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MARTIN GAUSS
Chief Executive Officer, *airBaltic*

Dear guests of *airBaltic*,
We have experienced another vibrant year filled with significant achievements. Thus, as 2025 approaches, I am pleased to share some recent highlights that promise an exciting future for *airBaltic*.

This year, *airBaltic* earned several prestigious industry awards. Notable among them are the *Skytrax* award for best regional airline, the *ch-aviation* award for operating one of Europe's youngest fleets, and the highly esteemed APEX 2025 Four Star Major Airline Award placing *airBaltic* among the top 8% of airlines worldwide and demonstrating our consistent focus on delivering an exceptional travel experience. Together, these honours reflect the drive, passion, and commitment of our team in setting new benchmarks of excellence in aviation.

Meanwhile, we continue to expand our capacity with a focus on our fleet. We are delighted to have recently welcomed our 49th *Airbus A220-300*, marking the third delivery of this state-of-the-art aircraft in 2024. These additions allow even more passengers to enjoy flying on one of the most efficient and comfortable aircraft in the world. To date, *airBaltic* has proudly carried over 17 million passengers on *A220s*.

Financially, 2024 has been a confident year for *airBaltic*. Our Q3 and nine-month results exceeded expectations, significantly surpassing 2023. In Q3 alone, we reported a net profit of EUR 40.3 million and record revenue of EUR 236 million, an 8% increase year-over-year. For the first nine months, revenue grew by 13% to EUR 575.3 million, with an adjusted EBITDAR of EUR 158.1 million, showcasing operational efficiency and resilience. Driven by strong passenger demand and a successful summer season, these milestones highlight *airBaltic's* upward trajectory, and we look forward to aiming even higher.

Additionally, with 140 routes – including 22 new additions – by the end of the year, and partnerships with 24 codeshare carriers, *airBaltic* has considerably enhanced connectivity for our passengers compared to last year. *airBaltic* continues to solidify its position as the premier connectivity provider in the Baltics.

In conclusion, it is always worth emphasising that the greatest asset and investment of any company is its people. Therefore, I am very grateful to our team of 2700-and-still-growing professionals, whose dedication drives *airBaltic* forward every day. They embody the company's values and share our story and passion for aviation every day, and that makes us proud.

On behalf of the entire *airBaltic* team, I extend our heartfelt thanks for choosing us as your airline. We remain committed to enhancing your travel experience, ensuring seamless connectivity, and creating memorable journeys. Next year marks *airBaltic's* 30th anniversary – a milestone that celebrates three decades in the skies. As we prepare for this special occasion and work towards our potential IPO, we are focused on delivering excellence and strengthening our position as the leading airline in the Baltics.

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

Yours,
Martin Gauss
President and CEO



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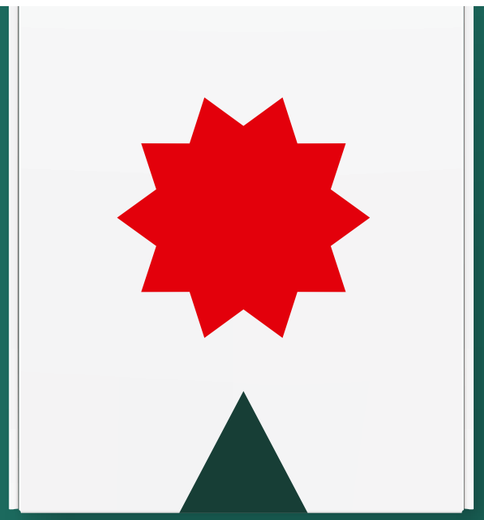
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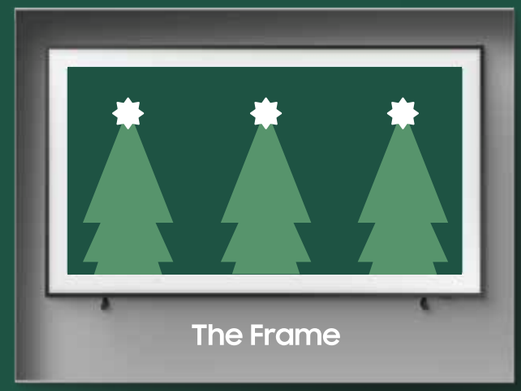
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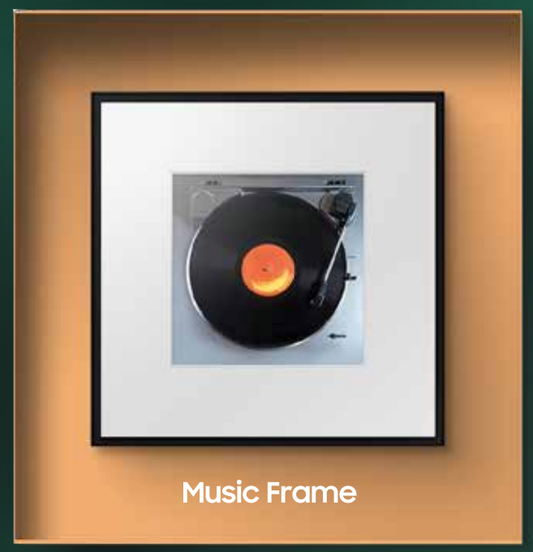








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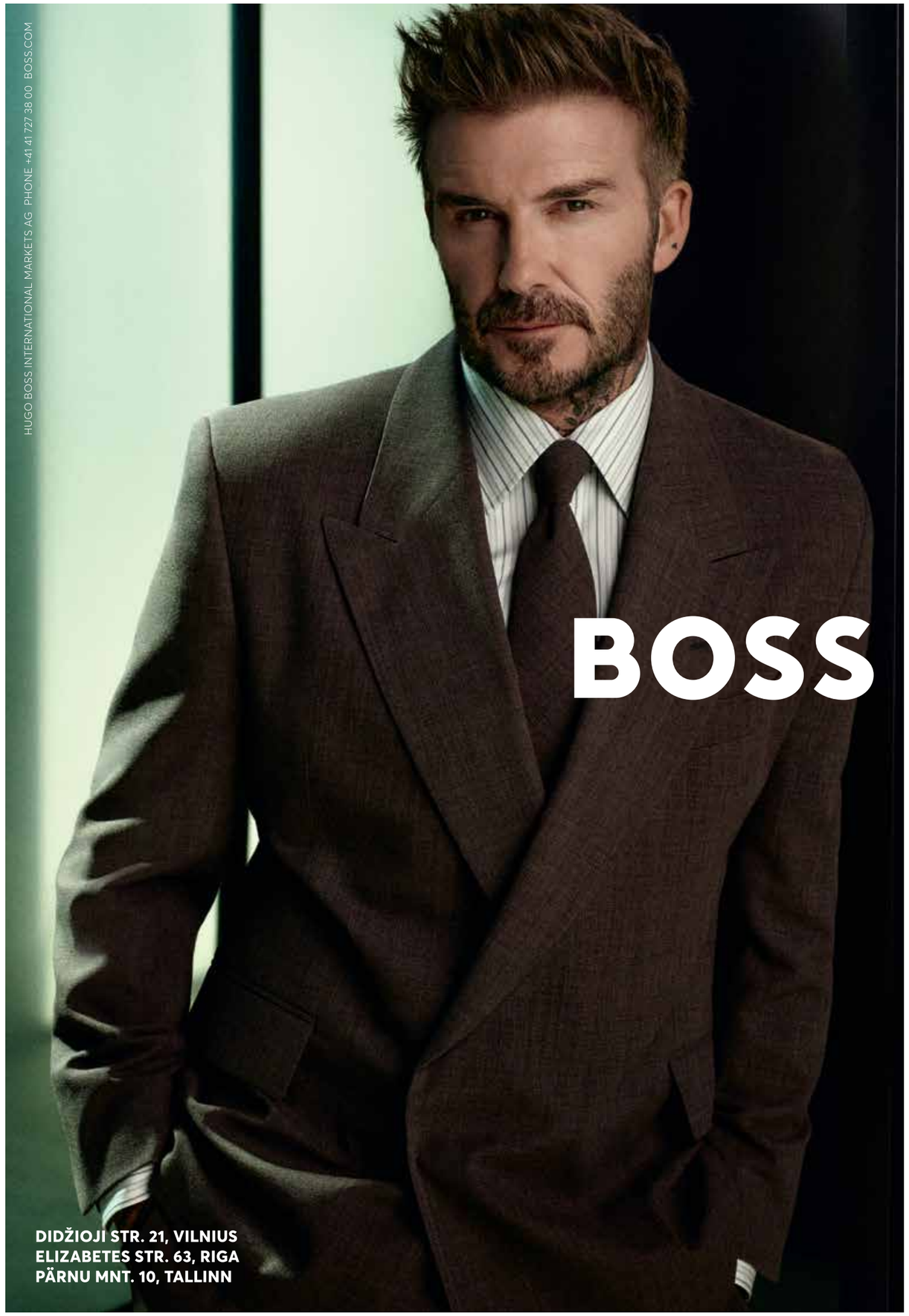
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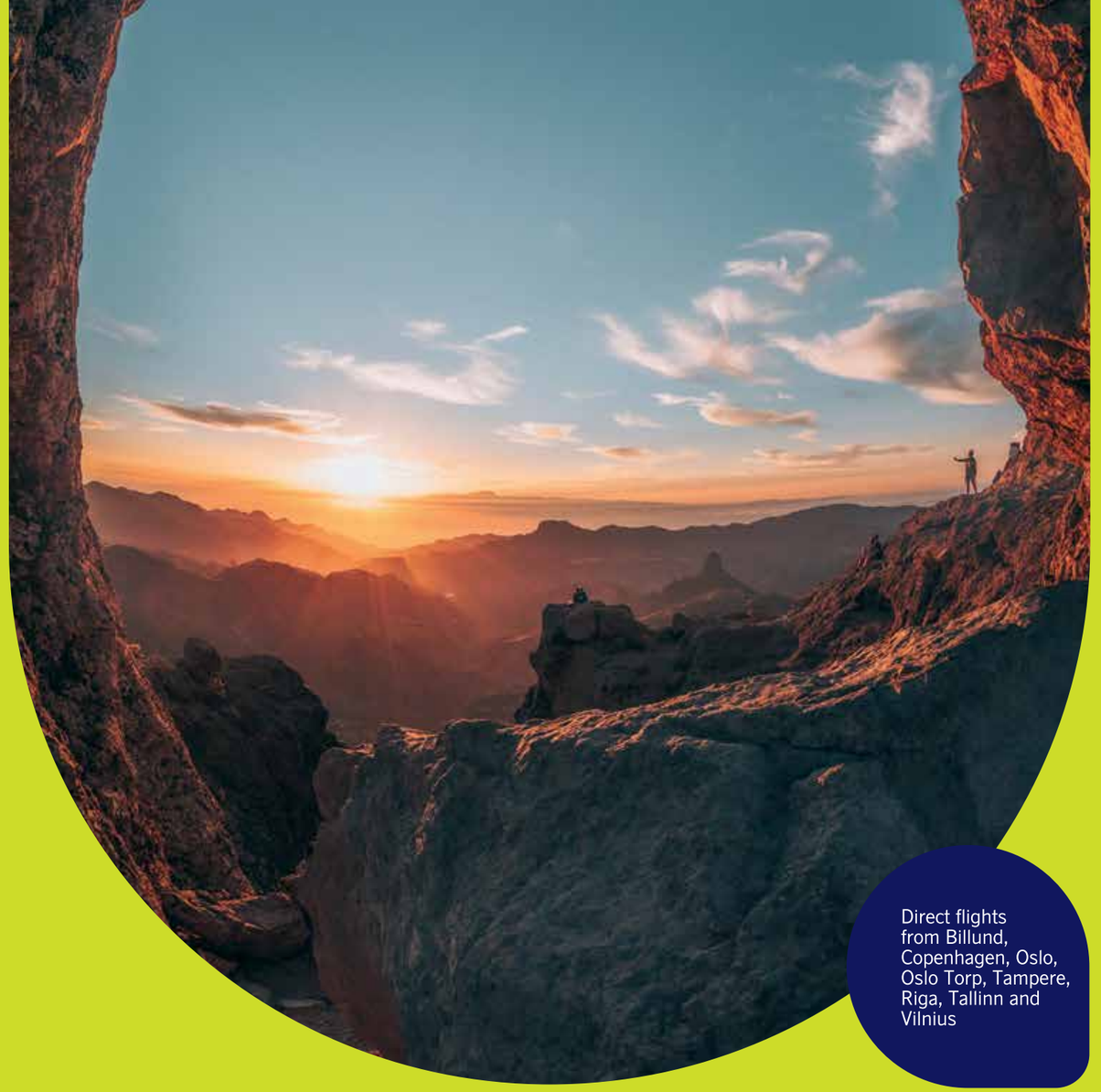
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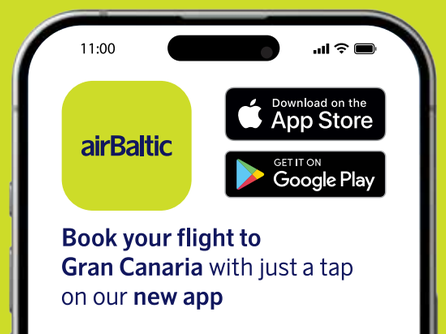
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The ultimate **December checklist**

FESTIVE SEASON

Renowned as one of Europe's most enchanting winter destinations, Riga comes alive with holiday magic that lasts the entire month of December. The Latvian capital is transformed as parks glow with twinkling lights, bustling holiday markets fill the squares, and the legendary *Nutcracker* ballet graces the stage at the opera house – a beloved tradition that draws audiences year after year.

For a true fairytale experience, don't miss the Riga Christmas Market in the Old Town, which is open throughout the month of December in Cathedral Square (Doma laukums). Here, Latvia's most famous Christmas tree stands tall, surrounded by stalls brimming with handcrafted gifts, seasonal treats, and warming Latvian delicacies. On Fridays, the market's DJ sets add a lively beat, while weekends feature festive concerts, creating an atmosphere that captures the joy of the holiday season.



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FASHION

Baltic elegance

Latvian designer Iveta Vecmane, a favourite of some of Latvia's most elegant women and a respected name among Baltic fashion editors, recently unveiled her latest collection, *Melancholia X*. Created in collaboration with her daughter Hanna, this new line showcases Vecmane's signature feminine silhouettes, but with a robust twist, featuring bolder shapes enriched with intricate handmade elements. If you're drawn to timeless elegance, especially for festive occasions, Vecmane's designs are well worth exploring.

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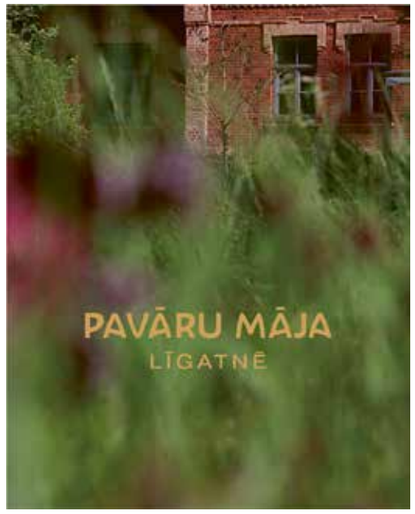


GIFTS

Explore creativity

If you're looking for unique gifts, don't miss the annual Jaunmarka exhibition and market put on by the students of the Art Academy of Latvia. From December 14 to January 5, this showcase features over 200 works by emerging artists. Expect a dynamic mix of bold colours, minimalist elegance, and timeless charm mixed with provocative and inventive design. This event provides one of the first public introductions for these young artists, giving visitors the opportunity to support fresh talent while exploring the beautiful, historic rooms of the Art Academy of Latvia.

lma.lv



READING

Savour the stories

Pavāru Māja in the picturesque town of Līgatne in the Cēsis region is one of Latvia's premier dining destinations. As the first restaurant in the country to be awarded a *Michelin* Green Star, it celebrates culinary excellence as well as a strong commitment to sustainability. The restaurant has recently unveiled a beautifully crafted book that explores the unique stories behind its origins, from the rich history of the building and the development of its exquisite garden to its inspiring dishes. Through an evocative narrative and stunning photography, the book also highlights the dedicated people who help bring this vibrant dining experience to life every day.

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EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

December 6–28

Each year, the European Christmas Festival invites guests to celebrate the magical season with a series of concerts. The programme includes timeless pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and other classical favourites as well as elegant Baroque arias and jazzy tunes. In addition to world-renowned Latvian choirs and orchestras, this year's festival features local talents such as violinist Daniils Bulajevs, pianist Agnese Egliņa, and many more. Whether you're a lover of classical music or a fan of festive melodies, this event promises to be a magical musical experience.

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Gunārs Binde. *Fire-Eater*. 1976.

Did you know?
The Quiet Centre, or Art Nouveau district, in Riga is dotted with elegant wine bars, cosy cocktail lounges, and upscale restaurants that draw locals and visitors alike.
liveriga.com

GUNĀRS BINDE **EXHIBITION**

Until January 19

To celebrate the 90th birthday of renowned Latvian photographer Gunārs Binde (b. 1933), the Latvian National Museum of Art is holding a solo exhibition of his work. Known for his black-and-white photography, especially in the nude genre, Binde's work has received international acclaim and won numerous awards. The exhibition features experimental compositions and showcases unique techniques, with an emphasis on the wonders of analogue photography. Enhanced by thoughtful scenography and original music, it offers a captivating experience for photography lovers.

lnmm.lv



ĀGENSKALNS **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Until December 29

If you're looking for a place to experience true Christmas magic, head to Āgenskalns Market. This recently renovated space enchants visitors with its historical charm all year round, but during the Christmas season it transforms into something even more special. Locals gather here to enjoy mulled wine, search for the perfect Christmas tree, and buy beautifully crafted local gifts. On weekends, live jazz music fills the air and creates fond memories for all.

agenskalnatirgus.lv



VEF RIGA VS MACCABI IRONI RAMAT GAN

December 17

Looking for some top-flight basketball action? Latvia's top team, VEF Riga, continues to play in the FIBA Champions League and is taking on Maccabi Ironi Ramat Gan, the powerhouse of Israeli basketball, at Arena Riga. Get ready for an energetic game and an electric atmosphere – basketball is one of Latvia's favourite sports, and this match promises to be exciting from start to finish. Don't miss the chance to experience the thrill of live basketball at its best!

vefriga.com

Quote of the month

Have yourself a merry little Christmas!

Let the lyrics of this iconic song inspire you to seek out more beauty this season. Whether it's a stroll through parks filled with twinkling lights, a warm drink at a Christmas market, or a special performance at the opera, these moments can provide the festive spirit you crave. Embrace the season and let the magic of December surround you.

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CHRISTMAS **JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Until December 15

Christmas Jazz, also known as Jõulujazz, is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit. Taking place the first two weeks of December, this intimate and soulful festival features a diverse line-up of concerts showcasing world-renowned artists in intimate settings. This year's highlights include Los Angeles-based musician Lady Blackbird and Estonian jazz icon Siim Aimla, whose performances promise an unforgettable blend of warmth and holiday magic.

jazzkaar.ee

Did you know?

Tiger Valley, which opened in the summer of 2024, is the newest area of the Tallinn Zoo. The Amur tigers have taken up residence there, and they're joined by several other species of animals from the Far East.

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GINGERBREAD MANIA EXHIBITION

December 3 – January 5

Every year, the Design and Architecture Gallery hosts an exhibition with one delicious rule: everything must be made from gingerbread. Local artists, designers, and architects transform hundreds of kilos of dough into stunning gingerbread creations, bringing this year's fairytale theme to life. Expect to see whimsical characters, from classic storybook characters to maybe even a gingerbread ice queen. Get into the festive spirit by taking part in one of the popular gingerbread workshops and create your own sweet masterpiece.

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SHEPARD FAIREY **EXHIBITION**

Until March 9

Shepard Fairey (b. 1970) is a renowned street artist celebrated for his provocative work, including over 135 murals worldwide. He rose to prominence during the 2008 US presidential campaign with his iconic portrait of Barack Obama and the explosive success of the *Obey* clothing brand. His art is now on display at Fotografiska Tallinn. The exhibition showcases a diverse range of techniques and highlights pop culture icons such as David Bowie, Andy Warhol, and David Lynch, all of whom have influenced and inspired Fairey's creative vision.

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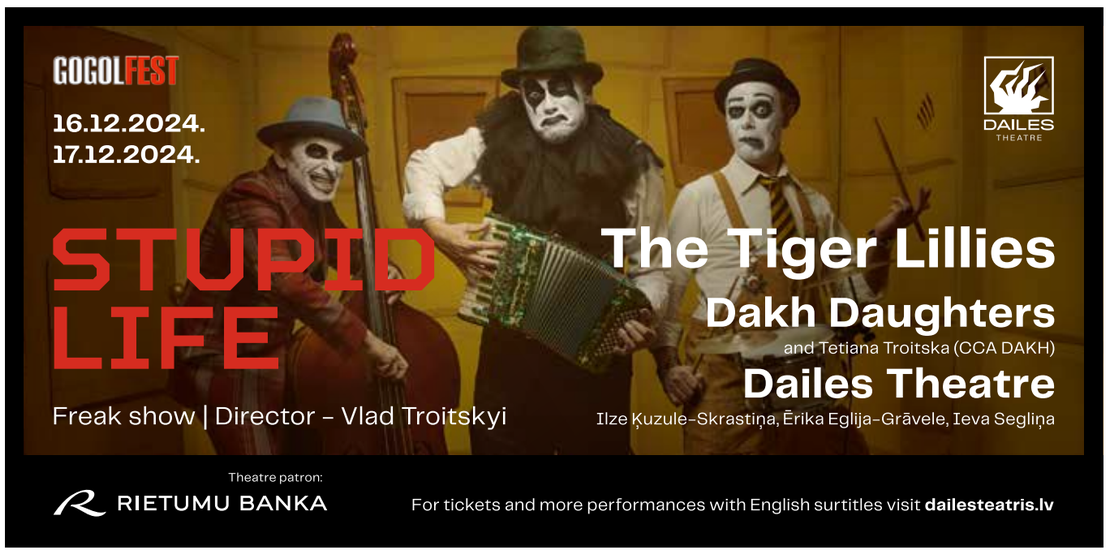
TALLINN **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Until December 27

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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VILNIUS **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

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kaledossostineje.lt

Did you know?

This year, the Vilnius ice skating rink is in a new spot at Town Hall Square and is open until January 26. With a unique design, the rink offers over 400 square metres of open-air skating space in the heart of the Old Town.

govilnius.lt

YOUNG PAINTER **PRIZE EXHIBITION**

Until January 25

Since 2009, the Young Painter Prize has been one of the most influential art events in the Baltic region, spotlighting emerging talent from Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. In recent years, it has also welcomed Ukrainian artists living in the Baltics, adding new perspectives to the exhibition. Held this year at the Vilnius Picture Gallery, the annual showcase brings together young artists expressing their national identities, art school influences, and unique creative visions. From works inspired by real-life experiences to creations born of elaborate fantasy, the show offers an exciting insight into the latest trends in contemporary Baltic art.

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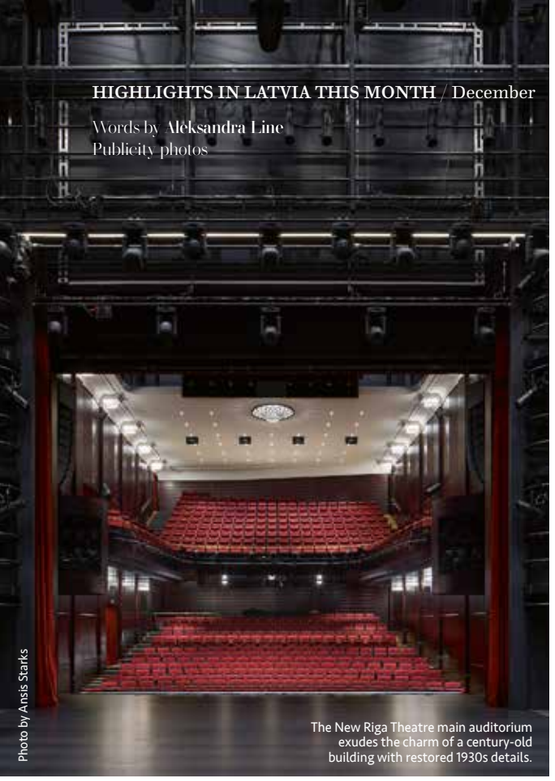


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The New Riga Theatre main auditorium exudes the charm of a century-old building with restored 1930s details.



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Art Deco influences appear in works by prominent Latvian modernist Aleksandra Beļcova (1892–1981).



Ludolfs Liberts' 1926 set design sketch for Giuseppe Verdi's opera *Aida*.

Riga's hidden glamour

Art Deco in Riga shines this year, with the renovation of the New Riga Theatre winning the Grand Prix at the Latvian Architecture Awards in a celebration of the fresh take on its stunning historic interiors.

Riga is famous for its splendid Art Nouveau architecture, but just before the First World War reshaped the region, Art Nouveau began to give way to the sleek sophistication of Art Deco, a style influenced by the rise of the Industrial Age. While both styles featured natural motifs such as animals and flowers, Art Deco reinterpreted those forms with a modern, streamlined touch. Gone were the flowing, intricate details of Art Nouveau, replaced by symmetrical, geometric shapes that celebrated factory-made objects and glorified industrial machinery.

In the 1920s and 30s, as the glamour and elegance of Art Deco captivated designers around the world, Latvia's national pride also flourished in Art Deco-inspired furniture, textiles, porcelain, architecture, and fashion. These influences are on vivid display in the newly renovated and reconstructed New Riga Theatre, winner of the Grand Prix at the 2024 Latvian Architecture Awards. The 500-seat main auditorium combines the charm of a century-old building with restored 1930s details such as the central chandelier, square light fixtures, and rich, dark reddish-brown pine panelling.

But the Latvian capital offers more than just this glimpse of Art Deco heritage. Riga Castle delights with Art Deco interiors in its presidential chambers, and the Central Market is housed in distinctive pavilions that artfully blend the Art Deco and Neoclassical styles. You can also catch a performance at the Daile Music Hall, an iconic former Art Deco-style cinema transformed into a vibrant cultural venue.

If that's not enough, a captivating new exhibition at the Latvian National Museum of Art offers a rare glimpse into the Art Deco era, celebrating Ludolfs Liberts (1895–1959), one of Latvia's most iconic artists of the style. A bold painter, set designer, and director of both the Latvian National Opera and the National Theatre, Liberts made an indelible mark on Latvian culture, inspiring peers and captivating audiences worldwide – a legacy that now endures in private collections around the globe.

Liberts' designs captured the sleek allure of Art Deco, fusing elegance with bold geometries. His stage and costume creations – many influenced by global cultures, especially the opulence of Egypt – brought the era's fascination with dramatic shapes, skyscrapers, fountains, and zigzags to life. Liberts' impact was so influential that the Latvian National Opera's productions from the 1920s and 30s are often referred to as 'the Liberts era'. Between 1924 and 1937, he crafted 43 breathtaking sets and directed 12 productions, each a showcase of the Art Deco style. The exhibition *Ludolfs Liberts: The Hypnotic Brilliance of Art Deco*, on view until March 16, pays homage to Liberts and celebrates Latvia's distinct place in Art Deco history. It's a must-see for fans of vintage glamour, artistic heritage, and the enchantment of the stage.

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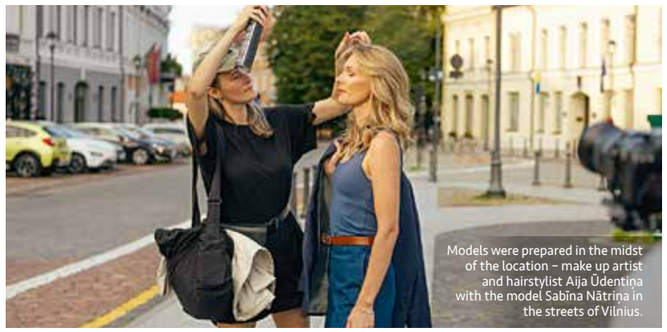
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A sneak peek into *airBaltic's* signature calendar

***airBaltic's* calendar featuring women working in the aviation industry has already become a staple holiday present and a statement piece on many office desks. The 2025 edition is even more special, honouring not only the women at *airBaltic* but also the beauty of Baltic cities and towns.**

Words by **Marta Metuzāle**
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Every year the *airBaltic* calendar features 12 stunning photos celebrating women in the aviation industry. Now in 2025 it's also focusing on the company's Baltic roots and cherishing the Baltic towns and cities. In 2024, the Baltics celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Baltic Way, when people from all three Baltic states created a human chain from Tallinn to Vilnius in a sign of peaceful protest against the Soviet regime. To celebrate Baltic unity, this summer *airBaltic* organised a poll encouraging everyone to vote for their favourite Baltic town or city. As a result, 48 *airBaltic* planes will be named after the winning towns and cities for the upcoming year. Some of those towns and cities also served as beautiful settings for *airBaltic's* models, who are all employees of the company and represent various departments, ranging from cabin crew and pilots to technical support and office employees.

In late summer and early autumn, *airBaltic's* creative team travelled throughout the Baltics along with photographer Aiga Rēdmane and the models to find the most beautiful photo locations. It was no easy task, because the locations had to capture the character and beauty of each place, at the same time highlighting the beautiful women. Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, Viljandi, Druskininkai, Klaipėda, Rēzekne, and Ventspils are just a few of the places featured in the photos, inspiring viewers to explore the Baltics every month of the year.

'This was a wonderful adventure, during which we not only made deeper connections with our lovely, powerful, and talented colleagues but also saw our home – the Baltics – from a whole different perspective,' says *airBaltic* brand manager Agrita Bikaviņa, emphasising her joy regarding the final result. Vibrant capitals, charming towns, cobblestone streets, church bell towers, and breathtaking nature with white sand beaches and lakes – the Baltics have it all, and the photos do it justice.

According to Rēdmane, the initial preparations and playing with the light were the toughest parts of the job. There are fewer people and cars on the streets early in the morning, but that means doing make-up and dressing before sunrise. 'That entailed complicated schedule planning, so I'm very thankful to the models, who were willing to do almost anything to get the perfect shot,' she adds. In addition, some of the photoshoots in Riga and Klaipėda were difficult due to ongoing construction work, so last-minute angle and time changes had to be made to ensure a beautiful background. But at least the weather in the often unpredictable months of August and September was pleasant, and the photographs show the charming locations from the best perspectives, encouraging travel within the Baltic region. Although for many of us these places seem so close to home, they're still full of undiscovered corners and things worth visiting by locals and visitors alike.

The calendars – in both wall and desk format – are available for purchase in the *airBaltic* webshop (souvenirs.airbaltic.com) starting from mid-December. *airBaltic* Club members will receive their calendar via mail to ensure an inspiring 2025 full of travel, new experiences, and never-ending pride in being Baltic!

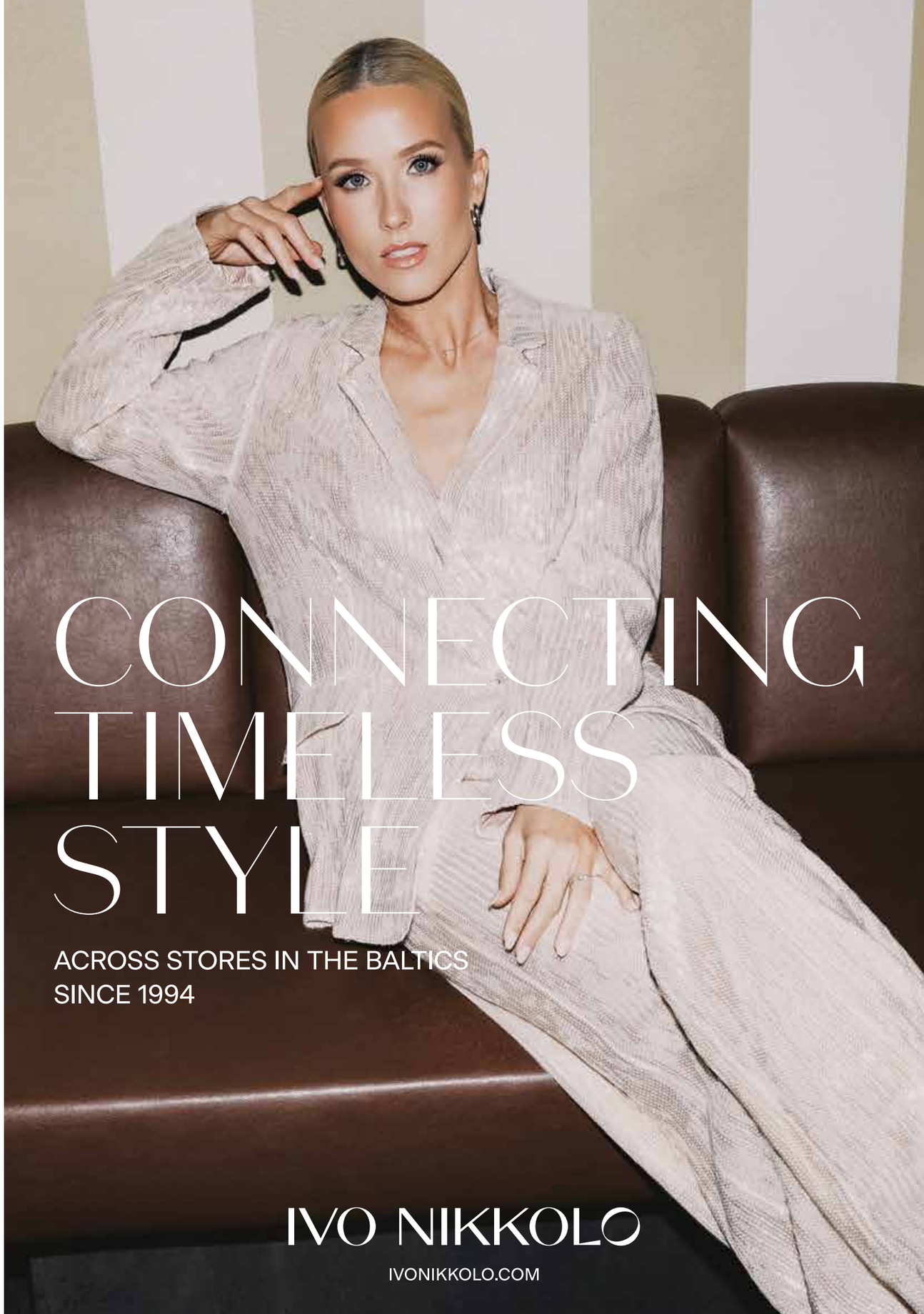




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Publicity photos

Pathé Palace, Renzo Piano Building Workshop (2017-2024)

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France, the birthplace of cinema, is home to some of the most spectacular movie theatres in the world. One of them first opened its doors in 1927 just a stone's throw away from the Opéra Garnier. Formerly known as the *Gaumont Opéra* and nicknamed the Ritz of Cinemas, it has now re-opened as **Pathé Palace** and offers one of the most luxurious cinematic escapes in Paris (2 Boulevard des Capucines; pathe.fr). The historic building was reimagined by the acclaimed architect Renzo Piano, with the façade and dome restored and the interior meticulously upgraded. Inaugurated this autumn after five years of work, *Pathé Palace* offers seven high-end film halls with a total of 854 extra-comfortable seats. The bar, which is also accessible without a movie ticket, lures visitors with romantic views of the Boulevard des Capucines.

Celebrating the artistry of hat-making, **Stephen Jones, Chapeaux d'Artistes!** pays tribute to one of the most remarkable hat designers of our times (until March 16; 10 Avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie; palaisgalliera.paris.fr). Hats are often seen as complementary garments at runway shows, yet in the case of this British designer, they stand as independent works of art. The retrospective brings together nearly 400 works from Jones' portfolio, from his first collections in the 1980s to the most recent ones. His inspirations, from Paris and French culture in particular, have been reflected via his collaborations with leading global designers such as Jean Paul Gaultier and Thierry Mugler. A special three-decade-long friendship with the house of Christian Dior resulted in one-of-a-kind silhouettes at the brand's iconic haute couture shows. Now visitors can enter the Stephen Jones universe with the help of artificial intelligence, by trying on virtual hats in a special photo booth at the exhibition.

Ever since the 19th century, Paris has been known as La Ville Lumière, or the City of Light, because it was among the first capitals in Europe to use gas street lighting. During the festive season, it's still one of the most spectacularly illuminated cities in the world. From December 14 until January 8, the Tuileries Garden is holding the annual **La Magie de Noël – Tuileries Christmas Market** (Place de la Concorde; grandpalais.fr). The air is spiced with the aromas of hot mulled wine, melted raclette cheese, roasted chestnuts, and crêpes as well as the finest French delicacies from all over the country. A massive illuminated Ferris wheel offers panoramic views across Paris and the sparkling Eiffel Tower, nearly 100 chalet-style stands sell artisan gifts, and the ice rink welcomes kids and adults alike. For more icy fun, the restored Grand Palais offers a giant 3000-square-metre ice rink that features light projections at night and is open until 2 a.m.



Stephen Jones, chapeaux d'artiste at Palais Galliera, Chapeau Little Fishes, P/E 2011

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Tuileries at Christmas

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In 2025, Amsterdam will mark its 750th birthday, but the big celebration has already begun. The 13th edition of the **Amsterdam Light Festival**, titled 'Rituals', marks the occasion with 27 works of light art by artists from all around the world (until January 19; amsterdamlightfestival.com). The festival's organisers hearken back to 1929 and Edison Light Week, the first Dutch 'light event', when buildings were decorated in dozens of light bulbs. The current light experience in Amsterdam is bigger and brighter, with two light sculptures located in the courtyard of the Diaconate, the centre of the festival, and lectures and music performances every Friday. The light works can be admired from both the water and the land, on a nearly 6.5-kilometre walking route. Get the festival app for information about the artists, food stands, a map, and fun facts. The art lights are switched on every day at 5 p.m. until 10 or 11 p.m.

The 14-room **De Durgerdam Hotel** is a cosy yet luxurious boutique escape (Durgerdammerdijk 73; dedurgerdam.com; from EUR 345). Located in the coastal village of Durgerdam, it's just a quick taxi or 20-minute e-bike ride from the city centre. Built in 1664, the freshly restored hotel used to be an inn for sailors. Now it offers an off-the-beaten-track experience for those seeking authentic locations and festive intimacy. The local *Buro Belén* design team stands behind the interiors inspired by the history and maritime setting of Durgerdam. In a nod to the Golden Age of Dutch painting, they've featured rich, earthy colours, a mix of vintage and custom-made furniture, and an abundance of books, ceramics, and artwork in the hotel. The rooms, which have beautiful views of nature, are dressed in a palette of burnt orange, green, golden yellow, and rust and have soft velvet accents as well as wave-inspired headboards made of local tulipwood. The *De Mark* restaurant serves seasonal food prepared by *Michelin*-starred chefs.

Amsterdam Winter Paradise in the RAI district is one of the biggest winter events in the Netherlands (December 18 – January 4; Europaplein 24; hetamsterdamsewinterparadijs.nl). Its seventh edition offers no less than 4400 square metres of winter-themed entertainment. Held on the grounds of the RAI international exhibition and conference centre, it offers a wide range of attractions for children and adults, all framed with beautiful decorations and scenography that resembles a Christmas movie set. There are indoor and outdoor ice skating rinks and various rides, including merry-go-rounds and boomerang slides. When evening falls, live music performances by Dutch artists and DJs shift the casual scene into a dazzling and glamorous one. The après-ski village concept brings together dozens of stalls serving delicious snacks, drinks, and Christmas shopping essentials.

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Dive into the carnivalesque and melancholic yet always charming and artful **World of Tim Burton**. This exhibition at the Design Museum unlocks the creative spirit of the famous American director over his four-decade-long film career (until April 21; designmuseum.org). A recognised master of the comically grotesque, Burton stands as the main creative force behind the visual aesthetics of award-winning films and animations, including *Batman* (1989), *Corpse Bride* (2005), and *Alice in Wonderland* (2010). Reflecting on the interplay between horror and humour in his work, the archival materials in the exhibition present Burton's creative oeuvre from childhood to the present day through a rich collection of drawings, paintings, photographs, sketchbooks, moving-image works, sculptural installations, and set and costume designs, with around 500 'Burtonesque' items in total. Booking tickets in advance is recommended.

After conquering the hearts of art lovers in Amsterdam and Barcelona, **Moco Museum** celebrates the opening of its newest venue in London (1-4 Marble Arch; london.mocomuseum.com). Located at the tip of Oxford Street right across from the Marble Arch, the light-filled spaces of this Art Deco building delight visitors with three floors full of the grand names of contemporary art. Warhol, Wesselmann, Haring, Basquiat, Koons, Emin, and Hirst are on permanent display alongside other large-scale sculptures, immersive installations, pop art, and street art pieces. The temporary solo exhibition *Marina Abramović: Healing Frequency* presents a dozen works from the cult performance artist's spiritual series *Transitory Objects for Human Use*, such as chairs and beds adorned with large crystals. Unlike in most museums, these pieces of furniture are actually made for sitting. One of the signature works is composed of two chairs that invite visitors to sit in front of each other and share a moment of energy.

The **London Christmas Lights Afternoon Tea Bus Tour** offers a festive ride to remember (b-bakery.com). Hop onto the iconic double decker bus that will take you on a tour along the most beautifully decorated streets and landmarks in London. Oxford, Carnaby, Bond, and Regent streets, as well as the Covent Garden area and Trafalgar Square, are traditionally amongst the most sparkling locations for Christmas ambience. The tours carry celebrators in comfort and cheer, treating guests with an exclusive Christmas-themed afternoon tea menu. The Grinchmas Afternoon Tea Tour is another option for fans of the grumpy Grinch character, with a tailored menu that includes green spinach quiche and 'I hate Xmas' cupcakes. For the youngest Christmas fans, the Paddington Christmas Afternoon Tea Tour serves delicious marmalade sandwiches and has built-in screens showing a Paddington-guided animation of the tour.

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From love to legacy

The story behind Innsbruck's Golden Roof.

Come winter, Innsbruck transforms into a wonderland, enchanting visitors with its breathtaking Alpine scenery and rich architectural heritage. Set against a stunning backdrop of snow-capped peaks, the Austrian city's most iconic landmark, the Golden Roof, truly shines.

This late-Gothic oriel complete with an ornate loggia is not only a beloved symbol of Innsbruck; it's also a captivating masterpiece that attracts countless admirers and photographers. Located on central Herzog-Friedrich-Straße, it's the ultimate eye-catcher and a jewel of medieval art and craftsmanship.

Despite the 'golden' in its name, the 2657 tiles that cover the legendary roof are actually made of fire-gilded copper. The structure was built by Nikolaus Turing the Elder for Emperor Maximilian I to celebrate his marriage to Bianca Maria Sforza in 1500. It was not only a striking medieval loggia but also a monument to love. The imperial couple watched public events from the balcony and interacted with the crowds from above.

Curiosities and mysteries surround the Golden Roof, or Goldenes Dachl in German. The reliefs on its balustrade have long been a source of scholarly interest and speculation. The eight carved sandstone reliefs depict scenes from court life and are inscribed with an enigmatic script. While Sforza is depicted next to Maximilian I, the emperor also ordered a relief of his first wife, Mary of Burgundy. Because weddings in those days were a way of forming strategic alliances, including both love interests was a clever move to keep all allies happy.

Immerse yourself in the history of the Golden Roof in the building's interactive museum. You'll learn about the life of the emperor, discover how researchers cracked the cryptic code of the script on the reliefs, and see the original reliefs and tiles (copies were placed on the Golden Roof to better preserve the centuries-old elements).

Christmas is an ideal time to be in Innsbruck, as the Golden Roof becomes the centrepiece of Innsbruck's Christmas celebrations. The city hosts seven Christmas markets with traditional food stalls, Christmas concerts, and spectacular illuminations... and all with the magnificent backdrop of the high Alps to take your breath away.

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Fondazione Prada

A striking symbol of contemporary design, the Fondazione Prada is a multidisciplinary cultural centre designed by *OMA* and Rem Koolhaas. Here, bold architecture meets avantgarde installations, with spaces for permanent art, site-specific works, and also *Bar Luce*, a unique bar designed by Wes Anderson that adds retro charm. Fondazione Prada combines Milanese flair with art, offering a journey through dynamic spaces that immerse visitors in the city's contemporary art scene.
Largo Isarco, 2; fondazioneprada.org

Casa Museo Boschi Di Stefano

A haven for architecture lovers, the Porta Venezia district is a must-see. Here, the Casa Museo Boschi Di Stefano, which is an Art Deco-style apartment turned into a museum, houses a unique collection of 20th-century Italian art privately amassed by Antonio Boschi and Marieda Di Stefano. This free experience offers an intimate dive into modern Italian art, blending culture, style, and history in a truly Milanese setting.
Via Giorgio Jan, 15;
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Corso Como, 10; 10corsocomo.com

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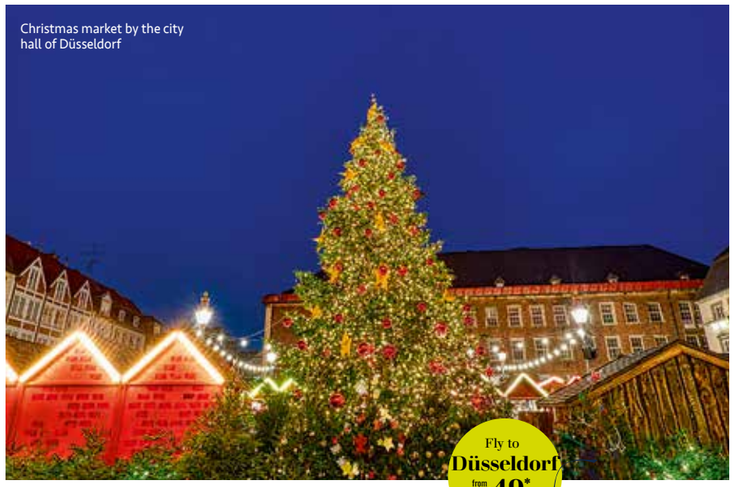
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Düsseldorf is one of the most energetic international business and leisure hubs in Germany. The city captivates with its historical heritage and a cultural scene that's vivid all year round, whether it's art and music or exciting nightlife. This is also a city for exclusive shopping.

At the turn of the 17th and 18th centuries, Anna Maria Luisa de Medici from the famous family of Italian nobles lived in Düsseldorf with her spouse, Johann Wilhelm II, and her artistic patronage turned the city into a regional cultural centre. The art scene here has flourished since the foundation of the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf art academy over 250 years ago. Nearby, the restored Kunstpalast museum showcases a rich collection of art that spans eleven centuries, while the K20 and K21 venues offer must-see exhibitions of modern art.

The music scene in Düsseldorf provides some atmospheric time travel. The Tonhalle is a particularly unique venue. The impressive red-brick rotunda was built in 1926 as a planetarium – the world's biggest at the time. Since the 1970s, when it was converted into a modern concert hall, it has regularly hosted outstanding concerts of symphonic music by world-class performers. In December, Christmas concerts in various churches throughout the city, such as the St. Lambertus Basilica, the Baroque-style St. Andreas Church, and the Johanneskirche, feature German chorales, choral singing, and organ music.

In winter, Düsseldorf's culinary scene exudes the comforting aromas of Christmas foods. While strolling through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, one can see the pork knuckles (Schweinshaxe) slowly roasting in the windows of historic eateries and breweries, where they pair perfectly with *Altbier*, a typical beer from the Düsseldorf area.



Christmas market by the city hall of Düsseldorf

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Christmas markets

In December, Düsseldorf's city centre turns into one huge *Weihnachtsmarkt*, or Christmas market. The various market locations throughout the Old Town lie a pleasant walking distance from one another and invite visitors for a cosy gathering, crowned with a panoramic Ferris wheel on the banks of the Rhine River. Nearby, at the tip of the Rheinpromenade, *Glüh Dich Glücklich* presents an updated version of the Christmas market, with modern music, DJ parties, and many varieties of mulled wine. The Handwerker Market at Rathausplatz is the place for artisan gifts. The boulevard along the glamorous Königsallee is home to the Kö-Lichter Market, which is decked out in thousands of lights. The epicentre of the celebration, the skating rink on Corneliusplatz, invites all for a glide on the ice. It's surrounded by green chalet-style booths offering delicious specialties, while a few steps away the Kö-Bogen Market features colourful merry-go-rounds.
visitduesseldorf.de

Schloss Benrath

Located on the southern edge of Düsseldorf, the pink Baroque-style Schloss Benrath is a fairytale winter getaway. The palatial 18th-century ensemble is reflected in the crystal-clear surface of the adjoining pond, while the palace garden invites visitors for pleasant walks. Every year the square in front of the palace turns into a Christmas fairytale. Hundreds of lights illuminate the stalls featuring handcrafted gifts, wintertime delicacies, and warm drinks. A vintage railway is the favourite attraction for the youngest visitors, while a series of concerts warm up the hearts of music lovers against the backdrop of the palace's historical interiors.
Until December 22;
schloss-benrath.de

Confectionery Heinemann

Celebrate the winter holidays with some of the most delicious champagne truffles! *Konditorei Heinemann* has been the favourite local confectionery brand since 1932. It's famed for its smooth, round truffles, its variety of pralines, and its traditional layered chocolate-covered *Baumkuchen*, or 'tree cake'. Made with a touch of luxury and nostalgia, the festive window displays at the *Heinemann* shops are a genuine feast for the eyes. Several shop locations with cafés in the city centre are perfect for a sweet pit-stop when you're out shopping, while the shop at Martin-Luther-Platz 32 has some of the most beautiful Christmas window decorations.
konditorei-heinemann.de

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Point of view

Where to go in Kittilä, according to photographer Markus Rantala.

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Markus Rantala
instagram.com/makerantala
Number of followers: 12.2k
Markus Rantala's love for photography began when he received a camera for his birthday in 2013. Hooked from the start, he devoted himself to capturing Finland's beauty, developing a talent for atmospheric long-exposure and low-light shots. In 2016, he began sharing his work on *Instagram*, where a growing following and enthusiastic feedback inspired him to push his creative boundaries. For Rantala, nothing compares to exploring Finland's untamed landscapes in search of the perfect shot.



My secret spot
'One of my favourite hidden spots is Äkäsmylly, an old mill near the Ylläs area of Finland. I love this place because the river stays open and flowing all year round, creating beautiful reflections – even in winter, when everything else is covered in snow and ice. There's something truly magical about the contrast between the dark, moving water and the frosty surroundings. I've been to this place countless times in both summer and winter, and each visit feels special and different. I love listening to the sound of the rushing water, hearing the soft creak of the old mill, and inhaling the crisp, clean air filled with the aroma of pine and cold earth.'

Other locations to check out
• Perched on the slopes of Levi Fell, Santa's Cabin is a must-visit destination. Known for its cosy Finnish atmosphere and spectacular views, especially in winter, this spot is perfect for capturing the northern lights and enjoying breathtaking daytime landscapes.
• Ylläs Scenic Road offers sweeping views of layered fells and forests and is perfect for a peaceful drive. Visitors can even try to hand-feed the friendly Siberian jays, although opinions on this practice vary.

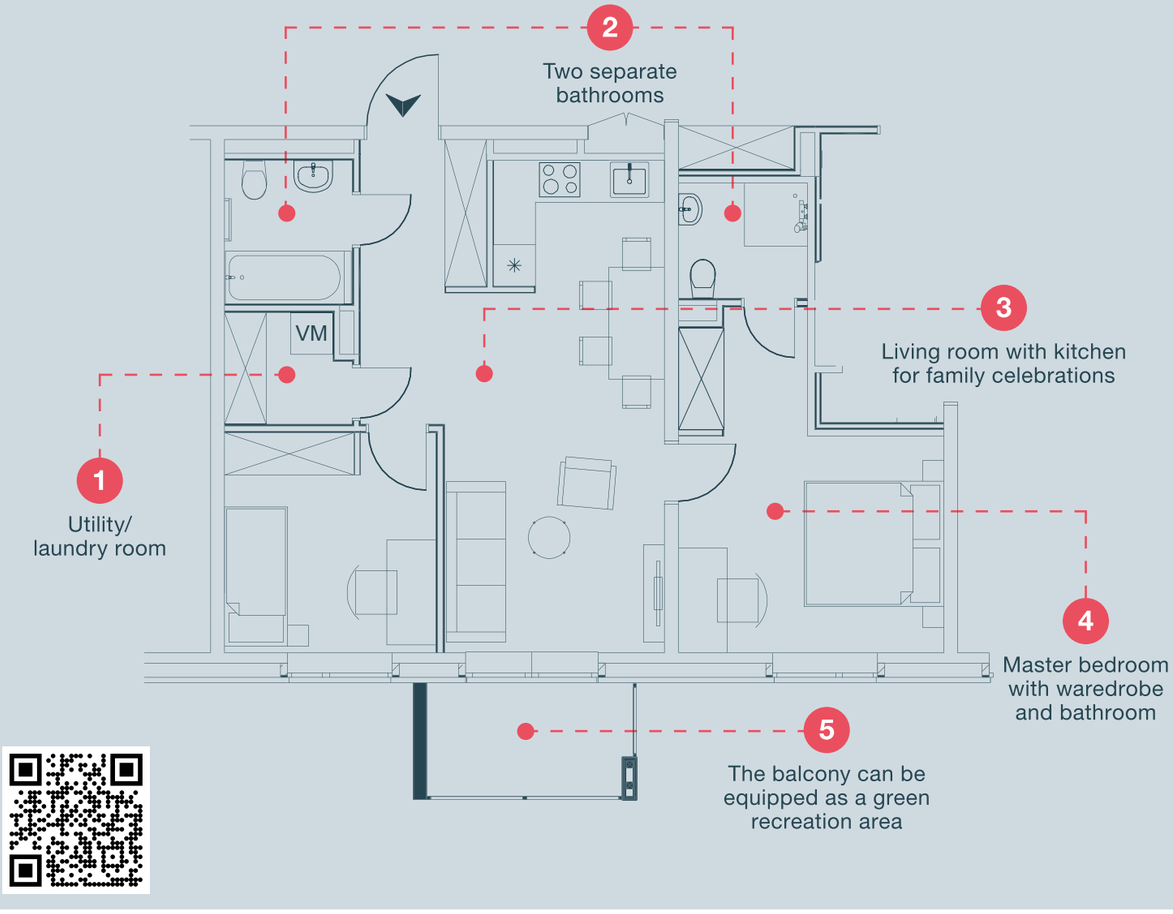
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WHERE TO EAT

Queviures Múrria is a must-visit for all food lovers and romantics at heart dreaming of days gone by. Founded in 1898 as a coffee roastery and now a restaurant and gourmet delicacy store, it has preserved the vibe and interior of the modernist era, displaying dark mahogany furniture and shelves stocked with wine bottles, jars of jam, artisanal cheese, high-quality ham, and caviar. Historical advertisement posters by Ramon Casas invite passersby to come in, enjoy a drink, and savour some refined tapas or a gourmet meal while time-travelling back to the early 20th century.

Carrer de Roger de Llúria, 85; murria.cat



WHERE TO SHOP

A market full of opportunities – this is how the Mercat dels Encants is officially described. It offers a touch of magic, as you can never be sure of what you'll find there. Dating back to the 14th century, the market has attracted merchants, travellers, locals, craftsmen, and antiquarians for hundreds of years across various locations in the city. Since 2013, the Mercat dels Encants has flourished under a mirrored roof at the Plaça de les Glòries. It's a gold mine for treasure hunters, art collectors, and vintage enthusiasts, providing not just a classic market experience but also the opportunity to participate in auctions.

Plaça de les Glòries; encantsbarcelona.com



A CLASSIC NOT TO MISS

While not the most colourful of Antoni Gaudí's creations, the nature-inspired Casa Milà (La Pedrera) is certainly worth a visit. Once ridiculed in caricatures by satirical magazines for its unusual shape and structure, it's now considered a true masterpiece of 20th-century architecture and one of Gaudí's most iconic and innovative works. Casa Milà presents more than an exciting journey through its thoughtfully crafted labyrinth; it's also a place where one can truly learn about and explore the philosophy behind Gaudí's captivating architecture.

Passeig de Gràcia, 92; lapedrera.com

WHERE TO STAY

Located in the Eixample district among some of the most astonishing pieces of modernist architecture, the *Zoorooms* boutique guesthouse features yet another face of Barcelona's artistic spirit. The space has been decorated by international and local street artists and illustrators, turning each room into a unique art gallery. And as a small guesthouse, it offers a cosy and intimate atmosphere that's perfect for taking a rest after a long day of exploring the bustling streets of Barcelona.

Carrer de Mallorca, 209; zoorooms.com; from EUR 130

WHY NOT

Nestled on Montjuïc Hill, the Fundació Joan Miró modern art museum provides an escape from the tourist crowds and invites visitors to dive deep into the meditative experience of discovering the abstract, symbolic, and surrealistic art of Joan Miró. The museum showcases one of the most comprehensive collections of his work and encourages visitors to explore the dreamlike imaginary world of the famous Catalan artist. Additionally, a stunning panorama of the city unfolds from the museum's courtyard.

Parc de Montjuïc; fmirobcn.org



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Learn about the history of turrón, a traditional Spanish treat

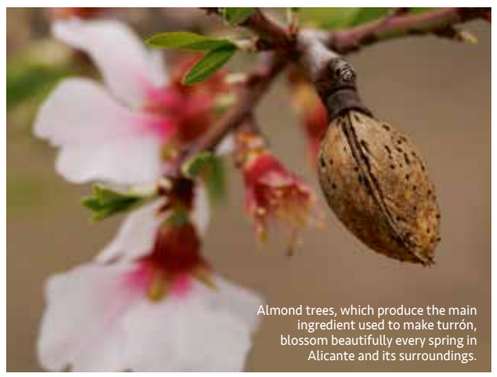


The *Alberto Monerris Sirvent* kiosk sells a variety of artisanal turrón in front of the historic Central Market in Alicante.

Fly to Alicante from €85 one way



Turrón is a traditional local treat at Christmas, and Spain produces and exports record amounts of the sweet.



Almond trees, which produce the main ingredient used to make turrón, blossom beautifully every spring in Alicante and its surroundings.

The panoramic city of Alicante is a jewel of the Costa Blanca, a 200-kilometre stretch of coastline along Spain's eastern shores that features tranquil beaches and charming villages. While Valencia is home to orange plantations and Elche has the largest palm grove in Europe, the entire province of Alicante is synonymous with the famous nougat confection called *turrón*.

Its origins date back to the early Middle Ages, when the Moors ruled in what is today Spain and thus also influenced the local culinary scene. The ingredients are simple and natural – honey, eggs, sugar, and nuts – while the name comes from the Latin word *torrere*, meaning 'to toast'. For Spaniards, turrón is an essential sweet enjoyed all year round, yet its popularity skyrockets at Christmas. This delicious gift is also associated with *belén*, or the nativity scene, in which miniature figurines of people are depicted eating turrón.

The picturesque town of Jijona just half an hour's drive from Alicante is the cradle of the craft of making turrón. The first recorded production of it there dates to the 16th century. According to legend, one of the kings was married to a Scandinavian princess. To remind her of the snowy landscapes of her homeland, thousands of almond trees, which have white blossoms, were planted around the castle. Marcona almonds, which are sweeter than other varieties, make the local turrón stand out. Turrón de Alicante is hard and crunchy, made with whole nuts, and is difficult to break into pieces, while Turrón de Jijona is soft and chewy and made with ground almonds. The Turrón Museum in Alicante lets visitors dive into the history of this confection and its hometown, while some of the local factories offer excursions and classes.

When strolling through the narrow streets of Alicante and browsing the stalls in its central market, one finds many boutiques and family-run kiosks selling turrón. *El Lobo*, *1880*, and *Turrones Espí* are among the best-known brands, and they offer a variety of products with different nuts, extra flavours, or marzipan. Many walking and food tours in Alicante also include *turrón* tastings. For more sweets, the colourful coastal village of Villajoyosa (a 30-minute train ride from Alicante) is home to the famous *Valor Chocolate* factory. Its museum showcases a rich collection of historical chocolate-making equipment and offers guided tours, tastings, and hands-on workshops led by chocolatiers.

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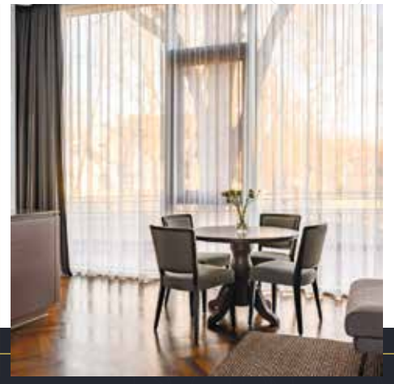
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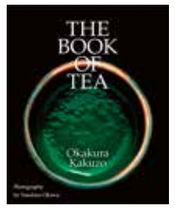




















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Seven centuries in a timeless light

The reconstructed southern wing of Riga Castle now once again houses part of the Latvian National Museum of History's collection.

Combining and presenting the artefacts and remains of various historical periods in a coherent manner that channels the freshness of today and showcases the importance of the past is always a difficult task. Even more so when the building in which they are held is as crucial to the nation's identity as the objects themselves. And Riga Castle certainly is.

The castle was built in the 16th century on the remains of a previous castle dating to 1330. Livonia, Swedish Livonia, the Russian Empire, and the Soviet Union have all left their marks here, and it was a great responsibility to restore and showcase the architectural details that shape the castle and thus also Latvia's history.

The Riga Castle complex consists of two buildings. The Old Castle houses the museum and the convent-type segment, while the New Castle has the representative rooms and halls of the President of Latvia. Both buildings are important in Latvia's history and proudly represent the country. The latest reconstruction, which began in 2015, included the castle's vaulted cellars, a chapel, a five-storey tower, a refectory, a gallery, an attic, and other rooms. All of the spaces are open to visit.

The architect of the renovation project was Reinis Liepiņš (*Sudraba arhitektūra* architecture bureau together with *Mark Arhitekti*). He says that renovating such a historic and protected building is always a challenge, because it's full of so many influences from the past. 'We had to do extensive research in order to explore the historical layers and conserve them in their current state,' he says.

The renovators had to find a balance between the different periods to showcase all of them equally and not erase the handwriting of past architects. While all of the historical elements have been conserved in their current state and location, the castle is now also equipped with new stairs, lights, and an elevator. Liepiņš is especially proud of the unique tall windows in the chapel, which he designed himself with the help of Latvian glass artist Artis Nīmanis. They accentuate the natural light in the chapel as well as its original appearance, smoothly linking the different eras in a modern and timeless way.

'Conserving old walls and vaults is a specific task,' Liepiņš admits, adding that the renovation team consulted with specialists from Italy and Germany. The renovation also focused on the longevity and sustainability of materials, making use of materials recovered during the construction process. Wood was used extensively on all the floors and staircases, giving the spaces a warm feel. Light-toned lime-plaster walls on the upper floors make the rooms feel spacious and draw attention to the sturdy vaults and the picturesque views of Riga and the Daugava River. Liepiņš adds that preserving the cellars was the most challenging part of the whole project; they contain significant cultural layers several metres deep, but they date back to the early 16th century and are therefore fragile.

Renovation of a building that's so important to national identity allows it to regain its historical value. A considerable amount of artefacts were uncovered during the process: fragments of tiles, sturdy bricks, decorative laths, and even a unique metal plate shaped like a turtle and featuring heraldic elements. 'Taking care of historical buildings is a never-ending process,' Liepiņš concludes, remarking that if a historical object has scaffolding around it, that's a good sign. It indicates that the building is being taken care of and nurtured to preserve history for future generations.

The renovation of Riga Castle was carried out by *LNK Industries*.

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airBaltic's **commitment** to values-driven brand partnerships in 2024

airBaltic upholds its core values across all operations, including brand partnerships, which are collaborations with organisations in sports, culture, sustainability, and innovation within its domestic markets (the Baltics and Finland). According to Elīza Čudare, a brand activation specialist at *airBaltic*, the airline believes that successful brand partnerships are about more than just achieving business goals – they're about building genuine connections. By collaborating with organisations that embrace challenges, share the same passion, and are committed to their work, it's possible to create a stronger impact and foster a sense of unity and purpose.

This dedication to brand partnerships is evident in the growing number of proposals the airline receives each year. In 2024, the number of partnership proposals submitted to *airBaltic* tripled from the previous year, reaching almost 300. The highest number of partnership proposals *airBaltic* receives are in the areas of sports and culture (26%), followed by environmental and corporate governance (15%) and innovation (5%), reflecting the growing interest in these key focus areas.

Once partnership proposals are submitted, *airBaltic* follows a thorough evaluation process to ensure they align with the airline's core values and commitment to sustainability, innovation, and sports and cultural engagement. A dedicated committee, including representatives from the marketing, public relations, sales, sustainability, internal communications, and human resources departments, reviews each proposal. Proposals are assessed based on specific criteria, such as their ability to support *airBaltic's* values, enhance brand visibility, engage target audiences, and achieve marketing and sales objectives.

The extensive evaluation process is reflected in the 17% approval rate for 2024, proving that only the most relevant and impactful initiatives are selected. Among the approved projects, 46% are related to environmental and corporate governance, 31% to sports and culture, and 8% to innovation.

Some of the most notable partnerships of 2024 included collaborations with the National Olympic Committees of Latvia and Lithuania, supporting athletes as they represented their countries on the global stage at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. Cultural celebrations such as the As Young as Vilnius festival underscored *airBaltic's* dedication to fostering community engagement and cultural connection. Social media partnerships, including with the popular-music artist Dons from Latvia during the Eurovision Song Contest, further amplified the brand's visibility.

airBaltic's brand partnerships have had a positive impact on brand recognition and engagement. Since the implementation of the *airBaltic* brand strategy, spontaneous brand awareness in Estonia increased by 12%, with top-of-mind recognition climbing by 14%. In Lithuania, brand awareness rose by 5% (*airBaltic*, 2024). These results highlight how *airBaltic's* commitment to community, sustainability, and innovation is making a real impact. Interested in partnering up?
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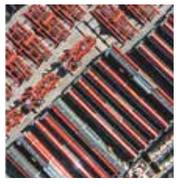
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Retro vibes

Searching for unique Christmas gifts? Retro is in! Here are our top picks for modern gadgets with a nostalgic twist.





STYLISH **CONVERSATION**

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Rising stars

Michelin **has revealed Latvia's top restaurants for 2025.**



John Chef's Hall, a restaurant created by chef Kristaps Sīlis, opened only six months ago and has already received a *Michelin* star.

The *Michelin Guide* needs no introduction, yet the connection to its namesake tire company isn't immediately obvious. Launched in 1900 by the Michelin brothers in France, the guide was originally a free handbook to promote car travel, listing travel tips and dining spots. Over the years, it introduced its renowned star-rating system to spotlight culinary excellence: one star for 'a good place to stop', two for 'worth a detour', and three for 'worth a special journey'.

Michelin's anonymous inspectors evaluate restaurants using five key criteria: ingredient quality, culinary technique, flavour harmony, the chef's unique expression, and consistency across the menu. Renowned as the global benchmark for fine dining, the *Michelin Guide* now spans 25 countries, with Latvia having joined the ranks just last year.

The first Latvian edition of the *Michelin Guide* featured 26 exceptional establishments, and for the 2025 guide that number has risen to 31. The new list includes two restaurants awarded one prestigious *Michelin* Star, three with the Bib Gourmand indicating good value for money, and one with a *Michelin* Green Star for its commitment to sustainability.

Pavāru māja, the first Latvian restaurant to be awarded a *Michelin* Green Star, will retain this honour in 2025. Located in the picturesque town of Līgatne, it offers a homey atmosphere in which to savour seasonal flavours. Owner Ēriks Dreibants and chef Juris Dukaļskis focus on local ingredients and sustainability, following the Slow Food philosophy and a nose-to-tail approach to food preparation.

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John Chef's Hall

Tucked away in the chic *A22 Hotel*, this intimate dining gem offers a refined counterpoint to the hotel's main restaurant, *John*. Recently awarded a *Michelin* star, it promises an exclusive experience with just four tables and sixteen seats, all offering a direct view of the open kitchen. The atmosphere is as much about the exceptional hospitality as it is about the food, with head chef Kristaps Sīlis personally presenting each dish. The cuisine is vibrant, modern, and playful, delivering a dining experience that's both sophisticated and unforgettable.
Ausekļa iela 22; jch.johnrestaurant.com

Max Cekot Kitchen

Under the direction of chef-owner Maksims Cekots, this singular culinary experience retains its one *Michelin* Star for another year. Set in a converted wood-processing factory on the industrial outskirts of Riga, the restaurant's atmosphere, from the minimalist design to the cutting-edge culinary techniques, is a true reflection of Cekots' creative vision. His avantgarde approach highlights homegrown Latvian ingredients and flavours, with dishes often finished tableside, thus adding a personal touch to each meal. *Michelin* inspectors have particularly praised Cekots' commitment to locally sourced ingredients and his bold, innovative style, making for a memorable dining experience.
Jelgavas iela 42; maxcekot.com

Babo

A standout newcomer to Riga's dining scene, *Babo* has caught the attention of *Michelin* inspectors with its warm, wood-panelled dining room and the vibrant flavours of Georgia. Here, traditional Georgian ingredients are expertly paired with modern cooking techniques, featuring dishes such as khinkali, chicken tabaka, and khachapuri, all prepared in a pizza oven right in the heart of the restaurant. The experience is further enriched by a curated selection of Georgian wines, while guests relax in chairs draped with soft sheepskins, adding a cosy, inviting touch to the meal.
Dzirnavu iela 42; babo.lv







TAILS

Antonijas 6A, Riga
www.tails.lv

TAILS is a seafood restaurant with a unique new concept on Riga's gastronomic scene. Designed by London-based Studio Caché, the restaurant demonstrates a refined sense of aesthetics inspired by the Baltic Sea coast. The space boasts two areas: the classic dining room and a Raw Bar counter opposite the open kitchen. The menu celebrates sea delicacies, from light crudo dishes to the house specialty: dry-aged fish that explores new depths of flavours.

COD

Contemporary
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Terbatas 45, Riga
www.cod.lv

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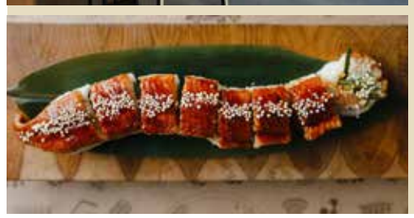
COD's gastronomic concept, helmed by Head Chef Arturs Taskans, brings an exciting local flair to the table with a unique synergy of Asian and Nordic flavours, which fuse beautifully and offer a dining experience that is truly different. The restaurant is complemented by a cocktail lounge serving beverages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















Jeruzalemes 10, Riga
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UNAGI INU serves Asian soul food in a relaxed and vibrant setting inspired by Japanese pop culture. Wall art and sculptures by talented local artists create a perfect backdrop for a diverse and fun dining experience. An array of dishes for all tastes and tummies awaits our guests, be it sushi, chirashi bowls, onigiri and bao or Japanese sweets. Do enjoy!



Alexandre Calame (1810–1864), who gained a reputation as a painter of the Alps, was a well-known Swiss artist. He began by drawing small landscapes of Switzerland but later studied under the great landscape painter François Diday. Calame was a master at capturing details, such as foaming mountain water, rays of sun, and multi-coloured rocks half masked in fog, which contribute to the unforgettable impression his works have on viewers. In 1842, he exhibited his paintings of Mont Blanc and other famous Alpine peaks in Paris.

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

Words by **Robert Stewart**, *Ski Press*
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SKIING IN THE ALPS – EXPERIENCE THE THRILL, THE VIEWS, AND THE SNOW AT SOME OF THE BEST MOUNTAIN DESTINATIONS

With the ski and snowboarding season starting across Europe, the big question on everyone's lips is 'how's the snow?' After two warmer-than-average winters across the Alps, the industry is hoping for a cold one this year. Ski writer Robert Stewart tells us about some of the challenges faced but also the joys that the Alpine landscape brings, taking you to some of the destinations he's been visiting over the past 40 years.



Ripping up the groomers in Austria's Tyrol

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Even in the 1990s, climate change was part of the conversation

THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE EXPERIENCING THE MAJESTIC VIEW OF THE SNOW-LADEN ALPS FOR THE FIRST TIME. Approaching the mountains from the north after arriving in Munich from London on a misty February morning in 1984, my heart skipped a beat, and I knew in that instant my life would never be the same.

Forty years later, that feeling hasn't changed for me. The world might seem even more Orwellian now than it did back then, but the thrill I get from seeing those peaks, glittering in the light, remains the same.

Yet much else has changed. When I first arrived in the tiny Austrian village of Westendorf in the mid-1980s, the experience felt dreamlike. But the resort's modest lift infrastructure was unprepared for the surge in winter tourism it was about to witness. Back then, coming from a typical middle-class family in the United Kingdom made skiing accessible, and it soon became the country's fastest-growing holiday trend. 'Do you ski?' became the standard dinner-party question.

Now, Westendorf is connected to the vast SkiWelt area with over 275 kilometres of slopes and 80 modern ski lifts. In one direction it's Kitzbühel, in the other it's Söll. Hotels offer smart accommodation, spas, and gourmet cuisine. But I still only see the mountain, offering freedom from the mundane everyday school life of a boy in 1980s England. Freedom from the grey skies, freedom from overbearing control, freedom to express yourself – for me, the feeling of gliding down a mountain remains the same as it ever did, even as the world around us changes.

Despite the incredible playground available in places such as Westendorf and across the Alps today, as we head into the 2025 winter season, the sport faces a crisis seemingly beyond the control of any politician or investor. Climate change is a reality, and it's having an impact on behaviour patterns.

By the early 1990s, skiing had become my life, and I was living and working as a ski instructor in the ski resort of Verbier in Switzerland. Locals told stories about how much snow they used to get back in the 1970s; it just wasn't the same today. But even then, climate change was part of the conversation, even though we still had plenty of snow, and some years, especially during the late 1990s, were record-breaking. But ski resorts could see a pattern, and they fought back. Snow-making became a huge industry, and resorts ploughed money into covering as many metres of slopes as they possibly could, especially at lower altitudes. Today, if you go to Westendorf, which is considered a low-altitude ski area (800 to 1830 metres), snow conditions are kept in good shape even down to the village, because the region has one of the largest snow-making programmes in the Alps.



Crans-Montana sparkling at sunset

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Unfortunately, the climate continues to warm, and this presents challenges, even for snow-making. If temperatures rise above freezing, it becomes difficult to produce frozen water, which is what comes out of the machines that produce snow – it's like mini aircraft turbines spouting out super-fine droplets of pure water that freeze instantly as they hit the air. But there's a lot of misinformation about the impact that the climate is having on skiing. Last winter, snow depths above 1500 metres were generally way up on the previous year. Below that altitude, however, it was a challenge. A recent survey by the Ski Club of Great Britain has shown that, for the first time, British skiers now prioritise the altitude of a resort over the ski area's size. Altitude is quickly becoming a very valuable asset.

News stories recently broke about a ski area in the French Alps, Alpe du Grand Serre, that had closed this season. National newspapers ran the story and linked the closure entirely to climate change, citing a lack of snow, but delve a little deeper and it becomes apparent there are many more factors at play. Ski resorts that have invested in lift infrastructure and snow-making and offer strong accommodation choices and other facilities seem to be thriving. Those that haven't will be left behind. Ironically, Alpe du Grand Serre is not a particularly low-altitude resort and appears to have had reasonable natural snowfall over the past two seasons. And oh, it has now decided it will open again this winter anyway.

But one thing is certain – while climate change is presenting a huge challenge for participation in winter sports, snow continues to fall and ski resorts continue to operate. I don't know of one skier or snowboarder last season who couldn't ski on their holiday in the Alps because of a lack of snow.

Even the Americans have got their eyes on high-altitude Alpine peaks now. *Vail Resorts*, the world's largest ski resort operator and owner, purchased the ski resort of Andermatt in Switzerland two years ago. With the former military town turned luxury destination with the five-star *Chedi Hotel* at its heart, *Vail Resorts* has managed to get a foothold in Europe. In 2024, the company completed the purchase of its second Swiss ski resort, Crans-Montana, which sits on a high-altitude plateau at 1500 metres with ski slopes up to 3000 metres.

I FIRST VISITED CRANS-MONTANA IN 1992. IT'S LOCATED NOT FAR FROM VERBIER, in the French-speaking part of the Valais region and around two hours from Geneva by car or train. With its five-star hotels and 80+ restaurants, including many with awards and stars, Crans-Montana has always attracted an affluent clientele. Its grandeur began to fade around the turn of the millennium, but big investments in accommodation, including the new *Six Senses* resort, has put it right back on the map again.

Younger skiers flock to the Alaïa Chalet, a huge indoor action sports park that also operates an artificial surf wave in the nearby town of Sion. The ski area has one of the largest snow parks



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Walking along the snowy streets of Madesimo



The old town of Madesimo

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A view of the Dent du Midi in the Portes du Soleil ski area

Photo courtesy of Les Gets Tourist Office

Les Gets has become the smartest cog in this huge wheel of resorts

in Switzerland, all set high up above the town's sunny south-facing plateau with its designer shops and sophisticated bars. I've had some of my best après-ski experiences at *Zerodix*, which is perfectly placed at the bottom of the slopes, and I'm heading back this winter to check out the new men's downhill run that will be tested this February in the FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup competition before it's used in the 2027 Alpine Skiing World Championships, which will again take place in Crans-Montana, 40 years after they were last there in 1987. Will American ownership change the feel of the place? Not according to *Vail Resorts*, which promises that authenticity remains. What I do expect to hear is a few more American accents on the slopes as the corporation's own multi-resort lift ticket, Epic Pass, can be used unlimited in both Crans-Montana and Andermatt this winter.

Deciding to head south from Geneva rather than east brings skiers into the French Alps, the most popular skiing destination in Europe by numbers and home to the very largest mega-resorts in the world. One of the closest to Geneva Airport is Les Gets. Located at 1200 metres above sea level, it's not considered to be at a high altitude, yet like many other ski resorts, it has managed to remain competitive. Linked to the vast Portes du Soleil ski region that spans both France and Switzerland, connecting twelve villages and over 200 ski lifts, Les Gets has become the smartest cog in this huge wheel of resorts. Located at the northwestern edge of the Alpine range means precipitation levels can be relatively high, and when it's cold, that means lots of snow.

Nearby Avoriaz, just a few lift rides away, has one of the best snow records in the Alps. The modern purpose-built collection of wood-clad apartments, chalets, and hotels sits high up above the town of Morzine at 1800 metres. But the more traditional village of Les Gets feels smart and sophisticated. One of my favourite spots is Mont Chéry, which is slightly detached from the main hub of the ski area and therefore rarely busy. The views of western Europe's highest mountain, Mont Blanc, are hard to beat from the top of the highest ski lift at 1826 metres. The 'un-pisted' black run on the backside of the mountain, Le Mouflon, is a delight following a heavy snowfall, but the wide-open red-graded Chamois and blue-graded Ourson slopes on the sunny side offer a far more relaxed experience.

WHILE FRANCE MIGHT CLAIM THE BIGGEST SKI RESORTS IN THE WORLD, ITALY, ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE ALPS, CONTINUES TO GROW IN POPULARITY due to relatively good value options and, of course, Italian cuisine. This winter I'll be heading to the glitzy resort of Cortina, but I might also take the two-hour drive from Milan to lesser-known Madesimo. Located close to the Swiss border, the pretty village with its cobbled streets and traditional Italian charm might not have the extensive slopes found across the border, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in character. Expert skiers should make the pilgrimage to ski the Canalone, one of the classic off-piste routes of the Alps. Starting at 2880 metres close to the top of the Val di Lei chairlift, the 1000-metre vertical run is one of the longest off-piste itineraries in the Alps.

Heading further east and into the Italian Dolomites brings me to Val Gardena, a series of pretty villages with Ortisei just a two-hour drive from Verona Airport and Selva around 15 minutes further at the top of the steep valley. The huge rock formation of the Sella Ronda dominates the landscape, but the day trip on





High above the village of Kühtai

Photo courtesy of Kühtai Tourism

Ortisei sums up the almost surreal beauty of the scenery in the Dolomites

skis that swirls in either direction around this monolith of a mountain is one of my favourite excursions and suited to intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders who want to cover huge mileage in around five hours across a total of 40 kilometres of snow and lift terrain. Of course, splice this with a lunch that blends both Austrian and Italian influences – this area was part of Austria before the First World War, and this melting of cultures makes the cuisine very unique. Think melted Alpine cheese with Italian flair and you start to get the picture.

Just before Christmas, the Men's Alpine Skiing World Cup Downhill takes place on the Saslong piste, famous for its camel humps that often throw the very best skiers off balance at speeds of over 90 kilometres an hour. Fortunately, I can sit back and watch, enjoying the slopes of the Dolomite Ski Circus, one of the world's largest interconnected ski areas, which has the most extensive artificial snow cover set-ups in Europe, guaranteeing connections from valley to valley between December and April even in the driest of winters.

One of those snow-covered slopes is aptly named La Longia, suggesting its long length of over ten kilometres, starting high up on the Seceda peak at over 2500 metres and winding its way to Ortisei at around 1200 metres. It's an ideal slope for any skier who can handle a blue run or an easy red but wants a bit of adventure thrown in, too. Its nickname, the Fairytale Ski Slope, sums up the almost surreal beauty of the scenery in the Dolomites – sometimes it's hard to focus on the skiing here with views like this.

AS THE CROW FLIES, INNSBRUCK LIES AROUND 100 KILOMETRES (A TWO-HOUR DRIVE) NORTH OF VAL GARDENA, but the capital city of Austria's Tyrol region has its own airport that offers access to some of the best world-class ski resorts in Europe within incredibly short driving times. One of my all-time favourites is Kühtai, a high-altitude village (2000 metres) with everything a skier needs in a pocket-sized microcosm of a ski resort that often has the best snow conditions in the region.

Around 40 minutes driving from Innsbruck Airport, and I'm transported into a different world. I check into the *Mooshaus,* one of the fabulous local four-star hotels, and admire the mostly treeless bowl that glitters in the sun, especially from mid-February onwards, when the snow is often at its best. It's possible to find pockets of powder snow here days and days after the last snowfall, and





A tall church dominates the tiny village of Heiligenblut

Photo courtesy of Visit Carinthia

At the Finstertal Dam there's plenty of action to be found in the off-piste bowls below it

the north-facing side of the valley offers some steep terrain for experts only. Taking the Hohemutbahn chairlift (2343 metres), I often like to swerve skier's right and take a small track off-piste, then a hike that takes around 15 to 20 minutes to the top of the huge Finstertal Dam, which dominates this side of the valley. It's potentially dangerous avalanche terrain and shouldn't be attempted without a professional guide. Skiing the 40-degree dam wall itself is not permitted as it's potentially extremely dangerous, but there's plenty of action to be found in the off-piste bowls below it.

The area is surrounded by huge peaks and incredible natural beauty. It's popular with ski tourers and is the fastest-growing area for snowsports, where skiers have adapted bindings that allow easier uphill walking to access terrain not available by the lift network. In fact, there's a vast amount of possibilities in the region that's often overlooked due to its relatively small lift network. But what it might lack in the number of lifts, it easily makes up for in the quality of terrain both on and off piste, plus, down the road one can ski in the Hochoetz area, which is linked by bus. There's a respectable combined total of 85 kilometres of slope between the two areas. A short break here combined with a city stay down in Innsbruck makes for a fun long weekend.

Tyrol might be the most famous ski region in Austria, but head further east and south of Salzburg Airport into Carinthia and the landscape changes. Softer-looking mountains dissected by pristine lakes sprawl towards the border with Slovenia. This is what locals refer to as 'the sunny side of the Alps' due to its location in the south of Austria. Despite this label, there's plenty of snow to be found as well as the spa town of Bad Kleinkirchheim, a.k.a. BKK, which offers one of the largest ski areas in the region, with around 100 kilometres of slopes.

BKK is the home of Austria's most famous Alpine ski racer, Franz Klammer, who famously won the gold medal at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck. He's still often seen on the slopes and perhaps eating at one of his favourite restaurants, *Trattlers Einkehr*, which sits close to the bottom of the Maibrunnbahn chairlift. I had a meal there myself last winter with the owner, Jakob Forstnig. His family founded the restaurant in 1884, and Klammer is a regular visitor. We joked that the great skier might have found fuel here back in the 70s with its hearty mountain dishes that certainly put hairs on my chest.

My grandfather spent time in this region just after the Second World War came to an end. After more than four years away from home in the Royal

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The views from Arosa are incredible

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The slopes also remain quite empty except on the busiest weekends and holiday weeks

Air Force, he and his friends wanted to have some fun, and he told me many stories of their adventures skiing at the foot of Austria's highest mountain, the Grossglockner, near the village of Heiligenblut. It's about an hour and a half's drive from BKK today; back then, I have no idea how they got up this spectacular dark and brooding valley that ends with Heiligenblut's famous church steeple that points upwards like a finger towards the towering peaks. The British built one of the first ski lifts here during that period, but today we have the luxury of several modern cable cars and chairlifts to help me reach some of the most exciting freeride and off-piste terrain in Austria.

This relatively small ski area with around 55 kilometres of slopes that suit mainly intermediate skiers does have a lot of character. Because it's fairly isolated, the slopes also remain quite empty except on the busiest weekends and holiday weeks. I like to stop for lunch at the rustic, cosy *Schistadl Tauernberg* with its fantastic views from the balcony. There you'll find *Kärntner Kasnudeln* on the menu, a traditional Carinthian dumpling dish stuffed with a variety of fillings, usually including cheese.

BUT THIS WINTER I'M VENTURING SOMEWHERE I'VE NEVER SKIED BEFORE. Around two and half hours by train from Zurich Airport, the resort of Arosa in eastern Switzerland is gaining attention. Along with its connected neighbour Lenzerheide, Arosa has recently been crowned the number-one resort in the world by a well-known transport booking platform. While there might be many subjective elements to this kind of ranking, I can't help thinking that I need to investigate the place further.

It's a big ski area with well over 200 kilometres of slopes, and it's high, reaching up to 2865 metres. We know from the data that the two most important drivers nowadays for anyone booking a ski holiday is altitude and size of ski area, but this relatively off-the-radar destination has much more going for it, too. With a change of train in Chur, the one-hour ride on the Rhaetian Railway line sounds glorious, with ever-improving views of the lakes and mountains surrounding this area of the canton of Graubünden.

But perhaps Arosa clinched the award for a unique attraction it offers – its famous bear sanctuary, which is located at the middle station and can be reached by cableway. I recently read that the bears of Arosa are very happy high up there in the Swiss Alps. That's a good enough reason for me to visit. Maybe I'm just like a bear, happier in the mountains than anywhere else. I urge you all to be as happy as bears this winter and try to experience those majestic views, maybe for the first time.

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Mark Nathan is the co-founder of *Chalets1066* and has built up a large portfolio of holiday chalet rental properties in the resort of Les Gets. With a background in senior IT consulting, he began a new career in the travel and hospitality industry 16 years ago, bringing to it a unique analytical approach he had honed during his years in the business world. His vision to build the largest independent chalet operation at a single ski resort that's open all year round has been a huge success (chalets1066.com).

What brought you to Les Gets?
My family and I first came here to experience the mountain biking. We had been mountain biking in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, but we quickly decided that Les Gets offered the world's best in our opinion. We went back during the winter for skiing, and it was even more beautiful in the snow. The traditional village has no concrete buildings, mostly just wooden chalets close to the slopes. The prices in Les Gets were reasonable and affordable compared to some of the other large resorts we'd been to, and being just one hour from Geneva Airport was a real bonus, too.

What do you really love about the place?
There's nothing quite like an early evening walk to the village on a clear night during the ski season, when the moonlight sparkles off the snow, lighting up the chalets. The slopes are all close and easy to get to; we can even ski on our lunch break, which is a real bonus. Les Gets is still small and very friendly, and many shops and restaurants are family-run. The variety of skiing in this area is second to none, and we're connected to the vast Portes du Soleil ski area.

What's your favourite thing to do during the winter?
Skiing on Mont Chéry in January. Most people go to the Chavannes side, so in January the mountain is almost empty. Carving on the wide, virtually empty pistes on the side facing the village is wonderful. I have no idea why more people don't go to the Mont Chéry side.

What's your favourite ski slope?
It has to be the Tulipe, a blue run with red sections that's ideal for intermediate skiers. It's wide, fast, and there's a great café halfway down, too.

What restaurants do you take your friends to?
On the slopes, it's definitely *Le Wetzet*, which is halfway down the Tulipe piste and serves fantastic Reblochon cheese omelettes and *rapins*, a sort of crispy fried potato. Down in town, *Boomerang* is great with an international menu that has something for everyone and doesn't break the bank.

Any particular memories from your time in Les Gets that really stand out?
I always go skiing first thing on Christmas morning. The pistes are usually quiet, and the snow is perfectly crisp. But I think it's the first snow of the winter that gets me really excited. There's nothing quite like seeing the flakes coming down after a long summer, and the silence as everything starts to turn white is mesmerising.

What kind of person would get the most out of visiting Les Gets in the winter?
To me, Les Gets appeals to a broad range of people, but what they all seem to have in common is an enthusiasm and joy for life in the mountains.

Any interesting characters we should look out for when in town?
Mr. J. M. Pelluchon, locally known as JM, is an Australian who's been here for over 20 years. He's a real character, and he owns the *Boomerang* restaurant. He's tried to leave, but he always ends up coming back.

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WHERE TO EAT

Turonda
This funky bistro in the centre of the pretty village of Ortisei serves cocktails and a variety of pizzas but also has steak, pasta, and Asian-inspired dishes on the menu. Great for families who want a big selection or as a fun alternative to the more traditional eateries serving regional cuisine. For example, try a Winnie the Pooh. But don't worry, it's not a bear; instead, it's a cocktail with honey, grapefruit, and chamomile.
Strada Johann Baptist Purger 5, Ortisei, Italy
turonda.it

La Ferme Saint-Amour
Opening for the 2025 winter season, this sophisticated restaurant-cum-nightclub with locations in Courchevel and Megève has a menu designed by *Michelin*-starred chef Éric Frechon. There's also an impressive wine cellar looked after by head sommelier Romain Frega. Dine in style and then party all night with a bit of beluga caviar thrown in, washed down with a bottle of Roederer Cristal.
Rue du Prado 4, Crans-Montana, Switzerland
lafermesaintamour.com

Schistadl Tauernberg
This cosy mountain refuge is a great lunch spot whatever the weather. Warm up inside on a cold day and feast on hearty dishes such as wild venison ragu, *Kässpätzle* (like macaroni and cheese with bacon and fried onion), or hot and spicy spaghetti. Then take in the incredible views on the outdoor balcony that looks out towards Austria's highest mountain, the Großglockner.
Untertauern 43, Heiligenblut am Großglockner, Austria
FB/ Schistadl Tauernberg Heiligenblut/ Großglockner

WHERE TO STAY

Andossi
The Masanti family has run this cosy four-star hotel and restaurant for more than 60 years. With its indoor pool and spa, it offers some of the best wellness facilities in Madesimo. Most guests choose the half-board option, and why wouldn't you, when it includes dishes such as polenta with ribs, hare and venison, and pizzoccheri Valtellinesi (a local pasta dish served with melted cheese).
Via Antonio De Giacomi 45, Madesimo, Italy
hotelandossi.it

Faern Altein
Located just 200 metres from the ski lifts of Arosa, this stylish and sophisticated four-star spa hotel has indoor and outdoor pools and one of the largest wellness facilities in town. There's a strong focus on local food in the smart *Zus Brasserie*, but for the best après-ski views in town, visit the *Alpensand Panoramic Bar* on the top floor and maybe stay there for dinner to sample the sautéed beef tagliata with porcini mushroom sauce.
Alteinstrasse 33, Arosa, Switzerland
faernresorts.com

Mooshaus
High-altitude luxury awaits in this four-star residence in the centre of Kühtai. Step out the door and start skiing, or relax on the roof in the incredible 100-metre infinity pool (the highest in the Alps) heated with bioheat and woodchip waste. *Mooshaus* has been managed by three generations of the Gerber family, and, along with their little dog, they ensure every detail is taken care of. It's Austrian hospitality at its best.
Kühtai 40, Silz, Austria
mooshaus.at

WHERE TO SHOP

Le Galta
This new concept store revives forgotten treasures with eco-friendly products, offering vintage items, sewing, upcycling, and interior design services for a sustainable, authentic shopping experience.
645 Route des Grandes Alpes, Les Gets, France
legaltadesgets.com

David Chocolatier
Anyone who loves chocolate must visit this small but very sweet shop in the village of Montana, where David Pasquiet's award-winning products make fantastic gifts or just indulgent treats.
Avenue de la Gare 6, Crans-Montana, Switzerland
davidchocolatier.ch

La Gran Bottega
Established in 1987, this family-run store offers a wide selection of local Valtellina delicacies, including bresaola, cheeses, wines, and cured meats. It's well known for its authentic shopping experience.
Via alle Scuole 5, Madesimo, Italy
lagranbottega.com

NOT TO MISS

FIS Alpine World Ski Championships
February 4–16
The world's best skiers get together for this festival of racing in one of Austria's favourite and largest ski resorts.
Saalbach, Austria
saalbach2025.com

Snowboxx Festival
March 15–22
Check out this huge music festival with a dance-orientated lineup located in high-altitude Avoriaz as the weather starts to warm up in the spring.
Avoriaz, France
snowboxx.com

Snow Polo World Cup
January 24–26
This classic polo event on frozen Lake St. Moritz celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2025. Hobnob with the rich and famous in this incredible setting.
St. Moritz, Switzerland
snowpolo-stmoritz.com

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With multiple awards and nominations, *Flow* has become a global sensation, captivating audiences with its emotional depth and stunning animation. Its director, Gints Zilbalodis, reflects on the film's remarkable journey, offering a glimpse behind the scenes as it continues to make waves worldwide.

Excitement, deep empathy to the point of tears, a deeply meditative experience, and painterly beauty are just some of the comments from those who have seen the animated film *Flow* in cinemas. Latvian director Gints Zilbalodis' poignant tale of a solitary cat, whose home is destroyed by a great flood and who seeks refuge on a boat inhabited by a variety of species, has captivated, stirred, and moved audiences of all ages and walks of life. The film has also received high praise from acclaimed director and animation maestro Guillermo del Toro, who said, 'If I could wish for the future of animation, these images would be its magnificent, breathtaking beginning.'

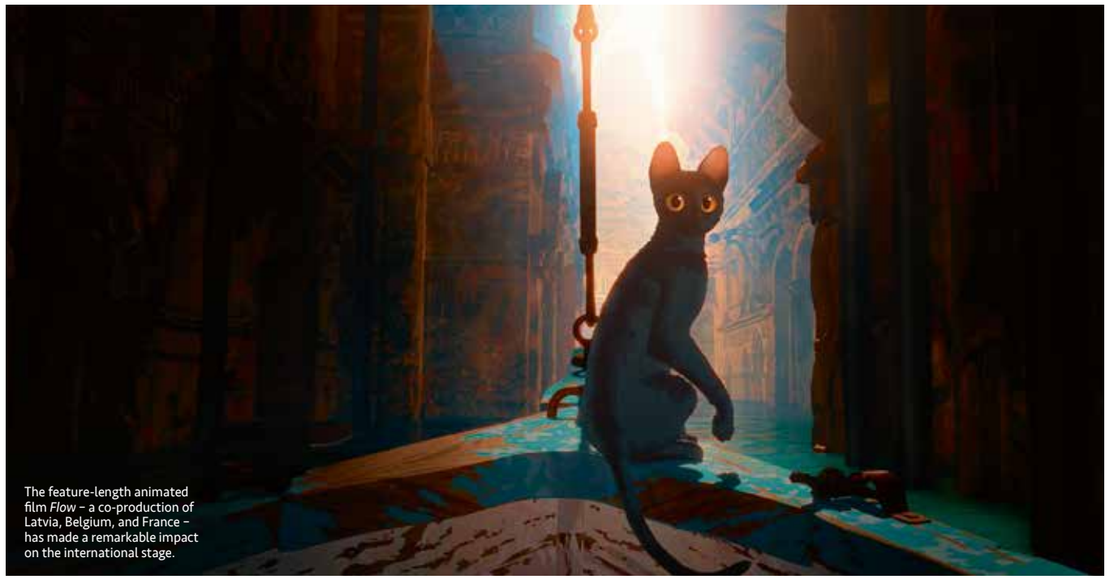
The feature-length animated film *Flow* – a co-production of Latvia, Belgium, and France – has made a remarkable impact on the international stage, earning a prestigious nomination in the Un Certain Regard category at this year's Cannes Film Festival, a section traditionally averse to animation. The film continued its triumphant journey at

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the Annecy International Animation Film Festival, where it won four awards, including the Audience Award, the Jury Award, and a special award for best original music. It has also been nominated for the European Parliament's Lux Audience Award 2025, to be presented in April of next year.

This month, all eyes are on *Flow* to see if it can take home the prestigious European Film Award for best European film, where it's up against such notable titles as *Emilia Pérez* and *The Substance*. This is a historic moment, because it's the first time animated films have been recognised as equals in European cinema, allowed to compete for the top prize alongside live-action films.

These are just a few of the festivals having screened the film, but the list is growing so fast it's hard to keep track. *Flow* has truly become a sensation. And Zilbalodis is feeling it firsthand as he navigates an intense period during which screenings, competitions, and festivals seem to follow one another. Fresh from a whirlwind trip that took him from Europe to America, then to Japan, and back to Europe – essentially circling the globe –



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Zilbalodis sits down with *Baltic Outlook* to go behind the scenes of *Flow*, offering an insight into both the film and his own personal journey.

With your busy festival tour, how much time have you spent at home lately?
I've been home very little in the past six months. The film tour began in May with the Cannes premiere, followed by the Annecy International Animation Film Festival. I had a short break in July, but since August I've been on the road constantly – about 20 trips in those few months alone.

Each festival and its location brings a unique cultural context. What do you always try to experience when you're in a new location?
Because most of my travels revolve around the professional world of cinema, I at first tried to see as many films as possible – sometimes up to four a day. But I quickly became exhausted, and now I no longer watch films at festivals. With so much time spent sitting on airplanes, I try to stay active by exploring. So I go for walks and discover the everyday side streets of each city. Especially in Asia, I'm drawn to the unexpected rather than the classic tourist sites.

The locations in your film are incredibly vivid and inspire viewers to connect with their own travel experiences. How has your personal travel influenced this aspect of your work?
I love walking in nature, especially in the mountains. Whether I'm travelling or just taking a daily walk, I often take photos to create a kind of visual diary. It helps me to notice details and make experiences more memorable.

As for the environments in my film, they're not tied to a specific place – they're a mix of real locations combined to create a whole new world. Animation has no limits, so we can create whatever the story needs. For example, there's a city that looks like a flooded Venice. You might see Icelandic mountains, maybe even Mayan and Aztec temples, or something inspired by Tibet or Nepal. There might even be hints of Latvia, especially in the beginning, when the setting still feels familiar.

But the setting becomes more exotic as the journey progresses. It's a collage of places and environmental references. This variety was essential, especially because much of the story takes place on a boat – we wanted to avoid the feeling that it was all happening in one place. Because it's a fantastical world, we assume that the audience is ready for the rapid changes and the rich variety of landscapes.

This approach has created a setting with a timeless, almost mythical quality. Is there a particular historical or cultural period that especially inspires and resonates with you?
Importantly, our team researched real places to maintain authenticity, but we deliberately avoided modern references. The film could be set in the early 20th century or even earlier, but definitely not in the present day. It's hard to pin the story down to a specific time period because our goal was to create a sense of timelessness. We wanted the film to still feel fresh and relevant 50 years from now by not anchoring it in any particular era. Since there are no people in the film, historical events aren't essential to this world.

INTERVIEW / December



'The most technically challenging aspect was animating the water, which is always a big hurdle,' Gints Zilbalodis tells *Baltic Outlook*.

The film encourages reflection on the trajectory of human progress. How do you see the evolution of humanity at this moment?
It's great that the film encourages such reflection, because that was the intention. We wanted to give the audience threads to unravel for themselves; we didn't want to serve viewers anything on a silver platter. The aim was to arouse curiosity and provoke thought.

In terms of what's happening to us right now, this is a time of change; but then again, change is constant. At the same time, it feels like we're stuck

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'There was a long ovation. It was really emotional,' said Zilbalodis after the world premiere of *Flow* at the 77th Cannes Film Festival.

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Every cut in editing is a form of manipulation

and not moving forward. Yes... that's a very broad question with many perspectives – what may be a golden age for one person may be a difficult time for another.

There's no universal answer to your question, but there definitely is confusion in the world. We're bombarded with so much information every day, much of it unclear and overwhelming, and perhaps that's why people are drawn to stories and art – because they offer a certain order, clarity, and resolution. Maybe that's what drew me in, the opportunity to devote my time to creating a story in which the information can be understood, or at least organised in a way that feels right. In one sense, it's a way of regaining some control.

The technical and visual approach used in *Flow* reflects a deep cinematic quality. Which films have shaped and inspired your artistic vision?

There are many works that have influenced me, although they've often guided me on a subconscious level. It's usually only when a film is all done that I realise it contains references to the work of one director or another. Although this is an animated film, I've been more inspired by live-action films, especially directors who use the camera as an expressive tool. Films in which the camera and the image become crucial elements of the story. Films in which the movement and framing are almost at the heart of the narrative, because that's the essence of cinema. In this sense, the movement of the camera functions as choreography.

Among such directors is Alfonso Cuarón, who is known for his long, uninterrupted takes. My film also contains such shots, one of which is almost five minutes long – not edited, but shot in one continuous flow. This creates a sense of presence and involvement, making the audience feel like they're at the centre of the action. Every cut in editing is a form of manipulation. Of course, a long take is also manipulation, but it's much more subtle and allows the viewer to experience it as something real.

I'd also like to mention the Japanese director and artist Hayao Miyazaki, best known for the animated films he made during his time at *Studio Ghibli*. Unlike American commercial animation, which is always fast-paced with constant jokes, Miyazaki offers variety. His films include moments where you can take a breath, reflect on what's happened, and notice the details. This dynamic, the slower moments, make the faster ones even more expressive. Other directors who've inspired me are Sergio Leone, Akira Kurosawa, and Martin Scorsese.

The musical landscape resulting from your collaboration with composer Rihards Zaļupe plays an important role in the film. It's no surprise that it's already winning awards. What was your vision for the role of music in the film?

In filmmaking, music is often added at the end, almost as an afterthought. But for me, it was important to integrate the music from the very beginning of the film's development, even while the plot was still forming. That way, the music could bring new ideas and inspiration, creating a collaboration that influenced both the story and the visual editing.

Because *Flow* has no dialogue, the music had much more room to express itself and play a significant role. The goal was not to use all the tools all the time, but to be precise. There are several

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Zilbalodis already achieved remarkable international success in 2019 with his debut feature-length animation *Away*.

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scenes in which we completely remove other sound effects, and only the music is heard. Similarly, there are long scenes with no music at all, in which we focus on the textures of the environment – the wind, the splashing of water, the sounds of animals – all of which contribute to a sense of realism.

What role does music play in your personal life?
I'm open to different styles of music and often listen to instrumental music, both electronic and acoustic. It's especially helpful when I'm working, writing, or doing technical tasks, because music with lyrics can be distracting. Ambient music and artists such as Philip Glass and Gustavo Santaolalla are often my companions.

When making the film, we didn't want to make assumptions about what instruments should be used in certain scenes. Perhaps unusually, the emotional tone is sometimes set with electronic music, while in other, lighter scenes it's acoustic music. Overall, the goal was to create a unique soundtrack specifically for this film, one that wouldn't be easily transferred to another story. We wanted the music to immediately evoke *Flow* in the viewer's mind when they hear it.

Creating the main character of the cat in *Flow* and animating its movements in a 3D environment required high precision and technical development. What were some of the other major technical challenges in making the film?
The most technically challenging aspect was animating the water, which is always a big hurdle. Water is extremely difficult to control and make it conform to the vision. We had to develop new systems and tools to achieve this. The project was also complex in terms of scale – many different characters, their interactions with each other, and how they interacted with the water. There were also wide shots, not just simple close-ups, but vast forests with countless details.

And you're right, animating the movements of the quadruped characters was also difficult from an animation standpoint, requiring much more work than animating human figures. The animators had to carefully craft every nuance of their movements.

The long takes were another challenge. The animators had to work for months on a single shot, ensuring not only technical precision but also emotional expressiveness. For example, it was important to maintain the sense of tension that the cat feels in any given situation.

What's the significance of the cat's original environment in the film? How was the cat's connection to that place, and possibly to its owner, imagined?
This is one of the aspects I wanted to leave to the viewer's imagination. It was important to show that this home is a safe and peaceful environment where the cat wants to stay. Perhaps the cat once had an owner, but we don't know if that owner left by choice or was forced to leave.

We also see statues in this environment, and the viewer may wonder if the cat was the inspiration for these statues or if they represent other cats. Interestingly, the statues weren't part of the original script; they appeared during the making of the film. Our aim was to show the passage of time and how the rising floodwaters gradually submerge the statues, which could create a sense of unease for the cat when it sees the other cats underwater.

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Flow's main creative team on the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival.

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The most valuable recognition was at the Cannes Film Festival

Does the cat in the film have a defined gender and stage of life, or are these aspects left to the viewer's interpretation as well, serving as a symbol of different life experiences?
Yes, it's left to the viewer's interpretation, so everyone can see themselves or their own cat in these events. The gender of the cat is not important in this film. I personally identify with this character and see myself in it. But I've heard different opinions, for example, many people are very convinced that the cat is female. There are also other things I prefer not to explain too explicitly in order to keep some mystery and allow the audience to draw their own conclusions.

The film has received numerous accolades from industry professionals. Which of these recognitions means the most to you personally?
The most valuable recognition was at the Cannes Film Festival, because it led to all the other events that followed. I think if it hadn't been for the Cannes nomination, perhaps none of the other events would have happened. In fact, it's rare for animation to be included in the Cannes programme. I heard there was quite a heated discussion behind the scenes about whether to include animation or not.

But the most important thing is that people see the film and that it's shown widely. It's crucial that the film gets out there, because there's an enormous amount of work that's gone into it. It's not something that happens automatically – it takes time and effort to secure each area and each distributor. But it's gratifying to see the reactions when the film really works and resonates with a wide audience. People who don't normally attend festivals, and even people who aren't normally interested in animation, have all been drawn to the story.

How do you think *Flow* fits into the broader landscape of global animation?
Flow is a small independent film existing on a global scale. I was recently on a panel in the United States where there were also directors from *Disney* and *Pixar* on stage, with films that make billions and cost hundreds of millions to make. If we can share the stage with such global giants, it's amazing.

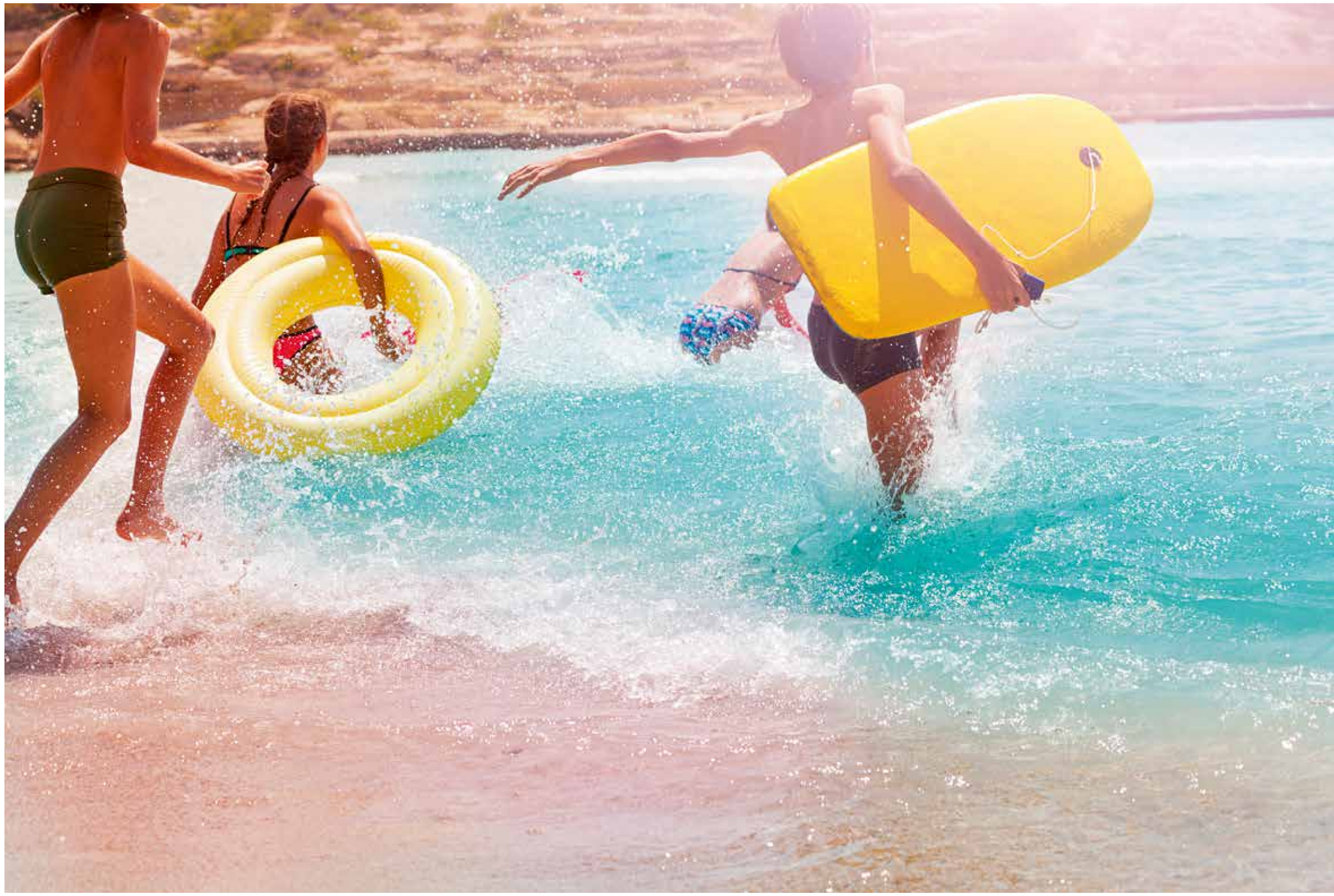
I think we'll see more films like this, especially in animation, coming from countries like Latvia – places with animation traditions but without big industries. There will be more examples of independent animation, which means more diversity and different perspectives. The big Hollywood studios are all quite similar and uniform, but nowadays there seems to be space to see something different. Not just different stories, but different approaches to storytelling. I find that really exciting, and I think the best is yet to come. **bo**

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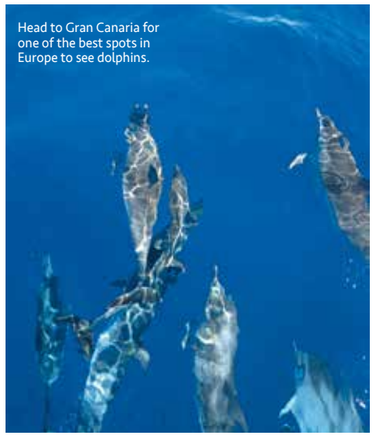
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First on the list are the island's stunning golden beaches, such as Playa del Inglés and Maspalomas. With shallow waters and gentle waves, these shores are perfect for little ones to splash around in safety. The soft sand invites children to build sandcastles while parents bask in the sun and enjoy a well-deserved break. Playa Maspalomas is particularly enchanting, with its famous sheltered sand dunes offering beautiful, easy walks and guided camel rides for an unforgettable family experience.

When the kids are ready for a change of pace, head to Palmitos Wildlife Park, a fascinating mix of zoo and lush botanical garden. Here you can see exotic animals, enjoy thrilling bird shows, and stroll through vibrant gardens. The falconry display is a standout attraction that's sure to delight the whole family.

For families with slightly older children who are keen to explore, Gran Canaria offers a wealth of culture and history. The charming town of Teror, with its picturesque streets and traditional architecture, is the perfect family day out. Stroll through the local market, where you can sample delicious Canarian pastries, including *bienmesabe*, a delicious sweet almond dessert. Another cultural highlight is Arucas, which is famous for its rum distillery and stunning Neo-Gothic church.

When it comes to eating out, Gran Canaria caters to families with a wide range of options to suit all tastes. Many restaurants offer children's menus with local and international dishes. Enjoy al fresco dining with breathtaking views of the sea, making mealtimes an unforgettable part of your holiday. And don't forget to try traditional Canarian dishes, especially *papas arrugadas* (wrinkled potatoes) served with *mojo* sauce (a delicious garlic, olive oil, and spice dip that's sure to please).

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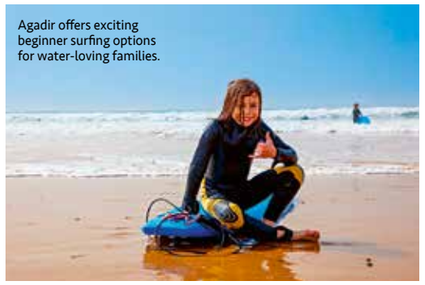
AGADIR, MOROCCO

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With over 300 days of sunshine a year, Agadir is a winter sun paradise where sandy beaches and vibrant Moroccan culture come together. This gem on the Atlantic coast offers families the perfect mix of sun, sea, and city life. Explore the sprawling souks full of colourful textiles and fragrant spices, or stroll through the charming medina, where winding alleyways, hidden squares, and lush gardens await. With winter temperatures averaging a mild 21°C, Agadir is an ideal escape from the cold.

While Morocco may not be the first destination that comes to mind for a beach holiday, Agadir boasts some of the country's finest coastline. Its long, gentle crescent of sand stretches for miles, providing plenty of space for family fun by the sea. The soft waves are perfect for children to splash in, while paddleboarding, jet-skiing, and beginner surfing offer exciting options for water-loving families. For those with a little more experience, the famous surfing town of Taghazout lies just a 30-minute drive north and promises even more aquatic adventures.

For a unique cultural experience and breathtaking views, families should visit the ruins of the 16th-century Kasbah Agadir Oufella. This historical site and walled fortress once housed over 300 inhabitants, and exploring the ruins offers a fascinating glimpse into the city's storied past. The panoramic views of the mosques, parks, and apartment buildings that hug the crescent-shaped bay make for stunning family photos against an unforgettable backdrop.



Agadir offers exciting beginner surfing options for water-loving families.



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Take a day trip to Paradise Valley, where children can explore natural pools.



Ait Ben Haddou is the crown jewel of Morocco's kasbahs (fortresses).

Next, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Agadir's bustling medina. Souk El Had is the city's central marketplace, where families can experience local culture at first hand. Shop for traditional handicrafts, spices, and textiles, and indulge in delicious Moroccan treats and steaming cups of mint tea. The vibrant atmosphere encourages children to interact with local vendors, and haggling over prices is an exciting rite of passage for budding world travellers.

Beyond the city, the stunning countryside surrounding Agadir offers plenty of opportunities for adventure. Families may take a day trip to Paradise Valley, where children can explore the natural pools and waterfalls, which are ideal spots for a refreshing dip. For a truly unique Moroccan experience, consider a camel ride in the Sahara Desert, perhaps combined with an overnight stay in a traditional Bedouin camp for a taste of the nomadic lifestyle.

With its perfect winter weather, beautiful beaches, and rich cultural experiences, Agadir is an ideal destination for families seeking a balance of relaxation and adventure.

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Dubai's family-friendly hotels go the extra mile with mini check-in desks, kids' clubs, and children's menus as well as restaurants that offer flexible meal times for the little ones. Some hotels even offer child-friendly spa treatments and play areas that are more like theme parks than simple playgrounds. For families who love the water, many hotels are conveniently located near top water parks. Brave the slides at Aquaventure at Atlantis, The Palm, splash around at Wild Wadi near Jumeirah Beach, or enjoy the family-friendly pools at Jungle Bay at The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi.

Most of Dubai's top family attractions are located within a 30-minute drive, making it easy to explore the city by taxi. At Ski Dubai, an indoor snow park with an 85-metre slope and chairlift, you can experience a winter wonderland in the heart of the desert. Meanwhile, KidZania gives children the opportunity to role-play in a mini-city complete with supermarkets, petrol stations, and medical centres, combining education with fun as they take on different roles.

With winter temperatures hovering around a pleasant 24°C, families can enjoy outdoor activities and sightseeing without breaking a sweat. Relax on Dubai's pristine beaches, such as Jumeirah Beach, where gentle waves create the perfect environment for children. For a change of scenery, head to the desert for a camel ride to a traditional Bedouin camp or an exhilarating 4x4 tour of the towering sand dunes.

For high-energy thrills, visit IMG Worlds of Adventure, the world's largest indoor theme park, which is packed with rides, cartoon and superhero attractions, and a special area for younger children. Don't miss the Dubai Aquarium & Underwater Zoo at Dubai Mall, where you can see a wide range of marine life, including sharks and rays, as well as interactive experiences that will delight young visitors.

Dubai is truly a family travel paradise, and this list only scratches the surface of what the emirate has to offer. For a winter break filled with adventure, relaxation, and excitement, Dubai is a destination that truly has it all.

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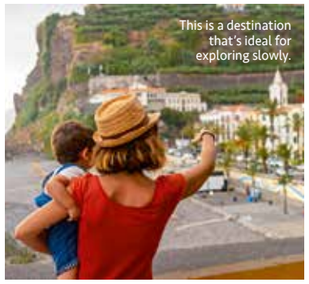


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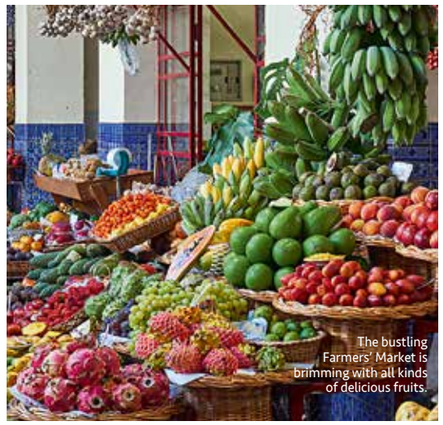
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Madeira, a stunning Portuguese island in the Atlantic Ocean, offers families an unforgettable winter getaway full of sunshine, natural beauty, and outdoor adventure. Often referred to as the 'Floating Garden', the island enjoys mild winter temperatures around 17°C and plenty of sunshine, creating the perfect backdrop for exploring its lush volcanic landscapes.

For families who love to hike, Madeira's unique *levadas* – centuries-old irrigation channels transformed into walking trails – offer a picturesque way to experience the island's vibrant wildflowers, cascading waterfalls, and breathtaking views. With more than 2100 kilometres of trails winding through a variety of terrain, there's a trail to suit every level of ability, making it easy for families to enjoy hiking adventures together, whether with young children or experienced hikers.

A visit to the Monte Palace Gardens is a must and offers an enchanting experience full of exotic plants, captivating botanical displays, and stunning sculptures. After exploring the gardens, don't miss the thrill of the traditional toboggan ride down the mountain, where locals skillfully guide wicker baskets down steep streets – a uniquely Madeiran experience that will have your family buzzing with excitement.

Madeira's cultural treasures come alive in Funchal, the island's vibrant capital. There, families will want to explore the bustling Farmers' Market (Mercado dos Lavradores), where colourful stalls overflow with fresh produce, flowers, and local delicacies. The adults can indulge in Madeira's famous *poncha*, a traditional mix of sugarcane rum, honey, and lemon, while the children enjoy fresh juices and pastries. The port of Funchal is also the departure point for dolphin- and whale-watching tours, providing an unforgettable opportunity to see these magnificent creatures up close in their natural habitat.

Although Madeira's rugged volcanic landscape means there are no traditional sandy beaches, families can still enjoy the sea at Funchal's Complexo Balnear do Lido. Located along the coast, this saltwater swimming complex has inviting pools and diving boards and offers a relaxed atmosphere for swimming and sunbathing. With access to the sea and a range of family-friendly facilities, it's the perfect place for a fun-filled day by the water.

With its blend of scenic walks, rich cultural experiences, and outdoor adventures, Madeira is a captivating choice for families looking for a winter sun destination that promises both excitement and discovery. **bo**

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A STROLL THROUGH THE HEART OF ATHENS

Athens is full of surprises year round, from hidden food gems to ancient landmarks that tell stories of resilience





Modern hotels and Neoclassical buildings coexist in the heart of Athens.



The grill master at *Lefteris o Politis* places pitas on the meat to soak up its aromas.

Walking through Omonoia Square in the heart of Athens, I search through my backpack for my sunglasses. It's November, the sun is shining, and the temperature hovers at a pleasant 24° Celsius. Half of the passersby around me are in short sleeves, while the other half are wearing sweatshirts.

I'm heading to *Lefteris O Politis*, a tiny souvlaki joint that has been open since 1951. If you didn't know to look for it, you'd probably walk right past it. The menu features only two items: traditional Greek souvlaki (skewer) and traditional Greek soutzouki (spicy sausage). Unlike most souvlaki places in the city, you won't find sauces, tzatziki, or fries inside the pita here – add-ons that cover the taste of the meat. Instead, there's only freshly cut parsley, onions, tomatoes, red peppers, and salt. According to Chrysavgi, a regular customer, 'The secret to great taste is simplicity.' Behind us, the grey-haired grill master carefully places the pitas on the meat being grilled, ensuring they absorb all its aromas.

Indeed, the fluffy pita paired with the mildly spicy beef leaves a lingering taste on your lips and palate that makes you not want to stop eating. And it's easy to continue, because each souvlaki costs less than 2.50 euros. 'You won't find fancy tables and décor here,' Chrysavgi continues, 'the flavour speaks for itself.' It's no wonder most customers are locals rather than tourists. *Lefteris O Politis* is a true hidden gem, as the travel guides would put it.

Then, for something sweet, I head down Sokratous Street, a road that saw its glory days in the 1950s, when many of Athens' derelict buildings were being rebuilt. In under five minutes, I arrive at *Loukoumades Ktistakis*, another place with a long history, having been around since 1912. Its small dining area holds only eight marble-top tables, which are surrounded by dark wooden chairs that immediately reveal their age.

The shop sells only loukoumades – a traditional local dessert best described as the Greek version of doughnuts. Made from yeast dough fried in hot oil, they're then covered in plenty of honey syrup and cinnamon. At *Loukoumades Ktistakis*, they're also topped with a sprinkle of sesame seeds, a signature touch at this establishment. The loukoumades are served warm, and they have a crispy exterior and a sweet, fluffy interior that feels like freshly baked bread straight from the oven.

'These are by far the best loukoumades in Athens,' says Aris, who has met me at the shop to continue our walk together. 'They remind me of the ones my grandmother used to make when I was a kid.' And indeed, although I usually try to avoid clichés, the flavour here is incomparable to similar shops in the more touristy areas of Plaka and Monastiraki. And once again, I don't need to dig deep into my pockets – for less than five euros each, Aris and I enjoy a portion that makes us say, 'I can't eat another bite.'

The sun continues to shine outside, so we decide to stroll along one of my favourite pedestrian streets, Aiolou Street. If that name sounds familiar, it's because it comes from Aeolus, the god of the winds in ancient Greek mythology. Designed in 1833, the street showcases a mix of Neoclassical buildings



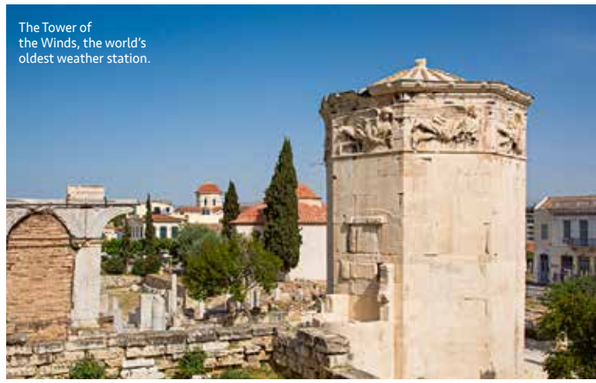
The Aiolou pedestrian street, named after the god Aeolus.



Colourful houses in Anafiotika, a tiny 'island' hidden in the heart of Athens.



Traditional loukoumades at *Loukoumades Ktistakis*, topped with honey, cinnamon, and sesame seeds.



The Tower of the Winds, the world's oldest weather station.

and modern apartment blocks – a characteristic contrast in Athens that's more noticeable when you slow down your pace while travelling.

Gradually, the Acropolis comes into view, a sight I consider one of the best in Athens. At its foot stands the Tower of the Winds, which is less known but equally rich in history. Designed in the 1st century BCE by the Greek astronomer Andronikos, it's considered the world's oldest weather station. The entire structure is made of distinctive Pentelic marble – the same used for the Parthenon – and its metopes are adorned with depictions of the eight primary winds.

Unlike most of the buildings around it, the Tower of the Winds has survived because it served various purposes over the centuries; among other things, it functioned as the bell tower of a Byzantine church. You can visit it with a Roman Agora ticket, which costs eight euros, or for free on the first Sunday of every month from November 1 to March 31. Bonus tip: this free entrance applies to all public museums and archaeological sites in Athens.

Although we're now in one of the most central parts of the city, there are noticeably fewer people around compared to two months ago. We've entered the 'low season', and tourist arrivals have significantly dropped. This is one of the best times of year to enjoy the city. There's no intense summer heat or large crowds at the historical sites, and hotel prices are significantly lower. You can also sense it in the nearby taverns, which seem to have slowed down their pace.

'This summer, we had more work than ever before,' Aris comments. He owns a limousine company and works almost exclusively with foreign visitors. 'I was working 14 to 16 hours a day, sleeping very little, and, to be honest, I might have complained a bit. But now that it's over, I can say it was worth it. When it comes to tourists, we're like traditional Greek hosts. We grumble when we have guests at home, but as soon as they leave, we feel sad about being alone,' he concludes with a laugh. I don't think I could have put it better myself.

Here in Athens the temperature in the city centre rarely drops below 6° Celsius, even on the coldest nights in January. But we nevertheless feel the chill – and quite a bit! But our basic habits don't change: we keep going, whether morning, midday or evening, just ducking inside when we need to warm up.

Popular indoor destinations include tavernas and *tsipouradika* (traditional eateries also serving *tsipouro*, a distilled spirit), where the menus have been adjusted to the season and currently offer hearty stews and soups. If you're up for something special, try *fasolada*, a bean soup often called Greece's national dish, or *revithia*, a comforting chickpea stew. As for drinks, don't miss *rakomelo*, whose name is a combination of the words *raki* (a Greek spirit) and *meli* (honey). Served hot, it's often enjoyed as a remedy for colds and is delicious with a mix of warming spices. Just make sure you don't overdo it!

THE FOOD SCENE IN ATHENS

A food lover's dream for dining and drinks



Breakfast

Neratzia Cafe Bistro, named after the bitter orange trees that flourish in Athens, is located on the ground floor of a beautiful Neoclassical building in the Koukaki neighbourhood, just a few minutes from the Acropolis Museum. Here, retro style meets pop décor, with the large bar making a distinct impression. The specialty here is traditional pancakes with feta cheese, honey, cinnamon, and fruit salad. Also noteworthy is the unique village pie from the tiny Greek island of Kasos that's made with dried figs, *katiki Domokou* (a creamy local cheese), *petimezi* cream (grape syrup), and cherry tomatoes.

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Coffee

Did you know that Greece ranks ninth in global coffee consumption, with the average Greek drinking three kilograms of coffee per year? Local coffee chains are highly popular, and Athens is also home to numerous independent cafés that focus on quality and serve excellent coffee. *Kaya* (Voulis 7) is among the best – 'hidden' in an arcade near Syntagma Square, it collaborates with top local coffee roasters. Be sure to try its freddo espresso. Alternatively, *Foyer* (Vriaxidos 2) in the Pangrati neighbourhood offers an exceptional selection, featuring beans from some of Europe's most renowned roasteries and introducing something new each week.



Lunch

If you're craving an authentic hot soup in the heart of Athens, *Oinomageireio Epirus* is the place to go. This charming tavern nestled in the historic Varvakeios Municipal Market is the epitome of traditional Greek cuisine and specialises in serving hearty, home-cooked meals. In fact, it's rumoured that even the renowned chef Jamie Oliver himself couldn't resist the allure of its fricassee or its unique soup made from lamb offal. The menu offers a tempting selection of Greek soups, each prepared with care to satisfy any craving for genuine Greek flavours.

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Dinner

Step into *Ergon House* (Mitropoleos Street 23) and be captivated by its 25-metre-high atrium, which is bathed in light and centres around a real olive tree. Here, you'll find a vibrant market with a fishmonger, butcher, grocer, bakery, and more. Take a stroll and choose what you'd like to eat before sitting down. Then enjoy fresh bread straight from the oven; graviera cheese with paprika, kataifi pastry, honey, and pistachio nuts; and fresh pasta with shrimp and herbs. If you prefer a mix of fine dining and tradition, make sure to visit *Grande Dame* (Nikis 46) in a beautiful Neoclassical building from 1817 at the edge of Plaka. The menu is relatively short but has both meat and fish dishes. The Athenian salad with marinated sea bass is a standout, while the oven-roasted lamb with dried apricots, hot peppers, and couscous is also a must-try.



Drinks

'Founded in 2014 by Vasilis Kyritsis and Nikos Bakoulis, *The Clumsies* was an instant hit, finding its way onto the 50 Best list a year later, and it has been featured ever since' – this is how the reputable World's 50 Best Bars describes *The Clumsies*. Indeed, it's one of the best bars not only locally but also in Europe, known for its top-quality drinks, creative cocktails, skilled bartenders, and thoughtfully curated music. Don't miss its Athenian spritzes and signature Aegean Negroni, which was crowned the World's Best Cocktail in 2019.

Praxitelous 30

Rooftop bar with the best view of the Acropolis

It's recommended to use the navigation app on your phone to find *Couleur Locale*, as its entrance is tucked away in an arcade and can be easily missed. Despite its hidden location, it remains popular as one of the most beautiful rooftop bars in Athens. The reason? It offers one of the most iconic views of the Acropolis while you enjoy your cocktail. Make sure to arrive before sunset for a special evening out, and stay late – the sight of the illuminated Acropolis at night is unforgettable.

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Ice Skating at SNFCC
Until January 7
The ice rink at the canal of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre (SNFCC) opens on December 1, 2024, inviting skaters of all skill levels to glide on the ice while enjoying their favourite Christmas melodies. Next to the rink, you can also admire the illuminated spectacle of the SNFCC and its choreographed fountains. The ice rink is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is free, and skates are provided by the ice rink staff. The Greek National Opera and the National Library of Greece also operate within the venue.
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More... Oxygen
Until January 12
What makes you breathe? What leaves you gasping for air? What do you believe in? What do you swear by? *Oxygen*, a theatrical manifesto for the 2000s by Ivan Vyrypaev, proposes an antidote to the 'psychopolitical suffocation' of Generation Z. A troupe of 25 members of this generation transform the stage at Onassis Stegi into a rave party, with DJs Reign of Time on the decks. Performances with English surtitles: December 7–8, 14–15, 22, and 29.
onassis.org

Women of the Cyclades
December 12 to May 4
A total of 150 works, all masterpieces of Cycladic art dating from prehistory to the 17th century CE, are on display from December 12 at the Museum of Cycladic Art. Most of these works have never travelled outside the Cyclades, and some have never even been shown to the public before. The exhibits tell the story of the Aegean Sea through the perspective of its island women, highlighting their roles from deity to mother and vice versa, their participation in religious rituals, and their influence in both public life and the private sphere.
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Hiking and traditional meals at Hymettus
Hymettus Mountain is another nearby destination and is ideal for hiking. Many of its trails are suitable for complete beginners or families with young children. In the area, you'll also find the Kaisariani Monastery, a medieval church built around 1100 CE during the Byzantine period. The monks were famous for crafting medicinal remedies from various local herbs. End your day at *Kalopoula Refreshments*, a charming spot under the pine trees that serves traditional Greek meals, coffee, and drinks at very reasonable prices.
kaisariani.gr/kedik-2/kalopoyla



Embark on some island hopping
A day trip from Athens to the islands is always a good idea. A great option is a boat tour to Agistri and Aegina – spend the whole day diving into crystal-clear waters, soaking up the sun, sipping cold beers, and enjoying onboard meals. If you'd rather visit just one island, the ferry from Piraeus to Aegina departs nearly every half hour and takes between 30 minutes to 1.5 hours.
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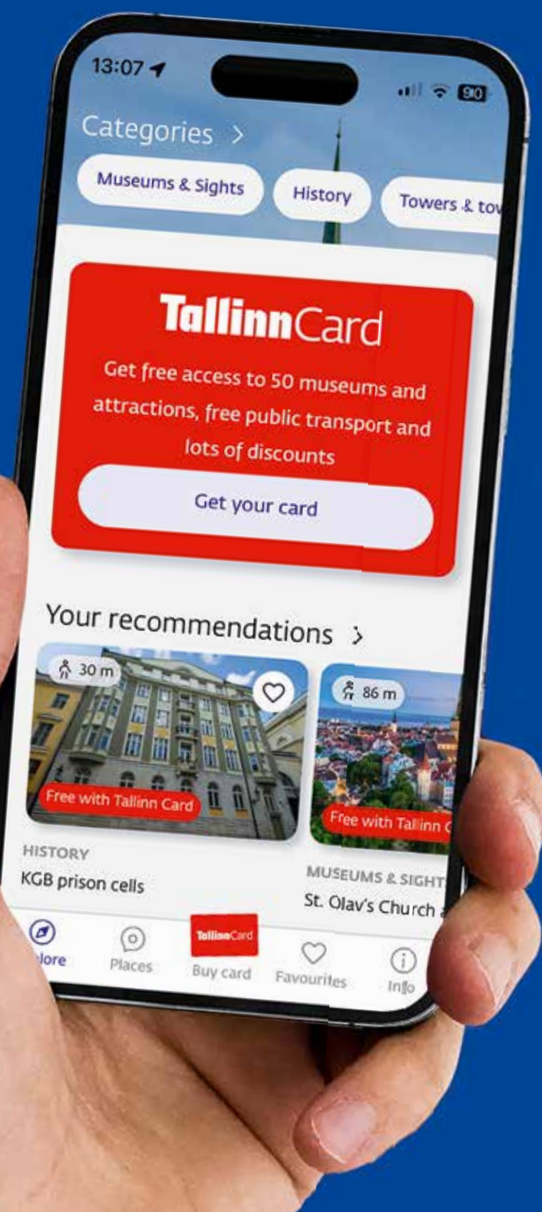
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Relive Marathon
If history or running (or both) interests you, Marathon is worth a visit. The town is located less than an hour from central Athens, and nearby you can see the Lake Marathon dam and the Marathon Tomb, the final resting place for those who died in the famous Battle of Marathon. Legend has it that after this battle, a messenger ran roughly 40 kilometres to Athens to announce the Persian defeat. Sadly, he collapsed from exhaustion shortly after delivering the message. This heroic act became the inspiration for the modern marathon race. For those intrigued by the origins of the iconic race, the Marathon Run Museum offers a deep dive into its history.
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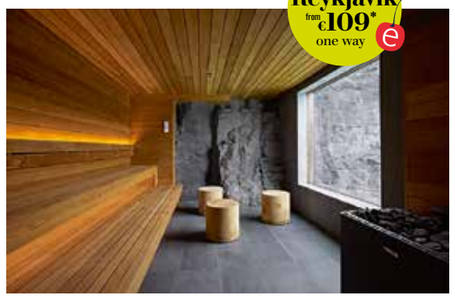
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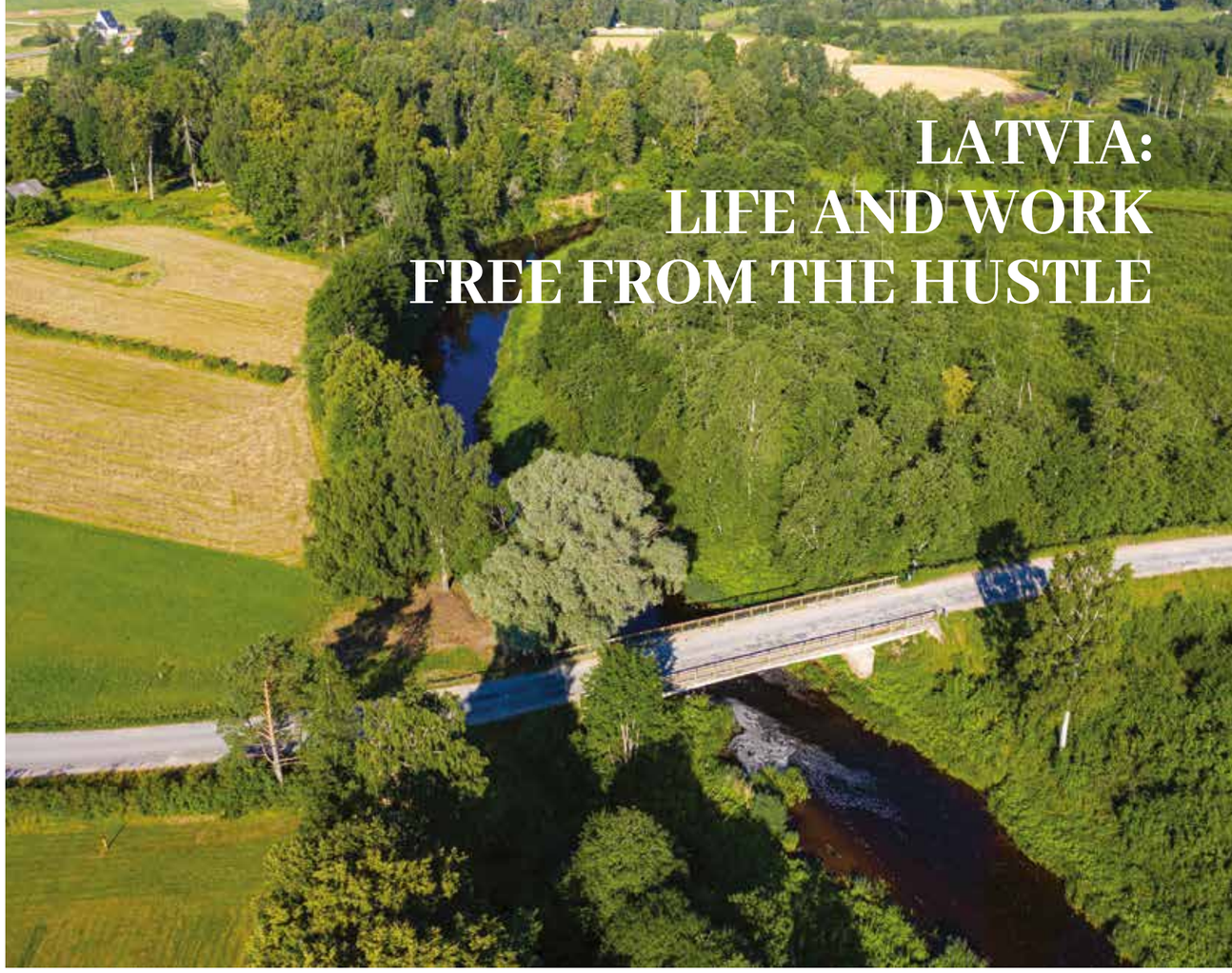
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The hotel's in-house nutritionist, Heeral Shivnani, offers personalised macro-balanced meal plans tailored to your stay, while the neon-lit lobby, which doubles as a vibrant community hub, serves up fresh salads, nutritious bowls, and protein shakes. For fitness enthusiasts, the Fitness Lab provides everything from cardio sessions and yoga to Pilates and the extraordinary Experience Box.

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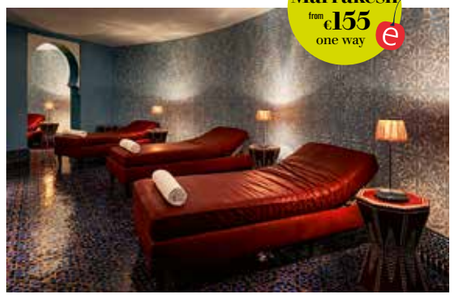
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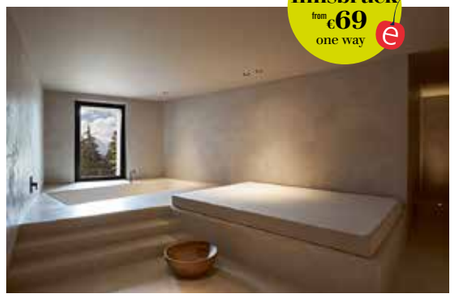
After a recent extensive renovation, this storied retreat now features sophisticated, contemporary touches, including the remarkable Spa La Mamounia. At this lavish 2500-square-metre wellness oasis, guests are transported into a realm of Moroccan bliss, complete with traditional hammams, indulgent treatment and massage rooms, and a breathtaking outdoor pool surrounded by lush palm trees, all set against a mesmerising backdrop that reminds one of the Arabian Nights.

Named the Best Hotel Spa in Morocco by the esteemed World Spa Awards in 2024, the spa offers an extensive menu of more than 80 facial and body treatments, including relaxing, energising, detoxifying, and stress-relieving massages using argan oil, hot stones, and synchronised four-hand techniques. Every treatment is meticulously designed to restore harmony to both mind and body, creating a rejuvenating experience in one of the world's most magical settings.

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HOTEL FORESTIS DOLOMITES, ITALY

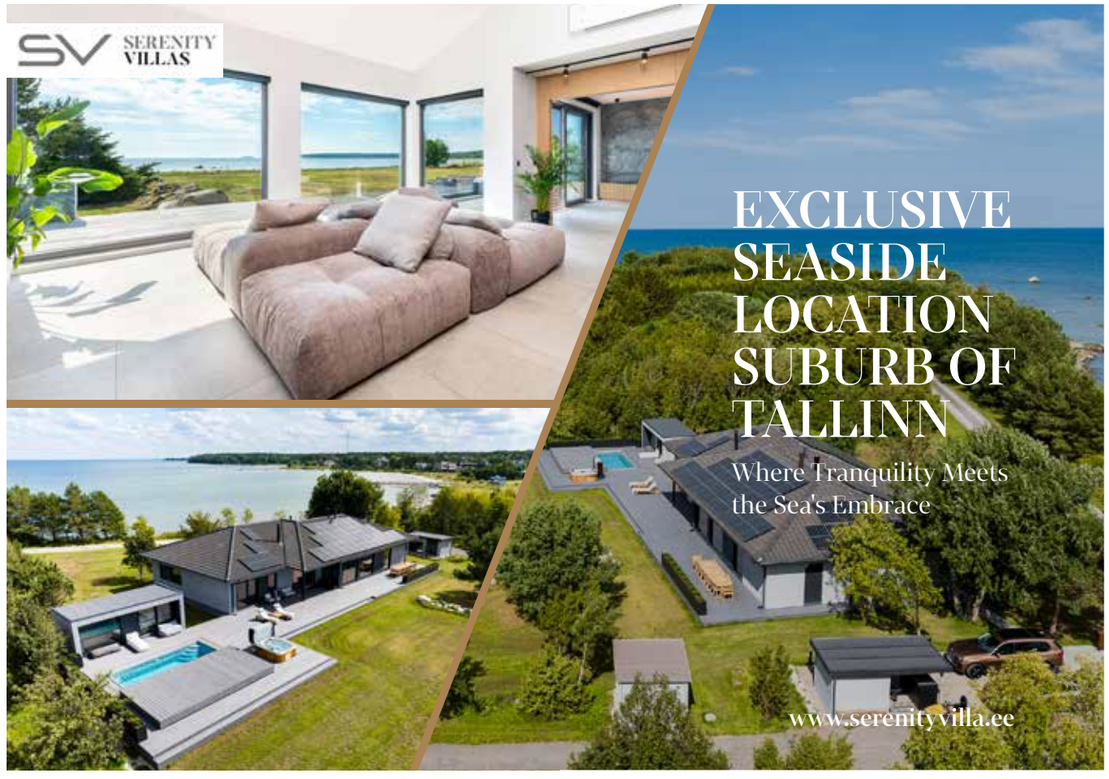
At *Forestis Dolomites*, the ultimate luxury lies in quietude and a deep connection with nature. Whether swimming in the outdoor pool or practising ancient Wyda yoga, guests can immerse themselves in the breathtaking views of the snow-capped Dolomite Mountains and serene woodlands. This exclusive retreat lies just under 90 kilometres by car from Innsbruck Airport.

With its pristine air, pure spring waters, and naturally energising aura, this location was recommended by doctors before the First World War as the perfect spot for a sanatorium to treat lung diseases. Today, those healing traditions continue in the resort's modern two-storey spa complex, designed to rejuvenate both body and mind. The spa offers an array of treatments, including pools, salt steam baths, saunas, aromatherapy rooms infused with local herbs, and more.

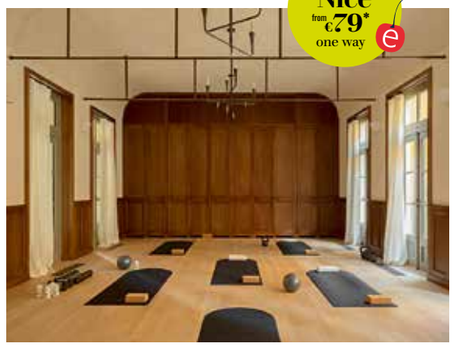
The focus here is on holistic healing and nature-inspired wellness: body scrubs made from local mountain pine, massages using fir and larch wood sticks for pressure techniques, and a wellness cuisine that celebrates wild plants. Each element here enhances the restorative experience at every level.

forestis.it









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HÔTEL DU COUVENT, FRANCE

Time moves a little slower at the *Hôtel du Couvent*. The light seems softer, the atmosphere more energising. In the heart of Nice's Old Town, the newly restored 17th-century Convent of the Visitation Sainte-Claire has been transformed into an iconic hotel, and here a quiet luxury experience that's devoted to the ancient traditions of Roman bathing culture awaits. The almost circular Roman baths are based on the three timeless principles of water, movement, and rejuvenation. This authentic renewal experience guides guests through a series of pools, beginning with the warming tepidarium, progressing to the intense heat of the caldarium, and concluding with the invigorating chill of the frigidarium.

To complete the journey, indoor and outdoor pools offer a tranquil dip with heavenly views of serene gardens and the blue expanse of the Mediterranean Sea. In the holistic healing area, custom massages featuring botanical essential oils specially selected by a medicinal herb specialist provide deep relaxation and restoration. Additionally, personalised wellness remedies and teas made from herbs and flowers grown in the convent's own gardens promise to revitalise and harmonise the body and mind.

hoteldducouvent.com





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QC TERMEGARDA SPA AND GOLF RESORT, ITALY

Just under 50 kilometres from Verona, a fairytale 15th-century Renaissance villa nestled in the hills around Lake Garda houses a luxurious resort and spa offering stunning views over the picturesque Arzaga Golf Club. Nature, local traditions, and rich historical heritage take centre stage here. *QC Termegarda Spa and Golf Resort* features two themed spa areas: The Farm and The Shore.

The Farm invites guests to experience the charm of an old farmhouse, with unique spaces such as the Barn on the Hill steam room, the rustic Barrel Room, and the Porch on the Vineyard bio-sauna. Meanwhile, The Shore celebrates the magic of water, featuring atmospheric pools and rituals inspired by local legends, such as the Bardali Pool and the Ice-House Courtyard.

To end the day, there's no better place to unwind than the expansive outdoor pool, which is equipped with powerful hydromassage jets. At sunset, it offers an unforgettable view of the surrounding vineyards, cypress and olive groves, and ancient trees. It's a tranquil setting for a perfect evening in this exceptional destination.

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THE UP-AND-COMING AND THE GOOD OLD CLASSICS

A complete guide to the Baltic restaurants and bars that have won the Baltic Wine & Drinks Awards 2024. Browse the best wine and drinks lists and enjoy excellent cuisine!

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 understanding for wine and drinks in Baltic cultures. Guided by a distinguished jury, the awards uphold a mission to enhance wine selections across Baltic dining establishments. Its members are Billy Wagner of the *Nobelhart & Schmutzig* restaurant in Berlin; Aigars Nords, founder of the Riga Wine & Champagne festival; Jānis Volkinšteins, a three-time winner of the Baltic Wine List Awards; Lauris Grass, a veteran of Baltic bar culture; Stefan Klettner, one of Austria's top sommeliers; Arūnas Starkus, director of studies at the Lithuanian Sommelier School and co-owner of the fine-wine distributor *Vyno Klubas*; winner of the title ASI Best Sommelier of Europe, Middle-East & Africa in 2024, Best Sommelier of Estonia in 2022 and 2023 and Best Sommelier of the Baltics in 2022; Mārtiņš Pīlēns, a designer and Champagne expert with 15 years of experience; and Aleksei Pogrebnoi, who has ten years of experience as a chef, holds an ASI Gold Diploma, and was named the Baltics' Best Sommelier in 2023.

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. The Baltic Wine & Drinks Awards are held in collaboration with *Liebherr*.



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LATVIA

BARENTS RESTAURANT

Best Fine Wine List in the Baltics
Best Fine-Dining Restaurant for Wine Lovers
Exceptional for Austria, Champagne, and Burgundy

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Barents once again clinches the top honour, reaffirming its reign as the go-to for both world-class seafood and wine. Its latest venture, *Barents Wine Collectors*, expands into retail and wholesale, proving its dedication to exceptional tipples. Head sommelier Ņikita Zaičenkovs curates a star-studded lineup of cult growers from Champagne, Burgundy, Austria, and beyond that matches the brilliance of chef Dzintars Kristovskis' inventive cuisine. And don't skip the restaurant's vibey next-door cocktail bar, where signature drinks get a unique, Nordic spin.

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TRUFF LE PIG

Best Wine Bar Wine List in the Baltics
Best Natural (non-intervention) Wine List in the Baltics
Special Award for Excellent Wine List Design & Presentation
Exceptional for Champagne (especially Côte des Bar)

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A synonym for 'cool', *Truff le Pig* is a natural wine establishment located in Riga's Quiet Centre neighbourhood. With a team as hip as the clientele and a groovy interior, it serves a fancy spin on comfort food, such as a truffle-elevated pork sausage hot dog, accompanied by the most sought-after, most in-the-know, most edgy pét-nat players out there – all selected by head sommelier Marts Augusts.

IG/ truff.le.pig



RIVIERA

Best Casual Restaurant Wine List in the Baltics
Exceptional for Champagne and the overall depth of its wine selection

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As the name suggests, *Riviera* specialises in Mediterranean-inspired fare, featuring French, Spanish, Italian, and Greek staples served in a warm, spacious dining room tucked in the heart of Riga's charming Art Nouveau district. The wine list is novel-length, reaching further than the Mediterranean coasts and catering to both wine novices and real connoisseurs.

rivierarestorans.lv

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WINE LIST AWARDS

TALLINN, ESTONIA

❁❁❁ **Time To Wine Rotermanni, Fox Den, Shang Shi, Lee Restoran**

❁❁ **UMA Restoran, Lore Bistroo, Fotografiska Tallinn, Rado restaurant**

RIGA, LATVIA

❁❁❁ **Barents, Truff le Pig, Riviera, Noble Wine**

❁❁ **Max Cekot Kitchen, Tauro, Snatch restaurant, B7, LOWINE BAR, Restorāns Whitehouse, BABO, Gutenbergs Terrace**

❁ **BURŽUJS, Alaverdi, Chef's Corner, Kolonāde. Mūsu stāsti..., Locale, Restorāns Le Dome, Harper Woolf, 3 pavāru restorāns, Tinto, Tauro, 36. line Grill Restaurant** (Jurmala), **AKUSTIKA** (Valmiera), **KEST** (Cesis), **Pavāru Māja** (Ligatne)

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

❁❁❁ **Nineteen18**

❁❁ **SOMM, Gaspar's, Fabrikėlis, Pacai Restaurant, Monte Pacis** (Kaunas)

❁ **ERTLIO NAMAS**

DRINKS AWARDS

❁❁❁ **Barents Cocktail and Seafood Bar** (Riga), **Pacai Restaurant** (Vilnius), **Restorāns Whitehouse** (Riga)

❁❁ **THIS PLACE DOESN'T NEED A NAME** (Riga), **AKUSTIKA** (Valmiera), **36. line Grill Restaurant** (Jurmala), **B BĀRS RESTORĀNS** (Riga)

❁ **Harper Woolf** (Riga), **Locale** (Riga), **3 pavāru restorāns** (Riga)

WINE & DRINKS RETAILER AWARDS

❁❁❁ **Noble Wine** (LV), **Barents Wine Collectors** (LV), **Vyno klubas** (LT), **The Hedonist** (LT), **Time To Wine Rotermanni** (EE)

❁❁ **Gaston** (LT)

❁ **NAKED NOAH** (LT), **WINE HOUSE** (LV), **Kabinett** (LV), **Prikeshop.lv** (LV)

FULL LISTS: balticwinelists.com
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NOBLE WINE

Best Fine Wine Bar-Shop in the Baltics
Exceptional for Champagne and French, Italian, Spanish, and Austrian classics

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Set in a striking Art Nouveau gem on Elizabetes iela, *Noble Wine* boasts over 500 carefully curated bottles – and the collection keeps expanding, now also showcasing stellar New World selections from Argentina, New Zealand, and South Africa. Pair your pick with the in-store bar's elegant bites, crafted to elevate each wine's nuanced flavours.

noblewine.lv



MAX CEKOT KITCHEN

Excellent for Champagne and mature Bordeaux
Amazing by-the-glass and spirits selection

**

Tucked away in Riga's industrial outskirts in a repurposed wood-processing factory, this *Michelin*-starred gem is the brainchild of chef Max Cekot. His avantgarde techniques spotlight home-grown ingredients, reimagining Latvian cuisine with bold creativity. The ten-course seasonal tasting menu is elevated by sommelier Uldis Grigalis' award-winning wine pairings, offered in regular and premium tiers, alongside a concise yet razor-sharp wine list that's nothing short of stellar.

maxcekot.com



TIME TO WINE ROTERMANNI

Best Wine Bar-Shop in the Baltics
Best Value in the Baltics

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Time to Wine Rotermanni has secured the title of Best Wine Bar-Shop with its unparalleled collection of bottles from celebrated regions to hidden gems handpicked by sommeliers Kristina Suursoo and Georgi Leinemann. The innovative wine dispensers allow guests to sample 22 varieties, ensuring that everyone can find a sip for their palate and pocket. Feeling peckish? Dive into a selection of refined tapas expertly curated by acclaimed chef Andrei Lesment.

timetowine.ee

ESTONIA


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FOX DEN

Best Fine-Wine Bar in the Baltics
Best New Entry at the Baltic Wine & Drinks Awards
Exceptional for classic and New World wines
Best by-the-glass selection in the Baltics

***

A new addition to the Baltic bar scene, *Fox Den* wine bar is part of the recently opened *Bombay Club*, a luxe destination for gaming, cocktails, fine dining, and some serious wine sipping. In addition to rare cigars and whiskeys, this 15th-century cellar stocks some exceptional vintages, New World gems, and exclusive Champagnes available to enjoy by the glass. All in all, it's an exclusive experience that invites guests to linger a bit longer.

foxden.bombayclub.com

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SHANG SHI

Best Fine Wine List in Estonia
Best Fine-Dining Restaurant for Wine Lovers in Estonia
Best Cantonese Restaurant Wine List in the Baltics
Best New Fine-Dining Entry in the Baltics

❁❁❁

For Cantonese cuisine in the Baltics, *Shang Shi* reigns supreme. A jewel in the *Bombay Club's* crown, this lavish dining room led by *Michelin*-starred chef Chee Hwee Tong indulges guests with impeccably presented classics such as dim sum and Peking duck. The wine list shines with top picks from esteemed Old World regions alongside intriguing entries from Armenia and Slovenia, all complemented by an extensive selection of by-the-glass options.
shangshi.bombayclub.com


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LEE RESTORAN

Best Casual Restaurant Wine List in Estonia
Best Estonian Wine Collection

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Formerly *Leib*, this beloved spot remains an Old Town staple that always delivers. Set in a serene courtyard, the cosy dining room adorned with stained-glass windows invites guests to linger over punchy, shareable plates created by Canadian-born Japanese chef Hiro Takeda. His creations fuse Estonian, European, and Japanese influences, evolving with the seasons. The restaurant's ever-changing wine-by-the-glass programme includes a nod to Estonian wines.
leeresto.ee


Photo by Laura Vana

UMA RESTORAN

Best New Casual Restaurant Entry in the Baltics

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Set in the trendy Noblessner port district, *UMA* is the brainchild of local hospitality vets Kristjan Peäske and Janno Lepik. Short for 'Unorthodox Modern Asian', it delivers inventive dishes such as duck with shrimp crisps paired with an effervescent array of bubbles – a knockout formula! The space exudes cool, with funky lighting, bare concrete walls, and a striking green-tiled bar. It's the kind of spot you want for a Friday night dinner with friends.
umaresto.ee

LITHUANIA

NINETEEN18

Best Fine Wine List in Lithuania
Best Fine-Dining Restaurant for Wine Lovers in Lithuania
Best Champagne List in Lithuania

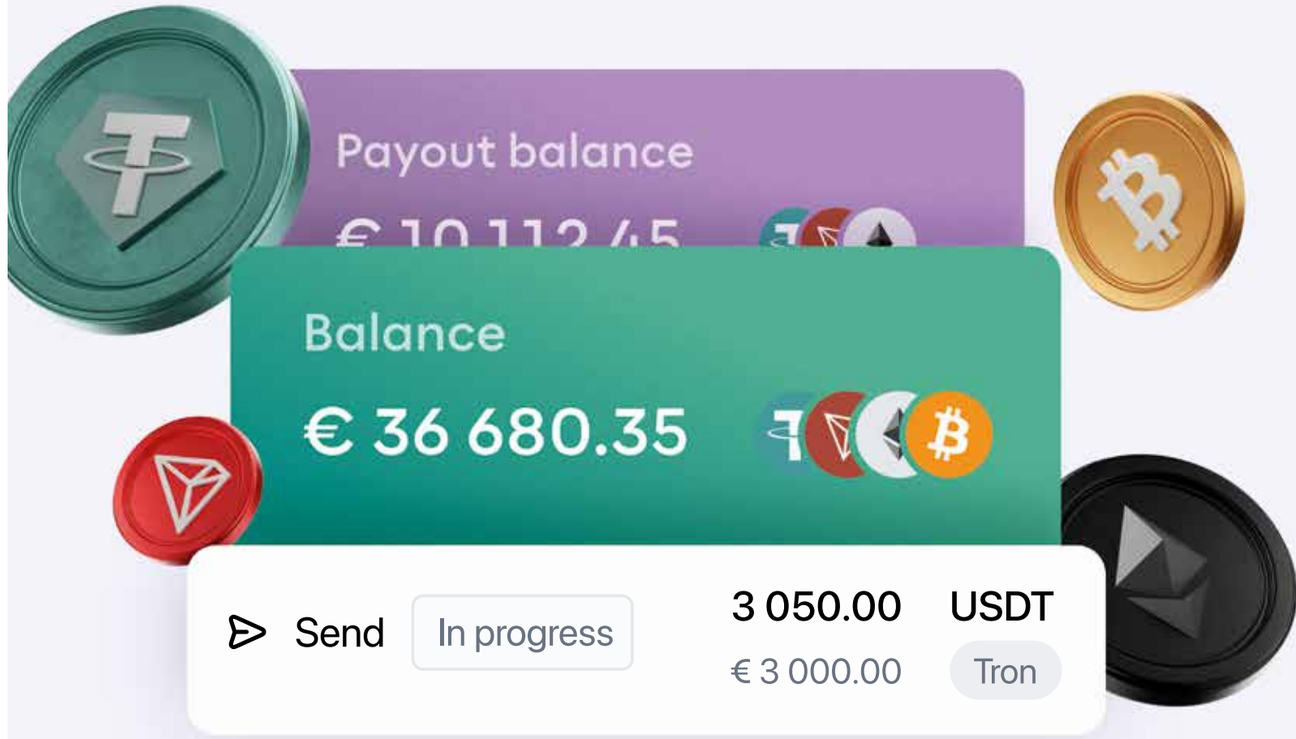
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Nineteen18 is one of the *Michelin*-starred restaurants in Lithuania's capital, and its tasting menu by chef Andrius Kubilius is a love letter to seasonal Lithuanian flavours. The creative cookery is complemented by a meticulously crafted wine list. The highlight is the Wine Cellar list, which features possibly the best collection of mature Champagnes, whites, and reds in the Baltics. With an earthy but elegant interior, *Nineteen18* is part of Senatorių Pasažas, a recently renovated quarter in the Old Town that's packed with an array of retailers driven by the quarter's own farm, Farmer's Circle.
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GASPAR'S

Excellent for Champagne and a Portuguese wine selection

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A one-man show led by dynamic chef-owner-sommelier Gaspar Fernandes, *Gaspar's* is steeped in history, with its original Yiddish restaurant sign hinting at its roots in Vilnius' former Jewish Quarter. The inventive menu reflects Fernandes' multicultural identity – born in India but of Portuguese heritage – blending seafood artistry with local, seasonal Lithuanian ingredients. The wine list reveals a deep passion for Portugal, but its true centrepiece is France, particularly the Champagne section, which is brimming with coveted growers, houses, and vineyards.

gaspars.lt



SOMM

Best Casual Restaurant-Wine Bar in the Baltics
Excellent Coravin by-the-glass wine list

**

Under the guidance of Narimantas Miežys, a leading voice in Lithuania's wine scene, *Somm* has become a hub for wine enthusiasts in Vilnius. Its wine list is a true 'foundation' for wine lovers – an approachable and fail-safe selection spanning classic regions and producers. Inside, the mood is relaxed yet festive, with knowledgeable sommeliers ensuring every guest finds their perfect match. For an elevated experience, opt for *Somm's* Tasting Dinner, a four-course European-Mediterranean feast paired with four impeccably chosen wines.

somm.lt



Photo by Narimantas Miežys



Photo by Kamilė Bartusevičiūtė

PACAI RESTAURANT

The Best Hotel-Restaurant Wine List in Vilnius

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Nestled in the magnificent *Hotel Pacai*, a vibrantly renovated 17th-century masterpiece, this restaurant is a celebration of authentic Lithuanian flavours refined with Nordic culinary techniques. Its seasonal tasting menu evolves with nature's rhythms, as does the thoughtfully curated wine list. Overseen by 2022 Lithuanian sommelier champion Kamilė Bartusevičiūtė, the selection spans European classics, lesser-known gems, and a standout Champagne and sparkling wine collection for raising a glass to special moments.

hotelpacai.com



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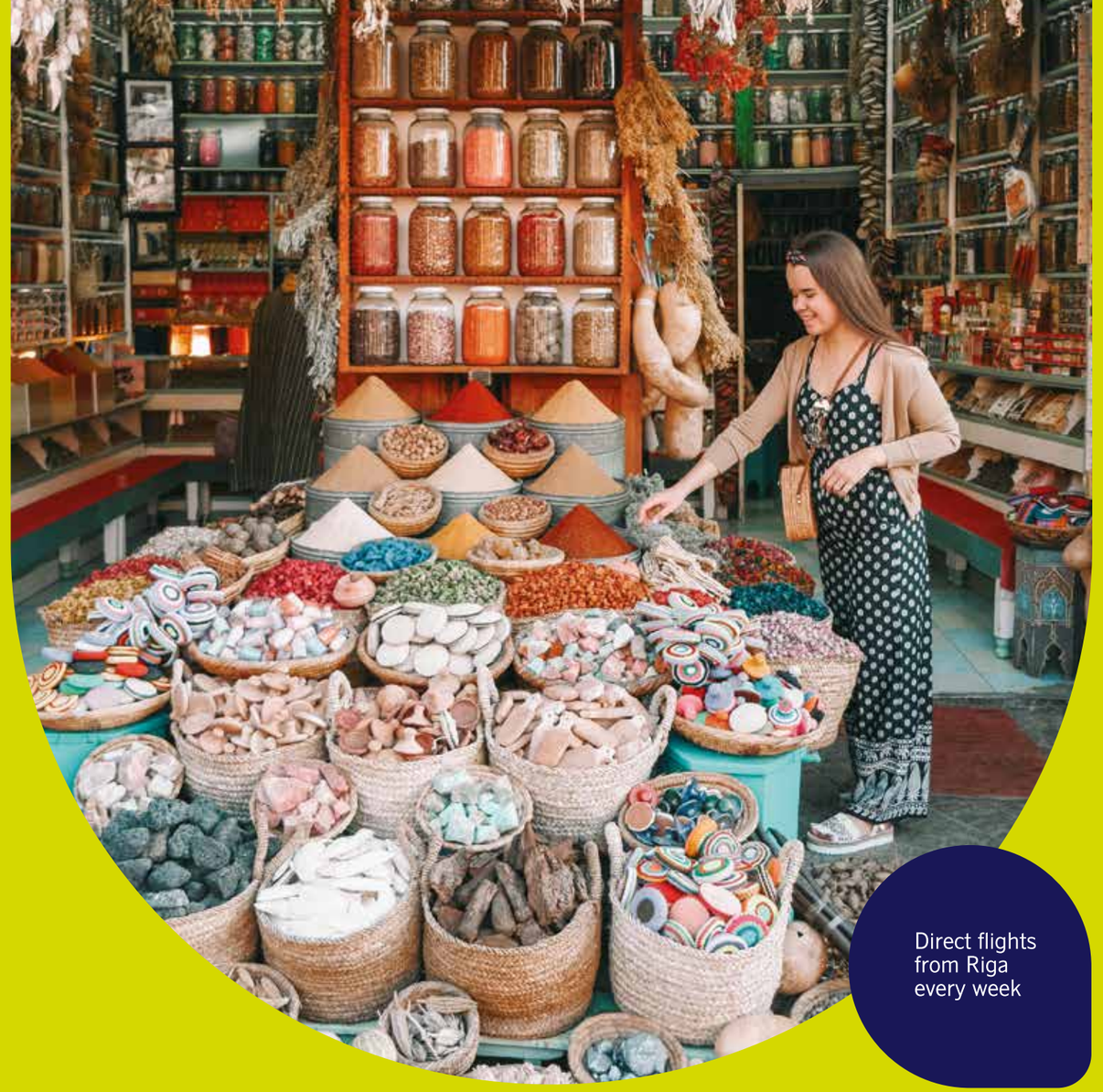
Best New Fine-Dining Wine List in Lithuania
Special Award for Value-for-Money Wine List among Fine-Dining Restaurants
Special Award for Excellent Wine List Design and Presentation

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Located in a serene pine forest just outside Vilnius, this poetic restaurant is reminiscent of a charming home is well worth the detour. Specialising in New Baltic cuisine – or informal fine dining – it offers a succinct yet refined menu that showcases top-notch ingredients sourced largely from the surrounding area. The wine list is also a gem, balancing excellent value with variety and featuring Old and New World stars, from Jura Chardonnay (France) to sparkling wines from Kent (UK).

fabrikelis.lt

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Words by **Olga Dolina**
Photos by **Richard Powers**

MOUNTAIN GENESIS

‘Breathtaking, adventurous, luxurious!’ This is how Dick Koppert, a lead designer at *Studio Piet Boon*, describes Verbier, the paradise for outdoor enthusiasts where he was responsible for the reconstruction of a mountain chalet that combines traditional Alpine charm with modern comforts. Surrounded by the majestic Swiss Alps and dense forests, the chalet is inhabited by a young family with three children. Their main requirements for the interior were to create a harmonious and timelessly functional space that blends in well with the surroundings while maintaining a warm feel and cosy areas for relaxation.







▲ 'The design of the chalet reflects the owners' appreciation of comfort, luxury, and a strong connection to nature. The use of natural materials and warm tones speaks to their desire for a home that's both functional and inviting, while playful elements such as the bronze skis, a sculptural work by *Studio Job*, reflect their sense of humour,' says Koppert.

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► New large windows are a key feature of the refurbishment. The abundance of natural light creates a spectacular indoor/outdoor connection. You can even see the ski lift from the terrace, where the family likes to gather to enjoy the stunning views and sunsets. Other favourite areas are the wood-burning fireplace, which is tailor-made for reading, and the so-called attic, where they watch films together.



► The chalet's rustic exterior blends seamlessly with its surroundings, offering durability in the harsh climate, while the soft interior provides a refuge for the home's residents. The primary bedroom has floor-to-ceiling windows and a steam shower. A painting by Dutch artist Casper Faassen adorns the wall.



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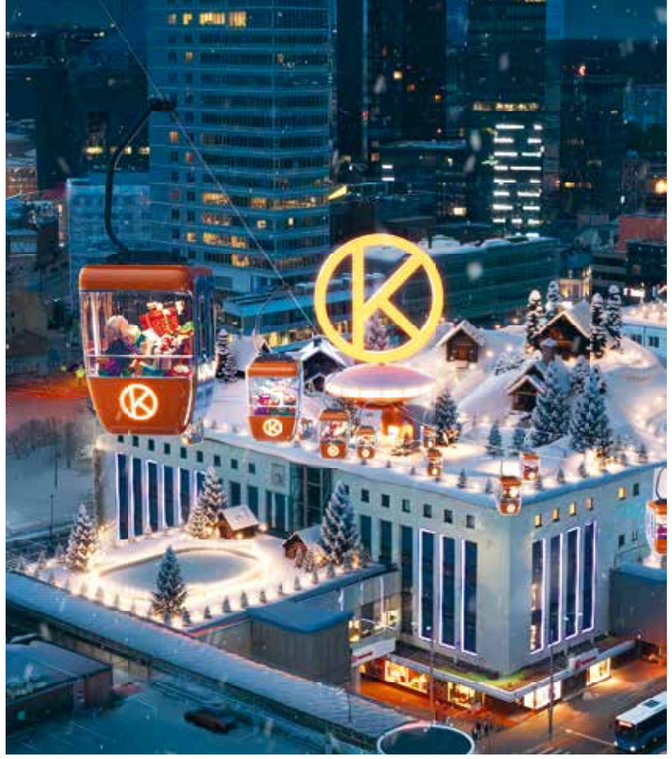
► The design concept of the house is based on the formation of the mountains, beginning with rough layers and jagged edges and ending with soft and smooth curves. The use of copper accents and subtle earth tones blend modern luxury with the chalet's traditional roots. All of the built-in furniture, such as the wardrobes, headboards, shelving, kitchen, and bathroom vanities, were custom made for the project.

▼ 'The chalet embodies the traditional Swiss way of life, combining practicality with a deep connection to the mountain landscape,' says Koppert. 'The robust exterior reflects Alpine architectural traditions, while the large windows and open spaces bring the beauty of the outdoors into the home, in keeping with the region's focus on outdoor activities and natural beauty.' **bo**









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THE ESSENTIAL ART OF REST

How taking breaks can transform your well-being.

In a world of long hours and pressure to be productive, many people overlook the crucial need to stop and recharge. Rest – whether it's an active break or a moment of silence – should not be seen as a luxury but instead as an essential part of well-being and even necessary for achieving professional goals.

Līga Sprūde, a health specialist and physiotherapist at the *Via Vitalité* weight correction and wellness centre in Latvia, emphasises the importance of taking a step back to regain momentum for future challenges. By embracing the art of rest, you can integrate restorative practices into your daily routine, improving both your physical and mental well-being. By prioritising moments of relaxation, you can pursue your ambitions with renewed energy and clarity.

'You may be sharing a stunning photo on social media of you smiling by the sea, enjoying a meal at an upscale restaurant, or exploring a new destination. But it's important to ask yourself: Am I really happy? Am I making time for myself and connecting with what really matters?' says Sprūde. 'Just as a luxury car needs fuel and maintenance to perform at its best, we too need to regularly replenish our stores of energy.'

Sprūde indicates several 'red flags' that signal it's time for a reset, including difficulty concentrating, physical fatigue that lasts for days, and emotional burnout, which can lead to irritability, anxiety, or even depression. In addition, withdrawing from personal connections – for example, through unhealthy habits such as overeating, drinking too much, or excessive screen time – can indicate depleted resources. It's important to reassess your daily rhythms and habits to restore balance and well-being.

The *Via Vitalité* health specialist points out that while short breaks are enough for some people, others need several days, weeks, or even a month to fully recharge. Accordingly, she offers practical tips on how to recharge through micro-breaks, mini-breaks, and longer holidays.

Micro-breaks are simple yet powerful ways to step away from your screen or monotonous tasks. A short walk, some gentle stretching, or a moment to breathe can work wonders. Small acts of self-care such as sipping water, eating a balanced hot lunch, giving yourself a head massage, or practising 15 minutes of meditation can significantly boost your energy levels. Consider swapping your usual coffee shop meetings for a walking meeting, which can invigorate both mind and body. It's also helpful to rethink your dependence on the car; parking a little further away encourages exercise – and the longer the walk, the healthier the choice! Finally, don't overlook workplace perks such as gym memberships, relaxation areas, and ergonomic desks. These small adjustments can make a big difference to your overall well-being.

Mini-breaks serve as a refreshing restart, allowing individuals to reset their daily routines by stepping away from everyday temptations and stress, for example, by spending time at *Via Vitalité*. The centre is a place where you can get some exercise, enjoy a good night's sleep, enjoy balanced meals, and rejuvenate your skin with a range of spa treatments. Nature and fresh air also play an invaluable role in this experience, and clients at *Via Vitalité* appreciate the opportunity to walk along its ten kilometres of scenic trails through natural meadows and forests.

Maxi-breaks, for their part, offer a more extended escape from everyday life, whether it's a longer trip or a full month at *Via Vitalité*. Such extended retreats often prompt individuals to reassess their priorities and look at their day-to-day lives from a new perspective, leading to positive habit changes. However, these longer breaks also require careful planning and the willingness of loved ones to adapt to a prolonged absence.

'Frequent short breaks are essential for a proper reset, but they need to be regular,' says Sprūde. 'For today's ambitious people, it's often much easier to take a few days or a week off than to plan a longer holiday.' But she warns that if you're constantly tired and ignore the red flags, even long breaks may not be enough to restore your energy. Just as we take care of our cars by having them serviced and refuelled, we need to take time to look after our bodies and minds as well.

Likewise, a sense of purpose is essential. A simple day off without a clear goal can lead to complacency. That's why *Via Vitalité* has spent the past decade developing and refining its weight correction and wellness programmes – programmes that are gentle, fun, and effective. After completing these programmes, participants often find themselves incorporating healthy habits into their everyday lives, allowing for shorter or longer breaks.

One of the outstanding features of *Via Vitalité* is its beautiful natural surroundings. With stunning scenery, vast meadows, forests, and a variety of walking trails, nature plays a vital role in healing ourselves from the rush, neglect, and stress we face, offering peace, joy, and a sense of self-awareness.

'A healthy mind in a healthy body' is a popular saying in Latvia. It clearly indicates that when the body is healthy and well organised, the mind follows suit. Conversely, a healthy mind – cultivated through mindfulness – helps you connect more deeply with your body and care for it responsibly. 'Your body is the home of your soul and your personality. Caring for it is a wonderful investment,' Sprūde concludes.









Līga Sprūde, a health specialist and physiotherapist at the *Via Vitalité* weight correction and wellness centre.



THE 'VITALITY' PROGRAMME

The seven-day 'Vitality' programme is designed to prevent digestive problems, improve quality of life, prevent chronic fatigue, and reduce stress and professional burnout. It features a Low FODMAP diet (1500–1800 kcal/day), body composition measurement using the bioimpedance method, a consultation with a health specialist, brisk metabolism-boosting morning exercises, Nordic walking, strength training, water aerobics, deep-muscle training, biomechanical stimulation, craniosacral therapy, horse riding or walks with horses, and various body and facial spa treatments.

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Rotermann Main Square

ROTERMANN – THE BOLD PART OF TALLINN

Nestled in the heart of Tallinn, the Rotermann Quarter is a gem just waiting to be explored.

Steeped in history and bursting with contemporary flair, this vibrant neighbourhood is a testament to Tallinn's rich cultural tapestry. With striking architecture, Rotermann feels like a unique open-air art gallery where relics of the industrial era blend seamlessly with modern designs along its charming pedestrian streets. This eclectic mix of shops, galleries, museums, cafés, and restaurants creates an atmosphere and a vibrancy that feels like stepping into a world of its own, full of creativity and life.

Named after businessman C. B. Rotermann, who established a department store here in 1850, the area grew into a bustling industrial centre complete with mills, factories, and warehouses. Today, Rotermann has been entirely transformed into a stylish urban hub for those with a passion for great food, unique shopping, and rich cultural experiences. This blend of old and new has turned Rotermann into a top destination for locals and visitors alike, who come to explore its intriguing architecture, creative scene, and impressive range of things to see and do.

Rotermann is not only visually captivating; it's also a dynamic cultural epicentre. Art enthusiasts can immerse themselves in the energy of the area's galleries and museums, which showcase both local and international talent. Explore works of pop art icons, including Andy Warhol, Banksy, Jeff Koons, Yayoi Kusama, and many others at the PoCo Pop and Contemporary Art Museum. It takes visitors on a journey from the heights of New York's pop art movement and the Soviet Union's underground art to Bristol's street scene and today's global digital art community. Fun fact: sculptures and art installations are part of Rotermann's identity, and you can find them in every corner in Rotermann, turning the whole quarter into an inspiring canvas.

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A visit to Rotermann wouldn't be complete without indulging in a shopping spree. The quarter's distinctive boutiques offer a refreshing alternative to typical shopping experiences, with contemporary styles, handcrafted treasures, and exclusive items that suit every taste. Estonian designer *Eve Hanson* brings minimalist elegance to Rotermann with her timeless and sustainable collection. Just around the corner, the iconic local brand *Ivo Nikkolo* and Scandinavian classic *COS* offer elevated wardrobe staples that combine style with durability. Meanwhile, *Reede* is a haven for streetwear fans, with everything from limited-edition sneakers to skateboard equipment and apparel for men and women alike. For trend-lovers, *Pull&Bear*, *Stradivarius*, and *Bershka* offer the latest styles, while *Tallinn Design House* showcases exclusively Estonian designs, with fashion, jewellery, and unique gift ideas that make each visit memorable. A stop here isn't complete without picking up a special souvenir!

Rotermann's culinary scene is as exciting and diverse as its architecture. From cosy cafés to top-tier restaurants, the quarter offers something for every palate. *R14* and *Pull* are featured in the *Michelin Guide* and are must-visits for serious foodies. *Pull* is known for its high-quality meat dishes, including the signature 'dirty steak' grilled over a live fire, while *R14's* Mediterranean-inspired dishes pair perfectly with its carefully curated wine collection. For a taste of Georgian cuisine, *Gobi* serves authentic dishes with a modern twist, complemented by a selection of exclusive Georgian wines.

But the international cuisine scene doesn't end there – *Siesta* is the right place to hang out for tapas lovers, but if you're more into Asian flavours, then *Om.house* could be your choice. Local favourite *Røst* fills the streets each morning with the irresistible aroma of freshly baked cinnamon buns and rich coffee, making it the perfect place to start your day. And three exciting newcomers have recently joined Rotermann, bringing fresh flavours and flair to the quarter's food scene. *Sanga* is an all-day sandwich bar known for excellent coffee in the morning and a curated selection of natural wines by evening. *Jenk* is a Korean BBQ restaurant long-awaited by fans of chef Orm Oja. And *Mnemonic* is a modern dive bar offering innovative cocktails and a laid-back vibe that make it an ideal spot to kick off or wind down an evening in Rotermann.

Visiting Rotermann during the Christmas season feels like stepping into a winter wonderland. Fairy lights sparkle across the quarter, festive decorations fill the streets, and countless little Christmas trees create a scene that's nothing short of magic (and rest assured, the trees are planted back in the forest after the festivities). With nostalgic Christmas music in the air, it feels as if you've entered a movie set. This charming setting truly makes for an unforgettable holiday experience.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



PoCo - Pop and Contemporary Art Museum



The marvellous architecture of Rotermann



Orangerie restaurant

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This festive season, *Spice* is offering a special heartwarming experience for its youngest visitors. On December 19, 20, and 21, children are invited to meet Santa Claus by the beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the Grand Atrium. There they will receive a special gift, adding a touch of magic and extra joy to this festive moment.

December 19: 17.00–19.00
December 20: 17.00–19.00
December 21: 11.00–13.00









For more than two decades, Riga has proudly been the home of *Spice*, a premier lifestyle and fashion destination loved by locals and visitors alike. The shopping centre brings together everything you need for everyday life and special occasions, all conveniently located under one roof. With over 200 stores, it offers a carefully curated selection of fashion, footwear, accessories, fragrances, electronics, home decor, books, and more. It's a perfect destination for adults and children alike.

Spice's diverse shopping and entertainment options attract more than ten million visitors each year, a testament to the exceptional experience that awaits. *Spice* is home to popular brands such as *Zara*, *Massimo Dutti*, *H&M*, *Ecco*, *Högl*, *Tommy Hilfiger*, and *Adidas* as well as exclusive names such as *Sandro*, *Maje*, *Hugo*, *Michael Kors*, *Marella*, *iBlues*, *Weekend Max Mara*, and *Max&Co.*, making it a true fashion haven for all styles.

In a neighbouring building, *Spice Home* offers a wide range of home, lifestyle, and hobby stores for those who enjoy making their space their own.

More than a shopping destination, *Spice* is a lifestyle choice for those who embrace a youthful outlook and enjoy exploring new trends and savouring life's finest moments. *Spice* celebrates bold choices and a love of discovery with a packed calendar of events including talks, workshops, concerts, and more, all designed to inspire and delight.

This December, *Spice* has created a magical holiday experience for visitors that transforms the fashion and lifestyle centre into a winter wonderland with enchanting decorations that bring the festive spirit to life.

Spice offers a wide range of gifts and festive clothing to suit every taste and budget, from affordable options to luxury brands. It's the perfect place to find inspiration, with gifts and outfits that celebrate both elegance and unique style.

To add to the festive excitement, *Spice* is hosting a Christmas market throughout the month of December with unique gifts and seasonal products. A highlight of the season is the special Pre-Holiday Market on December 21, held on *Spice's* Promenade, the pedestrian walkway connecting *Spice* and *Spice Home*. There, under a canopy of sparkling Christmas lights, visitors can enjoy the festive magic and pick up last-minute gifts.

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DOME HOTEL

A hotel with a special aura

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

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

At the hotel itself, experience indulgence at its finest, from the cosy opulence of the guest rooms to the exquisite flavours served at *Le Dome Restaurant*. The head chef expertly transforms local ingredients into culinary marvels, each dish a delightful revelation for guests. Whether you opt for the mysterious tasting menu or order à la carte, every meal promises to be an unforgettable adventure for the senses.

Welcoming both individual and corporate guests, the *Dome Hotel* provides the ideal blend of sophistication and style for business meetings and events. From elegant lunches and sumptuous dinners to intimate private gatherings, the hotel creates bespoke menus to suit every taste and preference. With a focus on impeccable service and culinary excellence, every event becomes a seamless, memorable experience.

On the hotel's rooftop terrace, guests can unwind in a luxurious hot tub overlooking Riga's Old Town, charming rooftops, and the iconic Riga Cathedral. For those seeking the ultimate in relaxation, the sauna on the 5th floor offers a serene escape coupled with sweeping panoramic views of the city. Indulge in style and take in Riga's breathtaking beauty from above.

But there's more to the story! Did you know that the historic *Dome Hotel* building was once home to a bustling glove factory? It's fitting then that gloves and mittens are among the most sought-after purchases at the nearby Christmas Market on Cathedral Square (Doma laukums) – by visitors and locals alike. This charming market is packed with festive stalls selling handcrafted goods, local delicacies, and unique gifts. Just a minute's walk from the hotel, it's the perfect place to get into the festive spirit, surrounded by the comforting aromas of mulled wine and gingerbread wafting through the air. The market promises a magical winter experience for all.

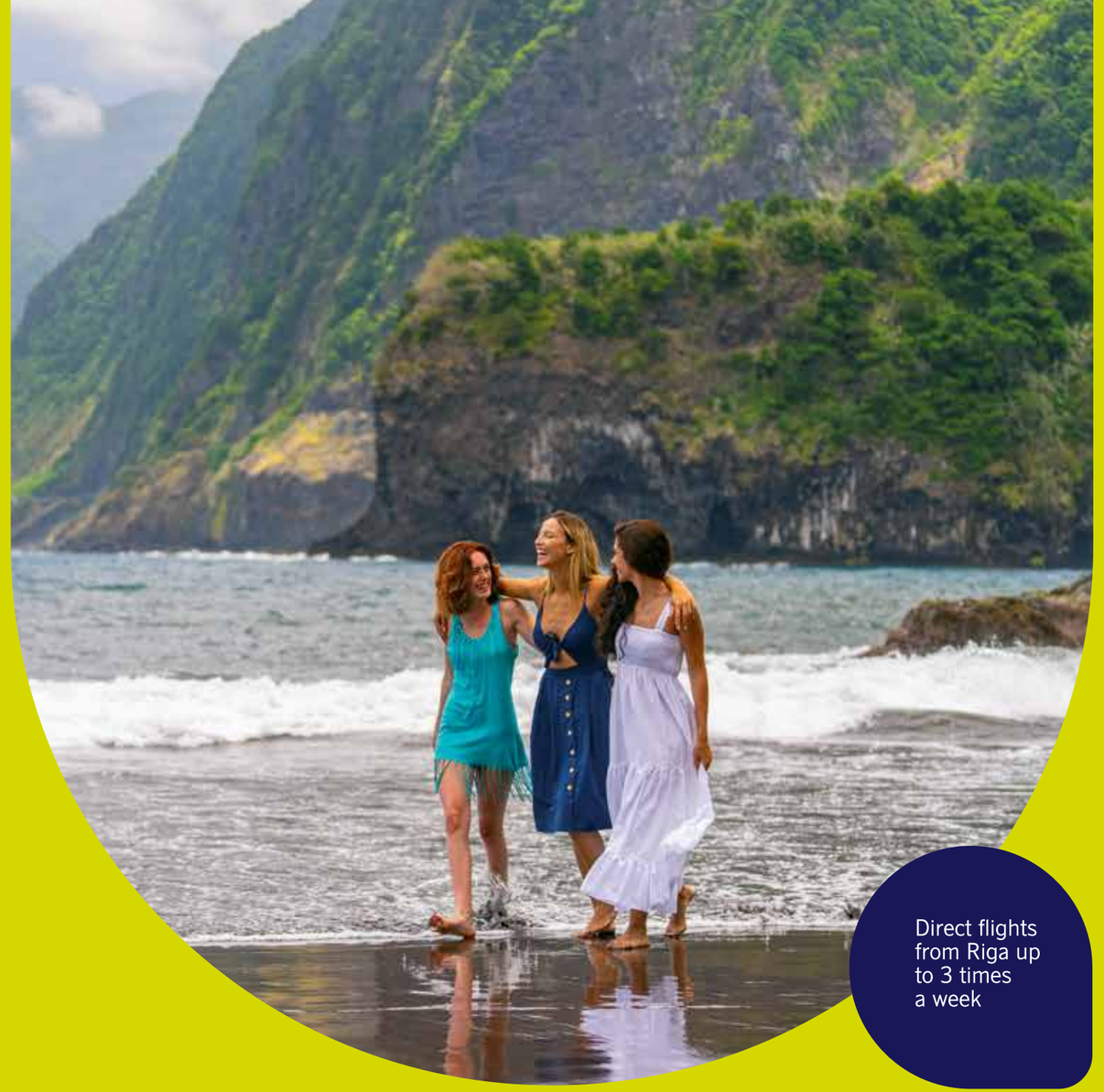
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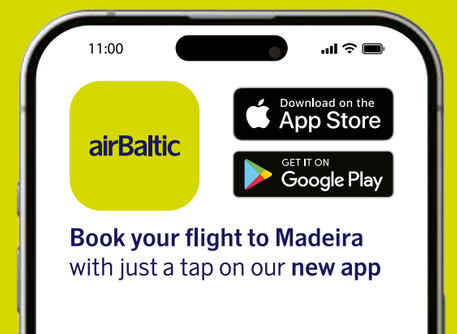


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BTA ART COLLECTION

Insurance companies are usually associated with insuring famous works of art, not owning them. So how did a Latvian financial company end up with its own art collection, part of which has even been exhibited in Vienna?



The *Unknown Familiars* exhibition at the Leopold Museum in Vienna featured a captivating work by Estonian artist Kris Lemsalu from the BTA Art collection.

Photo by Richard Tanzer



Photo by Artūrs Kondrāts

Oskars Hartmanis, CEO of *BTA Baltic Insurance Company*

The road to recognition for emerging artists is often hard and full of challenges. Every piece of art sold is a significant boost not only financially but also psychologically. These sales strengthen a young artist's belief that their creations resonate with society and have value. Motivated by this process, six years ago *BTA Baltic Insurance Company* (BTA) began acquiring paintings by young artists from the Baltic states, and today this initiative has grown into a significant collection. 'The BTA Art collection now includes more than 76 works of art, some of which were exhibited at the renowned Leopold Museum in Vienna this year,' says Oskars Hartmanis, the CEO of *BTA*.

The inspiration for the BTA Art initiative comes from Austria. Since 2016, *BTA* has been part of the *Vienna Insurance Group* (VIG), an organisation with a long-standing commitment to supporting the arts. For more than a century, Vienna's insurance companies have actively supported artistic endeavours. *Wiener Städtische Versicherung*, *VIG's* Austrian company, began building its own art collection after the Second World War, focusing on Austrian painters and graphic artists, and the collection has since grown to be truly impressive. *VIG's* main shareholder, *Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein*, also follows this cultural direction. As a property owner in Vienna, it has dedicated spaces where art is traditionally exhibited. This year, *Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein* is celebrating its 200th anniversary with a special exhibition entitled *Unknown Familiars* at the Leopold Museum in Vienna.

This unique set of influences inspired *BTA* to become involved in contemporary Baltic art, turning an initial interest into a growing collection. BTA Art now represents more than 30 emerging and mid-career artists from the Baltic states, including some of Latvia's most prominent contemporary artists. The collection embodies *BTA's* core values and weaves a poetic narrative about society, nature, and technology. In curating this collection, *BTA* aims to not only enrich its workspaces but also support the Baltic contemporary art scene.

'In 2018, *BTA* partnered with the Kim? contemporary art centre and its founder Zane Čulkstēna, who welcomed the collaboration and introduced us to the dynamic world of contemporary art. With the guidance of the experts at Kim?, the *BTA* team carefully selected works to form the basis of its collection. Since then, the partnership has flourished, with *BTA* adding around ten new pieces each year, thus continually enriching the collection with fresh perspectives,' Hartmanis explains.

Kim? continues to play a key role in identifying exceptional work throughout the Baltic region. *BTA* acquires pieces through post-exhibition auctions and direct collaboration with artists, thus providing opportunities to meet the creators, discuss their future projects, and ensure that their values align with *BTA's* core principles. This approach has made the *BTA* collection a distinctive cultural asset that is deeply rooted in the Baltic art scene.

The collection goes beyond emerging talent, with *BTA* also focusing on acquiring works by established artists, many of which are rarely available in the Baltics as they are often sold at international auctions. Among the artists *BTA* is attracted to are Kristaps Ģelzis, Sabīne Vernere, and Indriķis Ģelzis. Over time, *BTA* has curated a significant collection, with notable pieces now on display in its offices in all three Baltic states.

'Most of the works can be viewed on our website www.bta.art or at *BTA's* offices, although they rarely leave these spaces, except when included in special exhibitions,' says Hartmanis. That was the case this year when works by Estonian artist Kris Lemsalu (*Phantom Camp VIII*) and Lithuanian artist Elena Narbutaitė (*Roberts*, a series of 11 works) were shown at the Leopold Museum in Vienna. Over the course of five months, some 125,000 visitors experienced these works as part of the *Unknown Familiars* exhibition, which also featured works from various collections within the *VIG* group.

Hartmanis continues: 'The artists had the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with their international peers. What made this exhibition particularly special was the inclusion of not only Baltic works but also pieces from the Austrian, Czech, and Serbian collections of the *VIG* group. Given the wide geographical scope of the *VIG* group, this was a unique opportunity to present Baltic artists on an international stage.'

In an impressive showcase of corporate art, the BTA Art collection stands out with thought-provoking pieces such as *Euthanasia Coaster* by Julijonas Urbonas, which has been on display at the National Gallery of Art in Lithuania since 2019. Selected works from this collection are also regularly featured in exhibitions organised by Kim?. However, as Hartmanis notes, there are no immediate plans for a dedicated, large-scale BTA Art exhibition.

'These works of art have become an integral part of our office spaces, transforming them into creative, inspiring environments,' explains Hartmanis. 'Corporate collections like ours are on the rise in both office and public spaces, as they create a positive atmosphere that enhances employee well-being – a fact even recognised by the World Health Organization, which highlights the role of art in improving mental health.'

Looking to the future, *BTA* envisages supporting emerging talent in new ways. 'We may launch competitions or commission work from emerging artists on specific themes and then purchase the best pieces. If there is interest and we can contribute to the growth of young artists, we'll certainly take the opportunity,' Hartmanis adds. He sees the collection continuing to grow and hopes that, in time, the Baltic artists represented in the BTA Art collection will achieve international recognition. 'In a few decades, we will be able to look back with pride, knowing that we have invested in artists who have gone on to achieve global recognition. Our commitment to supporting the arts will be something we're immensely proud of,' he concludes.

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DRIVING EMOTIONS WITH *LAMBORGHINI*

Last month, *Lamborghini* announced the European premiere of its new super sports car, the *Temerario*, sharing the legacy of speed, innovation, and elegance.

Lamborghini isn't just about reaching a destination. It's about experiencing the journey. A living legend and ever-evolving icon in the world of supercars, the carmaker offers a quintessence of technology and design as well as roaring engines that excite, awe, and enthral auto enthusiasts worldwide.

It all began in the picturesque Italian countryside... and with tractors. Ferruccio Lamborghini was a manufacturer of agricultural equipment before launching his automobile company in 1963. Sant'Agata Bolognese in the heart of northern Italy is the birthplace of the brand, and its headquarters and production facility are still located there to this day. A fan of Spanish *corrida*, or bull-fighting, Lamborghini was fascinated by the power and grace of the fighting bulls and embodied this strength, passion, and boldness in *Lamborghini*. It was his idea to feature the image of the animal on the company's logo, and most of its vehicles carry the names of famous bulls or bloodlines, such as the legendary *Miura*, the world's first supercar (introduced in 1966).

Over the decades, *Lamborghini* has implemented unparalleled engineering solutions and sophistication, redefining car design yet staying true to its unique DNA. Whether it's the dramatic and angular design of the 1970s or the futuristic elegance of each successive model, people always recognise *Lamborghini's* aerodynamic lines, Y-shaped lights, and iconic hexagonal design elements.

An essential part of *Lamborghini* is the Polo Storico, a heritage division that acts as a bridge between the past and the present. It is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of classic *Lamborghini* models, archival research, digitalisation, and certification. 'The "romantic" side of Polo Storico is an external committee of so-called *signori*, or retired professionals that still live near the factory,' says Nicolo Girelli, who is responsible for communication and the archive in the Polo Storico division. 'If we can't reach the truth about something through our archives, we call the signori to discuss the issue together. An old signore once came in, walking with the help of a cane, but as soon as he began talking about *Lamborghini*, he seemed to become 25 years younger.'

When a vintage car is restored, the owner receives a car passport with every detail of the vehicle recorded and protocoled in it. This meticulous process of verification and restoration adds extra value to the car, almost like owning a piece of art.

During Lamborghini Day Germany in November, the company marked the European premiere of the *Temerario* in the Luftschiffhangar Mülheim, a historical zeppelin hangar 30 kilometres from Düsseldorf. A 360-degree immersion into the brand's legacy and lifestyle was set up around the massive white airship, which was parked alongside signature *Lamborghini* models: the vintage *Countach QV*, *Diablo SE30*, and *Miura S*, and the modern *Revuelto* and *Urus SE*. The zeppelin served as a projection canvas for an image of the bull, which shone towards the audience with a pair of *Temerario* headlight-eyes. The car's name means 'fierce and courageous', but it was also the name of a famous fighting bull from 1875.

'You can't hide who you are,' stated the promotional film about the supercar, which featured various characters who make definitive choices and follow their true, uncompromising natures. None of them can hide their performance, power, and emotion.

'Every product we create is intended to touch people on an emotional level. If I had to choose one road to take with the *Temerario*, it would be the winding road through the Dolomite Mountains, on a rainy day,' says Fabian Schmoelz-Obermeier, a designer of the supercar. It took nearly five years for his team to develop the car.

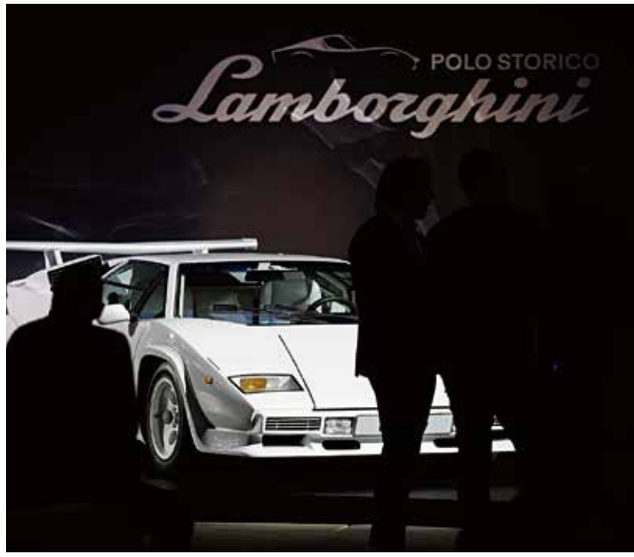
The *Temerario* fascinates with its sloping silhouette, low sporty nose, angled windows, and airy hexagonal elements. Oriented towards maximal driver engagement, the car reaches a maximum speed of over 340 km/h and, with the new 920 CV twin-turbo V8 hybrid engine, it sprints from 0 to 100 km/h in just 2.7 seconds.

'This model showcases *Lamborghini's* commitment to merging the highest performance with cutting-edge hybrid technology, paving the way for a sustainable future for super sports cars,' says Stephan Winkelmann, the chairman and CEO of *Automobili Lamborghini*. 'Together with the *Urus SE* and *Revuelto*, the *Temerario* brings this vision to life, setting a new standard in power and exclusivity.'

The driver can easily switch between different driving modes: Città is for driving in urban areas, while Strada is for out-of-town routes and long journeys on the highway. Sport mode changes the car's personality, offering an exciting and responsive driving experience in each of the three combinable modes. Top effectiveness is reached in Corsa mode, which highlights the car's dynamic capabilities on the track. Here its immersive roar reaches the peak of emotional intensity.

Lamborghini has introduced three new cars in just the past 18 months, fully hybridising its range, and the first nine months of 2024 have brought it record numbers in performance. A total of 8411 cars were delivered, generating revenues of 2.43 billion euros, an increase of 20.1% compared to last year.

Latvia joins this success by celebrating the first birthday of the *Lamborghini* showroom in Riga, where customers can come for high-class consultations and service. The on-site Ad Personam lounge invites prospective car owners to create a personalised styling for their future car, from bespoke colour and finishes to interior details. *Lamborghini's* trademark is nearly limitless personalisation potential that lets customers make their vehicles truly one-of-a-kind and stand out on every road they conquer.











KIA EV3: WHY NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO GET A NEW CAR

Kia's latest creation, which rolled out onto streets this year, is designed to win new hearts. The appealing _Kia EV3_ has everything to help convert hesitant drivers from petrol or diesel to electric.

The *Kia EV3* targets one of the most popular segments – in 2023, SUV models in Europe sold like hotcakes. Additionally, as a compact yet practical urban SUV offering an affordable price and an excellent balance of features, the *EV3* stands at the cutting edge of its segment. This alone makes it reasonable to say that this electric car could be the only family car you need. But here are more arguments.

Due to its practical non-stop driving range of 605 kilometres (780 kilometres in the city), fast-charging capabilities, and spacious interior in a compact body, the *EV3* is highly suitable for daily commutes around the city as well as longer trips for families of two to five members. Such performance has been achieved by skillfully utilising *Kia's* electric car production platform.

The *EV3's* compactness makes it easier for drivers switching from conventional fuel-powered cars to adapt. They won't have to handle a giant SUV, and it's easy to squeeze into any city parking space. Familiar driving dynamics, combined with the benefits of electric mobility, provide more confidence in the car's capabilities – the *EV3* is agile, responsive, comfortable, and intuitive to control.

Also noteworthy is the *EV3's* ability to quickly recharge its battery. In Europe, charging infrastructure is expanding rapidly, so you can confidently take the *EV3* on longer trips. The batteries on this model have capacities of 58.3 or 81.4 kWh, which can be charged from ten percent to the recommended 80 percent at fast-charging stations in 29 or 31 minutes, respectively. After taking that time for a quick snack, some exercise, or answering an important email, you can resume your trip with over 300 kilometres of range. Even with a 50 kW power charger, commonly found on roads in the Baltic states, it's possible to recharge the battery in less than an hour, while a home or office wall charger can charge it overnight. This makes the *EV3* ideal for daily errands and spontaneous weekend trips without worry. Users who install or rent a remote solar power system can enjoy extremely favourable energy costs. In addition, because maintenance costs for electric cars are cheaper than for internal combustion engine models, *EV3* owners save significantly.

The *EV3's* performance and dynamic, approachable drive are ensured by a 150 kW (204 hp) electric motor, allowing for smooth acceleration without emissions or noise. The electric SUV can accelerate to 100 km/h in 7.5 seconds, with a maximum speed of 170 km/h.

Drivers accustomed to conventional cars will appreciate the *EV3's* regenerative braking system, which allows for an intuitive driving style. After a few drives, users quickly learn to take advantage of the braking system, accumulating additional energy during deceleration. Altogether, these features make the car perfect for drivers seeking the convenience and eco-friendliness of electric driving without worries about range or high costs.

The eco-friendly interior design doesn't sacrifice comfort or practicality. Inside, there's ample space and advanced communication, driver assistance, and entertainment systems, all managed through the central touchscreen. Behind the vegan leather-wrapped steering wheel, a clear, user-friendly digital instrument panel aligns with the main screen to create a single display platform with a diagonal size of up to 30 inches.

One of the most important features of the *EV3*, which most competitors do not offer as standard equipment on low-end models, is the heat pump. It makes cabin heating much more efficient, meaning the vehicle's range does not drop as much in winter. Another convenient feature, especially in winter, is *Kia's* Connect app, which lets users preheat the car before driving and turn on climate control or the heated steering wheel a few minutes before getting in the car. Drivers and passengers can connect all their essential mobile apps to the *EV3's* infotainment system via Apple CarPlay or Android Auto. Meanwhile, they can conveniently charge their phones wirelessly in a designated area.

The futuristic exterior design helps the *EV3* stand out from the crowd. This is the result of *Kia's* thoughtfully executed 'Opposites United' design philosophy.

For added peace of mind, *Kia* offers a seven-year or 150,000-kilometre warranty on the car, with an eight-year or 160,000-kilometre warranty on its most important component – the high-voltage battery.

So, for anyone still wondering if this is the right time to say goodbye to an internal combustion engine, *Kia* offers many reasons to choose the *EV3*, as it combines affordability, practicality, and a powerful electric drive. Could this be the electric car that convinces you to join the future of mobility?





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MOLLER CLUB

A unique mobile loyalty app in the Baltics created for the modern driver.

Cars are no longer just a means of transport; they provide daily mobility, freedom, and a personalised digital experience. Thanks to advanced automotive technology, the *Moller Auto* car dealer network has launched a unique loyalty programme in the form of the Moller Club mobile app.

Designed for all drivers, Moller Club is the only app-based loyalty programme of its kind in the Baltics and a rare innovation worldwide. It integrates a customer loyalty programme with benefits worth almost EUR 500,000, with plans for further expansion. In developing the app, *Moller Auto* worked with the Dutch technology company *M-Wise*, which is a specialist in world-class loyalty software solutions.

Izīda Gerkena, COO of *Moller Auto Baltic*, highlights that technological advances have transformed the automotive industry, reshaping customer desires and expectations. This shift is driving innovation in the dealer segment, improving the experience for customers of both new and used cars and ultimately inspiring the concept behind Moller Club.

'We wanted to create something beyond a traditional loyalty programme, so Moller Club operates on the principle of instant rewards,' explains Gerkena. 'The app is designed to support drivers by integrating fun game-like elements. Customers can complete various "missions", such as using *Moller Auto* services, to earn immediate benefits. In addition, we're enriching the app with educational content tailored to drivers. This innovative approach to loyalty combines utility with fun and aims to make every interaction with *Moller Auto* a rewarding experience.'

The Moller Club app is open to all *Moller Auto* customers – owners of both new and used cars – as well as potential customers, making it accessible to every driver. In addition to a wide range of benefits, the app offers exclusive advantages such as fuel discount vouchers, discounts on car insurance, extended warranties on purchases, gift cards, event tickets, car washes and maintenance, Moller Go subscriptions, tyre changes, and more.



Izīda Gerkena, COO of *Moller Auto Baltic*



Gerkena notes that customers' expectations are constantly evolving, and they're always looking for new experiences and rewards. For this reason, the Moller Club benefits portfolio is designed to be both diverse and comprehensive. For example, customers can earn rewards by purchasing a new *Audi* or *Volkswagen* vehicle, buying any used car, subscribing to Moller Go, or visiting any *Moller Auto* service centre. In addition to rewards provided directly by *Moller Auto*, members can enjoy rewards from top international and local brands such as *Circle K*, *Pure Chocolate*, *Jūrmala Golf & Hotel*, and *Rimi Olympic Centre*. For global rewards, the app also includes privileges with the *Radisson Hotel Group*.

In each of the Baltic countries, the benefits of Moller Club are underpinned by partnerships with international as well as local brands, and the programme's network is constantly expanding. With up to 500 partners in the Baltics and around the world, the programme offers customers an attractive multi-partner loyalty experience.

The needs and desires of the customer are at the heart of *Moller Auto's* mission, which is why Moller Club is personalised for each user, not just their car. This approach ensures that the added value is directly related to each person's specific interests and needs, as identified through the information they provide within the app. The app isn't just a tool for earning extra benefits; it's also designed to communicate privileges, industry updates, and educational content on relevant topics to drivers in a quick and efficient way. Overall, Moller Club serves as a useful daily companion and resource for every driver, offering a blend of convenience, value, and information.

The app is tailored to match each user's dynamic lifestyle and interests. For drivers who have recently purchased a vehicle, the app makes it easier to stay informed about their car's technical status, available services and benefits, upcoming service appointments, and seasonal maintenance.

The Moller Club loyalty programme is available via mobile app in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia and is compatible with both Android and iOS devices. It supports four languages – Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, and English – making it accessible to a diverse audience across the Baltics.

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The softening Microcapsule Hair Mask is a smoothing and nourishing holiday rescue for damaged hair. The mask is enriched with vitamin E microcapsules to promote collagen and shield against UV rays. Crambe oil protects hair from environmental stress, while hydrolysed keratin smooths and tames frizz, making it an ideal winter essential.

The Restoring Pearl Hair Serum is the right choice for a friend or loved one who loves to shine. This lightweight serum hydrates and prevents split ends. The omega-3 acids from argan oil nourish deeply, while jojoba oil locks in moisture, delivering instantly smoother, silkier hair with just a few drops.

The all-in-one Molecular Hair Cream is a leave-in cream spray. A miracle in a bottle, it restores damaged hair with hydrolysed keratin for strength and flax seed oil for hydration. Pearl powder gives hair a holiday glow, adding elasticity and shine. A few sprays will give you an effortlessly radiant look.

The Hydro Miracle Hair Serum is a go-to for winter styling, protecting hair from heat and environmental damage. Infused with *Dunaliella salina* algae, monoi, and macadamia oils, it locks in moisture and delivers a sleek, polished shine.

The Hydro Liquid Silk Treatment Mask will be suitable for those who crave a bit of indulgence. This Liquid Silk mask revitalises dry, damaged hair using macadamia and argan oils. With a conditioning effect that lasts, it deeply nourishes and leaves hair with a radiant, holiday-ready finish.

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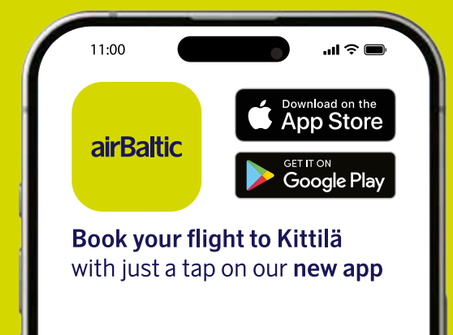
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ZIVJU LETE – INSPIRED BY THE SEA

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

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

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

ZIVJU LETE

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Seafood platter


King crab in white wine sauce with fennel, sweet onions, and blue cheese


Galician octopus with sweet onion and marrow purée, spinach and crab and Romesco sauce


Grass-fed beef ribeye steak (entrecôte) from New Zealand

OLIVIA RESTAURANT

AN UNFORGETTABLE GASTRONOMY EXPERIENCE

Mediterranean cuisine with hints of Scandinavian flavour.

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

In creating the menu, the team at *Olivia Restaurant* has taken inspiration from French, Italian, Greek, and Spanish gastronomic traditions, and has also included hints of Asian flavours and combined everything with the chef's own passion for experimental cuisine. However, the team always pays the most attention to the ingredients they use – they must be not only seasonal but also clean and organically grown.'Fresh produce and ingredients are the most important thing. They must be not only correctly grown, obtained, and delivered but also be processed correctly in our kitchen,' says the chef. 'Therefore our task is to find produce and meats of excellent quality, prepare them with respect, and serve them in an agreeable setting. In addition, it's important for us to give thought to each ingredient, from the fish and meat all the way to the mushrooms and berries, which are, for example, gathered in the forests of northern Finland. If each of the ingredients in a dish is of the highest quality, then the meal is truly delicious and enjoyable.'

Olivia Restaurant is distinct not only for its high-quality produce and unique flavours and manner of preparation, but also for its general philosophy. Each food on the menu has a story of its own. The main menu highlights fish and seafood: the Mediterranean turbot is from the French coast, where it is raised on an organic fish farm, while the North Sea cod is caught in the Barents Sea and the shrimp are supplied from Canada. The swordfish comes from the Atlantic Ocean and sometimes takes more than 20 hours to be delivered to the restaurant. *Olivia Restaurant* is the only restaurant in Latvia to have been granted an official catch quota for bluefin tuna, leading its restaurant team to create a unique concept for Riga – a tuna menu.

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

The dessert menu at *Olivia Restaurant* is not large, but each of the dishes contains refined, nuanced flavours that might even recall childhood. One of the favourite desserts at the restaurant is the caramelised Brunost, or cheese cream with cloudberries from the Arctic – guests call it an absolute masterpiece. Another highlight is the chocolate brownie with black garlic and lingonberry sauce, which once again confirms the chef's tendency to not shy away from experimenting with various flavours and manners of preparation. It is precisely for this reason that the menu at *Olivia Restaurant* often features fermented products made on site at the restaurant, including nuts, egg yolks, and kombucha, which features in several sauces.

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

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A BEER BAR FOR ENJOYMENT AND TASTING

As one of the city's hidden gems, the *Beer Museum* bar has been serving customers in the Quiet Centre of Riga for several years now. The name may be misleading, but anyone who has ever been there knows that no other place in Riga can compete with *Beer Museum's* range of premium beers on offer.

Beer Museum stands out with its more than twenty premium beers on tap, including beers that are not always easy to find elsewhere in the Baltics. *Beer Museum* offers guests excellent beers from various countries, including the best breweries in Latvia, Ireland, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Most of the varieties on offer are world champions and have won many prestigious awards. Beer Museum also brews its own amber lager, dark lager, and pilsner.

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

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

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

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

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HEJI: A JOURNEY THROUGH FOOD, CULTURE, AND DESIGN

Nestled in the historical neighbourhood of Naujamiestis in central Vilnius, *HeJi* is a restaurant where the elegance of Eastern spirituality meets the sophisticated allure of Western luxury.

HeJi

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Conceptualised to offer a dining experience that engages all the senses, *HeJi* quickly gained recognition by earning a *Michelin Guide* recommendation in 2024, just months after opening to the public. *HeJi's* menu presents a remarkable blend of traditional Asian flavours and modern techniques for a distinctive culinary experience that resonates with both local and international guests. The chefs are dedicated to using the freshest ingredients sourced from local markets as well as premier suppliers across Europe, ensuring that each dish delivers vibrant flavours and impeccable quality. The seasonal menu features carefully made dishes, each a fusion of textures and aromas that evoke Asian traditions yet are elevated with contemporary twists.

Items that stand out in the menu include delicacies such as rustic guinea fowl (inspired by traditional Peking duck), Japanese A5 Wagyu steak (butter-aged in-house), and grilled koji-marinated pigeon paired with fermented plums. Each dish is visually stunning, having been plated with great attention to detail, thus further enhancing the dining experience. The chefs emphasise harmonious presentation, with ingredients and colours that complement each other in a nod to culinary artistry as well as cultural heritage.

Guests are encouraged to try the wine pairings suggested by the sommelier, who works closely with the chefs to create harmonious flavour combinations that enhance both the food and the wine experience. The restaurant's wine cellar offers an extensive selection of wine and champagne, ensuring a perfect match for any dish, with sommeliers on hand to guide guests.

One of the highlights at *HeJi* is its cocktail bar, where skilled bartenders mix drinks that pay homage to both Eastern and Western traditions. The bar menu showcases an inventive fusion of flavours, with cocktails inspired by ingredients such as Nepalese black tea, Hokkaido pumpkin, and umeboshi, bringing an authentic yet modern twist to the cocktail scene. Each creation is designed to complement the restaurant's culinary offerings, with seasonal cocktails that showcase rare and unusual ingredients sourced internationally. Signature cocktails range from light, herbal fusions ideal for an early dinner to more intense, spirit-forward options for a night of enjoyment.

The interior of the restaurant, created by the talented Kateryna Mardanova of *Mardanova Design*, blends the timeless appeal of Asia with Western refinement. This integration begins the moment guests step through the door. According to Mardanova, the design was inspired by the charm of an intimate café in Guangzhou and the polish of a *Michelin*-starred restaurant in Paris. The goal was to create a space that feels cosy but also luxurious, grounded in authenticity yet elevated by an aura of sophistication.

The interior design incorporates deep, temple-like hues of blue, scarlet, and gold. These colours, alongside materials such as travertine, brass, bronze, and handmade Chinese ceramics, evoke a tactile sense of luxury. The thoughtful selection of materials, such as brass, which develops a patina over time, adds a layer of authenticity and warmth. This approach reflects *HeJi's* ethos of blending cultural heritage with contemporary appeal.

Notable design features include the bar's water-inspired ceiling, dynamic lighting, and strategically placed greenery, all of which evoke tranquillity and luxury. The brass entrance handle, shaped like an *enso* – a Buddhist symbol of enlightenment – is a standout feature that encapsulates *HeJi's* mission to immerse guests in a visually captivating and spiritually grounded atmosphere. The mosaic panel in the bar, illuminated to bring the warrior figures depicted on it to life, adds to the narrative of elegance and history and enriches the ambience.

Functional design elements are as integral to *HeJi's* atmosphere as its aesthetic details. Thoughtfully arranged seating maintains intimacy across diverse spaces, from a rooftop terrace overlooking the Old Town's architecture to a private room and inviting champagne bar. Each area is tailored to cater to guests' preferences, whether they seek a relaxed evening or an indulgent night.

The lighting at *HeJi*, which is a key functional aspect of the interior, strikes a balance between ambience and practicality, enhancing the aesthetics while ensuring comfort. The private room's golden dome, the marble bar counter, and other features come together to create a multi-sensory experience that is both practical and artistically pleasing.

HeJi is more than a restaurant; it's an experience, a journey through flavour and design that engages the senses and the soul. From its interiors to its thoughtful dishes and cocktails, *HeJi* offers guests a dining experience that bridges cultures and traditions.

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TOP SKI DESTINATIONS WITH CHRISTMAS MAGIC

Why not give this Christmas holiday an active spin and combine hitting the slopes with some winter magic? The *airBaltic* network features many destinations where you can enjoy world-class ski resorts and catch a dose of festive cheer at the same time.

INNSBRUCK'S Old Town is famed for its magical Christmas markets, where Tyrolean crafts, mulled wine, and the iconic Golden Roof set the festive mood. The famed Nordkette ski resort with breathtaking views lies just 20 minutes from the city, but it's also worth travelling further for the advanced slopes at Axamer Lizum and year-round skiing on Stubai Glacier, Austria's largest glacier.
Fly to Innsbruck from Riga once a week, starting from EUR 69.

It's a similar picture in **SALZBURG**, where the Domplatz Christkindlmarkt provides postcard-perfect scenery with the Hohensalzburg Fortress towering above the market's twinkling lights and choirs. The city is close to some fantastic ski resorts, including Zell am See-Kaprun with scenic lake views, Bad Gastein and its well-known thermal spas, and Saalbach-Hinterglemm, which is ideal for families.
To get to Salzburg, fly from Riga or Tallinn once a week from EUR 99.

If you can't imagine Christmas without some bratwurst and sauerkraut, head to **MUNICH** to revel in the sumptuous Bavarian delicacies at the stunning Marienplatz Christmas Market. For skiing, Garmisch-Partenkirchen is less than 90 minutes away, with Germany's highest peak, Zugspitze, offering snow-sure conditions and beginner as well as expert runs.
Fly to Munich from Riga and Vilnius daily, and from Tallinn three times a week – tickets start at EUR 65.

The Swiss do Christmas markets equally well, and the nation's culinary gem, fondue, makes the perfect après-ski meal. **GENEVA'S** Christmas markets along Lake Geneva offer a festive atmosphere with Swiss delicacies, artisan gifts, and views of the iconic Jet d'Eau fountain. Nearby ski resorts include Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, which is a world-famous hub for experienced skiers, and La Clusaz, which is known for its picturesque village and family-friendly slopes.
Fly to Geneva from Riga and Tallinn once a week from EUR 115.

If you crave some more cosmopolitan vibes, **MILAN** is the way to go. See the magic of the Piazza del Duomo sparkling in festive lights alongside the Christmas markets at Fiera di Sinigaglia. A few hours' drive from the city, ski resorts such as Bormio offer thermal baths and challenging slopes, while Livigno provides duty-free shopping and diverse runs. Cervinia, for its part, features breathtaking views of the Matterhorn.
Flights to Milan depart from Riga four times a week, with tickets from EUR 69.

Any die-hard Christmas fan should visit Lapland at least once in their life to enjoy the magical reindeer safaris, Santa Claus Village, and sightings of the northern lights. For skiing, Levi Resort is right in **KITTILÄ** and features a variety of runs for all levels. Nearby, Ylläs boasts Finland's longest slopes and extensive cross-country trails.
Flights to Kittilä depart from Riga, Tallinn and Tampere once a week, with tickets from EUR 69.



airBaltic EARNS THE APEX FOUR-STAR AWARD

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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.**





CEO of *Livonia Print* Trond Erik Isaksen

THREE REASONS WHY *LIVONIA PRINT* CHOOSES *airBaltic's* CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- Supporting the Latvian national airline and showcasing the country's values
- Impeccable flight accuracy
- Convenient flight times for connecting flights

Livonia Print **is one of the largest and most modern book manufacturers in Europe,** employing 550 people and printing more than 40 million books annually. Its main production lines are based in Riga, but the main export markets are the Scandinavian countries, Germany, the United Kingdom, and France, with a grand total of more than 600 clients in 20 countries. *Livonia Print's* great success can be attributed to its efficient high-quality machinery – the company is the first printing house in northern Europe to have installed equipment that allows it to print a book every two seconds, making the company a significant industry player.

Livonia Print's vast clientele requires frequent travel between its office in Riga and the locations of its clients, mostly involving flights to Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Helsinki. Issuing a book is a responsible process and it requires face-to-face communication before the print; therefore, many of the company's client managers travel often. However, besides flying to its clients, *Livonia Print* is a multinational company. For example, the company's CEO, Trond Erik Isaksen, is Norwegian and part of his family lives near Oslo; therefore, he also flies weekly between the two cities to combine work with family life.

Livonia Print has a significant number of regular flyers, and, where there are many flyers, there is room and necessity for last-minute changes. The *airBaltic* corporate client programme allows for name and even flight time changes to meet the needs of its clients and fliers. *Livonia Print* employees also like having the option to choose an in-flight meal and their seat in advance, increasing the level of comfort during the flight. The possibility of **forecasting ticket expenses in advance** and refunding them with ease also significantly benefits the company's accounting department, allowing the company to budget flying costs more easily.

For Isaksen, the most important aspect of a smooth flying experience is time efficiency; thus, **the benefits of *airBaltic's* corporate programme are crucial**. 'Fast security and priority boarding helps to save time, while a business lounge is a great place to take a break and relax,' he says, adding that he also often uses the time in the business lounge to focus on work matters. Isaksen's family is half-Latvian, and he is therefore proud to use Latvia's national airline. 'It's very important for me to choose the local airline,' he concludes.

In addition to the ease of making last-minute changes and proudly carrying the Latvian flag, *Livonia Print* also appreciates *airBaltic's* high level of flight accuracy and the corporate client programme's benefit of allowing two cabin bags, which makes for more manageable packing and seamless arrival without waiting for checked bags to arrive.

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97.97% ownership by the Latvian state and 2.03% by Lars Thuesen.
***airBaltic* CEO** Martin Gauss

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

Fleet
Continually expanding fleet of 49 *Airbus A220-300* aircraft

Employees
2 700+

Profit in 2023
EUR 34 million

Passengers
4.54 million in 2023
50 millionth passenger carried in 2022

Flights
44.1 thousand in 2023

Loyalty programme
airBaltic Club with 1 million+ members

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Hit the slopes

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

Flights, accommodation, day passes, après-ski, spontaneous vacation purchases – the expenses of a ski trip can sometimes be more daunting than the highest of pistes. But with *airBaltic*, you can save for some warming drinks by travelling with your own equipment. The price for transporting sports baggage costs from EUR 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:
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- One pair of ski boots and a helmet
- One pair of ski poles

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- 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

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

Kittilä

Combine skiing with some northern lights and husky sledding in Finland. Kittilä Airport provides access to almost ten ski areas within a few hours' drive. One of the most popular is the lively village of Levi, about a 20-minute car ride from the airport. Ylläs, which is Finland's largest ski resort, is just 30 minutes away.

Fly directly to Kittilä* from Riga or Tampere, or catch a flight from Tallinn and fly via Riga or Tampere from EUR 69 one way. By the way, on flights to Kittilä, each passenger can take one set of skiing equipment for free!

Vienna

Not ready to commit to a week-long ski trip? Then fly to Vienna and include a day trip to the mountains in your city break. Many of Austria's ski resorts lie just a short ride away from the capital, and most are accessible by public transport. The top choice for Viennese skiers is nearby Semmering Stuhleck, which can be reached by train and a shuttle bus. A bit further into the so-called Vienna Alps are the 16 kilometres of slopes at Unterberg, accessible via two trains or just under 1½ hours by car.

Fly to Vienna from Riga starting from EUR 35 one way.

Munich

While most skiers opt for Innsbruck or Salzburg, beat the lines at the baggage claim and go to Munich instead – the transfer time from the airport to many stellar resorts in the Bavarian and Tyrolean Alps is approximately three hours. Picturesque Kitzbühel, with its top-tier service and posh crowds, is just 1¾ hours from Munich. Alternatively, the traditional Tegernsee-Schliersee region lies less than 100 kilometres from Munich and offers a variety of slopes for all types of skiers, including beginners and experts, as well as cross-country skiers.

Fly to Munich from Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius starting from EUR 65 one way.

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 from Riga starting from EUR 125 one way.

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

TIPS FOR YOUR NEXT SKI TRIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The new way **to pre-order your meals**

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





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

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

Booked an early flight? Order classics such as a full English breakfast or choose an omelette with bacon or cottage cheese scones. You can even combine two or three of the meals and add a hot drink of your choice.

For lunch or dinner, pick a salad (bulgur, Caesar, Caprese, or chicken Cobb) and add a main course (choose from grilled BBQ beef, duck confit, chicken meatballs, or pasta with cheddar cheese). If the flavours of the East are more to your liking, enjoy the hot wonton soup, biryani rice, wok with chicken, or teriyaki salmon or spoil yourself with hot sushi. And of course, there's always dessert! How about a triple chocolate cake, panna cotta, or cheesecake?

Craving just a snack? Order a selection of cheese, seafood, or meat tapas. If you're in need of something refreshing, a vitamin-packed fruit plate might be just the thing. And when travelling with children, we offer some of their all-time favourites: chicken nuggets and cheesy pasta.

Don't forget to add your favourite drink. Orange, apple, multivitamin, and tomato juice; still and sparkling water; *Coca-Cola* and *Coca-Cola Zero*; black and green tea; and barista-style coffee are all available to round out your meal. Your only task now is to choose what you want!

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

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

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PRE-ORDER MEAL:

Visit airBaltic.com for more information. Order when booking your flight ticket.

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

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Evija Zepa,
Reservations Team Leader

At the front of the back office

When you book a ticket, get on a plane, and fly directly to your destination as planned, everything is simple and easy. But things can get more complicated when travel plans change. Whether expected or unexpected, changes can require additional assistance, and that's where *airBaltic's* Customer Service can be of great help.

Evija Zepa, Reservations Team Leader, is actually in charge of two teams: the Reservations department and also the Travel Documents department. While the Call Centre is usually associated with the 'front office' – the customer service agents who provide help over the phone – Evija says with a laugh that her teams work in the 'back office'.

Tell us a bit more about the main tasks of your teams. What goes on in the back office?
Both of my teams handle customer requests related to changes in passenger bookings. In particular, if a customer wants to add something to their booking, change the name on a booking, or change the flight dates (an extra fee is charged for these services), we're the ones who help the customers after they've submitted those requests, and we do everything we can to make sure they get the ticket they want. Most of the time, customers can add additional services in the Manage My Booking section of our website, but if extra fees are charged or the customer's ticket is more complicated, they need to contact the Call Centre – either by phone, email, or online form.

One of the teams also handles refunds for customers who cancel their flights and want to recover the money they're due under the ticket conditions. The Travel Documents unit, for its part, advises customers as well as agents at the airport on the necessary travel documents for passengers.

How did you end up at *airBaltic*?
I first began working for *airBaltic* in 2016. I had worked in the hospitality industry for a long time, but I came to the conclusion that I wanted something new, and I chose *airBaltic* for its good name and reputation. My first job was at the airport ticket counters in Riga, and I was surprised by how passionate my colleagues were about aviation. By a year later, I had joined the enthusiasts myself (*laughs*). I had decided to start working elsewhere, but I pretty quickly realised that *airBaltic* was the place I wanted to work. I've now been here for a total of six years.

When I returned to the airline, I began working as a Call Centre agent, and after a while I became a shift leader. I later also worked as a Call Centre quality auditor for more than a year and a half, assessing how we work and how we serve our customers. Then the opportunity arose to become a team leader for two teams.

What are you responsible for in this position?
The biggest difference from being an agent is that I take care of not only customer service (making sure we serve our customers quickly and accurately) but also our employees. So, the quality of their work, but also ensuring that they feel comfortable in their jobs and want to work here.

What are the most important principles you follow when helping customers?
The first and most important thing for our passengers is accessibility – that we can be reached by phone, that we can be written to, and that we respond. We've noticed that the younger generations prefer to communicate electronically instead of calling. This is also now possible with the chat function on the *airBaltic* website, which is available on weekdays.

The second principle is high quality – in other words, that the information we provide to passengers is accurate and precise and that our responses are professional in terms of the language we use and the service standards we adhere to.

Our Call Centre agents are very knowledgeable and can help with a very wide range of issues. For example, when calling customer service centres at other companies, the customer is often repeatedly connected to different agents, which means being put on hold again or having to tell their story again from the beginning. Of course, some questions and situations are very specific, but we train our employees well and strive for each of them to be able to answer customer questions about everything related to a booking. To do this, we need to supplement our knowledge on a regular basis.

In addition, we're able to serve our clients in seven languages: Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian, English, German, Finnish, and Russian.

Likewise, team leaders need to follow along that the agents stay within efficient call handling and email response times so they can be available to the next customer as soon as possible.

When people contact the Call Centre, they usually have a specific need or something has happened and they're stressed out. How do you deal with situations like that?
We get calls from all sorts of people, from all around the world, with all kinds of questions. As we say ourselves, 'No two calls or situations are the same.' Of course, flight times may change, and sometimes flights have to be cancelled, which of course forces people to change their plans. There are certain procedures that the airline and also its customer service department do in such cases. Yes, people can be very emotional, and that's understandable, but we train our staff how to have these conversations as efficiently as possible and to come to a solution as quickly as possible.

What are your teams planning for the future?
Right now we're thinking a lot about how to automate our work to enable customers to make changes to their bookings themselves and thus relieve the workload for the customer service employees.

To this end, we've already introduced automated messaging to customers if their flight is changed or cancelled. We've also signed a cooperation agreement with *iCoupon*, which lets us issue a meal voucher to passengers electronically to their boarding pass in the event of a flight delay or cancellation. The customer no longer has to stand in a queue and receives information on which restaurants they can go to. This is not yet in place in all our stations, but it's gradually being introduced.

One of the latest things we've introduced relates to cancellations or changes to flights that are announced more than two days before departure. In such cases, customers can now choose their preferred flight on our website in the My Booking section. There's no need to contact the Call Centre, which tends to be particularly busy at such times.

> We train our employees well and strive for each of them to be able to answer customer questions about everything related to a booking

And what's still ahead?
We're actively working on giving our customers the possibility of changing the date of their flight themselves. That would allow them to view not only the available flights but also the potential costs and fees. We plan to offer a similar option for passengers whose flights have been changed very close to the departure date or on the day of departure.

You probably have some interesting statistics you can share with readers, too.
Of course, we have our own key performance indicators, which we monitor constantly. One of those indicators is our service level, which allows us to see how many of all the incoming calls we're able to serve. We aim to maintain our service level at around 92%. But in October, the Call Centre service level had already reached 97%. This year, we're handling on average around 25,000 calls every month, but in the summer months it can be closer to 35,000. The average waiting time is 30 seconds.

5 THINGS THAT CHARACTERISE **EVIJA ZEPA'S DAY:**

Always be up to date regarding information
No matter how long we've been away from work – 12 hours or a couple of weeks – when we return, we always begin by familiarising ourselves with everything that has happened while we've been gone. Aviation is a very dynamic field, and there's likely to be some new, useful information that needs to be taken into account in the performance of our duties or perhaps a new procedure that needs to be learned.

Provide assistance
As a team leader, I support my colleagues with everyday things as well as in more complex situations. I also make sure that employees have all the information they need, all the tools they need to do their jobs. I explain where necessary. We work hard at making this a place where employees want to work.

Care about the service we deliver
I always keep an eye on the key performance indicators of my teams. We all have the same goal – to be available to our passengers and to provide the best service. This includes monitoring and making sure that our employees are performing well. And if anyone needs extra help, we provide it.

Learn and share with others
In this field, we spend a lot of time learning. In my case, it's important to not only learn new knowledge myself but also to make sure that the employees have received that knowledge, understand it, and are able to use it in their work.

Grow
Growth is important to me, not only personally but also as an employee, as a team, and as a company. That's why I'm always looking for new ways to improve and develop my day-to-day working life. I take advantage of all the opportunities *airBaltic* provides, which is why I also participate in the *airBaltic* Leaders for Future programme.

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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.**



Aleksis Štēbelis (22), first officer on *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, from Latvia

HOBBY

Aleksis Štēbelis has had a passion for ice hockey since the age of 13. By then it was too late to hope for a professional career in the sport, but that didn't stop him from playing hockey for fun. His whole family are hockey fans and have always followed the Latvian national team's games. 'There was always someone watching hockey at home, and I always had a friend or two playing hockey,' he says. There's an ice rink in the Majori neighbourhood of Jūrmala just a few minutes from Aleksis' house, and since he began training there, it's become a way for him to have fun and disconnect from work.

'When I'm on the ice, I don't think about anything else,' Aleksis says. 'It was quite difficult at first, especially because I had to work on skills that most of my teammates had already learned as kids. But at some point our levels evened out and hockey became more than just having a good time; we actually started solving situations together.'

'The sport has something in common with my current profession,' he continues, 'because on the flight deck we're also a team and we do tasks and solve problems together. Likewise, when I first entered aviation, my colleagues had already been practising and developing their skills for years, but I was new in that environment. And, just like in hockey, pilots need to be able to make quick decisions that are in the best interest of the whole team. Hockey players also need to follow everything that's going on, always with 100% focus on what they're doing.'

As a teenager, Aleksis had hockey practice five times a week after school as well as games and tournaments in Latvia and abroad. There they could assess the level of their peers. 'It was interesting to see the different styles of play in different countries, even at that age. For example, the Swedish teams have always been fast,' he laughs.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Aleksis was inspired to become a pilot by his sister Elīna, who became a pilot a few years before he did. Before that, she worked in the marketing department at *airBaltic*. During high school, Aleksis spent a year in Dayton, Ohio, in the United States through an exchange programme – a city that's closely linked to aviation history. 'At that point, I still didn't know what I wanted to study after high school,' he says. 'But just then my sister announced that she had enrolled in the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy. It was a big surprise in our family, because none of us had ever been involved in aviation.'

While in the United States, Aleksis and his host family visited the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, where the technology on display, although 40 and 50 years old, piqued his interest. 'Back then, it seemed like aviation was all around me, and I decided to follow in my sister's footsteps and become a pilot,' Aleksis says.

Pilot training is not easy. 'There's a lot of information to learn in a short space of time. But you just have to do it – you simply need to get down and learn,' Aleksis explains. It's a test of character, but it's also a test of how much one really wants to become a pilot. He says the biggest challenge at first was learning how to learn and also how to sift out the most important information from what can be left in the background.

Aleksis has been flying professionally for just over a year now. He says the experience has been very interesting – he's had very exhilarating flights but also some very tiring flights. 'If you know the airport you're departing from – such as Riga, Tallinn, or Vilnius – then, with rare exceptions, it's mostly routine until the moment you release the parking brake,' Aleksis says. 'Everything that happens after that is completely different every day. It's a bit paradoxical – on the one hand, being a pilot is a job that requires adhering to a strict routine, but on the other hand, you need to be prepared for changes, unusual situations, switching gears and communicating with the people around you, whether they're colleagues, passengers, or the controllers in the air traffic control tower. A pilot needs to think about the big picture as well.'

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'Here at *airBaltic*, a storekeeper always needs to be prepared for new responsibilities and requests,' says Artūrs Upatnieks, who has recently taken the next step in his aviation career, transitioning from Storekeeper to Material Planner at *airBaltic*. 'Often, it's about prioritising tasks – sometimes you're in the middle of one thing, but then the next request comes in, and it's even more crucial.'

One of the more exciting yet challenging aspects of a storekeeper's job is driving on the airport apron and operating a forklift. 'We all have to pass exams to be qualified to move large and heavy items around and lift them into designated areas,' Upatnieks explains. 'This can be quite tricky, especially when you're handling something like an aircraft engine. All aircraft parts are expensive, but some are even more exclusive and require extra caution.'

Reflecting on a storekeeper's work, Upatnieks highlights the importance of flexibility, sharp multitasking, and keen attention to detail. This position is open to anyone and offers an opportunity to start a career in aviation without prior experience or education in the field, allowing you to enjoy the unique benefits of the aviation industry. If this appeals to you, join *airBaltic* as a storekeeper – we'll guide you through the rest!

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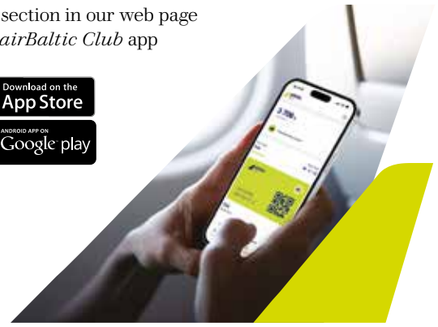
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Business EXPERIENCE	1 point/EUR + 150 points	3 points/EUR + 200 points
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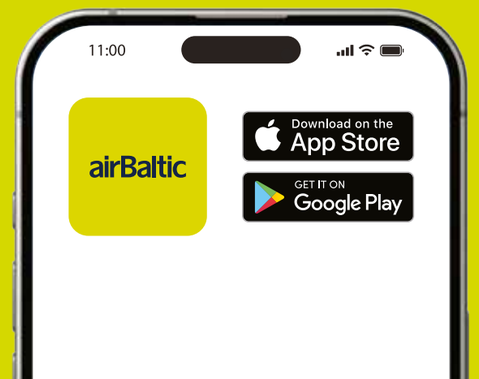
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TIMETABLE / December

RIGA, LATVIA

A

AGADIR

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 777	RIX	AGA	-----6-	09:10	13:45	BT 778	AGA	RIX	-----6-	14:45	21:10

ALICANTE

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 689	RIX	ALC	----5--	07:25	10:40	BT 690	ALC	RIX	----5--	11:40	16:45
BT 689	RIX	ALC	1------	12:40	15:55	BT 690	ALC	RIX	1------	16:55	22:00

AMSTERDAM

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 617	RIX	AMS	1234567	07:35	09:00	BT 618	AMS	RIX	1234567	10:00	13:10
BT 619	RIX	AMS	1234567	17:00	18:25	BT 620	AMS	RIX	1234567	19:10	22:20

ATHENS

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 611	RIX	ATH	-2-----	11:05	14:25	BT 612	ATH	RIX	-2-----	15:05	18:20
BT 611	RIX	ATH	-----6-	13:55	17:15	BT 612	ATH	RIX	-----6-	17:55	21:10

B

BARCELONA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 683	RIX	BCN	1--4567	10:40	13:20	BT 684	BCN	RIX	1--4567	14:05	18:40

BERLIN Brandenburg

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 211	RIX	BER	12-456-	07:10	07:55	BT 212	BER	RIX	12-456-	08:40	11:15
BT 213	RIX	BER	1-3-5-7	18:10	18:55	BT 214	BER	RIX	1-3-5-7	19:40	22:15

BILLUND

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 147	RIX	BLL	----5-7	07:25	08:10	BT 148	BLL	RIX	----5-7	08:50	11:25
BT 147	RIX	BLL	---4--- Dec 19	12:50	13:35	BT 148	BLL	RIX	---4--- Dec 19	14:15	16:50
BT 147	RIX	BLL	1-3----	18:20	19:05	BT 148	BLL	RIX	1-3----	19:45	22:20

BRUSSELS

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 601	RIX	BRU	1234-6-	07:20	08:50	BT 602	BRU	RIX	1234-6-	09:50	13:10
BT 603	RIX	BRU	1-345-7	17:00	18:30	BT 604	BRU	RIX	1-345-7	19:25	22:45

BUCHAREST

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 757	RIX	OTP	1-3-5--	12:00	14:25	BT 758	OTP	RIX	1-3-5--	15:10	17:40

BUDAPEST

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 491	RIX	BUD	------7	07:20	08:15	BT 492	BUD	RIX	------7	08:55	11:45
BT 491	RIX	BUD	---4---	12:45	13:40	BT 492	BUD	RIX	---4---	14:20	17:10

C

CHISINAU

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 420	RIX	RMO	------7	07:25	09:55	BT 421	RMO	RIX	------7	10:35	13:05
BT 420	RIX	RMO	--3----	11:50	14:20	BT 421	RMO	RIX	--3----	15:00	17:30

COPENHAGEN

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 131	RIX	CPH	123456-	07:10	07:40	BT 132	CPH	RIX	123456-	08:20	10:45
BT 135	RIX	CPH	------7	12:15	12:45	BT 136	CPH	RIX	------7	13:25	15:50
BT 135	RIX	CPH	1---5--	12:55	13:25	BT 136	CPH	RIX	1---5--	14:05	16:30
BT 139	RIX	CPH	12345-7	18:50	19:20	BT 140	CPH	RIX	12345-7	20:00	22:25

D

DUBAI

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 791	RIX	DXB	12-45-7	23:10	08:00+1	BT 792	DXB	RIX	123-56-	09:30	15:00
BT 1791	RIX	DXB	-----6- Dec 28	23:10	08:00+1	BT 1792	DXB	RIX	------7 Dec 29	09:00	14:30

DUBLIN

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 661	RIX	DUB	1--4---	11:05	12:25	BT 662	DUB	RIX	1--4---	13:10	18:05

DUSSELDORF

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 233	RIX	DUS	1-345-7	17:30	18:45	BT 234	DUS	RIX	1-345-7	19:25	22:30

F

FRANKFURT

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 243	RIX	FRA	12345--	07:35	08:55	BT 244	FRA	RIX	12345--	09:55	13:05
BT 245	RIX	FRA	----5-7	17:00	18:20	BT 246	FRA	RIX	----5-7	19:15	22:25

G

GENEVA / From December 14

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 287	RIX	GVA	-----6-	15:35	17:30	BT 288	GVA	RIX	-----6-	18:30	22:15

GRAN CANARIA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1765	RIX	LPA	-----6- Dec 21	08:10	12:35	BT 1766	LPA	RIX	-----6- Dec 21	13:35	21:30
BT 765	RIX	LPA	1---5--	08:25	12:50	BT 766	LPA	RIX	1---5--	13:50	21:45
BT 765	RIX	LPA	-2----- Till Dec 10	19:00	23:25	BT 766	LPA	RIX	-2----- Till Dec 10	07:10	15:05

H

HAMBURG

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 251	RIX	HAM	12-4-6-	07:05	07:55	BT 252	HAM	RIX	12-4-6-	08:40	11:20
BT 253	RIX	HAM	--3-5-7	17:55	18:45	BT 254	HAM	RIX	--3-5-7	19:35	22:15

HELSINKI Vantaa

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 301	RIX	HEL	12-4567	07:00	08:00	BT 302	HEL	RIX	12-4567	08:40	09:40
BT 305	RIX	HEL	1-345-7	13:50	14:50	BT 306	HEL	RIX	1-345-7	15:30	16:30
BT 307	RIX	HEL	1234567	19:40	20:40	BT 308	HEL	RIX	1234567	21:20	22:20
BT 325	RIX	HEL	1234567	23:20	00:20+1	BT 326	HEL	RIX	1234567	05:20	06:20

HURGHADA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 783	RIX	HRG	--3----	07:20	12:20	BT 784	HRG	RIX	--3----	13:20	18:35
BT 783	RIX	HRG	-----6-	11:15	16:15	BT 784	HRG	RIX	-----6-	17:15	22:30

I

INNSBRUCK / From December 22

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 283	RIX	INN	------7	10:30	11:55	BT 284	INN	RIX	------7	12:45	16:10

ISTANBUL

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 711	RIX	IST	1-3-5--	10:55	15:15	BT 712	IST	RIX	1-3-5--	16:00	18:00

K

KITTILA / From December 21

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 381	RIX	KTT	-----6-	13:50	15:55	BT 382	KTT	RIX	-----6-	16:55	18:50

L

LARNACA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 657	RIX	LCA	--3-5-7	07:10	11:10	BT 658	LCA	RIX	--3-5-7	11:55	16:15

LISBON

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 675	RIX	LIS	---4-6-	12:10	14:55	BT 676	LIS	RIX	---4-6-	15:40	22:00

LJUBLJANA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 477	RIX	LJU	1--4---	11:45	13:00	BT 478	LJU	RIX	1--4---	13:45	17:00

LONDON Gatwick

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 651	RIX	LGW	12-456-	07:40	08:40	BT 652	LGW	RIX	12-456-	09:30	14:05
BT 653	RIX	LGW	1-345-7	15:45	16:45	BT 654	LGW	RIX	1-345-7	17:35	22:10

M

MADEIRA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 767	RIX	FNC	1---5-- Till Dec 20	07:00	10:55	BT 768	FNC	RIX	1---5-- Till Dec 20	11:50	19:25
BT 767	RIX	FNC	1-3-5-- From Dec 23	07:00	10:55	BT 768	FNC	RIX	1-3-5-- From Dec 23	11:50	19:25

MADRID

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 685	RIX	MAD	---4--7	12:55	16:15	BT 686	MAD	RIX	---4--7	17:15	22:05

MALAGA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 677	RIX	AGP	------7	08:30	12:05	BT 678	AGP	RIX	------7	12:55	18:20
BT 677	RIX	AGP	--3-5--	12:45	16:20	BT 678	AGP	RIX	--3-5--	17:05	22:30

MALTA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 739	RIX	MLA	------7 From Dec 22	07:10	09:50	BT 740	MLA	RIX	------7 From Dec 22	10:30	15:05
BT 739	RIX	MLA	--3---- Dec 25	10:40	13:20	BT 740	MLA	RIX	--3---- Dec 25	14:00	18:35

MARRAKESH Menara

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 775	RIX	RAK	-----6-	10:55	15:20	BT 776	RAK	RIX	-----6-	16:15	22:30

MILAN

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 629	RIX	MXP	---4--7	07:00	08:45	BT 630	MXP	RIX	---4--7	09:35	13:15
BT 629	RIX	MXP	-2-----	11:40	13:25	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-2-----	14:15	17:55
BT 629	RIX	MXP	-----6-	15:40	17:25	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-----6-	18:25	22:05

MUNICH

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 221	RIX	MUC	12-45-7	07:05	08:20	BT 222	MUC	RIX	12-45-7	09:05	12:15
BT 225	RIX	MUC	-----6-	11:35	12:50	BT 226	MUC	RIX	-----6-	13:30	16:40
BT 223	RIX	MUC	12345-7	17:10	18:25	BT 224	MUC	RIX	12345-7	19:10	22:20

N

NICE Cote d`Azur

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 695	RIX	NCE	------7	07:30	09:40	BT 696	NCE	RIX	------7	10:20	14:10
BT 695	RIX	NCE	---4---	11:40	13:50	BT 696	NCE	RIX	---4---	14:30	18:20

O

OSLO Gardermoen

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 151	RIX	OSL	12345--	07:00	07:45	BT 152	OSL	RIX	12345--	08:30	11:05
BT 159	RIX	OSL	----5-7	12:45	13:30	BT 160	OSL	RIX	----5-7	14:10	16:45
BT 153	RIX	OSL	12345-7	18:25	19:10	BT 154	OSL	RIX	12345-7	19:50	22:25

P

PALANGA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1061	RIX	PLQ	---4--7	11:25	12:10	BT 1062	PLQ	RIX	---4--7	18:25	19:10
BT 373	RIX	PLQ	1---5--	13:55	14:40	BT 374	PLQ	RIX	1---5--	15:20	16:05
BT 375	RIX	PLQ	1234567	23:20	23:59	BT 376	PLQ	RIX	1234567	05:35	06:20

PARIS Charles de Gaulle

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 691	RIX	CDG	123456-	07:00	08:50	BT 692	CDG	RIX	123456-	09:35	13:15
BT 693	RIX	CDG	1-45-7	16:00	17:50	BT 694	CDG	RIX	1--45-7	18:45	22:25

PRAGUE

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 481	RIX	PRG	----5--	07:10	08:05	BT 482	PRG	RIX	----5--	08:45	11:30
BT 481	RIX	PRG	-23---7	12:40	13:35	BT 482	PRG	RIX	-23---7	14:15	17:00
BT 481	RIX	PRG	1--4---	18:05	19:00	BT 482	PRG	RIX	1--4---	19:40	22:25

R

REYKJAVIK Keflavik

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 169	RIX	KEF	--3---7	10:35	12:40	BT 170	KEF	RIX	--3---7	13:35	19:10

ROME Fiumicino

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 633	RIX	FCO	------7	10:30	12:35	BT 634	FCO	RIX	------7	13:20	17:20
BT 633	RIX	FCO	1-345--	11:25	13:30	BT 634	FCO	RIX	1-345--	14:15	18:15

RZESZÓW Jasionka Airport

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 463	RIX	RZE	1---5--	13:00	13:35	BT 464	RZE	RIX	1---5--	14:20	16:50

S

SALZBURG / December 28

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 281	RIX	SZG	-----6-	17:20	18:35	BT 282	SZG	RIX	-----6-	19:20	22:30

SHARM EL-SHEIKH

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 781	RIX	SSH	------7	07:10	12:05	BT 782	SSH	RIX	------7	13:00	18:10
BT 781	RIX	SSH	-2-----	11:25	16:20	BT 782	SSH	RIX	-2-----	17:20	22:30

SOFIA

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 467	RIX	SOF	1--4---	11:35	14:10	BT 468	SOF	RIX	1--4---	14:55	17:25

STOCKHOLM Arlanda

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 101	RIX	ARN	123456-	07:10	07:20	BT 102	ARN	RIX	123456-	08:00	10:05
BT 105	RIX	ARN	1---5-7	14:10	14:20	BT 106	ARN	RIX	1---5-7	15:00	17:05
BT 109	RIX	ARN	12345-7	19:30	19:40	BT 110	ARN	RIX	12345-7	20:20	22:25

T

TALLINN Lennart Meri

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 311	RIX	TLL	1234567	07:25	08:15	BT 312	TLL	RIX	1234567	08:55	09:45
BT 315	RIX	TLL	-234567	13:50	14:40	BT 316	TLL	RIX	-234567	15:20	16:10
BT 315	RIX	TLL	1------	15:20	16:10	BT 316	TLL	RIX	1------	13:50	14:40
BT 317	RIX	TLL	1234567	19:55	20:45	BT 318	TLL	RIX	1234567	21:25	22:15
BT 361	RIX	TLL	1234567	23:25	00:15+1	BT 362	TLL	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:20

TAMPERE

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 355	RIX	TMP	1---5--	13:20	14:30	BT 356	TMP	RIX	1---5--	15:10	16:15
BT 355	RIX	TMP	-2-----	15:35	16:45	BT 356	TMP	RIX	-2-----	17:25	18:30
						BT 356	TMP	RIX	--3---7	08:50	09:55
BT 357	RIX	TMP	12345-7	23:25	00:35+1	BT 358	TMP	RIX	1-345--	05:20	06:25

TBILISI

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 724	RIX	TBS	-2---6-	12:15	18:30	BT 725	TBS	RIX	------7	08:40	11:20
						BT 725	TBS	RIX	--3----	13:15	15:55

TEL AVIV

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 771	RIX	TLV	------7	07:10	11:35	BT 772	TLV	RIX	------7	12:35	17:10
BT 771	RIX	TLV	-2-----	12:10	16:35	BT 772	TLV	RIX	-2-----	17:35	22:10

TENERIFE

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 761	RIX	TFS	-234-67	08:05	12:50	BT 762	TFS	RIX	-234-67	13:50	21:55
BT 1761	RIX	TFS	1------ Dec 23-30	16:45	21:30	BT 1762	TFS	RIX	1------ Dec 23-30	22:30	06:35+1

TURKU

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 359	RIX	TKU	1-3-5-7	23:30	00:35+1	BT 360	TKU	RIX	12-4-6-	05:25	06:25

V

VIENNA Schwechat

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 271	RIX	VIE	12-456-	07:25	08:25	BT 272	VIE	RIX	12-456-	09:05	12:05
BT 273	RIX	VIE	1-345-7	17:40	18:40	BT 274	VIE	RIX	1-345-7	19:20	22:20

VERONA / From December 14

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 625	RIX	VRN	-----6-	11:50	13:30	BT 626	VNO	RIX	-----6-	14:20	17:55

VILNIUS

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 341	RIX	VNO	1234567	07:25	08:15	BT 342	VNO	RIX	1234567	08:55	09:45
BT 345	RIX	VNO	1-34--7	13:50	14:40	BT 346	VNO	RIX	1-34--7	15:20	16:10
BT 345	RIX	VNO	----56-	15:45	16:35	BT 346	VNO	RIX	----56-	14:15	15:05
BT 347	RIX	VNO	1234567	19:55	20:45	BT 348	VNO	RIX	1234567	21:25	22:15
BT 349	RIX	VNO	1234567	23:15	23:59	BT 350	VNO	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:20
BT 1349	RIX	VNO	----5--	23:30	00:15+1	BT 1350	VNO	RIX	------7	05:40	06:30

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ZURICH

Flights from RIGA						Flights to RIGA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 291	RIX	ZRH	12-----	07:00	08:35	BT 292	ZRH	RIX	12-----	09:20	12:45
BT 293	RIX	ZRH	-----6-	12:45	14:20	BT 294	ZRH	RIX	-----6-	15:05	18:30
BT 293	RIX	ZRH	--345-7	17:00	18:35	BT 294	ZRH	RIX	--345-7	19:20	22:45

GRAN CANARIA, SPAIN

BILLUND

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1006	LPA	BLL	-----6- Till Dec 21	07:35	13:30	BT 1007	BLL	LPA	-----6- Till Dec 21	14:20	18:35
BT 1006	LPA	BLL	1----6- From Dec 23	07:35	13:30	BT 1007	BLL	LPA	1----6- From Dec 23	14:20	18:35

COPENHAGEN

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1008	LPA	CPH	------7	08:05	14:10	BT 1009	CPH	LPA	------7	15:00	19:25

OSLO

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1010	LPA	OSL	----5-- Till Dec 20	07:35	14:05	BT 1011	OSL	LPA	----5-- Till Dec 20	14:45	19:40
BT 1010	LPA	OSL	------7	13:00	19:30	BT 1011	OSL	LPA	------7	09:50	14:45

OSLO Sandefjord, Torp

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1014	LPA	TRF	--3---- Till Dec 18	07:40	14:00	BT 1015	TRF	LPA	--3---- Till Dec 18	14:40	19:20
BT 1014	LPA	TRF	-----6-	08:55	15:15	BT 1015	TRF	LPA	-----6-	15:35	20:05

RIGA (LPA-RIX)

RIGA (RIX-LPA)

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TAMPERE / From December 17

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 1022	LPA	TMP	-2-----	07:20	15:25	BT 1023	TMP	LPA	-2-----	16:05	20:35

TALLINN

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 894	LPA	TLL	------7	15:45	23:45	BT 893	TLL	LPA	------7	07:25	11:50

VILNIUS

Flights from GRAN CANARIA						Flights to GRAN CANARIA					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 988	LPA	VNO	-----6-	21:15	05:00+1	BT 987	VNO	LPA	-----6-	03:55	08:05

TALLINN, ESTONIA

AMSTERDAM

Flights from TALLINN						Flights to TALLINN					
Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival	Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
BT 857	TLL	AMS	1234567	07:35	09:10	BT 858

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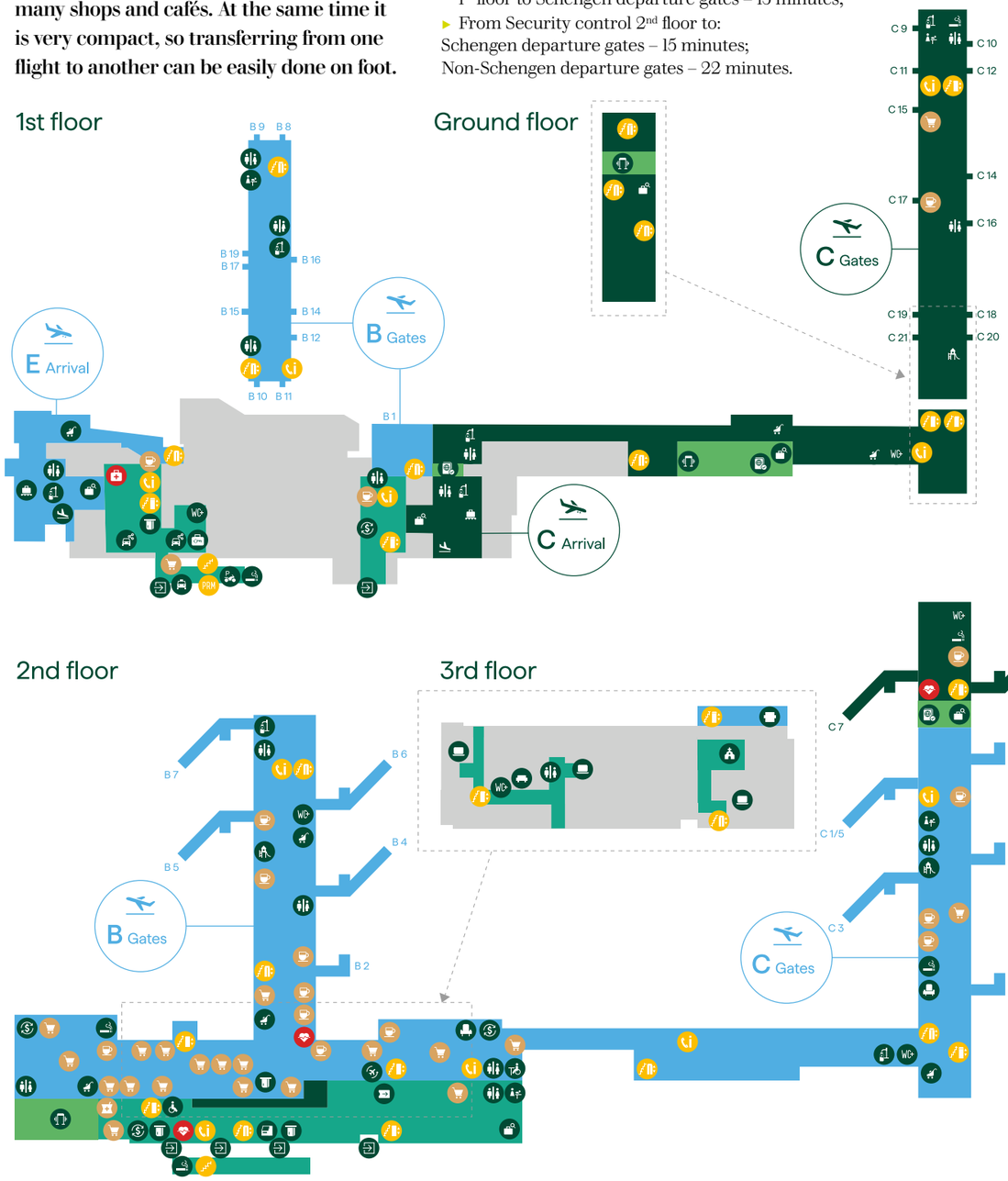
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Tapas

Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

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

8 49 €

GOES WELL WITH ŠIM PIESTĀVĒS

Beer, p. 187

Alus, 187. lpp.





Panini

Freshly made chicken cold cut and cheese panini with BBQ mayo

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

7 49 €

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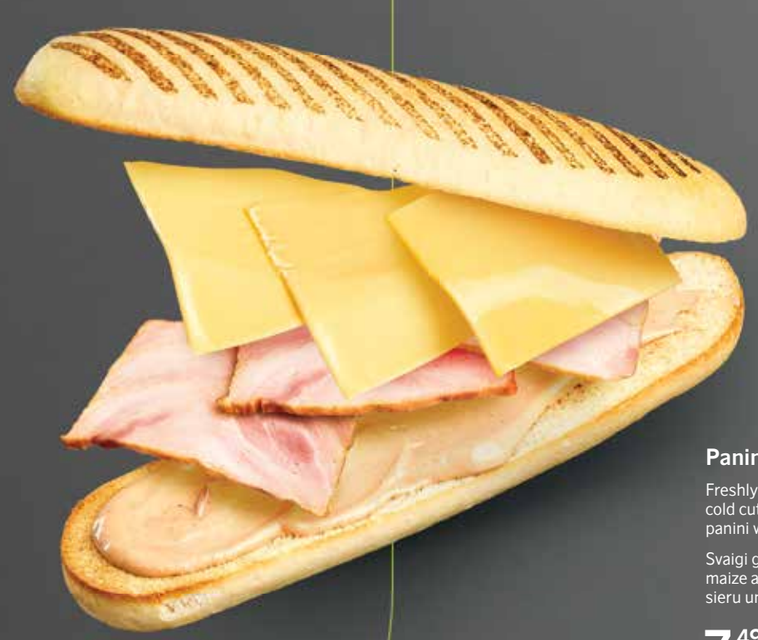
KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Any soft drink, p. 183

Jebkurš atspirdzinošais dzēriens, 183. lpp

9 98 €



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APPETIZERS | UZKODAS

Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

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

5 99 €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Coffee, p. 181

Kafija, 181. lpp.

9 48 €

Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgs vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

6 99 €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ White or red wine, p. 187

Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns, 187. lpp.

13 98 €





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LUNCHKIT

Wrap burger

BBQ-infused pulled beef wrapped in a delicious burger

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar plucinātu liellopa gaļu barbekjū gaumē

7 99 €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Any dessert and soft drink, p. 180, 183

Jebkurš deserts un atspirdzinošais dzēriens, 180., 183. lpp.

12 97 €



حلال
HALAL

Chicken pasta tajine style

Tender simmered chicken with pasta and aromatic oriental spices

Maigi sautēta vistas gaļa ar pastu un austrumu garšvielām

9 99 €

Spring beef stew

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

Gards sautējums ar sezonālajiem dārzeņiem un lēni sautētu liellopa gaļu

10 49 €



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Please ask the cabin crew for product availability
Lūdzu, jautājiet apkalpei par produktu pieejamību

HOT DISHES | SILTIE ĒDIENI



Chicken with rice

Sweet & sour chicken with rice and vegetables

Vistas filejas gabaliņi saldskābā mērcē ar rīsiem un dārzeņiem

8 99 €

GOES WELL WITH
ŠIM PIESTĀVĒS

+ White or red wine, p. 187

Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns, 187. lpp.



Gulash soup

Delicious soup of beef and vegetables, with rich smoked paprika flavor

Garda liellopa gaļas un dārzeņu zupa ar kūpinātas paprikas garšu

6 99 €

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Croissant, p. 177

Kruasāns, 177. lpp.

11 98 €



VEGETARIAN

Penne Pomodoro

Penne pasta tossed with rich, traditional Mediterranean tomato sauce

Pasta Vidusjūras gaumē ar sātīgu tomātu mērci

8 99 €

GOES WELL WITH
ŠIM PIESTĀVĒS

+ White or red wine, p. 187

Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns, 187 lpp.

DESSERTS | DESERTI



Muffin with chocolate drops

Kēkss ar šokolādes gabaliņiem

2 99 €



VEGAN

MONS

Filled date balls with blueberry, 45g

Dateļu bumbas ar mellenēm

2 99 €

Twix 'Xtra

Chocolate bar

Šokolādes batoniņš

2 99 €



"Oga" cranberry-ginger ale winter drink

"Oga" dzērveņu-ingvera ziemas dzēriens

3 49 €

6cl + 17cl



LIDO cepums

Cookie with nuts and salty caramel, 45g

Cepums ar sāļo karameli un riekstiem

2 99 €



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HOT DRINKS | KARSTIE DZĒRIENI



Basilur tea

Black / peppermint

Melnā / piparmētru

3 49 €

Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee

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

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

4 99 €







Freshly brewed Barista coffee

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

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

3 99 €

Plūkt Blossom tea

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

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

3 99 €



Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Kapučino

3 99 €



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KIDS PARTY | BĒRNU BALLĪTE

Fazer Remix Minis

Assorted sweets, 120g

Saldumu izlase

2$^{99}_{€}$

Cido

Apple juice, 25cl

Ābolu sula

2$^{99}_{€}$

VEGAN

PLAYin CHOC

Two organinc chocolate bites with 3D Puzzle toy and Fun Facts card

Organiskā šokolāde ar 3D puzli un jautru faktu kartīti

4$^{99}_{€}$

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KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Apple juice, p. 183,
Ābolu sula, 183. lpp.

7$^{48}_{€}$

Learn

Play

Snack

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SOFT DRINKS | DZĒRIENI

Natural mineral water 885

Still or sparkling, 50cl

Gāzēts un negāzēts dabīgais minerālūdens

2$^{99}_{€}$

Cido Exclusive

Orange juice, 30cl

Apelsīnu sula

2$^{99}_{€}$

Cido Exclusive

Tomato juice, 30cl

Tomātu sula

2$^{99}_{€}$

Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2$^{99}_{€}$

Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2$^{99}_{€}$

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SALTY SNACKS | SĀĻIE NAŠĶI



VEGAN

Pringles Original

Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato chips, 40g
Kartupeļu čipsi

3 49 €



Nõo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages, 85g

"Nõo Snack" cigārdesiņas ar parmezāna sieru

3 49 €

VEGAN

NOY nuts

Salty baked mini pretzels, 25g
Sāļie mini kliņģeriši

3 49 €





VEGAN

Salysol salted peanuts, 60g

"Salysol" sālīti zemesrieksti

3 49 €

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COCKTAILS | KOKTEIĻI

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

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

9 98 €

Riga Black Balsam Currant & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais Balzams upeņu & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8 98 €

Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8 98 €

Jack Daniels whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniels viskijs & Coca-Cola

10 48 €





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

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

9 48 €

Finlandia Premium vodka & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8 98 €

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

"Oga" dzērveņu-ingvera ziemas dzēriens & Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu

9 48 €

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BEER & WINE | ALUS UN VĪNS



Marcy
Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon
18,7cl, 13%, France
Sarkanvīns, Francija
7 99 €

Alexis
Colombard Chardonnay
18,7cl, 11.5%, France
Baltvīns, Francija
7 99 €

La Baume
Colombard Chardonnay
18,7cl, 11.5%, France
Baltvīns, Francija
7 99 €

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

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

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



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI



Finlandia

Premium vodka
5cl, 40%
Degvīns

5 99 €

Bombay Sapphire

Dry Gin
5cl, 40%
Džins

6 99 €

Taylor's

LBV port
5cl, 19%
Portvīns

6 99 €

1+1 PAIR DEAL
DIVAS UZREIZ – IZDEVĪGĀK

12 98 €

Jack Daniels

Whiskey
5cl, 40%
Viskijs

7 49 €

Rémy Martin

VSOP cognac
5cl, 40%
Konjaks

7 99 €

Riga Black Balsam

Currant 4cl, 30%
Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu

5 99 €

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

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

9 49 €

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HUGO BOSS
Just different EDT
for him, 40 ml

€19⁹⁰

City Price **€32**
SAVE **38%**



VERSACE
Woman EDP
for her, 50 ml

€29⁹⁰

City Price **€60**
SAVE **50%**



CALVIN KLEIN
Sheer Beauty
EDT for her, 50 ml

€19⁹⁰

City Price **€29.59**
SAVE **34%**



PEPE JEANS
Life is now EDP
for her, 30 ml

€19⁹⁰

City Price **€25.95**
SAVE **23%**



PEPE JEANS
Life is now EDT
for him, 30 ml

€19⁹⁰

City Price **€25.95**
SAVE **23%**



PALOMA PICASSO
Mon Parfum EDT
for her, 30 ml

€19⁹⁰

City Price **€25.95**
SAVE **23%**



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CALVIN KLEIN
Eternity Moment
EDP for her, 50 ml

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

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

€29.90

City Price **€32.00**
SAVE **7%**





LOVELY
SARAH JESSICA PARKER

CREATED BY SARAH JESSICA PARKER
LOVELY ON THE INSIDE

SARAH JESSICA PARKER
Lovely
EDP for her, 50 ml

€19.90

City Price **€41**
SAVE **51%**

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

Sāra Džesika Pārkere jau kopš bērnības ir sajūsmā par smaržām. Smaržūdenim Lovely ir zīdains un bezgalīgi valdzinošs baltā dzintara aromāts, ko iedvesmojusi Pārkeres mīlestība pret smaržām. Mandarīna, bergamotes un rožkoka aromātam seko sirds notis - sulīgais lavandas, ābolu martini un pačūlijas aromāts. Pamata notis veido ciedrs, baltais dzintars un muskuss.



TOUS



LoveMe

TOUS
LoveMe
EDP for her, 30 ml

A fragrance that, apart from being an icon, is a piece of jewelry which embodies the modern woman. Tous LoveMe is a women's fragrance that exceptionally balances softness with intensity.

Ikonisks aromāts, kas ir mūsdienīgas sievietes iemiesojums. Tous LoveMe ir sieviešu smaržūdens ar izcili līdzsvarotu maigumu un intensitāti.

€40

City Price **€55.00**
SAVE **27%**

BUGATTI
Signature Black EDT for him, 100 ml

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

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

€19.90

City Price **€29.99**
SAVE **31%**





BUGATTI
Bella Donna EDP for her, 60 ml

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

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

€19.90

City Price **€49.90**
SAVE **60%**



VERSACE
Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

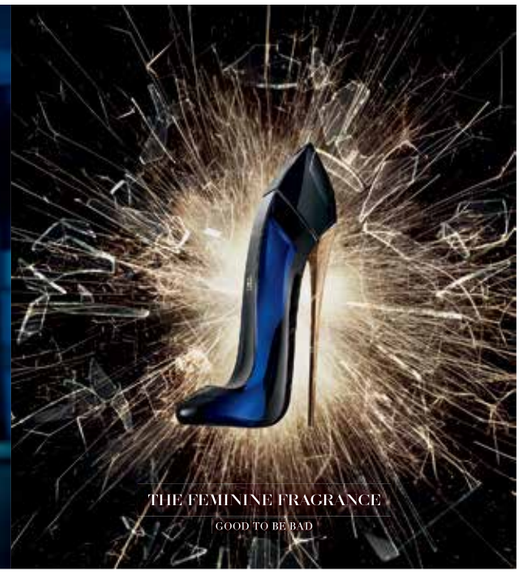
€72⁹⁰

City Price **€85.00**
SAVE **14%**

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

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





CAROLINA HERRERA
Good Girl
EDP for her, 30 ml

€67⁹⁰

City Price **€74.50**
SAVE **9%**

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

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



GISADA
Titanium
EDP for him, 50 ml

€85

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City Price **€95**
SAVE **11%**

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

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



GISADA
Ambassadora
EDP for her, 50 ml

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

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

€75

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

€29

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

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

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



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 toņiem lazdu riekstu, mandeļu un rožkoka krāsās, kas nodrošina intensīvu lūpu ādas kopšanu. Lūpu krāsu sastāvā ietilpst īpaši peptīdi un 11 barojoši vaski un eļļas, kas uzlabo lūpu formu un apjomu.

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DIEGO DALLA PALMA
Palette NUDA, 30 g

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

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

€35

City Price **€42.90**
SAVE **18%**



DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyToyBoy Mascara, 13 ml

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

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

€23

City Price **€27.90**
SAVE **18%**

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

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

Revolucionāra un īpaši efektīva skropstu tuša. Tā 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.

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SAVE **18%**



NUDESTIX

SWEET AND SUNNY CHEEKS BLUSH & BRONZER KIT

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

MINIMALIST MULTI-TASKING MAKEUP @NUDESTIX

NUDESTIX
Sweet & Sunny Cheeks Duo, 2x7 g

€40.50

City Price **€45**
SAVE **10%**

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

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

€33

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

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BIO2YOU
Anti Age Day Cream, 50 ml

€27

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

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

BIO2YOU
Anti Age Night Cream, 50 ml

€27

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

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



STENDERS
Face Mist Green Calm, 85 ml

€15

City Price **€17.90**
SAVE **16%**

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

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



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

€20 TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

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

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



AVANT GLOW
Starter Set, 5x10 ml

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

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

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

€22 City Price **€45**
SAVE **40%**



M. Asam® RESVERATROL PREMIUM NT50
Lifting Cream 50 ml

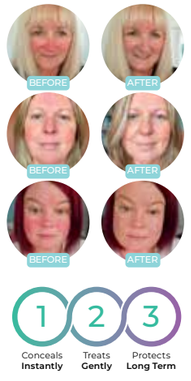
Lifting cream with highly concentrated resveratrol, cross-linked hyaluronic acid and a special lifting peptide firms the skin and maintains its youthful appearance. Further key ingredients include lipids like shea butter, argan oil and squalane. This formulation intensely cares for your skin and leaves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

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

€2950

City Price **€34.99**
SAVE **16%**





ROSALIQUE
Anti-Redness Cream, 30 ml

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

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

€29

City Price **€34,95**
SAVE **17%**



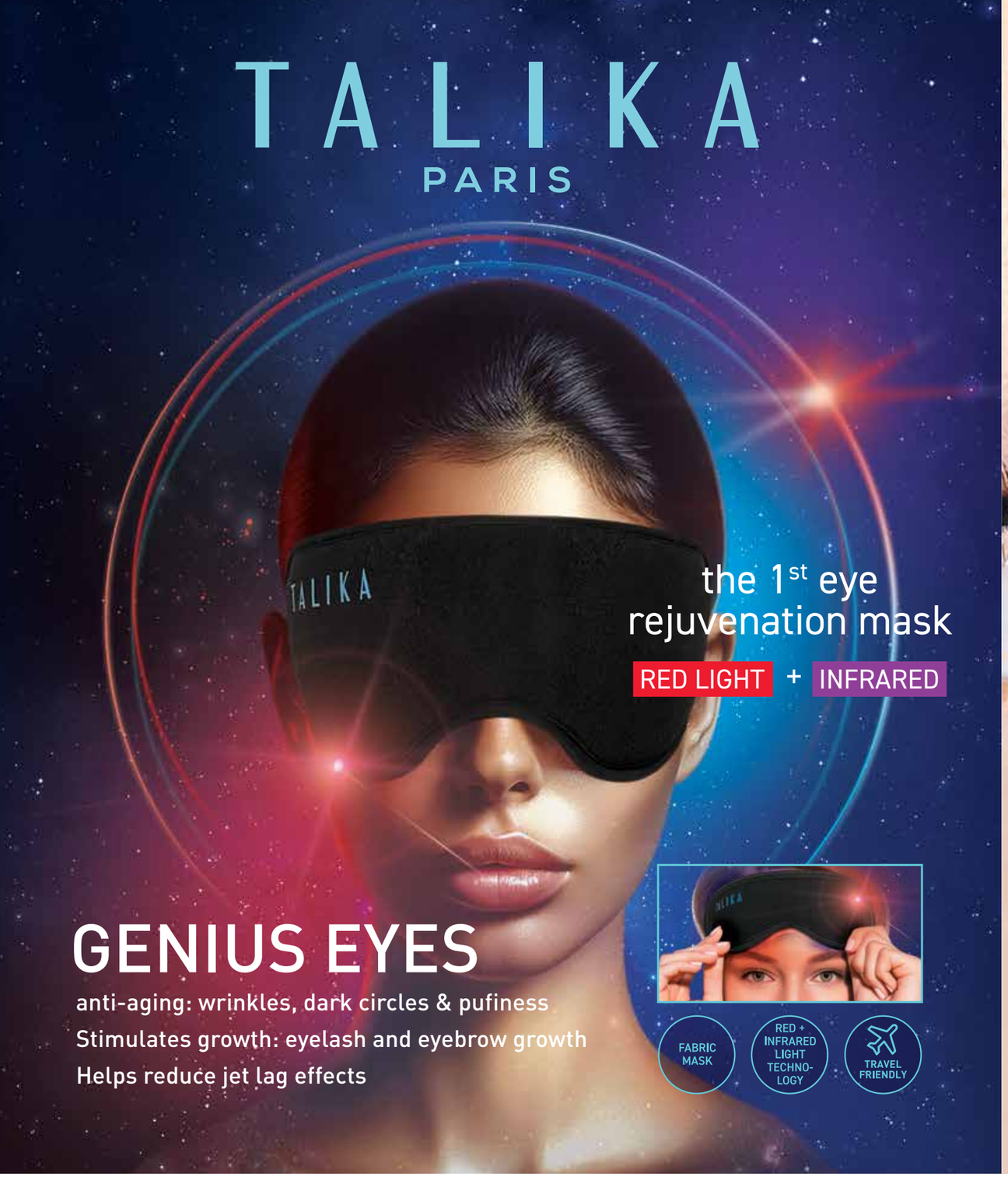
DR. SEVERIN®
Beauty Routine Set, 3 x 50 ml

The 3-pack with the best care serums from Dr. Severin includes the new Hyaluron Collagen Serum, the Retinol Vitamin A Serum together with the popular Vitamin C Hyaluron Serum. The best antiaging effect of the highest quality. Made in Germany.

Dr. Severin trīs labāko ādas kopšanas serumu komplektā ietilpst jaunais hialurona kolagēna serums, retinola (A vitamīna) serums un populārais hialurona serums ar C vitamīnu. Labākais pretnovecošanās efekts, augstākā kvalitāte – ražots Vācijā.

€55

City Price **€59.99**
SAVE **8%**



TALIKA
Genius Eye Anti-Aging and Growth Light

€199

City Price **€249,00**
SAVE **20%**

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

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



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

€41

City Price **€49,50**
SAVE **17%**

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

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

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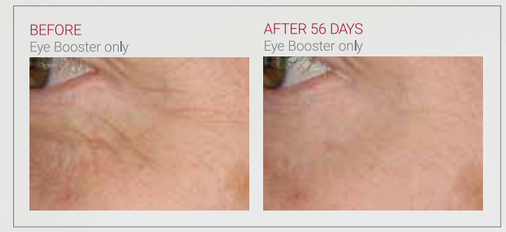
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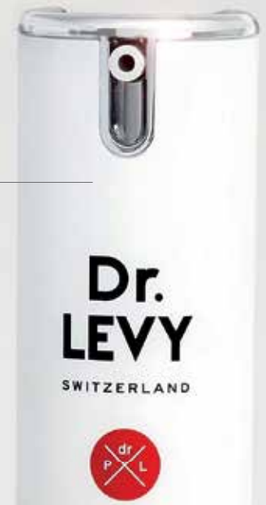
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Dr. Levy, Switzerland's first aesthetic Botox® pioneer, has patented this intensive stem cell formula to visibly renew the delicate eye area and help restore its youthful glow. Proven in independent clinicals. Free Gift: micro-current lifting device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

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



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
4 Miracles Mask & Cure

€59

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

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

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

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



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60 Patches & Spatula

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

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

€29,90

City Price **€42.00**

SAVE **29%**

SOUMMÉ
Anti-Transpirant Deo, 50 ml

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

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



€18

City Price **€19.95**

SAVE **10%**



Feet Friends

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Healthy Socks

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

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



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Universal Stain Remover
100ml

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



Stops stains from setting into fabrics quickly and effectively. Just apply before washing to treat tough marks like coffee, wine, or grease.

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PURENN
Universal Stain Remover, 100 ml

€5,90

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

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





UNITWEEZER

Universal multi tweezer
for careful facial hair removal

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

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UNITWEEZER
Universal Multi Tweezer

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

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

€12

City Price **€14,95**

SAVE **20%**

WATCHES & JEWELLERY | PULKSTEŅI UN JUVELIERIZSTRĀDĀJUMI

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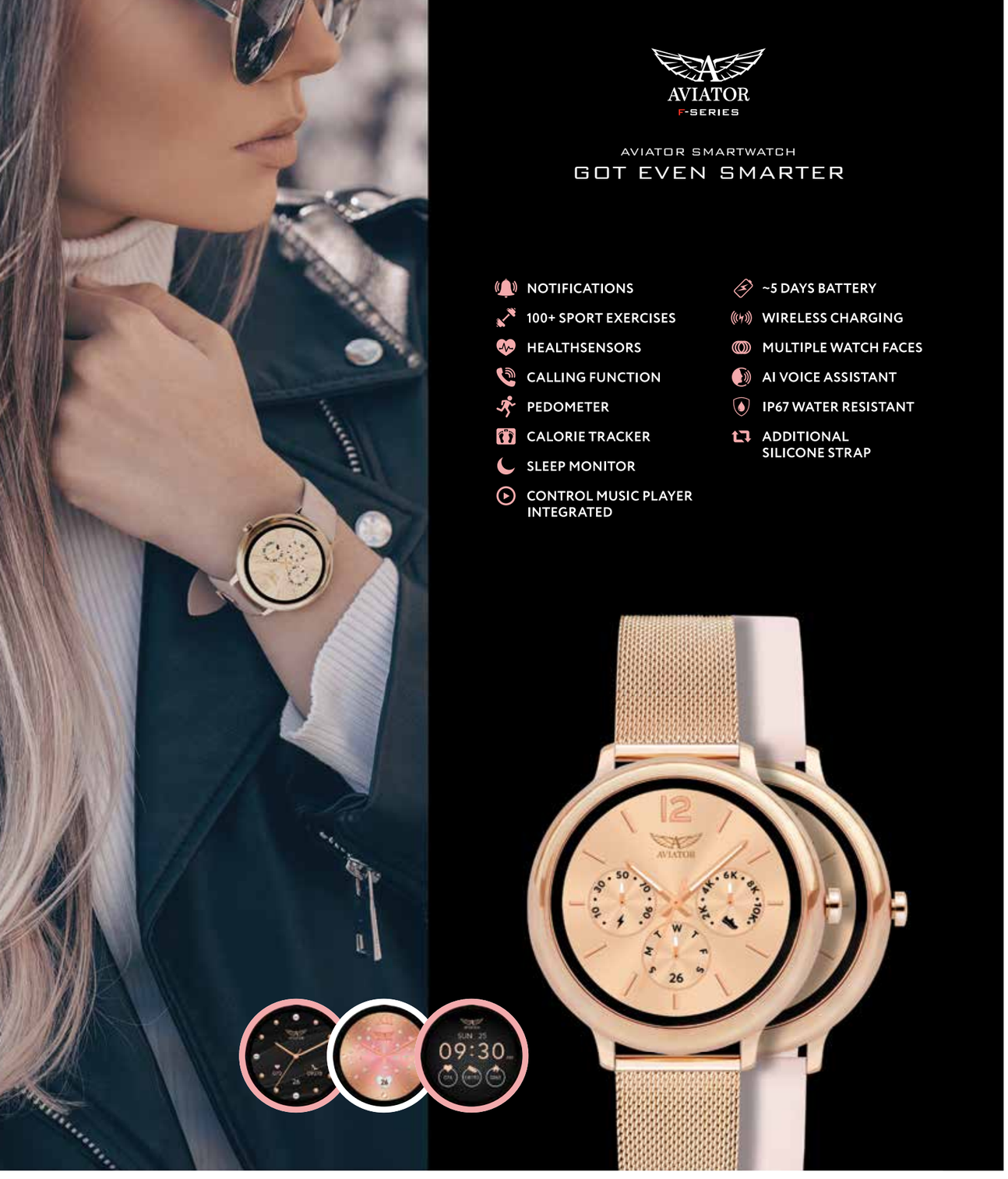
JOWISSA
Facet Princess Set

€249 City Price **€270** SAVE **8%**

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

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

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



AVIATOR
F Series Ladie's Smart Technique Watch

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

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

€139

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

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



AVIATOR
F Series RFID Foldable Wallet

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

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

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AVIATOR
F Series Gent's Smart Technique Watch

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

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

€119

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
45 MM	ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	IP67	SILICONE	21,5 CM



AVIATOR
F Series Ladies
Luxe Set, Rose Gold

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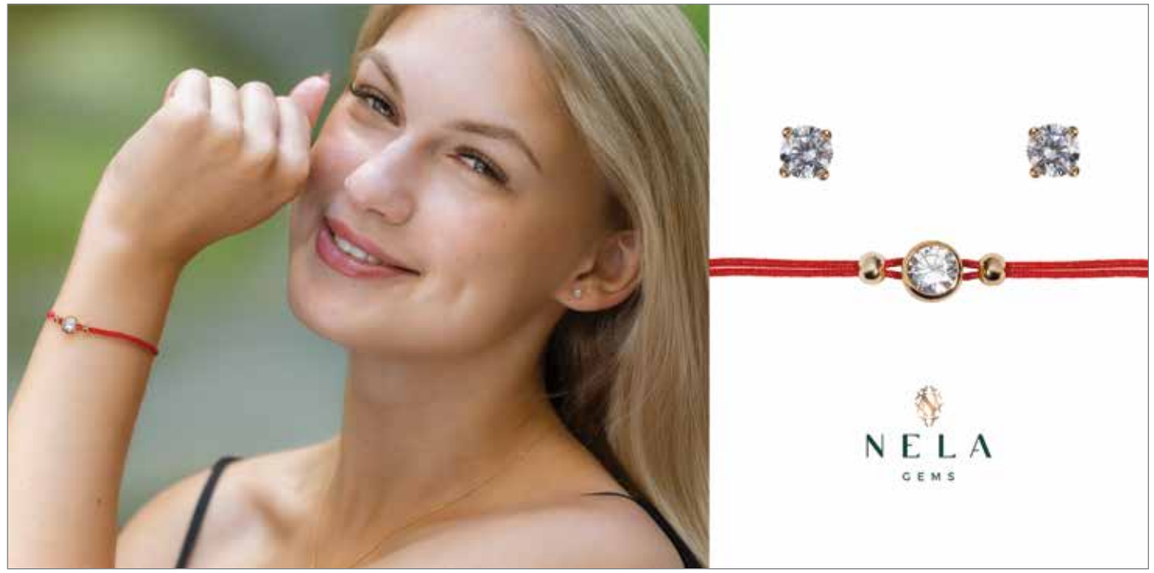
Aviator F Series Ladies Luxe Rose-Gold set features a rose-gold watch with Milanese stainless steel strap and world map on a black dial, accompanied with an adjustable rose-gold world map bracelet.

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

€79

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

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



NELA GEMS
Red String Bracelet
and Earring Set

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

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

€55



MY JEWELLERY
Mother & Daughter
Bracelets, Gold

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

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

€22

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BRACELET LENGTH	MATERIAL
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER	STAINLESS STEEL



ZAZA & LILI
3 Bracelet Set

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

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

€39

City Price **€81**

SAVE **52%**



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CHOCOMOON
Frida Ladies Watch,
Frida Kahlo Collection

€59
City Price €69
SAVE 14%

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

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

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



MY JEWELLERY
Travel the World Necklace, Gold

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

€24

BRACELET LENGTH	MATERIAL
38.5 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER	STAINLESS STEEL

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

MY JEWELLERY
Travel the World Bracelet, Gold

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

€19

BRACELET LENGTH	MATERIAL
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER	STAINLESS STEEL

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ELITA PATMALNIECE
The Artful Scarf
Collection

The famous Latvian artist ELITA Patmalniece has created an original scarf collection from her latest paintings. Colorful scarf is a unique style element, made from high quality silky polyester, size 72cm x 72cm for You. Please note: the price is for a single scarf. ENJOY! ELITA

Populārā latviešu mākslinieces ELITA Patmalniece piedāvā oriģinālus lakatus ar saviem gleznu motīviem. Košais lakats radīts kā efektīgs stila elements, veidots no maiga mākslīgā zīda 72cm x 72cm izmērā-iepriecinās ar krāsām. Cena norādīta par vienu lakatu. LAI IR PRIEKS! ELITA

€72

NEW ON BOARD

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



ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

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

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

€79

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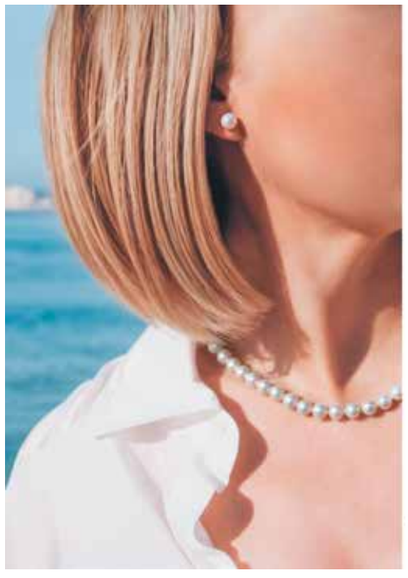
ORQUIDEA
Majorca Duo Bracelet

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

Rokassprādze, ko rotā augstākās kvalitātes organiskas Orquidea 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.

€52

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE





ORQUIDEA
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl Necklace And Earring Set

€126

City Price **€172**

SAVE **27%**

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

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

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER



ÖGON DESIGNS
Carbon Fibre Aluminium Wallet

€38

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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.

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.

SIZE
11X7.4X2.1 CM



MÄN
Black Onyx Bracelet

€29

City Price **€39**

SAVE **26%**

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

Melna matēta oniksa rokasprādze, 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.

BRACELET LENGTH
FLEXIBLE

STONE DIAMETER
Ø 8 MM

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VONMÄHLEN
All-in-One Charging Cable + GaN Charger

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

allroundo® GaN ir Vonmählen GaN strāvas lādētājs (30 W) ar integrētu "viss vienā" uzlādes un datu pārraides kabeli (120 cm), kas ļauj ātri uzlādēt visas jūsu ierīces (līdz 60 W). Integrētie adapteri (USB-A, micro-USB un Lightning) ir ērti ievietojami minimālistiskā ceļojumu futrālī, kurā tie ir vienmēr pilnībā aizsargāti. allroundo® GaN ir īpaši izturīgs un uzticams sabiedrotais jūsu ceļojumos.







VONMÄHLEN
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

€17

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

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



MEMODIGI
Memory Saver Souvenir Magnet

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Your memories are always at your fingertips. Capture your most valuable memories and relive them again and again. Whether vacation photos, special events, or everyday experiences – your album is as unique as you are. Create your own virtual album with photos, videos, music and notes. This album is exclusively linked to your souvenir and can be accessed anytime and anywhere. With a simple scan of the NFC chip of your souvenir, you can instantly access your virtual album.

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

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SUDIO
C7 Earphones

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

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

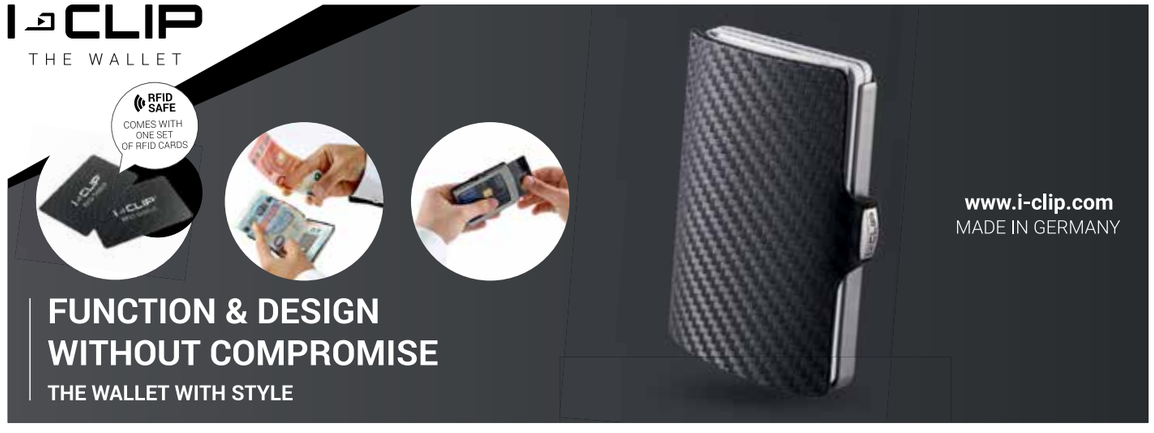
€29⁹⁹

City Price **€39⁹⁹**

SAVE **14%**

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



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I-CLIP
Carbon Optics Wallet
incl. RFID Shields

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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%**



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

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City Price **€28,90**

SAVE **11%**



SALT ARCTIC

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

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

€9⁴⁹



SALT CHERRY

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

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

€9⁴⁹

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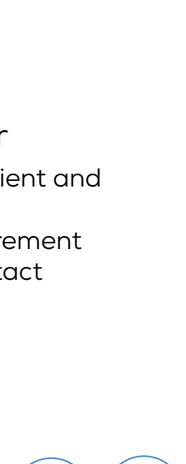
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Fever measurement made easy! With the FT 85 non-contact clinical thermometer, it is extremely easy to measure body temperature, ambient and surface temperature. Infrared measurement in seconds make it suitable for babies and young children. Thanks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

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





BEURER
LS 10 Luggage Scale

€25

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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.



DOPPLER
Pocket Umbrella, 99 g

€29,99

NEW ON BOARD

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

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



JÄNEKE
Small Superbrush

€14,90

City Price **€19.99**

SAVE **26%**

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

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



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ZIPSTAR
Mobile Screen Magnifier



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

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

€10

TRAVEL RETAIL EXCLUSIVE

BeepEgg®
Singing floating egg timer



BRAINSTREAM
Beep Egg

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

Šis amizantais un tajā pašā laikā funkcionālais taimeris garantē perfekti 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.

€22

NEW ON BOARD



SMARTGAMES
Iq Puzzler Pro

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

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

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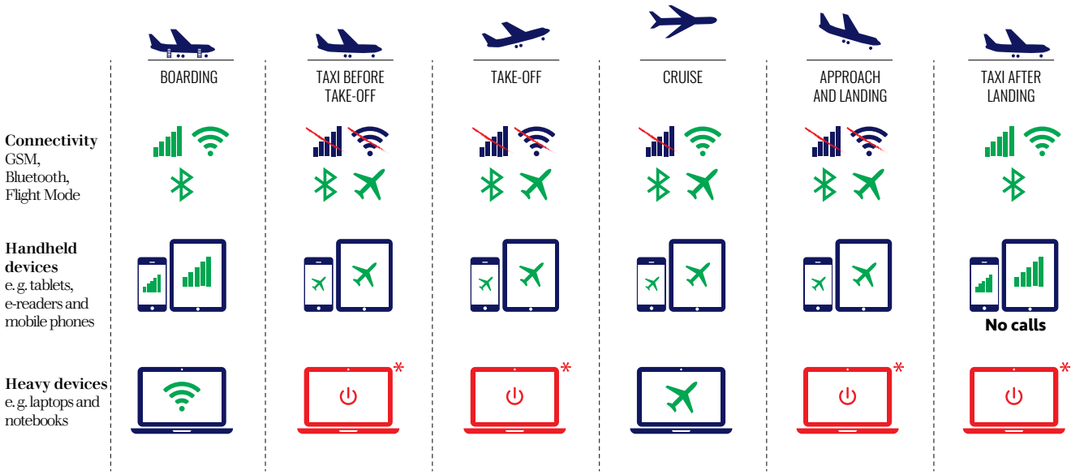
ICE WATCH
Smart Junior
Blue

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

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

€79

USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES



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

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- Discounts do not add up.

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- Norēķiniem ar maksājumu kartēm pieņemam tikai kartes ar čipu. Darījumi ar magnētisko joslu kartēm netiek nodrošināti.
- Ja maksājums ar maksājumu karti pārsniedz 50 EUR, jāuzrāda personu apliecinošs dokuments. Pirkums ar vienu maksājumu karti nedrīkst pārsniegt 250 EUR, kopējā pirkumu summa ar maksājumu kartēm no vienas personas nedrīkst pārsniegt 500 EUR.
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- Par katru pirkumu airBaltic stjuarti izsniegs jums čeku vai stingrās uzskaites kvīti.
- Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ir ilgāki par 1 h 30 min. Jautājiet stjuartiem par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.
- Produktu un iepakojumu attēli norādīti tikai informatīvā nolūkā un var atšķirties no reālā produkta.
- Jautājiet stjuartiem par maltītes pieejamību jūsu reisā, kā arī par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.
- ! Iegādājoties aviobiļeti, Jūs esat piekritis airBaltic pasažieru pārvadāšanas noteikumiem, kas paredz, ka airBaltic lidmašīnās nav atļauts lietot narkotikas, līdzpaņemtos alkoholiskos dzērienus un smēķēt t.s. elektroniskās cigaretes, kā arī ir jāievēro vispārpieņemtās pieklājīgas uzvedības normas. Ja būs pamats uzskatīt, ka Jūsu uzvedība neatbilst noteikumiem, veiksim nepieciešamās darbības, lai šādu uzvedību novērstu.
- ! Alkoholiskos dzērienus un produktus, kas satur nikotīnu, aizliegts pārdot personām, kuras ir jaunākas par 18 gadiem.
- Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.
- Atlaides nesummējas.

PASAŽIERIEM AR ALERĢISKĀM REAKCIJĀM

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

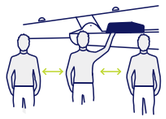
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Please try to **avoid queuing** for the toilet



Our aircraft are equipped with **high efficiency particulate air filters** (HEPA), eliminating all viruses and bacteria



Try to **keep your distance from other passengers** for the whole flight, including when reaching for hand baggage and disembarking



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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

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* Guitars, cellos, and other fragile musical instruments that do not fit in cabin baggage can be transported on the seat next to the passenger if a special ticket has been purchased for their transportation.

Assistance for children flying alone*

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

Travelling with pets*

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

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

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

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

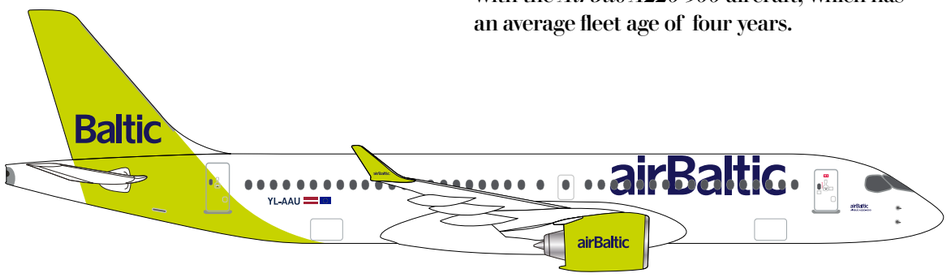
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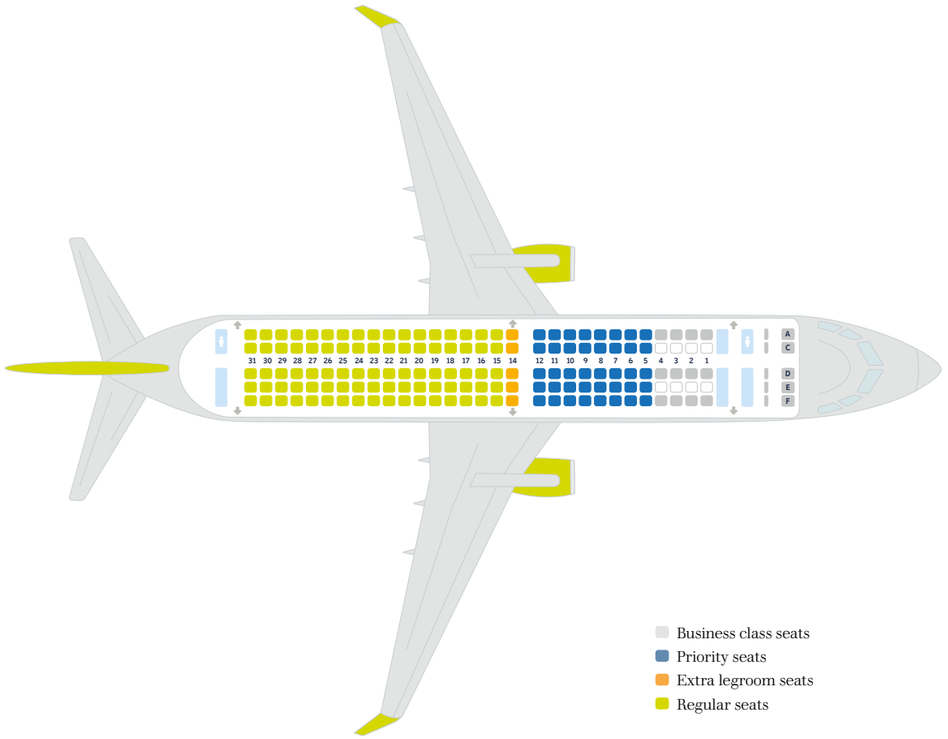
[4] Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

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