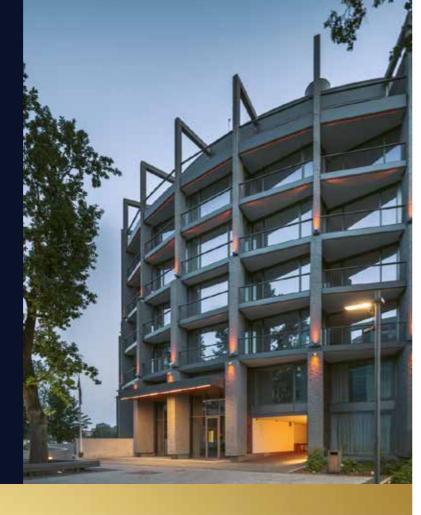




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Dear guests of airBaltic,

We've just had another rich and eventful year, especially reaching a series of highs in the latter part of the year. As we approach 2024, I'm excited to share with you several recent key events that will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the future of *airBaltic*.

To begin with, at the Dubai Airshow 2025 last month, *airBaltic* announced a significant deal with *Airbus* – a firm purchase agreement for 30 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, plus purchase rights for 20 more aircraft. This ambitious order aligns with our goal to operate a fleet of 100 *Airbus A220-300s* by 2030, thereby solidifying our position as Europe's leading customer and the world's premier operator of the *Airbus A220-300*. We remain a proud ambassador of this aircraft type, and our longstanding partnership with *Airbus*, which is built on years of enduring support and collaboration, has been pivotal.

In the meantime, this month we are delighted to welcome our 46^{th} A220-300 aircraft. This means a growing volume of passengers will be flying the most efficient aircraft, experiencing a high level of comfort. Just imagine – thus far, *airBaltic* has carried nearly 15.5 million passengers on its *Airbus A220-300* aircraft.

On top of that, 2023 has been a breakthrough year for airBaltic financially. The company's exceptional Q3 and the financial results of the first nine months, in contrast to 2022, have exceeded our expectations. Following a record-breaking first half of the year, we maintain strong, positive operational excellence and business performance. Our total revenue reached EUR 510.6 million, representing a 41% increase year-over-year. Our EBITDAR for the first nine months stood at EUR 129.5 million, surpassing 2022's figures by EUR 74 million. Q3 alone generated EUR 219.3 million in revenue, up 28% from last year, with a record O3 EBITDAR of EUR 72.7 million and a 33.2% margin. Such milestones are the outcome of dedicated work, and we look forward to aiming even higher.

But we're not stopping there. At the Wings of Change Europe 2023 event organised by IATA, our airline joined more than 20 airlines in signing the IATA Safety Leadership Charter. This aligns with *airBaltic's* core value of prioritising safety in every aspect of our operations.

In conclusion, we cannot emphasise enough that *airBaltic's* most valuable asset and investment is its people. I'm very thankful to our 2500-and-still-growing team of highly-skilled professionals who stand by *airBaltic* with loyalty and dependability. These employees embody the company's values and share our story and passion for aviation on a daily basis, and that makes *airBaltic* proud.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a healthy, successful New Year!



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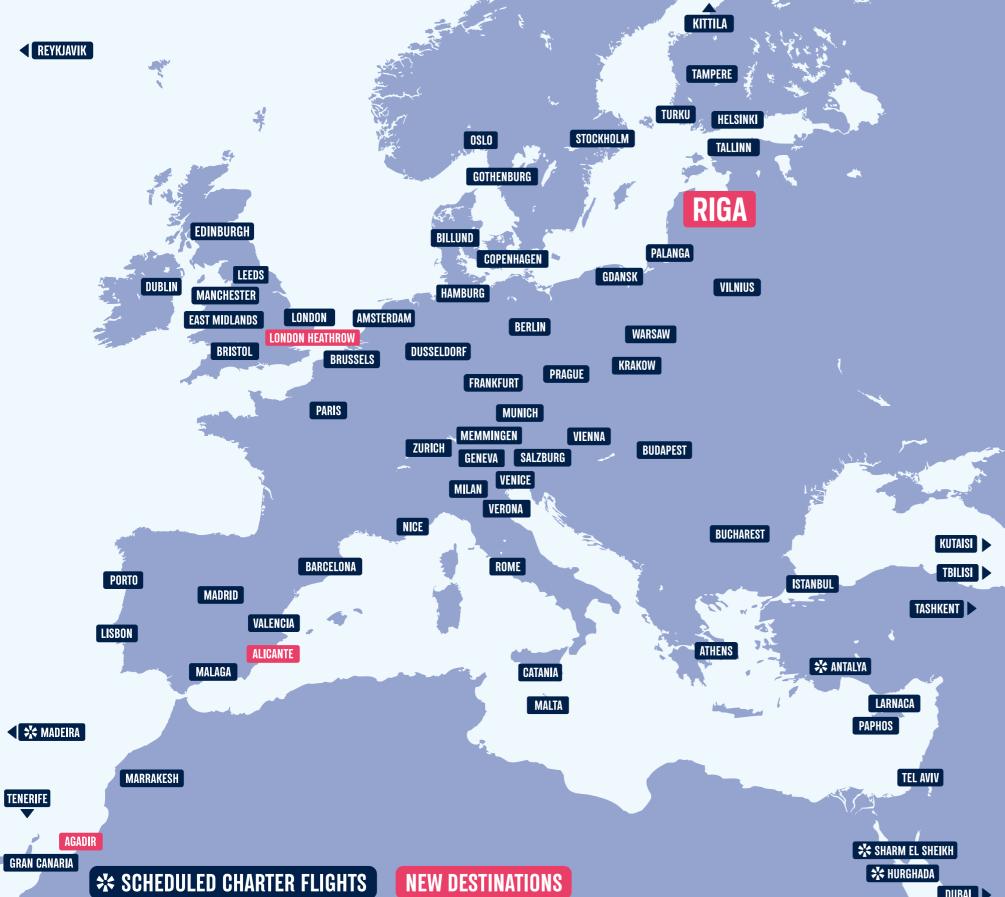
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This year Ogre is upping its game by decorating the city's walking routes in an unprecedented way while staying true to the original concept ofcosy and bright alleys of light – warm fairy lights willwind up the trunks and branches of trees, culminating in glowing balls of luminescence in the canopies.









Shining brightly with sparkle will be the cafe-lined pedestrian promenade on Brīvības iela and the alley of linden trees with a photo booth at its finale, as well as Bērzu aleja, Krasta iela, and the section of Brīvības iela leading to the city centre. A special wooded area will feature lighted animal silhouettes hidden among the trees and bushes, waiting to be spotted by passersby. Large-format illuminated angels will hover in the air at every church in both Ogre and the county at large, creating guiding paths of light for one and all.

We invite you to follow your star to Ogre – lift your mood, gladden your soul, and come towards the light during the darkest time of the year.

Let's find the magical and enchanting feeling of the winter holiday season together, in Ogre!









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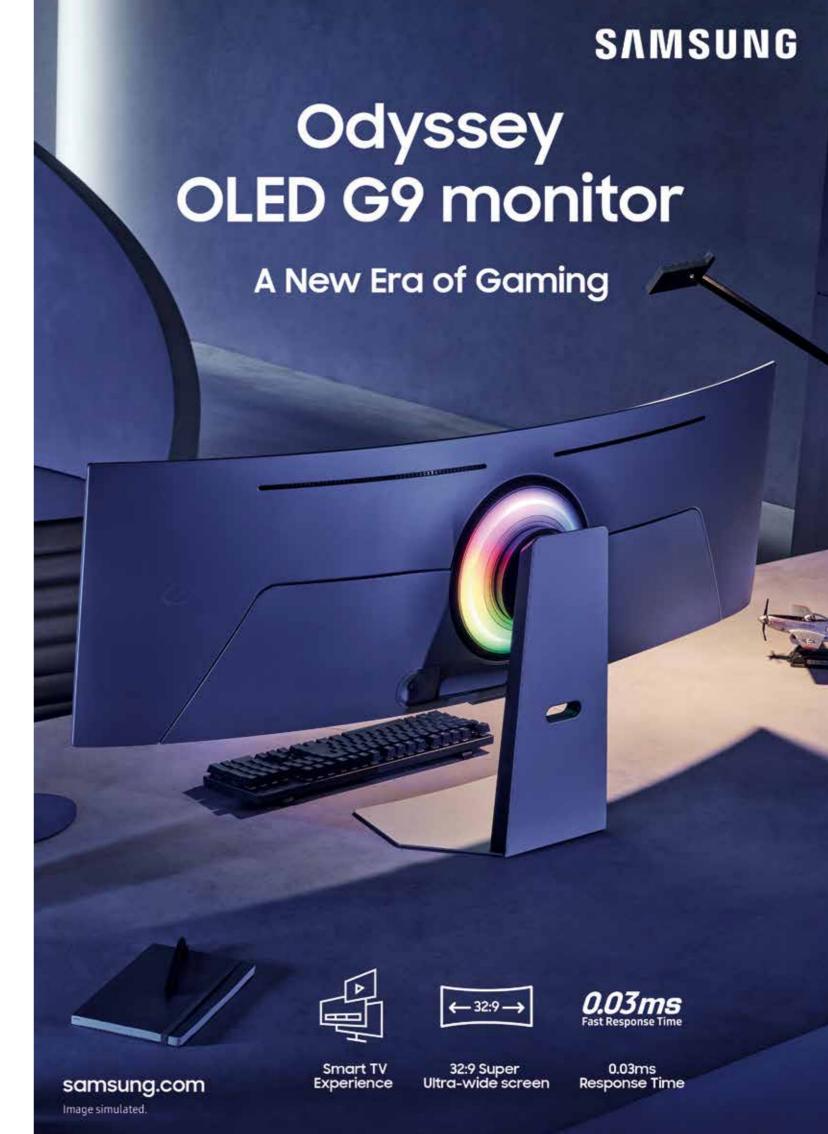
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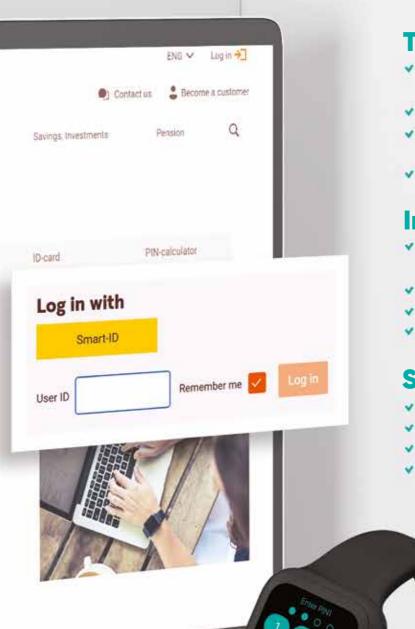




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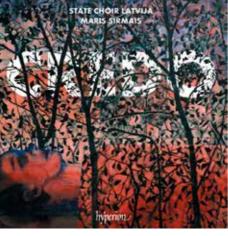


THE FESTIVE SEASON

If you visit the Latvian capital this month, make sure you don't miss the fairytale-like atmosphere at the Riga Christmas Market in the Old Town. Located on Cathedral Square (Doma laukums), it's open for the entire month of December and is home to Latvia's most famous Christmas tree. As expected, there you'll find handicrafts and other charming gifts for your loved ones as well as seasonal Latvian foods and drinks.

But that's not the only magical place in Riga worth visiting during the holiday season. For the second year in a row, the beautiful Riga Christmas Lights Trail leads through the well-known parks of the city. Lighting up more than 9000 metres and 700 light objects, this is the largest trail of lights in the Baltics and has already been recognised as one of the most magical Christmas festivals of light in Europe.





FASHION

This season's trend

Are cardigans more fashionable than sweaters this season? Yes, definitely! The high-fashion shows and most influential fashion magazines have even called them this winter's 'statement piece'. If you're still searching for your perfect cardigan, check out the Latvian fashion brand For Lovers And Trees. With its soft, natural knitwear, it has become the darling of Baltic fashion editors and stylists. forloversandtrees.com

DESIGNThe perfect gift

Pottery has long been a staple of home decor, bringing warmth and charm to any space. If you're looking for a beautiful gift for someone, check out the tableware by *Oltes Ceramics*. Latvian ceramicist Sigita Olte's bowls, vases, and other dishes are distinguished by their restrained elegance and fine, carefully considered details. Her pottery can be particularly effective in modern spaces, where a clean, uncluttered

aesthetic is desired. oltesceramics.com

MUSIC

Choral masterpiece

The State Choir Latvija and its artistic director and chief conductor Māris Sirmais are legends on the international choral music scene. Globally acclaimed for its academic excellence and innovative projects, the choir frequently collaborates with world-renowned conductors and orchestras, performing at prestigious concert halls and festivals across the globe. Don't miss its latest album, *Credo*, which brings together musical versions of love by various composers – love among people, love of faith and of God, and love as emotion and sensuality. koris.lv

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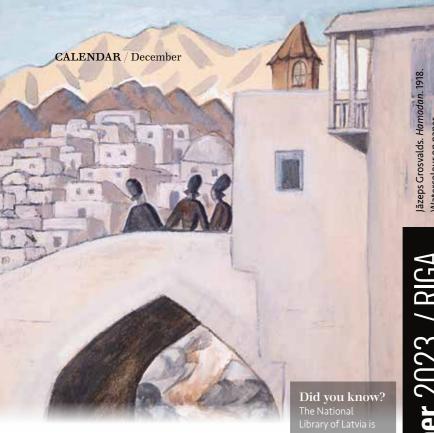
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GARDEN OF WINTER LIGHT

December 15 – January 7

For already the second time, the Ethnographic

Open-Air Museum of Latvia, one of the largest museums of its kind in Europe, is hosting the Garden of Winter Light. The creative team behind this magnificent walking trail of light installations was inspired by Latvian songs, tales, folk beliefs, and fairy tales, all of which intertwine in a magnificent journey celebrating the true miracle of the solstice. This is also a wonderful opportunity to see the beautiful old buildings in a magical Christmas atmosphere. brivdabasmuzejs.lv

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THE NUTCRACKER **BALLET**

Throughout December

Pyotr Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* is a Christmastime classic and undoubtedly one of the most vivid performances put on by the Latvian National Opera and Ballet. The action in the ballet is set in Riga in the late 19th century, and viewers will recognise the atmosphere of the city's narrow streets, Art Nouveau interiors, and snowy evenings. It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit!



EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL

December 9–29

Each year, the European Christmas festival invites guests to enjoy the beautiful holiday season with a series of concerts featuring music by Bach, Beethoven, and other classical favourites as well as Baroque arias and jazzy Christmas songs. Alongside world-renowned Latvian choirs and orchestras, local soloists Georgijs Osokins (piano), Ilze Grēvele-Skaraine (soprano), and others will perform at this year's festival. Tickets at bilesuparadize.lv



Quote of the month

Relax. No one else knows what they're doing either.

May this witty quote by English comedian Ricky Gervais serve as inspiration to not be perfect this month and surrender to relaxation in Riga's spas. The city is home to several excellent spas and peaceful wellness oases, including ESPA Riga, Kempinski The Spa, and Taka Spa.

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CHRISTMAS JAZZ FESTIVAL

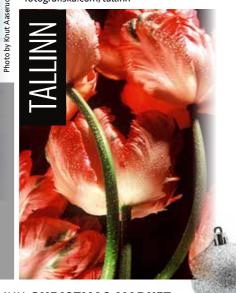
Until December 15 Christmas Jazz, also known as Jõulujazz, will definitely put you in the holiday mood. During the first two weeks in December, this intimate and serene festival offers a diverse concert programme featuring artists from all around the world, including performances by American singer-songwriter Gregory Porter and Norwegian composer and tuba wizard Daniel Herskedal. jazzkaar.ee

> AANIA XHIBITION Intil January 7

The Design and Architecture Gallery is hosting an exhibition with just one rule: everything must be made of gingerbread. Local artists, designers, and architects have turned hundreds of kilograms of dough into unique gingerbread characters. The theme of this year's show is the cinema, so visitors may even glimpse a gingerbread Marilyn Monroe or James Bond. Join the mania by taking part in the beloved gingerbread workshops. piparkoogimaania.ee

TOOMAS VOLKMANN **EXHIBITION**Until February 11

Toomas Volkmann is a living classic of Estonian photography who has made some of the most iconic works in the field of fashion and portrait photography. This large-scale retrospective at Fotografiska Tallinn consists of several series, including *Flowers*, *Fashion*, and *Portraits*. Art critics find Volkmann's work at once theatrical and discreet, morbid and vivid, spectacularly dramatic and deeply intimate. It's a must-see for those who love photography! fotografiska.com/tallinn



TALLINN **CHRISTMAS MARKET** Until January 7

Have a merry time with the whole family at the Tallinn Christmas Market on Town Hall Square. The star of the event is the festive Christmas tree, which has been set up in this location since 1441. Local merchants offer Estonian Christmas cuisine, from black pudding and sauerkraut to gingerbread and hot Christmas drinks, as well as various handicrafts. People in the know say it's a truly magical atmosphere.





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ALINA ORLOVA **CONCERT** December 15

Lithuanian singersongwriter Alina Orlova has gained
popularity worldwide. A unique blend of
folk and indie, her music is minimalist,
thoughtful, and atmospheric. Orlova
doesn't perform often, so don't miss her
concert at the Rokiškis Cultural Centre.
It will not only showcase her unique
musical style but also let her connect with
the audience in a live setting, amplifying
the emotive quality of her music.
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The traditional Vilnius Christmas
Town in Cathedral Square is just one
of the magical elements in the city's
extensive programme of festivities.
With twinkling lights, seasonal
treats, and hundreds of local crafts,
it's hard not to be jolly after a stroll
through this fairytale village of
decorated wooden huts. December
I marks the lighting of the city's big
Christmas tree, which year after
year has won international acclaim
for its innovation.

kaledossostineje.lt

YOUNG PAINTER **PRIZE**Until December 31

Held since 2009, the Young Painter Prize is one of the most important art events in the Baltic countries. It brings together young Lithuanian, Latvian, and Estonian artists to present their national identities, art-school practices, and personal creative potential. Whether inspired by real life or elaborate fantasy worlds, this exhibition at the Museum of Applied Arts and Design tells stories about some of the newest art being made.





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CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE **EXHIBITION**

Until January 7

Can't get in the mood for Christmas?

This wonderful exhibition at the unique Museum Milavida takes you on a magical

journey back in time. Experience the glamorous lifestyle and Christmas traditions of the Nottbeck family, who owned the famous Finlayson cotton mill in Tampere. The exhibition and guided tours, which take place in the former manor house of this wealthy family, explore 19th-century Christmas dishes, decorations, gifts, and celebrations.

museomilavida.fi

LEE BUL **Exhibition**

Until January 14

Seoul-based Lee Bul (b. 1964) is one of South Korea's most internationally acclaimed artists. She made her international breakthrough after presenting a roomwide installation at New York's Museum of Modern Art in 1997. She is chiefly interested in questions about utopias, order and power in relation to the body, materials, and architecture. Her exhibition at the Sara Hilden Art Museum includes sculptures, mixed-media pieces, and paintings – don't miss this long-awaited art event!



TAMPERE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT

December 6

In a nod to the Finnish flag and the national colours of Finland, white and blue can be seen across the city on December 6, Finland's Independence Day. Special white-and-blue candles, usually placed in sets of two on windowsills, are also ubiquitous on this holiday. End the day beautifully with the special Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra concert at Tampere Hall, which includes works by the famous Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. tampere-talo.fi



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Latvia's first **Michelin star**

The team behind the Michelin Guide finally came to Latvia, and their visit has resulted in 26 restaurants being recognised by the esteemed guidebook. Moreover, one Latvian restaurant has been awarded the prestigious Michelin star, thereby cementing Latvia's place on the world's culinary map.

The Michelin Guide was founded in 1900 in France as a guide for motorists on where they could find petrol stations, tyre fitting services, and other necessities. Since then, the guide has expanded to become one of the most prestigious restaurant guides in the world, covering much of Europe, North America and Asia, and now – also Latvia. When deciding on the restaurants to include in the guide, incognito inspectors consider five factors: quality of the ingredients, mastery of flavour and cooking techniques, the chef's personality peeking through the dishes, value for money, and consistency of quality.

As Tommy Maussin, Michelin Guide Director for European Partnerships, stated, the Michelin Guide is especially delighted to see that in Latvia, many restaurants are led and managed by local chefs and their enthusiastic teams. Furthermore,



the menus have a high presence of traditional dishes made from local ingredients of the highest quality. Viktors Valainis, Latvia's Minister of Economics, was also present, proudly opening the ceremony and emphasising the importance of the event for Latvia's tourism as a whole.

Michelin awarded one star to the Max Cekot Kitchen restaurant and its chef, Maksims Cekots, in Riga. When asked about the secret to his success, Cekots answered that his most important values are to stay true and honest to both the customer and the food, and always prioritising the culinary experience over the business aspect. One green star for exceptionally sustainable gastronomy was awarded to Pavāru māja in Līgatne and its chef, Ēriks Dreibants, while three Bib Gourmand awards for 'exceptionally good food at reasonable prices' went to Snatch (chef Sergejs Šiporovs), Shoyu (Jevgeņijs Rimašs) and Milda (Māris Celitāns). Additionally, 21 more outstanding restaurants in Riga, Jūrmala, Valmiera, Cēsis, Tērvete, and Liepāja are now included in the Michelin Guide. A special Sommelier Award was awarded to Ivo Orlovs from the restaurant Tauro, while Kest (chef Māris Jansons) was awarded the Special Service title. Lastly, the Young Chef award was given to Nils Ģēvele from the restaurant Ferma.





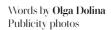
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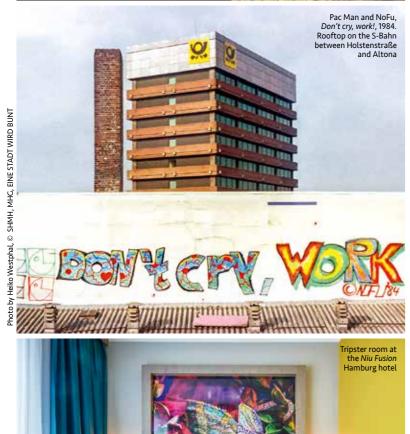


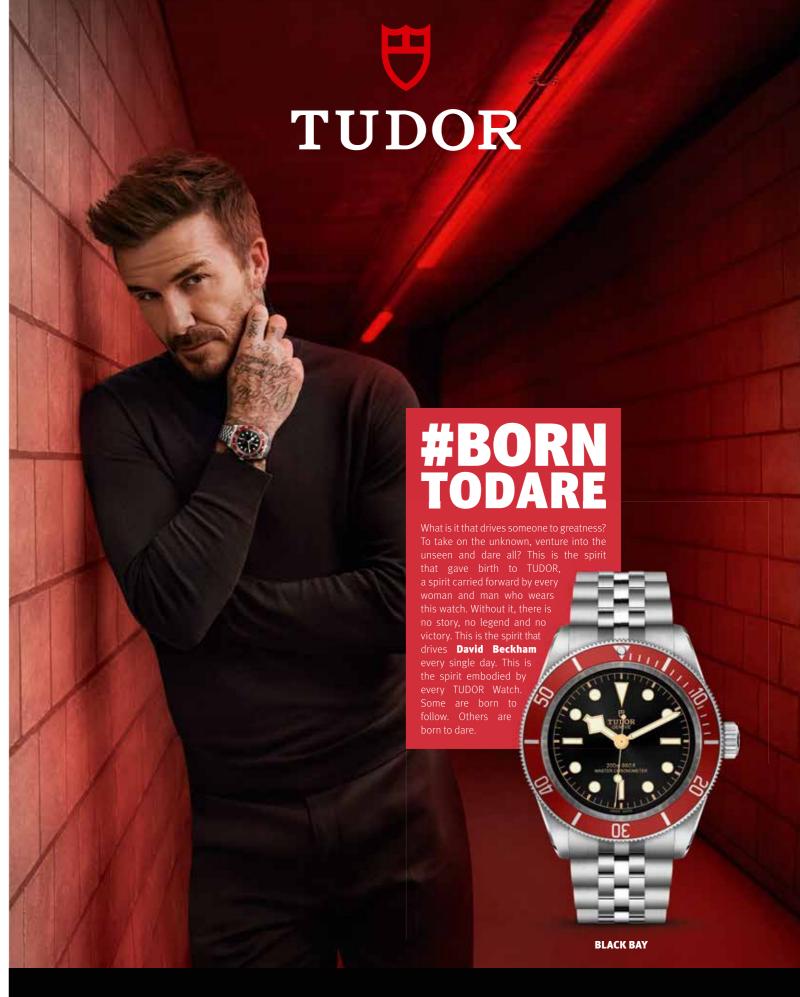
In winter, the Loki Schmidt Botanical Garden transforms into the festive, illuminated

Christmas Garden Hamburg (until January 14; Ohnhorststraße; christmas-garden.de). The first Christmas Garden event was launched in Berlin in 2016 and was so popular that 19 more locations around Europe had joined the light parade by 2022. The glowing landscape of Loki Schmidt features a two-kilometre-long circular walking path that delights children as well as adults. Along the way, visitors are greeted by illuminated figures, installations, and thematic stalls serving mulled wine and other local Christmas delicacies, such as pretzels, chestnuts, roasted almonds, gingerbread, stews, and sausages. To visit, register for a 50-minute time slot.

A City Becomes Colourful: Hamburg Graffiti History 1980-1999 highlights the bold and creative street art scene that shaped the urban landscape of this city as we see it today (until January 7; Holstenwall 24; shmh.de). With their brave vision, graffiti artists gradually transformed grey and gloomy Hamburg with its industrialised post-war architecture into a diverse and vibrant European metropolis. They used streets, bridges, and train carriages as canvases for colourful images, symbols, and writing. This exhibition at the Museum for Hamburg History tells the complete story of the hiphop youth subculture through almost 500 exhibits: photographs, texts, sketchbooks, spray cans, newspapers, magazines, vinyl records, street-style accessories, etc. An accompanying interactive smartphone app guides urban explorers to the actual sites of the graffiti.

The new, centrally located Niu Fusion hotel in the St. Georg quarter has opened its doors near Hamburg's main train station after a major rebranding and revamp (Steindamm 68-70; the.niu.de; from EUR 57). The 'fusion' in the hotel's name reflects the neighbourhood's diverse intercultural scene – since the 17th century, St. Georg has been a meeting place for many different people and a melting pot of diverse cultures. The hotel's bold and quirky design concept is based on the work of local artist Joséphine Sagna, and the colourful murals on the ground floor and in the corridors reflect themes of women's power. Niu features co-working spaces for business travellers as well as 169 stylish rooms featuring clear shapes, soft fabrics, and feel-good colours.



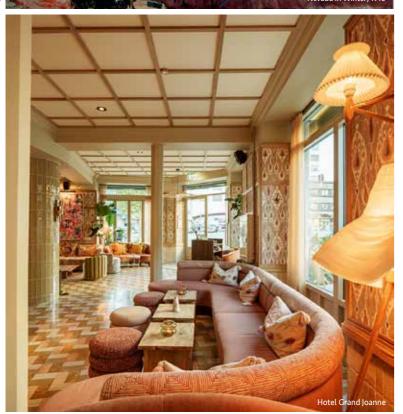




CITIES OF THE MONTH / December









Tivoli Gardens is a trademark site in Copenhagen. It's the world's second-oldest amusement park, delighting visitors with carousel rides and seasonal entertainment programmes for the whole family since 1843. **Christmas in Tivoli** offers a special festive atmosphere with 60 cute wooden market stalls selling gifts, decorations, local arts and crafts, seasonal delicacies, and drinks - all decorated with nearly 70,000 bauble lights and pine branches for the ultimate Nordic Christmas feeling (until December 31; Vesterbrogade 3; tivoli.dk). Santa Claus is also there to hear the wishes of the youngest visitors. One of the park's largest light sculptures, the red Christmas heart, serves as a canvas for Christmas tales, while Tivoli Lake is crowned by a sparkling Christmas tree. The Santa Lucia Parade takes place on December 13 with kayaks dressed in lights and Christmas decorations floating through Copenhagen's canals.

Joaquín Sorolla: Light in Motion is a first-ever exhibition in the Nordic region dedicated to one of the most prominent Spanish artists of the 20th century (until March 3; Dantes Plads 7; glyptoteket.com). Valencia-born Sorolla (1863–1923) is considered one of the brightest Impressionist artists. His paintings are filled with motion and sunlight, and, as a skilled naturalist painter, he depicted environments as accurately as possible. The exhibition at the Glyptotek covers Sorolla's landscapes, portraits, beach scenes, and depictions of the sea. Five works by contemporary Spanish artists form a dialogue with this showcase of Sorolla's oeuvre, which contains 17 key works loaned from the Museo Sorolla in Madrid.

The freshly restored **Grand Joanne** hotel welcomes guests in the heart of the lively, vibrant Vesterbro district, which is packed with art galleries and cosy cafés (Vesterbrogade 9A; grandjoanne.dk; from EUR 249). The 162 artfully designed rooms are spread across six floors and exude a chic yet comforting vibe. The stylish furniture here is made of 100% residual wood and sustainable textiles. The rooftop bar offers stunning views over the area, while *Joanne's* restaurant indulges guests with a menu based on traditional Danish recipes and seasonal products with strong influences from world cuisines. Alongside a tasting menu, the social kitchen concept offers smaller and larger portions and lets guests share dishes family-style.

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The Immersive Experience Centre at the Matadero Madrid cultural space is hosting a gripping visual adventure - The Last Days of Pompeii (Plaza de Legazpi, 8; madridartesdigitales.com). In this multimedia exhibition, visitors discover the lifestyle, customs, and even gastronomical habits of the residents of ancient Pompeii, whose lives were tragically ruined by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Visitors can virtually walk the streets of the old Roman city and pop into a crowded amphitheatre to witness and even participate in gladiator fights. All this is possible thanks to VR goggles, headsets, and the largest virtual reality room in Europe. In the Metaverse Room, visitors turn into virtual avatars and are transported back in time to walk freely and interact with the famous Villa of the Mysteries, its paintings, gardens, atrium, peristyle, and baths. In the exhibition area, intriguing historical information is displayed together with original pieces from Pompeii.

The new **Abya** restaurant is located in the historic Saldaña Palace built in 1903 in the heart of the Salamanca district (Calle de José Ortega y Gasset, 32; abya.es). A project by *Michelin*-starred chef Aurelio Morales, this gastronomic adventure serves a fusion of Latin American cuisine and addresses all the senses. The name *Abya* is the oldest known term referring to an American territory. The restaurant is divided into four interconnected floors, each of them highlighting a different culinary journey. For example, the first floor features massive windows and an abundance of tapestry and paintings, while the second offers more privacy and has a beautiful open-air terrace. *Abya's* interior is rich and eclectic, just like the gastronomic symbiosis on the menu.

United by a love for Spanish food and wine culture, Art & Wine: Madrid Tour is a unique experience created by the Spanish capital's two most-visited attractions, the Thyssen-Bornemisza National Museum and San Miguel Market (until December; Paseo del Prado, 8; museothyssen.org). Both institutions have organised two versions of a tour that begins with exploring art in the museum and ends with a wine tasting in one of the most alluring markets in Spain. The first route comprises a tour through the museum with an audio guide that focuses on thematic artwork depicting the evolution of wine iconography and its representation through history. Afterwards, the El 19 de San Miguel stall in the market offers another audio guide with stories and a tasting of three wines related to the museum's route. The second route is personalised and takes place with a guide behind the closed doors of the museum at 9 am. Then in the market, awardwinning sommeliers enhance the journey with five select Spanish wines paired with delicious dishes from the market stalls.



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Winter and champagne

Why is the mountain resort town of St. Moritz so famous?

A crystal-clear lake sits under the mighty Alpine peaks that hide glaciers and numerous pistes for skiing. And then there's another sight that of grandiose hotel complexes scattered around the hilly terrain and promising fondue evenings, coveted spa treatments, and unforgettable views. Welcome to St. Moritz, a.k.a. one of the most exclusive mountain resort towns in the world!

But the glitzy fame didn't arrive in a single day. For this corner of the Upper Engadine Valley, it all started back in 1864, when the Swiss hotelier Caspar Badrutt began hosting British tourists, promising them healing Alpine air and beautiful panoramas. Thus Badrutt and St. Moritz launched the phenomenon of winter tourism in the Swiss Alps. Since that time, the village has been the site of many 'firsts', including the first electriclit hotel, the first curling tournament, the first Alpine golf tournament, the first ski school, and the first tourist office. Its reputation in sports was cemented in 1928, when the village hosted the Winter Olympics.

While St. Moritz is a superb ski resort with 88 trails, spectacular off-pistes,

a six-mile glacier run, night rides, and a state-of-the-art freestyle park, it's also known for its penchant for glamour. For well over a century, the village has been a magnet for the wealthy aristocrats, movie stars du jour, splurge-seeking businessmen, jet setters and artists who enjoy the champagne-and-caviar lifestyle here.

Skiing, hiking, bobsledding, and snowboarding on the surrounding Engadin slopes are the main activities to engage in here. Other quintessential local experiences include the natural Cresta Run toboggan track, the Snow Polo World Cup, and the slightly eccentric 'White Turf' annual winter horse race on the frozen St. Moritz Lake.

Michelin-starred Talvo by Dalsass fuses Alpine and Mediterranean influences in a charming farmhouse setting. Restaurant Engiadina is the place to go for hearty local meals and mouthwatering fondue. Badrutt's Palace Hotel exudes historic fivestar Alpine charm. And the newly opened Hotel Grace La Margna presents a contemporary take on mountainside luxury. stmoritz.com





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Jaungada un Ziemassvētku brīvdienu priekšvakarā jūs gaida ciemos juvelierizstrādājumu boutique Le Vendôme. Tas ir veikals pašā Rīgas sirdī, kurā pieejams plašākais un īpašākais iuvelierizstrādājumu klāsts Latvijā.

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Words by **Ilze Vītola** Publicity photos



Msterdan

Marleen Sleeuwits currently lives and works in The Hague but often finds herself wandering along Amsterdam's canalsides. In fact, this year she made a large site-specific photographic installation at Herengracht 412 for the 12th edition of the Amsterdam Light Festival (November 30 to January 21), which is themed 'Loading... Revealing Art, AI, and Tech'. The works of art are situated along Amsterdam's canals and can be experienced by boat or on foot. Here are some more of Sleeuwits' favourite places in the city.



Frens Haringhandel

It might come as a surprise, but I actually love to eat traditional Hollandse Nieuwe, which translates to 'new Dutch'. It's a herring that's usually served with a generous dose of onions and pickles. While many kiosks around the city offer this food, Frens Haringhandel on Koningsplein is one of my favourite and has been in business for more than 40 years. Another good option is Haringhandel Jonk on the street named Spui. Koningsplein; frens-haring.nl

Proeflokaal A. Van Wees

The best way to end a day is with a beer and some traditional Dutch snacks such as *bitterballen* at one of the *bruine kroegs*, or 'brown bars'. *Proeflokaal A. Van Wees* on Herengracht is a cosy spot. Opened in 1973, it specialises in *genever*, a Dutch spirit, and has many local beers on tap as well.

Herengracht 319; proeflokaalvanwees.nl

Foam

Whenever I'm in Amsterdam and have some free time, I visit Foam, which is a museum for photography housed in a beautiful canalside house. Foam's everchanging exhibits never fail to impress, and it has a nice bookshop and café, too. For contemporary art galleries, head to the Jordaan area. There's a misconception that galleries are exclusive spots; actually, they're very welcoming, and gallerists are happy to provide additional information and explanations about the art, if you wish. Some of my favourite ones are Bart and Torch. Keizersgracht 609; foam.org

Café Jakarta

For a relaxed lunch, I go to *Café Jakarta*, which is located in the *Hotel Jakarta*, a unique and sustainable four-star hotel in a beautiful wooden building on the waterfront of the IJ River. The café offers fusion dishes and Indonesian classics such as *rendang* and *nasi goreng*. My goto dish is *gado gado*. The café has an amazing terrace and views of the passing ships. Javakade 766; hoteljakarta.com

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Snap and share

The city made for great views and photography lovers.

It's impossible to resist the urge to take photos in Istanbul. This Turkish city is full of spectacular architecture, epic views of the Bosphorus, romantic spots for watching the sunset, colourful interiors, picturesque streets, and ultra-photogenic cafés. In other words, your storage capacity will fill up quickly here. There are certain places, though, you should absolutely check out for the most *Instagrammable* shots.

But before we go to exact locations, a piece of advice regarding photo hunting in Istanbul: take it slow. The city is gigantic, and its visual potential is immense, so don't try to rush your way through it. Instead, embrace the scale and enjoy it at a comfortable pace. Istanbul is a city of diverse neighbourhoods, so focus on exploring one district at a time. This trick will help you avoid feeling overwhelmed and bring a sense of wholeness to your travels.

And don't forget about the food – Istanbul is an ultimate foodie destination that will look awesome on your feed. Start the day with a rich Turkish breakfast featuring a kaleidoscope of flavours on plates bursting with colour. For an iconic photo, frame the medieval Galata Tower with a *simit* (a popular round pretzel-like bread). And drown your socials in photos and videos of mouthwatering (and very pretty) sweets such as baklava, *künefe*, and *lokum*. It will be deliciously beautiful.



FANTASTIC PHOTO SPOTS IN ISTANBUL

Topkapı Palace

Everything about Topkapı is spectacular. Dating back to the 15th century, it displays all the wealth and splendour of the Ottoman Empire. The palace complex is a symphony of magnificent tiled interiors, grand halls, gold-plated pavilions, lush gardens, and beautiful views of the city.

Bosphorus Ferry It's impossible to

It's impossible to go wrong with a Bosphorus ferry ride. While there are several options, for the most rewarding experience choose the one departing from Eminönü near the Galata Bridge and going all the way up to Sariyer. It's best enjoyed at sunset, and hundreds of Istanbul photos and videos are guaranteed.

Ortaköy waterfront

Grab vourself a coffee, take a seat on a Bosphorusfacing terrace, and admire one of Istanbul's most stunning vistas. The Ortaköy Mosque, the towering Bosphorus Bridge connecting Europe and Asia, the passing boats and ships it's about as Instagrammable as it gets in this city.



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Point of view



My secret spot

'A favourite spot of mine is in the 8th District of Vienna, a diverse neighbourhood that's full of local shops, coffee houses, and restaurants. There's nothing better than strolling through its streets on a cold winter day, sipping a hot beverage and gazing at the impressive architecture. Josefstädter Straße in the 8th District is particularly beautiful. On a clear day, one can see the magnificent Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral) from there.'



Philipp Kling instagram.com/8thdistrictphotographer Number of followers: 40.1k

Philipp Kling is a Vienna-based content creator who specialises in architectural and street photography. Known not only for his distinct take on Vienna, he is also a highly regarded content creator within the photography community. Working under the name 8thdistrictphotographer, his images often contain warm colours, lots of contrast, and moody scenes in the city. Kling's photographs have been featured in magazines and newspapers, and he has also exhibited his work in various galleries.



Other locations to check out

- Just a few minutes from the 8th District is the Christmas market on Rathausplatz (City Hall Square). Of all the Christmas markets in Vienna, this one is the best!
- The Serviten quarter in the 9th District is regarded as the 'Little Paris' of Vienna due to its unique atmosphere and flair. The area has a village-like feel, and the streets are filled with hip French cafés and coffee shops.



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Even if you're in town for only a short time, Tampere's soothing northern charm will rejuvenate you before returning to everyday life.

WHERE TO STAY

The beautiful *Boutique Hotel Sandsund* has recently opened in the heart of Tampere. The former residential building built back in 1912 is now decorated in a minimalist Finnish style, letting vacationers fully experience the local way of living. The hotel features seven rooms with majestic Art Nouveau elements and authentic tiled stoves that reflect the beauty of the early 20th century. The delicious breakfast makes a relaxed morning here even more enjoyable.

Herrainmäenkuja 4; hotelsandsund.fi; from EUR 169



WHERE TO SHOP

Finland is well known for its unique Nordic design; therefore, it's mandatory to bring some traditional goods back home! *Miela Design Room* showcases more than 100 Finnish fashion and home decor brands that embody the minimalist style and natural comfort that Finns are famous for. The shop is a local treasure, having been founded by three women from Tampere, and it features new designs as well as unique second-hand gems.

Hämeenkatu 20; mieladesignroom.fi

A CLASSIC NOT TO MISS

The traditional sauna options are endless in Tampere, but visitors who want to combine this experience with a splash of culture will love the Serlachius Art Sauna. It features custom-made equipment and mosaic work designed by Finnish artists, and in 2022 it received the Travel Industry Innovation of the Year award. The sauna is incorporated into the nearby Serlachius Museums complex, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the beauty of art before or after the sauna. Joenniementie 47, Mänttä; serlachius.fi



WHY NOT

In summer, Lake Näsijärvi is a popular spot for swimming, but in winter, it becomes a true Finnish winter wonderland. Active vacationers can cross the lake on foot, skis, or ice skates, while for a more relaxing vibe, it's possible to explore the beautiful surroundings from the comfort of a husky-drawn sled. Make sure to visit tiny but romantic Siilinkari Island, which is home to a cosy café hut to warm you up after the refreshing hike.

WHERE TO EAT

Nowadays lunch or dinner dates tend to be overshadowed by the presence of mobile phones, but not in Tampere! The romantic *Kahvila Runo* café has an irresistible solution – in order to encourage conversations, cheerful gatherings, and relaxing solo evenings with a book or magazine, the establishment purposely does not provide Wi-Fi. In addition to mouth-watering cakes, pies, and traditional Finnish *korvapuusti* cinnamon rolls, it also often organises poetry readings and art exhibitions to feed both the stomach and the soul.

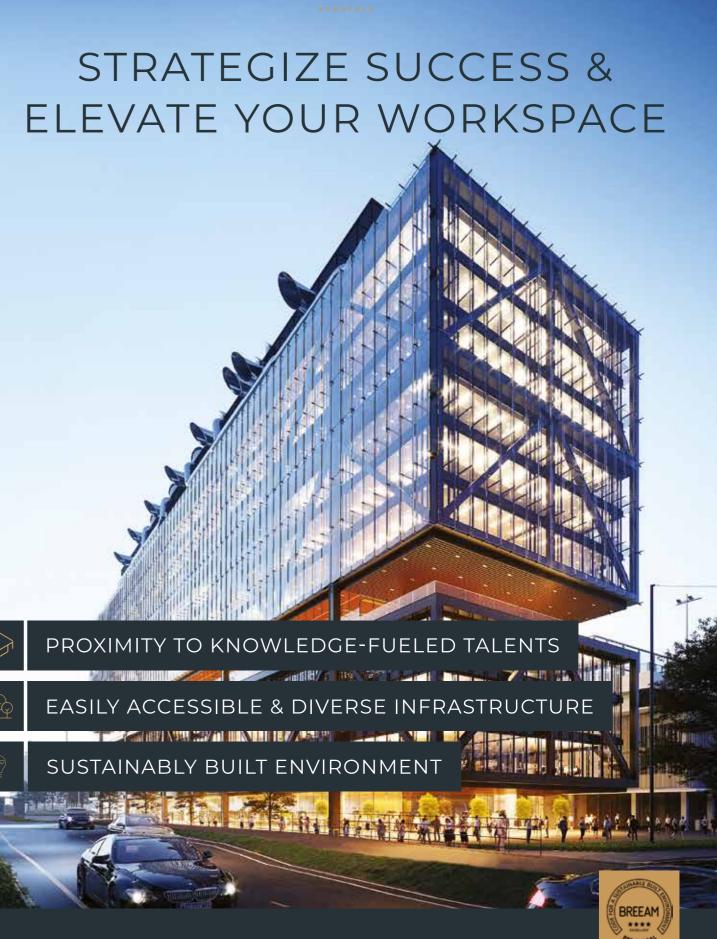
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...TO THE HAJAR MOUNTAINS IN THE UAE







What do Bhutan, Toronto, the International Space Station, and Ras Al Khaimah - the northernmost emirate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - have in common? Last year, they all earned a spot on Time magazine's list of world's greatest places. Among the 50 must-visit destinations around the globe, Ras Al Khaimah made its mark thanks to its thrilling adventure activities in the Hajar Mountains. These rugged peaks, whose name translates to 'rocky mountains', are one of the tallest mountain ranges in the Arabian Peninsula. Their highest point, reaching over 3000 metres, sits in neighbouring Oman, while the UAE's highest peak, Jebel Jais (1892 metres), is located in Ras Al Khaimah.

Located just a couple of hours' drive from Dubai, these craggy mountains offer an unforgettable experience. If you're a thrill-seeker, take a ride on Jais Flight, the world's longest zip line. This adventure starts at an elevation of 1680 metres above sea level and spans nearly three kilometres over a stunning abyss. The ride takes a full three minutes, with speeds reaching up to 150 kilometres per hour as one glides over heart-stopping ravines and canyons.

If you're seeking some more adrenaline, try Jais Sledder. It's the country's longest toboggan ride and one of the longest in the Middle East. With speeds of up to 40 kilometres per hour, you'll twist down for almost two kilometres, navigating hairpin curves past spectacular views of the Hajar Mountains. Luckily, you can control the speed, making the journey less extreme...if you so wish.

And don't miss 1484 by Puro, which is, at 1484 metres above sea level, the highest restaurant in the UAE. Sit on the terrace at this cosy spot and sip a glass of wine or enjoy afternoon tea while overlooking a breathtaking mountain panorama. The best part? It happens to be one of the coldest places in the UAE, making it perfect even in the summer months.



Christmas is a frame of mind





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The art world's new mecca

The Fotografiska contemporary museum for photography, art, and culture celebrates its opening in Berlin Mitte.

Words by **Olga Dolina**

Publicity photo

Aiming to exhibit cutting-edge visual arts by leading photographers and emerging talents from around the world, the Fotografiska international photography centre which already has three other locations, in Stockholm, Tallinn, and New York City – has just opened its newest outpost, in Berlin.

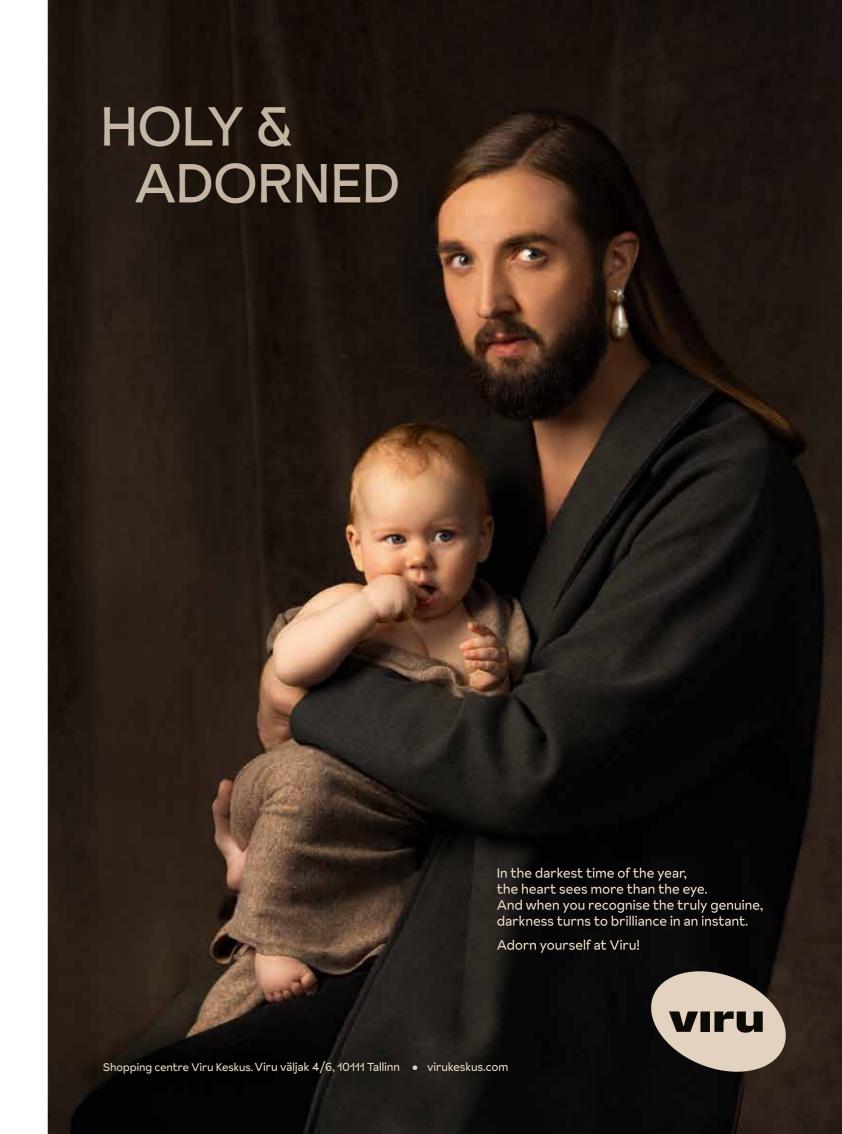
The massive Imperialist-style edifice on Oranienburger Straße was built in 1908 and was home to the Friedrichstraße Passage, one of the largest department stores in the country. During the Second World War it was turned into a Nazi prison and later became the headquarters for the Kunsthaus Tacheles artists' collective – a symbol of Berlin's post-war underground culture and a hub for thoughtprovoking art and workshops.

A makeover of the building began in 2019, with the acclaimed architecture practice Herzog & de Meuron rehabilitating the exterior and Studio Aisslinger creating the interiors. Keeping the rebellious spirit of Tacheles in mind, bold traces of the past have been skillfully integrated with new materials and functional zones. Graffiti, exposed concrete, and steel structures were preserved, while modern furnishings, wood and natural stone, velvet fabrics, and

an abundance of plants add extra comfort to the spaces.

The new Fotografiska centre is spread across six floors. It consists of four exhibition halls and delightful gastronomy venues. The former Golden Hall, which once hosted theatre performances, is now a multifunctional ballroom for performances, screenings, and other events. A stylish bookshop, bakery, and café on the ground floor link the museum with the hip street life of Berlin's Mitte district. The original tiled floor was preserved, and the brickwork was sandblasted to highlight the historic structure. Armchairs, coffee tables, and sofas are set between free-standing islands displaying books, posters, and design souvenirs for purchase. Carpets add a cosy, homey touch.

The fine-dining restaurant *Verōnika* is on the fourth floor. Featuring bespoke design, one of its zones is adorned by the cult graffiti image of Angela Merkel with a punk hairdo, while Bar Clara delights guests with 360-degree rooftop views and exquisite cocktail culture. Unlike other museums, Fotografiska Berlin is open until ll p. m. so that visitors can dive headlong into Berlin's exciting atmosphere. Oranienburger Straße 54; fotografiska.com/berlin





Words by **Līga Vaļko** Photo courtesy of *airBaltic*

Flight efficiency at airBaltic

The last decade has presented many challenges in aviation that affect costs, overall flight efficiency, and also sustainability issues. Flight operation efficiency is the primary objective at *airBaltic*, and one of the ways this can be achieved is through the optimum use of jet fuel.

A reduction in fuel consumption results in the overall reduction of an airline's environmental impact, which is, of course, the most important factor. Therefore, one can safely say that maximising flight efficiency enables airlines to be more sustainable and save money at the same time.

It is generally estimated that saving one kilogram of jet fuel prevents the release of 3.16 kilograms of $\mathrm{CO_2}$ into the atmosphere. In the global economy, aviation contributes to approximately 2.5% of $\mathrm{CO_2}$ emissions worldwide. Airlines therefore continuously strive to minimise their carbon footprints.

airBaltic has focused on fuel efficiency since 2009. In the first year after establishing its Fuel Efficiency programme, airBaltic saved 23,300 tons of CO₂ emissions thanks to the introduction of various fuel saving initiatives, including aircraft performance monitoring, implementation of more fuel efficient arrivals at Riga Airport, and implementation of a single-engine taxi in.

Since then, fuel efficiency has become the airline's standard modus operandi. airBaltic made another major move in 2016, when it modernised its fleet with the new Airbus A220-300 aircraft. Currently, its fleet consists of only Airbus A220-300 aircraft, which is now considered the most efficient commercial aircraft in the world with a transparent declaration of its lifecycle environmental impact, thus helping to reduce CO, and NO, emissions by 25% and 50% respectively in comparison with previous-generation aircraft and industry standards. Its overall design – with optimised aerodynamics, fly-by-wire controls, and other new technologies - contributes to a 20% fuelburn advantage compared with other similarly sized aircraft.

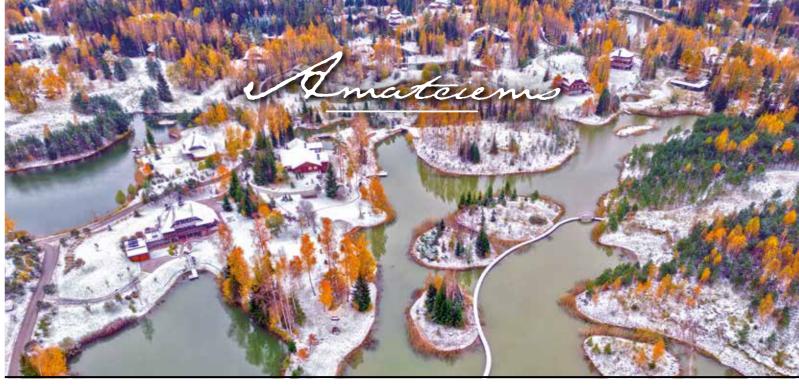
Keeping pace with flight efficiency requires non-stop effort. There must be continuous

collaboration at every stage of an airline's operations, from the ground, technical, and flying personnel to the subcontractors, airports, and air traffic control. 'We continually train and raise awareness among our pilots of fuel-efficient piloting techniques and practices,' says Alla Grante, Flight Operations Support Manager at airBaltic. 'It is a joint effort in the aviation industry. For example, air traffic control strives to manage traffic efficiently to avoid delays and holdings. Airports introduce more direct departure and arrival procedures to decrease flight times, an achievement that is possible due to technological advances in navigation. Inflight service uses lighter catering equipment and plans optimum loads to reduce aircraft weight. All paper documents on board are being gradually replaced with digitalised versions in an electronic flight bag (in essence, an iPad) with the same goal in mind, namely, to decrease weight and save paper. Effective technical maintenance is also important (even exterior aircraft cleaning can reduce fuel consumption!). And the list goes on and on.'

As a result, compared to 2021, in 2022 airBaltic reduced its direct energy consumption even further, saving more than 50 kilograms of jet fuel per flight.

Nevertheless, fuel efficiency is just one aspect of a bigger picture. Sometimes, a less fuel-efficient but faster mode of operating a certain flight may prove to be more costeffective over a longer period of time through improving punctuality and decreasing total fuel burn and CO₂ emissions.

'This bigger picture is what we call flight efficiency,' Grante concludes. 'It means maximising fuel, time, and cost efficiency; implementing operations with a smaller impact on the environment; and at the same time, meeting society's connectivity needs.'



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Over the centuries, Italy's gastronomic heritage has taken on many contemporary qualities, but its Christmas cuisine is consistently based on tradition. The country's gastronomic map is extraordinarily varied, with each region, town, and village boasting unique festive cuisine and rituals.

The iconic *panettone* and *pandoro* holiday-time sweet breads have become favourites around the world. Airy, tall, star-shaped pandoro originated in Verona, where its unique recipe was patented by pastry chef Domenico Melegatti in 1884. Dome-topped panettone, for its part, is filled with candied fruit or raisins and is a symbol of Milan. Modern panettoni are decorated with chocolate, caramel, and sugar glazes and are filled with sweet cherries as well as chantilly, pistachio, chocolate, and champagne creams. More Italian Christmas treats, including roasted chestnuts, dried fruit, and ancient mandorlato and torrone (sweets made from egg whites, honey, and various nuts), can be found in the magical Christmas markets.

In addition to festive spirit, December in Italy offers a wide range of seasonal fruit, vegetables, pulses, cheeses, and high-quality meats and fish sourced directly from local farmers and fishermen. In northern Italy, the seasonal table is unthinkable without radicchio, which is served fresh, baked, in risotto, as a dessert, and in salads. The protagonist of the winter menu in Rome is the glorious artichoke, which is featured in a variety of antique recipes either cooked, fried in oil, stuffed, or in creams and sauces.

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Flego in Verona

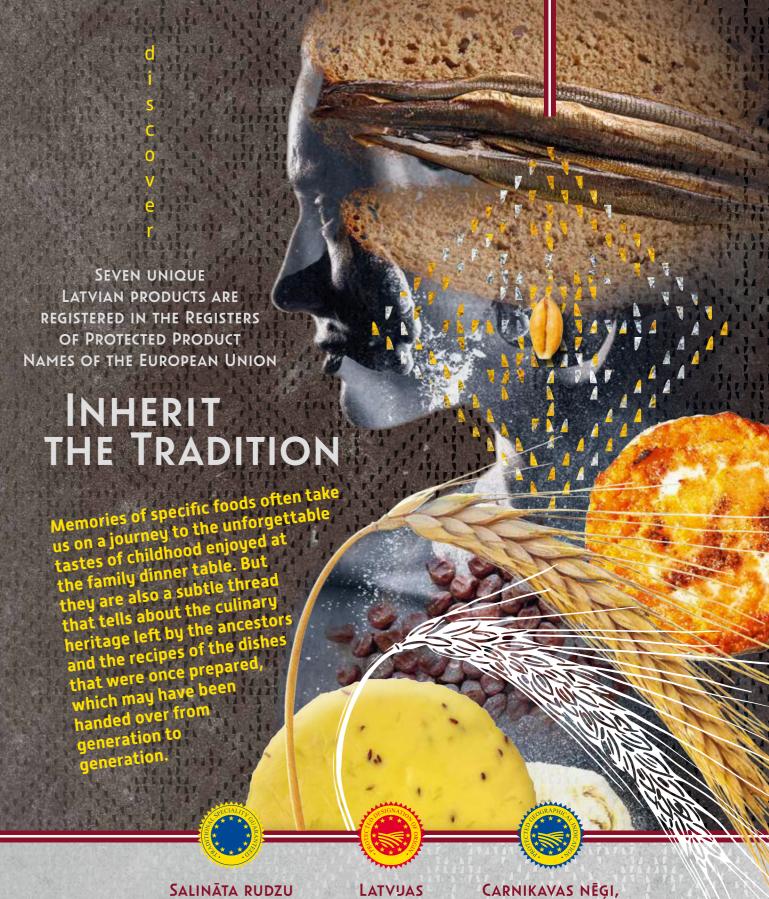
Who in Verona doesn't know the *Flego* pastry shops? Under the leadership of brothers Marco and Matteo, they've been delighting the city of eternal romance with exquisite desserts and cakes for decades. Here you can try a *pandoro* or its predecessor the *nadalin*, iconic *Amaretti di Verona* and *Baci di Giulietta e Romeo* cookies, classic cakes, and modern tortes baked according to centuries-old recipes. Viale Stella, 13; pasticceriaflego.net

Peck in Milan

The legendary family-owned *Peck* delicatessen has sparkled on Milan's gourmet scene since 1883. This historic temple of haute cuisine located just steps from the Duomo di Milano offers a wide range of seasonal delicacies, cheeses, wines, exquisite pastries, and sweets in exclusive festive packaging. Via Spadari, 9; peck.it

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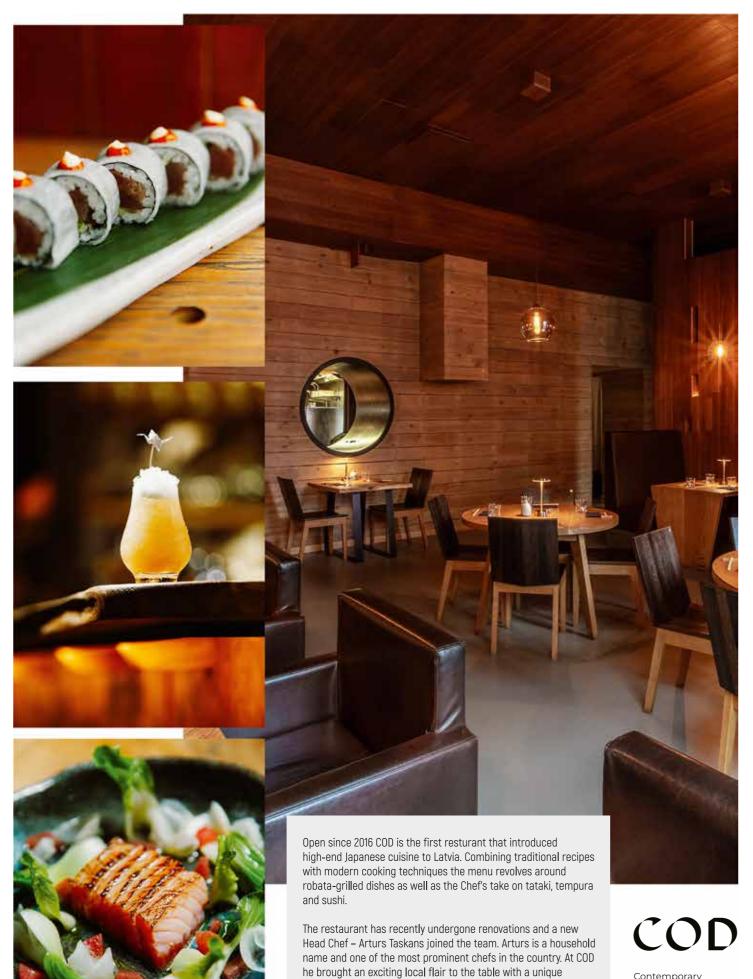




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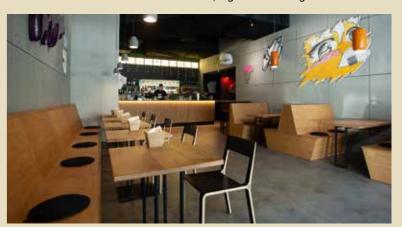






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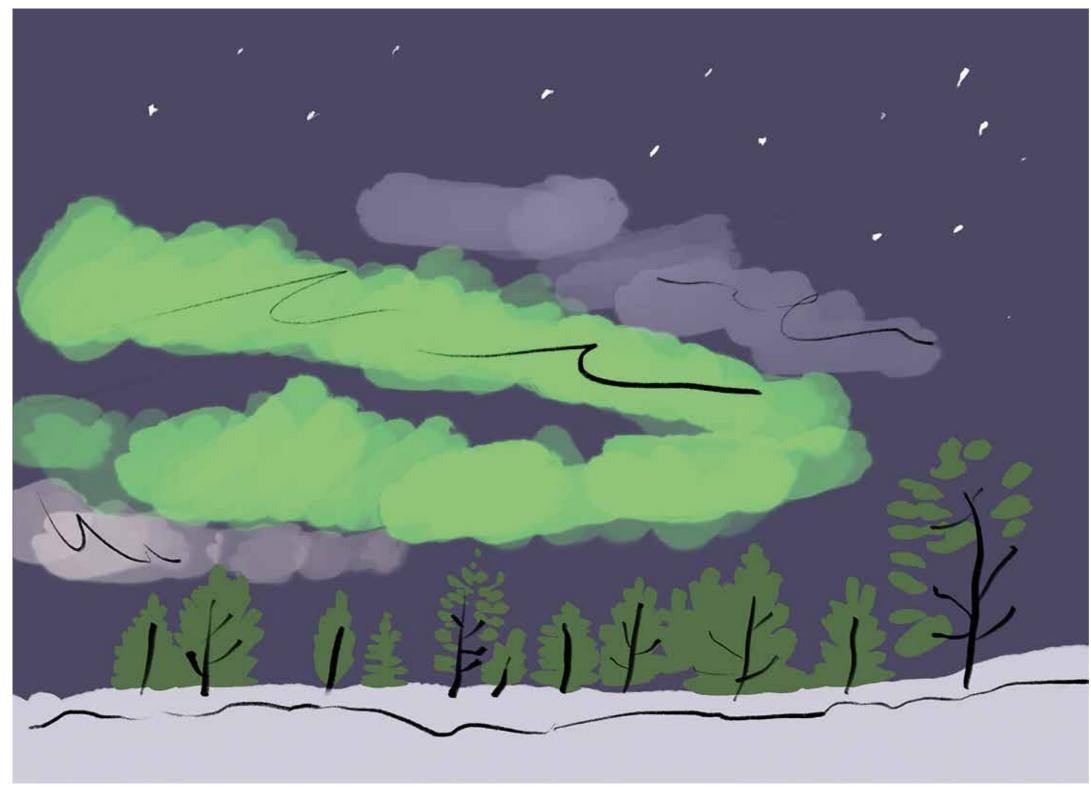




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WINTER IN THE
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In Arctic Finland, the foxes are to blame for the northern lights. This natural light show was created, so the story goes, when the fat tails of Arctic foxes whisked across the snowy mountains, kicking up clouds of snowflakes, sparks, and fireflies into the sky. Reflected in the light of the moon and stars, these clouds are seen as flames of pink, green, orange, and purple in the night sky here in Kittilä, Finland.

Words by **Laura Hall** Publicity photos and by **Laura Hall** Illustration by **Agnese Negriba**

I've heard a few 'origins of the northern lights' stories over the years – including the idea that they light the way to Valhalla, or are the souls of old maids dancing across the sky – but this Finnish folk tale is my stone-cold favourite. As I'm warming my hands around a curvaceous wooden cup next to a fire, I can't help but think of what it must have been like to see the sky ablaze back in the days when people didn't know why it happened. A story like this would certainly take away some of the fear of the unknown, it's so much more wonderful than the coldly scientific reason: a collision of charged solar particles at the edge of the atmosphere that, depending on the precise chemicals present, display in different colours.

I'm in a teepee by the shores of a frozen lake in Finnish Lapland with my young daughter, Ellie, and there's only one thing to do next – brave the cold and dark and go out to search for those lights. In this part of Finland, the aurora borealis is visible for an average of lll days of the year, an unparalleled strike rate that means you stand a far better than average chance of seeing them here. The season runs for around seven months, from the end of the midnight-sun season in mid-August right through to March. The best time to see the northern lights is when there's no snow on the ground, because its reflective qualities can make the sky too light.

'My grandfather told me that if you whistle at the lights, they appear,' Kaspar Ala, our guide from *Kinos Safaris*, tells us as we walk to Lake Sirkkajärvi, which is surrounded by snow drifts, and look up at a light-grey sky. 'And then, if you whistle at them again, they'll dance.'

We strain our eyes to the north, away from the bright lights of the floodlit ski slopes in Levi, but there's nothing but snow clouds rolling in, covering up the stars and stifling our hopes. It's not so bad, though: the whole point of the Northern Lights Picnic put together by *Kinos Safaris* is that you have fun in the dark night no matter what, so we shrug it off and embark on a walk across the lake.

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There has been snow in Levi since mid-October, and more is due tomorrow. We kick our way through it where it has piled up on the ice; it feels like walking through granulated sugar. Small holes show us where ice fishermen have corkscrewed their way to the water beneath, and we find the metal steps of a swimming hole next to an oblong-shaped hole held ice-free by a block of wood. I hope for the brave souls swimming here that there's a sauna nearby, too – temperatures this month have already dipped below -20°C and have been known to reach lows of -50°C. But wrapped up in merino wool underwear and a ridiculous number of layers, the dry cold isn't nearly as bad as I had feared.

As the night draws on and the clouds continue to build, we're accepting of the fact that you can't win them all, and our northern lights no-show doesn't dampen our spirits. Ellie amuses herself by plunging up to her knees in the snowy banks and writing her name on the ice; I just enjoy the feeling of cold on my face. We're unlucky this time, but future northern lights hunters likely won't be – this year, the Swedish and Norwegian meteorological institutes have noted that the best northern lights watching period is yet to come, with the sun expected to reach a solar maximum between January and October 2024.

On the way back across the lake, we find the tracks of rabbits and what else but the swish of a fox's tail in the snow.

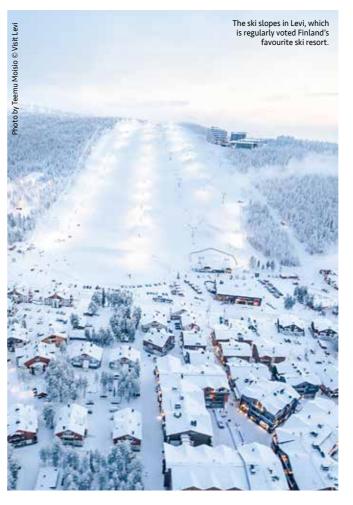
THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ARE JUST ONE OF THE MANY MAGICAL EXPERIENCES to explore in northern Finland in winter. After flying into Kittilä airport in the far north of the country, we're staying 25 minutes away in the ski resort of Levi. It's 170 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle and -12°C outside – the very definition of an Arctic adventure.

The compact resort is packed with local tour operators offering the best of the region's activities, from snowmobiling and dog sledding to reindeer farms and the aforementioned northern lights picnics. It presents as the perfect winter scene: trees laden with snow, people zigzagging down alpine slopes, steaming mugs of hot chocolate, and the delights of playing in snow. For nine-year-old Ellie, it's winter magic at its best and a chance to experience the snowy Christmassy scenes she's seen in films such as *Frozen* and *Klaus*. For me, well, it's something different.

I feel the need to whisper it, but I'm not someone who loves the winter. I get a creeping sense of dread as the summer fades away each year, knowing that the dark nights are coming to steal my *joie de vivre*. I take super-strength vitamin D tablets and use a SAD lamp, but those winter blues usually find a way to creep in anyway. So a trip to Finnish Lapland is a little test for me: can I find a way to see the good in this dark time of year?

Lapland is a strikingly good location for this kind of test. Unlike the rest of Europe, it doesn't have just four seasons. Here in the homeland of the Sámi, the EU's only recognised indigenous people, there are eight of them, reflecting the seasonal habits and behaviour of the region's reindeer, and four of those seasons are wintery.

They begin with 'first snow', the season when the first snowflakes fall, leading to 'polar nights', the dark December





weeks when trees are so covered with snow they look like marshmallows and the sun doesn't rise at all. From January to February, the 'real winter' season arrives, a time of snowdrifts and pink skies, and then winter closes out with the 'season of crusted snow' between March and April, when the bright winter sun shows.

This long, dark, snowy period, stretching for some seven months of the year, is a definite plus for those who love downhill and cross-country skiing. With snow arriving in October and not leaving until May, Levi has one of the longest ski seasons in the whole of Europe, with almost two months more ski time than resorts in the Alps.

Levi is also Finland's largest ski resort and was awarded Ski Resort of the Year for the sixth time in 2023. The championship slopes host the Levi Alpine Ski World Cup, which brings the world's best alpine skiers to town each November. As ski season starts, there's a budding sense of excitement. After all, it's the time of year for zipping down slopes and getting a mad adrenaline rush from the great outdoors.

Looking at the spider web of blue, red, and black slopes on the ski map, I count 44 pistes, 12 kilometres of cross-country skiing tracks, and 26 lifts, including a gondola down to the ski village. Add to that options for free skiers and snowboarders, a mogul slope, and a brand-new kids' area with sledding and snow activities, not to mention ski schools. If you forget to pack anything or want to rent equipment, the many ski shops are filled to the brim with the latest equipment and outdoor gear. In the evenings, there's a selection of bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to choose from.

The slopes at Levi are floodlit so skiers can make the best of the short and sometimes non-existent days. Dusk falls around 3 p.m. in November, and the polar night takes over from the middle of December, when there's a perpetual blue-skied twilight when the sun doesn't rise (to make up for it, there are 45 summer days when the sun never sets).

And, this being Finland, you can be guaranteed that after a day on the slopes, you won't have to go far to find a sauna to soothe your aching muscles. The resort village has a water park, called Water World, with more saunas than you can shake a birch whisk at, along with hot and cold plunge pools, swimming areas, a kids' pool, and a heated outdoor pool. It's a good alternative for families on days when the kids don't want to ski.

But we're sadly not skiing on this trip – we'll have to save that for next time. After a hot chocolate in a café in the centre of the ski village, we're ready for a different kind of snowy adventure.

HOWLS GREET US AND THERE'S AN OVERWHELMING

SENSE OF EXCITEMENT in the air when we step out of the car at All Huskies husky farm, which lies around a 30-minute drive from the ski village. It's the start of the husky racing season and the farm's 66 energetic dogs are howling with their heads back to show how desperately they want to be picked for the team. Hannu is preparing the sled, hitching the chosen twelve Alaskan huskies to it and checking their harnesses, and we're about to leave on a ten-kilometre adventure through the trees. Climbing onto the reindeer skin-cushioned sled and covering ourselves with fleece blankets, Ellie and I pull our merino wool buffs up to our eyes, pull down our hoods to meet them, and hold on tight. Hannu steps on behind us. And then we're off.

We're whisked through the trees, banking around bends, and down a long white track where there's nothing but the sound of the sled sliding across the snow and the rhythmic pounding of

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There's nothing but the sound of the sled sliding across the snow and the rhythmic pounding of paws

paws. It's $cold - -14^{\circ}C$ – and at this speed, our eyes are watering. I can see frost at the ends of Ellie's eyelashes. But she's grinning and her eyes are shining with delight; we're on a dog sled adventure in the heart of Lapland, and the cold is nothing.

On the way, Hannu tells us about the animals of the forest, how he's seen bear scat in the woods along with that of moose, lynx, and reindeer. He whistles to the dogs to guide them, slowing down and stopping every now and again to give them a chance to cool off. Being out in this landscape, hurtling past snow-dusted pines and careening along the snow roads of the Arctic feels wild and raw. I'm happy to be wrapped up warm in the blankets, cuddling with my daughter to keep warm. All too soon, the ride is over and we're back at the farm, petting the friendly dogs and warming up our frosty faces in a wooden *lavvu* hut with an open fire in the middle.

Hannu's wife, Paulina, plies us with hot juice and blueberry cake as we slowly thaw and tells us about life with the huskies. The owners have a great emotional connection with their dogs and focus on taking care of them year round, training them, and breeding from them when they need to. Ellie, who is a great dog lover, is entranced to learn that every one of the family's dogs is born in their house and that they have to eat twice as many calories as a fully grown man every day just to survive in the cold. It's a sustainable operation, too: All

Huskies is accredited as a green activity by Green Key and has a Sustainable Travel Finland label, recognising its charity work (supporting Ukrainian dog shelters, among other causes) and its commitment to the welfare of its dogs above all else.

Four-legged friends of a different kind meet us when we pull up at Sammuntupa Reindeer Farm the following day. The snow is falling thickly around us, and Ellie stands for a minute with her tongue out, trying to catch snowflakes, before she spies a reindeer through the trees and stops in her tracks.

Not much more than 20 minutes out of Levi, we're with local reindeer herder Topi Kenttälä. He runs the family business with his sister Riikka, which includes looking after a herd of reindeer that spends much of the year roaming wild. He's been training and taming reindeer, including the three we meet in the paddock, since he was a boy and now also runs the rustic café and reindeer museum. Guests to the farm also come to swim in the river, warm up in the smoke sauna, and engage in all manner of reindeer-related activities, from hiking with reindeer to reindeer rides and learning the skills of reindeer herding.

Topi opens the gate to a snowy paddock, where three handsome reindeer start walking towards us. One is white, soft, and with white velvet on his antlers, reddish where it's starting to fall off; another has huge, wild tangled antlers and a white star on his forehead; the third is a classic 'Santa's reindeer', all grey-brown and white. For a moment I become a child again, digging my hand into Topi's feed bag to pull out pale green clumps of lichen to offer their soft nuzzling muzzles, delighting in their enthusiasm and stroking their ears.

Then I remember I'm supposed to be the grownup, and I encourage Ellie to dig in, too, watching as she hesitantly offers the feed to these animals a head or two taller than her. She's shy



and hides behind me, but soon she starts asking questions. Why does one have a special collar on? What's that clicking sound? What do they eat?

Topi explains. The collar is a radar for reindeer, a way to track the herd, because his reindeer live wild across Lapland for much of the year. The best way of keeping a herd together in the past was to use a bell – putting it on the lead animal means that the others follow the sound – but a radar collar is necessary

these days for insurance. A reindeer is valued at around 3000 euros, and knowing where these semi-wild animals are is essential, not least when they stray into other people's gardens or find themselves near roads in the dark nights of winter.

The clicking sound is an interesting one. As the reindeer walk around in the snow, their heels make a small sound, like the sound of two stones hit against each other. 'It's so the reindeer can hear each other in the dark,' says Topi. Their feet don't have hooves, as I had expected, but a kind of toe that they use to dig in the snow, he says, to find the lichen and grass that they eat. Their feed is also supplemented with hay and cereals, as reindeer lichen is in increasingly short supply in this part of Lapland.

After the feed bag runs dry, we walk across the snowy fields past Topi's family home and his great-grandmother's house – both traditional log cabins hung with long icicles – and a legendary local café, the oldest in the area, which serves cross-country skiers who pass by in the winter. The reindeer farm is also known locally for its smoke sauna and wood-fired sauna, but today we're here to find out more about the reindeer themselves.

In the rustic one-room wooden museum building, the fire is roaring and the walls are hung with animal skins and items from the past: wolverine skins with their sharp teeth and claws on display, red fox pelts, bear traps, and augers for drilling fishing holes in the frozen river. We learn about the life cycle of a reindeer and how its life is shaped around the year.

Reindeer herders use ATVs, dogs, and helicopters to round up the reindeer twice a year, Topi tells us – once at Midsummer and once in the autumn – and then they're brought to the forest for the winter. It's fascinating to hear about the roundup, the traditional locations that have been used for generations, and the way they can tell the reindeer apart by the notches in their ears.

Life is changing and the traditional ways of herding are under threat, particularly at the moment, as reindeer feed and the cost of living in the Arctic rises. But the price of

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The fifth Tree-Hugging World Championships will be held in summer 2024

reindeer meat, the main source of income, stays relatively static. According to Topi, around half the reindeer herders here have a second job to support their way of life.

We wander down to the Ounasjoki River, which has half iced over, and to the smoke sauna nearby. It's well positioned for that oh-so-Finnish activity: ice swimming, warming up in the sauna, and then cooling down with a roll around in the snow. We watch a red squirrel run up a tree before we leave for our final Finnish winter treat

IT'S MID-AFTERNOON AND DUSK IS STARTING TO FALL when we spy Riitta's orange coat and ready smile waiting by the roadside at Halipuu Forest. This forest of pine, spruce, and

silver birch trees is located only half an hour's drive from the ski village yet is deep in the countryside.

The colours are immediately calming. On first look, it's a monochrome scene with a white, snow cloud-filled sky and the dark vertical lines of trees everywhere, their branches carrying yet more clouds of frozen snow. Their shadows fall grey on the snowbanks. Then, as our eyes get used to it and we walk further into the forest, the black resolves into shades of dark green and deep brown, but the sense of calmness remains.

We keep walking for another ten minutes through the snow until a gentle orange glow shines through the trees: a campfire

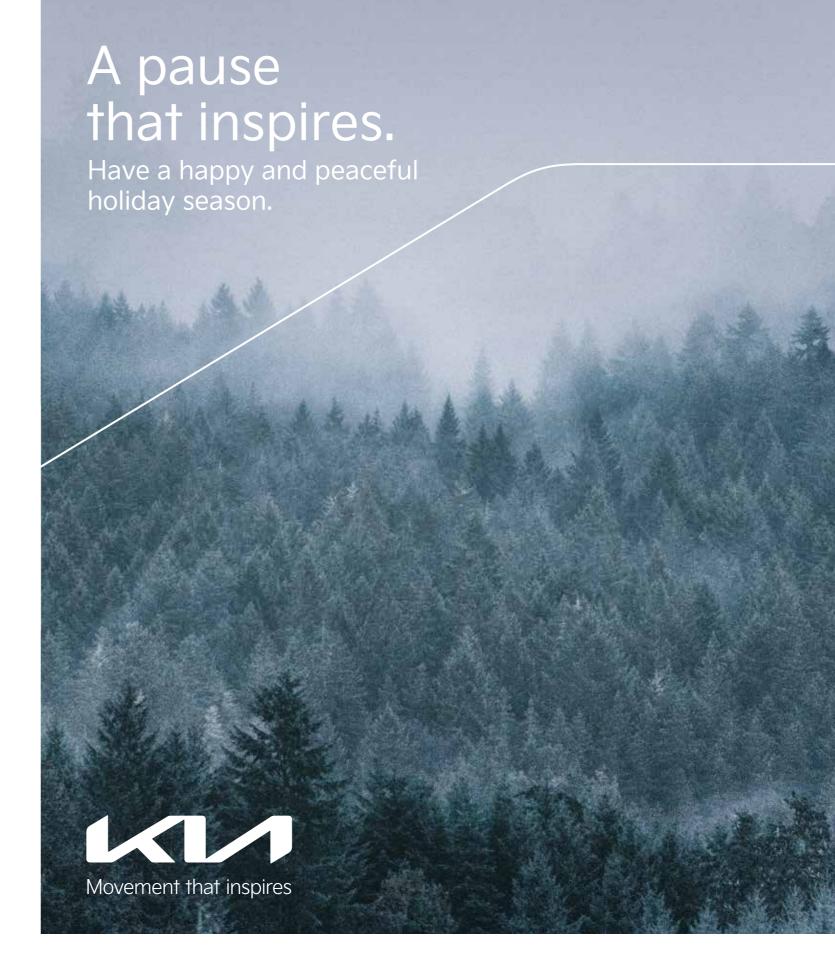
set beside blanketed benches, a wooden shelter, and Riitta's husband, Steffan. It's all part of their Campfire Barista concept, where Steffan makes some of the best coffee in Finland, if not the world, on a moka pot on top of a fire made in the snow.

Riitta's father bought the forest many years ago, when it was used for logging. But as the years have gone on, the family has focused on preserving the forest rather than cutting it down – and they've landed on a number of rather unusual ways to do that. The most significant of these is the establishing of the Tree Hugging World Championships.

'We see it as a way to save the forest without cutting down trees,' says Riitta. 'It's also a way to encourage people to bond with nature. The idea is that you protect what you love. The event gives you a chance to really see the forest around you and to appreciate the fragility of the Arctic forest. It's all about building a connection with nature.'

Begun in the post-Covid years, when they realised that locked-down people craved the embrace of nature, Riitta and Steffan will be holding their fifth such event in summer 2024. Challenges include speed tree hugging, in which you have to hug as many trees as you can in the set time, and freestyle hugging, in which the wilder and more demonstrative you can be with your tree, the better. The rules they made up are now the official standard for tree-hugging competitions around the world.

Riitta invites Ellie to crawl into a cosy lined hammock, and she swings there peacefully for a while, looking up at the snowcovered trees. Another of the options for guests here is to stay overnight in these hammocks in the forest. You can also adopt a tree and enjoy the Campfire Barista's exceptional dirty chai lattes, flavoured with a special syrup made from Finnish birch



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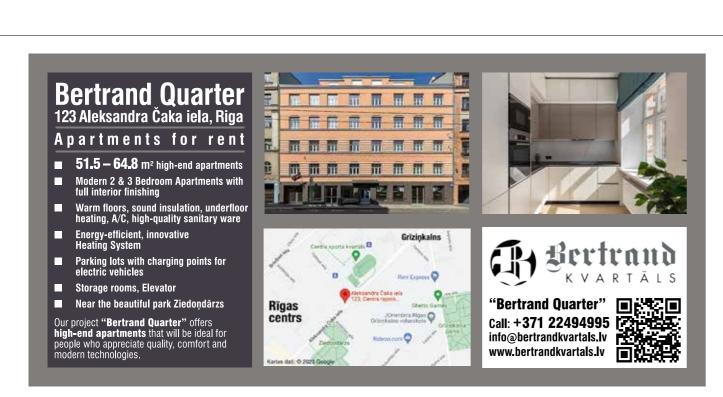
leaves and juniper berries. Steffan serves these artisan coffees from a coffee sled in the centre of Levi in the winter months for those who can't make it to the forest.

Ellie climbs out of the hammock and comes to join us at the fire, where Riitta hands her a homemade marshmallow made from cloudberry juice to roast on a stick over the open fire. It's delicious, she says, licking her lips as snowflakes catch on her eyelashes. Then she learns how to make a Finnish snow lantern, with two layers of small snowballs piled on top of each other in a circle with a candle in the middle. The soft glow of the candle's flame reflects in the snowballs, colouring them a light pink as they send light out into the growing dark.

As we sit by the fire, I think again about winter and how I feel about it. If I lived in Arctic Finland, I think I'd welcome it with open arms. Far from dark nights and gloominess, winter up here is bright and lively, a time when starlight and moonlight reflects in the snow and everything comes alive. Here, winter feels full of magical possibilities and endless activities, rather than a season to be dreaded and slept through like a bear.

The trees look like they've been painted with silver glitter as we walk back down the forest path to go home. We have one last thing to do. Ellie and I find a tree we like the look of, and we wrap our arms around it. It's a tiny way to say thank you for the extraordinary experience we've had here in the Finnish Arctic. So far from everyday life, yet so easy to reach, it has been our best winter adventure yet.

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INSIDER'S VIEW



What's your favourite thing to do in winter?

I love to go on a snowshoe

I love to go on a snowshoe hike on a lake in search of the aurora borealis. To be on an icy lake in the middle of nowhere, with a 360-degree view, the northern lights dancing above your head...the tourist slogan here is 'Levi Sparks Your Soul', and that's it exactly. It sparks your soul.

What do you love best about Levi?

There's so much to do here. The Levi area is a perfect spot: 2.5 hours from Santa's city of Rovaniemi, five hours from Tromsø, which is right in the aurora borealis zone, and three hours from Ivalo, also in the aurora zone. So many people come here to ski – it's a family resort, so we see them come with grandparents and children to enjoy all the activities.

What are some hidden gems in this area?

There are a few boutique places worth mentioning. The private sauna experience with *Fox Fires* is really nice – look them up on *Instagram*, they're doing great! I also like *Golden Crown Igloos*, where you can enjoy fine dining while watching the aurora dance.

Mait Abrams is the hotel manager at *Design Hotel*Levi and Levi Spa Hotel right in the heart of Levi. Originally from Helsinki, Mait moved to Lapland eight years ago and has never looked back. With an array of local secrets up his sleeve, as well as knowledge gained from bringing up his own family in the area, he's full ideas for how to enjoy Levi.

What's a common misconception about Lapland? People often wonder how we survive the dark times in December, when the sun

in December, when the sun doesn't come up for weeks. It's actually the most amazing time of year, because we have white snow and the moon shining! We have eight seasons here, and nature is changing all the time. I always say the world is full of sandy white beaches and palm

Where do you take friends when they visit?

trees, but up here it's unique.

I like to take them out into nature. The national park next to us measured the air quality here and found that it's the purest in the whole of Europe. To be in a wilderness cabin in the middle of nature with all this snow and silence is so amazing. Grill sausages, eat them with mustard, drink hot wine, and then go and look at the fells and landscape. It's complete silence, just the moonlight, stars, and northern lights.

We heard you're a champion treehugger...

I didn't win. But I did enter the Tree-Hugging World Championships a few years ago representing Estonia, where I was born. Oh my goodness, I hugged a lot of trees and it was such fun! You can't find that feeling from the Halipuu Forest anywhere else. USEFUL ADDRESSES

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Hotel Levi Panorama

In a prime slope-side location, this is Levi's only ski-in, ski-out hotel, with 170 rooms and suites plus 24 chalets. It's great for families, groups, and couples. The spacious family suite has two separate bedrooms, a living room, and two bathrooms, one with a sauna. There's also plenty for kids at the hotel, including a cinema, playroom, and board games. Head to the top floor for superlative views from the luxe *Gold Digger Bar* and a communal sauna. The Samiland exhibition next door offers an interesting glimpse into the life of the indigenous Sámi people of Lapland. levipanorama.fi | Tunturitie 205

Sokos Hotel

Set across three buildings in the centre of the ski village, *Sokos* has plenty for those travelling with children, including a toddler-friendly playroom, family suites, and a café serving great hot chocolate. It also rents out sleds and cold-weather gear. Completely renovated in Summer 2023, its bright and playful rooms have curtains displaying images of local animals such as lynx and reindeer, and there are relaxing natural colours throughout. The highlight? The revamped and very fancy spa-like sauna. Tähtitie 5 | sokoshotels.fi

Design Hotel Levi

The chicest hotel in town boasts 77 suites, a sleek Nordic designer style, and a location in a village-within-a-village close to everything in the heart of Levi. Take the secret tunnel to the Water World water park to avoid the snow – entry is included in the room price, as is a premium, chefmade breakfast every morning. The Nordic art and exquisite service make for a spoiling stay: think nature-inspired art, views of snow-covered fells, and an attitude that nothing is too much trouble.

Levintie 1590 | designhotellevi.fi

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK

Grill It!

New this year, *Grill It!* bills itself as the world's northernmost grill restaurant and sits right next door to the *Sokos Hotel* in the heart of the ski village. Dishes including reindeer steaks served with a delicious blueberry sauce, grilled pike perch, and cep risotto are prepared over an open fire in this cosy, central spot. The menu includes vegetarian options, three-course set meals, and a separate kids' menu with plenty of crowd-pleasers for mini adventurers.

Tähtitie 5 | raflaamo.fi

King Crab House

Levi's elevated Arctic seafood restaurant serves king crab from Norway along with halibut, cod, blue mussels, reindeer, willow grouse, and seasonal dishes made from local mushrooms and wild berries. The focus is on Arctic food and sustainability – the chefs pride themselves on knowing where every ingredient comes from. Expect a wine list of biodynamic and organic varieties to accompany the dishes.

Mariankuja 6 | kingcrabhouse.fi

Saamen Kammi

For a unique local experience, Saamen Kammi – or 'Sámi's cave' in English – is a restaurant in a traditional Sámi hut built into the ground that offers traditional Sámi food

such as reindeer and salmon dishes, along with fish soup, all served around an open fire. It's more than just a dinner; this is an introduction to Sámi culture, with servers dressed in beautiful traditional clothing and, on request, a demonstration of *joikha*, a kind of shamanistic a cappella folk chanting. Reservations are essential.

Hotel K5 Levi, Kätkänrannantie 2 | kammi.fi

WHERE TO SHOP Wood Jewel

Amid the many ski and sportswear shops in the heart of Lévi, Wood Jewel stands out as an authentic local enterprise selling great-quality souvenirs. Hunting knives and forks for roasting sausages over a fire are among the quirkiest options on offer, besides plenty of household items carved from wood and reindeer horn. Some good ideas to bring home include sauna textiles, wooden spoons, and authentic Sámi cups carved from wood, called kuksa. According to Sámi tradition, to give someone a kuksa is to offer happiness. Torikuja 4B | woodjewel.fi

Hálo

This jewel box of a fashion showroom sits just off the main drag and sells upmarket Finnish designer fashion, including beautiful kimonos decorated with art by Lappish artist Reidar Särestöniemi along with timeless cocktail dresses, winter coats, and hand-knitted socks. Local designers Marta and Jukka, the showroom's owners, are inspired by the eight seasons of Lapland and the Arctic landscape and light phenomena around them and have been featured in Vogue Scandinavia and Women's Wear Daily.

Leviraitti 2 | halofromnorth.com

Halipuu Tree Shop

This unique online shop based in Levi offers a slice of the Arctic forest just for you, from trees you can adopt in the Halipuu Forest to birdhouses made of Finnish birch that the owners will hang up in the forest as well as Campfire Barista's signature blend coffee to drink at home. It's all part of Riitta and Steffan's mission to preserve their forest and inspire a love of it elsewhere. The pick of the bunch is Forest Chai Syrup, which is designed to be added to hot milk or coffee for a taste of the forest. halipuu.com/shop

WHY NOT?

Stay in an igloo. The northern lights are visible approximately 111 nights a year in the Kittilä region, and there are many operators offering glass-roofed accommodations for the best views. At *Levin Iglut*, ten kilometres from Levi, guests can enjoy views from

the glass-roofed luxury restaurant before retiring to their cabin to gaze at the sky all night long. Another romantic option is the *Northern Lights Ranch*, 30 kilometres from Kittilä Airport, where guests stay in sky-view cabins, some with outdoor hot tubs and saunas, and can enjoy activities including an illuminated ice rink and snowshoe trails as they wait for the lights to appear. Whatever you choose, don't expect a good night's sleep – the bright lights overhead will see to that!

Harjatie 2, Levi | leviniglut.net Ounasjoentie 1619, Köngäs | theranch.fi



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INNOVATIVE MAGIC

If you, along with millions of others, have witnessed the state-of-the-art laser illumination on the Burj Khalifa, you should meet the person who stands behind this light show. Ostap Khytruk and his team have not only painted the world's tallest building in dazzling colour on New Year's Eve; they do so on a daily basis and also continue to surprise and delight the world with innovative new projects.

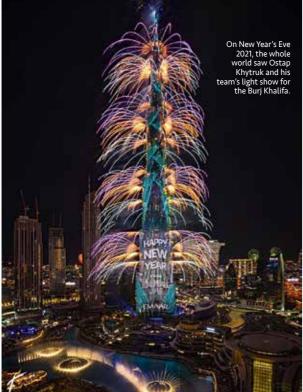
On a warm November evening in the heart of Dubai, I meet Ostap Khytruk, the founder of Magic Innovations, an innovative, globally recognised studio ranked among the top ten best digital studios worldwide. While his surname may translate to 'cunning and clever', 'creative' is in fact a more fitting descriptor of his personality. We sit on the terrace of a café with a view of the iconic Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower. Each day as the sun sets, this massive skyscraper transforms into the world's largest LED screen, displaying a show that reaches an astonishing height of 829.8 metres. And each day for over two years, Khytruk's captivating show there has been delighting thousands of spectators.

Many recall the breathtaking New Year's Eve 2021 celebration, which was broadcast to a billion viewers globally and marked a historic moment for the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Notably, this legendary show commemorating the country's 50th anniversary was crafted by the pioneering Ukrainian company *Magic Innovations*.

Despite widespread recognition of the Burj Khalifa show, not many are acquainted with the visionary behind this innovative work. Likewise, not everyone is aware that Khytruk's company has triumphed at the prestigious Berlin Festival of Lights, curated an LED show on the Berlin TV Tower, made shows for Ferrari and Rolls Royce, and even graced the stage of *America's Got* Talent. And only a few people know how hard this journey to global fame has been and the personal challenges Khytruk faced in 2022 as he battled brain cancer and coped with war in his country during what proved to be the most trying year of his life.

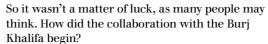
Yet, here he sits in front of me with his show being displayed behind his back on the Burj Khalifa. He is resolute and filled with fresh ideas, poised to break new world records and create shows that will etch himself into history. Khytruk is ready to infuse a bit of magic into a world that undoubtedly craves it.





On New Year's Eve 2021, the whole world saw your work as your company presented the light show for the Burj Khalifa. How does it feel to showcase your work on the world's highest skyscraper and the world's biggest LED screen?

It's a great honour to be part of a historic event. It's not every day that you can participate in an event dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the country and make a show in the year when the UAE hosted the World Expo. I also take great pride in our team. They're not just about hard work and talent; they're also about perseverance and not giving up, because we won the competition only on our third attempt and made a show at our own expense – not everyone dared to do that.



The first time I went to Dubai was for a vacation with my family some five years ago. I remember the moment I laid eyes on the Burj Khalifa and thought about how amazing it would be to create content for the world's tallest building. Back then, we had just won the main award at the Berlin Festival of Lights, the most famous and challenging of 3D-mapping festivals. We also made a show at the Berlin TV Tower, the tallest tower in Europe. So I thought that everything was within my grasp.

I heard of a competition for creating a light show for the Burj dedicated to Eid Mubarak, the biggest holiday in the country. The creation of the content required a significant financial investment, tens of thousands of dollars. We submitted the application, but sadly it was rejected. In 2018, we decided to give it another shot. The entire team advised against it, but I was sure of victory. And again we lost. The following year, I decided to try again. Everyone thought I was crazy. They said I should better buy a car instead of wasting that amount of money on another unsuccessful attempt. But I was stubborn.

After the submission, the jury remained silent for quite some time, and I thought it was finally time to give up. But suddenly they said, 'Congratulations!' I bought plane tickets to witness this important moment. The show was displayed just once, for the Muslim religious holiday of Eid al-Fitr. But upon my return to Kyiv, they asked if they could start broadcasting the show every day on the façade of the Burj Khalifa.

Did you finally get a financial reward for it?

No. Everyone suggested invoicing them, but I insisted on offering it for free in order to reach a larger audience. Today, our show has been broadcast every day for two consecutive years.

Thanks to it, I've received a lot of offers worldwide. More importantly, we created the historic 'Eve of Wonder' show for New Year's Eve.







It all started with a simple desire. For two years, we produced content at our own expense, and only in the third year did we hit it big. With the projects that followed, we recouped our costs and even turned a profit.

How long did it take to create the five-minute New Year's Eve show?

The entire process took approximately three months for 16 designers to create a one-kilometre video with 200 unique scenes. From a technical standpoint, we had to create a 3D of the Burj. All of the effects are precisely adjusted to the angles of what the audience sees, taking into account all the architectural details of the building. To accomplish this mission, we relied on our more than 16 years of experience.

Where did you see this historical show? I was in Ukraine, believe it or not. For some reason, I felt I needed to celebrate it with my team. We

Many countries now use 5D mapping to tell the history of their cities

gathered in our office and watched it on television. Our studio spans two floors and includes a bar and a barber shop. We chose to celebrate in the bar, where we gather after work and where people can drop in for a drink. Two weeks later I headed to Turkey for brain cancer surgery. And then the war started. I haven't been back to Ukraine since then. The doctors warned me to avoid the loud noise. I have no regrets that I didn't go to Dubai to watch the show.

Was it your most challenging work?

It's the pinnacle of my career. However, the most challenging was the show at Motherland, a 102-metre-tall monument that's the tallest in Europe. The production took place during Eurovision 2017 in Kyiv and garnered recognition for setting a national record in Ukraine. Given that Motherland is one of the tallest monuments globally, surpassing even the Statue of Liberty, we not only had to scan it but also create a detailed model. It took three days to scan it, and the statue's aluminium construction caused reflections that complicated the process. We had to adjust the scanner from various angles to capture enormous amounts of detail, including the folds and layers on the figure's dress.

The concept involved adorning the monument with an array of images of traditional Ukrainian embroidered garments known as *vyshyvankas*. To achieve this, we reached out to museums across

the country and requested images of historical garments. Ukrainian costumes are multi-layered, featuring underskirts, skirts, aprons, and jewellery, and they're made of various fabrics and shapes, all of which meant more work for our designers. They painstakingly redrew each ornament and detail by hand. The task was challenging, leading us to allocate several thousand dollars beyond our initial budget. But despite the financial constraints, we chose to present the finished project as a gift to Ukraine and Kyiv.

Let's go back 15 years, when you had just launched *Magic Innovations*. Why did a five-time Ukrainian in-line skating champion switch from sport to technologies?

I studied psychology and was a successful rollerblader in the 2000s. I worked as a bartender by night while representing the national *Salomon* rollerblading team. However, a serious head injury prompted me to transition into organising car shows. At the beginning, I had to take out a loan to run my business. It's amusing, because we were working on global projects worth millions of dollars, yet we couldn't afford coffee meetings with clients. Every penny we had was invested in our projects.

Eventually, I secured a year-long contract with *Philip Morris*, Ukraine's leading tax payer at that time, without initially having a clear understanding of how the technologies worked, but I learned during the process. And I've never stopped learning, because to succeed in 3D mapping, you must always try something new.

What exactly is 3D mapping?

It's a technique in which a projected image is overlaid onto a specific object, taking its shape into consideration, to create a new visual experience. In our case, we integrate the content with architecture or sculptures, transforming the viewer's reality. Engaging in 3D mapping presents more complexity compared to working with cartoons or cinema. Mastering this technique is a challenge that demands experience. It's akin to surgery, where a 20-year-old can't perform a surgical procedure as masterfully as a 60-year-old, who has honed their skills through years of experience.

Are light shows more environmentally friendly than fireworks?

Certainly, a more environmentally friendly approach is to plant trees on New Year's Eve than do fireworks or light shows. However, light shows are notably more eco-friendly than fireworks, which can harm the ozone layer due to their chemical composition. Additionally, light shows offer the advantage of storytelling, a feature that's not achievable with fireworks. Many countries now use 3D mapping to



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tell the history of their cities, and this content can easily be shared on social media.

And what do you think about the future of museums? How are interactive technologies changing museums?

More and more museums and galleries are using interactive multimedia technologies. Simply displaying traditional exhibits behind glass is no longer sufficient in today's context. The new generation seeks knowledge through tactile and experiential means rather than traditional books and exhibits. Essentially, interactive technologies serve as a modern language to tell stories.

A good example of this shift is The View Exhibition at Palm Jumeirah in Dubai. Initially, they established a venue with traditional exhibits. However, seeking innovation and technology, they approached us to breathe new life into their space. So we crafted the world's first interactive LED column featuring a touch-sensitive screen with swimming fish that

I believe our success stems from our ability to think outside the box

can be frozen with a finger for detailed information. Every element within this exhibition is created with the assistance of technology.

Another significant achievement for you was winning the Apex Awards in the United States. You received the awards in Las Vegas, and the jury couldn't believe that a Ukrainian company won the gold, silver, and content award of the year. How did you manage to overtake American companies, which are known for their hi-tech entertainment shows?

I believe our success stems from our ability to think outside the box. In contrast, Americans and Europeans tend to be more conservative, often relying on established practices and methods that have proven effective in the past.

I'm 4l – I've experienced the collapse of the Soviet Union, Chernobyl, both revolutions, the pandemic, and war. In my short life, I've gone through so many ups and downs and transformations, and I think all Ukrainians are used to change and obstacles. Fell – got up – moved on. If one thing doesn't work, try another. We're adaptive; it's in our genes. And this is what helps in my business.



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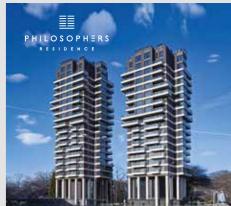
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You recently went on *America's Got Talent* and even got to the semifinal. Tell us more about that. For this show, I introduced pioneering 4D cube technology, a first of its kind. Initially designed for Ukraine's top dancer, Oleksandr Leshchenko, it grabbed the attention of *America's Got Talent*, leading to an invitation. After delays due to the pandemic and the war, we finally participated and earned four 'yes' votes from the judges and millions of *YouTube* views.

For the second audition, we had a crucial decision to make: create a show with a high chance of reaching the final or present a narrative highlighting Ukraine's struggle. We chose

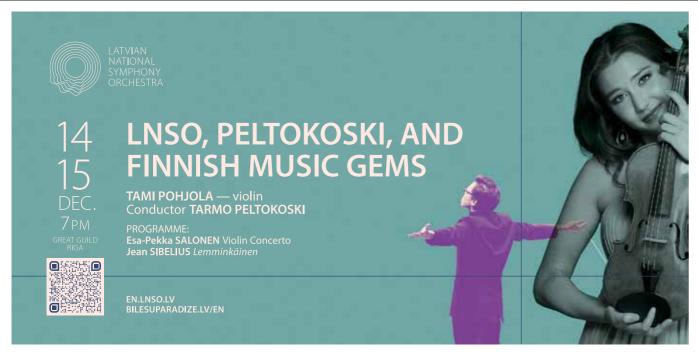
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the latter and lost, but we attracted global attention to the issue on one of the world's major TV shows. Today, I received a call from *Britain's Got Talent* inviting us to join their show!

What's your next global goal?

My ultimate goal is to create shows on the world's most iconic structures: the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Statue of Liberty, the Egyptian Pyramids, the Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, Tower Bridge, the Brandenburg Gate. Oh wait, that Berlin landmark was just recently done! **bo**







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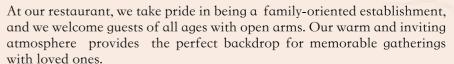




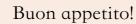








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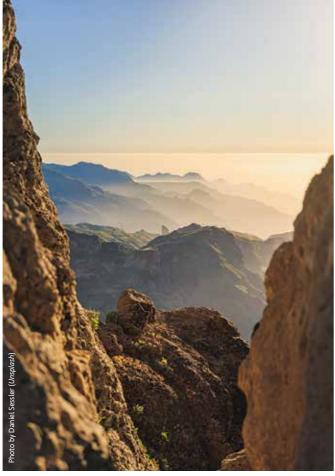
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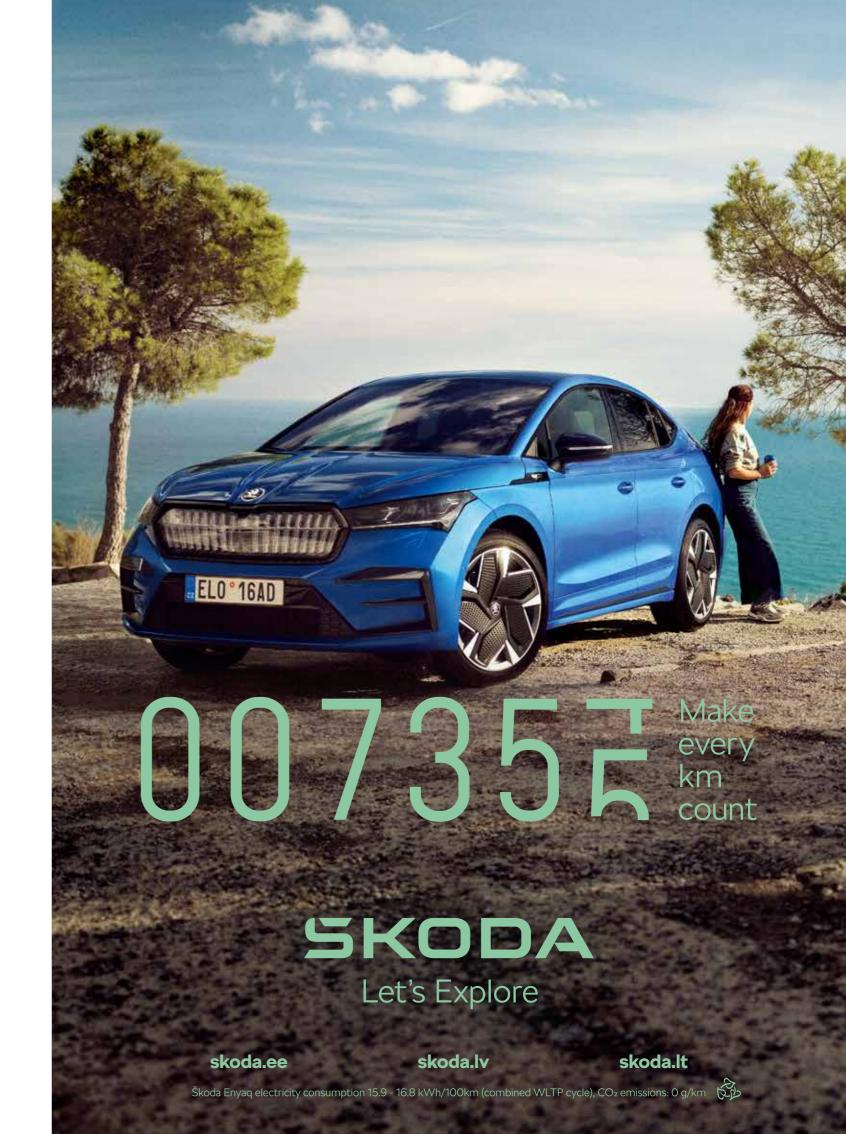


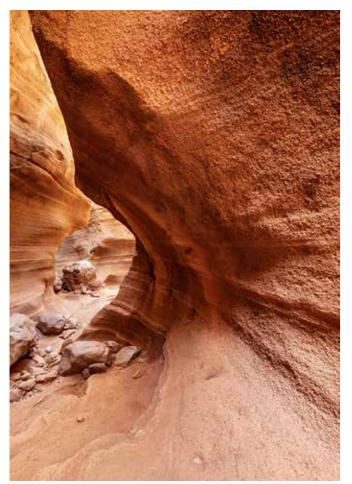
Maspalomas Dunes

The southern tip of Gran Canaria is home to one of the wildest landscapes on the island, a protected natural area since 1994 that spans more than 400 hectares and six kilometres of sand. This poetic Sahara-like landscape was shaped by the erosion of volcanic rocks, algae, and shells in conjunction with the wind. The dunes boast one of the island's most delightful microclimates, maintaining a pleasant temperature of approximately 22 degrees Celsius throughout the year, even in December. Head to the information point, where you'll be treated to a wonderful panorama of this unique landscape. A camel ride with the whole family is the perfect option if you want to appreciate the dunes from a different perspective. Tours last about 30 minutes, which is enough to get a good feel for this natural landmark. Then make sure you have a spot on nearby Maspalomas Beach to view the sunset - the setting with the dunes and the crystalline waters of the Atlantic Ocean is priceless.

Roque Nublo

Hike up to this 80-metre-high rock on Gran Canaria overlooking the Atlantic Ocean for a deep breath of fresh, clean air. The archipelago's volcanic origins, dating back about 70 million years ago, placed this formation here. Nowadays, it's a must-visit for those wanting to explore Gran Canaria's natural wonders in a peaceful setting. The circular route from the Degollada de La Goleta car park takes about three hours and is a convenient option for enjoying the scenery. If it's a clear day, look to the horizon and you'll probably be able to see the top of the El Teide volcano on the neighbouring island of Tenerife, which is also the highest peak in all of Spain. The magical surroundings here were considered holy by the Guanches, the indigenous inhabitants of the Canary Islands, who believed they could communicate with God from here.





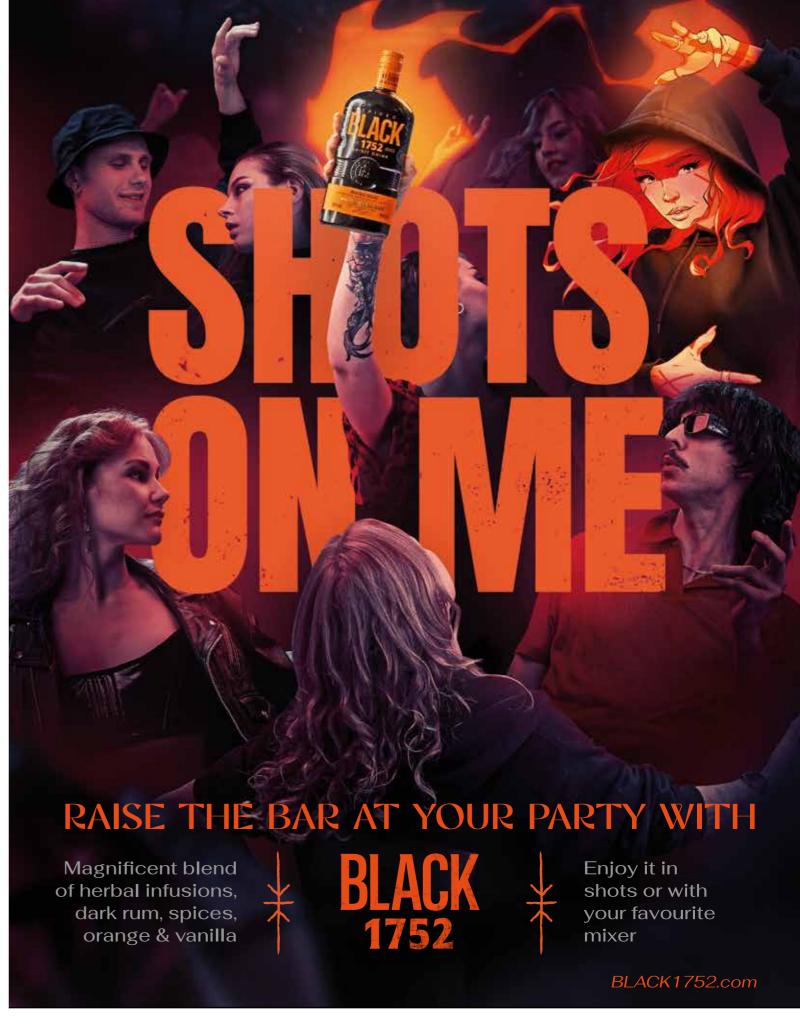


Barranco de las Vacas

What would be a trip without checking out the most *Instagrammable* place at your destination? In the southeast of the island, the Barranco de las Vacas, meaning 'ravine of the cows', is a canyon several kilometres long between Agüimes and Santa Lucía. It is believed to have been formed over the course of thousands of years by the force of water passing through. Today, only a small part of the canyon, the Barranco de Barafonso, is open to the public. The structure changes from a V-shape at the entrance to a U-shape, thus producing a true play of natural light. Winter is the best time to visit this enchanting place and admire the beauty of the natural formation in peace and tranquillity. It's also highly recommended to visit in the morning for better photo opportunities and fewer people.

Banana production

As soon as you land, you'll encounter big plantations of bananas spread across the island. Known here as the *plátano*, the banana is the most important crop in the Canary Islands, with Gran Canaria representing as much as 20% of all the production. Nearly all that produce is exported to mainland Spain, but this island is nevertheless the best place to try one of the products the Canarios are most proud of. Surrounded by more than 7000 banana plantations featuring 13 different varieties, the Museo del Plátano in Arucas is a good place to learn more about this important activity for the local economy. If you join one of the tours, you'll receive a masterclass in the production of bananas and the important role this fruit has played in international commerce. Afterwards, delight your palate with one of the local banana-based desserts, such as banana flan or banana pancakes.



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Hidden beaches

With more than 130 beaches totalling more than 60 kilometres of sand, Gran Canaria hosts some unique locations unknown to most visitors. The Güi Güi Beach is a veritable paradise thanks to the cliffs and crystal-clear waters. Reaching the beach takes around an hour along a steep path, but the landscape on arrival certainly pays off. Güi Güi is also reachable by boat from the nearby ports of La Aldea de San Nicolás, Puerto de Mogán, Arguineguín, and Agaete. If you're looking for a volcanic landscape, Guayedra Beach in Agaete is the place to visit. Located along the imposing coastline of cliffs called the Dragon's Tail, it's a top spot to experience one of the best sunsets on the island. You'll find Guayedra Beach at the heart of the Agaete Valley, in between dark lava, palm trees, and cliffs. It's a mix of sandy and stone landscapes accessed via a panoramic path from the village with views of the island's rugged west coast.

Water sports

El Cabrón in Agüimes is known for one of the best marine reserves on the whole island. It's believed to be home to more than 400 species, including seahorses, rays, and cuttlefish. Put on your diving goggles and discover one of the natural wonders of Gran Canaria by snorkelling or scuba diving. Kayaking is also a good option to explore the island from another perspective and has recently been gaining popularity. The clear waters of Taurito Beach in the southern city of Mogán and the nearby sea caves are one of the most magical places to enjoy this activity. If you're more into surfing, the northern coast of Gran Canaria will be your best destination. The waves at Las Canteras Beach in the island's capital and the surroundings of El Confital and El Lloret are optimal for practising this sport.



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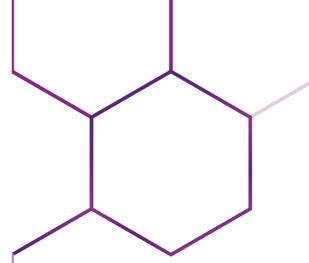


Whale and dolphin watching

Gran Canaria has long been recognised for its rich marine biodiversity. The archipelago's location near the African coast and the warm water temperatures all year round make it a great place to see cetaceans. Around 30 different types of species - including whales, orcas, and dolphins – can be found in the waters surrounding the island, making it one of the most diverse locations for cetaceans globally and the largest in Europe. Puerto Rico Beach at the southern tip of Gran Canaria is the departure point for most of the tours, which usually last a couple of hours. While no one can 100% guarantee cetacean sightings, the possibility is very high. Some tour operators even offer complimentary tickets for the following day in case you've had back luck.

Food and flea markets

For more than two centuries, the northern village of Teror - which is also one of the oldest towns in the whole Canary Islands – wakes up every Sunday morning to find the Plaza de Sintes full of market stalls. From textile artisans to local products and even religious objects, all can be found at this mercadillo. If you happen to be in Las Palmas on a Sunday, pass by the Ramblas Juan Rodríguez Doreste to discover more than 400 stalls selling clothes, shoes, and groceries. The San Lorenzo Farmers' Market on Sundays in the capital city is also a good visit if you're into organic vegetables. In the south, the marina in Mogán turns into a flea and farmers' market every Friday. Make sure to get a souvenir from a local designer before getting on the plane to return home.





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Unique flavours

Local Canarian cuisine is simple vet has an exotic touch and unique flavours. When visiting the archipelago, definitely try the traditional dishes. Sancocho, which is boiled salted fish served with potatoes (or *papas* as they're called here), and the traditional red and green mojo sauces are some of Gran Canaria's signature foods. Gofio, a cornflour-based side dish, accompanies nearly every dish. If you prefer to upscale your gastronomic experience, head to the southern Playa de Patalavaca and meet Germán Ortega at *Michelin*-starred La Aguarela. He's one of the chefs leading Gran Canaria's fine-dining scene with a menu that combines modern local recipes with Nordic influences from his previous work experience in Sweden. Shrimp from Mogán and quail from La Palma are among his most popular creations. In Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the well-known Padrón brothers (Juan Carlos and Jonathan) present an immersive gastronomic experience using local, seasonal products at their Michelin-starred restaurant Poemas.

Rum production

The cultivation of sugar cane had been well established on Gran Canaria by the time Christopher Columbus took this grass from the Canary Islands to the New World and Santo Domingo in the Caribbean on his second trip to the Americas in 1492. The *Arehucas* distillery in Arucas began producing rum in 1884, making it Europe's oldest rum cellar still in operation; shortly after, this product became very popular across all of the Canary Islands. Take a tour to explore the aging cellar with over 4000 oak barrels and taste the distillery's varieties of spirits. *Arehucas* has been proudly delivering its products to the Spanish royal family since 1892. If you prefer to sample the local rum in a milder way, you might want to try *ron miel*, which is a traditional liqueur and the perfect option for a pre- or after-dinner drink. **bo**







Next to Cruffins, at the same address, sits my favourite restaurant, Two More Beers, which has excellent food and an impressive selection of over 100 types of beer, including some Latvian gems. A personal favourite of mine is the venison burger in a potato-hemp seed waffle paired with an in-house brewed beer. Business hours: every day from 12.00 to 24.00, and until 02.00 on Fridays and Saturdays.



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Old Riga is renowned for its splendid architecture, but it holds a special place in my heart as my workplace and my preferred area for enjoying good coffee, delicious food, and great music.

A daily ritual for me involves a visit to Cruffins bakery at Kalēju 9/11, my favourite spot for an afternoon dessert and coffee. The cruffin is a new, trendy pastry – croissant dough baked in the shape of a muffin with either a sweet or savoury filling – and it's perfect with a cup of coffee or a glass of chilled prosecco. With its striking interior, Cruffins is also an ideal place for capturing memorable photos. Business hours: every day from 10.00 to 20.00, and until 18.00 on Sundays.









For holidays or outings with friends, I suggest The Stage, a bar/restaurant located in the heart of Old Riga at Kalķu Street 17. With its excellent food and fine selection of beer and stronger spirits, its special feature is the live music. There's nothing quite like enjoying a drink, while soaking in the view of historical architecture and listening to live music. Business hours: daily from 12.00 to 24.00, and until 02.00 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Whether you're seeking a sweet treat, a gourmet dinner, or a lively night out, these spots are quintessential to experiencing the charm of Old Riga.









Marrakesh

Dive into the enchanting Moroccan wonderland

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DESTINATIONS TO PUT ON YOUR RADAR FOR 2024

Travel is not always about the postcard-perfect scenery, the lazy days on the sand, or the famous landmarks. Sometimes, it's about adventuring into the unknown, challenging yourself with an unfamiliar place and culture, and finding joy in unexpected twists and turns. These offbeat destinations are not your typical holiday spots, but they are full of surprises, stories, and flavours. Each one of them offers a different perspective, and a chance to experience something new in your travels.





The parks here are perfect for leisurely strolling.

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Ljubljana, the enchanting capital of Slovenia, is a city where history and modernity dance along the riverbanks, creating a symphony of urban charm. Crowned the Green Capital of Europe in 2016, Ljubljana's heart beats around the emerald waters of the Ljubljanica River, which is embraced by pedestrian paths and bicycle lanes. The city's soul really comes alive in spring and summer, when riverside cafés transform into vibrant social hubs.

Architecturally splendid, with candy-coloured Baroque-era buildings, Ljubljana's old town is a medieval gem. Picturesque bridges crossing the river, a romantic castle, and cobblestone piazzas bustling with café culture all make this a tempting city in which to spend a weekend, or longer. It's a city that rivals Prague's grandeur yet exudes a distinct blend of Alpine crispness and Mediterranean zest, making it an irresistible stop for any traveller.

A visit to Ljubljana should start with a trip to the iconic Ljubljana Castle overlooking the city. Located on a hill east of the centre, you can get there via the 70-metre-long funicular that soars up the hill directly from the old town – but climbing up to the castle on foot isn't that difficult. Visitors can roam the castle grounds free of charge, but you'll need to pay admission to get into the watchtower (which has incredible views) and the Chapel of St. George (the oldest surviving part of the castle).

Ljubljana is considered one of the most sustainable cities in Europe. The car-free historical centre is perfect for leisurely strolls, as is the picturesque Ljubljanica River flowing through the city. Here, you can cross the famous Triple Bridge while admiring the colourful riverside buildings and perhaps stopping at a café or two for a drink. For an alternative way to enjoy Ljubljana's main waterway, join a stand-up paddleboarding tour that will give you a unique view of the city.

Nearby, Ljubljana is also home to the incredible Tivoli Park, the city's largest green oasis. The gardens here are perfect for more leisurely strolling, or even renting a bike to explore more distant corners of the park. If it's a sunny day, consider having a picnic in the park, and also check out the Jakopič Promenade in the middle of the park, which features photography exhibitions year-round.

Slovenia's enchanting capital is home to a strong counterculture movement, the epicentre of which can be found at the vibrant Metelkova Mesto, an old army barracks that was overtaken by squatters in the 1990s. Today, it's a cultural centre covered in street art and filled with galleries, bars, and clubs. Visit during the day to admire the wonderful graffiti; at night, it's a great place to party.

Slovenian cuisine is a delectable blend of Central European and Mediterranean flavours, with a healthy dose of inspiration from Italy, which borders Slovenia. Indulge in traditional dishes such as *potica* (rolled pastry with various fillings), *idrijski žlikrofi* (dumplings), and Carniolan sausage. Then, wash it all down with a cold beer; Ljubljana has an extensive history with brewing beer, and there are several excellent craft breweries to explore.





Tirana, the capital of Albania, is an undiscovered Balkan gem that largely goes unnoticed by tourists. Once a bleak and oppressive place, restricted as it was under communist rule, Tirana has undergone an impressive transformation in the past few decades. Today, it's a lively, colourful city that's full of energy and optimism about the future. The city centre is a kaleidoscope of brightly painted buildings interspersed with historical landmarks, such as the Ottoman-era stone bridge.

Tirana is also the cultural, entertainment, and political hub of the country, where you'll find chic cafés, trendy bars, and fascinating museums. Add in bustling markets across the city, a stunning mountain backdrop, and a strong sense of hospitality, and you've got one of Europe's most charming destinations – without the crowds.

Begin your journey in Tirana at Skanderbeg Square, named after Albania's national hero. There's a statue of him in the middle of the square, and all around stand some of the most iconic buildings in the city, including the National History Museum, the opera house, and the Et'hem Bey Mosque.

Since the National History Museum is right there, head inside for a good introduction to the history of Albania. If you're short on time, you can just admire the giant mural on the outside of the building that depicts the different eras of Albanian history. A short distance away is BunkArt2, a sprawling former nuclear bunker that now gives visitors an insight into Albania during the Cold War years. The original BunkArt museum is even bigger, although it's on the outskirts of the city and best reached by taxi.

Next up, make your way into the vibrant Blloku neighbourhood, once reserved for only the highest-ranking Communist officials. It's only fitting that it's now one of Tirana's trendiest neighbourhoods and has been taken over by high-quality cafés, restaurants, and boutique stores that cater to the alternative crowd. Just like in Milan, the bars here do incredible aperitifs to fortify you for a night on the town.

For a trip outside the city, make a beeline for the stunning Dajti Mountain National Park just a short drive from the city. A cable car whisks you up the mountain and offers panoramic views over the city, while the restaurant at the top specialises in lamb dishes. Otherwise, simply enjoy the fun café culture in Tirana, where you can sip on some of the best coffee in the Balkans.

There's a strong commitment to food in Albania – the locals value it as highly as the Italians do theirs. Since its independence, the country has slowly been reinvigorating its foodie scene, with a strong commitment to the farm-to-table philosophy. Traditional dishes include things such as the classic Balkan *byrek* (a pie with various savoury fillings), *fërgesë* (a hearty dish made with peppers, tomatoes, and cheese), and *tave kosi* (baked lamb with yogurt). Wash it down with a glass of *raki*, which is a strong locally made fruit brandy, or indulge in a cup of Turkish coffee, a symbol of hospitality in Albania.

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SOFIA, BULGARIA

Another hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Balkans, Sofia boasts a rich and fascinating history, opulent architecture, and a buzzing cultural scene. It's not a grand metropolis by any means, but the city has a youthful feel to it and offers a tantalising blend of eastern and western cultures. The result is an eclectic, exotic atmosphere where onion-domed churches, Ottoman-era mosques, and Red Army monuments sit side by side with Roman ruins from nearly 2000 years ago.

Sofia is also a very green city, home to vast parks and manicured gardens that come to life in spring and provide welcome relief from the urban hustle and bustle. Not that the city is overwhelmingly busy, though; in fact, this is quite a chilled-out place, with great restaurants and sidewalk cafés that are ideal for lazing away warm spring days and peoplewatching. And on the city's doorstep? Fantastic vineyards and the mighty Mount Vitosha, which beckons travellers with verdant scenery and hiking trails. Sofia is a surprising place, but one that will make you want to stay longer and explore further.

Begin your exploration of Sofia at the iconic Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, a huge Orthodox cathedral topped by stunning golden domes. Sofia is also home to a charming city centre filled with photogenic landmarks such as the National Theatre, the Ivan Vazov National Library, and the vibrant Vitosha Boulevard. Also in the heart of the city are the ancient Roman ruins of Serdica, where you can see the remains of Roman streets, a basilica, and baths dating back to the 4th century CE. The ruins were only recently discovered, in 2010, when the city was doing construction work on the Serdika metro station.







There are many places to get a peek at the various layers of history in Sofia. The National Museum of History is an obvious starting point and is filled with an exhaustive collection of artefacts, including Thracian and Roman treasures.

We've already mentioned that Sofia is a green city, so when the concrete gets too much to bear, we recommend heading to Borisova Gradina Park. This is the city's oldest and best-known park, with leafy avenues, expansive lawns, monuments, and small ponds to explore.

While in Sofia, indulge in traditional dishes such as *banitsa* (a savoury pastry filled with cheese), *meshana skara* (a plate of various meats garnished with salad), and *tarator* (a refreshing cold soup made from cucumber and traditional Bulgarian yogurt). Bulgaria is also home to some exceptional wine, which is perfect for washing down the meat-heavy meals that are popular here. **bo**



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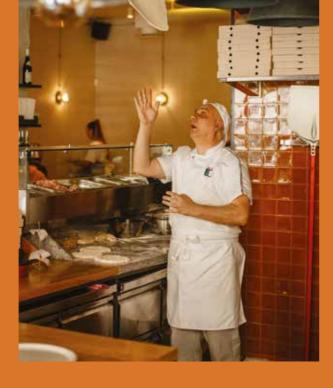


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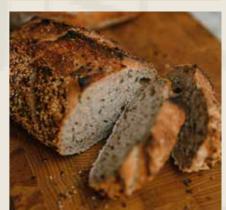
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AND THE WINNER IS...

Looking for the best? Here's a complete guide to the Baltic restaurants and bars that have won the Baltic Wine & Drinks Awards 2025 so you can browse the best wine and drinks lists and enjoy excellent cuisine.

In collaboration with *Liebherr*, the Baltic Wine & Drinks Awards showcase exceptional wine lists and drinks menus in Baltic restaurants, bars, hotels, and retail establishments. Since their inception in 2018, these awards have played a crucial role in elevating the appreciation for wine and drinks in Baltic cultures.

Guided by a distinguished jury – which includes Raimonds Tomsons, recognised as Best Sommelier of the World 2023; Billy Wagner of the *Nobelhart & Schmutzig* restaurant in Berlin; Aigars Nords, founder of Riga Wine & Champagne festival, Peter Liem of champagneguide.net in Champagne; Jānis Volkinšteins, a three-time winner

of the Baltic Wine List Awards; and Lauris Grass, a veteran of Baltic bar culture – the awards uphold a mission to enhance wine selections across Baltic dining establishments.

The selection criteria employed by the jury encompass the suitability of the wine selection for the cuisine and character of the respective establishment, the alignment of pricing with the overall dining experience, and the incorporation of delightful surprises. The resulting list is a roster of dining establishments in the Baltics that lovingly celebrate the art of wine and stand at the forefront of transforming the Baltics into a sought-after destination for wine enthusiasts.

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BARENTS RESTAURANT Best Wine List in the Baltic Countries Best Fine-Dining Restaurant for Wine Lovers in the Baltic Countries

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Barents is a fine-dining and wine destination par excellence. Tucked away on the cobbled streets of Riga's Old Town, Barents is spearheaded by Raimonds Tomsons, who is one of the world's top sommeliers and the recently titled ASI World Sommelier Champion 2023. Tomsons has compiled a star-studded list of the contemporary wine world, from Cedric Bouchard in Champagne to Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey in Chassagne-Montrachet and Etienne Grivot in Vosne-Romanée, all straight from the winemakers' cellars. Barents also boasts some of the best Austrian wine collections in Europe. Together with an innovative menu created by chef Dzintars Kristovskis that's full of top-quality coldwater seafood and seasonal flavours, Barents offers a dining experience that will leave a firm mark on your epicurean timeline. Smilšu iela 3, Riga barents.lv







MAX CEKOT KITCHEN Highest New Restaurant Entry

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Last month, the restaurant earned the first Michelin star for Latvia, but this establishment has been making culinary waves since its opening in 2018. It's known not only for its inventive take on contemporary Latvian cuisine but also for its perfect wine pairings and collection of spirits. The ten-course seasonal tasting is paired with six perfectly chosen wines. The treasures in this restaurant's cellar feature top vintages, some also from off-the-beaten-track regions. Set in a former wood-processing factory on the industrial outskirts of Riga, urban elegance serves as the perfect canvas for Max Cekot's dishes and the wines selected by sommelier Uldis Grigalis. This restaurant received a special award for the breadth of its fine-wine collection.

Jelgavas iela 42, Riga maxcekot.com



NOBLE WINE

Best Wine Bar & Shop in the Baltic Countries Best Value-for-Money Wine Bar & Shop in Latvia

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If you need a bottle of pure joy and sophistication, then look no further located on renowned Elizabetes iela, Noble Wine has become the second living room for the city's wine enthusiasts. Here, more than 500 bottles are displayed like precious works of art. If the vast selection seems overwhelming, don't fret, because a passionate and knowledgeable team is there to help. With family-owned old souls from Europe's classic wine regions of France, Austria, Spain, and Italy; recent and older vintages from Jacquesson to Coessens in Champagne, Knoll to Hirtzberger in Wachau, and Lafarge to Guy Amiot in Cote d'Or; and many more, Noble Wine is heaven for wine enthusiasts. The in-store bar also dishes up a fine selection of culinary delights. Noble Wine has received a special award for its collections of Champagne as well as Burgundy wines.

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RIVIERA **Best Casual Restaurant for Wine Lovers** in the Baltic Countries

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This foodies' favourite also holds the title for the best bythe-glass selection, sparkling wines, Greek wines, and overall depth. This cosy yet elegant dining room in Riga's Art Nouveau district is where locals go to celebrate life's big and little moments. Serving sophisticated Mediterranean fare with the best of French, Spanish, Italian, and Greek influences, the menu is paired with a dizzying array of wines for every taste and budget. Young and punchy, mature and relaxed, Latvian tipples or Italian terroir, and even Hungarian oldies. Don't let the 64-page wine list discourage you; the effusive staff, including experienced sommelier Ivars Kalniņš, will guide you through it. Dzirnavu iela 31, Riga rivierarestorans.lv

ESTONIA



TIME TO WINE ROTERMANNI Best Wine Bar & Shop in Estonia * * *

Step into this enchanting world of wine, the latest iewel crafted by Tallinn's esteemed Time to Wine team. Curated by seasoned Estonian wine maestro Mik Parre, it boasts an exhaustive list of terroirdriven delights, from the effervescent charm of Champagnes and funky pét-nat bubbles to rarities tucked away in Ribeira Sacra and Etna. Thanks to innovative wine dispensers, relish the opportunity to sample 22 distinct wines across various price ranges, ensuring there's a perfect pour for every palate. The restaurant received special praise for its by-the-glass and Champagne selection as well as for its unlimited choice. Further elevate your sipping experience with a tapas menu curated by celebrity chef Andrei Lesment.

Rotermanni 2, Tallinn timetowine.ee

TAURO Best Ultra-Premium Wine List in the Baltic Countries



A newcomer to Riga's dining scene, this is the place for those whose idea of a perfect meal includes a mighty steak. Tauro's specialty is high-end beef from the best cattle houses in the world - Japan, Australia, Spain, you name it. The meat is skillfully cooked in countless variations: grilled, pan-broiled, seared, steamed, and roasted, all in front of diners' eyes. Considering the food, it's no surprise that Tauro's game is particularly strong when it comes to red wine. It features the best collection of U.S. and rare fine wines, which is bursting with California's top superstars Opus One, Sine Qua Non, and Inglenook Rubicon. But there's also plenty of bubbles, such as star-grower Rodolphe Péters and Bollinger's B13 Blanc de Noir. Situated on the ground floor of the newly built Zunda Towers, enjoy the last round of drinks with a view of the Old Town from the top floor of the towers. Ranka dambis 30, Riga



EE RESTAURANT **Best Value-for-Money Casual** Restaurant for Wine Lovers in the **Baltic Countries Best Casual Restaurant for Wine** Lovers in Estonia

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Lee is the revamped identity of Leib, the old favourite fine-dining establishment of Tallinners and the brainchild of local hospitality legends Kristjan Peäske and Janno Lepik. Marrying Japanese-Canadian chef Hiro Takeda's international flair and native heritage with outstanding terroir-driven beverages, Lee features a thoughtfully curated wine list that offers an insider's view on current wine trends, prioritising accessibility and quality over unnecessary complexity. Situated in a charming wooden building, the bright dining hall bathed in natural daylight filtered through stained glass windows emanates a timeless charm. It's also the perfect place to get acquainted with local wines, as Lee boasts the best Estonian wine collection. Uus 31, Tallinn

TIME TO WINE

Best Wine Bar & Shop Chain in Estonia Best Value-for-Money in the Baltic Countries



Ask any local where to go to pick up a bottle, and they'll likely say Time to Wine. Picture a sumptuous library adorned with leather and wood, where every shelf holds bottled treasures rather than books. The passionate team at Time to Wine continuously seeks new vinous discoveries, offering an impressive variety of styles, regions, and grape varieties from around the world as well as some delicious nibbles to complement them. Boasting a 41-page wine list, Time to Wine has earned acclaim as having the best by-theglass selection and sparkling wines. Kopli tn 6, Tallinn

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RADO RESTAURANT Best New Casual Restaurant Entry in Estonia

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The modern menu at Rado Restaurant offers a delightful contrast to its historical surroundings in the Old Town. Written on a blackboard, the menu changes daily and celebrates the ebb and flow of the Estonian seasons. But Rado doesn't stop at food; it's also a haven for aficionados of natural wines, which are sommelier Natalja Kudinova's passion. The diverse selection includes grapes and growers from all corners of the world and shines particularly bright in the best off-the-beaten-track wines, for which it received a special award. Choose a window seat and enjoy the picturesque view of the historical centre as Rado's attentive staff takes care of you. Vene 7, Tallinn radorestoran.ee

LITHUANIA



NINETEEN18 Best Fine-Dining Restaurant for Wine Lovers in Lithuania

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Nineteen18 is hidden away in Senatorių Pasažas, a recently renovated quarter in Vilnius' Old Town that's packed with a delightful crowd of retailers offering everything from cheese to flowers. Head chef Andrius Kubilius and his team serve up a ninecourse tasting menu that's not just a meal; it's an adventure through Lithuanian flavours and stories that promises to keep your taste buds on their toes. The creative cookery is complemented by Simonas Laukaitis' acclaimed wine list, one of the best medium-sized wine lists in the Baltics. These honest, youthful, terroir-driven wines dance in harmony with the chef's creations, all without breaking the bank. Nineteen18 also received a special award for the best-presented wine list in Lithuania. That same understated elegance is evident in the neutral hues and natural materials of the restaurant's design. Immerse yourself in a complete gastronomic journey by taking a seat at the Chef's Table in the open-plan kitchen. Dominikonų gatvė 11, Vilnius nineteen18.lt

FOTOGRAFISKA RESTAURANT

Special Award for an Exceptional Art Centre Restaurant Wine List





Set on the top floor of the renowned photography museum, this restaurant has also earned a *Michelin* Green Star. *Fotografiska* operates on a zero-waste basis, transforming every element – from flower to root and nose to tail – into culinary delights. The sustainable ethos extends seamlessly to the restaurant's wine and drinks list, a carefully selected lineup that buzzes with independent, family-owned, and low-intervention wines from environmentally conscious growers and producers. While not expansive, the list is a testament to creativity and precision, thus mirroring

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rich viticultural heritage. Beyond bottles,

Fotografiska's soul. Besides an amazing view overlooking Tallinn, the other selling point here is the collection of more than 30 meticulously chosen South African wines, which features back vintages and a treasure trove of gems. Fotografiska Restaurant has earned a special award for its list of South African, European classics, and low-intervention wines. It is also commended for having the most surprising and passionate wine list among restaurants in Estonia.

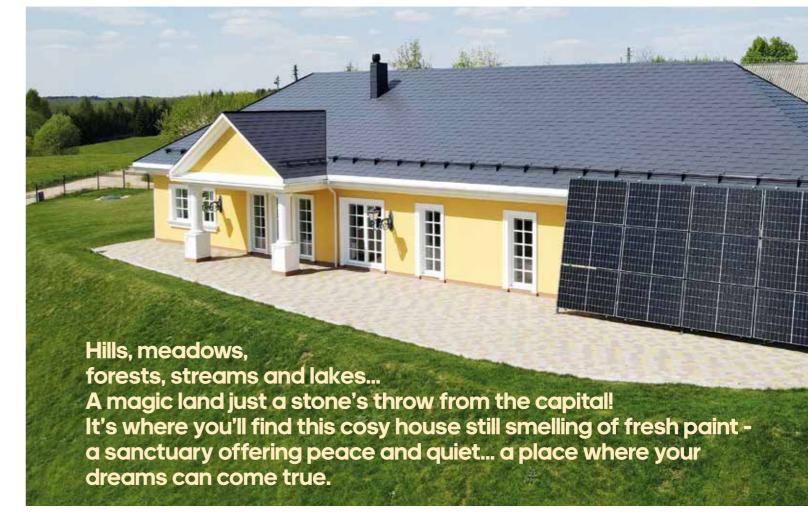
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SOMM WINE BAR AND SHOP Best Wine Bar and Shop in Lithuania



Founded by sommelier champions Narimantas Miežys and Arminas Darasevičius, Somm Wine Bar also received a special award for its list of wines by the glass. The six adept sommeliers will help you select the right tipple for your mood and liking from their remarkable collection of nearly 500 wines. Pull up a tall bar chair and immerse yourself in a lively and relaxed culinary experience, where a sophisticated menu designed for sharing harmonises seamlessly with the extensive and well-priced wine list. Combine with Somm's knowledge, good service, and a vibrant atmosphere, and you get a winning recipe for a Friday night out with friends! Pylimo gatvė 21, Vilnius somm.lt

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PACAI RESTAURANT AND BAR Best New Hotel-Restaurant Entry in the Baltics

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Pacai Restaurant and Bar forms the heart of the renowned Hotel Pacai breathing new life into the 17th-century building that was the former residence of the noble Lithuanian Pacai family. Chefs Vytautas Alekna and Goda Juknaitė skillfully combine down-to-earth Lithuanian cuisine with a refined Nordic flair, earning accolades as the best establishment for European fine-dining classics. Curated by the 2022 Lithuanian sommelier champion Kamilė Bartusevičiūtė, the wine and drinks list is as pristine and elegant as the hotel's design, featuring top-notch selections with a focus on European gems, from mature top clarets to emerging Portuguese producers.

Didžioji gatvė 7, Vilnius hotelpacai.lt

MONTE PACIS HOSPITALITY COMPLEX Best Dessert Wine List in the Baltic Countries







Monte Pacis stands out not just as a hotel and restaurant but also as a distinctive wine and gourmet destination, earning recognition for the best-presented hotel wine list in Lithuania and the most surprising wine list among restaurants in the Baltics. This four-star hospitality complex nestled within the Pažaislis Monastery on the banks of the renowned Kaunas Lagoon offers a luxurious experience from accommodation to dining. In the elegant dining space, the cuisine is characterised by classic recipes executed with a contemporary and innovative approach. The wine list curated by sommelier Indra Ramanauskienė reads like an encyclopaedia, rich with insights about history and winemaking. In addition to recent vintages, it features a selection of mature, rare vintages from Bordeaux, Champagne, and various other beloved Old World regions. The list goes beyond conventional expectations, with dedicated sections for wines from functioning monasteries, Europe's noble sweet wine appellations, and even Lithuanian herry wines

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LIVING SPACE / December

Words by **Olga Dolina**Photos courtesy of *Roomzly*

CHALET CHARM

With stunning views of the Alps and a deep appreciation for local traditions, this living space feels like a mountain paradise. Featuring a seamless fusion of tradition and modernity, *Penthouse Silvretta* is located in the heart of Klosters-Serneus, a celebrated Alpine family resort in the Swiss canton of Graubünden, where pristine mountain landscapes meet romantic rural villages. The winter season here is all about slopes and cross-country skiing, snowshoe trekking adventures, and horse-drawn sleigh rides, while the Gotschnabahn cable car takes vacationers straight to the prestigious slopes of Davos.

'These spaces are crafted for both communal gatherings and personal retreat, and the chalet mirrors the town's sense of community as well as its appreciation for privacy. The design stands as a tribute to the character of both owners and the spirit of Klosters,' says Roksana Fasovska of the *Roomzly* interior design studio, who served as the interior architect for this project.

▶ The chalet has unparalleled views across the village from the wraparound wooden balcony. The steeply pitched roof, a key feature of traditional chalets, allows snow to slide off easily, while the overhanging eaves protect the wooden walls.





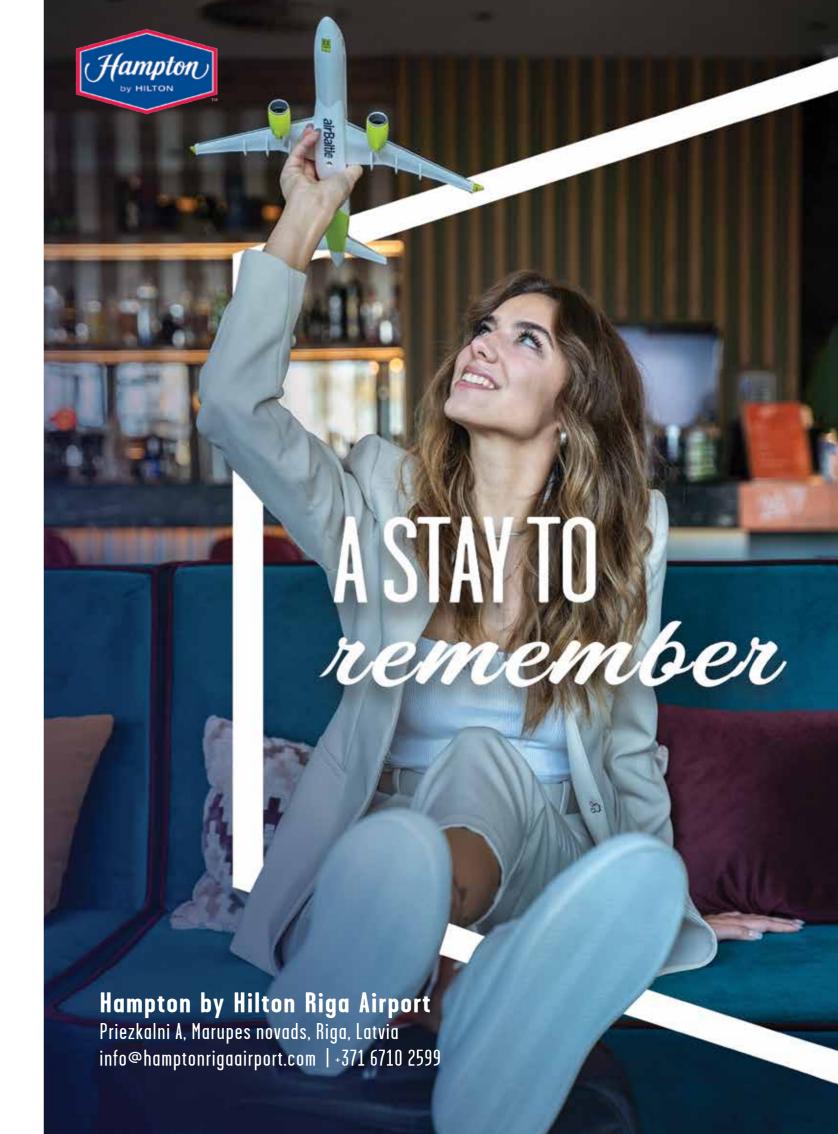
- ◆ The living room is filled with natural light flowing in via floor-to-ceiling windows that merge the indoors with the outdoors. Here the family can unwind, enjoy the setting, and spend quality time together in front of the levitating fireplace.
- A key task of the design was to complement the natural beauty of the surroundings, and thus the space dwells with elegance, visual tranquillity, and a harmony of natural materials. 'The meticulous placement of windows ensures that every room captures a stunning Alpine view, making nature an integral part of the interior experience,' says interior architect Roksana Fasovska.





- ◆ 'The state-of-the-art kitchen is seamlessly integrated with the living area and perfect for entertaining,' Fasovska explains. The central island features a contrasting black countertop, while the stylish kitchen appliances and glassware are conveniently stored in cabinets. The intricate crystal chandeliers hanging from the vaulted ceiling introduce another delicate contrast.
- ▼ The master suite is nestled under the eaves. A cosy window seat was created to enjoy the views of the snowy panorama. Wood and warm earthy tones are key elements in this house. Each piece of bespoke furniture resonates with the specific dimensions and aesthetic of its room, adding a personal touch and uniqueness.









- A The penthouse's owners are a family with a strong business background and three children: lively three-year-old twins and an inquisitive eight-year-old son. They desired an interior that seamlessly combines luxury with practicality, catering to both adult sophistication and children's needs.
- ✓ Inspired by the rich history of this Alpine architectural style, the 250-square-metre newly built penthouse features four bedrooms and five bathrooms. Here, the warmth of wood contrasts with the sleek robustness of stone, uniting luxury, comfort, and functionality. The open floor plan of the living area ensures efficient circulation of heat, making the home warm and inviting. **bo**

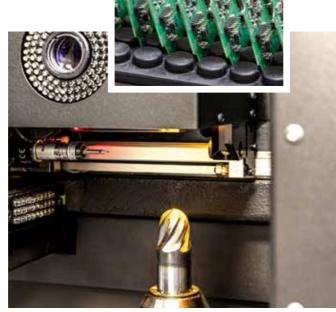




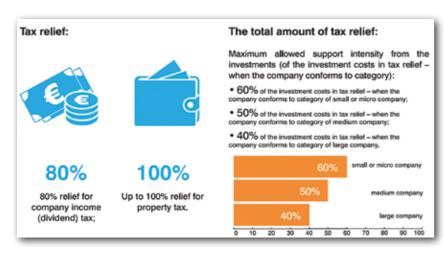
Latgale Special Economic Zone The Key to Business Success

Welcome to get to know Latgale as a brilliant location for expanding the growth of your business and accumulating new opportunities! Latgale Special Economic Zone is a solution so that any business can take advantage of the majority of the modern economy and the planned processes take place in the shortest possible time and with the most effective support of the state and local government.

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What is Latgale Special Economic Zone?



In accordance with the regulatory policy the status and the tax reliefs of the Latgale Special Economic Zone (LSEZ) can be granted to enterprises that are registered and operate in the Latgale region. Management of Latgale SEZ is centralized through the Latgale planning region.

Unlike in other special economic zones, the size and location of the territory that can be granted the status of LSEZ in each of the municipalities of the Latgale planning region is not predefined. LSEZ status can be granted to up to 5% of the total territory of the Latgale planning region, and is granted to the territory in which the entrepreneurs want to invest.

The Latgale SEZ territory consists of publicly and privately owned territories. The territory of the Latgale Planning Region covers a total area of 14 547 sq.km (or 22.52% of the total territory of Latvia) and includes 7 local municipalities and 2 cities of national significance.

Investments are made in:

- establishment of a new capital company;
- increase in production or service capacity of an existing capital company;
- diversification of the production of an existing capital company with products that have not
- been previously produced in capital company;
- fundamental change in the production processes of an existing capital company.

Why Latgale?

Latgale is a region with many opportunities and advantages. One of which is its location - these efforts are supported by a developed transport infrastructure that eases the planning of logistics.

Businesses from European Union choose to base their manufacturing in Latgale because of lowered costs of production – cheaper workforce, taxes and raw materials). Local governments have prioritized their efforts to develop industrial infrastructure and are supportive of new investors that can aid in the development of the region.





Significantly lower tax rates in the Special Economic Zone of Latgale, the availability of various European Union grants and the residency permit program for non-EU nationals and other instruments supports Latgale as an attractive place for investments.

Latgale is also well suited for various recreation opportunities because of its nature – numerous lakes and lush forests and an overall green environment. A special kind of investment with high potential can be made in the "black gold" of Latgale – sapropel that can be extracted from the bottom of numerous lakes and is used as an excellent fertilizer or a beauty product.

Aspects in favor of investments:

- Infrastructure for manufacturing (for metalworking and engineering, textiles, woodworks, production of food and beverages);
- Diversity of natural resources (water, land, forests, sapropel);
- "Eco" friendly environment (for tourism, SPA, Eco food production).





For more information on the statutory requirements to be met by the investments made in order to qualify for SEZ direct tax incentives, as well as for more information on the Latgale SEZ operating rules and the documentation to be submitted, please contact the Latgale SEZ Authority: e-mail: lsez@lpr.gov.lv, tel.: +371 26511047, www.lpr.gov.lv/lsez.

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This summer will reveal completely new opportunities to enjoy summer in Estonia as the new Aidu Watersports Centre, which will include rowing channels and a wakepark, opens in eastern Estonia.

Eastern Estonia, and particularly the area around Aidu, is known for its oil shale mines. It once hosted a vibrant community, but right after the mines were opened in 1974, 200 families were forced to leave their homes and never got the opportunity to return. Over the nearly 40 years that the mines were in operation, 90 million tonnes of oil shale, or about 2.4 million tonnes a year, were extracted from the 25-square-kilometre area. When the resources were exhausted by 2012, the mines were closed, the area was cleaned, and safety work was carried out. Over time, the channels that had previously been used to move the oil shale out of the mines filled with water. The slopes of the mines are now covered with trees, and a unique man-made landscape like none other in Estonia has emerged.

The idea to use the Aidu mining routes as rowing channels was first introduced in 2008. After all, it is such a unique landscape and, instead of being ashamed of the Soviet heritage and the mining

history, it makes more sense to embrace it and intertwine the past with the future of the Aidu area. To bring new life into this once so active community, a new watersports and leisure centre will open in time for the 2024 summer season. The aim of the centre is to make the best of this unique manmade landscape where people can enjoy their time on the water, in the water, and by the water as well as to create a rowing channel that meets all international criteria, enabling it to host top-level international sporting events.

The centre will cater to the needs of hobbyists as well as professionals. For professional rowers, a 2.3-kilometre-long rowing channel was dug. In order to do that, five million tonnes of piled-up 'mountains' were moved around. The channel has now also filled with water. 'For rowers, this can be considered the project of the century,' states Robert Väli, a member of the Umpiring Commission of the Estonian Rowing Association and a judge at

international competitions. 'Due to the specific boats used in rowing, it's difficult to find suitable places even for training, let alone arrange international competitions. The Aidu Watersports Centre opens up the possibility of hosting Estonian and even world championships in rowing here.'

For those simply seeking adventure, an essential part of the Aidu Watersports Centre will be the new wakepark, which has already been installed. This is a 2.0-system track that lets beginners learn to ride but also offers the thrill of obstacles to more advanced wakeboarders. The diverse landscape offers many more opportunities as well. Those who want to relax on the water can take part in mystical water hikes or enjoy pedal boats and SUP boards. Adventurous types, for their part, can try rock climbing or jet skis. However, simply sunbathing and having fun on the beach should not be underrated, and Aidu is definitely an up-and-coming place for that. The centre also plans to host concerts.

Bleachers by the water combined with a floating stage will make for a one-of-a-kind atmosphere for open-air concerts or plays. Here, everything from chamber music to rock'n'roll will have a different, somewhat mystical feeling.

However fun and thoughtfully organised, the fundamental idea behind the Aidu Watersports Centre is sustainability in our fast-paced world. Whenever a leisure centre opens, it usually comes at the expense of nature and our planet's resources. But at Aidu, it's the other way around. A natural environment destroyed by oil shale mines and then forgotten is now being saved and brought back to life. 'For locals, this is the true value to be found in creating this centre,' says Hardi Murula, the man behind the idea and the concept of the centre. 'We hope that the activities and the joy that the centre offers bring Aidu back to life and that this will be a worthy memory of those who once lived here.' The Aidu Watersports Centre will open in May 2024.

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GRAND HOTEL KEMPINSKI RIGA

A place to enjoy the festive season

The *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga*, a five-star hotel in the Old Town in the heart of Riga, invites Riga's residents and guests of the city to enjoy the experience of authentic Latvian luxury. Now in December, it has become the epicentre of the festive season with a series of magical and unforgettable events, from the hotel's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony to a grand celebration ringing in the new year of 2024.

The *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga* is the lap of luxury in Riga. It was recognised as Latvia's Leading Hotel and Latvia's Leading Hotel Suite 2023 by the World Travel Awards. One of the reasons why guests keep returning to the hotel is its professionalism and the hospitality of its staff. A very personal touch stands behind any unique and memorable experience, and that is precisely what marks the *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga*

as the true king of hospitality. This also applies to the end of the year, when the hotel invites guests to enjoy an unforgettable festive experience.

This year's holiday season promises to be particularly special. The hotel has one of the most beautiful holiday trees in the city, which, along with a number of special events planned for December, will provide a festive atmosphere for guests and city residents alike. With an ornate Christmas tree and the comforting aroma of cinnamon and cloves, the *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga* is a most decadent setting for Christmas lunches and dinners.

As usual, the hotel's two restaurants, *Amber* and *Stage 22*, provide the most delicious meals and the best service. Chef Nahsen Akgul has created a special Christmas menu available until December 22 at *Amber* that includes salmon

gravlax, turkey roulade, and panettone pudding, as well as a special vegetarian menu. And for Christmas itself, December 24 and 25, come here for a special four-course dinner. Meanwhile, the award-winning *Stage 22 Bar & Restaurant* is serving a special Christmas offer – a five-course dinner that features a delicious variety of dishes that will please every palate and create enduring holiday memories.

Furthermore, *Amber* is renowned for its extensive breakfast offering. We'll let you in on a secret –

are more than welcome to join the grand New Year's afterparty featuring music, dancing, and a vibrant atmosphere. This night to remember is the perfect way to welcome the New Year with style and excitement. The celebration will be full of heartfelt moments, live music, exceptional food, and precious time spent with loved ones and reconnecting with serenity.

For a truly relaxing and indulgent experience during the festive season, be sure to visit







among the city's gourmets, *Amber* has already earned the title of one of the best breakfasts in Riga. The offer includes unlimited sparkling wine, non-alcoholic drinks, a rich buffet of hot and cold foods, European cuisine, freshly squeezed juices, and various desserts. The special Festive Season Breakfast is available every day until January 7, and on December 26 guests are invited to the Christmas Brunch, where Santa Claus will be on hand to entertain young and old alike with fun activities. *Amber* invites you to start New Year's Eve and January 1 with a brunch from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

For a magical celebration, the *Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga* welcomes its guests to celebrate New Year's Eve at *Amber* and *Stage 22 Bar & Restaurant*. This New Year's Eve promises to be a night filled with glamour and star-studded ambience as we bid farewell to the old year. But those who would like to extend the celebration

Kempinski The Spa, named Latvia's Best Hotel Spa 2023 by the World Spa Awards. Kempinski The Spa is a peaceful retreat amid the holiday rush that offers a variety of rejuvenating treatments to revitalise both the body and the mind during this busy time. It's the ideal sanctuary for unwinding and ensuring that the holidays are not only memorable but also deeply soothing. Without doubt, Kempinski The Spa's genuine Latvian Pirts Sauna, in the very heart of Riga, is a unique bit of magic that will envelop you in warmth, comfort, and tranquillity as you leave your everyday worries behind.

Grand Hotel Kempinski Riga is a place to enjoy the festive season through leisure, high-quality surroundings, and precious family time. The hotel staff promises there will be plenty of additional pleasant surprises during this time – you'll just have to find out about them for yourself.

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ACHIEVE YOUR NEW YEAR'S GOALS WITH VIA VITALITÉ

The end of the year is a time to take stock and commit to new goals. Artūrs Alberts, a fitness trainer at *Via Vitalité*, explains how to stick to your resolution to get in shape and reach your ideal weight.

'People often ask why regular exercise and working out in the weight room doesn't always lead to the results they want and why the weight doesn't just fall off. Worse yet, why do they sometimes even put on weight? A more objective measure of achievement, however, are the total circumferences of several different parts of the body, such as the waist, thigh, and arm; body weight, on the other hand, tends to increase when muscle mass is built up,' Alberts explains.

'If you're not getting the results you want through exercise and weight training, you probably need to change your eating habits. Nor should you forget about getting good-quality sleep,' Alberts adds. 'These are all important principles of a healthy lifestyle that you can learn at *Via Vitalité*. Here, the specialists help people organise their daily routines and habits so that they can achieve their goals and look and feel good in the long term.'

The *Via Vitalité* weight correction and wellness centre (formerly *Academy Vitality*) is situated in rural Latvia, far from the hustle and bustle and temptations of the city. The centre's 180 hectares of scenic surroundings provide all the conditions for guests to clear their minds, regain their energy, and improve their figures. At *Via Vitalité*, men and women from a variety of professions and life experiences meet

and become each other's best support team. The centre offers guests a balanced diet, high-quality facial and body treatments, and a variety of physical activities, including more than ten kilometres of walking trails and a 25-metre swimming pool. *Via Vitalité* is all-inclusive, meaning that all treatments and activities in the chosen programme are included in the listed price. In addition, one of the guiding principles at *Via Vitalité* is emotional and physical security, which is why the centre's grounds are completely fenced off from the view of others.

As Alberts points out, many of us fail to achieve our wellness goals because we make excuses, such as age, injuries, or a lack of time or money. 'Via Vitalité helps people take the first step towards a well-balanced body and mind,' he says. 'Every small step is important and leads to bigger things in the long run. Thus, for example, physical activity instantly improves a person's mood but also has a positive effect on the cardiovascular system, so that over time there is less shortness of breath during daily activities, body weight is reduced, and blood test results improve.'

At *Via Vitalité*, men lose an average of 600–650 grams a day, while women lose about 400–450 grams a day. Some clients call it a 'miracle

spa', but in reality there are no miracles, only purposeful and conscious work on oneself. 'Here at *Via Vitalité*, clients not only train hard, but they also relax and recharge positively. It's impossible to lose weight or grow muscle mass if one is not rested. After a workout, clients can relax by walking the beautiful trails, swimming in the pool, relaxing in the sauna, or enjoying a variety of body and facial spa treatments, including effective thalassotherapy,' Alberts says.

Via Vitalité programmes are based on a number of commandments that are important for achieving your ideal weight. These include a set daily routine, because it is often impossible to lose weight without regular, healthy habits that are repeated day after day, such as eating at a certain time and going to bed at the same time every night. A good night's sleep is very important, because the body and mind need time to recover. A balanced diet is equally important, because it's impossible to lose weight in the long term by just not eating. Weight is lost by using up more calories than you take in, which means that you need to engage in physical activities every day in addition to eating balanced meals. This will not only help you lose weight; it will also reduce stress, improve your mood, and help you sleep more soundly – in other words, it will improve your quality of life.

One's environment also plays a huge role in weight loss. Losing the extra kilos can be a challenge if you spend every day in a stressful office in the city. In situations like this, getting out into nature can often be the key to success. Everyone can benefit from walking in nature, but the activity is better yet if you adhere to the principles of good breathing. To strengthen the respiratory system in the long term, an aerobic activity such as Nordic walking is recommended.

Alberts points out that moderation in life's pleasures is also important for achieving wellness goals. 'Don't deny yourself anything, but do indulge in moderation,' he advises. 'You should live with pleasure. That is, drink a glass of wine or eat a piece of cake if you feel like it, but in day-to-day life the recommended ratio of portions is 80% discipline and 20% pleasure.' Drinking water regularly is also important. One should drink at least 35 millilitres of water per kilogram of body weight per day. Water exercise is just as important – swimming and exercising in a pool are effective ways to lose weight.

It's worth adding body and facial treatments to these powerful habits. Regular face and body massages boost metabolism, improve the condition of the skin, and promote weight loss. In fact, massage, which helps boost health and also simply feels good, is one of the oldest forms of healing.





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MYSKIN – A UNIQUE STOP FOR ALL SKINCARE NEEDS

Glowing skin and a relaxed mind, right in time for your vacation – the MySkin home of beauty, skincare, and health in Riga is a mandatory destination if you are seeking to nurture your face and body.

Located just a short 15-minute ride from Riga Airport in the picturesque Āgenskalns neighbourhood, MySkin's charming wooden building looks like it came out of a fairy tale, while, in fact, it is an abode of professional skincare. Facial massages, shaping massages, and rejuvenating peels for the body are only a few of the procedures offered by its skilled Latvian and Ukrainian specialists. MySkin is especially proud of its unique body massages with seaweed-filled pindas, which completely relax the body, improve blood circulation, and calm the mind. Moreover, its vast range of facial and body procedures addresses all sorts of skincare goals, including hydrated, exfoliated and glowing skin.

In the upcoming months, MySkin will expand its premises to include a modern dermatology practice; consultations are now available once a week. In addition to pampering, it will be possible to easily identify the health, age, and type of skin, thus providing clients with perfectly tailored medical procedures.

The company's origins date back to 2009, when MySkin began as a distributor of French skincare in Latvia. All Bioderma, Algotherm, Institut Esthederm, BeauTerra, Laino, *Isispharma*, and *Neutraderm* products found in Latvia's pharmacies and used by in-house dermatologists were brought here by MySkin. The company later went a step further and developed its own concept of professional beauty treatments. Nowadays, numerous product lines and consultations in combination with hands-on procedures make *MySkin* a unique stop for all skincare needs; whether it's to help restore impaired skin health or to improve skin functionality, MySkin will prolong your skin's youthfulness and natural beauty. The company's main priority has always been helping its clients find the most

suitable products and treatments. Such an approach can be seen in every step, action and detail of MySkin's day-today work. MySkin is easily reachable both in person and online, and provides free-of-charge consultations on the right skincare products and the most suitable treatments. Never before has it been so easy to find the right products for perfect skin. Due to its welcoming attitude and the attention it pays to detail, the company is favoured by many locals who choose MySkin to relax after a long workday or to prepare for special occasions.

In addition to the MySkin home for beauty, skincare, and health in Āgenskalns, as its founders have called it, the company also has a cosy branch in the downtown area of Riga. The Institut Esthederm beauty salon is conveniently located in the historic Berga Bazārs courtyard, allowing one to combine a pleasant stroll in the city with a longed-for skincare ritual.

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Step inside a fairy tale





Nothing says health and beauty more than a confident smile. Luckily, with today's possibilities, taking care of your teeth and having a magical smile is just one dental appointment away. Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Dental Clinic in Riga's city centre has the latest technology to transform one's smile into a work of art. It also has a caring and professional team to make the historically scary visit to the dentist a comfortable journey.

Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Dental Clinic offers a vast range of dental services to children and adults with various needs and preferences. In addition to classic oral hygiene targeting a patient's oral health and the teaching of various at-home tricks for the prevention of gum disease and tooth disorders, the knowledgeable doctors and nurses at the clinic are qualified to provide high-level smile makeovers. Full teeth restorations and veneers as well as quick, easy, and painless implantology help to build a smile from scratch. Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Dental Clinic is also equipped with the most recent Cerec 3D imaging and computer technology. Thanks to this and other state-of-the-art technology, the clinic can restore your smile in a single visit, leaving the days of numerous long dental appointments in the past.

However, even the most modern technology cannot supplant the all-important human touch. *Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Dental Clinic* employs the most professional and experienced dental practitioners in Latvia, who find a unique and tailored solution for every patient. Personalised, advanced, and compassionate dental care are the key values at this clinic, making every client feel safe and in good, reliable hands.

Because unpleasant past experiences related to dentist visits can leave patients afraid of dentists forever, *Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Dental Clinic* pays much attention to making dental appointments feel more like a visit to a beauty salon than a doctor's office. Cosy waiting rooms and soothing treatment rooms make every visit here a calming and stress-free experience. The clinic also highly values its customers' time and busy lifestyles, making appointment times as





flexible as possible through long opening hours and welcoming personnel. In addition, a dental visit can be combined with a refreshing walk through the snow-covered city. The clinic is located in central Riga, and a stroll before or after a visit can help transform a dental appointment into a pleasant experience.

Don't let dental issues hold you back from living your best life, and transform your smile into a work of art. Contact *Dentarium Dr. D. Petrosyan Clinic* today to schedule an appointment and start your journey toward a healthier, happier smile!



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BOOSTING BRAND AWARENESS WITH **PRNEWS.10**

Behind the scenes of a successful collaboration

In a world where online presence is key, achieving brand awareness is a top priority for businesses. Here's the story of *Smaily* and how prnews.io's services have helped to enhance its brand recognition and expansion into new markets. *Smaily* is an easy-to-use marketing tool that empowers users to craft beautiful newsletters that resonate with audiences. Its journey began in 2005, when customers started looking for promotions and email marketing services. This led to the creation of the very first version of Smaily. Over time, the team expanded to over 20 employees and achieved a million-dollar turnover. The company is recognised for its intentionally simple approach to email marketing and automation, through which more than 20.000 client accounts are managed worldwide and a whopping 2.5 billion emails are sent annually.

Erkki Markus, founder and CEO of *Smaily*, and Tanel Rand, the company's marketing director and a partner, state that *prnews.io* has been a valuable partner in their journey, particularly in terms of expansion.

'Since we were already well-established in Estonia, where most media houses use our services, we saw the potential to expand our email marketing services to new regions,' Rand recalls. 'This is when we teamed up with *prnews.io* to help us develop a strategy to increase our brand awareness in countries such as Lithuania and Latvia.' Through this collaboration, a strong presence was established in these countries by increasing brand awareness and spreading the word about *Smaily's* exceptional product.

Prnews.io has been assisting Smaily with an effective PR campaign since last year, involving monthly article publications in Latvian and Lithuanian media outlets. Smaily creates the content in English, covering a range of topics on email marketing, and, through its localisation services, prnews.io translates these articles and publishes them in media outlets that resonate with the target audiences. Initially, one media outlet was targeted in each country, but two months ago, the campaign was expanded to include three to four media outlets in both Latvia and Lithuania. The campaign has been extremely productive, as these countries now rank among the top five countries in terms of new client accounts for Smaily.

Rand shares the metrics from the successful campaign: initially, the articles had approximately 800 views per month, but after expanding to eight

media outlets, monthly views have increased to around 3000. For this month, around 5000 views are targeted. As for the website, there has been a consistent increase in the number of new accounts since October. 'We also plan to track data on website views and traffic from Latvia and Lithuania. We expect that the number of new accounts will continue to grow in the coming months,' Rand says.

In *Smaily's* case, an exceptional sales cycle duration must be taken into account. 'One sales cycle can extend up to six or seven months, as it's important to acknowledge that moving to a new email marketing platform can be a complex process,' Markus explains. Therefore, instead of immediate sales, *Smaily's* primary focus is to build brand recognition and establish a position as a strong player – following this, the collaboration with *prnews*. *io* is expected to positively impact results also in the upcoming quarter.

As *Smaily* is charting a course towards global reach, *prnews.io* is steadily accompanying it as a reliable partner. With expansion planned into the Finnish market, as well as a broader horizon in the European and Nordic regions, *prnews.io* is helping *Smaily* to expand by establishing a strong presence and creating brand awareness in the target markets.

This successful collaboration has been an enjoyable journey for both sides. 'Fostering the partnership between *prnews.io* and *Smaily* has been a journey of shared visions and collaborative growth,' says Alexander Storozhuk, the founder of *prnews.io*. 'It goes beyond business; it's about aligning values, simplifying processes, and crafting narratives that resonate. Together, we're amplifying brands and building a lasting connection with our audience. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue shaping *Smaily's* expansion, contributing to a future in which our partnership remains pivotal for innovation and success.'

Prnews.io offers a platform to build a strong brand presence and effectively share messages with desired target audiences. Its extensive global network connects brands with more than 100,000 media outlets worldwide, enabling them to purchase article placements without hiring processes or long-term commitments. Booking an article on prnews.io is as easy as shopping on Amazon. The platform facilitates direct communication with publishers, eliminating intermediaries and saving clients money.





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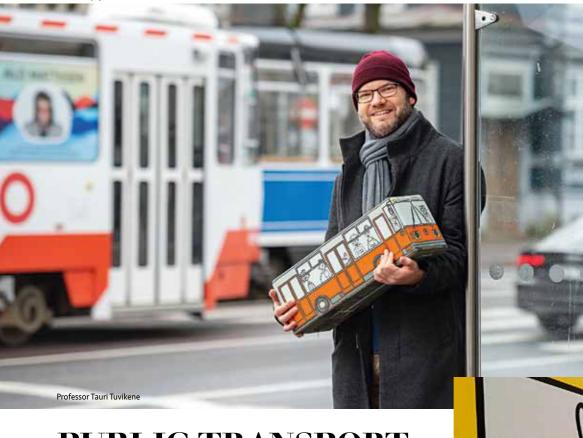


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PUBLIC TRANSPORT – A CULTURAL KALEIDOSCOPE OF AN URBAN AREA

Cities have always been about both utopia and dystopia. In his last humanities-driven international project, Prof. Tauri Tuvikene delved into the topic of urban mobility as an extremely diverse and conflictual phenomenon. Tuvikene is a professor of urban studies in Tallinn University's School of Humanities and studies cities as collections of social, economic, political, cultural, and environmental activities that can produce positive outcomes or lead to conflicts and contradictions.

While Tuvikene's recent research has centred on public transport, its focus extends beyond bus schedules and route planning, delving into the study of public transportation and the infrastructure surrounding it as a public space. 'Public transport constituted a remarkable novel experience to expanding metropolises in the 19th century. Strangers in such close encounters without really interacting with each other was a truly remarkable phenomenon of cities – a *blasé* attitude, as Georg Simmel interpreted it in 1903,' he says, providing historical context to his research domain.

'One of the first considerations when studying public transportation is defining what falls under the term "public transportation",' Tuvikene explains. 'When I first mentioned that I'm starting a project on public transport as a public space (PUTSPACE), the initial question was whether an airplane could also be seen as public transport – after all, it's a shared and collective space with rules similar to those we adhere to when travelling on buses, trams, or trains. Yet hardly anyone feels an airplane as a public space.' In any case, they are definitely not on a par with streets or squares, which are clearly public spaces.

RABBITS &RAILS

Highlighting the nature of public transportation, Tuvikene notes that probably everybody can relate to the experience of recognising a person who gets on a bus, tram, or metro at the same time from the same stop every day but never really interacting with them. According to Tuvikene, the sense of a public space rests in some form of openness – being able to move around, see, hear, and interact with others.





Reflecting on the project, Tuvikene shares an aspect he initially overlooked – the character of bus stops: 'These are truly liminal spaces, not quite streets but not yet transport vehicles themselves.' The in-between nature of bus stops shapes the experience for passengers, tying individuals to the transport system while waiting for a bus and making them open to passers-by and the urban surroundings. This exposure, however, may not always be pleasant, especially if the visibility leads to harassment. On the street, one can still walk away; in a vehicle, there is more coverage and social control. But bus stops seem to have a dual nature they can be places for isolation or venues for casual conversations, for instance, asking about the arrival of the next bus.

Transportation in general is often seen as a practical and pragmatic engineering topic. 'It seems that only rational decisions can be made to make transport effective and safe,' says Tuvikene. 'Engineering is important, of course, and so is transport economics for achieving functioning systems. Yet there are many intense emotions that emerge with any change in transport policies, such as parking restrictions or parking fees, street closures, bus line changes, adding bike lanes, and so on.'

Transport is a cultural field characterised by certain attitudes and behaviours. 'For instance, some cities are truly car-culture cities whereas others are cycling cities. Naturally, cultures of public transport also exist,' Tuvikene states. 'Think, for example, about London or Venice – one is known for its underground metro system and double-decker buses, while the other is known for its *vaporetto* water-buses. Similarly, many cities have now introduced trams, while after the Second

World War, trams were considered backward in comparison to newly emerging car mobility and buses.' In this regard, the *Rabbits & Rails* mobile exhibition was recently held in Tallinn as part of the 'Public Transport as Public Space in European Cities: Narrating, Experiencing, Contesting' (PUTSPACE) project. It let visitors take a journey through various European cities and gave them a deeper understanding of what public transport is. Tuvikene was one of the contributors.

Tuvikene believes that public transport is one of the most important public spaces where people can experience the diversity of a city: 'When going to a new place, public transport usually gives us a sense of how the locals live, what is accepted behaviour and what is not,' he says. As an example, he mentions the fact that in some places eating on public transport is a major social misbehaviour. When we learn the right way to act on public transport in a foreign city, we feel that we've adapted to that place, we feel we know how locals do things.'

Tuvikene highlights that public transportation is only one example of the challenges that the humanities and culture studies can help tackle. 'Many questions about environmental adaptation also rest on the willingness to alter one's ingrained habits,' he says. 'What is fashionable or accepted, what is considered tasteful and what is in bad taste, or what behaviours are part of a "good life" – whether driving a car or cycling instead – these are all questions that the humanities are well equipped to answer.'

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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OLIVIA RESTAURANT

AN UNFORGETTABLE GASTRONOMY EXPERIENCE

Mediterranean cuisine with hints of Scandinavian flavour

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

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

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

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



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

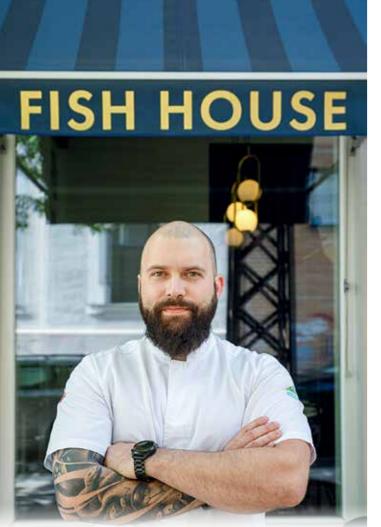
The *Olivia Restaurant* team has also kept meat lovers in mind. Most of its meats come from Ireland because in addition to having been quality meat producers for many generations, the Irish are also able to ensure that the meat delivered to the restaurant is organically grown, tender, juicy, and full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

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

or cheese cream with 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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Chef Pjotr Danilov

KEEPING EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING

Fish House Brasserie de Luxe is a French cuisine restaurant for lovers of gourmet experiences, a place where everything served truly falls under the definition of 'haute cuisine'.



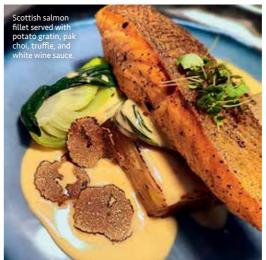
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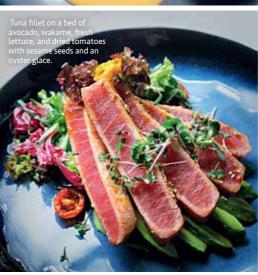
Wed-Fri: 12.00 - 22.00 Sat: 10.00 - 22.00 (brunch a la carte: 10.00 - 14.00) Sun: 10.00 - 15.00 (brunch only) Fish House Brasserie de Luxe stands out with its concept of casual gourmet dining in an atmosphere reminiscent of a French brasserie, which is precisely why it has won the hearts of locals and gastronomic travellers. The restaurant is perfect for formal and informal gatherings, as well as small celebrations with friends and family, all complemented by a superb journey of flavour created by the Fish House chef and his team. Not for nothing has Fish House been awarded with a Travellers' Choice Award by TripAdvisor for two years now, placing it in the category of the top 10% best restaurants in the world.

Bringing together the best experts in the field, the *Fish House* team lives up to its motto, namely, that 'there are no compromises in quality'. Using modern cooking techniques and products of the finest quality, the restaurant creates a symphony of flavours, honouring the cultural heritage of haute cuisine and respecting the authenticity of natural flavours. Every ingredient used here is worth its weight in gold. *Fish House* has its own view of the world, and it wishes to pass that on to its guests through the food it creates.

Fish House is a family affair, in essence having become a representation of the Abdulmuslimov family and its love of excellent food. 'In a way, our restaurant is an embassy of our family, a place where we present our culinary beliefs and our values,' says Mansur Abdulmuslimov, the restaurant's manager. It's no coincidence that caring for its guests is one of Fish House's most important values. The restaurant team always goes the extra mile in its offer as well as its service, from the first greeting at the door to handing you your coat when you leave, the staff makes sure that every guest feels at home.

Although *Fish House* is decidedly a seafood restaurant, with the addition of talented chef Pjotr Danilov, its à la carte menu has been supplemented with great-tasting meat dishes. Danilov combines the best of both worlds – he has gained extensive experience in fish restaurants, including a French restaurant in London, but he is also a true master of meat dishes. Achieving a balance of flavours is important for him. He also has a love of colour in food, which is why he always takes special care with the visual aspect of a dish, emphasising that a meal should also be a treat for the eyes.











The new autumn menu at Fish House will warm you up both literally and figuratively. Scottish salmon fillet, pak choi, potato gratin, white wine-truffle sauce, and rich duck broth with autumn vegetables and duck fillet is the comfort food of the season. Dessert lovers will appreciate another of the chef's masterpieces - a unique lemon tart served in a deconstructed form, allowing one to savour the different flavours of the dessert. The Fish House menu also includes dishes it has been serving since the first day the restaurant opened, such as the famous Royale breakfast, the beloved Fish House salad, incredible Norwegian scallop tartare, and extraordinary pistachio crème brûlée.

Fish House certainly stands out with its desire to offer diners a unique experience in everything, including well-planned French cuisine and an excellent wine list, which, incidentally, includes several unique wines. With the arrival of sommelier Eric Puchkovskis, who previously worked at Noble Wine, the tastes of local socialites

are well taken into account. Puchkovskis has completely revised the restaurant's wine selection, which now offers 20 kinds of champagne alone and many more unique beverages, thanks to the new distributor *Balmerk Latvia*. Tea lovers will also find a specially curated tea list. This is made all the more special because it has been created in collaboration with *Chá Camélia*, the only organic producer of green that the list of the second control of the second

Fish House has succeeded in finding the key to its customers' taste buds, thus becoming a favourite spot for romantic dinners, business lunches, and relaxed breakfasts with friends. In fact, Riga insiders know that a productive weekend starts with the à la carte brunch at Fish House (served every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Fish House Brasserie de Luxe maintains excellence in everything. Highlighting comfort, high quality, and excellent flavour combinations as its most important values, Fish House invites you to stop in and not miss out.

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WELCOME ABOARD WITH air Baltic



'TIS THE SEASON

Christmas markets and dazzling decorations are not the only festive charms European cities offer. In fact, almost every city has its own unique holiday-season tradition worth experiencing... which is even more rewarding if you feel a lot like a grinch about the usual Yuletide extravaganza.

HAMBURG

Germans truly excel at Christmas markets, and Hamburg is no exception. The city comes alive with the delightful aromas of roasted almonds, cinnamon, and mulled wine emanating from its numerous markets. But that's not all - every Saturday, the streets overflow with joy during the Christmas Parades at 2 and 5 p.m. Imagine dancing reindeer, playful elves and, of course, Santa himself spreading festive cheer throughout the city. Don't miss out on this magical experience! Catch a flight to Hamburg from EUR 99 one way.

OSLO

If you can't get enough of Christmas melodies, then head to Oslo, where festive concerts fill the agenda from mid-November until late December, featuring everything from amateur choirs and local bands to professional orchestras singing beloved carols. One of the favourite local events is the Sølvguttene (meaning The Silver Boys) boys' choir concert in Oslo Cathedral. A heartwarming experience is guaranteed. Fly to Osle from EUR 33 one way.

MADRID

End the holiday season in southern Europe. On January 5, the Spanish capital celebrates the Three Kings Parade, or Cabalgata de Reves, which fills the streets with wonder. Expect elaborate floats adorned with twinkling lights, lively music, and the three wise men - Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar - gracing the festivities. Join the crowd as the kings, who are portrayed by local luminaries, toss sweets and small treasures to onlookers, creating a magical atmosphere that enchants both young and old. Embark on-a Spanish holiday from

EUR 109 one way.

COPENHAGEN

Get into the holiday spirit by visiting the Danish capital on December 13, when the city's canals come alive with the unique Santa Lucia Parade. As night falls, Copenhagen's waterways are illuminated by hundreds of kayaks adorned with twinkling lights and festive decorations, offering an incredible spectacle. The kayakers dressed in holiday attire fill the canals with the sweet melodies of Santa Lucia. Rent a bicycle and follow the parade along the coast, making frequent pit stops for gløgg and warming treats.

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airBaltic PILOT ACADEMY ENHANCES STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In a move to make aviation dreams more accessible, the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy has revamped its payment structure for aspiring commercial pilots. Recognising the financial barrier that pilot training costs can pose, *airBaltic* is reaffirming its commitment to nurturing future aviators. The academy now offers a significant financial boost to students, loaning most of the study fees after they have successfully passed the company's assessment.

Under this updated system, students will be responsible for covering the costs of ATPL theory studies and 45 flight hours, totalling EUR 15,000. Upon successful completion of the *airBaltic* pilot assessment and employment with the company, the airline will extend financing (a loan) for the remaining studies. Currently hosting 103 active students, including a diverse cohort from the Baltic and other EU countries, the academy continues to foster inclusivity with over 10% female enrolment. With 89 graduates now serving as first officers at *airBaltic*, this initiative aims to propel even more students toward fulfilling their aviation aspirations.

SEAMLESS TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL: airBaltic AND DELTA AIR LINES LAUNCH PARTNERSHIP

airBaltic and *Delta Air Lines* have launched a game-changing codeshare partnership to meet the soaring demand for transatlantic travel.

Delta's code is now added to 20 airBaltic-operated routes which allows travellers from North America to effortlessly book transit flights to Riga, Vilnius and Tallinn through Delta's website.

This collaboration not only opens airBaltic to a broader audience in the US but also boosts the global visibility and connectivity of the Baltic region.





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Why we choose airBaltic

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



Amber Beverage Group (ABG) is a rapidly growing global spirits company whose products are found in millions of households and venues across the globe. The group produces, exports, and sells locally a comprehensive range of beverages. ABG owns more than 100 brands, but the company also distributes 1300 third-party brands that are loved by consumers both locally and abroad.

Besides the signature *Riga Black Balsam*, which is one of the most popular Latvian souvenirs and can also be purchased on board *airBaltic* aircraft, *ABG* has its own line of brands that includes *Rooster Rojo Tequila*, *KAH Tequila*, *Writers' Tears Whiskey*, *The Irishman Whiskey*, *Moskovskaya Vodka*, and others. The company is also an official distributor of such well-known drinks as *Tullamore Dew*, *Jim Beam*, *Laurent Perrier*, and *Bumbu Rum*. *ABG's* production and represented drinks are found on shelves in stores all around the world, including Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, and South America. The Group is striving to become one of the Top 10 global alcoholic beverage manufacturing and distributing companies.

International representation requires frequent travel. According to Pāvels Fiļipovs, the managing director of the leading spirits distribution company in the country – *Amber Distribution Latvia*, it is a very calm week if the global chief executive officer or chief legal officer does not have to travel to meet partners abroad. *airBaltic* is the Group's go-to flying choice thanks to its wide range of destinations, which makes

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- when changes have to be made

 Direct flights to a vast network
- Direct flights to a vast network of destinations



industry exhibitions in Dusseldorf, Berlin, London, and Amsterdam very easy to reach. Being a frequent traveller, he appreciates the high quality of *airBaltic's* aircraft and says he is so used to the sound of *airBaltic* planes that he feels uncomfortable flying with aircraft he is not familiar with.

Filipovs also highly values the fact that *airBaltic* is a local brand and shares the same values as most Latvians, including an everlasting love of hockey. This May, when Latvia reached the finals in the World Hockey Championship in Tampere, *airBaltic* organised special fan flights from Riga for the team's fans. Being a big hockey fan and player himself, Filipovs decided to buy tickets for himself and his friends; however, in the midst of the chaotic excitement, he accidentally purchased tickets that stated his friend's nickname instead of his full name. Luckily, the people at the call centre were very responsive and quickly changed the name – if a booking has up to three spelling errors, the change is free of charge. That way Filipovs and his friends all successfully got to Tampere to experience Latvia's historic game for the bronze medal.

In addition to the vast range of destinations, modern aircraft, local values, and accessible online support, Fiḷipovs highly appreciates the additional perks *airBaltic's* corporate programme provides. One of these is the access to the airport lounge, which lets travellers spend their time more efficiently and combine work with having lunch and waiting for the next flight.

As part of its corporate customer programme, *airBaltic* offers discounted prices to all *airBaltic* destinations with checked baggage (23 kg) included. In addition, flights can be easily booked online or via travel agency, and corporate customers have flexibility when it comes to unexpected changes, such as date or name changes, as well as ticket refunds. For even more comfort, corporate customers can use fast track at Riga airport, choose their favourite seat in the aircraft, and use Business class check-in at all airports, even if they're travelling in corporate economy class.

airBaltic in Facts and Figures



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



Fleet: Progressively expanding fleet of 45 Airbus A220-300 aircraft



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The airBaltic fleet consists of a single aircraft type – the

Airbus A220-300 – which is currently among the most

efficient aircraft in the world. The airline's fleet currently

includes 45 Airbus A220-300 aircraft. airBaltic plans to

operate a fleet of 100 A220-300s by 2030.

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Total revenue: EUR 500.17 million in 2022



Flights: 37.3 thousand in 2022



Destinations: 100+ routes from Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius, and Tampere



Employees: 2 500+



Passengers: 3.34 million in 2022



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Hit the slopes

Europe's top ski resorts are all spruced up and ready for a new flock of skiers. With airBaltic, you can head to the snowy peaks with your own gear.

Flights, accommodation, day passes, après-ski, spontaneous vacation purchases - the expenses of a ski trip can sometimes be more daunting than the highest of pistes. But with *airBaltic*, you can save for some warming drinks by travelling with your own equipment. The price for transporting sports baggage costs from EUR 39.99 when booking tickets on airBaltic.com, whereas it can cost up to EUR 75 when booking at the airport.

A set of ski equipment (max 23 kg) consists of:

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

A set of snowboard equipment (max 23 kg) consists of:

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

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

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AN EPIC SNOW ADVENTURE - JUST A SHORT FLIGHT AWAY

You don't have to spend your precious mountain time in traffic to reach world-class skiing resorts. Some of the best mountain getaways, from crowd-pleasers to hidden gems, are easily accessible from the biggest airports in Europe.

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

Tbilisi

CNN has called Georgia 'the world's most underrated skiing destination', and deservedly so. The pristine peaks and sparkling snow of Gudauri in the Greater Caucasus Mountain Range lie just an hour and a half's drive from Tbilisi. A bit further is the Goderdzi Ski Resort lauded for its gorgeous landscapes as well as the Tetnuldi Ski Resort in the remote Svaneti mountain region.

Fly to Tbilisi starting from EUR 129 one way.

While most skiers opt for Innsbruck or Salzburg, beat the lines at the baggage claim and go to Munich instead - the transfer time from the airport to many stellar resorts in the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps is approximately three hours. Picturesque Kitzbühel, with its top-tier service and posh crowds, is just 134 hours from Munich. Alternatively, the traditional Tegernsee-Schliersee region lies less than 100 kilometres from Munich and offers a variety of slopes for all types of skiers, including beginners and experts, as well as cross-country skiers. Fly to Munich from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius starting from EUR 89 one way.

When you think of a ski trip, Milan is not the first place that comes to mind. However, less crowded than their Austrian and Swiss peers and wellconnected by motorways, the Italian Alps are just a few hours away from Milan. The closest resort, Piani di Bobbio, is just under an hour and a half's drive from Milan and is a great place to learn to ski. The large Pila ski resort lies a mere 20 minutes further and attracts more experienced skiers and snowboarders. Fly to Milan starting from EUR 59 one way.

TIPS FOR YOUR NFXT SKI TRIP

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

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

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

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

KNOW THE GRADING:

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

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

DRESS FOR THE OCCASION:

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

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



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PLANIES ROADMAP



Since the October 2022 launch of Planies, the groundbreaking NFT loyalty programme powered by airBaltic, we have achieved remarkable success and eagerly anticipate the future. Our robust community of *Planies* holders enjoys daily benefits, and to further enhance their travel experience and engagement with airBaltic, we've developed an exciting roadmap extending until 2026. This means there are more exclusive, never-beforeseen benefits on the horizon. Here's a sneak peek at what awaits *Planies* holders:

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- ► Exclusive Behind-the-Scenes
 Access: Get a unique chance to visit
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close, and experience the aviation industry firsthand.

- ➤ Surprises at Your Destination: Enjoy surprises and special deals at *airBaltic* destinations.
- ▶ Planies Holders' Party: Join the *Planies* holders' party to celebrate the global travel community and meet fellow travellers.
- ➤ Special Planies Benefits: Certain *Planies* come with extra points and travel vouchers, ensuring that you get additional rewards.

That's not all – there's more for *Planies* holders! For more detailed information on benefits, please visit the *airBaltic* website. Get on board with *Planies* now and be a part of our exciting journey!



Spark the festive joy this December with our *Planies Christmas Raffle*, where over 80 delightful presents await you! To participate, simply purchase at least one *Planie* from mint.planiesnft.com and link it to your *airBaltic Club* account from December 4th to 31st, 2023. The more *Planies* you add to your collection, the greater your chances of winning multiple prizes! Unwrap *airBaltic Club* VIP membership, more *Planies*, roundtrip flights with *airBaltic*, *Planies* souvenirs, and heaps of *airBaltic Club* loyalty points.

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For all the festive details, visit the *airBaltic* webpage or follow @PlaniesNFT on X. Embrace the holiday magic, and don't miss out on unwrapping fantastic presents!

Planie of the Month

Introducing our December *Planie of the Month!*This time, fate played its hand as we randomly drew the winner from the submitted 90 *Planies*. Heartiest congratulations to the fortunate winner for having their *Planie* featured in the pages of *Baltic Outlook* and receiving a special present from *Planies*. Thank you to all who participated in this contest; your *Planies* all look fantastic!



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

BEHIND THE SCENES / December



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Laura Johanna Gruninga, Internal Communication Manager Signe Lamstere, Internal Communication Specialist

A team for a team

airBaltic already employs more than 2500 people, which makes internal communication all the more important. Laura Johanna Gruninga and Signe Lamstere are airBaltic's internal communication specialists, and together they make sure that the airline's employees are up to date with what's happening in the company. They also see to it that the level of employee engagement is as high as possible, in other words, that employees are expressing their ideas and participating in various initiatives and events organised by airBaltic for its employees.

That's what I want to start our conversation with. If someone asks you what do you do at *airBaltic*, how do you answer? Laura: Our mission is to ensure that all our employees – in all our departments, including management – are united in the vision we're working towards and in our short- and long-term business goals. Also, we strive to ensure engagement and make our internal communication effective and up to date.

All the ideas, suggestions, and feedback we get from our fellow employees at the company's various events, activities, and workshops are very useful in helping us to achieve that mission. They're pure gold for us as we strive to make communication as effective as possible and also in planning various activities, including working towards the well-being of employees, so that they're happy to work here.

Signe: We also plan how to improve various internal processes. But one of our main tasks is to ensure communication in different directions, both between employees and between the board and the company's management. At many companies, internal communication is the responsibility of the HR department. But here at *airBaltic*,

we're part of the PR department because we're also very closely connected with our colleagues responsible for external PR and social media.

As I understand, one of the most important platforms is the company's intranet.

Laura: Yes, we manage our intranet, but we also send out a lot of information via email. In addition, each department has its own communication network related to internal operations and procedures.

Signe: I'd like to believe that our intranet is at a high level. Statistically, it's very popular and actively used by employees. Those working on the front line – flight crews as well as the technical and ground handling departments – can also find everything related to their direct duties there; all of the manuals and resources they need to do their jobs are on the intranet. All other necessary information is there as well.

Another part of your job is organising various company events and ensuring that the *airBaltic* team is represented beyond the airport, including at the World Running Championships that were held in Riga in October.

Laura: We also try very hard to inspire the younger generation, because not everyone knows what aviation is all about. Many still have the impression that the aviation industry is hidden behind closed doors, so we give them the opportunity to look behind the curtain. For this reason, we've participated for several years now in the Shadow Day initiative, which is very popular in Latvia and gives students the opportunity to 'shadow' a member of a profession they're interested in. Students come to *airBaltic* from near and far, from all over Latvia, and it's a day that brings us an incredible amount of positivity. The gratitude and joy in the youths' eyes at the end of this day are indescribable! They inspire us to do more and work even harder.

We also organise Family Days, when parents working for *airBaltic* can bring their children to work and show them what it's really like at *airBaltic*. We take the children on a tour of an

airplane, too. It's actually quite challenging, because we need to communicate simultaneously with almost 100 colleagues involved in the initiative in order to arrange for passes, who will meet the children at which point and take them further, who will tell them what, and so on. But we're nevertheless very pleased to have such a united team supporting us and interested in helping to organise Family Days, because it's extra work beyond their immediate responsibilities.

Signe: I took part in a Shadow Day at *airBaltic* several years ago, and now I work here myself and organise the event together with Laura. The biggest events we have are, of course, the company's corporate events – our summer and winter parties. The preparation for those is long and involves a lot of hard work as well as a lot of emotions. We also organise surveys on what to do differently than before. Another project we're proud of is our own Internal Shadow Days.

Laura: Internal Shadow Days are not always about exploring a change in your position within the company; they're often just about being present and observing the work of your colleagues in other departments. For example, someone works in Revenue Management but wants to see what their colleagues in Ground Handling do, or what really goes on in the hangars and what the technicians do. Or vice versa. Internal Shadow Days are very popular among our employees.

The *airBaltic* team was visible at the recent World Running Championships in Riga.

Signe: The idea to participate in this event came from our external PR department. It was the first time *airBaltic* participated in a running event as a team, and we were the second-largest team in the championships. The whole process was exciting, from registering the participants to cheering on our teammates taking part in different distances. We tried to run together as a group as much as possible – to make the green colour as visible as possible [*laughs*]!

This is one of the ways we try to create a united team at work, because in the aviation industry there are front-line workers, office workers, and technical workers, who all work quite separately from each other on a daily basis – when people meet, they may not even know that they work for the same company. So we work very hard on internal networking between the different departments.

And how did the two of you end up on the *airBaltic* team? Laura: My journey at *airBaltic* started back in 2011, I worked as a flight attendant and later also as a line trainer and cabin crew team leader. My next step led to the PR department and, more specifically, internal communications. It all happened by chance – I knew I was ready for a new challenge, life presented me one, and I've now been in this position for more than three years. Already in my very first days, I saw the strength of our PR team and the capacity with which it works. Is there anything we cannot do?! It has been inspiring to develop and improve myself.

Signe: I joined the company relatively recently, just a year and a half ago. My previous job was stable and good, but it was a typical office job. Then I saw an advertisement for an internal communications position at *airBaltic*. Like Laura, I wanted a new challenge and applied.

When I got the call after my last interview and was invited to join the *airBaltic* team, I still didn't know what I had got myself into, as I had previously only been exposed to aviation as a passenger [*laughs*]. But when I began working at *airBaltic*,

the sense here of everybody being on a single, unified team really appealed to me – you have to do your job very responsibly, but no matter what position you're in, you feel important and needed. I see myself working at *airBaltic* for a long time. I love working here and enjoy every day – maybe that's why, on a weekend spent at home, I actually find myself looking forward to Monday, when I can return to work.

What do you think is the most challenging part of your job? The number of employees is growing and now represents already 30 different nationalities.

Laura: Our challenge is more about getting everyone involved, so that everyone is interested in reading all the news. But as we know, that won't always be the case. In every company there are employees who prefer to do their job and then go home; they're happy with it that way, the rest is of little interest to them. There will always be some people like that, and we have to accept that. We recently attended an internal communications conference in Copenhagen where this was one of the topics. But people are interested in various things, and not everyone will be interested in everything.

Signe: Yes, we think a lot about engagement. We talk a lot with our fellow employees. For example, we see a pilot, and we stop for a chat: 'Hey, how are you today, what's new? What

We work hard on internal networking between the different departments

worries you? Is there anything you'd like to tell others in the company?' We collect all of this information and process it, but yes, the challenge is definitely to reach as many people as possible.

What topics, articles, and so on are most popular on the intranet?

Laura: The live staff briefings by CEO Martin Gauss are still the number-one thing to see every week. During the pandemic we transitioned from on-site briefings to an online broadcast version ensuring communication with the company's employees, and they're still held every Tuesday, informing employees about the latest developments in the airline and also answering questions, which employees can submit anonymously. Employees can log on to these briefings on the intranet from Latvia and abroad, from wherever they are at the moment.

If it so happens that Gauss is on a business trip and cannot hold the briefing, we immediately get questions from employees: 'What's up? What's happened? Is there a change taking place?'

Signe: But of course, there are also topics on the intranet that have a direct impact on the day-to-day work of employees. Laura: And passenger feedback is also definitely one of the most-read topics! The positive praise that arrives at *airBaltic* through social media and passenger surveys is collected and compiled to bring joy to our colleagues, whose work is often quite demanding.

Signe: We northerners tend to be shy and may not say straight away, 'You were great!' But good words are always motivating.

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Pilots out of their office

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



HOBBY

Ketrīna learned to skate at a young age. Every winter, an ice skating rink was set up by the house where she grew up, and anyone could skate there. She always had skates, too, having inherited them from a cousin. 'I used to skate there with my friends after school, and sometimes a wooden stick and pucks would appear as well. But for a very long time I didn't know that girls also played hockey and that there were women's teams in Latvia,' she says. 'I was 14 when my classmate mentioned that she played ice hockey, and, because I was interested, I joined the women's ice hockey team Laima.'

Ketrīna started as a forward but really wanted to be a goalkeeper. So, one summer she saved up some money, her parents chipped in a little as well, and she went to her first hockey practice in a goalkeeper uniform. From that time onward, she has trained to stand in the goal crease. She has participated with her team in both national and international tournaments and camps. She has also trained with the Latvian national women's ice hockey team.

Ketrīna says it's not easy to articulate exactly what excites her about the sport. But first of all, ice hockey is the most popular sport in Latvia. Also, Ketrīna always paid attention to the goalkeeper when watching games on television. 'It was like, wow, there's someone standing there in full gear, looking so powerful and serious,' she says with a laugh, 'and I felt I wanted to do that, too.'

Having trained in ice hockey since she was 14 years old, Ketrīna was 19 when she enrolled in the airBaltic Pilot Academy, which meant less and less time for training and games: 'It was hard to combine the two, because the pilot training was very intense. Now, I'd really like to play more hockey again, but being a pilot is not a regular job – sometimes you have to work nights or weekends, and we're often abroad. I look forward to my days off, when I'm in Riga and can go to hockey practice, because it feels really good to get out on the ice.'

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Ketrīna's dream of flying started at an early age – she loved being in airports, among the buzz and the constant movement. She knew she definitely didn't want to work in an office and hoped to some day be part of the aviation industry. 'I didn't know back then that I was going to be a pilot,' she says, 'but when I was 16, my family and I were flying from Milan to Riga and the flight was delayed by two hours because there was no one to load all the bags. So then the two pilots came out of the cockpit, got off the plane, and began loading the bags themselves. I don't know how, but at that moment I realised I wanted to be a pilot! Maybe because I saw the people who were going to take me home.'

When Ketrīna told her parents she was going to be a pilot, they didn't take her seriously at first. But she began looking in earnest for information about piloting and training to become a pilot: 'It ticked all the boxes for what I was looking for.'

She was lucky with the timing. The *airBaltic* Pilot Academy opened while Ketrīna was still in high school, and she was able to study in Latvia and work for the Latvian national airline. She attended all the open days, applied to the academy straight after high school, and was accepted.

Ketrīna has been flying for a year and a half now. But after graduating from the Pilot Academy, she first spent six months working in the Operations Control Centre (OCC) as a flight operations coordinator. This coincided with the time right after the pandemic when airBaltic had resumed flying but had not yet begun hiring new pilots, so she applied for a job in the OCC. 'It gave me very good experience about how the whole airline works,' she says. 'When they started rehiring pilots who had been laid off at the start of the pandemic as well as recruiting new Pilot Academy graduates, I got a call and was able to apply for a vacancy.'

Ketrīna's favourite moment is takeoff, when the aircraft climbs through the clouds and you can finally see the sun. 'Every time, it feels just like the first time I saw it.'



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	BT :	253	RIX	НАМ	3-5-7	18:00	18:45	ВТ	254	HAM	RIX	3-5-7	19:35	22:15	
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	вт	301	RIX	HEL	12-456-	07:00	08:00	ВТ	302	HEL	RIX	12-456-	08:40	09:40	
	ВТ	305	RIX	HEL	1-34567	13:50	14:50	ВТ	306	HEL	RIX	1-34567	15:30	16:30	
	ВТ	307	RIX	HEL	1234567	19:40	20:40	ВТ	308	HEL	RIX	1234567	21:20	22:20	
	ВТ	325	RIX	HEL	1234567	23:20	00:20+1	ВТ	326	HEL	RIX	1234567	05:20	06:20	
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Flights	from	RIGA				Flia	hts to	RIGA					
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		LCA	37	07:15	11:15				RIX	37	11:55	16:15	-
BT 657	RIX	LCA	5 Dec 1, 22-31	07:15	11:15	ВТ	658	LCA	RIX	5 Dec 1, 22-31	11:55	16:15	
LAS PAI	LMAS	DE GI	RAN CAN	ARIA		LAS	S PAL	MAS	DE G	RAN CAN	ARIA		
BT 765	RIX	LPA	15	08:25	12:50	ВТ	766	LPA	RIX	15	13:50	21:55	
BT 1765	5 RIX	LPA	4 Dec 21	06:30	10:55	ВТ	1766	5 LPA	RIX	4 Dec 21	11:45	19:50	
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LISBON			246	10.10	44.55		BON		DI)/	244	15.10	22.40	
BT 675			-2-4-6-	12:10	14:55					-2-4-6-	15:40	22:10	
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BT 651	RIX	LGW	12-456-	07:40	08:40	ВТ	652	LGW	RIX	12-456-	09:25	14:10	
BT 653	RIX	LGW	1-345-7	15:45	16:45	BT	654	LGW	RIX	1-345-7	17:30	22:15	
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BT 685	RIX	MAD	47	13:10	16:25	ВТ	686	MAD	RIX	47	17:15	22:15	
BT 685	RIX	MAD	-2 Dec 5	13:10	16:25	ВТ	686	MAD	RIX	-2 Dec 5	17:15	22:15	
			Dec 5	10.10	10.25	_			11171	Dec 5	17.120	22.13	
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BT 677	RIX	AGP	3	12:45	16:20	ВТ	678	AGP	RIX				
BT 677	RIX	AGP	5 Dec 22	12:45	16:20	ВТ	678	AGP	RIX	5 Dec 22	17:00	22:30	
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BT 629	RIX	MXP	14-67 Till Dec 18	11:40	13:25	ВТ	630	MXP	RIX	4-67 Till Dec 18	14:05	17:45	
BT 629	RIX	MXP	-2-4-67 From Dec 19	11:40	13:25	ВТ	630	MXP	RIX	-2-4-67 From Dec 19	14:05	17:45	
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BT 223	RIX	MUC	12345-7	17:15	18:30	BT	224	MUC	RIX	12345-7	19:10	22:20	
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BT 695	RIX	NCE	37	07:10	09:15	ВТ	696	NCE	RIX	37	09:55	13:50	
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BT 151	RIX	OSL	1234-6-	07:00	07:45	ВТ	152	OSL	RIX	1234-6-	08:35	11:10	
BT 159	RIX	OSL	567	12:45	19:10	ВТ	160	OSL	RIX	567	14:10	16:45	
BT 153	RIX	OSL	12345-7	18:25	19:10	ВТ	154	OSL	RIX	12345-7	19:50	22:25	
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BT 375	RIX	PLO	15-7	13:50	14:35	BT	376	PLO	RIX	15-7	15:20	16:05	•
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BT 693	RIX	CDG	4 Dec 14	16:00	17:50	ВТ	694	CDG	RIX	4 Dec 14	18:40	22:25	
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		PRG	1-345-7	12:45	13:40				RIX	1-345-7	14:20	17:05	
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SALZBU										cember 23			S
BT 281	RIX	SZG	6-	17:20	18:35	ВТ	282	SZG	RIX	6-	19:20	22:30	
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BT 101	RIX	ARN	1234-6- From Dec 4	07:05	07:20	ВТ	102	ARN	RIX	1234-6- From Dec 4	08:00	10:05	
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			1234567							1234567			
BT 315	RIX	TLL	1234567	13:50	14:40	BT	316	TLL	RIX	1234567	15:20	16:10	
BT 317	RIX	TLL	1234567	19:50	20:40	ВТ	318	TLL	RIX	1234567	21:20	22:10	
BT 361	RIX	TLL	1234567	23:25	00:15+1	ВТ	362	TLL	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:20	
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TAMPE	KE.												
		TMP	12345-7	23:25	00:35+1				RIX	123456-	05:15	06:25	

Fli	ights	from	RIGA				Flig	jhts to	RIGA	\			
Fligh	t No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight	t No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
ТВ	ILISI						ТВ	ILISI					
ВТ	724	RIX	TBS	6- Till Dec 16	23:10	05:30+1	ВТ	725	TBS	RIX	6- Till Dec 17	06:30	09:15
ВТ	724	RIX	TBS	-2-4-6- From Dec 19	23:10	05:30+1	ВТ	725	TBS	RIX	-2-4-6- From Dec 20	06:30	09:15
TE	NERI	FE					TE	NERII	FE				
ВТ	761	RIX	TFS	-234-67	08:10	12:50	ВТ	762	TFS	RIX	-234-67	13:50	22:05
ВТ	1761	RIX	TFS	5 Dec 22	05:05	09:45	ВТ	1762	TFS	RIX	5 Dec 22	10:35	18:50
TU	RKU						TU	RKU					
ВТ	359	RIX	TKU	1-3-5-7	23:30	00:35	ВТ	360	TKU	RIX	12-4-6-	05:25	06:25
VE	RONA	A / From	m Decemi	ber 16			VE	RONA	/ From	Decem	ber 16		
ВТ	625	RIX	VRN	6-	12:00	13:40	ВТ	626	VRN	RIX	6-	14:20	17:55
VIE	NNA	Schv	vechat				VIE	NNA	Schw	echat			
ВТ	271	RIX	VIE	12-456-	07:25	08:25	ВТ	272	VIE	RIX	12-456-	09:05	12:05
ВТ	273	RIX	VIE	1-345-7	17:40	18:40	ВТ	274	VIE	RIX	1-345-7	19:20	22:20
VIL	NIUS	5					VIL	NIUS	;				
ВТ	341	RIX	VNO	1234567	07:25	08:15	ВТ	342	VNO	RIX	1234567	08:55	09:45
ВТ	345	RIX	VNO	1234567	13:50	14:40	ВТ	346	VNO	RIX	1234567	15:20	16:10
ВТ	347	RIX	VNO	1234567	19:50	20:40	ВТ	348	VNO	RIX	1234567	21:20	22:10
ВТ	349	RIX	VNO	1234567	23:15	23:59	ВТ	350	VNO	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:20
ZU	RICH						ZU	RICH					
ВТ	291	RIX	ZRH	-2-4-6-	12:05	13:40	ВТ	292	ZRH	RIX	-2-4-6-	14:20	17:45
ВТ	293	RIX	ZRH	1-3-5-7	16:45	18:20	ВТ	294	ZRH	RIX	1-3-5-7	19:05	22:30

LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA, SPAIN

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Flights from	LAS PA	LMAS DI	E GRAN	CANARIA	Flig	hts to	LAS	PALM/	S DE GR	AN CAN	IARIA
Flight No From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight	No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
AALBORG					AAI	LBOR	G				
BT 1002 LPA	AAL	47	08:20	14:15	ВТ	1003	AAL	LPA	47	15:05	19:20
BERGEN					BEI	RGEN					
BT 1004 LPA	BGO	-25	08:20	14:35	ВТ	1005	BGO	LPA	-25	15:25	19:50
BILLUND					BIL	LUNE)				
BT 1006 LPA	BLL	15	07:40	13:25	ВТ	1007	BLL	LPA	15	14:25	18:25
COPENHAGE	N				CO	PENH	IAGE	N			
BT 1008 LPA	CPH	1	08:10	14:10	ВТ	1009	CPH	LPA	1	15:00	19:15
OSLO Garder	moen				OS	L O Ga	rdern	noen			
BT 1010 LPA	OSL	7	08:10	14:35	ВТ	1011	OSL	LPA	7	15:25	20:15
OSLO Sandef	jord, To	rp			OS	L O Sa	ndefjo	ord, Tor	p q		
BT 1014 LPA	TRF	36-	08:20	14:40	ВТ	1015	TRF	LPA	36-	15:30	20:05
RIGA / Decembe	er 27				RIG	A / De	cember	27			
BT 1016 LPA	RIX	3	07:25	15:30	ВТ	1017	RIX	LPA	7	16:05	20:35

TALLINN, ESTONIA

Flights	from	TALLIN	NN			Flights to	TAL	LINN			
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
AMSTE	RDAN	1				AMSTER	RDAN	1			
BT 857	TLL	AMS	1234567	07:35	09:10	BT 858	AMS	TLL	1234567	10:10	13:30
BERLIN	l					BERLIN					
BT 821	TLL	BER	7	07:00	07:50	BT 822	BER	TLL	7	08:30	11:15
3T 821	TLL	BER	5	18:20	19:10	BT 822	BER	TLL	5	19:50	22:35
BRUSS	ELS					BRUSSE	LS				
BT 851	TLL	BRU	1-3	06:45	08:20	BT 852	BRU	TLL	1-3	09:00	12:30
BT 851	TLL	BRU	47	17:05	18:40	BT 852	BRU	TLL	47	19:25	22:55
COPEN	HAGE	N				COPENI	IAGE	N.			
BT 811	TLL	CPH	7	12:15	12:55	BT 812	CPH	TLL	7	13:35	16:05
BT 811	TLL	CPH	1-3-5	13:30	14:10	BT 812	СРН	TLL	1-3-5	15:00	17:30
LAS PA	LMAS	DE GI	RAN CAN	ARIA		LAS PAI	MAS	DE G	RAN CAN	ARIA	
BT 1018	3 TLL	LPA	4	06:30	14:30	BT 1019	LPA	TLL	4	15:30	19:55
LONDO	N Gat	wick				LONDO	V Gat	wick			
BT 871	TLL	LGW	-2-4-6-	16:00	17:05	BT 872	LGW	TLL	-2-4-6-	17:50	22:40
MALAG	Α					MALAG	A				
BT 879	TLL	AGP	7	07:30	11:20	BT 880	AGP	TLL	7	12:10	17:40
BT 879	TLL	AGP	3	11:00	14:50	BT 880	AGP	TLL	3	15:35	21:05

Flights	from 1	TALLIN	IN			Flights to	TAL	LINN			
Flight No	From 1	Го	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
MUNICH	1					MUNICH	ł				
BT 823	TLL	MUC	-2-4-6-	07:05	08:35	BT 824	MU	CTLL	-2-4-6-	09:15	12:40
OSLO G	arderr	noen				OSLO Ga	arder	moen			
BT 815	TLL	OSL	4	13:30	14:05	BT 816	OSL	TLL	4	14:45	17:10
BT 815	TLL	OSL	7	18:20	18:55	BT 816	OSL	TLL	7	19:35	22:00
PARIS C	harles	s de Ga	ulle			PARIS C	harle	s de Ga	aulle		
BT 861	TLL	CDG	1-3-5-7	15:55	18:00	BT 862	CDG	TLL	1-3-5-7	18:50	22:40
SALZBU	JRG / i	rom Dec	ember 23			SALZBU	RG/	From Dec	ember 23		
BT 835	TLL	SZG	6-	08:00	09:30	BT 836	SZG	TLL	6-	10:15	13:40
TAMPE	RE					TAMPER	RE				
BT 1561	TLL	TMP	1234567	15:45	16:30	BT 1562	TMF	TLL	1234567	23:30	00:15+1
TENERI	FE					TENERII	FE				
BT 881	TLL	TFS	15	07:35	12:35	BT 882	TFS	TLL	15	13:50	22:15
VILNIUS	5					VILNIUS	3				
BT 904	TLL	VNO	1234	07:00	08:10	BT 903	VNC	TLL	1234	08:50	10:00
BT 906	TLL	VNO	-234	18:20	19:30	BT 905	VNC	TLL	-234	20:10	21:20

TAMPERE, FINLAND

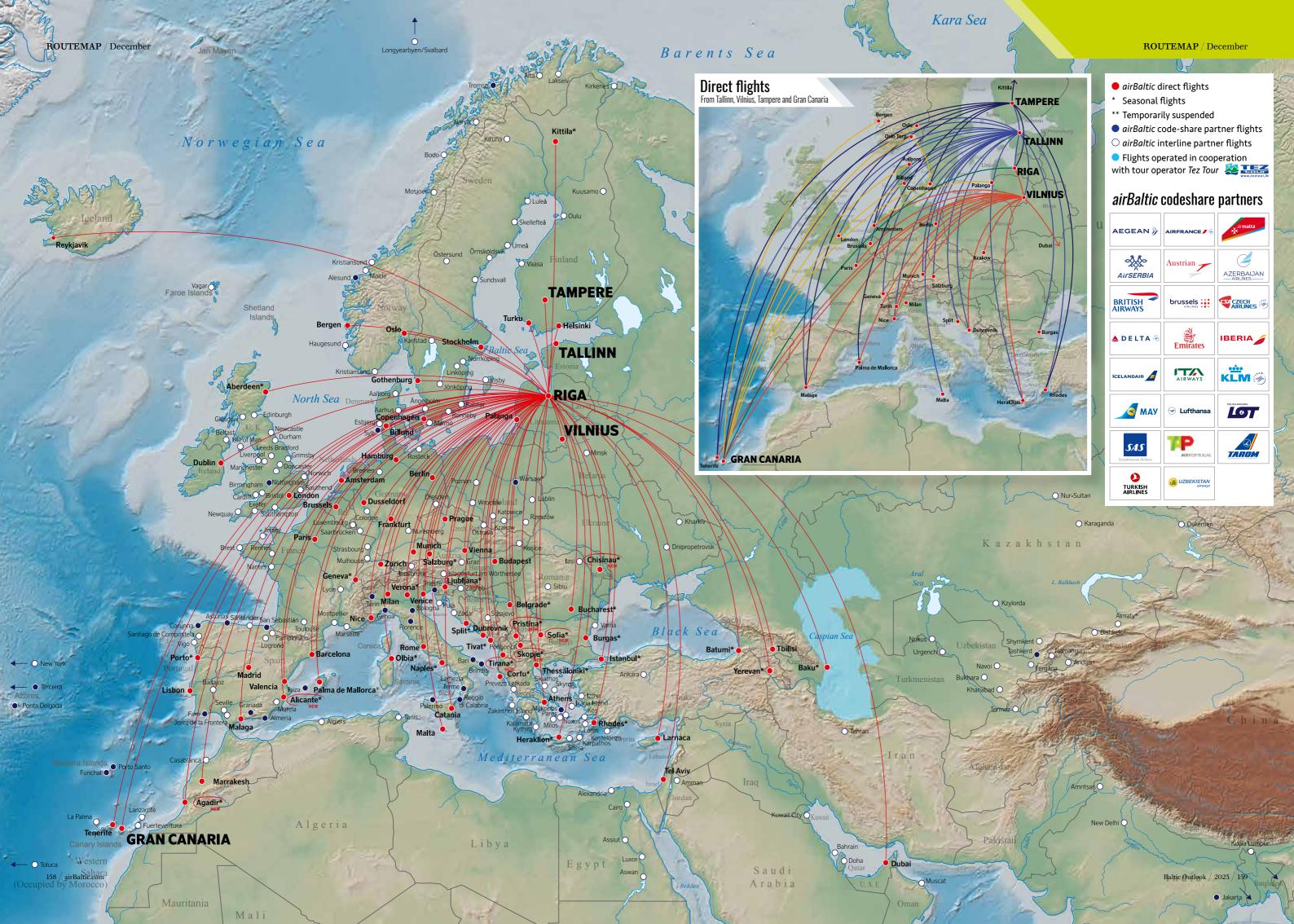
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Flight	t No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight	No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
ΑM	ISTER	RDAM	l				AM	STER	DAM				
ВТ	1561	TMP	AMS	1234567	17:00	18:30	ВТ	1562	AMS	TMP	1234567	19:40	23:00
СО	PENH	IAGE	N				CO	PENH	IAGE	N			
ВТ	511	TMP	CPH	15	08:00	08:40	ВТ	512	CPH	TMP	15	10:15	12:50
KIT	TILA	/ From	Decemb	er 22			KIT	TILA	/ From	Decemb	er 22		
ВТ	500	TMP	KTT	5	18:55	20:15	ВТ	501	KTT	TMP	5	20:55	22:15
LA	S PAL	MAS	DE GF	RAN CAN	ARIA		LAS	S PAL	MAS	DE GF	RAN CAN	ARIA	
ВТ	583	TMP	LPA	-2	08:40	13:10	ВТ	584	LPA	TMP	-2	14:00	22:05
MA	LAGA	A					MA	LAGA	١				
ВТ	525	TMP	AGP	4	06:25	10:15	ВТ	526	AGP	TMP	4	11:00	16:35
ВТ	525	TMP	AGP	7	12:10	16:00	ВТ	526	AGP	TMP	7	16:50	22:25
TE	NERII	FE					TEN	NERIF	E				
ВТ	581	TMP	TFS	6- Till Dec 9	04:30	09:30	ВТ	582	TFS	TMP	6- Till Dec 9	10:15	18:40
ВТ	581	TMP	TFS	3	08:00	13:00	ВТ	582	TFS	TMP	3	14:00	22:25

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

VILN	IUS,	LITHU	ANIA								
Flights	from VIL	NIUS			Flig	jhts to	VILN	IUS			
Flight No	From To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight	l No	From	То	Days	Departure	Arrival
AMSTER	RDAM				AM	ISTER	RDAM				
BT 961	VNO A	MS 1234567	7 07:50	09:20	ВТ	962	AMS	VNO	1234567	10:20	13:35
BERLIN					BE	RLIN					
BT 921	VNO B	ER47	14:25	15:00	ВТ	922	BER	VNO	47	15:45	18:15
DUBAI					DU	BAI					
BT 997	VNO D	KB36-	23:55	08:30+1	ВТ	998	DXB	VNO	47	09:30	14:35
BT 1997	VNO D	KB4 Dec 28	23:55	08:30+1	ВТ	1998	DXB	VNO	5 Dec 29	09:30	14:35
LAS PAL	MAS DE	GRAN CAN	NARIA		LA	S PAL	.MAS	DE GI	RAN CAN	ARIA	
BT 1020	VNO LF	PA6- From Dec 9	06:40	14:30	ВТ	1021	LPA	VNO	6- From Dec 9	15:40	19:50
BT 2020	VNO LF	PA3 Dec 20	06:40	14:30	ВТ	2021	LPA	VNO	3 Dec 20	15:40	19:50
MALAGA	A / Decemb	er 23			MA	LAGA	A / Dece	ember 23	3		
BT 979	VNO A	GP6-	07:10	10:40	ВТ	980	AGP	VNO	6-	11:20	16:35
MUNICH	1				MU	INICH	ı				
BT 925	VNO M	UC 1234-67	7 17:10	18:15	ВТ	926	MUC	VNO	1234-67	19:00	22:00
BT 925	VNO M	UC7 Till Dec 17	19:05	20:10	ВТ	926	MUC	VNO	7 Till Dec 17	20:55	23:55
PARIS C	harles de	e Gaulle			PA	RIS C	harles	de Ga	aulle		
BT 965	VNO CI	OG 1-3-5-7	15:20	17:15	ВТ	966	CDG	VNO	1-3-5-7	18:05	21:45
TENERII	FE				TE	NERII	E				
BT 983	VNO TE	S -2	06:50	11:35	ВТ	984	TFS	VNO	-2	12:35	20:45
BT 983	VNO TE	S5	08:00	12:45	ВТ	984	TFS	VNO	5	13:45	21:55
BT 983	VNO TE	S3 Dec 20	08:00	12:45	ВТ	984	TFS	VNO	3 Dec 20	13:35	21:45

BT 977 VNO TRN ----6- 17:15 19:00 BT 978 TRN VNO ----6- 19:50 23:30

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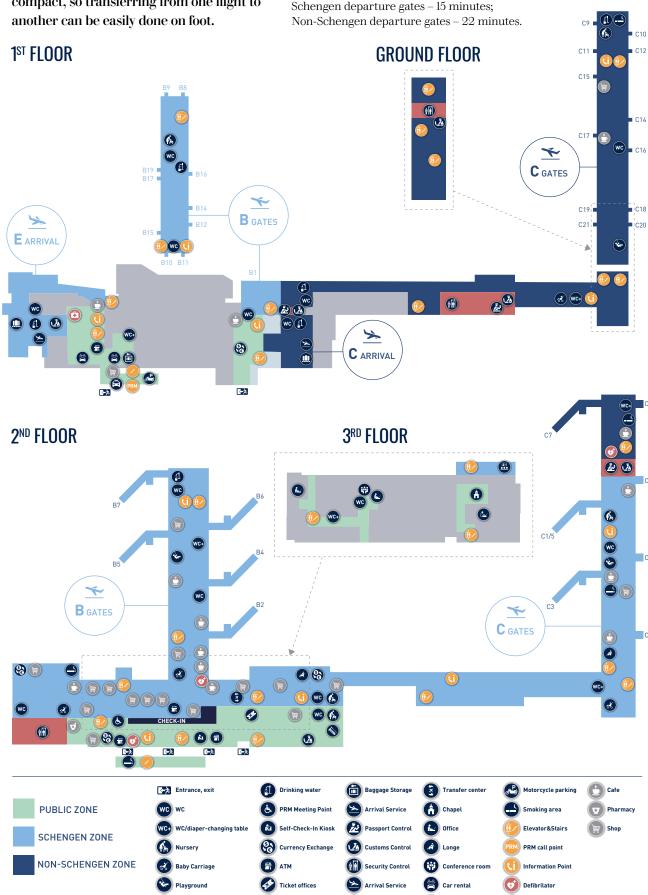


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airBaltic's home base, the Riga Airport is modern and comfortable, with many shops and cafés. At the same time it is very compact, so transferring from one flight to Please take into account the following average transit times:

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

Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes;





Appetizers Uzkodas

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



Tapas

GOES WELL WITH Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

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

7⁴⁹€

Panini

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

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





Ask the cabin crew about the ingredients and allergens of a given product. Jautājiet stjuartiem par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.





Seasonal delights Sezonas gardumi Currywurst with stewed cabbage and fried potatoes, inspired by Latvian culinary heritage Currywurst desiņas ar štovētiem kāpostiem un ceptiem kartupeļiem no senākajām latviešu receptēm

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





marshmallows

Gaisīgie vaniļas zefīri



Abavas non-alcoholic mulled wine

Made with carefully selected spices and blackcurrants

Abavas karstvīns, bezalkoholisks sildošs dzēriens, gatavots no rūpīgi atlasītām garšvielām un upenēm





Hot dishes | Siltie ēdieni

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



Vegan lasagne with vegetable sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu mērci (bez glutēna)

8⁹⁹€



Chicken

8⁹⁹€



Soup

5⁹⁹€



Desserts Deserti

Hot drinks | Karstie dzērieni

Collect

airBaltic Club

POINTS here!







Sweet snacks | Saldie našķi



Salty snacks | Sāļie našķi



"Salysol" sālīti zemesrieksti, 60g

3⁴⁹ €

Pringles Original

Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato chips, 40g Kartupeļu čipsi

3

Me Egan Me

Mežete Dip & Go Classic Hummus

With breadsticks, 90g

Humuss ar maizes standziņām

3⁹⁹ €





Nõo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages

"Nõo Snack" cigārdesiņas ar parmezāna sieru

2 €9

NÃO

SHACK

PARHIGIANU

REGGIANO

Beef Jerky

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

"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vītināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa

3 %







Cocktails Kokteiļi

Jack Daniels whiskey & Coca-Cola or ginger ale

Jack Daniels viskijs &
Coca-Cola vai ingvera limonāde

9⁸ 10,48€

Rémy Martin VSOP cognac & ginger ale

Rémy Martin VSOP konjaks & ingvera limonāde

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GUY LAROCHE Drakkar Noir EDT for him, 50 ml

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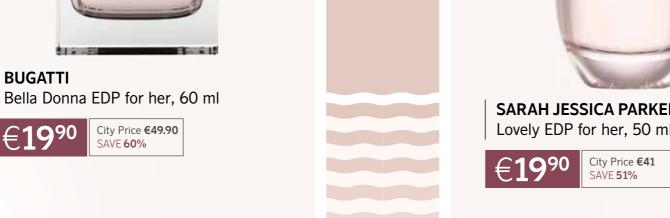
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ICE-WATCH Ice Solar Watch Go green and do your bit for the planet! The white solar-powered timepiece is ultra slim and feather light. Made from super soft silicone with a sleek dial, this unisex model is the ultimate minimalist statement. Simply expose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

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

City Price €109

36 MM

CASE MATERIAL PLASTIC

WATER RESISTANCE

5 ATM

MOVEMENT STRAP MATERIAL SOLAR SILICONE

STRAPIENGTH 18.5 CM

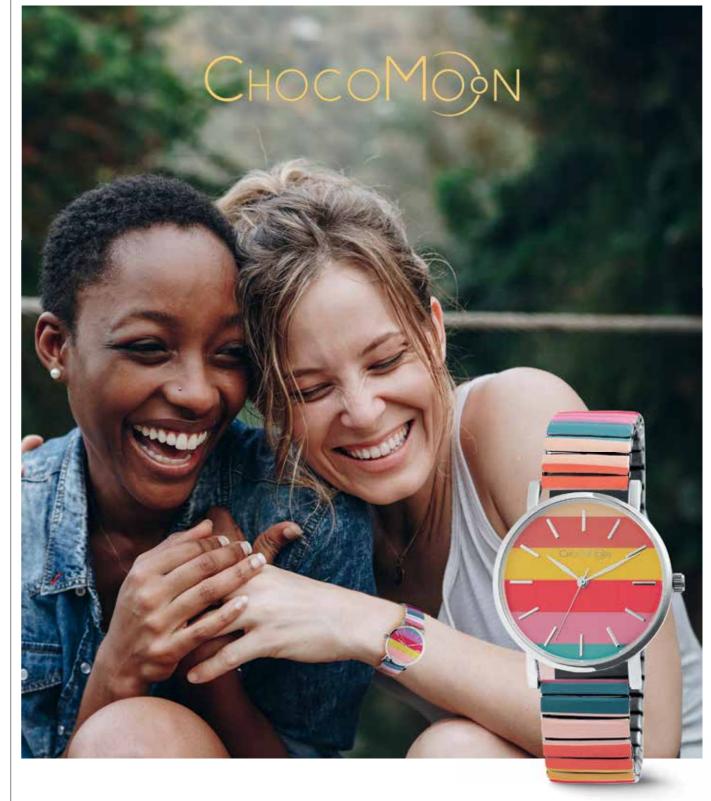


RAINBOW Colors of Happiness Unisex Watch

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

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

STRAP LENGTH CASE MATERIAL WATER RESISTANCE MOVEMENT STRAP MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL **OUARTZ** 38 MM 5 ATM I FATHER 21.5 CM



CHOCOMOON

Happy Stripes Ladies Watch

NEW

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

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

CASE MATERIAL WATER RESISTANCE MOVEMENT STRAP MATERIAL STRAP LENGTH DIAL SIZE **OUARTZ** FLEXIBLE 36 MM MFTAI 3 ATM MFTAI





CHOCOMOON PEACE Ladies Watch

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

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

Minerālstikls, kvarca mehānisms, nerūsējoša tērauda korpuss. DIAL SIZE CASE MATERIAL

METAL

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WATER RESISTANCE 3 ATM

QUARTZ NEV

STRAP MATERIAL

METAL

CHOCOMOON

Pink Pineapple Ladies Watch

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

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

> STRAP LENGTH **FLEXIBLE** €49





CHOCOMOON

Geometric Ladies Watch

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

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

CHOCOMOON

Holi Ladies Watch

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

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

DIAL SIZE 36 MM CASE MATERIAL **METAL**

WATER RESISTANCE

3 ATM

MOVEMENT QUARTZ STRAP MATERIAL METAL

STRAP LENGTH FLEXIBLE









BYELOISEBangle Set

€19

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

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



SOIRÉE MONTRÉAL Crystal Charme Necklace

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

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

€39

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

NECKLACE LENGTH

39 CM + 7 CM EXTENDER



ORQUIDEATrio Earring Set 8 in 1

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

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

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE





ORQUIDEA Majorca Duo Bracelet

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

Rokassprādze, ko rotā augstākās kvalitātes organiskas Orquidea 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.

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE





City Price €172



OROUIDEA

Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl Necklace And Earring Set

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

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



NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER



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€22

City Price **€22.99** SAVE **4**%

BRACELET LENGTH

16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

STAINLESS STEEL





HOW DO YOU TIE A KNOT ON A BRACELET?



UKIYYOBracelet Tree of Life

€22

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City Price €22.95 SAVE 4%



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

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

ZAZA&LILI Ring



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

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

City Price **€4** SAVE **19**° €35

ZAZA&LILI3 Bracelet Set



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

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

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE Retail Value €81 SAVE 52% €39



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

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

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 5 CM EXTENDER

€69







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

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

€29

City Price €39

BRACELET LENGTH
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER Ø 8 MM

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PEPE JEANS

Life is now EDP for her, 30 ml

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

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





City Price **€25.95**





PEPE JEANS

Life is now EDP for him, 30 ml

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

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









AIGNER

Icon EDP for her, 100 ml



City Price **€82.00**

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

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



TONI GARD

Toni EDP for her,
40 ml

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

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



SOLID SCENT CO.Juno Solid Perfume for her. 8 a

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

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

€29

City Price €31.95 SAVE 9%



SOLID SCENT CO.

Hudson Solid Cologne for him, 8 g

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

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

€29

City Price €31.95 SAVE 9%



GISADA

Ambassadora EDP for her, 50 ml Feminine sweetness, luxurious soft notes: Mandarin and blueberry form a fragrant duet in the top note playing with the rich fruitiness of jasmine and orange blossom. Underpinned with the comforting warmth of vanilla, musk and sandalwood, while cashmere wood and icing sugar give the accords a delicate finish with their extravagance. Pink pepper provides the subliminal wow effect.

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

€75

City Price €85 SAVE 12%





AMBASSADOR MEN



GISADA

Ambassador EDP for him, 50 ml

€75

City Price €85 SAVE 12% Lively, fresh and intense, this masculine, cool fragrance features slightly oriental accents. Juicy and tangy notes of mandarin orange lend the fragrance an initially fresh citrus impression. These aspects combine with the spiciness of peonies and patchouli. Amber accents are accompanied by finest vanilla. The result: A fragrance to express your elegant style.

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





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30 ml

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This unique green formula offers beautiful natural coverage, a 5*-rated broad-spectrum SPF50 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 SPF50 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. Rosaligue krēms ir īpaši izstrādāts jutīgai ādai ar tendenci uz apsārtumu, tas ir lieliski piemērots kā tonēts mitrinātājs, krāsas korektors vai grima bāze.





1) Use the sponge tip to apply Lipocils Expert along the roots of upper and lower lashes.



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



applicator

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

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

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



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DIEGO DALLA PALMA

MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

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



DIEGO DALLA PALMA MyToyBoy Mascara,

13 ml

of the lashes in only 30 days.

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

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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



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DIEGO DALLA PALMA

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

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



DIEGO DALLA PALMA

Gold Infusion - Youth Potion, 30 ml

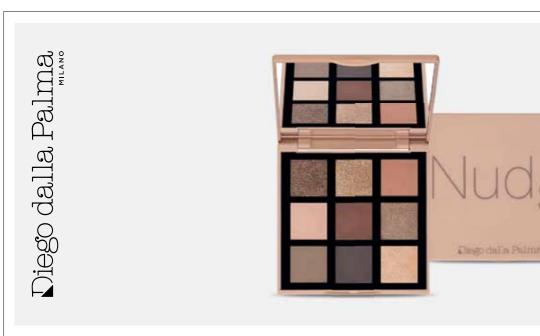
A blend of 30 natural oils and pure gold leaf, which promotes skin regeneration and gives a more even, fresh and radiant appearance. A concentrated essence rebuilding the architecture of the skin in depth, restoring strength, stimulating the production of collagen and elastin. Does not contain paraffin,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

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



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DIEGO DALLA PALMA Palette NUDA, 30 g

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

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

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

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TRAVEL SET

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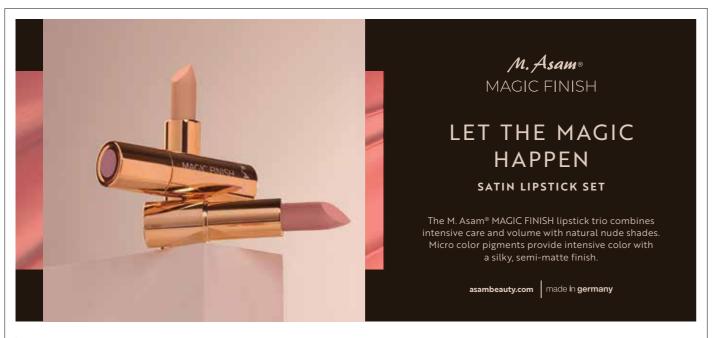
M. ASAM® MAGIC CARE Travel Set (Perfect Teint 30 ml

+ Perfect Eye Serum 7 ml)

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

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

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M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH SATIN LIPSTICK TRIO 3 x 4 g Hazelnut Heaven, Almond & Rosewood

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

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



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

Experience a touch of magic. The M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH Make-up individually adapts to many skin tones and hides unevenness, wrinkles and redness. No powder is needed,

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

as it naturally mattifies the skin. The international bestseller is suitable for all skin types.



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NEW

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

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



M. Asam® RESVERATROL **PREMIUM NT50**

Lifting Cream 50 ml

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

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







IMMEDIATE PLUMP SKIN

SUPREME HYALURON CREAM

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

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

Instant plump, smooth & long-lasting moisturized skin with the M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Supreme Hyaluron Cream. The patented hyaluronic acid complex plumps up fine lines caused by dryness and gives the skin an even complexion. Ideal for all skin types especially sensitive skin.

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

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Long-lasting Moisturising Lipstick That **Changes Colour**

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

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



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

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



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DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND Intense Eye Rescue, 15 ml



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

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

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



DR. SEVERIN® **Beauty Routine Set**

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

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





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



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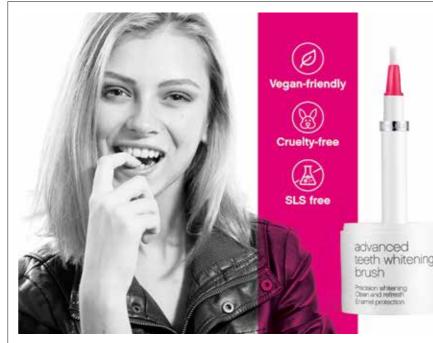
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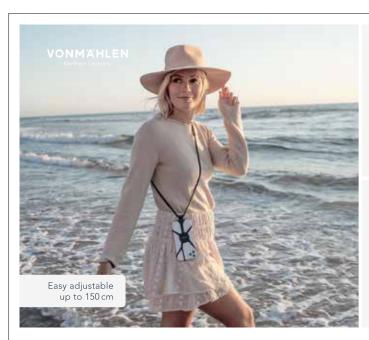
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VONMÄHLEN allroundo® c

City Price €24.99

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

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





Hair dryers Smart devices

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

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



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.

NEW



City Price €14.95



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

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

City Price **€29.90**



BEURER HT12 Ion Detangling Brush

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

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

NEW

City Price €29.99



BEURER LS 10 Luggage Scale

BEST SELLER

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

Portatīvie svari, kas palīdzes 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.



BANALE Omnipillow

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

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

City Price **€59**



ZIPSTAR

Mobile Screen Magnifier

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

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

€10

AUTOMATIC RFID WALLET





CARDS







TRU VIRTU Click & Slide Wallet Bio Vegan

> NEW €75

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

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

Made in Germany

9.9 X 6.7 X 2.1 CM / 88 G



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ÖGON DESIGNS Carbon Fibre Aluminium Wallet

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

Francijā ražots elegants maks. Tas ir viegls, izturīgs, nodrošina ērtu piekļuvi maka saturam un tā optimālu aizsardzību. Atverams ar vienu roku. Vieta 10 kartēm un skaidrai naudai. RFID aizsardzība pret demagnetizāciju un elektronisko datu zādzību. Izmērs: 11x7.4x2.1 cm.

TRAVEL RETAIL FXCLUSIVE





Always with you, as light as a feather, small and slim. This umbrella is small enough to fit in every pocket. Carbon steel technology makes this model super lightweight and at the same time provides stable protection against weather and wind up to 100 km/h. Weight: 170 g.

Vienmēr ar jums, viegls kā spalviņa, neliels un plāns. Šis lietussargs ir tik mazs, ka to var ielikt jebkurā kabatā. Tam ir oglekļa tērauda rāmis, tādēļ lietussargs ir neticami viegls, tomēr nodrošina efektīvu aizsardzību pret lietu un līdz pat 100 km/h stipru vēju. Svārs: 170 q.

BEST SELLER €29



I-CLIP

Carbon Optics Wallet incl. RFID Shields

I-CLIP

AdvantageR Caramel incl. RFID Shields

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

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

€39

City Price **€45** SAVE **13**% €39

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

IQ PUZZLER PRO ir pasaulē populārākais galvas mežģis! Spēles laukumā jānovieto 12 krāsainas dažādu formu bumbiņas. Ne mazāk kā 120 uzdevumi piecās dažādās grūtības pakāpēs! Spēli var spēlēt trīs dažādos veidos. Taču uzmanieties: katram uzdevumam vienmēr ir tikai viens pareizais risinājums!

Atjautīga izklaide, kam nekad nav gala. Var izraisīt atkarību! Paredzēts spēlētājiem no 6 gadu vecuma.

€13

City Price €14.50 SAVE 11%



SCRATCH ART Magic Rainbow Scratch Notes

Use the wooden stylus to reveal bright colours that are hidden underneath a matte coating. Jot notes, etch doodles and create great designs. Perfect for keeping the children occupied whilst travelling.

Ar koka irbuļa palīdzību atklājiet spilgtas krāsas zem matēta pārklājuma. Rakstiet zīmītes, zīmējiet ķiņķēziņus vai skaistus attēlus. Lielisks palīgs, lai nodarbinātu bērnus ceļojuma laikā.

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE €5



DISNEYFrozen Kids Watch

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

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

€29



DISNEYMickey Mouse Kids Watch

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

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

€29



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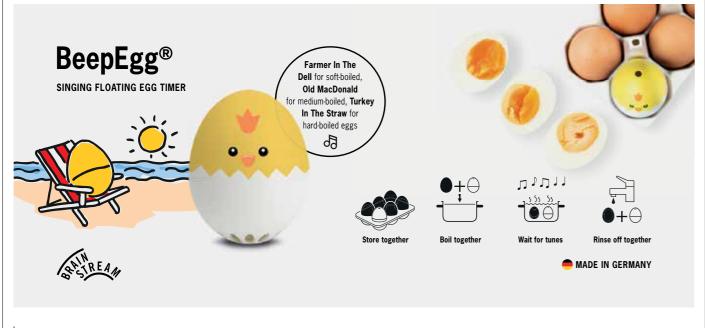
Water Bouncing Set

NEW ON BOARD

€19

City Price **€21.90** SAVE **13**% The Swedish classic! The one that started it all - the original water bouncing ball. An essential for the days when life takes you to the beach or lake. Bounce it on water like skipping a stone. Best for oceans, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls.

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



BRAINSTREAMChicken Beep Egg

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

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



City Price €19.90

Nature Friendly



BRACENET

Arctic Ocean Bracelet

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

TREECELET

Amazonia Bracelet

They are one of the biggest dangers for our oceans: discarded and lost fishing nets.

The ghost nets can float around undiscovered for decades and turn into dangerous traps for animals.

Together with the marine protection organisations Healthy Seas and Ghost Diving, we retrieve these deadly traps and upcycle them to bracelets – the Bracenet. One size fits all. Ask cabin crew for colour availability during your flight.

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



TREECELET

| Madagascar Bracelet

Treecelet is a global tree planting project that plants trees in the most affected areas. Every sold bracelet plants 3 trees. Bracelets are handmade in the EU by people with disabilities to provide them fair work. Gift-ready packaging with a tree planting certificate included. Adjustable bracelet size. Treecelet ir globāls koku stādīšanas projekts, kura ietvaros koki tiek iestādīti visvairāk cietušajos reģionos. Katra pārdota rokassprādze palīdz iestādīt 3 kokus. Roku darbs no Eiropas – rokassprādzes izgatavo cilvēki ar īpašam vajadzībām, kuri tiek nodrošināti ar darbu. Dāvanu iepakojums ar koku stādīšanas sertifikātu. Regulējams izmērs.

rice **€19.90 20**% E16 City Price €19.90 SAVE 20%

Season special

Taste of Latvia

Cesis Duo honey selections, 2 x 75g

Honey selections formed on the basis of forest blossoms, buckwheat - sweet clover, creamy and heather-blossom honey varieties.

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

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

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

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

Riga Black Balsam Collection

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

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

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

Rīgas Melnais Balzams Oriģinālais, 4cl, 45% pārsteidzošs, elpu aizraujošs piedzīvojums ar unikālu

Rīgas Melnais Balzams Upeņu, 4cl, 30% - saldskāba garšu harmonija ar nobriedušu ogu aromātu. Rīgas Melnais Balzams Ķiršu, 4cl, 30% - līdzsvars starp saldumu un rūgtumu ar spēcīgu ķiršu aromātu.



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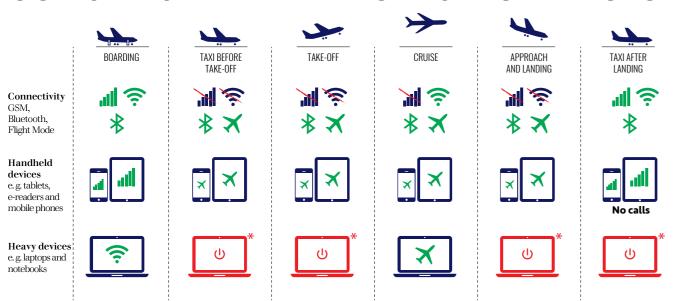


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USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES



 $^{{}^{}ullet}$ Shall be stowed in overhead bin or under the front seat inside an appropriate bag.

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

HOUSE RULES











- We accept payment for purchases only by cards with an embedded chip. We are unable to process payments made by cards with a magnetic stripe.
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- Passengers with food allergies must assume responsibility for this risk. We will not assume any liability for allergic reactions to the foods consumed or contacted on board.
- If you have specific food requirements, you can choose and preorder food for your flight at www.airbalticmeal.com

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- Norēķiniem ar maksājumu kartēm pieņemam tikai kartes ar čipu. Darījumi ar magnētisko joslu kartēm netiek nodrošināti.
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- Alkoholiskos dzērienus aizliegts pārdot personām, kuras ir jaunākas par 18 gadiem.
- Nemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.

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

Your health and well-being are our top priority

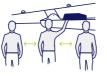
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high efficiency particulate air filters (HEPA), eliminating all viruses and bacteria





hand baggage and disembarking

paper bag you'll find in the seat pocket in front of you

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

For any suggestions on our product selection, please write to / Ja jums ir ieteikumi vai komentāri par piedāvāto preču klāstu, lūdzam tos sūtīt uz e-pastu info@airo.lv



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Flight cancellation and name change options

For your peace of mind, add the option to cancel your reservation and get a full refund in the form of an *airBaltic* gift card in case your travel plans change. This service costs EUR 19.99 per passenger per direction.

Or add the option to change the passenger name on your ticket for a fee from EUR 9.99 per flight segment.

The Cancellation option is available only for *GREEN* and *GREEN plus* tickets, whereas the Name change option is available for *GREEN*, *GREEN plus* and *GREEN Classic* tickets.



Heavy cabin baggage

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

However, sometimes you may need to carry more but want to avoid waiting for a checked suitcase at the baggage belt. Now you can add an extra four kilograms to your cabin baggage from EUR 11.99 and take a total of 12 kilograms on board.

Please note: If you purchase extra cabin baggage weight, your cabin baggage must still remain within the above-mentioned dimensions. Exceeding the allowed cabin baggage weight or size limits will cost EUR 75 at the airport.



Checked baggage

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



Pre-order a meal

Order a meal before your flight and be among the first served on board. Choose our great value meal sets, which include a main course, dessert, and a drink starting from EUR 12.99. All meals are freshly prepared and packed separately under strict hygiene standards. Special vegetarian and kids' meals are also available.



Reserve a seat

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

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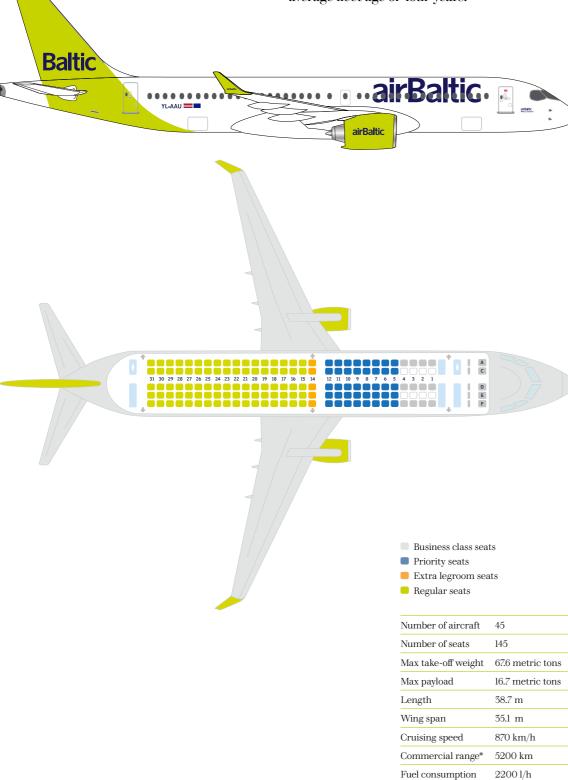
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