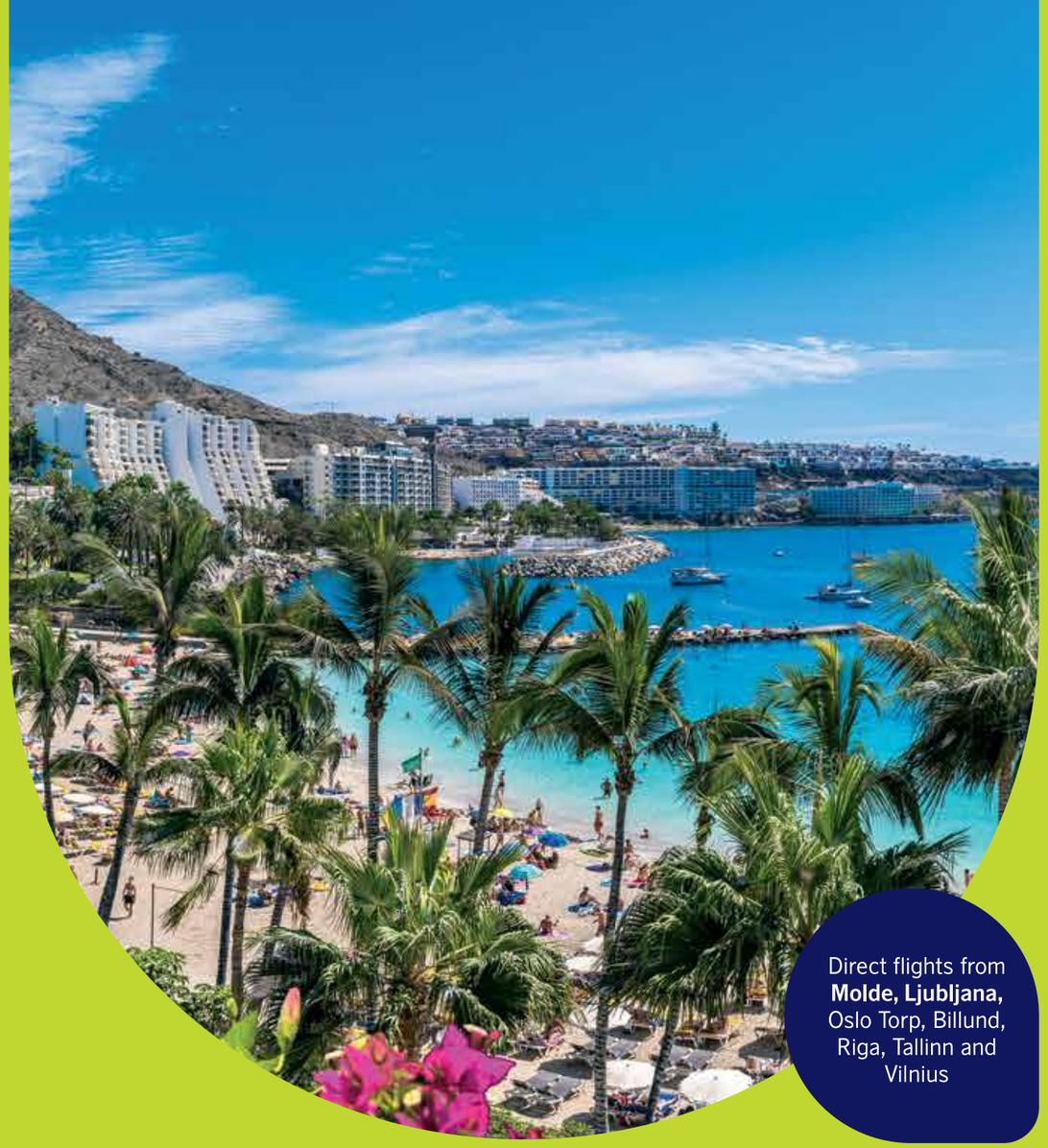
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3 Step 3

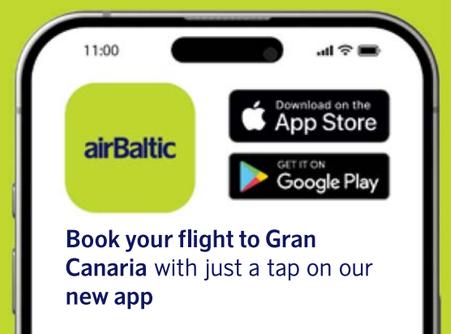
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Celebrating the Baltic Way the *airBaltic* way



A human chain as seen from a helicopter and captured by legendary Latvian photographer Uldis Briedis

Photo by Uldis Briedis

airBaltic has just begun naming its _Airbus A220-300_ fleet after cities and towns across the Baltics!

This August marks the 36th anniversary of the Baltic Way, the peaceful demonstration that united all three Baltic nations, with more than two million people joining hands to form a human chain stretching more than 690 kilometres from Tallinn to Vilnius. Thus, brave and patriotic people united in a common force against the occupation of their countries by the Soviet Union and in their desire for freedom.

Thirty-six years ago, the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) were still occupied by the Soviet Union. On August 23, 1989, a peaceful protest in the form of a human chain through all three countries was organised to attract the world's attention and express the people's dream of independence.

The choice of date was no coincidence – it marked exactly 50 years since the signing on August 23, 1939, of the so-called Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany, which led to the Soviet Union's annexation of the independent Baltic states and the ruin of millions of lives. The Baltic Way remains a very memorable event for the people of the Baltic nations. Those who took part in it still remember where they stood during the demonstration, how they made their way to those positions, and the people they stood next to.

Led by the leaders of each nation's National Front, the human chain included adults, senior citizens, and even children who wanted to speak up for their future and be part of this human phenomenon that gradually led to the three countries declaring independence in 1991. The momentum and success of the Baltic Way has since inspired other occupied and oppressed nations, and it has become a symbol of unity, peace, and freedom.



Photo by Kārlis Dambrāns

To commemorate this event, *airBaltic* has just begun naming its *Airbus A220-300* fleet after cities and towns across the Baltics, based on the results of a public voting contest held in August of last year.







The first three aircraft, featuring special Baltic state liveries, now proudly bear the names of the capital cities: Riga for the Latvian livery, Tallinn for the Estonian livery, and Vilnius for the Lithuanian livery. The rest will be named by the end of this year.

Riga, the capital of Latvia and the largest city in the region, is renowned for its Art Nouveau architecture, vibrant cultural life, and historical significance along the Baltic Sea. Tallinn, Estonia's capital, uniquely blends medieval heritage with modern innovation, featuring a UNESCO-listed Old Town and a thriving digital economy. Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, enchants with its expansive Baroque-style Old Town and dynamic creative energy, reflecting a rich cultural tapestry and warm hospitality.

Together, these cities embody the unity, diversity, and forward-looking spirit of the Baltics.

For the naming contest, last year *airBaltic* invited the public to vote for their most beloved cities and towns across Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. A total of over one million votes were cast during the voting period from August 5 to August 22, resulting in a shortlist of 48 cities and towns – 16 from each Baltic country. Voting results were published in media internationally, creating quite a buzz.

This initiative celebrates the unity and cultural heritage of the Baltic states. Its symbolic meaning also strengthens the recognition of the Baltic states region worldwide and encourages tourism, making these cities and towns attractive to local as well as international travellers.



Local communities actively engaged in voting, becoming a real driving force behind marketing their own city or town and making sure it reaches the sky.

48 Baltic cities in the air

all the names of _airBaltic_ airplanes

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KURESSAARE
LIHULA
NARVA
PALDISKI
PÄRNU
PÕLTSAMAA
PÜSSI
RAPLA
TALLINN
TARTU
VALGA
VILJANDI
VÕRU

AIZPUTE
ALŪKSNE
DAUGAVPILS
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MOLĖTAI
ROKIŠKIS
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ŠILUTĖ
TAURAGĖ
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VILNIUS
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Opening the door for opportunity

Sometimes careers in aviation begin with a dream. And then all it takes is one moment of real-life exposure to turn that dream into a reality.



◂ Arturs Minkevičš, who is a first officer and a graduate of airBaltic's Pilot Academy, with Kristiāns Svētiņš, soon to be a student at the Pilot Academy, and captain Martin Mitev

For many young people in Latvia, Shadow Day offers exactly such an opportunity. That's a day when companies across Latvia, including *airBaltic*, open their doors to youngsters to have a glimpse into what their dream profession may look like. This was exactly the case for Arturs Minkevičs, who is now a First Officer at *airBaltic*. He tells an inspiring full-circle story – one that highlights what an impact such an opportunity can have on a young person.

'According to my parents, I wanted to become a pilot since kindergarten,' says Arturs. 'The answer to "What do you want to be when you grow up?" was always the same: a pilot. In high school, I applied to participate in Shadow Day at *airBaltic*, but I wasn't selected. So I tried again the next year, and that time I was lucky.'

Arturs shadowed pilots on the flight deck of a *Dash 8 Q400* aircraft on a flight from Riga to Oslo and back. He doesn't remember all the details of the flight, but he does recall the feeling, which was one of total excitement and disbelief. Martin Mitev, the pilot he shadowed, was the perfect role model. They stayed in touch after the flight and even twice rented a *Cessna* out of Spilve Airport near Riga to fly together. 'I was absolutely hooked,' Arturs admits.

When *airBaltic's* Pilot Academy opened, Arturs applied immediately. His first try wasn't successful, but like before, that didn't stop him. He reapplied, passed the entrance exams, and joined the academy's second-ever group of cadets. After graduating, he began flying for *airBaltic* as a first officer.

'Ever since I made it a point to take part in Shadow Day, it has been with genuine passion,' Arturs says. 'Earlier this year, I was shadowed by Kristiāns, a young and very focused aviation enthusiast. It was clear from the start that he was serious about this path in life. When I found out he had been accepted to the Pilot Academy, I was genuinely moved. I could see the next chapter beginning...just like mine did a few years ago.'

The story of Arturs, Martin, and now Kristiāns is more than a coincidence; it's a powerful reminder of how inspiration takes flight. One pilot opened the door to another, who is now doing the same for the next. Through passion, persistence, and a little help along the way, a simple day of shadowing can launch a life to new heights.

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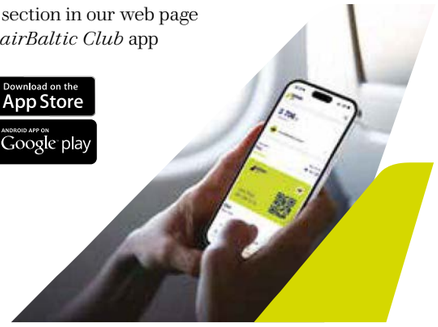
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BT 689	RIX	ALC	1---5--	13:15	16:30	BT 690	ALC	RIX	1---5--	17:30	22:30

AMSTERDAM

BT 617	RIX	AMS	1234567	07:45	09:05	BT 618	AMS	RIX	1234567	10:00	13:10
BT 621	RIX	AMS	1234567	11:50	13:10	BT 622	AMS	RIX	1234567	14:05	17:15
BT 619	RIX	AMS	1234567	17:00	18:20	BT 620	AMS	RIX	1234567	19:10	22:20

ATHENS

BT 611	RIX	ATH	---4---	07:15	10:30	BT 612	ATH	RIX	---4---	11:10	14:25
BT 611	RIX	ATH	-2-----	11:10	14:25	BT 612	ATH	RIX	-2-----	15:05	18:20
BT 611	RIX	ATH	-----6-	14:40	17:55	BT 612	ATH	RIX	-----6-	18:35	21:50

B

BARCELONA

BT 683	RIX	BCN	1-345-7	11:00	13:40	BT 684	BCN	RIX	1-345-7	14:25	19:00

BATUMI

BT 720	RIX	BUS	------7	04:25	09:25	BT 721	BUS	RIX	------7	10:35	13:45

BERGEN

BT 171	RIX	BGO	-2---6-	18:10	19:10	BT 172	BGO	RIX	-2---6-	19:50	22:45

BERLIN Brandenburg

BT 211	RIX	BER	12-4-6-	07:00	07:40	BT 212	BER	RIX	12-4-6-	08:20	10:55
BT 213	RIX	BER	1------	14:00	14:40	BT 214	BER	RIX	1------	15:25	18:00
BT 213	RIX	BER	--345-7	18:20	19:00	BT 214	BER	RIX	--345-7	19:45	22:20

BILLUND

BT 147	RIX	BLL	---4---	08:30	09:10	BT 148	BLL	RIX	---4---	09:50	12:25
BT 147	RIX	BLL	1-3---7	10:35	11:15	BT 148	BLL	RIX	1-3---7	11:55	14:30
BT 147	RIX	BLL	----5--	15:20	16:00	BT 148	BLL	RIX	----5--	16:40	19:15

BRUSSELS

BT 601	RIX	BRU	123-56-	07:00	08:25	BT 602	BRU	RIX	123-56-	09:45	13:05
BT 603	RIX	BRU	1--45-7	17:00	18:25	BT 604	BRU	RIX	1--45-7	19:10	22:30

BUCHAREST

BT 757	RIX	OTP	1-3-5-7	12:00	14:25	BT 758	OTP	RIX	1-3-5-7	15:10	17:35

BUDAPEST

BT 491	RIX	BUD	------7	07:00	07:55	BT 492	BUD	RIX	------7	08:35	11:30
BT 491	RIX	BUD	1------	11:35	12:30	BT 492	BUD	RIX	1------	13:10	16:05
BT 491	RIX	BUD	---4---	12:50	13:45	BT 492	BUD	RIX	---4---	14:25	17:20

BURGAS

BT 755	RIX	BOJ	-2-----	07:10	09:50	BT 756	BOJ	RIX	-2-----	10:35	13:15
BT 755	RIX	BOJ	-----6-	16:15	18:55	BT 756	BOJ	RIX	-----6-	19:40	22:20

C

CATANIA Fontanarossa

BT 639	RIX	CTA	-2---6-	14:40	17:10	BT 640	CTA	RIX	-2---6-	17:40	22:00

CHISINAU

BT 420	RIX	RMO	1-3--6-	11:50	14:20	BT 421	RMO	RIX	1-3--6-	15:00	17:25

COPENHAGEN

BT 131	RIX	CPH	123456-	07:00	07:30	BT 132	CPH	RIX	123456-	08:15	10:40
BT 135	RIX	CPH	------7	12:45	13:15	BT 136	CPH	RIX	------7	13:55	16:20
BT 139	RIX	CPH	1234567	19:00	19:30	BT 140	CPH	RIX	1234567	20:10	22:35

CORFU Ioannis Kapodistrias

BT 643	RIX	CFU	-2---6-	15:40	18:35	BT 644	CFU	RIX	-2---6-	19:20	22:15

D

DUBAI

BT 791	RIX	DXB	1--4-6-	00:05	07:55	BT 792	DXB	RIX	1--4-6-	09:00	15:30

DUBLIN

BT 661	RIX	DUB	--3---7	07:35	08:45	BT 662	DUB	RIX	--3---7	09:25	14:20

DUBROVNIK

BT 497	RIX	DBV	-2-----	11:45	13:20	BT 498	DBV	RIX	-2-----	14:05	17:40
BT 497	RIX	DBV	-----6-	13:55	15:30	BT 498	DBV	RIX	-----6-	16:10	19:45

DUSSELDORF

BT 233	RIX	DUS	1------	12:45	13:55	BT 234	DUS	RIX	1------	14:40	17:45
BT 233	RIX	DUS	-2345-7	17:10	18:20	BT 234	DUS	RIX	-2345-7	19:05	22:10

F

FRANKFURT

BT 243	RIX	FRA	123456-	07:45	09:05	BT 244	FRA	RIX	123456-	09:50	13:00
BT 245	RIX	FRA	------7	17:15	18:35	BT 246	FRA	RIX	------7	19:30	22:40

H

HAMBURG

BT 251	RIX	HAM	1-345--	07:00	07:50	BT 252	HAM	RIX	1-345--	08:30	11:10
BT 251	RIX	HAM	------7	15:00	15:50	BT 252	HAM	RIX	------7	16:30	19:10
BT 251	RIX	HAM	-2-----	18:25	19:15	BT 252	HAM	RIX	-2-----	19:55	22:35

HELSINKI Vantaa

BT 301	RIX	HEL	-2345-7	07:20	08:20	BT 302	HEL	RIX	-2345-7	09:00	09:55
BT 303	RIX	HEL	12345-7	13:50	14:50	BT 304	HEL	RIX	12345-7	15:30	16:25
BT 307	RIX	HEL	1234567	19:40	20:40	BT 308	HEL	RIX	123456-	21:20	22:15
BT 325	RIX	HEL	1234567	23:20	00:20+1	BT 326	HEL	RIX	1234567	05:35	06:30

HERAKLION

BT 635	RIX	HER	-----67	07:05	10:35	BT 636	HER	RIX	-----67	11:25	15:00
BT 635	RIX	HER	-2-4---	07:40	11:10	BT 636	HER	RIX	-2-4---	12:05	15:40

I

ISTANBUL

BT 711	RIX	IST	1-345-7	11:40	14:55	BT 712	IST	RIX	1-345-7	15:40	18:40

L

LARNACA

BT 657	RIX	LCA	------7	07:15	11:15	BT 658	LCA	RIX	------7	12:00	16:10
BT 657	RIX	LCA	---4---	13:00	17:00	BT 658	LCA	RIX	---4---	18:00	22:10
BT 1657	RIX	LCA	-2-4---	23:30	03:30+1	BT 1658	LCA	RIX	--3-5--	04:20	08:30

LISBON

BT 675	RIX	LIS	1---56-	12:50	15:30	BT 676	LIS	RIX	1---56-	16:15	22:30

LJUBLJANA

BT 477	RIX	LJU	------7	07:05	08:20	BT 478	LJU	RIX	------7	09:05	12:20
BT 477	RIX	LJU	---4---	11:45	13:00	BT 478	LJU	RIX	---4---	13:40	16:55

LONDON Gatwick

BT 651	RIX	LGW	123456-	07:25	08:15	BT 652	LGW	RIX	123456-	09:10	13:50
BT 653	RIX	LGW	12345-7	15:40	16:30	BT 654	LGW	RIX	12345-7	17:25	22:05

MADRID

BT 685	RIX	MAD	-2----7	13:10	16:20	BT 686	MAD	RIX	-2----7	17:10	22:05
BT 685	RIX	MAD	---4---	13:50	17:00	BT 686	MAD	RIX	---4---	17:45	22:40

MALAGA

BT 677	RIX	AGP	--3---7	07:10	10:50	BT 678	AGP	RIX	--3---7	11:30	16:45
BT 677	RIX	AGP	-----6-	14:10	17:50	BT 678	AGP	RIX	-----6-	18:30	23:45

MALTA

BT 1739	RIX	MLA	-----6-	23:30	02:10+1	BT 1740	MLA	RIX	------7	03:10	07:45

MILAN

BT 629	RIX	MXP	---4---	07:05	08:50	BT 630	MXP	RIX	---4--7	09:40	13:20
BT 629	RIX	MXP	-----6-	10:15	12:00	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-----6-	12:50	16:30
BT 629	RIX	MXP	-2-----	13:00	14:45	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-2-----	15:35	19:15

MUNICH

BT 221	RIX	MUC	12--56-	07:05	08:15	BT 222	MUC	RIX	12--56-	09:00	12:05
BT 223	RIX	MUC	12345-7	17:35	18:45	BT 224	MUC	RIX	12345-7	19:30	22:35

NAPLES

BT 645	RIX	NAP	-2---6-	07:20	09:25	BT 646	NAP	RIX	-2---6-	10:15	14:10

NICE

BT 695	RIX	NCE	--3--6-	11:15	13:20	BT 696	NCE	RIX	--3--6-	14:00	17:55
BT 695	RIX	NCE	1------	15:50	17:55	BT 696	NCE	RIX	1------	18:35	22:30

OLBIA

BT 655	RIX	OLB	-2---6-	15:25	17:45	BT 656	OLB	RIX	-2---6-	18:30	22:35

OSLO Gardermoen

BT 151	RIX	OSL	1234-6-	07:05	07:40	BT 152	OSL	RIX	1234-6-	08:25	10:55
BT 153	RIX	OSL	---4---	13:45	14:20	BT 154	OSL	RIX	---4---	15:00	17:30
BT 155	RIX	OSL	----5-7	14:00	14:35	BT 156	OSL	RIX	----5-7	15:15	17:45
BT 153	RIX	OSL	123-567	18:30	19:05	BT 154	OSL	RIX	123-567	19:45	22:15

PALANGA

BT 373	RIX	PLQ	1--45--	14:10	14:55	BT 374	PLQ	RIX	1--45--	15:35	16:15
BT 373	RIX	PLQ	--3---7	15:00	15:45	BT 374	PLQ	RIX	--3---7	22:05	22:45
BT 375	RIX	PLQ	12345-7	23:15	23:59	BT 376	PLQ	RIX	123456-	05:50	06:30

PALMA DE MALLORCA

BT 687	RIX	PMI	------7	07:00	9:50	BT 688	PMI	RIX	------7	10:50	15:30
BT 687	RIX	PMI	--3----	14:25	17:15	BT 688	PMI	RIX	--3----	18:05	22:45

PARIS Charles de Gaulle

BT 691	RIX	CDG	123456-	07:10	09:00	BT 692	CDG	RIX	123456-	09:50	13:30
BT 693	RIX	CDG	1-345-7	16:25	18:15	BT 694	CDG	RIX	1-345-7	19:05	22:45

PISA

BT 647	RIX	PSA	----5--	07:00	08:50	BT 648	PSA	RIX	----5--	09:30	13:15
BT 647	RIX	PSA	1------	09:30	11:20	BT 648	PSA	RIX	1------	12:00	15:45

PORTO

BT 679	RIX	OPO	--3----	07:20	09:45	BT 680	OPO	RIX	--3----	10:30	16:30
BT 679	RIX	OPO	-----6-	13:20	15:45	BT 680	OPO	RIX	-----6-	16:30	22:30

PRAGUE

BT 481	RIX	PRG	1-----7	07:00	07:50	BT 482	PRG	RIX	1-----7	08:30	11:15
BT 481	RIX	PRG	---4---	10:35	11:25	BT 482	PRG	RIX	---4---	12:05	14:50
BT 481	RIX	PRG	----5--	12:35	13:25	BT 482	PRG	RIX	----5--	14:05	16:50
BT 481	RIX	PRG	-----6-	18:00	18:50	BT 482	PRG	RIX	-----6-	19:30	22:15

REYKJAVIK Keflavik

BT 169	RIX	KEF	1-3-5-7	22:45	23:40	BT 170	KEF	RIX	12-4-6-	00:30	07:05

RHODES

BT 613	RIX	RHO	-2----7	07:25	10:55	BT 614	RHO	RIX	-2----7	11:40	15:15

ROME Fiumicino

BT 633	RIX	FCO	-----6-	07:45	09:50	BT 634	FCO	RIX	-----6-	10:35	14:35
BT 633	RIX	FCO	1-3-5-7	11:25	13:30	BT 634	FCO	RIX	1-3-5-7	14:15	18:15
BT 633	RIX	FCO	---4---	15:15	17:20	BT 634	FCO	RIX	---4---	18:05	22:05

SOFIA

BT 467	RIX	SOF	-2---6-	11:40	14:15	BT 468	SOF	RIX	-2---6-	15:00	17:30

SPLIT

BT 493	RIX	SPU	1---5--	07:25	09:00	BT 494	SPU	RIX	1---5--	09:45	13:20

STOCKHOLM Arlanda

BT 101	RIX	ARN	12345--	07:10	07:20	BT 102	ARN	RIX	12345--	08:05	10:10
BT 101	RIX	ARN	-----67	07:55	08:05	BT 102	ARN	RIX	-----67	08:50	10:55
BT 105	RIX	ARN	----5--	12:00	12:10	BT 106	ARN	RIX	----5--	12:55	15:00
BT 109	RIX	ARN	-2-----	16:00	16:10	BT 110	ARN	RIX	-2-----	16:55	19:00
BT 109	RIX	ARN	1-34567	19:25	19:35	BT 110	ARN	RIX	1-34567	20:20	22:25

TALLINN Lennart Meri

BT 311	RIX	TLL	1234567	07:35	08:25	BT 312	TLL	RIX	1234567	09:05	09:55
BT 313	RIX	TLL	---4---	10:45	11:35	BT 314	TLL	RIX	---4---	12:15	13:05
BT 313	RIX	TLL	-2-----	13:35	14:25	BT 314	TLL	RIX	-2-----	11:55	12:45
BT 315	RIX	TLL	123456-	15:25	16:15	BT 316	TLL	RIX	123456-	13:55	14:45
BT 317	RIX	TLL	1234567	19:55	20:45	BT 318	TLL	RIX	1234567	21:25	22:15
BT 361	RIX	TLL	1234567	23:15	00:05+1	BT 362	TLL	RIX	1234567	05:40	06:30

TAMPERE

BT 355	RIX	TMP	12-45--	13:40	14:45	BT 356	TMP	RIX	12-45--	15:25	16:25
BT 355	RIX	TMP	------7	16:00	17:05	BT 356	TMP	RIX	------7	17:45	18:45
BT 357	RIX	TMP	1234567	23:25	00:30+1	BT 358	TMP	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:30

TBILISI

BT 724	RIX	TBS	---4---	17:55	23:20	BT 725	TBS	RIX	----5--	00:05	03:30
BT 724	RIX	TBS	1------	18:20	23:45	BT 725	TBS	RIX	-2-----	00:30	03:55

THESSALONIKI

BT 615	RIX	SKG	1---5--	23:40	02:30+1	BT 616	SKG	RIX	-2---6-	03:35	06:25

TIRANA

BT 469	RIX	TIA	1---5--	00:15	01:55	BT 470	TIA	RIX	1---5--	02:35	06:15

TIVAT

BT 489	RIX	TIV	--3---7	07:15	08:55	BT 490	TIV	RIX	--3---7	09:35	13:15

M

TURKU

BT 359	RIX	TKU	1234567	23:25	00:30+1	BT 360	TKU	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:30

V

VALENCIA

BT 697	RIX	VLC	-----6-	07:00	10:00	BT 698	VLC	RIX	-----6-	10:40	15:30
BT 697	RIX	VLC	--3----	14:15	17:15	BT 698	VLC	RIX	--3----	17:55	22:45

VIENNA Schwechat

BT 271	RIX	VIE	1------	07:00	08:00	BT 272	VIE	RIX	1------	08:40	11:35
BT 271	RIX	VIE	---456-	07:25	08:25	BT 272	VIE	RIX	---456-	09:40	12:35
BT 273	RIX	VIE	-2345-7	17:40	18:40	BT 274	VIE	RIX	-2345-7	19:20	22:15
BT 273	RIX	VIE	1------	18:10	19:10	BT 274	VIE	RIX	1------	19:50	22:45

VILNIUS

BT 341	RIX	VNO	1-3456-	07:35	08:25	BT 342	VNO	RIX	1234567	09:05	09:55
BT 343	RIX	VNO	-2345--	14:00	14:50	BT 344	VNO	RIX	-2345--	15:30	16:20
BT 343	RIX	VNO	------7	14:05	14:55	BT 344	VNO	RIX	------7	15:35	16:25
BT 343	RIX	VNO	1------	16:40	17:30	BT 344	VNO	RIX	1------	15:10	16:00
BT 347	RIX	VNO	-23-5-7	19:55	20:45	BT 348	VNO	RIX	-23-5-7	21:25	22:15
BT 347	RIX	VNO	---4---	22:05	22:55	BT 348	VNO	RIX	---4---	20:35	21:25
BT 349	RIX	VNO	1234567	23:15	23:59	BT 350	VNO	RIX	1234567	05:40	06:30

VENICE

BT 627	RIX	VCE	-2---6-	11:45	13:20	BT 628	VCE	RIX	-2---6-	14:00	17:30

Z

ZURICH

BT 293	RIX	ZRH	1234567	17:05	18:35	BT 294	ZRH	RIX	1234567	19:15	22:40

TALLINN, ESTONIA

AMSTERDAM

BT 857	TLL	AMS	1234567	07:30	09:00	BT 858	AMS	TLL	1234567	09:55	13:15
BT 859	TLL	AMS	1234567	14:05	15:35	BT 860	AMS	TLL	1234567	16:35	19:55

BARCELONA

BT 877	TLL	BCN	-----6-	13:15	16:15	BT 878	BCN	TLL	-----6-	17:00	21:55
BT 877	TLL	BCN	-2-----	15:05	18:05	BT 878	BCN	TLL	-2-----	18:50	23:45

BERLIN

BT 821	TLL	BER	------7	13:55	14:50	BT 822	BER	TLL	------7	15:30	18:15
BT 821	TLL	BER	--3-5--	14:00	14:55	BT 822	BER	TLL	--3-5--	15:35	18:20
BT 821	TLL	BER	1------	16:35	17:30	BT 822	BER	TLL	1------	18:10	20:55

BILLUND

BT 813	TLL	BLL	-2-----	07:00	07:45	BT 814	BLL	TLL	-2-----	08:25	11:10
BT 813	TLL	BLL	-----6-	09:00	09:45	BT 814	BLL	TLL	-----6-	10:25	13:10

BRUSSELS

BT 851	TLL	BRU	12-----	07:20	09:00	BT 852	BRU	TLL	12-----	09:40	13:05
BT 853	TLL	BRU	------7	17:30	19:10	BT 854	BRU	TLL	------7	20:00	23:25
BT 851	TLL	BRU	----5--	19:00	20:40	BT 852	BRU	TLL	----5--	21:20	00:45+1

BURGAS

BT 845	TLL	BOJ	-----6-	05:25	08:35	BT 846	BOJ	TLL	-----6-	09:25	12:25
BT 845	TLL	BOJ	--3----	06:10	09:20	BT 846	BOJ	TLL	--3----	10:05	13:05

COPENHAGEN

BT 811	TLL	CPH	------7	13:05	13:45	BT 812	CPH	TLL	------7	14:25	16:50
BT 811	TLL	CPH	--3----	19:00	19:40	BT 812	CPH	TLL	--3----	20:20	22:45
BT 811	TLL	CPH	---4---	20:35	21:15	BT 812	CPH	TLL	---4---	21:55	00:20+1
BT 809	TLL	CPH	1------	20:35	21:15	BT 810	CPH	TLL	1------	21:55	00:20+1

HERAKLION

BT 887	TLL	HER	------7	07:55	11:55	BT 888	HER	TLL	------7	13:00	16:55
BT 887	TLL	HER	--3----	13:55	17:55	BT 888	HER	TLL	--3----	18:40	22:35

LONDON Gatwick

BT 871	TLL	LGW	-2-4-6-	17:00	18:00	BT 872	LGW	TLL	-2-4-6-	18:50	23:35

MALAGA

BT 879	TLL	AGP	-2-----	07:05	10:55	BT 880	AGP	TLL	-2---6-	22:45	04:15+1
BT 879	TLL	AGP	---4---	07:15	11:05	BT 880	AGP	TLL	---4---	12:05	17:35
BT 879	TLL	AGP	-----6-	18:05	21:55	BT 880	AGP	TLL	-----6-	22:45	04:15+1

MALTA

BT 889	TLL	MLA	-----6-	20:35	23:40	BT 890	MLA	TLL	------7	00:40	05:35

MUNICH

BT 823	TLL	MUC	--3-5--	07:15	08:45	BT 824	MUC	TLL	--3-5--	09:30	12:50
BT 823	TLL	MUC	1------	17:15	18:45	BT 824	MUC	TLL	1------	19:25	22:45
BT 827	TLL	MUC	------7	19:00	20:30	BT 828	MUC	TLL	------7	21:10	00:30+1
BT 827	TLL	MUC	---4---	19:15	20:45	BT 828	MUC	TLL	---4---	21:25	00:45+1

NICE

BT 865	TLL	NCE	--3---7	06:00	08:25	BT 866	NCE	TLL	--3---7	09:05	13:15

OSLO

BT 815	TLL	OSL	---4---	14:55	15:25	BT 816	OSL	TLL	---4---	16:05	18:30
BT 815	TLL	OSL	------7	20:45	21:15	BT 816	OSL	TLL	------7	21:55	00:20+1

PALMA DE MALLORCA

BT 891	TLL	PMI	-----6-	06:00	09:05	BT 892	PMI	TLL	-----6-	09:50	15:00

PARIS Charles de Gaulle

BT 861	TLL	CDG	----5--	06:35	08:35	BT 862	CDG	TLL	----5--	09:25	13:15
BT 861	TLL	CDG	---4---	07:30	09:30	BT 862	CDG	TLL	---4---	10:20	14:10
BT 861	TLL	CDG	1-3----	16:55	18:55	BT 862	CDG	TLL	1-3----	19:45	23:35

REYKJAVIK

BT 819	TLL	KEF	-----6-	22:35	23:20	BT 820	KEF	TLL	------7	00:10	06:40
BT 819	TLL	KEF	--3----	23:25	00:10+1	BT 820	KEF	TLL	---4---	01:00	07:30

RHODES

BT 885	TLL	RHO	1---5--	07:10	11:10	BT 886	RHO	TLL	1---5--	12:00	16:00

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

AMSTERDAM

BT 961	VNO	AMS	1234567	07:50	09:15	BT 962	AMS	VNO	1234567	10:10	13:25
BT 959	VNO	AMS	1234567	14:10	15:35	BT 960	AMS	VNO	1234567	16:35	19:55

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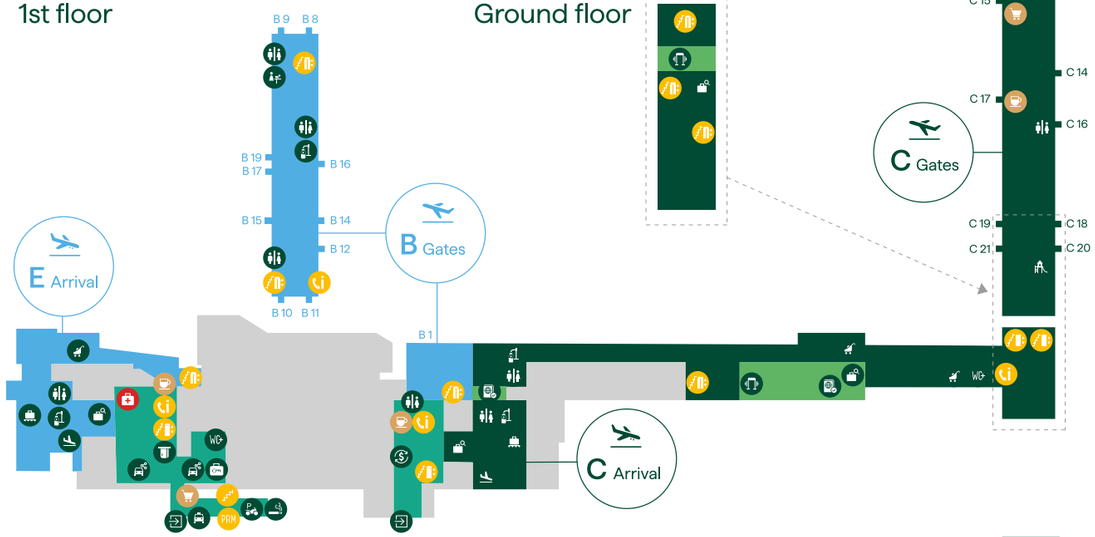
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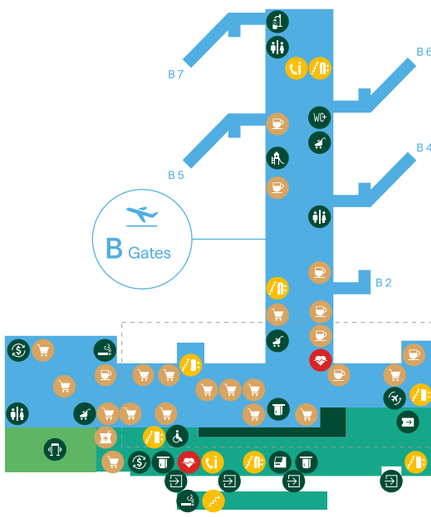
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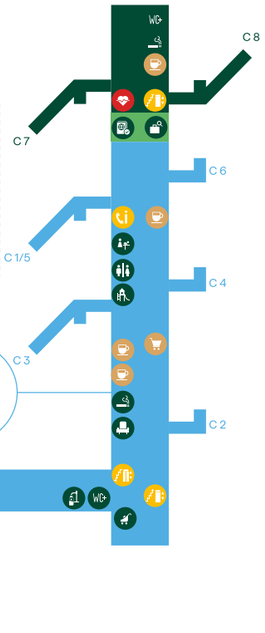


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Svaigi pagatavotas maltītes!

Vēlamies, lai airBaltic lidojumos katrs kumoss sagādātu prieku, tāpēc maltītes tiek svaigi pagatavotas tieši pirms lidojuma. Mūsu šefpavāri tās pagatavo no vislabākajām vietējām sastāvdaļām.





FRESHLY MADE

Buy together & SAVE UP TO **2 €** Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgs vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

7 99 €



+ Juice or lemonade & dessert, p. 143, p. 140

Sula vai limonāde un deserts, 143. lpp., 140. lpp.

12 47 €



FRESHLY MADE

Buy together & SAVE UP TO **0.50 €** Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

Panini

Freshly made chicken fillet-and-cheese panini with BBQ mayo

Svaigi pagatavota panini maize ar vistas fileju, sieru un BBQ majonēzi

7 99 €



+ Juice or lemonade, p. 143

Sula vai limonāde, 143. lpp.

10 48 €

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APPETISERS | UZKODAS

FRESHLY MADE

Buy together & SAVE UP TO **1 €** Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

Kraukšķīgs kruasāns, pildīts ar vietējā kūpinājuma šķiņķi, sieru un marinētu gurķi

6 99 €



+ Coffee, p. 141

Kafija, 141. lpp.

10 48 €





Tapas

Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

Olīvas, maizes standziņas, siers, šķiņķis un fuet minidesiņas

8 49 €



Goes well with wine, p. 147

Šīm piestāvēs vīns, 147. lpp.



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HOT DISHES | SILTIE ĒDIENI

Freshly made just for you!

To guarantee a smooth onboard service and great flavour, our meals are expertly cooked ahead of time, using trusted methods and premium ingredients.

Svaigi pagatavotas maltītes!

Lai nodrošinātu nevainojamu apkalpošanu un lielisku garšu, mēs maltītes sagatavojam iepriekš, izmantojot uzticamas metodes un augstākās kvalitātes sastāvdaļas.



VEGAN

Vegetable lasagne

Vegan lasagne with vegetable sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu mērci (bez glutēna)

9 99 €



Spring beef stew

Flavourful dish featuring seasonal vegetables and tender pieces of slowly stewed meat

Gards sezonālo dārzeņu sautējums ar lēni sautētu liellopa gaļu

10 49 €



HALAL

Tajine-style chicken pasta

Tender simmered chicken with pasta and aromatic oriental spices

Maigi sautēta vistas gaļa ar pastu un austrumu garšvielām

9 99 €

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FRESHLY MADE

Wrap burger

Wrap burger filled with delicious BBQ-infused pulled beef

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar plucinātu liellopa gaļu barbekjū gaumē

8 99 €

Buy together & SAVE UP TO **0.50 €** Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

+ Juice or lemonade, p. 143
Sula vai limonāde, 143. lpp.

11 48 €





FRESHLY MADE

Chicken soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

6 49 €

Buy together & SAVE UP TO **1.50 €** Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

+ Croissant & juice or lemonade, p. 143, p. 137
Kruasāns un sula vai limonāde, 143. lpp., 137. lpp.

14 97 €



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DESSERTS | DESERTI

MADE IN LATVIA

The Beginnings

Crispy Vanilla protein bar, 50g

Kraukšķīgs vaniļas proteīna batoniņš

3 49 €





Fazer Remix Minis

Assorted sweets, 120g

Saldumu izlase

2 99 €



Buy together & SAVE UP TO 1 € Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

Blueberry muffin

Melleņu kēkss

3 49 €



+ Rocket Bean coffee, p. 141

Rocket Bean kafija, 141. lpp.

6 98 €

Buy together & SAVE UP TO 0.50 € Kopā lētāk IETAUPI LĪDZ

Twix Xtra

Chocolate bar

Šokolādes batoniņš

2 99 €

+ Cadbury hot chocolate drinks, p. 141

Karstās šokolādes dzēriens, 141. lpp.

6 48 €



MADE IN LATVIA

LIDO cepums

Cookie with nuts and salted caramel, 45g

Cepums ar sāļo karameli un riekstiem

2 99 €

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Jautājiet apkalpei par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.

HOT DRINKS | KARSTIE DZĒRIENI



Basilur tea

Black / Green, 28cl

Melnā tēja / Zaļā tēja

3 49 €

Cadbury

Hot Chocolate Drink, 28cl

Karstās šokolādes dzēriens

3 99 €





Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Instant cappuccino, 28cl

Kapučīno dzēriens

3 99 €







MADE IN LATVIA

Plūkt Blossom tea

Energising mix of cornflower, echinacea, calendula, fireweed, peppermint, cowslip and oregano, 25cl

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

3 99 €

MADE IN LATVIA

Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee

Colombian and Brazilian Arabica with delicate dark chocolate bitterness and notes of nuttiness and caramel, 25cl

Kolumbijas un Brazīlijas "Arabica" ar delikātu tumšās šokolādes rūgtenumu, riekstu un karameļu notīm

4 49 €

Freshly brewed Barista Cup coffee

Peruvian and Brazilian Arabica. Rich flavours with notes of hazelnut and a hint of milk chocolate, 25cl

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

3 99 €



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MADE IN LATVIA

Natural mineral water 885

Still or sparkling, 50cl

Gāzēts vai negāzēts dabīgais minerālūdens

2 99 €

MADE IN LATVIA

Cido Exclusive

Apple or tomato juice, 30cl

Ābolu vai tomātu sula

2 99 €





Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2 99 €

SOFT DRINKS | DZĒRIENI

MADE IN LATVIA

Rudy's Kombucha

Naturally fermented green tea with passion fruit and mango, 33cl

Dabīgi fermentēts zaļās tējas dzēriens ar marakuju un mango

3 99 €



Aura

Orange juice, 33cl

Apelsīnu sula

2 99 €



Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2 99 €



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Premixed cocktails
Iepriekš pagatavoti kokteiļi



MADE IN LATVIA

ŌBDO Negroni

5cl, 27%, Famous Italian cocktail made with gin, vermouth, and Campari

Slavens itāļu kokteilis ar džinu, vermutu un kampari

7 99 €

MADE IN LATVIA

Aperol Spritz "Sip"

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

Klasiskais itāļu kokteilis ar vaniļas un rabarberu garšas notīm

8 49 €

Spirits and bitters
Stiprie alkoholiskie dzērieni



Bombay Sapphire

Dry Gin 5cl, 40%

Džins

6 99 €



Finlandia

Premium vodka 5cl, 40%

Degvīns

5 99 €



Jack Daniel's

Whiskey 5cl, 40%

Viskijs

7 49 €



Riga Black Balsam

Currant 4cl, 30%

Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu

5 99 €



Rémy Martin

VSOP cognac 5cl, 40%

Konjaks

7 99 €

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI



Riga Black Balsam Currant & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8 98 €

Blended Cocktails

We serve the ingredients separately so you can blend your cocktail just the way you like it.

Klasiskie kokteiļi

Mēs pasniegsim sastāvdaļas atsevišķi, lai tu varētu sajaukt kokteili tieši tā, kā tev patīk.



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

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

9 98 €



Prosecco Bottega Gold & orange juice

Dzirkstošais vīns Bottega Gold & apelsīnu sula

11 48 €



Jack Daniel's whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniel's viskijs & Coca-Cola

10 48 €



Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8 98 €



Finlandia Premium vodka & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8 98 €



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1. – 2.08.2025.

The biggest festival in the Baltics, Summer Sound brings top artists, beach vibes, and unforgettable energy to the vibrant shores of Liepāja for a true summer celebration.

8. – 9.08.2025.

The city's juiciest event brings together top chefs, food trucks, and bold burger creations — from classic beef to Baltic-inspired twists. Great food, live music, and a vibrant street vibe await. Come hungry!

8. – 9.08.2025.

Monumental open-air celebration of Latvian spirit, where 8000 singers, dancers, and folk musicians — from choirs and families to folklore groups — perform live at Mežaparks Grand Stage.

16. – 17.08.2025.

Nonstop 24-hour basketball game that traditionally features actors, musicians, influencers, and players from "VEF Rīga," among others.

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BEER & WINE | ALUS UN VĪNS



Marcy Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon
18.7cl, 13%, France
Sarkanvīns, Francija
7,99 €

Alexis Colombard Chardonnay
18.7cl, 11.5%, France
Baltvīns, Francija
7,99 €

Bottega 0 Sparkling Life (0% ALCOHOL FREE)
20cl, 0%, Italy
Bezalkoholiskais dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija
7,49 €

Bottega Il Vino Dei Poeti Prosecco DOC Rosé Brut
20cl, 11%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija
8,49 €

Bottega Gold Prosecco Brut
20cl, 11%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija
8,49 €

Mežpils Lager
50cl, 5.3%, Latvia
Mežpils Gaišais lāgers, Latvija
7,49 €

Carlsberg
33cl, 5%, Danish Pilsner
Dāņu Pilsner gaišais alus
4,99 €

Staropramen Non Alcoholic (0% ALCOHOL FREE)
33cl, 0.5%, Czech Republic
Bezalkoholiskais alus, Čehija
4,49 €

SALTY SNACKS | SĀĻIE NAŠĶI



MADE IN LATVIA

Beef Jerky

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

"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vītināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa

3 99 €



Nõo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages, 85g

"Nõo Snack"cigārdesiņas ar parmezāna sieru

3 49 €



VEGAN

NOY nuts

Salty baked mini pretzels, 25g

Sāļie minikliņģerīši

3 49 €

VEGAN

Pringles Original

Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato crisps, 40g

Kartupeļu čipsi

3 49 €





VEGAN

Salysol salted peanuts, 60g

"Salysol" sālīti zemesrieksti

3 49 €

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CALVIN KLEIN
Sheer Beauty
EDT for her, 50 ml

Fruity Fresh

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€29.59**
Save **33%**

VERSACE
Woman EDP
for her, 50 ml

Floral Fruity

€29⁹⁰

Retail Price **€35**
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WOMEN'SECRET
Intimate
EDP for her, 100 ml

Amber Floral

NEW ON BOARD

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Retail Price **€29.99**
Save **34%**



PEPE JEANS
Life is Now EDP
for her, 30 ml

Amber Floriental

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€25.95**
Save **23%**



CALVIN KLEIN
Free EDT for
him, 50 ml

NEW ON BOARD

Woody Aromatic

€19⁹⁰



AVIATOR PERFUMES
Energy EDP for him,
100 ml

€19⁹⁰

NEW ON BOARD

Retail Price **€34.99**

Save **43%**

AVIATOR Energy Eau de Parfum Spray – the fresh, masculine men's fragrance that will lift you to new heights.

AVIATOR Energy Eau de Parfum Spray – svaigs, vīrišķīgs aromāts, kas paceļ tevi jaunos augstumos.

Woody | Aromatic



CALVIN KLEIN
Eternity Moment
EDP for her, 50 ml

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

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

Floral | Fruity

€29⁹⁰

Retail Price **€32**

Save **7%**



BUGATTI
Signature Black
EDT for him, 100 ml

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

Šis pilsētnieciskais aromāts ir ideāli piemērots visiem dzīves gadījumiem. Smaržīgu, austrumniecisku augu aromātu saimes daļa.

Amber | Aromatic

€19⁹⁰

BEST SELLER

BUGATTI
Bella Donna
EDP for her, 60 ml

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

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

Aromatic | Fresh

€19⁹⁰

BEST SELLER

Retail Price **€26.49**

Save **25%**





VERSACE
Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

€74.90

Retail Price **€85**
Save **12%**

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

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

Floral Fruity



GISADA
Titanium
EDP for him, 50 ml

€79

Retail Price **€95**
Save **17%**

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

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

Woody Amber



CAROLINA HERRERA
Good Girl
EDP for her, 30 ml

€67.90

Retail Price **€74.50**
Save **9%**

Reveal your good side through the luminous facet of tuberose and the best quality jasmine sambac. Dare your bad side through addictive notes of roasted tonka beans and cocoa. It's so good to be bad!

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

Amber Floral



GISADA
Ambassadora
EDP for her, 50 ml

€69

Retail Price **€89**
Save **22%**

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 chords 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 aromātu. Pamattoni veido vaniļas, muskusa un sandalkoka mierinošais siltums, savukārt kašmira koksne un pūdercukurs piešķir aromātam īpašu maigumu un ekstravaganci. Rozā pipari panāk tā dēvēto "wow efektu".

Soft Amber Fruity

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Hydro Nutrient Nourishing Conditioner, 70 ml
€8 / p. 163

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M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH
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Travel retail exclusive

Experience the M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH bestseller set! The make-up mousse adapts to the skin and ensures an even complexion as it conceals imperfections and redness. This 4-in-1 product combines primer, concealer, foundation and powder. Suitable for all skin types, ideal for on the go with 30 ml and 10 ml sizes.

Izbaudi M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH burvīgo efektu ar šo populāro komplektu! Samtainais grima krēms pielāgojas tavas ādas tonim, nodrošinot gludu, vienmērīgu ādas izskatu un noslēpjot nepilnības un apsārtumu. Produkts apvieno bāzi, korektoru, tonālo krēmu un pūderi vienā. Piemērots visiem ādas tipiem. 30 ml un 10 ml tilpumu komplekts ir ideāls risinājums ceļošanai!



M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH
Satin Lipstick Trio
3 x 4 g Hazelnut Heaven, Almond & Rosewood

BEST SELLER

€34

Travel retail exclusive

Discover the M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH Satin Lipstick Trio! Three nourishing lipsticks in soft nude shades continuously moisturise your lips and make them appear fuller. The creamy formulation provides a silky-matte finish, and the magnetic closure protects the lipsticks in your bag. Perfect for on the go and your next trip.

Atklājiet M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH Satin lūpu krāsu trio! Trīs barojošas lūpu krāsas maigos nude toņos mitrina lūpas visas dienas garumā un piešķir tām pilnīgāku izskatu. Krēmīgā formula sniedz zīdaini matētu pārklājumu, savukārt magnētiskais vāciņš pasargā lūpu krāsas jūsu somā. Ideāli piemērotas ceļojumiem un ikdienas lietošanai.



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 lashes in only 30 days.

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

€23

Retail Price **€27.90**

Save **18%**

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

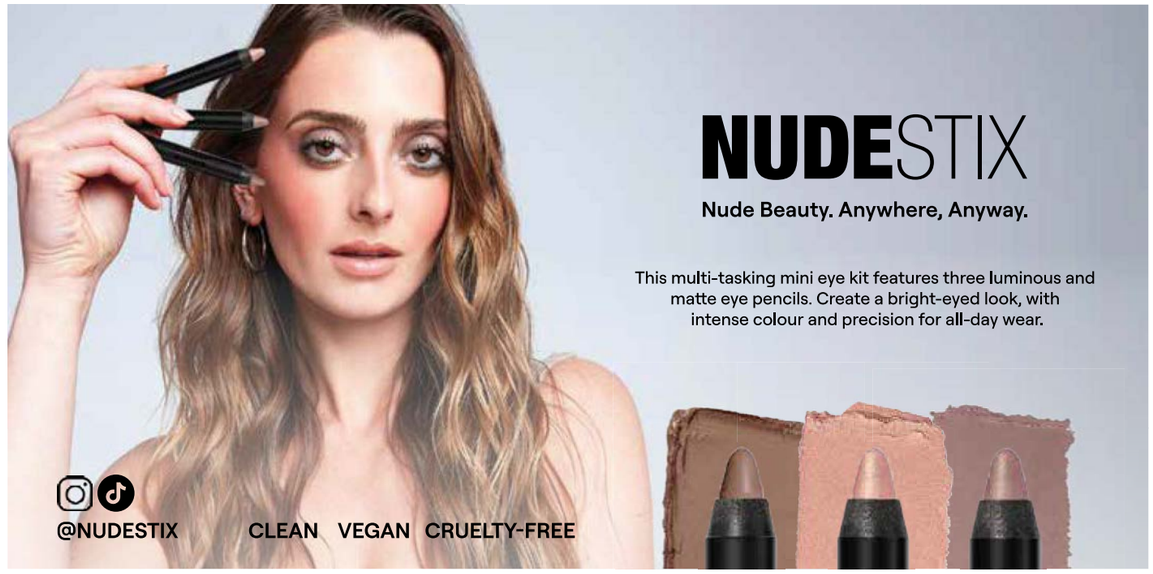
A revolutionary high-definition mascara. Lashes are instantly curled and lifted, for an extraordinary push-up effect! Ultra-defined, clump- and smudge-free volume. Vegan formula enriched with active ingredients that help repair weak lashes. Increases lash growth in just 30 days of continuous use. Ophthalmologically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

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

€23

Retail Price **€27.90**

Save **18%**



NUDESTIX
Bright Nude Eyes Kit
3x2.5 g

€27

Retail Price **€34.95**

Save **23%**

NEW ON BOARD

Bright Eyes Mini 3-pc Eye Makeup Kit with luminous and matte eye pencils.
- Mini three-piece eye makeup kit with luminous and matte eye pencils.
- Multi-tasking, long-wearing eyeshadow pencils provide intense colour and precision for all-day wear.
- Infused with hydrating ingredients, the formula is super creamy for buildable colour.

Bright Eyes Mini komplekts ar trim mirdzošiem un matētiem acu zīmuļiem.
- Acu grima minikomplekts ar mirdzošiem un matētiem acu zīmuļiem.
- Daudzfunkcionālie, noturīgie acu ēnu zīmuļi nodrošina intensīvu krāsu un precizitāti visas dienas garumā – ideāli arī ceļojuma laikā.
- Bagātināti ar mitrinošām sastāvdaļām. To īpaši krēmīgā tekstūra ļauj ērti uzklāt un veidot vēlamo krāsas intensitāti.



NUDESTIX
Sweet & Sunny Cheeks Duo,
2x7 g

€40

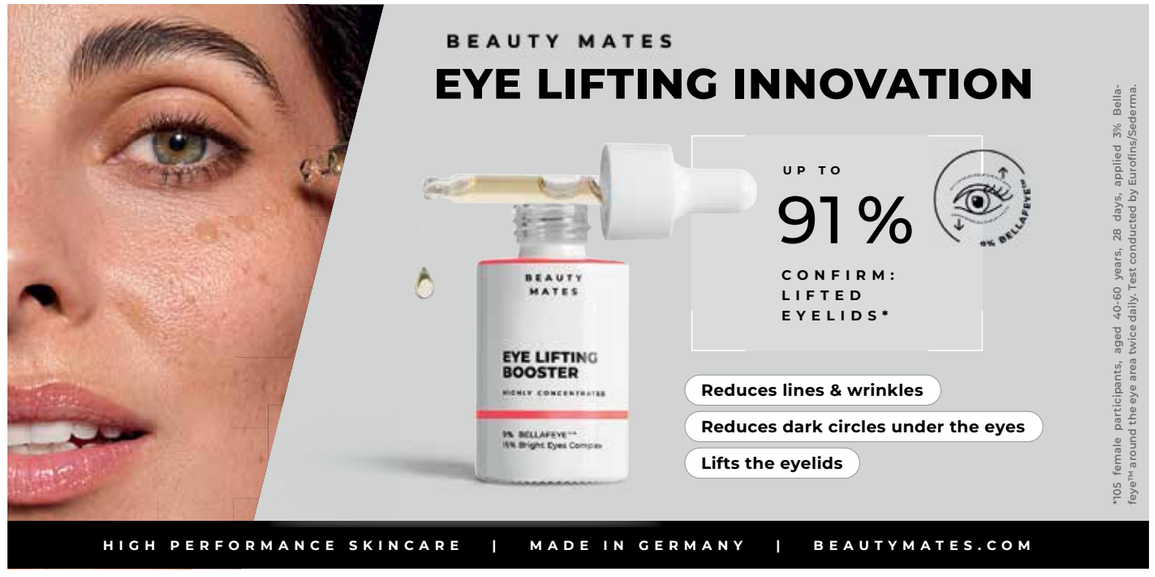
Retail Price **€45**

Save **11%**

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

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





M. ASAM® MAGIC CARE
Perfect Eye Serum,
25 ml

€23

Retail Price **€28.99**
Save **21%**

NEW ON BOARD

Turn your trip into a beauty retreat! The M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Perfect Eye Serum is your must-have for a fresh, awake look. The cooling applicator instantly refreshes, while the innovative formula with peptides and patented* hyaluronic acid complex supports an all-round firm, smooth and fresh-looking eye area – ideal for long flights. Instant freshness effect – for radiant eyes, no matter where you are! *EP2014278

Pārvērt savu ceļojumu par skaistumkopšanas rituālu! M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Perfect Eye Serum ir tavs neaizvietojamais līdzeklis svaigam, možam izskatam. Atsvaidzinošais aplikators atvēsina, savukārt inovatīvā formula ar peptīdiem un patentētu* hialuronskābes kompleksu sniedz gludu, stingru un starojošu ādas izskatu ap acīm – ideāli gariem lidojumiem. Tūlītējs svaiguma efekts – mirdzošām acīm jebkurā galamērķī! *EP2014278

BEAUTY MATES
Eye Lifting Booster,
30 ml

€33

Retail Price **€39**
Save **15%**

NEW ON BOARD

The Eye Lifting Booster by Beauty Mates visibly firms the eye area by up to 87% in four weeks and reduces dark circles, puffiness, and wrinkles. The lightweight texture with Bright Eye Complex, peptides, and hyaluronic acid ensures a refreshed, awakened look – instantly and long-term.

Beauty Mates acu liftinga līdzeklis četrās nedēļās līdz pat 87% redzami nostiprina ādu ap acīm un samazina tumšos lokus, pietūkumu un krunciņas. Tā vieglā tekstūra ar Bright Eye kompleksu, peptīdiem un hialuronskābi acumirklī piešķir svaigu un atpūtušos izskatu, kas saglabājas ilgstoši.





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

€33

Retail Price **€48**
Save **31%**

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

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

ROSALIQUE
Anti-Redness Cream,
30 ml

€29

Retail Price **€34.95**
Save **17%**

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

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

HADAT

COSMETICS



UNLOCK THE SECRET TO HEALTHY HAIR WITH OUR HYDROHAIR PRODUCTS



HADAT
Hydro Nutrient Nourishing Conditioner, 70 ml

The all-in-one conditioner protects hair from damage by trapping moisture in every hair, making it smooth and shiny. The conditioner has a light creamy texture, moisturises and softens the hair without weighing it down, adds luster. Facilitates combing.

"Viss vienā" kondicionieris aizsargā matus no bojājumiem, noturot mitrumu visā matu garumā, padarot tos gludus un spīdīgus. Kondicionierim ir viegla krēmveida tekstūra – tas mitrina un mīkstina matus, nenoslogojot tos, piešķir mirdzumu. Atvieglo matu ķemmēšanu – ideāli piemērots kopšanai ceļojuma laikā!

€8

Travel retail exclusive



HADAT
Hydro Nourishing Moisture Shampoo, 70 ml

The shampoo provides balanced nutrition, restores moisture levels and strengthens normal and dry hair. It gently cleanses and moisturises hair without weighing it down while increasing root volume. After using the shampoo, the hair becomes less brittle and dry, looking healthy and shiny.

Šampūns nodrošina sabalansētu barošanu, atjauno mitruma līmeni un stiprina normālus un sausus matus. Maigi attīra un mitrina matus, tos nenoslogojot, vienlaikus piešķirot apjomu pie saknēm. Pēc šampūna lietošanas mati kļūst mazāk trausli un sausi, izskatās veselīgi un mirdzoši – ideāli ceļojuma atsvaidzinājumam!

€8

Travel retail exclusive



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
Intense Eye Rescue,
15 ml

€170

Travel retail exclusive

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

Dr. Levijs, estētiskā Botox® pionieris no Šveices, ir patentējis šo intensīvo cilmes šūnu formulu, kas palīdz atjaunot jutīgo ādu ap acīm un atgūt tās jauneklīgo mirdzumu. Līdzeklis pārbaudīts neatkarīgos kliniskos pētījumos. Bezmaksas dāvana: mikrostrāvas liftinga ierīce tūlītējiem rezultātiem.



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
Fire & Snow
Peel and Serum, 2x10 ml

€79

Travel retail exclusive

NEW ON BOARD

This Swiss-made, skin-renewing treatment from a top aesthetic dermatologist purifies, replenishes, and plumps skin in 10 days. Featuring epigenetic technology, the two-step protocol includes the 'Fire' peel to detoxify with revitalising warmth and the 'Snow' serum with Swiss antioxidants, hyaluronic acid, phytocollagen, and lotus stem cells to boost skin vitality. Vegan, cruelty-free, dermatologically tested. Suitable for all genders.

Šveicē ražotais ādu atjaunojošais līdzeklis no vadošā estētikas dermatologa attīra, atjauno un piesātina ādu jau 10 dienu laikā. Divpakāpju rituāls ar epiģenētisko tehnoloģiju apvieno "Fire" pīlingu ādas detoksam un siltuma impulsu atjaunošanai, kā arī "Snow" serumu ar Šveices antioksidantiem, hialuronskābi, fitokolagēnu un lotosa cilmes šūnām, kas uzlabo ādas vitalitāti. Vegāniem piemērots, netestēts uz dzīvniekiem, dermatoloģiski pārbaudīts. Piemērots visiem dzimumiem.



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
4 Miracles Mask & Cure

€59

Travel retail exclusive

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

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





BIO2YOU
Anti-Age Day Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27

BIO2YOU
Anti-Age Night Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27

BIO2YOU
Regenerating Travel/Gift set.
Moisturising Day Cream SPF 30, 50 ml
+ Regenerating Hyaluronic
Face Serum, 50 ml

€20 Travel retail exclusive

BEST SELLER

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

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

On-the-go hydration boost from takeoff to touchdown

- Hydrating, smoothing and soothing
- Packed full of skin-loving ingredients
- Infused with neroli flower essence

TRAVEL EXCLUSIVE

The only haircare you need for your travels

- One bottle, seven uses
- Use on wet or dry hair
- No need to rinse, just style and go
- With bespoke mango and coconut fragrance



DR. PAWPAW
Your Gorgeous Skin Face Mist, 100 ml

Discover YOUR gorgeous SKIN Hydrating Face Mist, your on-the-go secret for glowing skin. A naturally fragranced, ultra-lightweight formula that delivers three powerful benefits in a single, delightful spray: hydrating, smoothing and soothing. Enriched with the range's hero ingredient - Papayaluronic™ - Niacinamide (Vitamin B3), and an exquisite essence of Neroli Flower.

Atklājiet "Your Gorgeous Skin" mitrinošo sejas miglu – jūsu ceļabiedru mirdzošai ādai! Dabiski aromatizēta, īpaši viegla formula, kas vienā baudpilnā uzsmidzinājumā sniedz trīs spēcīgas priekšrocības: mitrina, izlīdzina un nomierina ādu. Bagātināta ar sērijas galveno sastāvdaļu – Papayaluronic™, niacinamīdu (B3 vitamīnu) un izsmalcinātu neroli ziedu esenci.

€15 NEW ON BOARD

DR. PAWPAW
It Does It All, 100 ml NEW ON BOARD

The perfect combination of a hair treatment and styling product**.** The 7 in 1 It Does It All Hair Treatment Styler can be used on wet or dry hair for gorgeous results, while leaving your hair smelling amazing. Multi-uses include:
- Heat protector
- Reduces split ends
- Detangler
- Leave-in hair treatment
- Reduces frizz and smoothes
- Blow-dry styling aid
- Adds shine

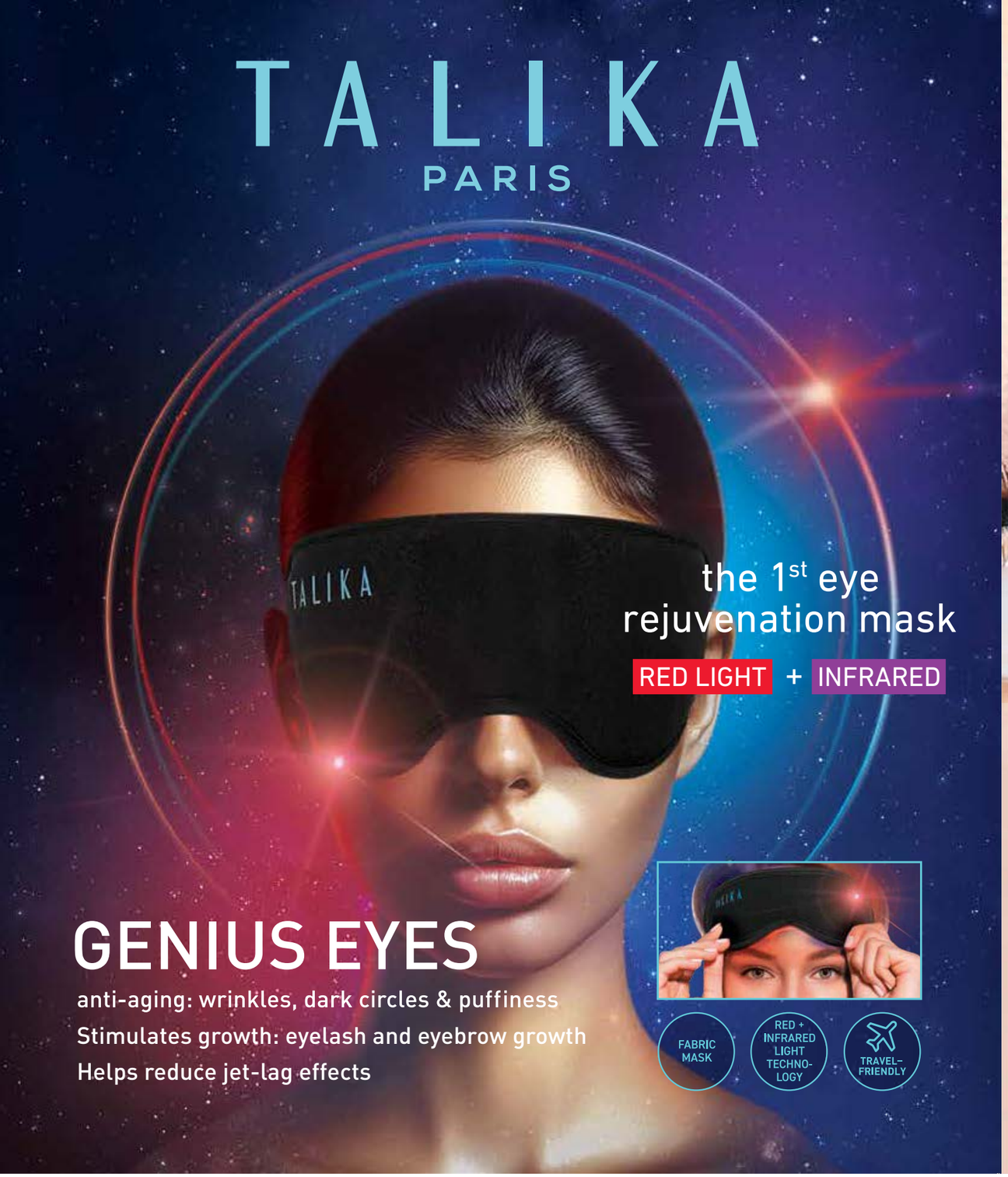
Suitable for all hair types

Ideāls matu kopšanas un veidošanas līdzeklis vienā. "7 in 1 It Does It All Hair Treatment Styler" lietojams gan mitros, gan sausos matos – ceļojuma laikā vai pēc tam, kad esi galamērķī. Rezultāts – skaisti, veselīgi mati ar lielisku aromātu. Daudzfunkcionāla iedarbība:
- Aizsardzība pret karstumu
- Mazina šķelšanos
- Atvieglo ķemmēšanu
- Neskalojams kopšanas līdzeklis
- Samazina pūkošanos un nogludina
- Palīgs matu veidošanai
- Piešķir dabīgu mirdzumu

Piemērots visiem matu tipiem

€10 Travel retail exclusive





TALIKA
Genius Eye Anti-Aging and Growth Light

€199

Retail Price **€249**
Save **20%**

Creator of the 1st eyelash growth-care system in 1948, and a pioneer in photorejuvenation for 20 years, Talika innovates again with Genius Eyes: the 1st red and infrared LED beauty eye mask targeting all signs of ageing around the eyes while stimulating eyelash and eyebrow growth.

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



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

€41

Retail Price **€49.50**
Save **17%**

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

Leģendārā Lipocils Expert formula ir patentēta unikāla piecu augu kombinācija, kas stimulē skropstu augšanu, dabisko pigmentāciju un izliekumu. Klīniskos pētījumos ir pierādīts, ka jau pēc 30 dienām skropstas ir vidēji par 2,1 mm garākas, par 50% palielinājusies to pigmentācija un par 50% ir palielinājies skropstu izliekums. Lietojiet dienu un nakti visu gadu! 96% sastāvdaļu ir dabīgas.



YOUTH LAB
60 Patches & Spatula

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

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

€30

Retail Price **€42**

Save **29%**



AVANT GLOW
Starter Set,
5x10 ml

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

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

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

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

€22

Retail Price **€45**

Save **40%**



PURENN
Universal Stain
Remover, 100 ml

Stay spotless wherever you fly! This compact, travel-friendly stain remover is your quick fix for unexpected spills – from coffee to wine. Gentle on fabrics and eco-friendly, it's perfect for in-flight touch-ups or holiday adventures. Simply spray, treat, and wash for fresh-looking clothes on the go.

Ceļo bez traipiem! Šis kompaktais, ceļošanai draudzīgais traipu tīrītājs ir ātrs palīgs negaidītiem traipiem — no kafijas līdz vīnam. Maigs audumiem un draudzīgs videi, tas ir ideāli piemērots ātriem uzlabojumiem lidojuma laikā vai atpūtā. Vienkārši uzsmidzini, apstrādā un izmazgā — un apģērbs atkal izskatīsies svaigs!

€5^{90}



UNITWEEZER
Universal Multi Tweezer

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

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

€12

Retail Price **€14.95**

Save **20%**

BEST SELLER

WATCHES & JEWELLERY | PULKSTEŅI UN JUVELIERIZSTRĀDĀJUMI

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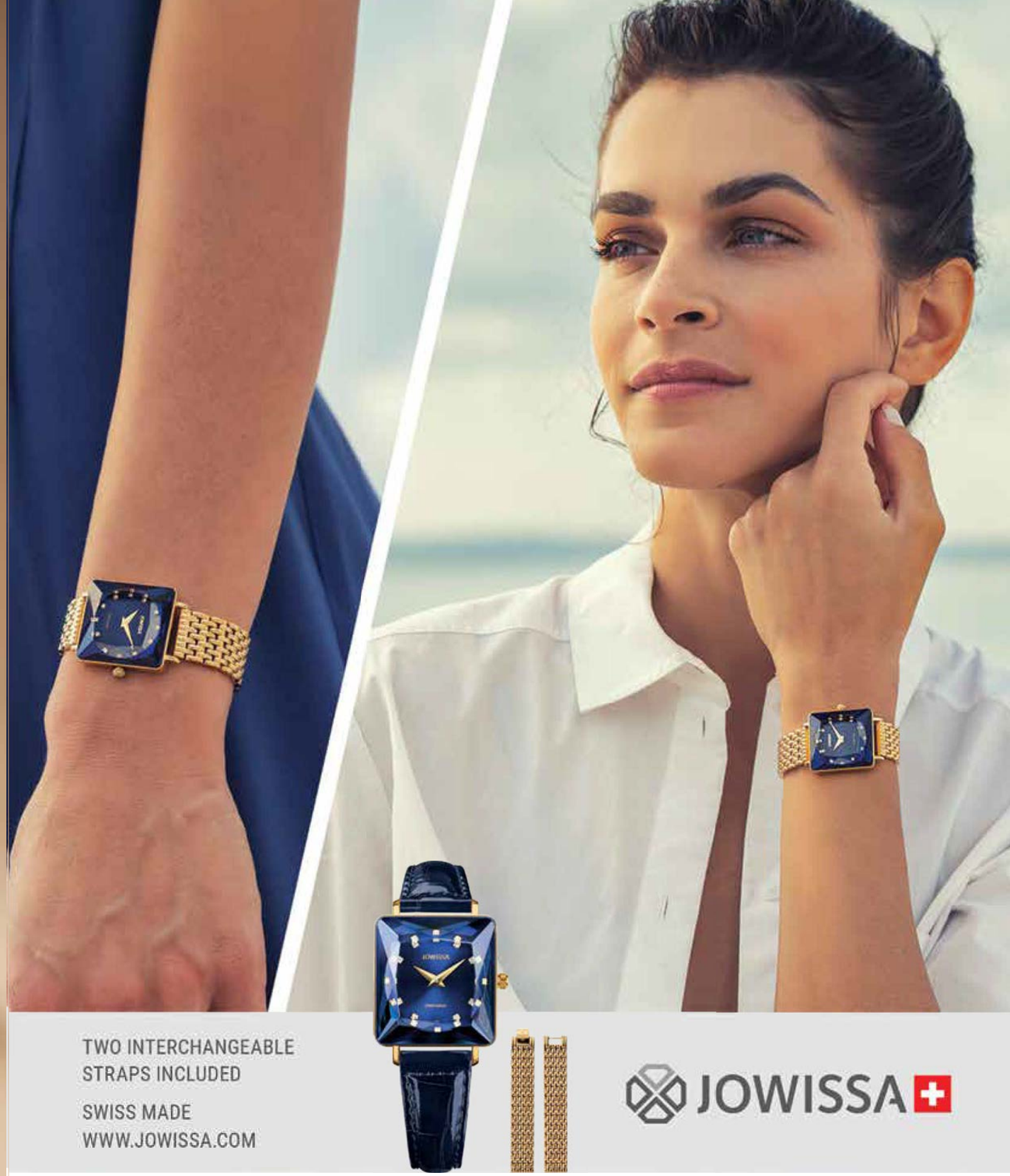


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ZAZA & LILI
3-Bracelet Set
€39 / p. 182

ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1
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AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Luxe Set, Rose Gold
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JOWISSA
Facet Princess Set

€249 Retail Price **€270** Save **8%**

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

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

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



AVIATOR
F Series Smart Watch

This Aviator F Series Aero Xtreme Gent's Smart Watch impresses with a 2.01" full touch screen, 450 nits brightness, digital rotating crown, extra nylon strap, 250+ dials, and exercise & health tracking.

Aviator F Series Aero Xtreme vīriešu viedpulkstenis pārsteidz ar 2,01" pilna skārienа ekrānu, 450 nitu spilgtumu, digitālo rotējošo kroni, papildu neilona siksniņu, 250+ ciparnīcu dizainiem un treniņu un veselības monitoringu.

€129
Retail Price **€175**
Save **26%**

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DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
2.01"	ZINC ALLOY METAL	NYLON	21.5 CM



AVIATOR
F Series Gent's Smart Technique Watch

This Aviator F Series Smart Technique Gent's Watch impresses with 33 mm full touch screen, 500 nits brightness, extra silicone strap, 250+ available dials, health monitoring, and exercise tracking. IP67 protection.

Aviator F sērijas vīriešu viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 33 mm pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 500 nitu spilgtums, papildu silikona siksniņa, vairāk nekā 250 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP67 aizsardzība.

€119
Retail Price **€169**
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DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
45 MM	ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	IP67	SILICONE	21.5 CM



AVIATOR
F Series RFID Foldable Wallet

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

Sargājiet savus datus! Maks ar RFID aizsardzību. Ietilpst līdz 15 kartēm.Ātrās piekļuves mehānisms.

€49
Retail Price **€69**
Save **29%**

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- AI VOICE ASSISTANT
- IP67 WATER-RESISTANT
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP



AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Smart Technique Watch

€139

BEST SELLER

Retail Price **€199**

Save **30%**

This Aviator F Series Ladies' Smart Technique Watch charms with 30 mm full touch screen, 300 nits brightness, Milanese strap and extra silicone strap, 300+ available dials, health monitoring, and exercise tracking. IP67 protection.

Aviator F sērijas sieviešu viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 30 mm pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 300 nitu spilgtums, Milānas siksniņa un papildu silikona siksniņa, vairāk nekā 300 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP67 aizsardzība.

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
42 MM	ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	IP67	MILANESE / SILICONE	18.5 CM

AVIATOR
F SERIES



AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Luxe Set, Rose Gold

€79

Retail Price **€109**

Save **28%**

Aviator F Series Ladies' Luxe Rose-Gold set features a rose-gold watch with Milanese stainless steel strap and world map on a black dial, accompanied with an adjustable rose-gold world map bracelet.

Šajā Aviator F sērijas komplektā ietilpst sieviešu rozā zelta pulkstenis ar tīkla aproci no nerūsējošā tērauda un pasaules karti uz melnas ciparnīcas, kā arī regulējama rozā zelta rokassprādze ar pasaules karti.

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



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 Mallorca Pearls in different colours, making it an '8 in 1'!

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

€79 Travel retail exclusive



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 Mallorca Pearls with a clasp in sterling silver. A genuine handcrafted necklace made at the traditional Orquidea pearl factory on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

Satriecoša pērļu kaklarota, obligāts aksesuārs katras sievietes garderobē. 8 mm augstākās kvalitātes Maljorkas dabiskās pērles ar sudraba aizdari. Autentisks roku darbs no tradicionālās pērļu fabrikas Orquidea Maljorkas salā. Komplektā ietilpst pērļu auskaru pāris.

€126

Retail Price **€172**

Save **27%**

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER

ORQUIDEA
Majorca Duo Bracelet

Bracelet with first-quality Organic Mallorca Pearls – one 6 mm white and one 12 mm black – and sterling silver elements. Handcrafted at the traditional Orquidea pearl factory on the island of Mallorca. Can complement both a formal and a casual look. One size fits all.

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

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ZAZA & LILI
3-Bracelet Set

€39

Retail Price **€81**

Save **52%**

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

Trīs minimālistiska stila aproces ar rodija, zelta un rozā zelta pārklājumu, rotātas ar mirdzošiem kristāliem. Aproces var valkāt kopā vai pa vienai. Garums: 17,5 cm





AVIATOR
Gent‘s Bracelet

€49

Retail Price **€69**

Save **29%**

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Elevate your style with the Aviator F Series Gent’s leather black bracelet, a perfect blend of rugged charm and timeless sophistication. Ideal for the modern adventurer, this bold statement piece effortlessly combines fine craftsmanship with style. The bracelet has a diameter of 21.5 cm and features a slide closure crafted from stainless steel.

Izcel savu stilu ceļojumā ar Aviator F Series vīriešu melno ādas rokassprādzi – izturības un klasiskā stila kombināciju. Ideāla izvēle stilīgam piedzīvojumu meklētājam – šis aksesuārs apvieno precizitāti un raksturu. Rokassprādzes diametrs 21,5 cm, ar slīdošo aizdari no nerūsējošā tērauda.

BRACELET LENGTH
ADJUSTABLE

MATERIAL
LEATHER & STAINLESS STEEL



MY JEWELLERY
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Bracelets, Gold

€22

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Premium stainless steel, does not discolour, 100% waterproof, 100% recyclable. The material is of high quality and very long-lasting. You can wear it in the shower or at the beach, with no need to take it off.

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

BRACELET LENGTH
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



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Flybrace

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Discover Flybrace: exclusive handcrafted bracelets embodying the spirit of adventure. Crafted in Europe with the essence of travel in mind, each piece symbolises boundless possibilities and the courage to explore. Designed for wanderers, Flybrace is your constant companion in life's journey, inviting curiosity and inspiring stories. Embrace the world on your wrist.

Flybrace – tava piedzīvojumu rotaslieta. Ekskluzīvas, ar rokām darinātas rokassprādzes, iedvesmotas no ceļošanas brīvības. Radītas Eiropā ar ceļojumu sajūtu sirdī, tās simbolizē bezgalīgas iespējas un drosmi doties nezināmajā. Flybrace ir radīts ceļotājiem – tava uzticamā pavadone dzīves ceļojumā. Apkārt pasaulei – vienā rokassprādzē.

BRACELET LENGTH
ADJUSTABLE

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AKSESUĀRI UN PRECES CEĻOŠANAI



DOPPLER
Pocket Umbrella,
99 g

€25 Retail Price **€29.99** Save **17%**

The Zero99 – lighter than a chocolate bar. Weighing only 99 grams, the Zero99 is a Red Dot Award winner. Only 21 cm in size, this small Doppler umbrella fits into nearly any pocket or purse. Its handy shape and easy use will make the Doppler Pocket Umbrella your lightest and most useful companion, even in heavy rain.

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



AQUAPHOR
City filter bottle,
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Izturīga, viegla un ērti pārnēsājama pudele – ideāli piemērota krāna ūdens attīrīšanai ceļojuma laikā. Komplektā iekļauts patentēts AQUALEN™ maināmais filtrs, kas attīra ūdeni no hlora, smagajiem metāliem, alergēniem un uzlabo tā garšu un smaržu. Ražots Igaunijā. Uzzini vairāk: aquaphor.lv

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VONMÄHLEN
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

€17 **BEST SELLER**

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

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



SUDIO
C7 Earphones

€30
Retail Price **€39.99**
Save **25%**

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

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

WATER RESISTANCE	PLAY TIME	CONNECTION
IPX4	**6 HOURS**	**28 HOURS**



SEAWAG
Waterproof Case

Designed to fit phones up to 6.8", this IPX8-certified case offers full protection up to 25 m (80ft) underwater while maintaining seamless touchscreen functionality. Whether you're capturing stunning underwater shots or navigating rugged terrain, you can trust Seawag to keep your phone safe. Includes a quick-release lanyard for hands-free convenience.

Paredzēts telefoniem līdz 6,8", šis IPX8 sertificētais maciņš nodrošina pilnīgu aizsardzību līdz pat 25 m (80 pēdu) dziļumam zem ūdens, vienlaikus saglabājot ērtu skārienekrāna lietošanu. Ideāli piemērots gan zemūdens fotografēšanai, gan izaicinošai ceļošanai – Seawag sargā jūsu tālruni ik uz soļa. Komplektā iekļauta praktiska, noņemama siksniņa ērtai lietošanai bez rokām.

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BEURER
LS 10 Luggage Scale

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

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

50 g graduation, torch light.

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I-CLIP
Carbon Optics Wallet incl. RFID Shields

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

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CHROME-FREE TANNING | RFID SAFE | ULTRALIGHT 18 GRAMS | MADE IN GERMANY | UP TO 12 CARDS | NATURAL TANNING

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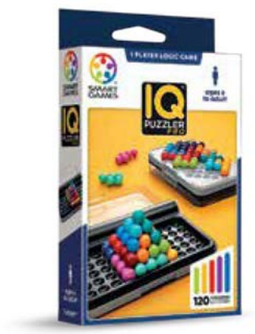
ZIPSTAR
Mobile Screen Magnifier

This magnifier acts like a phone projector by magnifying your phone's screen 2 to 4 times its true size. Offers an excellent viewing experience as it helps reduce strain on your eyes.

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

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SMART GAMES
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!

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. Paredzēts spēlētājiem no 6 gadu vecuma.

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SCRATCH ART
Magic Rainbow Scratch Notes

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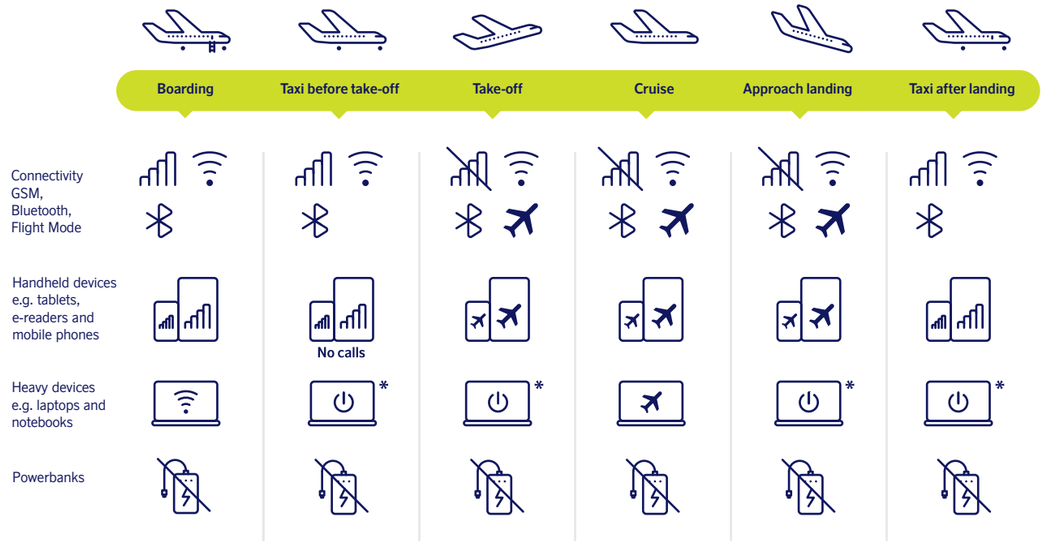
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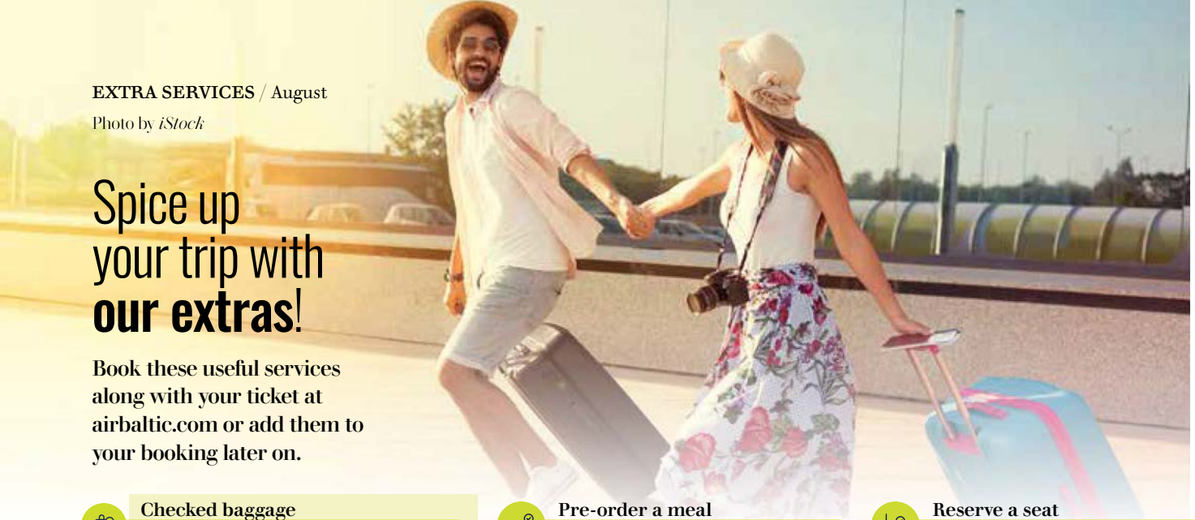
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The Cancellation option is available only for *Economy BASIC* and *Economy CLASSIC* tickets, whereas the Name change option is available for *Economy BASIC*, *Economy CLASSIC*, *Economy FLEX* and *Business EXPERIENCE* tickets.

Heavy cabin baggage

You can take on board one cabin bag (55x40x23 cm) and one personal item (30x40x10 cm) with a total weight of eight kilograms free of charge.

However, sometimes you may need to carry more but want to avoid waiting for a checked suitcase at the baggage belt. Now you can **add an extra four kilograms to your cabin baggage for an additional fee** 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 30 at the airport.

Pre-order a meal

Order a meal before your flight and be among the first served on board. Choose our great value meals, starting **from EUR 4.99**. When pre-ordering meals during flight booking on airBaltic.com, you can **select up to 5 meals and 5 drinks per passenger**. If you're adding a pre-order meal to an existing reservation (via manage my booking, online check-in, the call centre or travel agencies), you will be able to choose from predefined meal sets.

All meals are freshly prepared and packed separately under strict hygiene standards. Special vegetarian and kids' meals are also available.

Upgrade to Business class

If business class seats are available on your flight, you can place a bid for a chance to get an upgrade to business class. The more you offer, the better your odds of success! The bidding process remains open until a set time before departure, which depends on the airport. Upgrade with bidding is only valid for the flight for which you have made the offer and for all passengers in the booking. Once you have received an invitation email, review it – submit your bidding offer – fill in payment details – check details and accept terms and conditions – then get a confirmation email with your bid submission.

No later than twelve hours before the flight, passengers will be notified if their bid has been accepted. You'll only be charged if your bid is accepted, ensuring you don't pay for an upgrade you don't receive.

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.

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 9.99**.

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.

*Book these services at *airBaltic* ticket offices or via the call centre: T: +371 67006006, reservations@airbaltic.com.



Ticket types on *airBaltic* flights

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

The date can be changed for all tickets. This gives our guests extra flexibility and security when planning their trips.

Check out the chart to see which services are included in each ticket type, and choose the one that's best for you.

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

[1] Fare differences may apply

[2] A Flight Cancellation option and Name Change option can be added to your tickets by making a reservation on airBaltic.com or via airBaltic Call centre

[3] Online check-in 24 hours before departure is free for all passengers

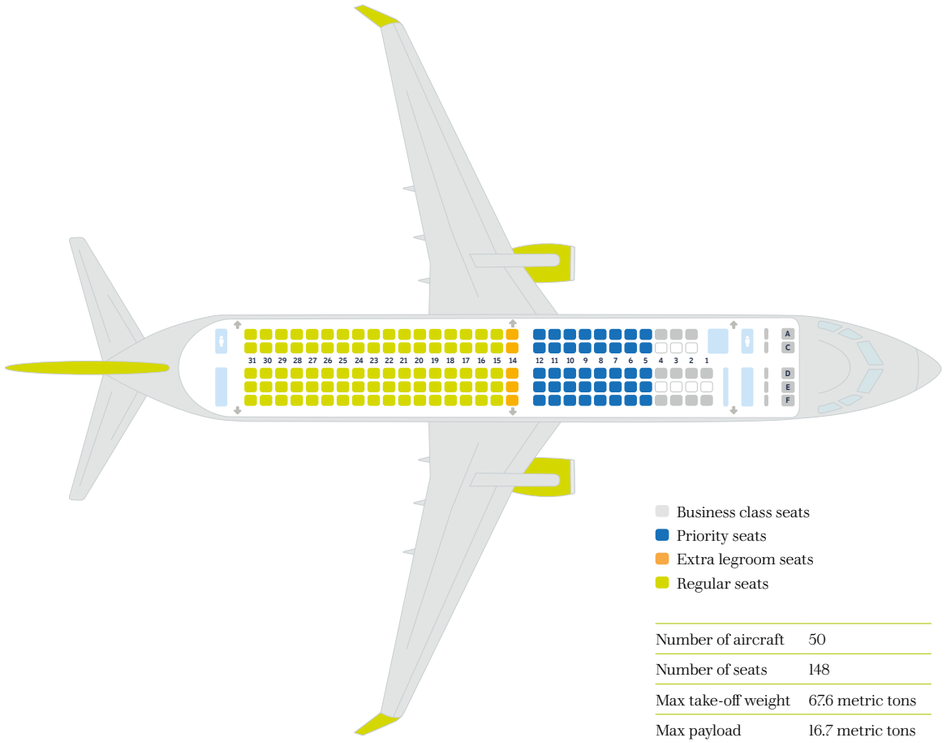
[4] Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

[5] Excluding extra legroom seats

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