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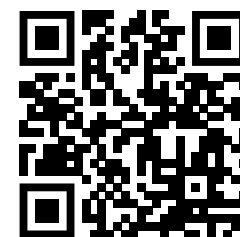
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February



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LATVIAN SHORT TRACK
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ROBERTS' LIDO TOP CHOICE

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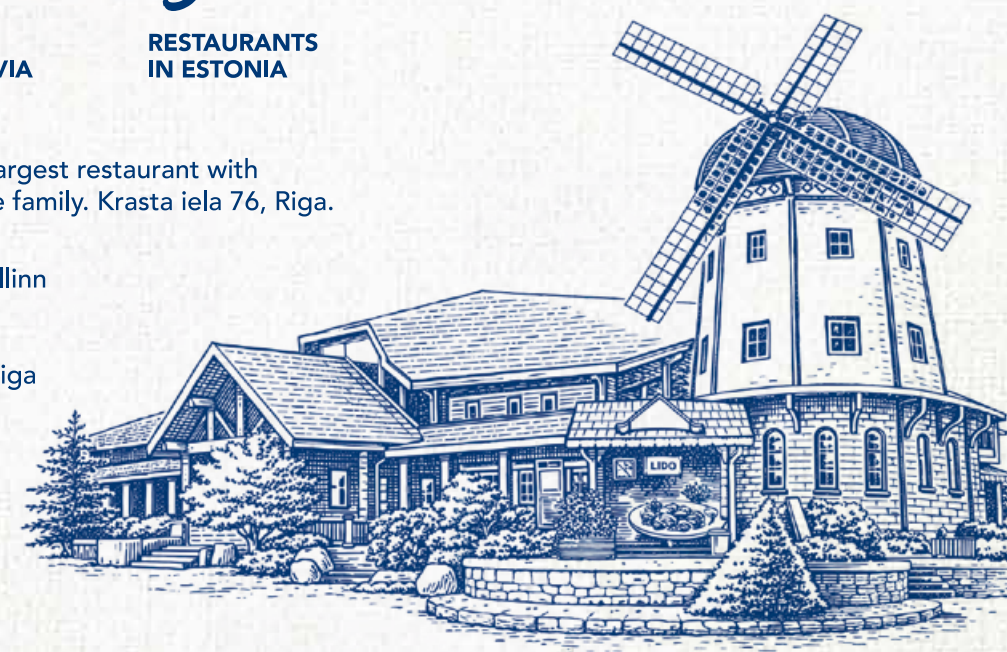
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EXHIBITION

Creative minds

If there's one permanent museum exhibition in Riga that has truly captured the public's attention – including social media buzz – it's *Procrastination and Creation* at the Latvian National Museum of Literature and Music. Offering a cultural and social perspective on Latvian literature and music from the late 19th century to the present day, the exhibition breaks away from traditional museum formats to explore the habits, hobbies, and moments of procrastination that often play a vital role in the creative process. Also available in English, it's easily accessible to international visitors.

lnrmm.gov.lv



MUSIC

Chamber intimacy

One of Latvia's most compelling musicians, the award-winning Linda Leen, is presenting her new album, titled *Waves*, in a series of special concerts this month. Two performances will take place at the Zuzeum contemporary art museum in Riga on February 1, followed by a concert on February 14 at the Cēsis Concert Hall. In recent years, Leen has returned to chamber music and more intimate live formats, allowing her artistry to unfold with greater sensuality and maturity. These thoughtfully crafted performances offer music for grown-ups, engaging both the heart and the mind.

[IG/lindaleenmusic_](https://www.instagram.com/lindaleenmusic)

Words by Zane Nikodemusa
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LEARNING TO LOVE WINTER

For several years now, one of the defining lifestyle trends has been 'how to winter'. In other words, a mindful approach to embracing the coldest season of the year. Popularised by psychologist Dr. Kari Leibowitz in her book *How to Winter*, the concept draws on scientific research and cultural traditions to help reframe winter as a time of cosiness, slower rituals, and rest rather than something to endure.

In Latvia, this mindset feels especially natural. Winter here is genuinely beautiful, from snow-covered forests to frozen lakes. Beyond cosy cafés, the season invites us outdoors to ski and skate, experience sauna rituals with ice swims, and even have winter picnics. When embraced fully, winter becomes not a limitation but an opportunity to slow down and savour the season's unique pleasures.



DESIGN

Bold porcelain

Renowned Latvian architect Zane Tetere-Šulce has stepped beyond the world of architecture to make her debut in product design with the *Opiece* porcelain tableware collection. It intentionally challenges traditional ceramics, with sharp, precise, and geometric forms that resist porcelain's natural inclination to flow and soften. The journey began five years ago, with Tetere-Šulce experimenting in her backyard studio. She designed and prototyped each of the 25 pieces herself, while ceramicist Esmeralda Purviške has brought them to life in porcelain.

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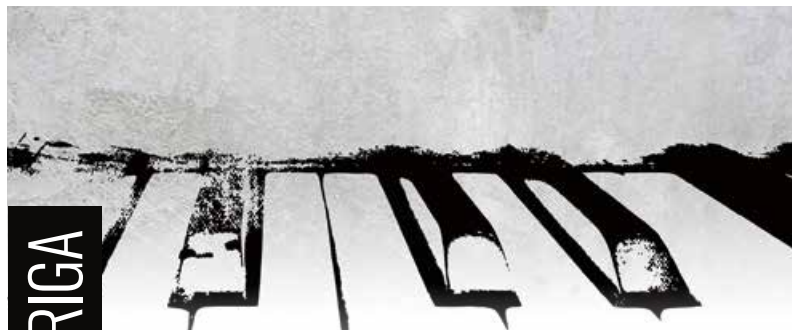
The internationally acclaimed Latvian installation and multimedia artist Gints Gabrāns is known for making every exhibition a highly anticipated event. With a sharp sense of the times, his work continually surprises and engages audiences. In his latest exhibition, *Algorithmic Communities* at the Riga Contemporary Art Space, he examines human interaction with artificial intelligence and algorithmic systems. Building on the success of his earlier augmented reality project *SAN*, Gabrāns now uses contemporary technology in even more immersive and thought-provoking ways. makslastelpa.riga.lv

Did you know?

Want to catch the freshest films in a unique setting? *Kino Bize*, an independent cinema in Riga's Quiet Centre, is renowned for its auteur selections, festival screenings, and an atmosphere like no other. liveriga.com

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RAIMONDS PAULS JAZZ SUITE CONCERT

February 19

Celebrating Maestro Raimonds Pauls' 90th birthday, the renowned Latvian Radio Big Band kicks off this year's *American Jazz Evening* series with a brand-new work by the legendary Latvian pianist and composer: the five-part suite *Acumirkļi* (Moments). Pauls has long drawn inspiration from great American jazz icons such as Erroll Garner and Oscar Peterson, whose influence imbues his compositions. For an evening brimming with warmth, soul, and musical enchantment, experience this atmospheric concert at the Spīķeri Concert Hall. spikerukonzertzale.lv

LATVIA VS POLAND

February 27

Just half a year after Latvia and the Xiaomi Arena hosted Europe's finest basketball players for the championship, a new chapter begins. The Latvian men's national team now turns its focus to securing a place at the FIBA World Cup final tournament for the second time in a row. The upcoming clash with Poland is more than a battle for vital points – it's an opportunity to once again experience the excitement and atmosphere of world-class basketball. xiaomi-arena.com



GUIDED BOG HIKE

Throughout February

In February, Latvia's bogs turn into magical winter wonderlands. Twisted snow-dusted pines, countless small lakes, and wide-open spaces create a landscape that feels almost otherworldly. And all of this lies just a short distance from Riga. For the best experience, join *Purvu brideži*, who are experts in active and educational bog hikes. Their guided walks, with or without snowshoes, let you explore this delicate environment safely and experience the bog from within. Tours are available for open groups as well as private events. purvubrideji.lv

Quote of the month

All I really need is love,
but a little chocolate now
and then doesn't hurt.

May this quote, often attributed to world-famous American cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, inspire you this Valentine's month to discover Riga's chocolate cafés. For a true taste of history and Art Deco charm, visit *Vilhelms Ķuze Chocolate Café*, which dates back to 1910.

TALLINN

Did you know?

You can see a 700-year-old shipwreck, the oldest found in Estonia, in the well-known fortification tower that's home to the Fat Margaret Museum and Visitor Centre. visittallinn.ee



Nick Cave, London, 1996.

ANTON CORBIJN EXHIBITION

Until May 1

Dutch photographer Anton Corbijn's iconic portraits of music legends are known worldwide. In 2025, he celebrated a remarkable double milestone: his 70th birthday and 50 years of creative work. Now at Fotografiska Tallinn after a successful Stockholm debut, his retrospective *Corbijn, Anton* traces his career from the 1970s to the present day. The exhibition features unforgettable images of Depeche Mode, Tom Waits, Patti Smith, Nick Cave, David Bowie, U2, The Rolling Stones, and more. It's a must-see for fans of music and photography alike. tallinn.fotografiska.com



TALLINN WINTER FESTIVAL

February 10–22

This festival brings some much-needed light to the wintry month of February and welcomes audiences to Tallinn Town Hall, St. Michael's Swedish Church, and the Jaan Poska House. At this annual music festival, renowned musicians from Estonia and abroad perform classical music to the charity motto of 'open your eyes, open your heart'. Check the website to find the latest news regarding performers and tickets. plmf.ee

FOODLOVER RESTAURANT WEEK

February 11–22

Have you ever wanted to visit a special restaurant but it was fully booked? Now's the best opportunity to get in, with the 17th edition of FoodLover Restaurant Week in Tallinn. During this event, some of the best restaurants in the city open their doors to foodies ready to embark on a journey full of flavour at an appealing price. But due to high demand, even here tables must be reserved in advance. toidunautleja.ee



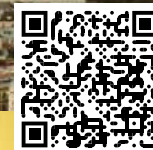
TARTU MARATHON

February 14–15

Tallinn has plenty of great spots for cross-country skiing, but to truly experience Estonia's passion for the sport, February is the time to head to Tartu, just a two-hour drive from the capital. This is when the legendary Tartu Ski Marathon takes place – an event that, for over 65 years, has been one of the world's top ski competitions, drawing local as well as international participants. The programme includes 63 km and 31 km races, a vintage race, children's distances, and more, bringing together thousands of ski enthusiasts from around the world each year. tartumaraton.ee



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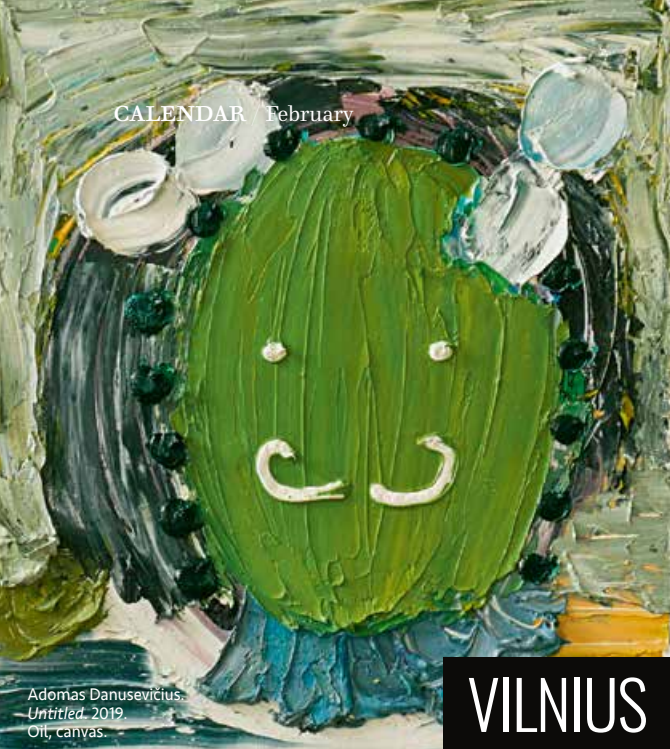
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Krasta street 60, Riga, Latvia

For the fifth year in a row, Riga will become the Baltic Security Center.

On March 19, 2026, the Baltic Security Conference will take place at ATTA Centre — a high-level international forum bringing together security professionals, policymakers, and industry leaders. The conference covers cybersecurity, civil, physical and fire safety, crisis management, technology, and innovation, fostering dialogue on the future of security in the Baltic region and Europe. Tickets: www.balticsecurityconference.com



CALENDAR February

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MERGING DREAMS EXHIBITION

Until April 26

Merging Dreams at the Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum invites visitors into a world of imagination and reflection. The exhibition brings together four well-known Lithuanian artists – Adomas Danusevičius, Alina Melnikova, Eglė Gineitytė, and Eglė Kuckaitė – whose works create a shared visual story. Although they come from different generations and backgrounds, the artists are linked by a post-humanist view that blurs the lines between self, body, and environment. Seen together, their works feel like overlapping dreamscapes, making this a fascinating exhibition to experience. lndm.lt

Did you know?

Even though hot air balloons typically take to the sky when it's warm outside, in Vilnius – which could be a candidate for Europe's hot air balloon capital – they fly in winter as well. Perhaps less frequently, but that just makes it all the more impressive. govilnius.lt



VILNIUS BOOK FAIR

February 26 – March 1

The Vilnius Book Fair held at the Lithuanian Exhibition and Congress Centre is the largest book fair in the Baltic countries and one of Lithuania's biggest cultural events. Each year, visitors can enjoy author meet-and-greets, book launches, discussions, concerts, exhibitions, creative workshops, and more. But the fair is more than just an event; it's a celebration of the written word and a gathering place for book lovers from all over. litexpo.lt

LUMINA PARK VILNIUS

Throughout February Get ready for a magical evening at Lumina Park Vilnius, an illuminated garden of light, music, and nature at the Botanical Garden of Vilnius University. Open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., the park features over 200 unique light installations, turning a simple walk into a truly memorable experience. With lights, sound, and storytelling, Lumina Park feels like a stroll through a glowing fairy tale in which every step brings you deeper into a world of wonder and imagination. luminapark.lt

EUROVIZIJA.LT 2026

February 27

Ready for a night to remember? The grand final of Lithuania's national Eurovision selection promises an atmosphere filled with energy, excitement, and celebration. Taking place at Twinsbet Arena in Vilnius, Eurovizija.lt 2026 marks the first time the national final is being hosted in such a large venue, raising the bar for scale and spectacle. Audiences can look forward to a dynamic mix of musical styles, eye-catching costumes, and show-stopping performances as the winner secures the opportunity to represent Lithuania at the Eurovision Song Contest in Vienna. twinsbetarena.lt



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From steam to soul

Step inside a Latvian *pirts* and enter a world where heat, herbs, and centuries-old rituals meet modern wellness.

If you meet a happy Latvian, chances are they've just emerged from a *pirts* – the Latvian version of a sauna. But don't confuse the two. A *pirts* is gentler in temperature than a sauna, richer in steam, and lined with bundles of birch whisks, herbs, and ritual tools. Ancient Latvians believed it to be a sacred space where a pure soul could speak directly to God and where both body and mind could be healed. Historically, the *pirts* was where women gave birth, the deceased were washed before burial, and communities gathered weekly for purification, which is why so many Latvian folk songs are devoted to this deeply rooted ritual.

Today, *pirts* culture remains woven into everyday life. Saunas across the country make extensive use of local trees and plants for their healing properties, offering experiences that range from deep calm to joyful invigoration and which are designed to ease anxiety, detoxify the body, and awaken the senses. Many private homes have their own small *pirts*; if not, mobile barrel saunas can be rented and delivered almost anywhere. Trained sauna masters, known as *pirtnieki*, lead ceremonies that may include ancient songs and rituals, while others take a more modern approach, blending tradition with contemporary spa and wellness practices. There's even an open-air *pirts* museum just an hour's drive from Riga, as well as the Latvian Pirts and Spa Association, which hosts the annual Pirts Festival each summer.



Photo by Reinis Hofmanis (Latvia Travel)

While summer may still feel far off, February is an ideal time for a Latvian *pirts* adventure. For an authentic taste of ancient traditions, head to *Ziedlejas* or *Jaunzāģeri*, where smoke saunas (also called 'black saunas' in Latvian) feature a stone stove set directly within the steam room. For eco-focused rituals using herbs, honey, clay, salt, snow, and ice – including the thrill of snowball fights in the sauna – head to *Sensa* in the southeastern corner of the country, which also offers workshops to suit every interest. To deepen the experience, choose *Ezermāļi* on the shores of a lake or *Upesrūķi* beside a small river; after all, it's said that air, fire, earth, and water must work together to release all that no longer serves you. Go alone, with a partner, or bring the whole family – a Latvian *pirts* promises to awaken every corner of your sensory palette.

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Don't miss the blockbuster **1925–2025: One Hundred Years of Art Deco** exhibition on show until April 26 at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs (107 Rue de Rivoli; madparis.fr). It celebrates the legacy of a style that grasped nearly every creative field, including architecture, interior and costume design, applied and graphic arts, and scenography. The exhibition highlights leading figures of the epoch, from Jacques-Émile Ruhlmann and Eileen Gray to Jean-Michel Frank. Each of them embodies a distinctive aspect of Art Deco, a style characterised by structured geometric lines, sensual materials, elegance, and modernity. Here, the bold geometric abstraction of Sonia Delaunay meets the formal purity of Georges Bastard and the decorative approach of Albert-Armand Rateau. One of the highlights is a 1926 cabin from the famous Orient Express train, set alongside a life-size model of the modern, reimagined one. An exceptional collection of more than 80 objects by *Cartier*, including necklaces, diadems, boxes, watches, and drawings, demonstrates the impact of Art Deco on jewellery.

The Celestial Odyssey, a new show by the *Luminiscence* team, illuminates the Church of Saint Eustache with immersive 3D projections (146 Rue Rambuteau; luminiscence.com). Art, architecture, technology, and heritage meet in this 17th-century church to present a multisensory journey with the help of 360-degree video mapping that reimagines the space from the pillars to the vaults. The show begins with a 20-minute prelude in which the sounds of rare musical instruments open the narrative before the visionary spectacle begins. *Nimbus*, a three-metre-wide interactive circle installed in the choir zone, delivers an augmented mapping experience and optical illusions. On special evenings, a live choir and orchestra add another dimension to the visit with timeless music by Bach, Debussy, Satie, and Verdi.

Situated in a 19th-century Haussmann building in the heart of the bohemian 9th arrondissement, **Hôtel Massé** sits just a few steps from the bustling Place Pigalle (32 bis Rue Victor Massé; hotelmasse.com; from EUR 259). The neighbouring Rue des Martyrs is known for its atmospheric music shops, vintage boutiques, and artisan bistros. Designed by Juliette Gasparetto and Julie Parenti, the hotel presents a chic urban refuge in which every detail is crafted to perfection. The corridors dressed in deep shades of burgundy contrast with the 40 light-filled rooms containing wood-panel accents. Vintage furniture from the 1970s and minimalist bathrooms, some with freestanding bathtubs, highlight intimacy and comfort.

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Tracey Emin: A Second Life is a major solo exhibition covering 40 years of work by one of the most acclaimed contemporary artists of her generation (February 27 – August 31; Bankside; tate.org.uk). Tate Modern will be showcasing Emin's career-defining works together with pieces that have never been exhibited before. These paintings, videos, textiles, neons, writing, sculptures, and installations speak Emin's artistic language, in which she challenges boundaries, using the female body as a powerful tool to explore passion, pain, and healing. Her oeuvre always goes hand in hand with her persona and unapologetic self-expression. In this exhibition, Tate will present more than 90 works by the artist, tracing the key events and periods that have shaped her journey and transformation.

February still delights winter lovers with icy entertainment. Curling sessions at **Club Curling** are available from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., can accommodate up to six people, and last 50 minutes each (until March 1; Coal Drops Yard; kingscross.co.uk). The ice lanes are located in Coal Drops Yard, an industrial hub where new leisure experiences meet history in a constantly evolving development in the Kings Cross Station area. The Club Curling lounge, inspired by vintage Italian ski culture, serves nostalgic cocktails, hot chocolate, and mulled wine. It also offers an immersive après-curling experience that was designed together with the Centre for the Study of the Senses. The series of fun science experiments explores how we use sight, sound, scent, taste, and touch.

Set inside a masterpiece of Neo-Gothic architecture, **Hawksmoor St Pancras** is a new steakhouse that attracts guests with its decadent setting and hearty dishes (St. Pancras, Euston Road; thehawksmoor.com). In a nod to the St. Pancras train station and the retro world of locomotives, the curved dining room features seating made of leather and velvet, bringing to mind the train carriages of old. The star of the menu is the charcoal-grilled steak. Another highlight is the lobster with garlic butter. Dishes are made using the best local ingredients, including beef from native-bred grass-fed cows, sustainably sourced seafood, seasonal vegetables, and British cheeses. The *Martini Bar*, with its cinematic aura, soaring ceilings, and intricate carvings and paintwork, serves cocktails of a lifetime.

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Beauty and Ugliness in the Renaissance.
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Bellezza e Bruttezza, or Beauty and Ugliness, explores the contrasts and fine lines between these two aesthetics (Ravensteinstraat 23; bozar.be). This exhibition at the Bozar centre for fine arts reflects how the perception of beauty, which has always fascinated people, has shifted over time and what deeper meaning the representation of imperfections has brought to viewers. In the 15th and 16th centuries, the greatest Renaissance artists from Italy and northern Europe depicted refined ideals of human nature as well as grotesque mythological and secular symbolic characters. The exhibition delves into the changing standards of beauty and ugliness during this key period through remarkable works by renowned artists, including Botticelli's almost divine *Portrait of a Woman* (1485) as well as paintings by Titian, Tintoretto, Cranach the Elder, and many others.

Lights arrive in wintry Brussels together with the tenth edition of the **Bright Brussels Festival** (February 12–15; visit.brussels). The event features various installations and immersive shows set throughout the city's historical centre. More than 20 luminous works of art made with soft colours and gentle lights delight visitors as they stroll past the Belgian capital's must-see attractions, from Brussels Park to the Royal Theatre of La Monnaie. These installations created by local and international artists are illuminated from 6:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. As a bonus, a culinary programme called Bright Brussels Food also awaits. Stalls selling waffles, fries, chocolate, *moules-frites*, hearty stews such as carbonnade flamande, and other Belgian specialties keep walkers warm. Bright Brussels Kids, for its part, presents family-friendly activities in dedicated zones within the festival, offering interactive and engaging installations for younger visitors.

Kras Mat Crêperie is a new restaurant established by two passionate friends, Mélodie and Rebecca (Avenue Louis Bertrand 61; @krasmat.bxl). In Breton, *kras mat* means 'the art of goodness and generosity'. But, depending on the context, it can also mean 'very buttery', which certainly evokes feelings of warmth and satisfaction. This pancake paradise sits in an impressive Art Nouveau-style building, the interior drawing attention with its intricate wooden bar counter and ornate tile flooring. The artisanal menu includes generous buckwheat galettes and wheat crêpes, homemade with organic Breton flours and high-quality local ingredients. Some of the crêpes are served with homemade chocolate sauce, salted caramel sauce, or almond cream. Gluten-free and vegan options are also available.

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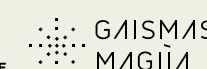
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The Loulé Carnival – southern Portugal’s exuberant festival

The Algarve region treats travellers to sun, warmth, and an authentic atmosphere both along the Atlantic coast and deeper in its picturesque mountain villages.

Faro, the capital of the Algarve, is a historic coastal gem worth discovering, while its neighbouring municipality of Loulé is known as the home of the oldest continuous carnival celebration in the country.

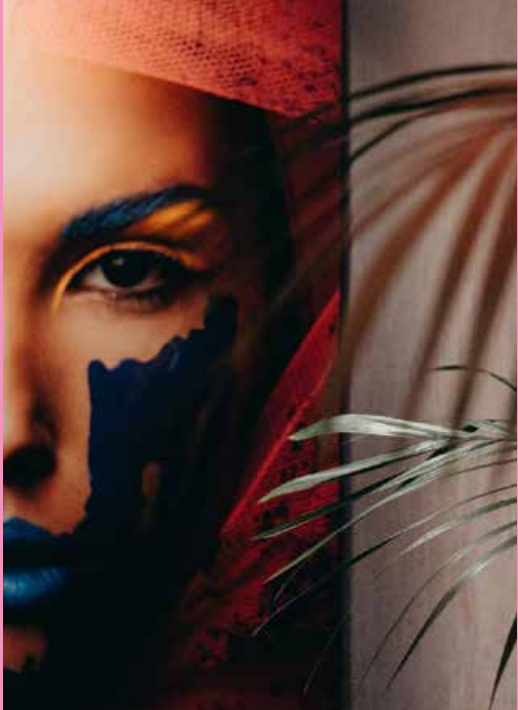
Even though carnival traditions have existed here for centuries, the Loulé Carnival emerged as an official annual event in the early 1900s, uniting various local festivities under one major celebration. The event is a joyous mix of conviviality, artistry, and humour, with the ambience shaped by a vivid mix of colours and the lively sounds of music and laughter. It’s like a traditional southern street festival with parades and dances, but spiced up with inspiration from the legendary Brazilian Carnival.

The procession begins each afternoon from Avenida José da Costa Mealha, the city’s main artery. From there, the parade route spreads to the tiny adjoining streets. The floats are decorated with colourful paper flowers, which symbolise almond blossoms and the Algarve region’s rich traditions of almond production. The number of flowers is impressive – nearly a million of them are made by hand months in

advance. Before gaining its current name, the Loulé Carnival was called Batalha das Flores, or the Parade of Flowers.

However, the main focal points of the processions are the enormous, intricately designed floats adorned with giant papier-mâché figures in caricature form, called *gigantones* and *cabeçudos*. The exaggerated scenographies of the floats tend to depict satirical themes focused on global events, pop culture, and politics. Samba rhythms dominate the soundtrack of the carnival and reach their peak after sunset, during the balls, parties, and dance events known as the Bailes de Carnaval.

The carnival lasts for three spectacular days. This year’s dates are February 15–17, with the children’s carnival taking place on Friday morning, February 13. The culmination of the show is on Shrove Tuesday, an exuberant feast day when one can eat and party over the top, before the solemnity of Lent arrives. And in the Algarve, the culinary delights are hard to resist. Alongside hearty meat, fish, and vegetable dishes, local carnival specialties include *folhado de Loulé* – a custard-filled puff pastry.



Words by Līga Valko
Photos courtesy
of Leander Örley



MY INNSBRUCK

Leander Örley is a 26-year-old photographer from Innsbruck, a place that fuses urban life and the mountains into everyday living. Growing up surrounded by Alpine terrain shaped not only the way he moves through the world but also how he sees it. A passionate mountain sports enthusiast all year round – skiing in winter, biking and hiking in summer – photography naturally became part of that rhythm and is now something Örley can no longer imagine leaving behind.

For Örley, Innsbruck is where everything comes together. Trails such as Rauschbrunnen or Arzler Alm begin right at his doorstep, while a sunrise at Nockspitze or Lake Salfeins is just a short trip away. That's what makes Innsbruck special to him: there's no need to choose between urban life and the mountains. Here, they're woven together, and that balance continues to inspire both his photography and the way he lives. These are some of Örley's favourite places around the city and its surroundings.



Marktbar am Inn

At the heart of Innsbruck, Marktplatz is where urban life meets Alpine scenery. On sunny days, the *Marktbar am Inn* becomes a natural gathering point, with people enjoying a drink as the Nordkette range rises dramatically above the river. Cyclists pass by, conversations overlap, and nearby market stalls add to the lively rhythm of the square. It's an ideal place to observe everyday life in Innsbruck, which is relaxed, social, and always closely connected to the mountains.

Innrain 2; marktbar-am-inn.at

Nordkette

Rising directly north of the city, the Nordkette feels like a natural extension of Innsbruck itself. Part of the Karwendel Alps, it's easily accessible by cable car from the city centre, offering a seamless transition from urban streets to high Alpine terrain. The panoramic views are especially striking at sunset, when the city and surrounding peaks are bathed in warm light. With hiking in summer and skiing in winter, the Nordkette is a year-round destination offering active pursuits as well as quiet moments above the city.

Salfeins Lake

Salfeins Lake, known locally as Salfeiner See, is a rewarding summer hike that's valued for its balance of scenic variety and a calm Alpine atmosphere. The trail passes through open meadows and forested sections before opening up to expansive mountain views. At the lake, clear water reflects the surrounding peaks, creating a peaceful, unspoiled setting. It's an ideal place to pause, enjoy the silence, and take in the landscape, whether you're out getting some exercise or in the mountains for a simple picnic on a warm summer day.

Axamer Lizum & Kühtai

Axamer Lizum and Kühtai, both within easy reach of Innsbruck, offer distinct yet complementary winter experiences. Axamer Lizum is known for its wide, open slopes and dramatic Alpine scenery, appealing to skiers who value space and a sense of freedom close to the city. Kühtai, which is situated higher in the Alps, stands out for its reliable snow conditions, more demanding terrain, and compact village atmosphere. Together, they combine high-quality mountain skiing with the convenience of easy access from Innsbruck.

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Swimming pools in Dubai

Far more than merely a response to the heat, pool culture in Dubai reflects the city's ambition and way of life.

Swimming pools in Dubai are integral to the city's urban landscape. From vertiginous rooftops to vast resort lagoons, waters here are shaped by design, engineering, and a constant drive to impress. Almost every residential skyscraper includes a pool, often high above the street, turning daily routines into elevated experiences.

Dubai is home to some of the world's highest swimming pools, which offer views that feel closer to flight than floating. For example, the Privilege Infinity Pool atop the 75-storey *SLS Dubai Hotel & Residences* rises above the city and opens toward Downtown Dubai and the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. From this height, the city unfolds below, transforming a swim into a moment of quiet observation over the urban rhythm.

The pursuit of vertical extremes continues with the newly opened *Ciel Dubai Marina*, now the world's tallest hotel. Among its highlights is the Tattu Sky Pool, one of the world's highest infinity pools, where the water seems to hover above the city. Swimming here feels almost weightless, suspended between architecture and the sky, with sweeping views stretching to the horizon.

But Dubai's pool culture is not defined by height alone. Across the city, numerous resort pools spread like man-made lagoons, offering plenty of space and calmness. Together, these pools tell the story of a city that uses water not simply for leisure but as an essential part of its architectural and lifestyle identity.



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Sky-high swim at Address Beach Resort

High above the Dubai Marina, the infinity pool at the *Address Beach Resort* sits on the 77th floor, almost 294 metres above the ground. It holds the Guinness World Record for the highest outdoor infinity pool in a building, with sweeping views from Bluewaters Island to Palm Jumeirah, making every swim an elevated escape. With attentive service and a relaxing atmosphere, it's perfect for sunrise laps or golden-hour relaxation high above the hustle and bustle of the city. *Jumeirah Beach Residence, Level 77, The Walk* addresshotels.com

Tapasake Pool at One&Only One Za'abeel

The Tapasake Pool in The Link, the world's longest occupied cantilever, is a record-breaking infinity pool. It's expected to reopen soon, once maintenance work and renovation ends. When relaunched, it will offer iconic elevated views of the city, combining architectural daring with a unique swimming experience over Dubai. Hotel guests as well as outside visitors can access the pool. *One Za'abeel, 27th Floor* oneandonlyresorts.com

Desert Pool at Terra Solis Resort

Located around a 30-minute drive from downtown Dubai, the pool at *Terra Solis* sits amid rolling yellow sand dunes and offers panoramic views of the desert. Daybeds make it ideal for sunset swims, while DJs and evening parties add energy. Guests can stay overnight in stunning lodges, enjoying the serene landscape from sunrise to starry night. Whether lounging by day or dancing under the stars, the pool offers an immersive desert escape unlike any other in Dubai. *Exit 29, Jebel Ali, Lehab Road* terrasolisdubai.com

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Point of view

Where to go in Marrakesh, according to photographer Mehdi Charaf



My secret spot

‘The vintage Moroccan photographs at the House of Photography of Marrakesh are beautiful, evoking a sense of nostalgia and history, but I feel most at peace on the museum’s rooftop. Hidden in the labyrinthine northern part of the Medina, this terrace offers one of the most authentic and unobstructed views of Marrakesh, especially at sunset, when the city glows in golden light. Unlike the busy tourist spots, it remains quiet and is perfect for reflection and observation. Standing here, you can sense how the history preserved in the gallery below is mirrored in the vibrant sounds, scents, and colours of the city unfolding before you.’

Words by Līga Valko
Photos courtesy of Mehdi Charaf



Mehdi Charaf

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Mehdi Charaf is a professional photographer based in Marrakesh whose journey began with nothing more than a smartphone and a keen instinct for observation. Everything changed the day his brother gifted him his first camera – it was a turning point that transformed casual curiosity into a deep, lifelong obsession with photography. Specialising in travel photography, Charaf uses his lens to reinterpret the world, uncovering new meanings in places both familiar and unknown.



Souk des Teinturiers

Other locations to check out

- The Koutoubia Mosque rises above Marrakesh as its spiritual and architectural heart. While the mosque itself is reserved for Muslim worshippers, the fragrant rose gardens that encircle it invite visitors to pause and take in the artistry of 12th-century Almohad architecture and the minaret’s elegant silhouette.
- The souks, or markets, are a kaleidoscope of craftsmanship and tradition. In the Souk des Teinturiers, skeins of wool in vivid reds, blues, and yellows hang against ochre walls, drying in the sun, while the earthy scent of dyes and the rhythmic sounds coming from artisan workshops immerse visitors in the city’s creative spirit.



FISH CORNER

Fish Corner is a new seafood bistro offering hearty cuisine in a modern, relaxed atmosphere. The menu is inspired by gastronomy from around the world and features simple, soulful dishes — from beloved classics to the chef’s original interpretations of Baltic specialties. From the signature pike cheburek and the fish burger to the delicate cod Kyiv-style cutlet or the vibrant herring carpaccio, the dishes at Fish Corner perfectly combine comfort with a sense of novelty.

Tērbatas 41/43, Rīga
www.fishcorner.lv



Madrid IN 24 HOURS

Photo by Omer Karakus, Unsplash

WHY NOT

As evening approaches, make your way to the Temple of Debod for one of Madrid's most atmospheric moments. Dating to the 2nd century BCE, this ancient temple was relocated stone by stone to Spain as a gift from Egypt and now sits on a small rise overlooking the city. At sunset, locals gather quietly along the park walls as the sky shifts through warm shades of gold and pink and is reflected in the surrounding pools. Calm, contemplative, and slightly surreal, it's a fitting way to end a day in Spain's endlessly captivating capital.

Calle de Ferraz 1

WHERE TO SHOP

For a more considered approach to shopping, *Gonzalez & Gonzalez* offers a refreshing alternative to Madrid's high-street stores. Founded by childhood friends María Rosa González and Javier Carrasco González, the pint-sized shop was born from a shared search for time-tested, plastic-free household goods. Inside, the shelves are lined with wooden utensils, *Falcon* enamelware, *Noda Horo* ceramics, and thoughtfully sourced objects designed to last. Among the more unusual finds are *yutanpo* (traditional Japanese metal hot-water bottles) and *malgas* (wide cork bowls once used by shepherds in southeastern Iberia).

Calle Pelayo 68; gonzalez-gonzalez.es



Photo courtesy of Restaurante Lhardy

WHERE TO STAY

Set just off Gran Vía, the *Brach Madrid* introduces a bold new voice to the city's luxury hotel scene. Recently opened, it blends strong, character-driven design with an inviting sense of warmth. The interiors feature rich materials, sculptural details, and softly lit spaces that feel contemporary and relaxing. The rooms are calm and all generously sized, welcoming you back from the buzzy energy of the city outside, while the restaurant and bar have quickly become a draw for a stylish local crowd. With many of Madrid's main sights within walking distance, the *Brach Madrid* is an ideal base for a short, culture-packed stay.

Gran Vía 20; brachmadrid.com

Words by James Taylor

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With grand museums, elegant streets, and a nightlife that refuses to go quietly to bed, Madrid packs a lot into a single day. The Spanish capital is confident but never showy, traditional yet constantly evolving. If you only have 24 hours, this streamlined route hits the essentials, balancing culture, shopping, and a few moments that make the city feel unmistakably 'Madrid'.

A CLASSIC NOT TO MISS

The Prado Museum stands at the very heart of Madrid's cultural identity. It's part of the famous Golden Triangle of Art, the nickname given to the three world-class art museums within easy distance of each another (the other two being the Reina Sofia Museum and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum). Inside the Prado you'll find an extraordinary collection of European painting, with Spanish masters taking centre stage. Galleries devoted to Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco are among the highlights, offering an insight into the country's artistic and political past.

Retiro; museodelprado.es



Photo by Javier López-Dóriga

WHERE TO EAT

Madrid's dining scene is deeply rooted in tradition, and few dishes are more emblematic of it than *cocido madrileño*. For a classic introduction, head to *Restaurante Lhardy*, a historic restaurant that has been serving the city since the 19th century. Spread across elegant, period dining rooms, the experience feels reassuringly old-fashioned. The cocido is served in stages, as tradition dictates: rich broth first, followed by chickpeas, vegetables, and slow-cooked meats. It's a generous and unhurried meal that reflects Madrid's love of ritual, conversation, and good company, and it remains a favourite with locals who value authenticity.

Carrera de San Jerónimo 8; lhardy.com



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Bananas are a staple of Bodega Los Berrazales, alongside coffee, wine, and cheese.

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Gran Canaria isn't just beaches and tourist resorts. Scratch beneath the surface and you'll find an island shaped by cultivation: steep green valleys stitched with terraces, volcanic soils heavy with fruit, and small family farms producing some of the Canaries' best coffee, wine, and tropical crops. Exploring these plantations with friends is one of the most rewarding ways to explore the island's culture. These tours of the *fincas* are unhurried, full of flavours, and deeply local; plus, there's a lot of satisfaction to be found when discovering a side of Gran Canaria that most visitors overlook.

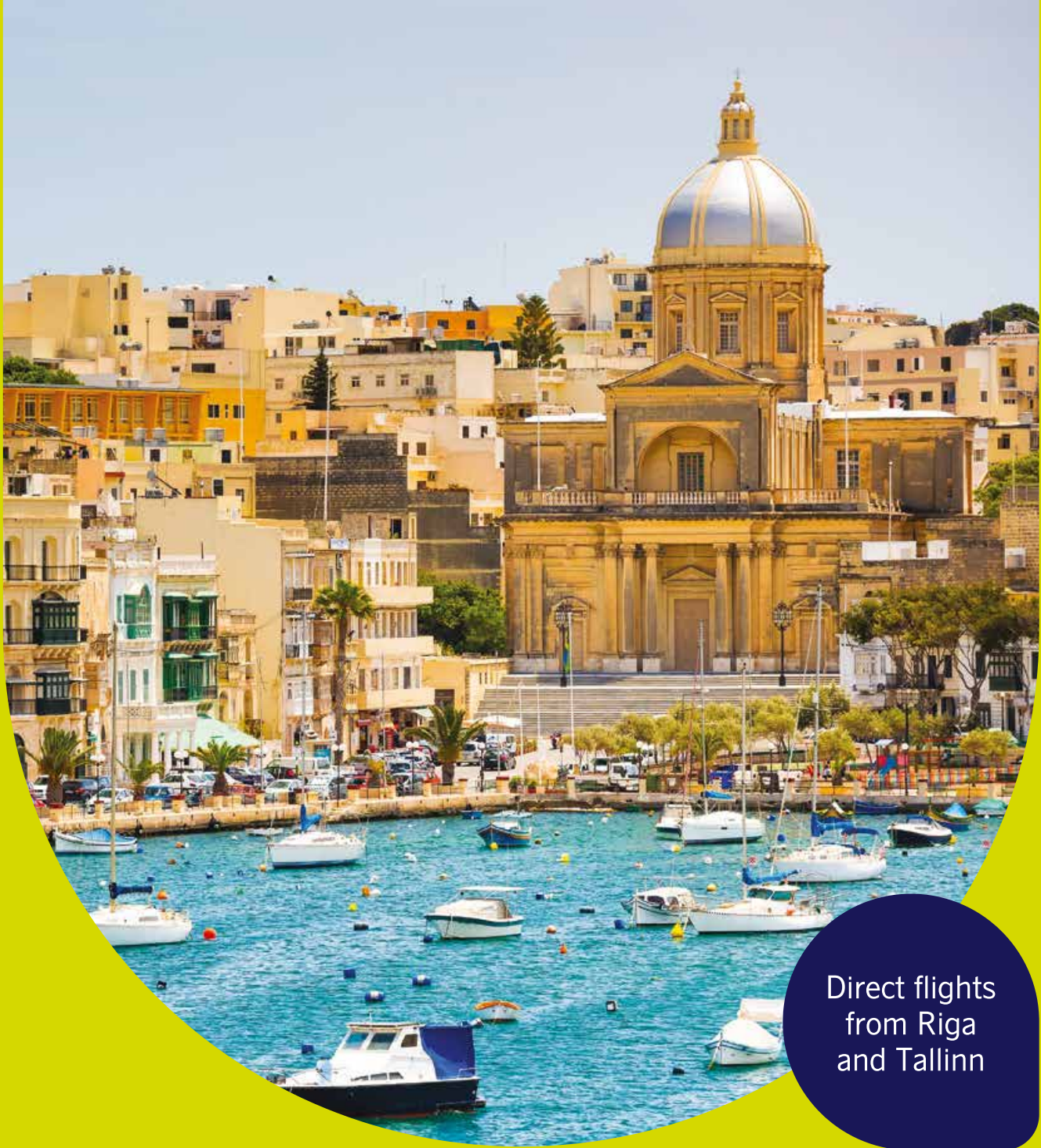
Begin in the Valle de Agaete, a lush pocket of green tucked between the island's northwest cliffs. This is where you'll find Finca Los Castaños, a small, family-run estate known for growing coffee alongside oranges, avocados, and mangoes. One of the few places in Europe where coffee is cultivated commercially, the finca offers guided visits that walk you through the entire process, from plant to cup. The tour is relaxed and personal, winding through shaded groves before ending with a tasting on the terrace. Sitting together, coffee in hand, with the valley opening out below you, it feels more like being welcomed into someone's home than visiting an attraction. Coffee, of course, is included.

A short drive away is Bodega Los Berrazales (also known as Finca La Laja), another Agaete classic that pairs agriculture with the Canary Islands' easy-going hospitality. Here, vineyards share space with fruit trees and coffee plants, all backed by dramatic volcanic slopes. Tours combine a stroll through the finca with tastings of local wine, cheese, and fruit. With friends, it's effortlessly sociable, and you'll be sure to linger long after the tour is complete, soaking up the atmosphere and clinking glasses.

From Agaete, head east to Arucas, home to Gran Canaria's iconic banana plantations. The main stop is Banana World at Hacienda La ReKompensa, where guided tours cover banana history, cultivation, and local artisanal products. Visitors can explore a banana museum with over 25 varieties, taste banana wine, jams, juices, and mojo sauce, and visit a restored 19th-century Canarian house with a shop. The plantation grounds offer beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean, avocado trees, and a family-friendly play area. Tours last around 45 minutes, with extra time for photos and shopping. Fun, educational, and hands-on, Banana World is a perfect complement to exploring Arucas' charming Old Town afterward.

For something lighter and easy to slot into a road trip through the island's interior, stop at Finca Canarias just outside the small village of Fataga on the southern side of the island. A specialist in aloe vera, the estate sits on the edge of Gran Canaria's mountainous interior. Visits are short, informative, and interactive, covering how aloe is grown and processed on the island, and they offer plenty of opportunity to test and buy products straight from the source. It's casual and fun – a good balance to the deeper dives of the Agaete valley.

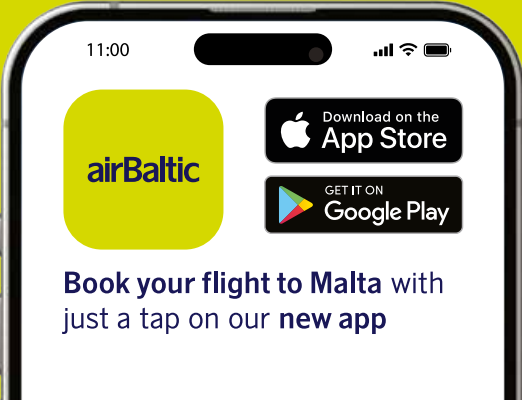
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A fairytale escape

Having reopened after an extensive restoration, the enchanting palace on Pfaueninsel once again embodies Berlin’s poetic side.

Words by Olga Dolina
Publicity photo

Most travellers are drawn to Berlin for its off-beat independent spirit, cutting-edge art scene, and cosmopolitan energy. Yet beyond the city’s unmistakably modern face lies a gentler, more romantic side – one that lends itself to slow, contemplative walks and journeys through architectural history.

Set on the Havel River at the southwestern edge of Berlin, Pfaueninsel (or Peacock Island) is a serene retreat of shaded meadows and winding pathways. The island can be reached in just a few minutes via the capital’s oldest ferry route, in operation since 1821. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it stretches for 1.5 kilometres, measures half a kilometre across, and is home to an idyllic park where peacocks roam freely. At its heart stands the park’s whitewashed jewel: Peacock Island Palace, a late-18th-century residence that has recently reopened following extensive renovation, welcoming visitors once again in all its intricate elegance.

The island flourished during the reign of Friedrich Wilhelm II. Built in 1797, the small ‘pleasure palace’ served as a romantic retreat for the king and his companion Wilhelmine Enke, later the Countess of Lichtenau. Designed in the style of a romantic ruin, the structure draws inspiration from Roman country villas and features playful trompe-l’œil effects.

Its façade appears to be carved from white marble yet is in fact painted timber. Two circular towers rise from the surrounding greenery, linked at their summits by a delicate wrought-iron bridge.

Inside, the original interiors offer a glimpse into Prussian court life, enriched by the era’s fascination with exotic worlds inspired by the recent European discoveries of Tahiti and other Pacific islands. Opulent wood panelling, crystal chandeliers, painted ceilings, and sweeping spiral staircases create a setting that feels both lavish and intimate. One tower houses the striking Tahitian Chamber, which is styled as a bamboo hut and is adorned with evocative floral landscape paintings.

It was King Friedrich Wilhelm III and Queen Louise who later introduced exotic plants, palms, and experimental agricultural practices to Pfaueninsel, even establishing a decorative mock farm. The island’s nature reserve is dotted with further historic structures, including the Alte Meierei, a dairy built to evoke a dilapidated Gothic monastery. Today, visitors can wander through the landscaped gardens designed in 1821, which are home to nearly 400 ancient oak trees and Berlin’s oldest rose garden. It’s a timeless retreat that remains one of the city’s most beloved year-round leisure destinations.



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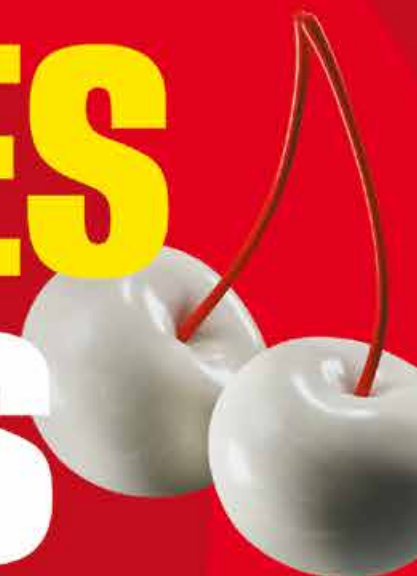


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Serving nostalgia

Food is looking backwards to make sense of the present.



Red Sauce in Paris blends Italian trattoria staples with the easy-going spirit of an American diner.

The past year has been painted in nostalgia. A collective yearning for a bygone age has seeped into every corner of culture: low-rise jeans are back, *The Devil Wears Prada* is getting a remake, and wired headphones have replaced wireless pods. Food is no exception. In the United States, chain restaurants are enjoying a revival fuelled by sweet childhood memories. Meanwhile in Europe, the era of small plates and rarefied wine bars is giving way to the comfort and clarity of a classic three-course meal, with traditions such as the Sunday roast reclaiming their place in the weekly routine.

Benefiting from this wave of reminiscence are enduring establishments – such as *De Reiger*, which is one of the oldest cafés in Amsterdam’s Jordaan neighbourhood and is now attracting more local praise than any glossy new wine bar – as well as more recent places, such as *Abstinence* in Paris, which channels the mood of a 1970s French brasserie. In Vienna, the city’s beloved no-frills taverns, called *Beisl*n, are likewise experiencing a resurgence. Similarly in London, pubs have become unlikely culinary hotbeds, drawing the city’s cool crowd and spotlighting new talent, from chef residencies at *Compton Arms* to ambitious pub kitchens across the capital.

Modern minimalist interiors are being replaced by eclectic, decadent, lived-in spaces. On the plate, the painterly abstractions of fine dining have been swapped for familiar favourites – think devilled eggs, Caesar salads, towering fried chicken sandwiches, and baked Alaskas for dessert – proving that in times of uncertainty, we reach for comfort and tradition in everything, including food.

Pubs have become unlikely culinary hotbeds

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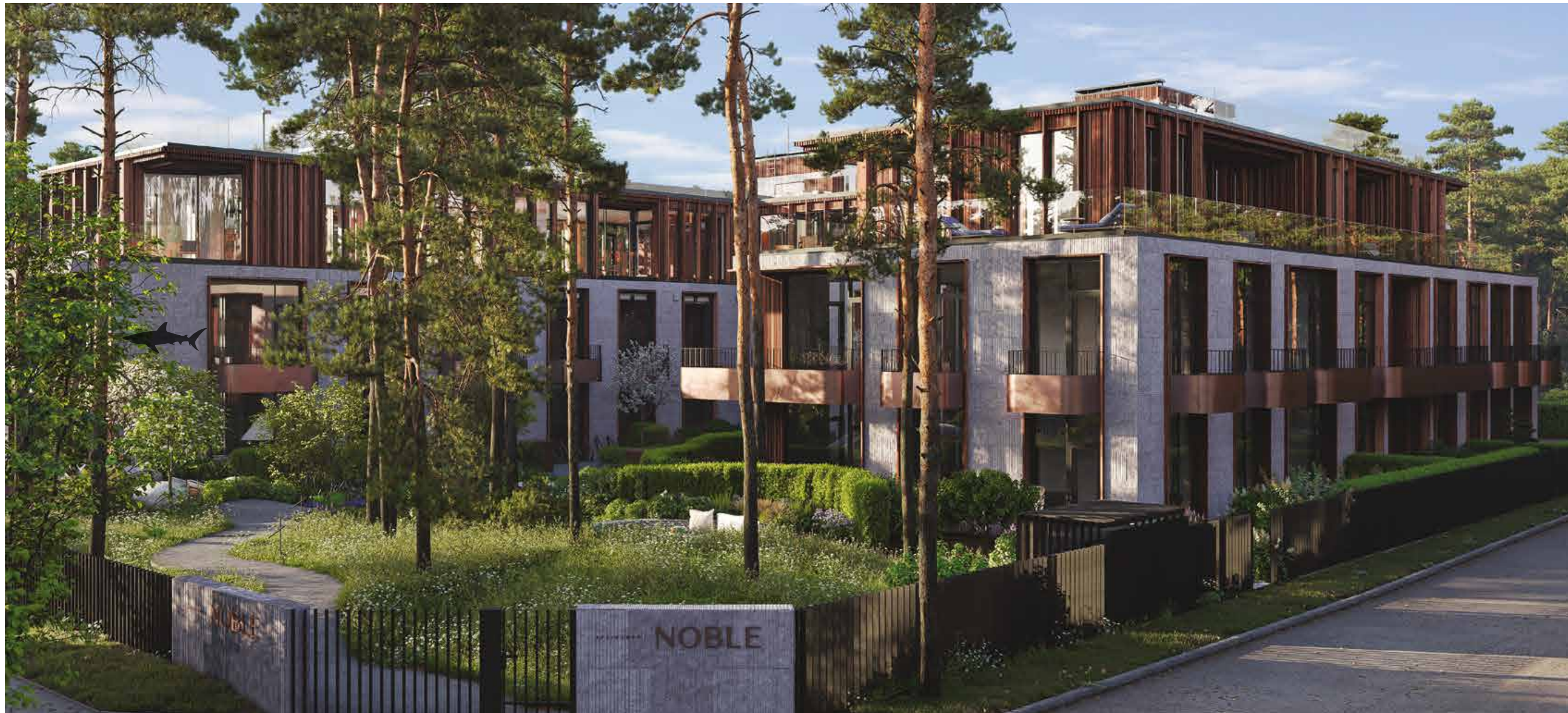
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MILAN CORTINA, HERE WE COME!

With the Winter Olympic Games returning to Europe for the first time in 20 years, we take a look at all the destinations and venues playing host to some of the most exciting spectator sports on the planet. From downhill ski racing to furious ice hockey matches, whether on ice or snow, these modern Olympic Games promise to be the very best ever.

With the Winter Olympic Games back in Europe (Turin 2006 was the last time), I feel the sense of excitement as the world turns its head to winter sports once again. Participation rates often go up during Winter Olympics years – estimates claim that numbers for skiing in the past three years have risen by around 10–14% globally, with much of that attributed to the 2022 Beijing Olympic Winter Games. Events such as downhill ski racing are broadcast across television networks that otherwise rarely get the opportunity to show viewers this most brutal and skillful challenge between human and mountain. And suddenly sports such as curling enter our living rooms – who would have known that watching a piece of granite slide slowly across polished ice could be so compelling and addictive!

The 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympic Winter Games are being held from February 6 to February 22, with the opening ceremony taking place at Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium, although many other satellite events promise to ‘take the Olympic spirit beyond the stadium’. The ski resort of Cortina last hosted the games in 1956, with all the events taking place either in or close to the town itself. Seventy years later, a total of eight competition venues spread across the northeastern corner of Italy are hosting events such as alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, snowboarding, figure skating, bobsleigh, and biathlon, to name but a few. In total there are 116 medal events taking place across 16 different sports, with ski mountaineering (or ‘skimo’) introduced for the first time, alongside dual moguls, women’s large-hill ski jumping, and women’s double luge.

MILAN – ICE SPORTS HUB, OPENING CEREMONY
Italy’s financial hub and largest northern city is also one of the world’s fashion capitals. It’s hosting not only the opening ceremony, organised by Milan’s very own *Balich Wonder Studio* (which also created the ceremonies for Rio 2016, Sochi 2014, FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, etc.), but also the ice sports hub, which includes the figure skating, ice hockey, and speed skating competitions.

The choice of Milan for the opening ceremony underlines the organisers’ desire to bring together Italy’s vibrant urban culture and the excitement of winter sports. Taking place at the San Siro Olympic Stadium (capacity 75,000+), it promises to be a spectacle featuring high-level choreography and multimedia displays. The iconic stadium, which is Italy’s largest, is home to both the AC and Inter Milan football clubs and has also hosted concerts from Bob Marley (1980) to Taylor Swift (2024).

Beyond the opening ceremony, Milan is also hosting the games’ ice sports cluster. Figure skating and short-track speed skating fans will be able to watch athletes compete in the 11,500-capacity Milano Ice Skating Arena, also known as the Unipol Forum in Assago, while the long-track speed skating takes place in the Milano Speed Skating Stadium.

Ice hockey matches are taking place at two venues in Milan: the Rho Ice Hockey Arena (capacity 6500) and the newly built Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena (capacity 16,000). Fans can expect clashes between legendary hockey nations such as



The official logo of the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics in the Piazza del Duomo

Milan is a gateway to the broader Olympic experience

the United States, Canada, and Finland, with rounds starting on February 5 until the men's final on February 22. The Rho arena provides a modern, accessible venue near central Milan, while Santagiulia brings a brand-new facility into the heart of the city.

One of Milan's major advantages as a host city is its accessibility. With Milan Malpensa Airport not only close to the city but also the mountain venues, it's exceptionally well connected to both domestic and international visitors. High-speed trains link Milan to other major Italian cities, including Venice and Turin, providing a straightforward way for spectators to combine urban experiences with mountain-based events.

Milan is also offering a lively atmosphere outside the venues. Public viewing areas, fan zones, and cultural events have been planned to bring the Olympic spirit to local squares and streets. These areas allow visitors to enjoy live broadcasts of competitions, meet fellow fans, and engage with interactive installations. The goal is to create a sense of community and shared excitement throughout Milan.

In short, Milan is not just a practical site for the opening ceremony and ice sports; it's a gateway to the broader Olympic experience. Its blend of historic venues, modern facilities, and cultural richness ensures that the games begin with a spectacle befitting the international stage, while providing spectators with convenience as well as the excitement of exploring one of Italy's most dynamic cities.

CORTINA – ALPINE SKIING, BOBSLEIGH, SKELETON, LUGE, CURLING

Cortina d'Ampezzo is returning to the Olympic spotlight 70 years after it hosted the 1956 Winter Games, which were the first

Olympic Games in Italy. It was a landmark moment for winter sports, bringing the world's attention to this Alpine town and setting a standard for compact, mountain-focused Olympics. Today, Cortina once again embodies that spirit, acting as the premier mountain cluster for the 2026 Winter Olympics and offering a mix of tradition, world-class venues, and classic Dolomite scenery.

The resort is hosting the women's alpine ski racing, including downhill, super-G, slalom, and giant slalom. Running down the famous Tofane slopes, the tracks are legendary and have long been a stage for Alpine Ski World Cup races and Alpine World Ski Championship events.

The women's downhill is the blue-ribbon event here, with racers hurtling at speeds approaching 130 kilometres per hour, negotiating turns with a precision that compares to driving a Formula One racing car. Will Lindsey Vonn, back from retirement at the age of 41, win the gold medal? It's entirely possible, as she already won a World Cup race in St. Moritz back in December, the oldest-ever ski racer to achieve such a feat. Another American, Mikaela Shiffrin, is tipped as the favourite to win slalom gold, but while the world number one seems unstoppable in the annual World Cup events, you need to go back to Sochi 2014 before she last took first place in an Olympic slalom race. But 19-year-old Italian-born Albanian skier Lara Colturi might perhaps stop Shiffrin – she's currently right behind her, at second place in the women's slalom rankings.

In addition to alpine skiing, Cortina is also hosting the sliding-sports cluster, encompassing bobsleigh, skeleton, and luge. The Eugenio Monti track, named after one of Italy's most celebrated bobsleigh champions, is a purpose-built course that tests speed, skill, and nerve. From start to finish, fans lining the track can witness the incredible precision and bravery required as athletes navigate high-speed curves and icy straights. For those unable to stand trackside, large screens and digital updates in the surrounding village provide live commentary and replays.



The pretty village of Bormio

Photo courtesy of Bormio Tourism



The Tofana Schuss ski run

Photo courtesy of Cortina Tourism

Cortina also serves as the hub for curling competitions, hosted at a modern venue designed to meet international standards while remaining connected to the town itself. Curling may appear slow to the uninitiated, but with top teams from countries such as Sweden, Canada, and Great Britain in action, every slide and strategic placement of the stone can be decisive. Spectators can enjoy both indoor viewing and interactive fan zones outside, allowing them to follow the sport closely while soaking up the mountain atmosphere.

Cortina d'Ampezzo is exceptionally spectator-friendly, with many venues accessible directly from the town centre or via short shuttle services. For skiing events, visitors can take advantage of chairlifts and gondolas that offer direct access to the slopes, placing them within a few metres of the action. For those preferring a more relaxed vantage point, viewing platforms and terraces along the course provide panoramic views of the mountains and let fans watch multiple sections of the race at once. Many local hotels, restaurants, and cafés offer additional viewing opportunities, with terraces overlooking the pistes where guests can enjoy a meal or drink while following the competition.

Cortina's history as a winter sports destination is something the Olympic Games hasn't seen for many years. Following the 1956 Games, the resort has regularly hosted FIS World Cup races and Alpine World Ski Championships, building a huge legacy of top-tier competitions. Walking through the town, spectators can sense this heritage in the streets and ski lifts named after past champions, as well as in the memorabilia and local stories that celebrate decades of sporting achievement. This blend of history and contemporary competition gives the 2026 Games a unique resonance, linking past and present in a way that few other venues have matched.

For those seeking off-slope experiences, Cortina offers a range of activities to complement the Olympic schedule. Spectators can explore boutique shops, sample regional cuisine, or enjoy winter walking trails and snowshoe paths, all within easy reach of the main venues. The combination of on-slope excitement and a stylish Italian vibe makes Cortina a compelling spectator

destination, where the action on the snow is matched by the charm of the destination itself.

The layout of the venues ensures that spectators can experience multiple disciplines within the same day. For example, a morning watching the downhill skiing or giant slalom can be followed by an afternoon at the bobsleigh track or curling arena. Shuttle services and transport links make this feasible, while the compact nature of Cortina ensures minimal travel times. Large digital screens and commentary points in the town centre and village squares help spectators stay connected to simultaneous events, making it easy to follow medal favourites and dramatic finishes across disciplines.

Cortina's role as the Alpine hub of the 2026 Olympic Games is also enhanced by its commitment to infrastructure and hospitality. Venues have been upgraded with modern facilities, and temporary structures have been designed to blend with the mountain environment, preserving the natural beauty that makes the Dolomites so iconic. Spectators benefit from improved seating, accessible pathways, and hospitality zones that bring the excitement closer to the action. Families, first-time Olympic attendees, and seasoned fans will all find Cortina welcoming, with plenty of guidance and services to make their visit smooth and enjoyable.

In summary, Cortina d'Ampezzo combines the best of Alpine tradition, competitive excellence, and spectator accessibility. From the historic Tofane slopes to the thrilling Eugenio Monti track, and from curling sheets in the town centre to terraces offering sweeping mountain views, every aspect of the games in Cortina is designed to immerse fans in the Olympic experience. The blend of history, high-speed action, and mountain atmosphere ensures that this destination will be one of the most memorable for athletes and spectators alike during the 2026 Winter Olympics.

LIVIGNO – FREESTYLE SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Located in the upper Valtellina valley near the Swiss border, Livigno is hosting some of the most dynamic and adrenaline-

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A curling match on the ice



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Navigating icy curves on a racing sled

The combination of high-energy snow sports, spectator-friendly design, and Livigno's unique Alpine charm ensures that it will be a highlight of the games

fuelled competitions of the 2026 Winter Olympics. Known for its expansive terrain and reliable snow conditions, the resort has earned a reputation as a hotspot for freestyle skiing and snowboarding, offering perfect conditions for athletes as well as spectators. This Alpine destination brings the energy of urban-style snow sports into a mountain setting, promising events that combine technical skill with spectacular aerial manoeuvres.

The resort is hosting such disciplines as halfpipe, slopestyle, and big air, in which athletes from nations including the United States, Canada, and Norway will push the limits of creativity and athleticism. Each run is a mix of precision, well-rehearsed tricks, and high-flying jumps, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats. The courses have been meticulously prepared to challenge competitors while ensuring maximum visibility for the audience, allowing fans to follow every twist, rotation, and landing.

For those attending, Livigno offers multiple vantage points along the slopes, from spectator stands to hillside terraces, where fans can watch entire sequences of tricks unfold. Many of these areas also feature live commentary and large screens, so even those farther from the course don't miss a moment of the action. The resort's compact layout makes it easy to move between different events, meaning spectators can catch multiple disciplines in a single day without missing key performances.

Livigno's appeal extends beyond the competitions themselves. The town is well-equipped to welcome visitors, with hotels, restaurants, and après-ski venues providing comfort and

entertainment between events. Fans can explore the local culture, sample regional cuisine, or enjoy mountain walks and shopping in this vibrant Alpine village. Even outside of competition hours, the resort exudes a lively, festive atmosphere that's enhanced by the presence of athletes, officials, and fans from around the world.

The combination of high-energy snow sports, spectator-friendly design, and Livigno's unique Alpine charm ensures that this destination will be a highlight of the 2026 Games. From gravity-defying snowboard tricks to the fluid artistry of freestyle skiing, every event is designed to showcase the skill, creativity, and daring of the world's top athletes. Livigno will transform winter sports into a real spectacle, providing both thrilling competition and an action-packed experience for spectators who want to witness the Olympics at their most extreme.

BORMIO – MEN'S ALPINE SKIING AND SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Bormio is set to host the men's alpine skiing events and the debut of ski mountaineering at the 2026 Winter Olympics. Known for its legendary downhill course, the Stelvio piste has challenged generations of World Cup ski racers with its steep gradients, technical turns, and wide Alpine vistas for those who can spare a second to look up. For fans of downhill ski racing, Bormio promises to deliver some of the most intense and dramatic moments of the games, in which athletes will push the limits at speeds exceeding 130 kilometres per hour.

Men's events include downhill, super-G, slalom, and giant slalom, each demanding a blend of power, agility, and split-second decision-making. The course itself is a natural amphitheatre, allowing spectators to follow the action across multiple sections. From high-altitude vantage points to strategically placed terraces, fans can experience both the sheer velocity of the downhill and the tactical precision of giant slalom runs. Live screens and commentary points ensure that even those farther from the slopes can track every twist, turn, and finish-line sprint.

In addition to traditional alpine skiing, Bormio is showcasing ski mountaineering, a new Olympic discipline that combines endurance, climbing, and downhill skiing in a single race. Competitors navigate challenging uphill climbs, technical descents, and variable snow conditions, testing their stamina and technique in a demanding mountain environment. For spectators, this discipline provides a dynamic viewing experience, with opportunities to see athletes over multiple segments of the course and witness dramatic lead changes as racers tackle both uphill and downhill sections.

Bormio's compact layout makes it very accessible for visitors, with efficient shuttle services connecting hotels, lifts, and competition areas. Spectators can plan their day to experience multiple events, combining downhill racing with ski mountaineering. The town itself adds to the experience, offering restaurants, cafés, and Alpine hospitality that attract visitors all year round.

The combination of historic alpine racing, cutting-edge competition, and accessible viewing points ensures that Bormio will be a highlight for fans of fast-paced winter sports. From the adrenaline-fuelled descents on the Stelvio to the endurance-testing ski mountaineering course, every event emphasises the skill and courage that come with alpine ski racing.

VAL DI Fiemme / TESERO – NORDIC SKIING

Val di Fiemme, with Tesero at its centre, is hosting the Nordic skiing events at the 2026 Winter Olympics, including cross-country skiing, ski jumping, and Nordic combined. This valley has a long-standing reputation in winter sports, having hosted multiple FIS World Cup events and World Championships. The combination of rolling terrain, lengthy trails, and purpose-built jumping hills makes it one of the world's top destinations for Nordic competitions.

The cross-country ski courses wind through forests, open valleys, and panoramic Alpine landscapes, providing both technical challenges and stunning scenery. Spectators can follow the action along various points of the trail, with key sections near Tesero featuring grandstands and terraces. The design allows fans to witness multiple stages of the race, from powerful uphill climbs to sprint finishes, capturing the endurance, technique, and strategy that define Nordic skiing. Large screens and commentary zones in the village ensure that even those not directly on the course can keep up with the action as it happens.

Ski jumping in Tesero takes place on modern hills that combine tradition with state-of-the-art facilities. Athletes launch themselves from towering ramps, soaring through the air with precision and grace before landing metres below. Spectators can enjoy close-up views

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Dominik Paris racing down a mountain

Athletes face the dual challenge of skiing fast across demanding courses while controlling their breathing and accuracy during the shooting stages

from terraces adjacent to the landing zones as well as from vantage points that offer panoramic perspectives of the entire jump. The combination of height, speed, and skill creates an electrifying spectacle, particularly during the finals, when every metre counts.

The Nordic combined events integrate ski jumping and cross-country skiing for a unique blend of explosive power and sustained endurance. Fans can follow the strategy and athleticism required to excel across both disciplines, with multiple viewing points allowing for a complete understanding of the competition as it unfolds across the valley.

Val di Fiemme and Tesero are exceptionally spectator-friendly, with transport options including shuttle buses and walking paths connecting hotels, venues, and fan zones. The towns provide a welcoming atmosphere, with local restaurants, cafés, and cultural experiences adding to the Olympic experience. Visitors can explore the valley's heritage, enjoy traditional cuisine, and take in the Alpine scenery while following world-class competitions.

By combining historic Nordic venues, challenging courses, and spectator accessibility, Val di Fiemme and Tesero offer one of the most complete winter sports experiences of the 2026 Games. From the endurance-testing cross-country races to the thrilling flights of ski jumpers, this cluster delivers both athletic excellence and an immersive Alpine atmosphere, making it a highlight destination for fans of the Winter Olympics.

ANTERSELVA / ANTHOLZ – BIATHLON

Anterselva, also known as Antholz, is the venue for the biathlon competitions at the 2026 Winter Olympics, a sport that combines the endurance of cross-country skiing with the precision of rifle shooting. Set in the heart of South Tyrol near the Austrian border, this valley has long been celebrated as one of the world's premier biathlon destinations, regularly hosting World Cup and World Championship events. The combination of rolling terrain, Alpine scenery, and purpose-built stadiums ensures a thrilling spectator experience.

Athletes face the dual challenge of skiing fast across demanding courses while controlling their breathing and accuracy during the shooting stages. Every missed shot or rapid sprint can dramatically shift the leaderboard, creating high-stakes drama for competitors as well as fans. Spectators line the course at shooting ranges, sharp turns, and key uphill sections to witness the intensity first-hand, while large screens and commentary points throughout the valley allow visitors to follow the entire race.

The valley's compact layout makes it easy for fans to experience multiple stages of a single race, from skiing to shooting to finish-line sprints. Local facilities, including cafés, terraces, and observation points, allow spectators to combine sport with the charm of South Tyrolean culture. The blend of speed, precision, and dramatic tension ensures that Anterselva delivers a captivating experience, highlighting the athletic skill and mental focus required in one of the Winter Olympics' most demanding and unique disciplines.

VERONA – CLOSING CEREMONY

Verona is hosting the closing ceremony of the 2026 Winter Olympics, providing a spectacular and historic setting in the Arena di Verona, a Roman amphitheatre renowned for its architecture and acoustics. The choice of this city as the finale venue reflects the organisers' aim to present Italy's rich cultural heritage along with the excitement of the games. Spectators can expect a vibrant celebration of sports, music, and ceremony, marking the culmination of two weeks of competition across northern Italy.

The Arena di Verona offers a unique atmosphere, with its historic stone walls simultaneously lending a sense of grandeur and intimacy. Fans will witness athletes from across the globe parading into the amphitheatre, medal presentations, and performances that blend tradition with contemporary flair. Verona's streets and public squares will also host fan zones, allowing those unable to secure tickets inside the arena to experience the ceremony live on large screens while soaking up the city-wide festive atmosphere.

With easy access from nearby airports and train connections, Verona ensures that the final chapter of the Olympic Games is both memorable and accessible. The closing ceremony celebrates not only the achievements of the athletes but also the shared experience of the spectators – it's sure to be a fitting end to this historic event.

For spectators planning to attend the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games, tickets and official spectator packages are available via the official Milano Cortina 2026 ticketing platform, with options covering individual events as well as multi-day passes across the various venues in northern Italy. A range of authorised hospitality and travel packages, including premium seating, accommodation, and transport, are also offered through approved Olympic hospitality providers. Availability varies by sport and location, so spectators are advised to plan early and book through official channels only.

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Brian Pinelli, ski journalist based in Cortina d'Ampezzo
Brian Pinelli is an American winter sports journalist and has lived in Cortina since 2021. He has covered ten Olympic Games and will be reporting live from the Dolomite Mountains during the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics. From his home, Pinelli has access to one of the world's largest ski areas, but he also enjoys staying local and skiing the quiet slopes of San Vito di Cadore.

What brought you to Cortina?

I had been living in Prague for 15 years, covering skiing and the Winter Olympics, but I travelled for races in Italy, Austria, and Switzerland. Cortina seemed like the perfect fit – not just for work, but also to enjoy the Dolomites and become part of the community. I moved here in January 2021, right before the Alpine World Ski Championships.

What do you love about this place?

The scenery is unbelievable; it's really hard to beat. From my back door, I can see Monte Antelao, which is the second-highest peak in the Dolomites. San Vito di Cadore is on my doorstep – it's a small ski area used mostly by locals, with just three lifts up to 1900 metres. Combined with the views, local flavour, and fantastic food and wine, this makes Cortina an amazing place to live.

What's your favourite thing to do in the winter?

Mostly work, especially with the Olympics approaching! The Olympic Games bring challenges and opportunities, and I get to meet so many people. There's also a lot happening locally, such as a new gondola connecting the centre of Cortina to the ski area.

What's your favourite ski slope?

Forcella Rossa is the best run in Cortina. It starts in the Ra Valles area and feels like skiing on another planet, encircled by

the Dolomites. The trail snakes past huge rock faces before opening up to breathtaking views of Cortina.

Do you have any particular memories about your time in Cortina that really stand out?

My first visit. That was in 1997, for a World Cup bobsleigh event, and I was mesmerised by the Dolomites. Now, I love the community vibe, the town's history of sports – from skiing to bobsleigh to ice hockey – and the fact that Cortina is hosting the Olympics again 70 years after it first did so in 1956.

What kind of person do you think would get the most out of visiting Cortina in the winter?

Honestly, anyone. Cortina's jagged peaks and unique landscapes create an unforgettable experience, especially with phenomena like *enrosadira* – that incredible morning and evening light you see in the Dolomites. If you're captivated by Alpine landscapes, this place will amaze you.

Any interesting characters we should look out for when in town?

My friend Tita Pordon, an 85-year-old former Olympic skier. He competed in the 1960s and had a serious crash at the Squaw Valley Olympic Games, recovered, married his nurse, and has moved between Italy and Northern California for decades. Today, he's back in San Vito di Cadore and occasionally pops up in town – you might even meet him out for pizza.

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Via Saroch 1242/G, Livigno
carosello3000.com

Osteria De I Magri

This historic eatery is housed in a building dating back to the 1600s. It combines traditional cooking with gourmet food, offering an extensive menu alongside around 500 wines, including some of the top local Valtellina varieties. The intimate dining rooms and warm service make it ideal for a memorable meal in the town's historical centre.
Vicolo Galileo Galilei, 1, Bormio
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Ristorante Al Camin

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Località Alverà, 99, Cortina d'Ampezzo
ristorantealcamin.it

WHERE TO STAY
Hotel Amerikan

This fourstar Alpine base next to the slopes blends contemporary design with classic mountain hospitality. The rooms range from comfortable doubles to spacious suites, many with balconies and mountain views. There's an on-site restaurant serving Italian and Valtellina cuisine and a wellness area with a pool, sauna, and spa. In addition, there's ski-in/ski-out access and family-friendly services.
Via Florin, 77/93, Livigno
hotelamerikanlivigno.com

Hotel San Lorenzo

This family-run four-star mountain hotel in the heart of Bormio's historical centre sits about 400 metres from the ski lifts. It blends traditional Alpine style with modern comforts and offers a wellness centre, gym, free WiFi, and private parking. Most of the rooms and suites have balconies and hydromassage baths or showers. The onsite *Da Riccardo* restaurant serves local Valtellina cuisine and breakfast.
Via San Lorenzo, 2, Bormio
sanlorenzobormio.it

Hotel de Len

Hotel de Len is a modern, eco-friendly hotel in the heart of Cortina d'Ampezzo that combines Alpine tradition with contemporary design. The rooms feature natural materials and mountain views, while the rooftop spa and wellness area is perfect for relaxation. The onsite restaurant serves seasonal local

cuisine, and the hotel's sustainable approach extends to every detail, from the interior to the dining.
Via Cesare Battisti, 66, Cortina d'Ampezzo
hoteldelen.it

WHERE TO SHOP
La Galleria

La Galleria is a lively concept store in Livigno's pedestrian shopping street offering a mix of international brands across fashion, technology, and accessories. Designed as a fun, sensory shopping experience for all ages, it offers wellknown labels as well as unique finds, all in a relaxed atmosphere. It's a good spot for duty-free browsing and seasonal must-haves.
Via Plan, 99/B, Livigno
lagallerialivigno.com

Casa Braulio

Located in Bormio's historical centre, *Casa Braulio* offers visitors a unique journey through the cellars where the iconic Amaro Braulio liqueur is aged. Guided tours show the infusion of local herbs, the ageing process in oak barrels, and tell of the history behind this century-old tradition. Tastings let visitors experience the distinctive flavours of this classic Alpine drink.
Via Roma, 27, Bormio
amarobraulio.com/casa-braulio

La Cooperativa

This is a long-established shopping landmark on the Corso Italia in Cortina d'Ampezzo. Founded in 1893, *La Cooperativa* spans several floors with fashion, accessories, homewares, gourmet food, and local products. Popular with visitors and locals alike, it's a convenient stop for gifts, regional specialties, and everyday shopping while spending time in the centre of town.
Corso Italia, 40, Cortina d'Ampezzo
coopcortina.com

NOT TO MISS

Aquagranda

This large indoor water park in Livigno offers so much in a single place. The wellness and sports centre at an altitude of 1816 metres combines fun, fitness, and relaxation. The Slide&Fun aquapark has slides, pools, and play areas for all ages. And the Alpine wellness zone offers saunas, steam baths, massages, etc. There's also a gym and swimming pools for training, plus a bistro with healthy food.
Via Rasia, 999, Livigno
aquagrandalivigno.com

Duomo di Milano and the rooftops of Milan

Milan's iconic Gothic-style cathedral invites visitors to explore its soaring interior and rooftop terrace for sweeping views of the city and even glimpses of the Alps on clear days. Steps or lifts take you up among the marble spires and statues, and the vast plaza beyond offers numerous cafés and galleries.
Piazza del Duomo, Milano
duomomilano.it

Geological Museum of the Dolomites

This institution, located on the main square in Predazzo, is one of Europe's oldest geological museums. It tells the long story of the Dolomites through minerals, fossils, and rocks, offering a fascinating insight into the region's natural history.
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CHASING DREAMS, STAYING GROUNDED

Rodrigo Ābols has carved his path from the ice of Latvia to the NHL, balancing a demanding professional career with family life. In this interview, he opens up about his journey, the Latvian hockey team's pride in representing its country at the Olympics, and the small moments that keep him grounded when off the ice.

Last year, at age 29, Ābols made his long-awaited National Hockey League (NHL) debut as a forward for the Philadelphia Flyers. But his journey to the world's top ice hockey league has been about far more than statistics. From the rinks of Latvia to the top arenas in Sweden and now the United States, he has built a career grounded in discipline, teamwork, and a deep love for the game.

This February, Ābols was preparing to take to the ice at the Winter Olympics, representing his country on one of the world's biggest stages. He was expected to be a key player for the Latvian team at the Olympics. It's an opportunity that may come only a few times in a player's career, and this year's Olympics are especially notable, as NHL players are returning to compete for the first time since 2014.

Latvia will be represented not only by its NHL stars but also by many members of the bronze-medal-winning national team that captured the nation's imagination at the 2023 World Championship. Ābols was part of that historic team, alongside his father, Artis Ābols, who is a former player and coach who remains a significant figure in Latvian hockey.

However, just a few days before this issue of *Baltic Outlook* went to press, Ābols was battling for a puck along the boards against the New York Rangers when he fell and twisted his right leg. He was helped off the ice and did not put any weight on it as he made his way to the locker room. But the Olympic dream had slipped away in an instant – a reminder of how swiftly sport can turn from hope to heartbreak.

I spoke with Ābols via video call in early January, before the devastating injury, in the midst of his hectic schedule. He had 15 games lined up with the Flyers over a span of 31 days. Despite the intense workload, he joined the call promptly, offering a warm smile and a quick apology – his four-year-old son, Aleksis, was beside him, as it was one of the rare days they get to spend together. The walls of the Flyers' arena were visible in the background; that day, both father and son would be skating. It's one of the small joys that keeps Ābols grounded amid the rush of professional hockey.

You turn 30 years old tomorrow. What thoughts are going through your mind as you approach this milestone? How do you feel about it?

Yes, it's probably an interesting number. You're happy to turn 20, but when 30 comes around, you start to reflect a bit more. In life you're still young, but in hockey you're considered old – that's how it's usually seen. But I don't feel old at heart. If anything, it surprises me how quickly 30 has come around.

For me, the main point of reference in my life was the birth of my son. That changes everything –

your priorities shift completely and you gain a very different perspective on life. That was a far more significant milestone for me than turning 30. I don't reproach myself for things I haven't done, and I'm not disappointed as I step into this new decade.

How do you feel you've changed over the years, both on and off the ice? What have you gained, and what have you perhaps left behind?

It's probably easiest for me to answer this through hockey. In the past, mistakes on the ice or a bad game tended to weigh on me much more. I would dwell on them, let them get under my skin, and that often affected how I played afterwards. Now I've learned to move on more quickly. Even after a difficult game, I try to reset and come back better the next time, instead of letting one setback turn into another and allowing negative emotions to snowball.

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Many people feel that you got your NHL opportunity relatively late. You were very close a number of times, but then things seemed to stall again. How did you cope mentally with those waiting periods?

I wouldn't say it was quite like that. Of course, the NHL is the best hockey league in the world. But due to certain circumstances, I didn't fully manage to prove myself the first time around, both to myself and on a wider stage. The Covid-19 pandemic hit, and also the farm-team situation was unusual at the new club I had signed with. The Florida Panthers and Tampa Bay Lightning were sharing one affiliate, with only ten players allowed from each organisation. That's far from normal. And at the same time – I have to be honest – I wasn't playing well enough to break into that group of ten.

After that, I returned to Sweden and focused on what I could control, doing my job as well as possible. Naturally, it can feel as though the opportunity for reaching the NHL gets smaller and smaller as the years go by. But seeing Uvis Balinskis make it – we're close friends and the same age – made me think, why not?

I wouldn't say it was an obsession of mine or a fixed target. It was clearly a dream, but I'm not the kind of person who called my agent after every season asking whether any NHL teams were interested. In the end, it just came together –



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¹ The bronze-medal-winning Latvian men's national ice hockey team captured the nation's imagination at the 2023 World Championship.

² Approximately 30,000 hockey fans gathered in central Riga to congratulate the team on its bronze-medal win.

The majority of fans are supportive and encouraging

I was in the right place at the right time. The most important thing is joining a team that truly gives you an opportunity, and here I've definitely been given that chance by the Philadelphia Flyers: to step onto the ice and show what I can do.

Do you remember how you felt before your NHL debut skate? What was going through your mind at that moment?

I usually have no trouble taking naps, but that day my nap was very unsettled – I woke up three times. I felt a mix of nerves and excitement, I was worried about oversleeping, and of course, there was the realisation that the moment I'd been waiting for had finally arrived. At the same time, I was feeling a huge sense of relief. I had made my NHL debut at 29, not at 18 or 19, like many others. [*'I just need to talk for a little bit longer and then we can go,' Ābols says, focusing on his son for a moment. 'He can't wait to step onto the ice,' he explains to me. – Z. N.]*

So you'll be continuing a family tradition! Your father is a highly respected hockey player and coach in Latvia, then you, and now your son? No one ever pressured me into hockey, and I won't pressure my son, either. It's a tough lifestyle that demands a lot and requires giving up many things to achieve anything. I want him to enjoy it on his own terms.

But right now, he loves it because he sees his dad on the ice, and naturally he wants to join in. Whenever I'm home on my days off, we head to the rink together. We skate, spend time on the ice, and enjoy it side by side. We're moving forward with confidence...and still learning backwards skating!

Returning to the pressure you mentioned when making your NHL debut at age 29, how do you handle fan expectations and the spotlight that comes with being a well-known player? I don't really dwell on it in everyday life. Most of the pressure these days comes from social media – scrolling through *Instagram*, *X*, and the like. Everyone has a phone, and anyone can anonymously comment on your performance. After a tough game, it's often better not to look at social media at all, because dwelling on it only adds to the stress. I try to focus on the positive – the majority of fans, especially in Latvia, are supportive and encouraging. Ultimately, the pressure is really only as much as you let yourself take on.

How do you manage that? People see you as very approachable, and nowadays that probably means you get messages directly on social media. The messages come in constantly, especially on *Instagram*, and it's impossible to reply to every single one. It gets even trickier when you reply to one person but not another, or a third, or a fourth. I see a huge number of messages, but I simply can't respond to them all.

It's similar to what we talked about with my teammates on the Latvian national team when people came to greet us at the Freedom Monument in Riga after our medal win. Everyone wanted autographs, to touch the medals, or to take a photo with us, and we genuinely wanted to give them that opportunity. But there was a crowd of thousands, and we physically couldn't do it for everyone. Still, we appreciated every single person there.

What was it like to be part of such a grand, historic event?

It was surreal. We had been told there would be a welcome for us after the 2023 World Championship, but we had no idea that thousands of people would show up. We boarded the plane – it's just a short flight from Tampere to Riga – and as we were approaching the city, the pilot announced over the speakers that *airBaltic* and everyone involved had prepared a surprise for us: as a special honour, we would do a low-altitude flyover of the city centre, right above the Freedom Monument. [*The aircraft flew at an altitude of 1000 feet, or about 300 metres, above the city. This is the minimum altitude at which an airplane is allowed to fly over a populated area. Approximately*

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'Just talking about it brings tears to my eyes and stirs up all those emotions again,' says Rodrigo Ābols, recalling the joy of Latvian hockey fans over the bronze medal.

Winning is about the team, not one person

30,000 hockey fans had gathered in central Riga on that day to congratulate the team on its bronze-medal win. – Z. N.]

Suddenly, we were all leaning toward the windows to see everything. And then, as we flew over the monument, we saw thousands of people gathered below, waiting for us. We looked at each other in disbelief – we couldn't quite comprehend it. It was a moment of overwhelming, positive shock.

And that's when it really hit us how much this World Championship medal meant, not just to us, but to the people of Latvia. It's definitely one of the top moments of my life. Even now, when the videos resurface or someone from the Philadelphia team mentions it...just talking about it brings tears to my eyes and stirs up all those emotions again.

What thoughts will accompany you to the Winter Olympics? It's no ordinary event – the Latvian team doesn't qualify for every Olympic Games, so there might be few opportunities like this in a player's lifetime.

It's a huge event, especially now that NHL players are allowed to participate. The level will be as high as it gets in hockey, which makes it an incredible challenge. The key is to go there not with pressure, but with excitement; it's an opportunity to test yourself against the very best. Many of us have been watching these NHL stars' top moments on *YouTube*, and now, as a team, we'll get to face them on the ice. That's why we're all buzzing with anticipation.

I noticed your *WhatsApp* picture features you in the Latvian national team jersey. Let me see... Ah yes, that's quite an old picture – the hairline hadn't started receding yet!

Do you yourself change when you switch jerseys – national team versus club? Do you become a different player in the different jerseys? Not really. The way I play hockey doesn't change; my best game comes from giving my all and doing the right things on the ice. A jersey doesn't make me a different player. But of course, wearing the Latvian national team jersey brings a special sense of pride. You're representing your country and everyone who helped you get there. But as a player, I try to stay the same and let my game speak for itself.

What are your observations regarding how patriotism shows itself in modern professional sports? Is it still important? Every athlete has a sense of patriotism and pride. Even in the locker room, we tease each other about how one national team or another has performed in different age-group championships. It's not just a feature of smaller countries – the big nations do it, too.

In serious games, you see it right away: the Americans, the Canadians, there can be three fights in just the first minute of a game. That shows the level of commitment – everyone takes pride in where they come from and wants to represent their country to the best of their ability. It's an honour.

It's interesting that, even in today's self-centred world – with social media full of personal posts – even the most celebrated athletes come together under their country's flag.

It's hard to speak for everyone, but in hockey, the focus is always on the team. Players really do value their teammates. If you listen to post-game interviews, it's almost always 'we did it', never 'I did it'. Winning is about the team, not one person, and that teamwork makes all the difference. There's no room for big egos; instead, there's a real sense of pride in each other and what you achieve together. That's what makes playing hockey so special.

You've played on strong teams both at the club level and internationally. What's your observation – what makes a team strong?

Here in Philadelphia, and also during Latvia's bronze medal run, we exceeded the expectations set for us because we believed in ourselves and in the plan our coach gave us. Another big part is celebrating each other's successes – it's not just the player who scores who gets the praise. You can really feel when people are genuinely happy for one another, ready to fall and get back up for their teammates.

It was the same during the bronze championship – it didn't matter who scored. What mattered was that a guy in the maroon-white-maroon jersey scored, and everyone celebrated together. That's the most important thing.

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'The game is so fast and demanding that you have to train not just during the season, but in the off-season as well,' says Ābols.

You have to give up a lot of your social life to reach the top

You've also been a captain, for the national team and for your club in Sweden. What have you discovered about yourself through that experience? It's a really interesting experience. I don't know how it is for other captains, but for me, there were moments when I felt like I lost myself as a player, because I was so focused on the team and how we were playing that I lost my own game. I'm more of a doer than a talker, so it's hard for me to push someone forward if I'm not performing myself. It's much easier for others to listen when encouragement comes from someone who's leading by example, rather than from someone who's struggling.

At the same time, being a captain is a huge honour. Maturity, the effort to give your all for the team – those are qualities you usually see in captains. And I think the coaches have noticed some of that in me as well.

Coaches have often described you as a mature, intelligent player. What does it mean to you to be 'smart in sport'? It's hard to put into words, and I don't like to praise myself... But generally speaking, being smart in sport means understanding that professional hockey today is a 365-day-a-year commitment. It's non-stop. The game is so fast and demanding that

you have to train not just during the season, but in the off-season as well. You have to be a professional 24 hours a day, finding time to sleep, eating properly, training consistently.

You can already see this in the younger generation. Players coming into the national team at age 20 today are far more professional than we were at their age. Back then, juniors may have been eating chips and drinking cola, but now they consume protein shakes and do proper warm-ups and cool-downs. That makes the transition to the professional level much easier.

Being smart in sport is about the little things. For example, at 16, you can't go to parties with your classmates; you stay home to get enough sleep because there's a game or training the next day. You have to give up a lot of your social life to reach the top.

What does your daily routine look like – sleep, food, training? What's the key to maintaining a balance? It's actually easier during the season, because everything is planned out for me; I don't have to think about a thing. But in the summer, when there's no schedule, I have to stick to my own routine. Right now, it's pretty intense. In January alone, we have 15 games in 31 days, all across different states and even countries, which means a lot of travel. I play every other day, and the coach adjusts my routine to match, so that's how we live.

Today's a rare day off. I just got back from a week in Canada for games, so I'm making up for lost time with my son. Later, my wife and I are going to go to an American football game – neither of us has ever been, so it should be fun to see what all the fuss is about.



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'I'm very much a family man. That's what matters most – making sure my wife and son are happy,' says Ābols about his wife, Paula, and son, Aleksis.

I get so much joy simply being with my wife and son

I've heard that professional athletes often struggle to adjust to life after sports, especially when it comes to planning their days. At the top level, assistants help organise everything, but later you have to do it yourself. Is there really that much of a difference?

I can see why that's the case. We receive schedules well in advance, and everything is planned down to the last detail. I know when I have days off that I can plan something, and the rest of the time is for games or training.

Of course, I'm not so pampered that I can't book a haircut or a dentist appointment myself, but I understand why it's hard for professional athletes to return to 'real life'. Hockey, and especially the NHL, is a dream in itself. You're looked after so well and you don't have to think about anything else, so your focus can be entirely on the game. Once that support is gone, you have to manage everything yourself, and that can be a big adjustment.

What about the psychological side of ending a career? Are players prepared for it at all...and can you ever truly prepare?

Of course, there are ways to prepare. One of the most important things is being sensible with your savings, so that when your career ends, you're not suddenly left without financial security. I've also set aside money in a sports pension through the Swedish system, where I played, which means I won't have to rush into the first job that comes along after my career in hockey ends. It'll give me the freedom to take time and figure out what I genuinely want to do next.

Some players retrain or move into other areas within hockey, but personally, I don't see myself becoming a coach. It's an incredibly demanding job, in many ways even more demanding than being a player. At the highest level, coaches spend countless hours analysing opponents, studying video, and breaking down their own team's mistakes.

So you don't plan to follow in your father's footsteps?

It's an incredibly demanding path. I wouldn't want to make any bold statements – maybe in ten years' time you'll remind me that I once said I didn't want to coach – but right now, I just don't see myself in that role.

What have you learned from your father, and what are you grateful to him for?

I've learned so much from him. Honestly, the fact that I'm where I am today is largely thanks to the dedication of both my father and my mother. All those hours they spent in the arenas while I was training as a child, driving me to tournaments... They were at every game, always offering advice on how I could get better.

My father tended to be the tougher parent after games, pushing me to improve, while my mother would offer encouragement and compliments – it was the perfect balance. One of the most special moments for our family was when my father and I were on the same team, and we won the bronze medal with the national team.

What are you like off the ice? What don't fans know about you?

Honestly, nothing too extraordinary. When I'm in Philadelphia, I'm very much a family man. That's what matters most – making sure my wife and son are happy and helping them settle into life here in the United States, which is a big adjustment for them. I get so much joy simply being with them. Last night, I came home after a flight from Canada at three in the morning and went to bed, but my son woke up – so happy to see me – and he was already talking about how we were going to play hockey together the next day. He's really looking forward to it.

In my free time, I like to unwind with video games, and in the summer I enjoy playing golf. Nothing flashy or surprising – just little things that make life feel normal and keep me grounded. **bo**

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BALTIC PARALYMPIC ATHLETES TO KEEP AN EYE ON

The Milano Cortina Winter Paralympic Games taking place next month will gather more than 600 para-athletes from all around the world and their supporters. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Winter Paralympic Games, and the games will also feature many aspiring Baltic athletes. But who are they outside competition?



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What do you enjoy the most in this discipline?

We like that curling is a mix of strength, strategy, and rapid thinking. It requires strategic thinking, the ability to stay calm and focused, and the need to plan several steps ahead. In addition, we need to be physically strong, with developed muscle memory. The skill to adapt to changing ice conditions is also a must.

What did you have to overcome within yourself to start doing the sport? What were the biggest obstacles?

The financial difficulties, because I needed to combine curling with my job. It's a challenge, because the training takes place during the day, when ice rink rental costs are lowest. But in

curling itself, I had to learn to share responsibility – in the past, I had participated in numerous sports disciplines where I was on my own or the team leader. Here it's different, because we're both responsible for the result. As for Agris, he admits he needed to overcome his tendency to rush – he learned to keep calm and stay focused before an important throw.

What helps you relax after a long training session or day of competition?

Baths, going to the gym, and spending time with my beloved cat are the main things that help me. Agris, on the other hand, likes to have a full, balanced meal. High-quality restorative sleep is also a must for every athlete.



Wheelchair curling mixed team
JURIJS VOLGINS, ELIJA ASNIŅA, OJĀRS BRIEDIS, LINDA MEIJERE AND SERGEJS DJAČENKO

The wheelchair curling mixed team has worked very hard over the past years in order to represent Latvia at the Paralympics for the second time. The team already represented Latvia at the Paralympic Games back in 2022, reaching ninth place. That in itself was a notable achievement, because the country had not participated in the Winter Paralympic Games for 16 years. This time, with skip Ojārs Briedis at the helm, the team is ready to set new records.

What does it mean for you to be able to represent your country at the Paralympic Games? It's a great honour and a huge responsibility. My hope is for everyone to experience this sort of responsibility – to be identified not only by your name but by your country.

What do you consider your greatest achievement in this sport? Our team's greatest achievement is that we've been playing in the A league for a whole seven years

now. We can compete with the leading countries in this discipline. In addition, we're extremely proud to participate in the Paralympic Games for the second time in a row.

How can society better support and recognise the achievements of Paralympic athletes? While society already supports us, I feel there could be even greater exposure and more awareness in the media, especially during the Paralympic Games.



Alpine skier
MĀRTIŅŠ OLINŠ

Olinš is the first para-athlete to represent Latvia in an individual sports discipline at the Paralympic Games since 2006. He will participate in the giant slalom discipline. Having started to ski only in 2019, Olinš continues to evolve, reaching new records, and he's ready to show the world what he's capable of in Milano Cortina.

How do you feel with the Paralympics just a month away? I'm honoured to be able to compete with the world's best athletes in this discipline. They inspire me to do more and reach even better results.

What's the most important thing for you on the day of a competition? In order to perform well on the day, it all starts with the mindset in my head. I need to be calm and focused. If I

believe in myself, my abilities, and the work that I've put in up to this moment, everything will turn out just fine.

What helps you relax after a long training session or day of competition?

After a long day, I need to spend time with myself. I surround myself with silence or music that I like, and I stretch. After a physically demanding day, high-quality rejuvenation does wonders.



LITHUANIA



Snowboarder RAPOLAS MICEVIČIUS

Micevičius has already made Lithuanian Paralympic history for returning Lithuania to the Winter Paralympic Games after a 32-year hiatus. The last time Lithuanian para-athletes competed was in Lillehammer in 1994. Micevičius regularly reaches high positions in various other competitions, so the country is eagerly hoping for similar success in Milano Cortina.

What's a hidden talent of yours that most people don't know about?

Falling asleep and staying asleep. I can sleep up to 16 hours if I have no alarm set and there's nowhere I have to be the next day. There are people who can wake up at 6 a.m. with no alarm, but I'm definitely not one of them.

What did you have to overcome within yourself to start doing the sport? What were the biggest obstacles? The biggest physical obstacle was definitely identifying and finding the prosthetic that would work best for me and wouldn't cause any pain. It's always a work in process. Mentally, I had to learn how to stay brave and keep calm under pressure. Another difficult aspect was finding a balance

between the sport and my friends and family. When I started para snowboarding, I had just arrived home after a long period of travel and was thinking about settling down back in Lithuania. However, because Lithuania has no mountains, I had to move again to the mountains and find ways to keep in touch with my closest people.

What do you enjoy the most in this discipline? The adrenaline rush after crossing the finish line. If you win, it's even more satisfying. The everyday training is not that fun, but the race makes up for it. When the starter at the top of the mountain calls out 'ready, set, go!', that feeling – even though it lasts for only a millisecond – is so strong that it fulfils you for a month.



Photo courtesy of Estonian Paralympic Committee



ESTONIA

Wheelchair curling duo KÄTLIN RIIDEBACH AND AIN VILLAU

Riidebach and Villau won a bronze medal at the 2025 World Wheelchair Curling Championship in Scotland, so they're hoping to bring home a Paralympic medal as well. Riidebach shares some insights into the discipline, including how much preparation is involved to achieve such results.

How much do you train? My training volume depends on the season, but in general I train around four to five times a week. In addition to on-ice sessions, my routine includes general physical preparation three times a week, training at home to refine delivery technique, and tactical discussions with the team. During the competition season, the workload is high and training becomes very focused and goal-oriented.

What did you have to overcome within yourself to start doing this sport? What were the biggest obstacles? I've been in a wheelchair for ten years now, and the hardest part was adapting to a new self-image and finding my way back into society. I didn't begin curling with the ambition of becoming a top-level athlete; instead, it was my first step out of the house and something that gave me a way to feel valuable again. The journey into competitive sport just happened naturally. Of course, I've had moments of self-doubt, questioning whether I could manage, but over time I learned that I can. I'm deeply

grateful for where I am today, and I'm especially thankful to the people who have supported me throughout this journey.

What's the most interesting place you've visited because of competitions? Competitions have taken me to places I might not otherwise have had the opportunity to visit. Unfortunately, there's often little time during tournaments to do sightseeing, but it's always fascinating to see how the same sport has developed in different countries and to experience different sporting cultures.

If I had to highlight one place in particular, it would be the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games in Beijing. That experience stood out especially because it took place during the Covid-19 period. Everything was defined by strict restrictions, constant testing, and a very controlled, almost closed environment. Athletes had to adapt quickly, cope with existing circumstances, and deliver their best possible performance regardless of everything happening around them. It was a truly unique and unforgettable experience.

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OPEN ALWAYS WINS: INNOVATIONS INSPIRING OLYMPIC DREAMS

As a global partner of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, *Samsung* has brought together 70 world-class athletes from 17 countries across the globe as part of its Team Galaxy for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games – with the core message: ‘Open always wins’.

Reflecting the belief that anything is possible with an open mind, this message is shared with people around the world by *Samsung* Team Galaxy members through personal stories and challenges that illustrate how openness shapes their lives, achievements, and athletic careers.

Athletes and fans are at the heart of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and *Samsung*’s mission is to support athletes on their journey toward the most important competitions of their lives, as well as bring them closer to fans worldwide. This commitment is closely tied to *Samsung*’s broader vision of making technology more accessible and creating meaningful innovations that serve people and adapt to their individual needs. The openness, creativity, and determination of Galaxy athletes extend far beyond the ice rink or the track, reflecting the same human-centred approach that guides *Samsung*’s innovation to inspire countless people to pursue their dreams in both sport and everyday life.



DENISS VASILJEVS, the first Latvian figure skater to win a medal at the European Championships.

Vasiljevs is widely recognised for his artistry, emotional depth, and expressive performances on the ice. His approach reflects the same openness and creativity championed by *Samsung*, where progress comes from embracing challenges and new perspectives. For Vasiljevs, the Olympic Games are not only about competition but also about the journey itself, as each Olympic season brings unique challenges and defining moments.

Becoming part of Team Galaxy strongly reflects Vasiljevs’ personal philosophy of putting people first, which aligns with *Samsung*’s vision of flexibility and innovation. He sees openness as the courage to face reality honestly – an approach that fosters humility and the ability to adapt, ultimately paving the way for innovation and positive change in society. One of his goals beyond competition is to contribute to the overall development of figure-skating culture. Vasiljevs sees the sport as a story of emotion and freedom of expression while also representing a tremendous challenge. It demonstrates that even the most demanding pursuits can be profoundly beautiful and that every athlete has a unique story to tell both on and off the ice.

In his daily training, Vasiljevs integrates *Samsung* technologies to support precision, consistency, and creative freedom on the ice. Performance tracking, video analysis, and connected devices help him better understand movement, timing, and physical readiness. By using technology as a supportive tool, he is able to refine details while staying true to the emotional expression that defines his skating. This balance allows him to remain open to progress without losing his artistic identity.



RALFS FREIBERGS, one of the most experienced players on the Latvian men’s national ice hockey team and a contributor to Latvia’s historic bronze-medal win at the 2023 IIHF World Championship.

Freibergs admits that participation in the Milano Cortina Olympic Games holds deep personal significance for him and his family, as the opportunity to represent one’s country on the world’s biggest sporting stage is a profound honour. Being part of both the Latvian national team and the international *Samsung* Team Galaxy is especially motivating for Freibergs because of the shared drive to aim for excellence and push one’s personal limits.

Beyond competition, Freibergs highlights the importance of inspiring young people and their families as they work toward their goals in sport and everyday life. He believes that openness, honesty, and creativity are essential qualities that encourage growth and help uncover new opportunities. These values closely align with *Samsung*’s approach to innovation, namely, creating technologies that are intuitive, supportive, and adaptable to people’s real needs, enabling them to move forward with confidence both professionally and personally.

For Freibergs, *Samsung* technology plays an important role in managing the physical demands of elite ice hockey. Smart devices and performance data support training planning, recovery, and long-term consistency throughout the season. Access to real-time health insights helps him prepare more efficiently and reduce risk, allowing him to stay competitive at the highest level. For Freibergs, technology is about smarter decisions both on and off the ice.



RENĀRS GRANTIŅŠ, a rising talent in Latvian bobsleigh.

Grantiņš has turned a childhood dream into a professional athletic career, highlighted by a silver medal at the 2025 European Junior Championships. Representing Latvia at the world’s most prestigious sporting events is among his greatest ambitions, serving as both a personal benchmark and a testament to Latvia’s ability to compete at the highest international level. Joining *Samsung* Team Galaxy is very special for Grantiņš, symbolising early trust in his potential and a shared belief in progress shaped by dedication, curiosity, and innovation.

Through his own example, Grantiņš inspires and encourages young people across Latvia to pursue their ambitions with determination, even when they may initially seem out of reach. Openness and creativity have been central to his development, motivating him to experiment with new approaches in training. This mindset mirrors *Samsung*’s focus on creating technology that supports people in everyday life and sport, thus helping them view challenges from fresh perspectives, adapt with confidence, and unlock new possibilities.

In his everyday training, Grantiņš actively uses *Samsung* technology to record and analyse training runs, helping him closely examine technique, timing, and coordination. Reviewing video footage lets him identify details that are difficult to notice in real time and continuously improve his performance. Connected data tracking also plays an important role in tracking physical load, sleep quality, recovery, and overall readiness. Together, these tools help him train smarter, adapt faster, and build confidence on his path toward elite competition.

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OLYMPIC MILAN STYLE

In Milan, the Olympics are more than medals and records; they’re a celebration of Italian style. Every corner and every detail here turns even the grandest spectacle into a stylish, unforgettable experience. Read on for must-visit spots to experience that effortless, bold sense of style at its finest.

Milan is the world-renowned epicentre of fashion, design, and finance. Opulent yet profoundly creative, it has captivated and dazzled generations with its signature elegance. Here, centuries-old cultural treasures, time-honoured artisanal traditions, exquisite culinary experiences, and contemporary trends all intertwine, creating a strong harmony between the past and the future. Whether you’re savouring an espresso at a bustling street café or leafing through Italian *Vogue*, Milan draws you into its chic, irresistible embrace.

The upcoming Milano Cortina Winter Olympics is one of the most anticipated events of recent decades – and it’s about far more than sport. In celebration of the Olympic spirit, Milan is hosting the Milano Cortina 2026 Cultural Olympiad, a grand multidisciplinary initiative illuminating the city with a dazzling tapestry of culture and innovation. Wander through the historic Palazzo Reale, the restored Palazzo Citterio, Castello Sforzesco, the Museo del Novecento, GAM (Modern Art Gallery of Milan), Mudec (Museo delle Culture di Milano), Pirelli HangarBicocca, and more to discover the finest in contemporary and classical painting, design, restoration, photography, and fashion. Also enjoy an unforgettable performance at the iconic Teatro alla Scala, or experience the magic of gazing

upon Leonardo da Vinci’s *The Last Supper* at the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Milan’s stage is set to showcase Italy’s masterpieces and excellence to the world.

Shopping in Milan is a dream come true. Delight in the charm of Italy’s oldest and most magnificent gallery, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in the heart of the city, and wander down the legendary Via Montenapoleone, where every boutique is a temple of craftsmanship. That’s also where you’ll find Europe’s largest *Tiffany & Co.* showroom, designed by Peter Marino and recently crowned the World’s Most Beautiful Emporium 2025. The cobbled Via della Spiga whispers of understated luxury, while the Quadrilatero d’Oro district is a world-famous shopping paradise where Italian style shines in its most refined form, shaped by the greats of fashion, design, and architecture.

In Milan, elegance becomes living art. Every detail, from interiors and fragrances to exquisitely set tables and aperitivo rituals, defines the city’s aesthetic code and offers a fully sensory experience. Each purchase is more than a transaction; it’s a journey into Italian creativity, a moment of connection with craftsmanship and design, leaving memories that linger for a lifetime.

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10 Corso Como



Horto

TRIENNALE MILANO

This winter, rediscover Milan's iconic Palazzo dell'Arte, which is home to the Triennale Milano. A flagship of design, art, music, and theatre, it now adds sport to its rich repertoire, hosting Italy's Olympic team alongside an extensive exhibition programme. Visitors are invited to explore inspiring exhibitions, including *White Out: The Future of Winter Sports* and posters by the next generation of artists. Step into the newly opened *Voce Triennale*, a space dedicated to the infinite world of sound, where concerts and events come to life alongside a stylish cocktail bar. Savour the flavours of Milan at the expansive new *Cucina Triennale*, whose interior draws inspiration from the 1930s and offers stunning views over the ever-green Parco Sempione. Viale Alemagna 6; triennale.org

GOLDEN GOOSE ARENA

Hold your breath – this is the Milan of the future! Recently unveiled in the CityLife district and named after the iconic Italian fashion brand, Golden Goose Arena was designed by renowned architect Fabio Novembre. The 12-metre-high sports pavilion clad in sleek polycarbonate houses seven padel courts, a café, a lounge area, a brand boutique, and more. Even if you're not planning to play, the arena is a must-see. Situated next to the CityWave complex by *Bjarke Ingels Group*, it

makes a striking architectural statement with its 17-metre curved cantilever that welcomes visitors and creates a visual dialogue with the adjacent structure. This modern district is a playground for the eyes, and at its heart, like a sparkling comet in the cityscape, stands a trio of skyscrapers designed by world-renowned architects Zaha Hadid, Arata Isozaki, and Daniel Libeskind.

Viale Duilio 9; goldengoosearena.com

FONDAZIONE PRADA

This winter, a visit to the striking Fondazione Prada is a must – and not just because it's located close to the Olympic Village at Porta Romana. Designed by *OMA* and renowned architect Rem Koolhaas, the complex is a masterpiece of architecture and design and has long been a symbol of Milanese culture. Here, visitors can enjoy a rich programme of cultural events, cinema, avantgarde installations, and art exhibitions. The unique *Bar Luce*, designed by Wes Anderson with his signature retro flair and impeccable taste, has become one of the city's favourite spots. For a completely different experience, head to the recently opened *Ristorante Torre* on the sixth floor, where breathtaking panoramic views and iconic interiors are complemented by gems from Fondazione Prada's legendary art collection, including works by Goshka Macuga, Jeff Koons, and John Wesley.

Largo Isarco 2; fondazioneprada.org

ROCCO FORTE'S CARLTON HOTEL

This place is designed to dazzle. Just a few months ago, *The Carlton* opened its doors in the heart of the iconic Quadrilatero della Moda on Via della Spiga, promising to become the city's most stylish address for *la dolce vita*. The hotel's refined interior design is the work of Philip Vergeylen and Paolo Moschino, whose collaboration has created elegant spaces with a sumptuous, lived-in atmosphere, offering a cinematic escape from the city's hustle and bustle. Muted creams, rich burgundies, and warm mustard tones merge with bespoke furniture, sumptuous textures, and fine leather, all paying homage to Milan's rich cultural heritage. At the heart of the hotel lies a sky-lit winter garden, where deep-green velvet banquettes echo the lush hanging plants above, creating a serene sanctuary in the midst of the city.

Via Senato 5; roccofortehotels.com

CASA BRERA

For those who love enchanting streets, exquisite Italian design, magical views, and fine cuisine, *Casa Brera* by *The Luxury Collection* is a true delight. Located just steps from the Teatro alla Scala, it embodies the authentic spirit and style of Milan. This historical gem of Rationalist architecture designed by Pietro Lingeri has been reimagined with a refined, creative touch by renowned architect Patricia Urquiola, who has blended modern comforts with

features that capture Milanese elegance and hospitality. Don't miss the hotel's captivating rooftop terrace, complete with an outdoor pool and breathtaking views over Brera's cultural and architectural landmarks. Guests can also savour drinks at the sky bar or embark on a sophisticated culinary journey at *Etereo*, which is inspired by a redefined Mediterranean cuisine.

Piazzetta M. Bossi 2; marriott.com

OFFICINA SATININE

A vibrant and stylish Milanese experience is incomplete without exquisite fragrances that intoxicate the senses and radiate an authentic *bellezza*. While in Milan, step into the world of *Officina Satinine*, a perfumery boutique that opened a few months ago and is located just a stone's throw from the Piazza del Duomo. The store's design, created by Mara Bragagnolo, interprets the city's perfumery and architectural traditions through a contemporary lens. Founded in Milan in 1883, the *Satinine* laboratory crafts scents rooted in Italy's botanical heritage, with a focus on authenticity and lasting intensity. The new boutique marks the return of this historic brand to its native city. Whether it's the visionary *Orchidea Nera*, created in 1929 by Lorenzo Usellini, or the spicy floral allure of *Milano di Notte*, explore the artistic collection and discover a perfume that speaks to you.

Via Giuseppe Mengoni 4; satinine.com

DG MARTINI

Prepare to experience a new dimension of glamour – and plenty of red – right in the heart of Milan. The legendary bar and bistro, born in 2003 from the collaboration of two iconic Italian brands, *Martini* and *Dolce & Gabbana*, recently underwent a spectacular renovation that has reawakened the historic 16th-century architecture at its legendary Corso Venezia address. The scenographically striking and luxurious project was crafted by the award-winning American firm *Carbondale* architecture studio founded by architect Eric Carlson. Whether you're meeting friends for a casual aperitivo or indulging in a sumptuous Italian dinner inspired by Sicilian traditions, this is a privileged destination for stylish lunches, elegant leisure, the ritual of the Italian aperitivo, and the pulse of Milanese nightlife.

Corso Venezia 15; world.dolcegabbana.com

10 CORSO COMO

Anyone who has visited here once is sure to return – so goes the legend of the iconic *10 Corso Como*, a brand and destination where art, design, fashion, and lifestyle converge in a hybrid, multi-level universe. Founded in 1990 by gallerist and publisher Carla Sozzani, it began as an art gallery, but today the boundaries of architecture, design, and fashion have merged. Visitors can explore an extensive arts programme,

a curated bookstore, and a concept store offering clothing, accessories, jewellery, fragrances, cosmetics, and design objects. The experience is completed by a café, restaurant, and a cosy luxury hotel, among other offerings. Each level provides a fresh encounter, from sophisticated exhibitions and installations to one-of-a-kind purchases, making *10 Corso Como* an essential stop for anyone seeking the stylish pulse of Milan.

Corso Como 10; 10corsocomo.com

HORTO MILANO

When you crave divine flavours and unforgettable experiences, including elegant breakfasts to start the day in style, it's time to book a table at *Horto*. Nestled on a lush rooftop terrace in the heart of Milan, the restaurant offers breathtaking views over the city while showcasing the excellence of modern Milanese cuisine. Built around an ethical dining concept and a 100% no-waste kitchen, *Horto* emphasises local sourcing, selecting seasonal ingredients from Lombardy's nearby gardens and farms, all within an hour's drive of the restaurant. The fish is all freshwater and the water non-bottled. Guided by Italy's sustainability champion Norbert Niederkofer, this restaurant with a *Michelin* star and Green Star sets the standard for gastronomic innovation and responsible dining.

Via San Protaso 5; hortorestaurant.com

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SWIMMING IN ICELAND: THE COOLEST SPAS AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NATURAL POOLS

Iceland’s healing waters are a portal to better skin, a stronger sense of community, and a new perspective on life. Laura Hall swims her way around the country’s best pools.

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There’s a saying in Iceland: *Að leggja höfuðið í bleyti*. It means ‘to lay your head in water’. If you need to think deeply, Icelanders say you should lay your head in water. If you’re looking for a new perspective on life, love, or anything else, lay your head in water. The message is that, whatever your issue, you should go to a pool and find what you’re looking for there, whether it’s community, peace and quiet, stillness, or activity. Whatever your question, water is the answer. It’s Iceland’s healing balm.

Encircled by the frigid waters of the North Atlantic and perched on the geologically active Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Iceland is a remarkable country. Natural, geothermally heated water wells up from the earth in rivers and lakes, volcanoes present as towering cone-shaped mountains, and ancient lava flows are now mystical moss-covered stretches of earth. Thanks to Icelandic ingenuity, that water has been harnessed to create electricity and central heating across the country, and it also powers outdoor pools all around the country. With such an abundance of free hot water so close by, it’s no wonder swimming is a national habit.

There are local swimming pools, hot pots, spa experiences, and hidden pools all over the country to enjoy. And in the very middle of the country, in its hard-to-reach highlands, there’s even a naturally warm swimming lake, Landmannalaugar, which is encircled by orange-shaded rhyolite mountains. It’s poetic, really, that it sits quite literally at the heart of Iceland.

Swimming is also ingrained in Icelandic culture. As a country with a history of seafaring and fishing, being able to swim has long been a critical survival skill. But while it’s a necessity, it’s also a pleasure: the swimming pool is Iceland’s main community centre and communal space. Fun fact: you can’t graduate high school in Iceland if you don’t know how to swim – that’s how central swimming is to these people.

Known for its volcanoes and earthquakes (the most recent

volcano erupted in the summer of 2025 an hour outside the capital city, Reykjavik), Iceland’s geological activity is behind all this hot water as well as some of the most unusual landscape formations in the world. In addition to volcanoes and lava fields, you’ll also find bubbling pots of mud and steaming geothermal vents. The word ‘geyser’ comes from the Icelandic word *geysir* – yes, great shoots of highly pressurised water come up from the ground in this country, too.

In 1995, spa tourism in Iceland was born with the opening of the Blue Lagoon. Developed next to the Svartsengi geothermal energy plant, it heralded a different kind of swimming experience from the community swimming pool. Researchers found that the water here, an offshoot from the electricity plant, had healing and nourishing properties for the skin, helping those with psoriasis in particular. Today, the healing waters of Iceland can be experienced in chic and well-developed spa locations around the country, some with natural scrubs to accompany the algae and mineral-rich water, others with cold pools, saunas, and steam rooms as well. You can drop in for the afternoon for a dip at all of them.

Iceland in winter is also a stellar location for star gazers. Get out of Reykjavik’s suburbs for just an hour and you’ll find deep black skies, bright white stars, and green and pink drifts of northern lights on cloud-free nights from around November to March. The whole Iceland experience gets even better when you pair these celestial delights with the country’s wondrous warm water.

As the dark nights of winter gather and the snow falls, there are few things more delightful than the extremes of hot and cold in an Icelandic spa. There’s something extra magical about experiencing both states simultaneously, feeling delicate flakes of snow land on your face while floating in a landscape that feels like it’s from another planet and watching the aurora swirl overhead. Here are some of the best places to swim in Iceland.

In Reykjavik

Reykjavik does not have a big spa-like pool in the heart of the city – its pools are the opposite of that. They’re typically local community spaces where you meet friends and neighbours, relax, and take the kids for a play date. For visitors, this means that they’re an opportunity to experience local life in the city. That said, floating in the warm water of the outdoor pool at Laugardalslaug underneath a black winter sky and hundreds of bright stars in the late afternoon feels completely unreal. It’s just a municipal swimming pool, and yet it’s so much more.

Thanks to light pollution, however, there’s one thing the city’s thermal pools do not have, and that’s views of the northern lights. You have to drive a little out of the city for that. For pools that are close to the city that also benefit from darker skies, read on in the next section.

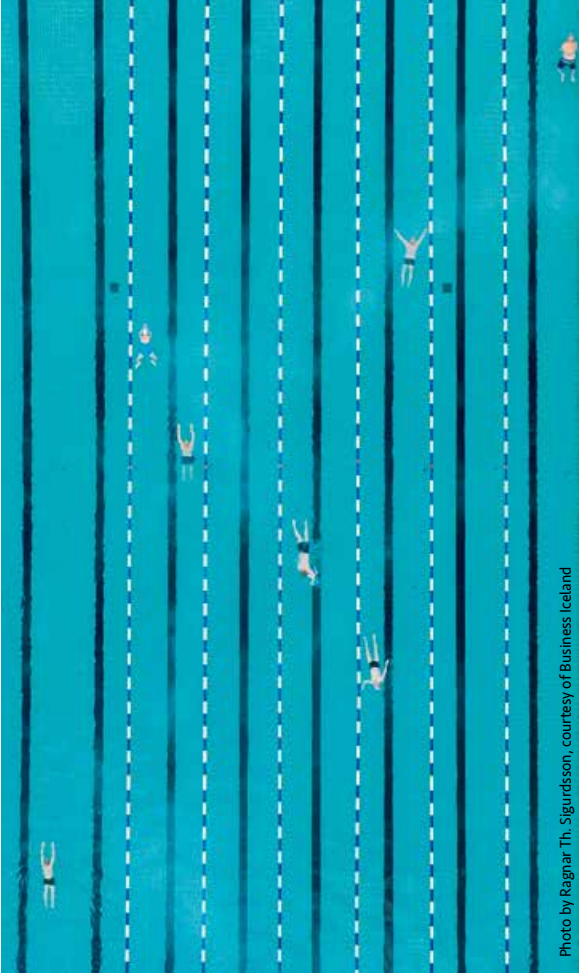


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Laugardalslaug

The main municipal swimming pool in Reykjavik is a really good entry point into swimming in Iceland. It has a 50-metre outdoor pool heated by geothermal energy as well as plenty of different hot pots to try, all marked by temperature. There are also pools for children, a seawater pool, a slide with a wonderful dark section that’s pricked with stars, and a steam room to enjoy. Laugardalslaug is the biggest pool in town, and it offers great value for money, too. The best way to access it is by bus or via the walking path along the coast and out of the city. Sundlaugavegur 30 reykjavik.is/stadir/laugardalslaug



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Nautholsvík Beach

It’s a surprise to many people that you can swim in the sea here without needing a wetsuit. At Nautholsvík Beach, excess geothermal water is pumped into the sea next to a beach of imported golden sand. This means you can swim in the sea in Iceland without freezing your toes off. Or, if you prefer, gently simmer in the little hot pools on the beach by the changing room and watch other people jump in the sea. It’s a fun activity on a Sunday morning, and then afterwards, drop by the nearby café for brunch to celebrate. Nauthólsvegur, 101 Reykjavik nautholsvik.is

Árbærjarlaug

On the edge of the city, Árbærjarlaug is another of the city’s municipal pools, complete with an open-air laned swimming pool and a slide. All heated by geothermal energy, it’s a good place for families and also has hot tubs and an indoor pool. In addition, it’s near a salmon river and a beautiful valley for a wintery walk. The Árbær Open Air Museum is also in the same neighbourhood, offering a peek into everyday life in Iceland a century ago. If there’s any chance of spotting the northern lights from a pool in Reykjavik, this is your best chance. Fylkisvegur, 110 Reykjavik reykjavik.is/stadir/arbaejarlaug

Sundhöllin

Reykjavik’s oldest pool is a delight. The main indoor pool here was designed in the 1930s by architect Guðjón Samúelsson, with narrow windows and classic minimalist features. There’s also a large outdoor pool, hot tubs, and saunas. Sundhöllin is within walking distance of the city’s main street and feels like a very local hangout where you can leisurely swim laps or just relax and chat with friends in the sauna. Baronsstigur 45a, Reykjavik reykjavik.is/stadir/sundholl-reykjavikur



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Outside Reykjavik

Rent a car for a day or two and explore some of the country’s most iconic spas and hot springs beyond the city. The ones listed here are just a handful of the best on offer, from a really fantastic (and very much recommended) hike to a geothermal river to more traditional spa-like pools to indulge in. A word of advice: the Blue Lagoon is very close to Keflavik Airport, so if you’re short on time while visiting Iceland and your flight time allows, it makes a lot of sense to make the famous spa the last stop of your trip. Sink into its healing waters, then hop straight on to the plane home, blissed out as can be...



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Reykjadalur Hot River

Known as a geothermal area with greenhouses making use of underground heat to grow tomatoes, the town of Hveragerði has a wonderful claim to fame: a hot river. Hike up from the car park along a steep track for about an hour and a half and you’ll reach that steaming river. There’s nowhere to change and it’s an all-natural setting – just you, a winding river as warm as a bath, and sheer mountains all around. The hike alone, which is quite demanding and rather steep in places, is worth it. [Reykjadalur Valley, near Hveragerði guidetoiceland.is](http://reykjadalur Valley, near Hveragerði guidetoiceland.is)



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Sky Lagoon

In the suburb of Kópavogur, Sky Lagoon has a large infinity pool gazing out to the horizon. As you wallow in its warm waters, steam rising like a cloud around you, you can see fishing boats in the distance going about their business and the vague outline of the hills and geothermal beach in Reykjavik beyond them. The best thing about this place is its Skjól ritual, which is designed to put you in touch with Icelandic bathing traditions. In a little turf-roofed sauna area, you can experience a sauna, a ‘drizzle room’, a signature body scrub, a steam room, and finally a shot of tart cranberry juice. It’s very relaxing. Vesturvör 44-48, Kópavogur skylagoon.com

Laugaras Lagoon

Iceland’s newest geothermal spa opened this autumn on the banks of the Hvíta River near Selfoss. It’s convenient if you’re thinking of exploring Iceland’s Golden Circle, a route that passes Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir, and other landmarks. The lagoon is the first in Iceland to have a huge waterfall as part of its watery delights; it also has a sauna house with views of the river, cold and hot pools, and a swim-up bar. It’s a good spot for lunch or dinner, too, with a restaurant run by Gísli Matt, one of Iceland’s best-known chefs. Skálholtsvegur 1, 806 Selfoss laugaraslagoon.is



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Hvammsvík Hot Springs

These springs are located on the edge of the Hvalfjörður, a deep and narrow fjord less than an hour’s drive north of Reykjavik. People have always come here to swim, going back as far as the time of the Vikings. For anyone feeling daring enough to try, three huge boulders stand on the beach in honour of an old Viking test of strength. For the rest of us, there are eight natural hot pools ringed by smaller boulders, and the opportunity to refresh yourself with a dip in the ice cold water of the fjord before warming up in view of towering mountains or in the sauna inside. Hvammsvík, 256 Mosfellsbær hvammsvik.com



Photo Sigurjon Ragnar

Beyond Reykjavik

One of the greatest ways to experience Iceland and take in the most dramatic mountains, volcanoes, and glaciers along the way is to hire a car and drive the Ring Road, or Route 1. Iceland's only motorway, it takes a circular route around the island, sticking largely to the coast. Dotted all along the route you'll find swimming holes, hot springs, and thermal spas ready to dip into. Note that if you're planning to drive the road in winter, you should keep up to date with current weather advice and potential road closures via [safetravel.is](#).



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Seljavallalaug

There are many places to swim along Route 1, some signposted, some not. This is one of the latter, just a small concrete basin that makes the most of a hot spring running down the side of a nearby mountain. Built in the 1920s to help local children learn to swim, the swimming pool is basic, but the setting is anything but. From the closest parking spot, you have to walk a kilometre or two over a dried-up riverbed and a couple of wooden bridges, unsure of what you'll find when you get to the end. The reward is a quiet, free swimming pool with no facilities but everything to recommend it, especially if you get there early enough to have it all to yourself.

Seljavallalaug, near Vík



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Geosea Húsavík

Perched on top of a cliff in Húsavík, Iceland's premier whale-watching town, this sleek spa feels like it's on the edge of the world. Simmer in its warm, mineral-rich pools while looking for whales off shore – or northern lights in the sky – and swim up to the bar for a refreshment. The spa experience also includes steam rooms and a restaurant. Look north to the Arctic Circle from the infinity pool and you'll feel like you're flying. Geosea's three pools are stunning at all times of year, but the dark skies and white snow of winter bring out a particularly dramatic edge. Vítaslóð 1, 640 Húsavík [geosea.is](#)



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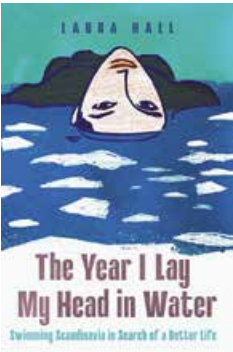
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Landmannalaugar Hot Springs

The original, real deal of Icelandic springs, Landmannalaugar is a natural swimming lake located in the Icelandic highlands in the centre of the country. Only accessible for part of the year, it's a beautiful place to wallow in a basin where hot and cold rivers flow in, surrounded by colourful rhyolite mountains. There are a few ways to get there, including by guided tour in a jeep from Reykjavík and elsewhere, and on foot by following the multi-day Laugavegur trekking route, which starts in Thórsmörk. [Landmannalaugar, Central Highlands](#) [guidetoiceland.is](#)

Vök

Legend has it that a water creature lives in Lake Urriðavatn, which lies just outside the town of Egilsstaðir near Iceland's far eastern coast. Locals couldn't understand why the lake did not freeze completely in winter, and so the story was told that it was due to an underwater monster. The monster turned out to be a geothermal spring, and today, Vök makes the most of this phenomenon with a series of modern geometric pools floating in the lake, all filled with the only geothermal water in Iceland that's also certified for drinking. For a real thrill, jump in the cold lake and then warm up in the thermal pools and spa. Urriðavatn, 701 Egilsstaðir [vokbaths.is](#)



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AMONG THE CLOUDS

Nestled among the snowy peaks of the Haute-Savoie region in eastern France, Chalet Nê is a cherished retreat for a family of four. Its architecture and interiors, conceived by the team at *A Work of Substance*, are deeply rooted in the dramatic Alpine setting yet are shaped by the family's own story, which unfolds between Asia and France.

The design beautifully reflects the connection between these two worlds and the family's shared history of travel. It weaves together influences from the local Alpine landscape, Himalayan mountain culture, and a refined Japanese sensibility. The result is a space that feels both grounded and quietly adventurous – a harmonious convergence of traditions, memories, and contemporary mountain living.

'The spirit of Haute-Savoie is one of resilience and quiet strength, and this is expressed through the architecture of this home,' the architects explain. 'Life here is defined by the seasons and by a close, almost pragmatic relationship with the land. This chalet is a tribute to the land and to a way of living that accepts and works with the mountain rather than against it.'





▲ The 450-square-metre home is laid out across three levels and is carefully embedded in the natural contours of the site, its pine-board façade responding to the dramatic views as well as the Alpine climate. A robust stone base anchors the structure into the slope, while the timber volume above recalls the traditional chalet vernacular that has shaped these valleys for centuries. Inside, the atmosphere feels warm, protective, and intimately connected to the surrounding mountainscape.

► The open-plan living room, detailed with subtle Himalayan influences, is the heart of the home. Its double-height volume creates a sense of generosity while remaining warm and intimate, making it ideal for hosting guests and spending time together. The terrace, complete with a fire pit, is especially appreciated by the owners in the summer. It offers expansive views over the valley, extending the living spaces outward and reinforcing the connection to the landscape.

► The indoor pool on the chalet's lowest level opens out onto views of an evergreen carpet of pine forest below and craggy, snow-dusted peaks on the horizon. The home's layout establishes a clear hierarchy between intimate and social spaces. The quiet, cocooning areas encourage rest and reflection, while the generous communal zones are designed for gatherings of family and friends.



▲ Through its architecture of timber and stone, Chalet Nê celebrates a contemporary interpretation of local heritage and is built in harmony with the harsh and often unpredictable mountain climate. The primary bedroom and bathroom are positioned on the upper floor, offering privacy and quietude, while the communal spaces (the living room, bar, and terraces) occupy the lower levels and open directly onto the views.

◀ ‘The chalet’s roof is articulated into three staggered levels, opening up the façade towards the valley and drawing in more natural light and panoramic views. This composition was partly inspired by the Bhutanese monasteries clinging to mountainsides and allowed us to create a dynamic silhouette that still feels at home within the Alpine context,’ say the architects. Most of the artwork throughout the home has been executed in charcoal on Japanese washi paper, enriching the interiors with a delicate cultural dialogue.

◀ To create a home that genuinely reflects the needs of its inhabitants, the designers carefully studied the family’s daily rituals and patterns of movement through a space. The décor features a thoughtful mix of antique finds and bespoke furniture, further grounding the home in personal history and meaningful craftsmanship. **bo**





FROM INNOVATION TO EVERYDAY COMFORT

How *Dreame* and *Elko Group*
build trust in smart living

DREAME



Between work schedules, family life, and the small routines that fill our days, time at home has become increasingly precious. Technology is now expected to simplify those routines, not complicate them. This is exactly where *Dreame* has found its place in the Baltic region: not as a futuristic promise, but as a practical, thoughtfully designed companion for modern homes.

Dreame was built on advanced high-speed digital motors, intelligent algorithms, and robotics innovation. What began as a technology-driven vision has evolved into a full smart-home ecosystem encompassing robot vacuum cleaners, wet and dry cleaners, cordless vacuums, hair-care devices, and lifestyle appliances – all connected through a single intelligent platform.

This clear technological focus has fuelled rapid global growth. Today, *Dreame* products are available in more than 100 countries worldwide, supported by a network of over 6000 physical stores, serving more than 30 million households.

In the Baltics, this global success story has taken on real-life meaning through a strong local strategy and a close partnership with *Elko Group*, one of the region's largest distributors of IT and consumer electronics products. At the heart of *Dreame's* regional growth are two key professionals from *Elko Group*: its business development

manager Marija Gurjeva and its marketing group manager for the Baltics and Poland Monta Katlapa. Their work reflects two sides of the same ambition – building trust and building a brand.

‘When *Dreame* entered the region, it was a leap of faith for many partners,’ says Gurjeva. ‘My role was to build trust – and to show, very clearly, that *Dreame* products are not only competitive but in many cases outperform long-established market leaders.’

Dreame entered the Baltic market with zero brand awareness, at a time when the robotic vacuum and smart appliance categories were already highly competitive. According to Gurjeva, success came from recognising *Dreame* as a rare opportunity early on. ‘We were presented with several unknown brands and asked to find one true gem,’ she recalls. ‘*Dreame* stood out immediately, not only because of innovation, but because everything felt right: the performance, the design, the packaging, the ambition behind the brand.’

This momentum is reflected in *Dreame's* market results. Ongoing dialogue and close collaboration between manufacturers and distributors help ensure that innovation responds to real consumer needs.



Marija Gurjeva, *Elko Brand*
Acceleration Manager



Monta Katlapa, *Elko Marketing Group*
Manager Baltics and Poland



Dreame's leadership is reflected in No. 1 market share positions across numerous European and international markets, spanning both the robot vacuum and wet & dry vacuum categories. Growth has been particularly strong in premium product categories, where consumers increasingly value advanced technology, thoughtful design, and long-term reliability.

Changing consumer perception, however, required patience and consistency. ‘It’s not something you achieve overnight,’ Katlapa adds. ‘It realistically takes around two years to change mindsets. You win trust review by review, experience by experience, performance by performance.’

One of *Dreame's* strongest competitive advantages lies in its ability to combine cutting-edge technology with thoughtful, modern design. Continuous breakthroughs – including a high-speed digital motor capable of 200,000 revolutions per minute and the dual Robotic Flex Arm, which combines the side brush and mop pad – have earned the brand multiple CES and IFA awards and reinforced its reputation as one of the most innovative smart-home brands globally.

‘Today’s consumers are very informed,’ Katlapa notes. ‘They compare, they research, and they expect brands to be transparent. *Dreame* stands out for innovation that performs and design that resonates. A robot vacuum is no longer hidden away; it’s part of your home interior.’

This balance of form and function is no coincidence. *Dreame's* in-house product team brings together more than 100 international designers, ensuring that every product feels intuitive, premium, and visually harmonious. Just as importantly, *Dreame* thinks in ecosystems rather than individual devices. Robot vacuums, wet and dry cleaners, and other smart solutions are integrated into a single application, creating a seamless experience that naturally encourages loyalty.

‘From a brand perspective, the goal is for people to fall in love with *Dreame*,’ says Katlapa. ‘Once everything works together in one system, it stops being a single purchase. It becomes a lifestyle choice.’

That lifestyle resonates strongly in the Baltics. The typical *Dreame* customer is not defined by age or income alone, but by mindset: families and households that value comfort, efficiency, and quality of life and are open to letting technology handle everyday routines.

‘If your vacuum cleans the house while you spend time with your family, that’s real value,’ Gurjeva explains. ‘People are no longer buying gadgets; they’re buying time, peace of mind, and convenience.’

There are clear signs that consumers are becoming more willing to invest in smart-home solutions. A decade ago, robotic vacuums were often expensive and unreliable. Today, technological progress has fundamentally changed expectations. ‘Technology finally delivers on its promises,’ Katlapa says. ‘People are open to new technology, but they expect brands to keep moving forward.’

The opening of the first *Dreame* brand store in the Baltics marks a defining moment in this journey. It’s more than a retail milestone; it’s a symbol of confidence and long-term commitment.

The *Dreame* team often describes its regional story as a journey that began with belief, but little certainty. ‘We started in an unknown fishing harbour with a small rowing boat,’ the team reflects. ‘In 2026, we’re already sailing a high-speed liner – we know where we’re going, why we’re going there, and what awaits us next.’

Today, *Dreame* shares the stage with the world’s leading technology brands, driven not by imitation but by a strong sense of purpose. With a clear vision, a growing community, and ongoing innovation, *Dreame* is looking ahead and is focused on creating smart living solutions that meaningfully improve everyday life in Baltic homes.’



STAY IN THE HEART OF TALLINN – AT THE LEGENDARY *HOTEL VIRU*

Since its opening in 1972, the *Original Sokos Hotel Viru* has occupied a prominent space in Tallinn's city centre. It was the city's first high-rise building and remains a central landmark situated just outside the gates of the medieval Old Town.

Combining a central location, contemporary amenities, and a story that few hotels in the region can rival, it serves as a practical base for those who want to stay within walking distance of the city's main sights, shopping, transport links, and a wide range of restaurants.

For travellers arriving in Tallinn for a short city break, *Hotel Viru's* central location is hard to beat. On one side, the views open towards the Baltic Sea, and on the other side they open to the medieval towers and cobbled streets of the Old Town. One of the hotel's main advantages is its direct internal connection to the *Viru Keskus* shopping centre, which houses numerous retail shops, a wide selection of restaurants, and even a health and beauty centre, making it easy to find everything needed for a trip without even leaving the building.

As a part of the *Original Sokos* brand, *Hotel Viru* offers a level of comfort and quality that travellers can trust, while remaining refreshingly affordable for such a central location. For those travelling with children, convenience matters, and family rooms with bunk beds, a playful mascot during school holidays, and easy access to everything from sightseeing to shopping make *Hotel Viru* a relaxed choice. Couples or business travellers may prefer the rooms and suites on the higher floors, some of which include their own private saunas.

The hotel's dining and entertainment options are also diverse. The *Amarillo* restaurant is a casual spot for drinks and snacks, while *Restoran Merineitsi* hosts the Starlight Cabaret. Combining four hours of world-class entertainment with a three-course à la carte dinner, these entertainment-filled evenings are

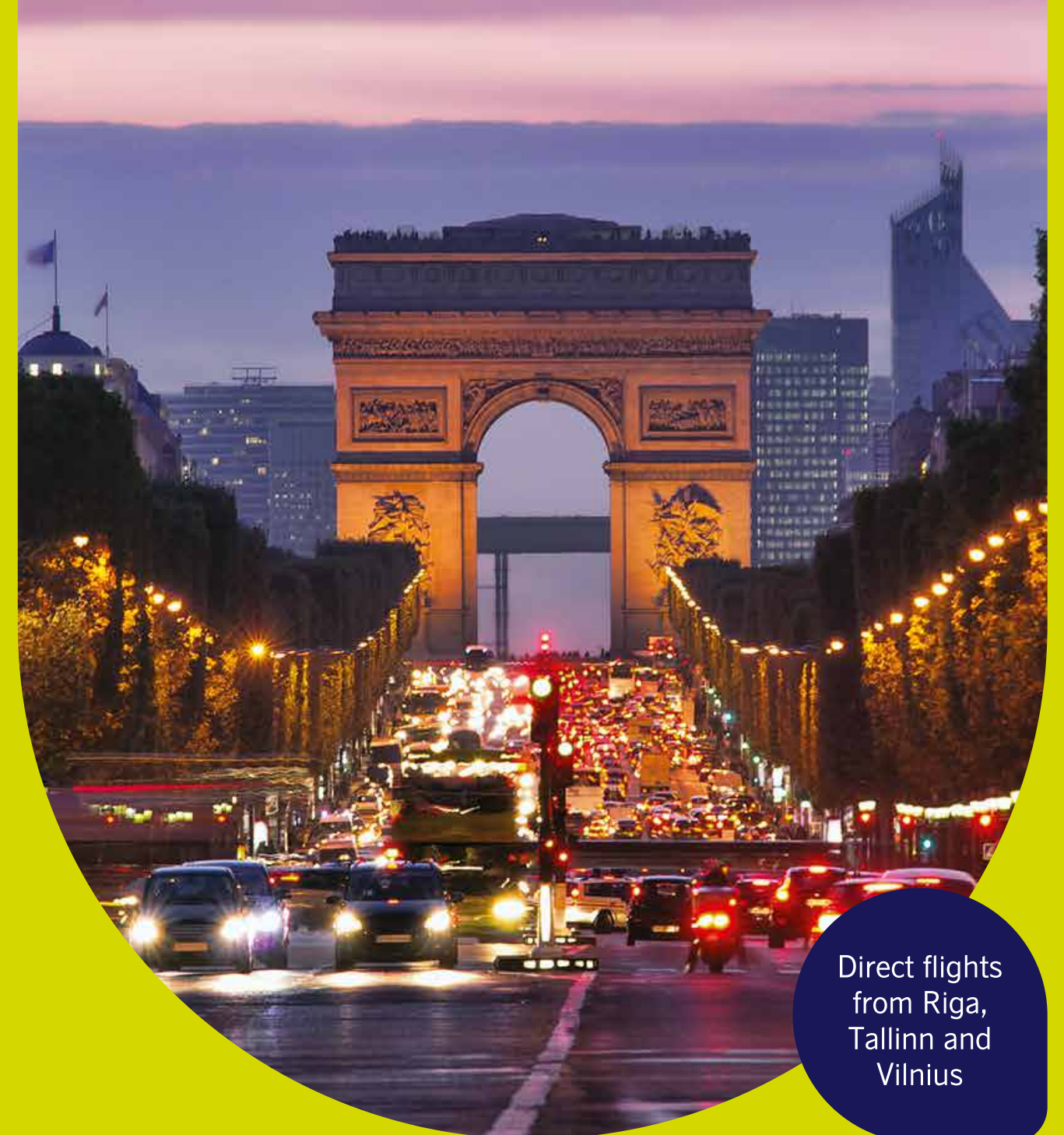
a long-standing tradition at the hotel. In summer, the rooftop bar on the 23rd floor opens up, offering a picture-perfect view of the medieval Old Town and the Gulf of Finland.

But what truly sets *Hotel Viru* apart lies at the very top of the building. The 23rd floor is also home to one of Tallinn's most exciting museums, the KGB Museum, which tells the extraordinary story of the Cold War era, bringing this secretive chapter of history to life.

During the Soviet period, this floor officially did not exist on the elevator buttons or building plans. It was used as a secret surveillance centre where the KGB monitored foreign guests and hotel staff. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the officers left the building quickly, leaving behind radio equipment, specialised furniture, and documents that are now part of the museum's exhibition.

While the museum is open to all, whether they are guests of the hotel or not, it is accessible only as part of a guided tour. Tours are available in English, Finnish, and Estonian, and tickets can be booked through the hotel's website, the dedicated museum page, or directly from the hotel reception. Lasting around an hour, the experience is a great way to add an educational touch to your day in Tallinn and get a unique look into Estonia's 20th-century history.

It's this blend of modern hospitality and living history that makes *Hotel Viru* feel like a destination in its own right. For travellers looking to stay somewhere central, comfortable, and unmistakably Tallinn, *Hotel Viru* remains, quite simply, legendary.



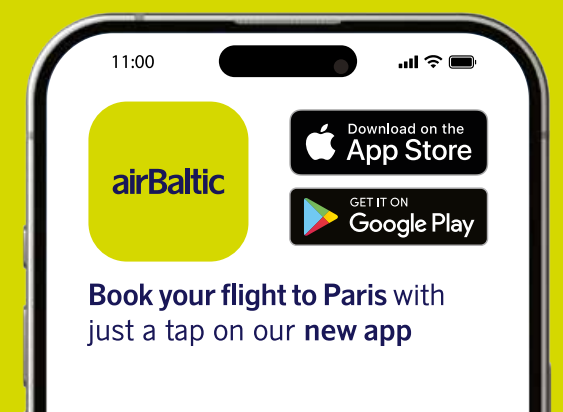
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For more than three years now, *Olivia Restaurant* has been welcoming Rigans and guests to the city with a combination of Mediterranean and Northern traditions and foods that are not available anywhere else in Latvia.

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



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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.

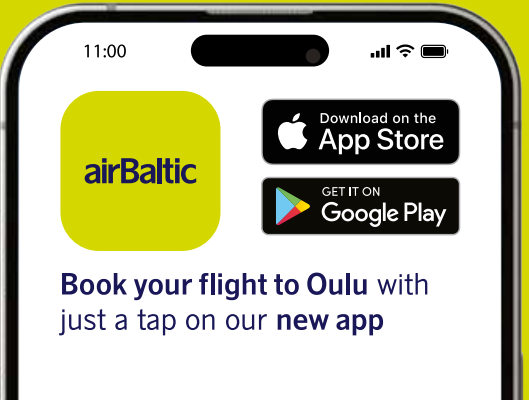
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RIGA – the favourites are back

For the upcoming summer season, *airBaltic* is adding two new routes from Riga to **Warsaw**, Poland’s fast-moving capital with a thriving food and culture scene, and **Gothenburg**, Sweden’s coastal city known for its design focus and sustainability-first mindset. These join routes already announced earlier, including **Kaunas**, **Oulu**, and **Antalya**, Turkey’s sun-soaked Mediterranean gateway. *airBaltic* is also bringing back three well-liked routes from Riga: **Aberdeen**, a Scottish city with a strong cultural scene; **Belgrade**, the lively capital of Serbia; and **Yerevan**, Armenia’s ancient city framed by fascinating landscapes.

VILNIUS and LITHUANIA – more connected than ever

Lithuania enters the summer of 2026 with its greatest access to Europe to date. Two new routes from Vilnius will connect the city directly to **Zurich**, a global finance hub that also serves as a gateway to the Alps, and **Chisinau**, Moldova’s quietly emerging capital. Travellers can also fly from Palanga or Kaunas via Riga, with the Latvian capital acting as a convenient second hub and opening up the full *airBaltic* network.

Operating up to four times a day, frequent flights between Vilnius and Riga will make connections smooth and flexible and unlock access to more than 70 destinations worldwide. The airline’s summer schedule will also include direct flights from Vilnius and Palanga to the buzzing Dutch capital of Amsterdam, while Vilnius will gain links to Berlin, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Lisbon, Malaga, Munich, Nice, Paris, Palma de Mallorca, Prague, Tallinn, Zurich, Gran Canaria, Heraklion, and Krakow, offering a strong mix of city breaks, beach escapes, and long-haul connections.



TALLINN – even more direct flights from the Estonian capital

This year *airBaltic* will reintroduce flights from Tallinn to **Oslo**, pairing Scandinavian urban life with easy access to nature. This complements routes already announced in the autumn of 2025, including **Athens** (widely seen as southern Europe’s most dynamic capital right now), Germany’s creative northern port city of **Hamburg**, and Austria’s stately capital of **Vienna**. Tallinn’s connection to Riga will become even more useful, with up to five daily flights enabling fast onward travel across *airBaltic*’s wider network. Summer will also bring a broad range of direct routes from Tallinn, including Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, London, Malaga, Malta, Munich, Nice, Paris, Salzburg, Split, Rhodes, Tirana, and Vilnius, among many others.

To and from SCANDINAVIA and FINLAND via Riga

With short flight times and seamless connections, Riga continues to work as a comfortable and efficient gateway for Scandinavia and Finland. Cities such as **Stockholm**, **Gothenburg**, **Copenhagen**, **Oslo**, **Billund**, and **Bergen**, along with **Helsinki**, **Tampere**, **Oulu**, **Turku**, and **Kittilä**, are all easily linked through the Latvian capital to more than 70 destinations across the *airBaltic* network. It’s also a convenient way to tap into Nordic life, whether that means sauna culture in Helsinki, Arctic landscapes in Kittilä, a food-focused weekend in Copenhagen, gallery hopping in Oslo, or outdoor adventures around Bergen.



MORE FLIGHTS WHERE IT MATTERS

For 2026, *airBaltic* has fine-tuned its schedule to better match how people actually travel. Frequencies are increasing on 30 existing routes, featuring key European hubs from all the Baltic capitals. That means more departure options throughout the week, which in turn makes it easier to plan



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When winter starts to feel long, *airBaltic* makes it easy to trade grey days for brighter ones. With tiled streets, river views, and bakery stops for *pastel de nata* fresh from the oven, **Lisbon** is made for winter wandering; fly to Lisbon from EUR 135 one way. **Malaga** keeps terrace culture alive year round, pairing palm-lined promenades with nearby hiking routes and Andalusian flavours; catch a flight to Malaga from EUR 135 one way. **Dubai** turns winter into something polished and indulgent, with warm beaches, desert landscapes, skyline views, and world-class dining; flights to Dubai start from EUR 215 one way. Active, green **Madeira** rounds things off with levada walks, coastal hikes, and fresh Atlantic swims no matter the season; book your getaway to Madeira from EUR 195 one way.

For travellers who want winter done properly, *airBaltic* connects to cities that put reliable snow within easy reach

business trips, long-haul travel, and quick urban getaways. From Riga, flight frequency to **Zurich** is increasing, strengthening access to one of Europe’s most important financial and transfer centres. Germany is also becoming easier to navigate, with more flights to **Munich**, **Berlin**, and **Hamburg**, supporting business travel as well as onward rail and air connections across the continent. Links eastward are improving as well, with a notable increase in flights to **Chisinau** in Moldova.

Leisure matters just as much as work, and therefore popular leisure destinations are getting a boost as well. More flights to **Copenhagen** make Nordic weekends easier to plan, while extra services to **Prague** and **Milan** give greater flexibility for cultural escapes and city breaks. Frequencies are also increasing to **Sofia** and **Tbilisi**, opening up southeastern Europe and the Caucasus with fewer gaps between flights. Routes to **Oslo** and **Tel Aviv** are gaining additional services as well. Altogether, these changes mean more dependable schedules, better timing throughout the day, and smoother connections via Riga. In summer, *airBaltic* will operate more than 110 routes across its bases, giving travellers across the Baltics more choice without added complexity.



while still delivering culture, food, and urban life. **Zurich** is a direct gateway to classic Swiss resorts such as Engelberg and Andermatt, making it easy to combine Alpine days with the city’s thriving culture scene and fondue-filled dinners; fly to Zurich from EUR 79 one way. **Munich** works as a practical base for the Bavarian Alps, with Garmisch-Partenkirchen and the Zugspitze close enough for day trips, while evenings belong to museums and hearty Bavarian cuisine; catch a flight to Munich from EUR 75 one way. **Vienna** pairs grand architecture and concert halls with access to ski areas in Lower Austria and Styria, offering a perfect combination of slopes and cultural grandeur; flights to Vienna begin at EUR 69 one way. Think **Barcelona** isn’t for winter? Think again! The Catalan capital lies just a couple of hours by car from the Pyrenees, with such highlight ski resorts as La Molina, La Masella, and Port del Comte. Fly to Barcelona from EUR 89 one way.

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

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Words by Marta Metuzāle
Photos courtesy of the *Falcons* hockey school

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.



Three reasons *Falcons* chooses *airBaltic*'s corporate client programme:

- Convenient flight times
- Ability to change bookings at the last minute
- Large sports equipment baggage allowance

Ice hockey is a very popular sport in Latvia, and the ***Falcons* ice hockey school** is the place where Mogo/RSU club players (four-time Latvian hockey champions) and national-level Latvian hockey stars are born. Thanks to the devoted work of the school and the opportunities it provides, its young ice hockey players have won the Riga Hockey Cup three times. The school's coaches are experienced professional players who have represented the Latvian men's ice hockey team and are now imparting their practical knowledge and invaluable experience to new generations of players. Numerous graduates of the school have gone on to represent Latvia in international ice hockey championships and are continuing their careers abroad, with *Falcons* hoping to soon see some of its graduates even drafted by the National Hockey League (NHL).

To provide the youngsters with even more opportunities for growth, for the past three years the *Falcons* U14, U15, and U16 teams have taken part in Finland's Youth Championship at the AAA level. This championship exposes players to international experience and competition. The championship takes place in Finland, and therefore **the players and their support team fly to Helsinki almost every weekend during the school year** – that's up to 32 flights per season.

But, as stated by *Falcons* founder Māris Martinsons, the school also takes the athletes' education very seriously, and thus it's important that they can combine international matches with regular school attendance at home in Latvia. Thanks to direct *airBaltic* flights to these destinations on Fridays and return flights on Sundays, the pupils can integrate professional sport into their academic lives and school routines.

Regularly flying three whole teams comes with inevitable last-minute changes to plans. But with the *airBaltic* corporate client programme, Martinsons says that the ***Falcons* can manage their**

lists of travellers and request urgent changes with ease. In addition, the corporate client booking system allows for a simple and easy accounting process for the school's accounting team.

Ice hockey involves a significant amount of equipment, which players carry in large-sized sports bags when travelling. With the corporate client programme, passengers are able to check up to 23 + 23 kilograms of sports equipment baggage. Impeccable *airBaltic* service ensures that the baggage reaches its destination with no worry, and that certainly makes *airBaltic* an ice hockey-friendly airline.

In addition to the convenient flight times, easy booking process, and significant baggage allowance, the ***Falcons* school also appreciates the opportunity to use high speed internet on board and fast-track services**, which lets everyone minimise their time at the airport and reach their gate with no stress or sense of urgency.

As part of its corporate client programme, *airBaltic* offers discounted prices to all of its destinations, with two pieces of checked baggage (23 + 23 kilograms) included. In addition, flights can be easily booked online or via a travel agency, and corporate customers have flexibility when it comes to unexpected changes, such as date or name changes, as well as ticket refunds. For even more comfort, corporate customers can use the **fast-track security check at the Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, and Copenhagen airports**, enjoy priority boarding, choose their favourite seat in the aircraft, and use Business class check-in at all airports, even if travelling in Corporate Economy Flex class.



airBaltic in Facts and Figures



Founded in Latvia, August 1995
88.37% ownership by the Latvian State,
10% Deutsche Lufthansa AG, and 1.63%
by other private shareholders



Network
More than 130 routes
connecting the Baltics to
Europe and beyond



Fleet
Modern single-type fleet
of Airbus A220-300



Employees
Nearly 3 000



Flights
47.6 thousand
in 2025



Passengers
5.2 million
in 2025



Innovation
Free high-speed
internet on board



Loyalty programme
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The leading airline in the Baltics

Over the past 30 years, *airBaltic* has evolved into a globally respected carrier. Now the airline is connecting the Baltic States to 80 destinations across Europe and beyond, providing essential infrastructure and global connectivity for the region. As the Baltics' vital link to the rest of Europe, *airBaltic* also ensures seamless travel with more than 20 codeshare partners, providing one-stop connections to over 200 destinations worldwide.





Love takes a flight: a Valentine's Day celebration on board *airBaltic*!

There's something enduringly romantic about flying. The hush of the cabin, the slow drift of clouds outside the window, the shared anticipation of what awaits at the destination...

On Valentine's Day, flying becomes more than a way to get from point A to point B – it's a celebration in and of itself. It's about the mood on board, the small details, and the feeling that this journey has been prepared with special care. Therefore, we at *airBaltic* mark Valentine's Day with thoughtful touches designed to make your time in the air feel special, whether you're travelling with a partner, a friend, or enjoying the journey on your own.

Planning the moment in advance
Food sits at the heart of most celebrations, and Valentine's Day is no exception. To mark the occasion, passengers are invited to pre-order meals and treats created to add a romantic note to the flight. Pre-ordering lets you plan ahead and relax. No last-minute decisions, no worrying about favourite options selling out, just more time to focus on who you're travelling with or to simply enjoy the experience.

Meals can be selected during flight booking or added later, turning an ordinary journey into a small celebration and making the flight pass even more quickly.

Special Valentine's Day desserts
No Valentine's Day feels complete without something sweet. *airBaltic's* dessert selection available only by pre-ordering is designed to suit different tastes while complementing the festive mood, allowing passengers to indulge in a way that feels right for them.

Chocolate-covered strawberries are a classic for a reason. Fresh, juicy strawberries coated in smooth chocolate strike a balance between sweetness and freshness, making them ideal for sharing or savouring solo. Valentine's Day is not reserved for couples only, and singles should not miss out on a little celebration!

For those who reach for chocolate first, the **chocolate cake** delivers exactly what you crave. Rich, indulgent, and deeply satisfying, this dessert truly hits the spot. If **cheesecake** is more your style, *airBaltic's* creamy take on this timeless classic offers a familiar comfort with a polished finish.

Passengers who prefer a lighter, plant-based option can order **chia pudding** made with almond milk. Delicate yet nourishing, it offers a more mindful, nutritious way to indulge while still feeling festive.

A festive toast without the buzz
What's a celebration without a touch of sparkle? On board, passengers can toast the occasion with zero-percent alcohol **Bottega sparkling wine**, which is available for purchase during the flight. Light and refreshing, it delivers the familiar pleasure of bubbles without the buzz, adding a celebratory note while supporting those Dry January intentions.

Making Valentine's Day special on board
Valentine's Day is about sharing moments and creating memories. Travelling together is part of that, but the journey itself deserves attention, too. Why wait until landing to start celebrating? Surprise your loved one with a favourite sweet treat. Flying solo? Turn the flight into a moment of self-care by treating yourself.

And if your idea of celebrating Valentine's Day calls for something more substantial, there's no need to compromise. A full lineup of savoury meals inspired by a variety of cuisines is available for pre-order to satisfy bigger appetites. As Latvians like to say, *mīlestība iet caur vēderu*, or, 'the way to someone's heart is through their stomach'.

Savour every moment in the sky

Welcome aboard! We're excited to offer you a delightful in-flight experience with our range of services designed to make your journey more enjoyable.

Business class meals

Make your comfort the highest priority and feel special with our all-inclusive Business class service.

- **Gourmet menus**, curated by our expert chef
- A weekly rotating menu for **fresh flavour every time** you fly
- **Perfectly paired drinks** for a complete dining experience
- **Special dietary options and a separate menu** designed for young travellers



Economy class pre-order meals

Make the most of your time in the air – preorder a delicious meal.

- **Be served first** and enjoy your meal without waiting
- Combine up to five meals and five drinks per person for a **tailored dining experience**
- Enjoy special seasonal meals and **exclusive offers** available only for pre-order
- Experience the convenience of ordering in advance – **no last-minute hassle**



airCafe Menu

Treat yourself and explore our extensive menu and make your journey as delightful as your destination.

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Upgrade to Business class with bidding!

Imagine transforming your journey from a routine flight into a premium experience with impeccable service and ultimate convenience – all for a price you decide.

That's now possible with *airBaltic's* bidding system. Economy ticket holders can now bid for an upgrade, unlocking a host of luxury perks without committing to a full Business class fare.

How does it work? Passengers can submit an offer, deciding how much they want to pay for an upgrade. The bidding process remains open until a set time before departure, which depends on the airport. Need to adjust or change your offer? No problem. You can increase, decrease, or cancel your bid any time before it is accepted (usually 48 to 12 hours before departure). You'll only be charged if your bid is accepted, ensuring you don't pay for an upgrade you don't receive. It's a simple, hassle-free way to access the best seats on the plane, premium in-flight service, and exclusive airport privileges.

Joining the bidding process is easy. There are two ways to do this. Visit airbaltic.com, select Prepare, and click

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

So, why bother bidding? Because Business class isn't just about comfort – it's about convenience, efficiency, and making your journey as smooth as possible. Ideal for longer flights, pre-meeting preparations, or simply indulging in a touch of luxury, an upgrade means priority check-in, fast-track security, and access to business lounges with complimentary snacks and drinks. It also includes two cabin bags, a personal item, and two checked bags, totalling up to 46 kilograms, with sports equipment included. Enjoy priority boarding, a separate cabin for maximum privacy, and gourmet meals paired with complimentary beverages served during the flight. Plus, Business class passengers are the first to disembark, making onward travel even more effortless.

With *airBaltic's* bidding system, flying in comfort has never been more accessible. Place your bid, and let your next journey begin in Business class.

Upgrade with bidding in 3 easy steps

1 Step 1

Place your bid. Choose how much you want to bid for an upgrade.



2 Step 2

Submit your bid.

You can cancel or edit your bid up to the moment your bid is accepted, which is 48 to 12 hours before the flight.

3 Step 3

We'll send you an email up to 12 hours before your flight if your bid was accepted.

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airBaltic Training – a key driver of general aviation development in the region

airBaltic Training continues to strengthen its role as a key driver of general aviation development in the Baltics and Scandinavia, combining excellent pilot training with comprehensive aircraft maintenance and airworthiness services.

A clear example of this long-term commitment is *airBaltic* Training’s cooperation with *Diamond Aircraft Industries*, which has now reached a new milestone with the expansion of maintenance and CAMO (continuing airworthiness management organisation) services for the *Diamond DA50 RG* aircraft. The partnership with *Diamond Aircraft* began in 2018, when *airBaltic* Training ordered its first four *Diamond* aircraft – three *DA40 NG* and one *DA42-VI* – together with a *Diamond DA42-VI/DA40 NG* flight simulator. At the time of the initial order, Pauls Cālītis, the Chief Operating Officer at *airBaltic*, highlighted the strategic importance of the aircraft selection by expressing *airBaltic*’s confidence in this aircraft: ‘*Diamond* aircraft are the safest and most modern training aircraft in the market. While primarily preparing our future pilots for our *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, it’s vital that the training aircraft also offers a flight deck with large LCD displays with optimised control and display

functions, in addition to the overall efficiency of the aircraft.’ Beyond technology and efficiency, the aircraft have proven their value in intensive daily training operations. *Diamond* aircraft are highly appreciated by students for their predictable handling and overall flying characteristics. At the same time, similarities in flight deck structure and operational logic support a smoother transition from *Diamond* aircraft to *Airbus A220-300* flight decks, helping students adapt more easily when progressing to airline operations. Since that first delivery, the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy has accumulated more than 37,000 flight hours on *Diamond* aircraft, with over 15,000 hours flown in the past two years alone. This high level of utilisation is matched by extensive technical experience: more than 1,200 maintenance tasks have been performed across the fleet, including 22 engine changes, underscoring the depth of in-house expertise built over years of continuous operation. Today, the *Diamond* fleet operated by

airBaltic Training consists of ten aircraft, including nine *DA40* and one *DA42*, supporting a stable and airline-oriented training environment. In parallel with flight training, the *Diamond* simulator has also seen intensive use, logging between 2,000 and 3,000 training hours annually. *airBaltic* Technics General Aviation Services, a subdivision of *airBaltic* Training, has now added the *Diamond DA50 RG* to its approved aircraft list for both MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) and CAMO services. Based at Liepāja Airport (EVLA/LPX), *airBaltic* Technics General Aviation Services provides complete airworthiness and maintenance solutions for *Diamond* aircraft. Services include line and base maintenance, warranty repairs, parts procurement, propeller loan solutions, aircraft hangaring, and pre-purchase inspections, supported by EASA-approved CAMO services. Fully paperless operations, powered by *MRX Systems* electronic flight and technical logs, enable efficient documentation handling and faster returns to service. By expanding its *DA50 RG* maintenance capabilities, *airBaltic* Training further strengthens its position as a leading

Diamond Aircraft service provider in the Baltics and Scandinavia. This expansion ensures that operators across the region can access manufacturer-approved maintenance and continue airworthiness services locally. The *DA50 RG* is increasingly attractive to regional operators, offering modern performance and the ability to fly approximately 750 nautical miles (1,389 kilometres) in a single trip. ‘The *DA50 RG* is an important addition to the *Diamond Aircraft* portfolio, and its presence in our region is steadily increasing,’ says Uldis Dzenis, the Maintenance and CAMO Manager at *airBaltic* Technics General Aviation Services. ‘By extending our approvals, we ensure that operators can rely on comprehensive maintenance and airworthiness support close to home, reducing downtime and operational complexity.’ This new capability was enabled by the certification of *airBaltic* Technics General Aviation Services as a service partner for *Continental* diesel engines by *Continental Aerospace Technologies*, complementing existing approvals for *Diamond Aircraft Industries* and *Austro Engine*. Email: info@genavservices.com

ABOUT *DIAMOND* AIRCRAFT

1. The *airBaltic* Pilot Academy has flown more than 37,000 hours with *Diamond* aircraft.
2. The *Diamond DA40*, which is the prevailing aircraft at the Pilot Academy, can fly approximately 1,730 kilometres on a single tank of fuel, which is comparable to flying in a straight line from Riga to Paris.
3. With certain props, the *Diamond DA40* produces around 74 dB(A) of external flyover noise, which is comparable to busy street traffic and quieter than many other training aircraft.
4. In 2004, a *DA42* became the first diesel-powered fixed-wing aircraft to complete a non-stop crossing of the North Atlantic (12.5 hours, averaging ~5.7 gallons of fuel per hour per engine).
5. The *DA40 NG* variant uses the *Austro AE300* jet-fuel diesel engine, burning about 5.1 gallons per hour in economy cruise and achieving speeds up to 154 knots – impressive efficiency for a four-seat aircraft. In terms of distance travelled per gallon in cruise, the *DA40 NG*’s fuel efficiency can be comparable to a car on the highway, though aircraft and automotive mpg aren’t directly equivalent.

Photos courtesy of Daumants Lūsa

From world-class tracks to the flight deck



Photo by Julia Sadykova



As it turns out, a journey to the flight deck can start on snow-covered tracks, driven by endurance, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence. Daumants Lūsa, a former professional biathlon athlete and recent graduate of the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy, is a strong example of how skills from the world of elite sports can readily adapt to the demands of aviation.

Both sport and flying have fascinated Lūsa since childhood, but it was biathlon that first shaped his professional path. For many years, he was a member of the Latvian National Biathlon Team, competing at the highest international level in World Cup events and World Championships. His career highlight was a 12th-place finish in the World Cup single mixed relay. Constant travel to competitions and training camps meant countless hours spent in airports and airplanes. Over time, this sparked a new curiosity in Lūsa. 'I really enjoyed the airport atmosphere,' he recalls, 'and I often found myself thinking how fascinating it would be to one day fly the aircraft myself.'

That thought gradually turned into a goal. Looking back, Lūsa sees strong parallels between professional sport and aviation. Discipline was central to his life as an athlete, with years of daily training, mental focus, and total commitment. Those same qualities proved essential during pilot training, which he describes as equally demanding. Reflection also plays a key role. Just as he once analysed races and training sessions, Lūsa now reviews each flight, considering what went well and where improvements can be made.

Biathlon, which is a sport that requires rapid shifts from extreme physical effort to calm precision at the shooting range, taught the young pilot the value of adaptability. He believes this ability to quickly adjust his mindset and actions is just as critical on the flight deck, where safe flying depends on situational awareness and controlled decision-making. Thus, he brings his elite sports mindset to *airBaltic's* flight deck, proving that high performance, whether in sport or aviation, is built on the same foundations of discipline, reflection, and adaptability.

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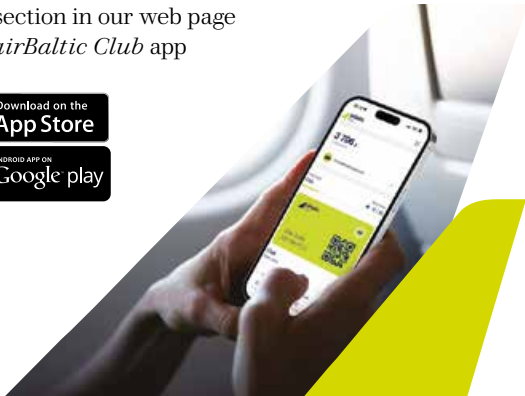
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Children from the age of two can join, too! Just log into *airBaltic.com*, enter your child's e-mail address in the *Edit profile* section, and complete the registration form. After registration, your child can become a part of the Friends&Family account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

More information at airBaltic.com/club



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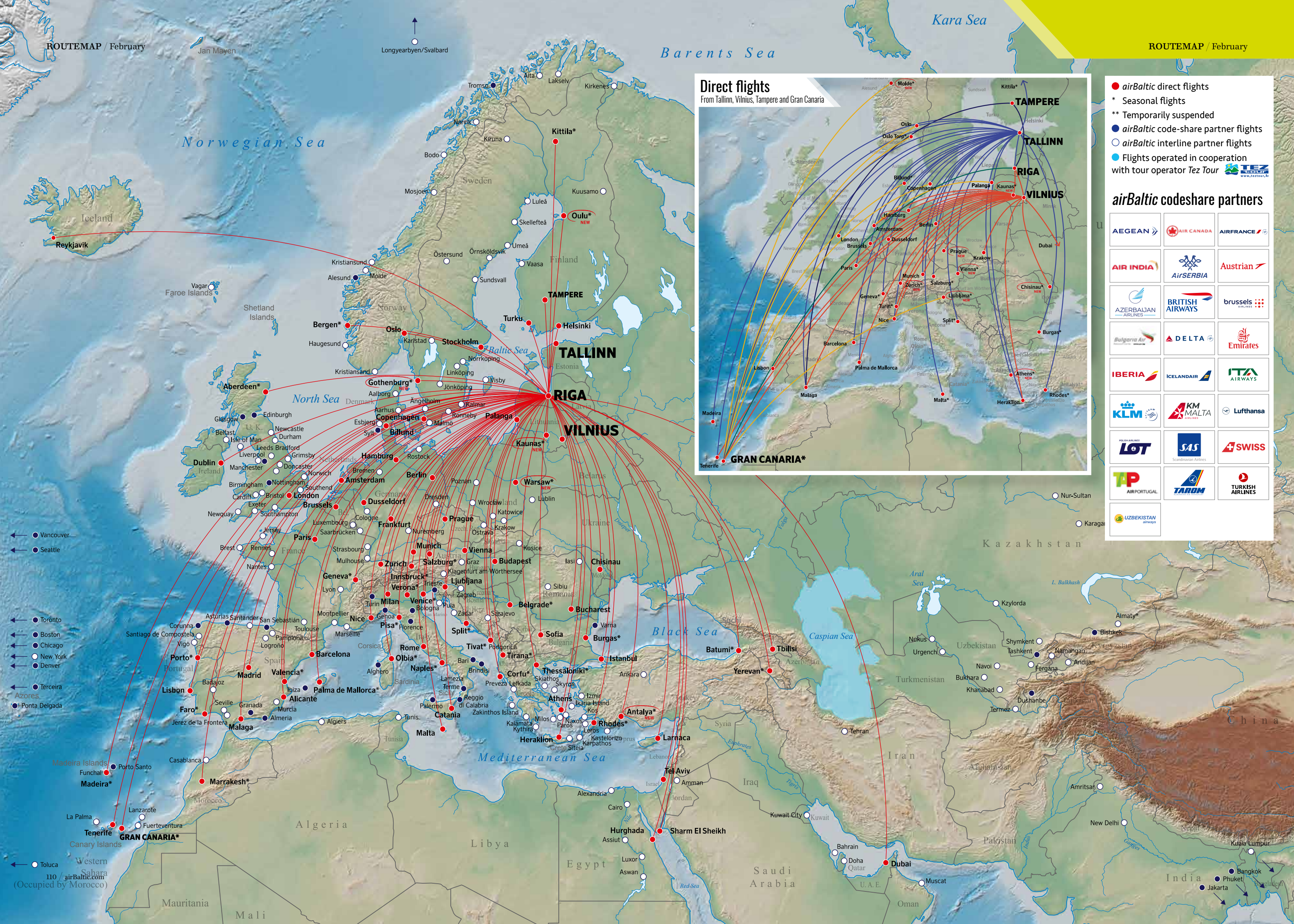
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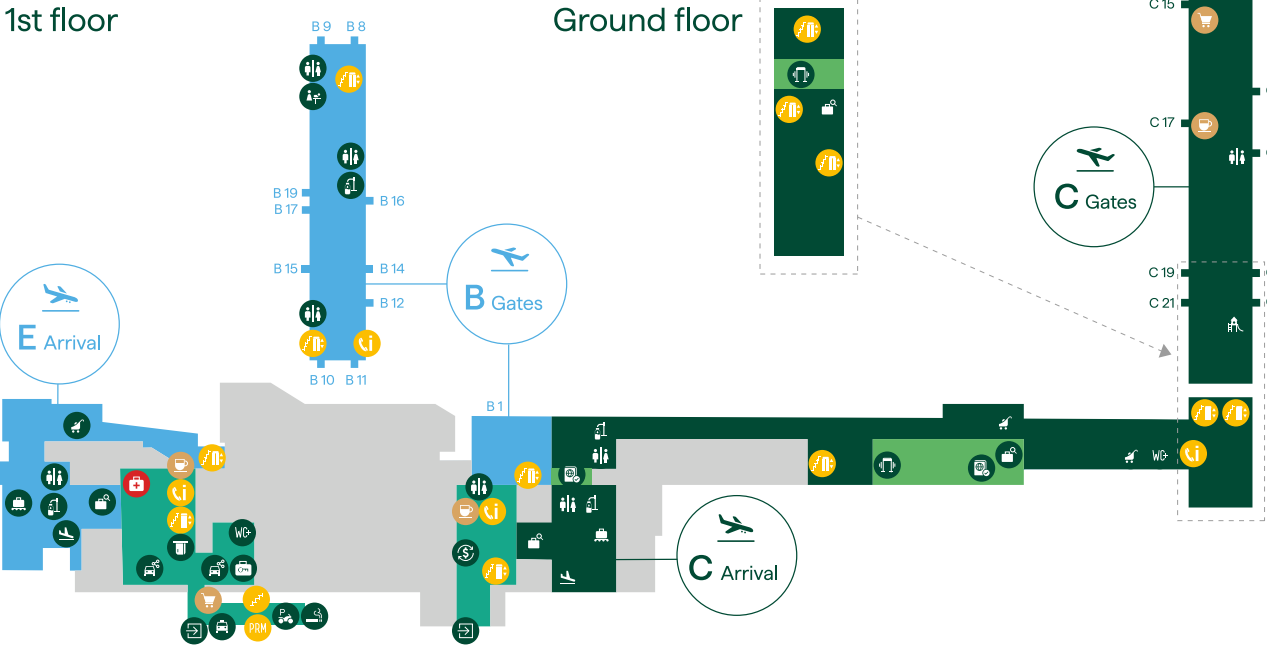
Welcome to RIX Riga Airport

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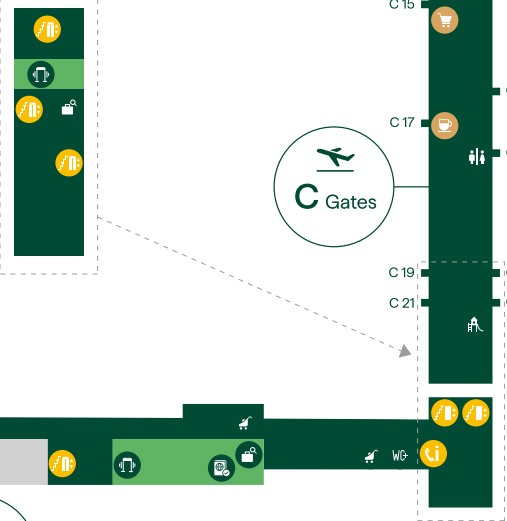
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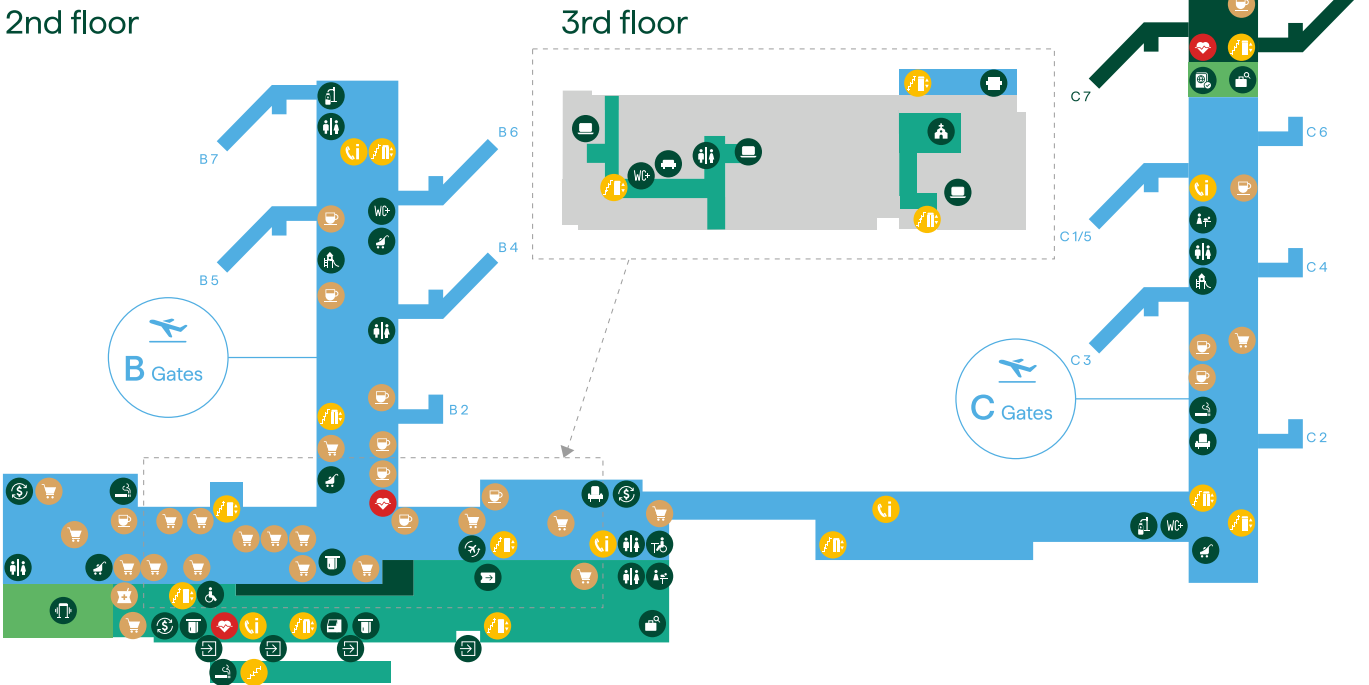
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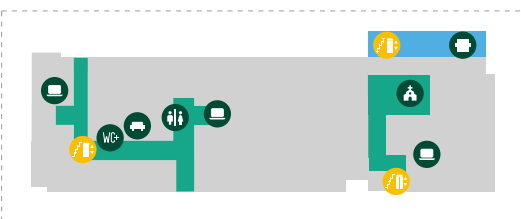
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Twix
Twix



12⁴⁷ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

13⁹⁷ €

Chicken soup
Vistas zupa

Any soft drink*
Jebkurš atspirdzinošs dzēriens*

Croissant
Kruasāns



14⁹⁷ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

16⁴⁷ €

Panini
Panini

Any soft drink*
Jebkurš atspirdzinošs dzēriens*



10⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

10⁹⁸ €

Croissant
Kruasāns

Coffee
Kafija



10⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

10⁹⁸ €

Wrap burger
Vrapburgers

Any soft drink*
Jebkurš atspirdzinošs dzēriens*



11⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

11⁹⁸ €

Tapas
Tapas

Bottega 0 Sparkling Life
Bezalkoholiskais dzirkstošais vīns



15⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

15⁹⁸ €

*Excluding Rudy's Kombucha

Please be informed that fresh meals are available on flights lasting over 1h and 30 min, and some items may not be available on all flights or might already be sold out. Ask the cabin crew about the ingredients and allergens of a given product.

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*Izņemot Rudy's Kombuča

Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ilgāki par 1 h 30 min. Informējam, ka produktu pieejamība var mainīties atkarībā no lidojuma maršruta. Jautājiēt apkalpei par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.

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Svaigi pagatavotas maltītes!

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



Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgs vrap ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

7⁹⁹ €



Panini

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

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

7⁹⁹ €



Wrap
Wraps

Any soft drink*
Jebkurš atspirdzinošs dzēriens*

Muffin
Kēkss

OR
VAI

Twix
Twix



12⁴⁷ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

13⁹⁷ €

Panini
Panini

Any soft drink*
Jebkurš atspirdzinošs dzēriens*



10⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

10⁹⁸ €



Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

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

6⁹⁹ €



Wrap burger

Wrap burger filled with delicious BBQ-infused pulled beef

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar plucinātu liellopa gaļu barbekjū gaumā

8⁹⁹ €

Tapas

Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

Olīvas, maizes standziņas, siers, šķiņķis un fuet minidesiņas

8⁴⁹ €



Chicken soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

6⁴⁹ €



Croissant
Kruasāns

Coffee
Kafija

10⁴⁸ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

10⁹⁸ €

Tapas
Tapas

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Bezalkoholiskais dzirkstošais vīns

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Buying separately
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Chicken soup
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Croissant
Kruasāns

14⁹⁷ €

Buying separately
Pērkot atsevišķi

16⁴⁷ €



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the skies.

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support digestion, and hydrate
naturally with sparkling mineral
water 885.



Natural mineral water 885

Still or sparkling, 50cl

Gāzēts vai negāzēts
dabīgais minerālūdens

2⁹⁹
€

HOT DISHES | SILTIE ĒDIENI



Thai Green Curry Chicken

Tender chicken with rice in a spicy
Thai green curry sauce

Sautēta vista ar rīsiem pikantā
Taizemes karija mērcē

9⁹⁹
€



Vegetable lasagne

Vegan lasagne with vegetable
sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu
mērci (bez glutēna)

9⁹⁹
€



SUN YAN Instant noodles

Roasted beef flavour noodles

Nūdeles ar cepta liellopa gaļas garšu

4⁴⁹
€

SALTY SNACKS | SĀLĀS UZKODAS



Mario Crunchy bread crisps BBQ flavour, 100 g

Grauzdīņi ar barbekjū ribiņu garšu

3⁹⁹ €



Nōo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages, 85g
"Nōo Snack" cigārdesiņas ar parmežāna sieru

3⁴⁹ €



Salysol salted peanuts, 60g

"Salysol" sāļīti zemesrieksti

3⁴⁹ €



Pringles Original or Sour Cream & Onion

Potato crisps, 40g

Kartupeļu čipsi

3⁴⁹ €



Beef Jerky

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

"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vītināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa

3⁹⁹ €



SOFT DRINKS | DZĒRIENI



Rudy's Kombucha

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

Dabīgi fermentēts zaļās tējas dzēriens ar marakuju un mango

3⁹⁹ €



Natural mineral water 885

Still or sparkling, 50cl

Gāzēts vai negāzēts dabīgais minerālūdens

2⁹⁹ €



Cido Exclusive

Apple or tomato juice, 30cl

Ābolu vai tomātu sula

2⁹⁹ €



Aura

Orange juice, 33cl

Apelsīnu sula

2⁹⁹ €

Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2⁹⁹ €



Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2⁹⁹ €



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SWEET SNACKS | SALDĀS UZKODAS

Blueberry
muffin

Melleņu kūkss

3⁴⁹ €



Twix Xtra
or Snickers

Chocolate bar

Šokolādes batoniņš

2⁹⁹ €



Fazer Tutti Frutti Passion

Assorted sweets, 120g
Saldumu izlase

3⁴⁹ €



The Beginnings

Crispy Vanilla protein bar, 50g
Kraukšķīgs vaniļas proteīna batoniņš

3⁴⁹ €



LIDO cepums

Cookie with nuts and salted caramel, 45g
Cepums ar sāļo karameli un riekstiem

2⁹⁹ €

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HOT DRINKS | KARSTIE DZĒRIENI



Freshly brewed
Barista Cup coffee

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

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

3⁹⁹ €



Cadbury

Hot Chocolate Drink, 28cl
Karstās šokolādes dzēriens

3⁹⁹ €



Douwe Egberts
cappuccino

Instant cappuccino, 28cl
Kapučīno dzēriens

3⁹⁹ €

Basilur tea

Black / Green, 28cl
Melnā tēja / Zaļā tēja

3⁴⁹ €



"Oga"
blackcurrant-ginger
hot winter drink

"Oga" upeņu-ingvera
karstais ziemas dzēriens

3⁴⁹ €



Plūkt Blossom tea

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

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

3⁹⁹ €



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TO UNDERAGE PERSONS.

BEER & WINE | ALUS UN VĪNS



**Marcy Merlot
& Cabernet Sauvignon**

18.7cl, 13%, France
Sarkanvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹ €

**Alexis Colombard
Chardonnay**

18.7cl, 11.5%, France
Baltvīns, Francija

7⁹⁹ €

**Bottega 0
Sparkling Life**

20cl, 0%, Italy
Bezalkoholiskais
dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

7⁴⁹ €



**Bottega II Vino Dei Poeti
Prosecco DOC Rosé Brut**

20cl, 11%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8⁴⁹ €

**Bottega Gold
Prosecco Brut**

20cl, 11%, Italy
Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8⁴⁹ €

Mežpils Lager

50cl, 5.3%, Latvia

Mežpils Gaišais
lāgers, Latvija

7⁴⁹ €

Carlsberg

33cl, 5%, Danish Pilsner

Dāņu Pilsner gaišais alus

4⁹⁹ €

**Staropramen
Non Alcoholic**

33cl, 0.5%,
Czech Republic

Bezalkoholiskais alus, Čehija

4⁴⁹ €



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI



Premixed cocktails
Iepriekš pagatavoti kokteiļi



ÖBDO Negroni

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

Slavens itāļu kokteilis ar džinu, vermutu un kampari

7⁹⁹ €



Black Balsam Currant

33cl, 5%, Premium Riga Black Balsam cocktail with blackcurrant juice

Premium kolekcijas kokteilis ar Rīgas Melno balzamu un upeņu sulu

7⁴⁹ €

Spirits and bitters
Stiprie alkoholiskie dzērieni



Bombay Sapphire

Dry Gin 5cl, 40%

Džins

6⁹⁹ €



Jack Daniel's

Whiskey 5cl, 40%

Viskijs

7⁴⁹ €



Rémy Martin

VSOP cognac 5cl, 40%

Konjaks

7⁹⁹ €



Finlandia

Premium vodka 5cl, 40%

Degvīns

5⁹⁹ €



Riga Black Balsam 4cl, 45%

Rīgas Melnais balzams

5⁹⁹ €

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI

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

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

9⁹⁸ €



Blended Cocktails

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

Klasiskie kokteiļi

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



Jack Daniel's whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniel's viskijs & Coca-Cola

10⁴⁸ €



HOT Riga Black Balsam & "Oga" black currant-ginger

Karstais Rīgas Melnais balzams & "Oga" upeņu-ingvera dzēriens

9⁴⁸ €



Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8⁹⁸ €

Finlandia Premium vodka & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8⁹⁸ €



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Floral Fruity

€29⁹⁰

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VERSACE
Woman EDP
for her, 50 ml



Fruity

Fresh

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€29.59**

Save **33%**

PEPE JEANS
Life is Now EDP
for her, 30 ml



Amber

Floriental

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€25.95**

Save 23%

WOMEN'S SECRET
Intimate EDP
for her, 100 ml

Amber

Floral

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€29.99**

Save **34%**



Woody

Aromatic

€19⁹⁰

CALVIN KLEIN
Free EDT for
him, 50 ml



AVIATOR PERFUMES

Energy EDP for him,
100 ml

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price €34.99

Save 43%

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

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

Woody

Aromatic



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BUGATTI

Signature Black EDT for him, 100 ml

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

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

Amber

Aromatic

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price €21.20

Save 6%

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BUGATTI

Felicità Apricot EDP for her, 60 ml

Felicità apricot captures pure summer joy in a radiant floral-fruity fragrance. Sparkling apricot, citrus and litchi open with playful freshness, leading to a floral heart of hibiscus, calycanthus and camellia. Vanilla, white musk and sandalwood add sensual warmth. Housed in an elegant drop-shaped golden bottle, it embodies timeless femininity and refined sophistication.

Felicit Apricot iemieso tīru vasaras prieku starojošā ziedu-augļu aromātā. Dzirkstošās aprikozes, citrusaugļi un liči atveras ar rotaļīgu svaigumu, pārejot ziedu sirdī ar hibiska, kalikanta un kamēlijas notīm. Vanīļa, baltais muskuss un sandalkoks piešķir aromātam jutēklisku siltumu. Aromāts ir ieslēgts elegantā, zelta krāsas pudelītē piliena formā — izsmalcināts sievišķības un laika pārbaudītas elegances simbols.

Floral

Fruity

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price €26.49

Save 25%

BEST
SELLER



BUGATTI

Dynamic Move "Amber" EDT for him, 100 ml

Dynamic move amber is crafted for confident, forward-looking individuals who take life into their own hands. It opens with a vibrant, spicy cinnamon note, leading to a floral, woody heart of violet and cypriole. Tobacco smoke and dry cedar form a warm, masculine base, leaving a lasting, self-assured impression. Even the bottle reflects strength, efficiency, and determination.

Dynamic Move Amber ir radīts pārliecinātām personībām, kas skatās uz priekšu un paši nosaka savu ceļu. Aromāts atveras ar spilgtu un pikantu kanēļa noti, kas pāriet ziedu-koksnes sirdī ar vijolišu un cipriola niansēm. Bāzes notis – tabakas dūmi un sausais ciedrs, kas veido siltu, vīrišķīgu noskaņu un atstāj neatkārtojamu, pašpārliecinātu iespaidu.

Woody

Amber

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price €26.49

Save 25%

BEST
SELLER

BUGATTI

Bella Donna EDP for her, 60 ml

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

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

Aromatic

Fresh

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price €26.49

Save 25%

BEST
SELLER



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VERSACE
Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

€74⁹⁰

Retail Price €90

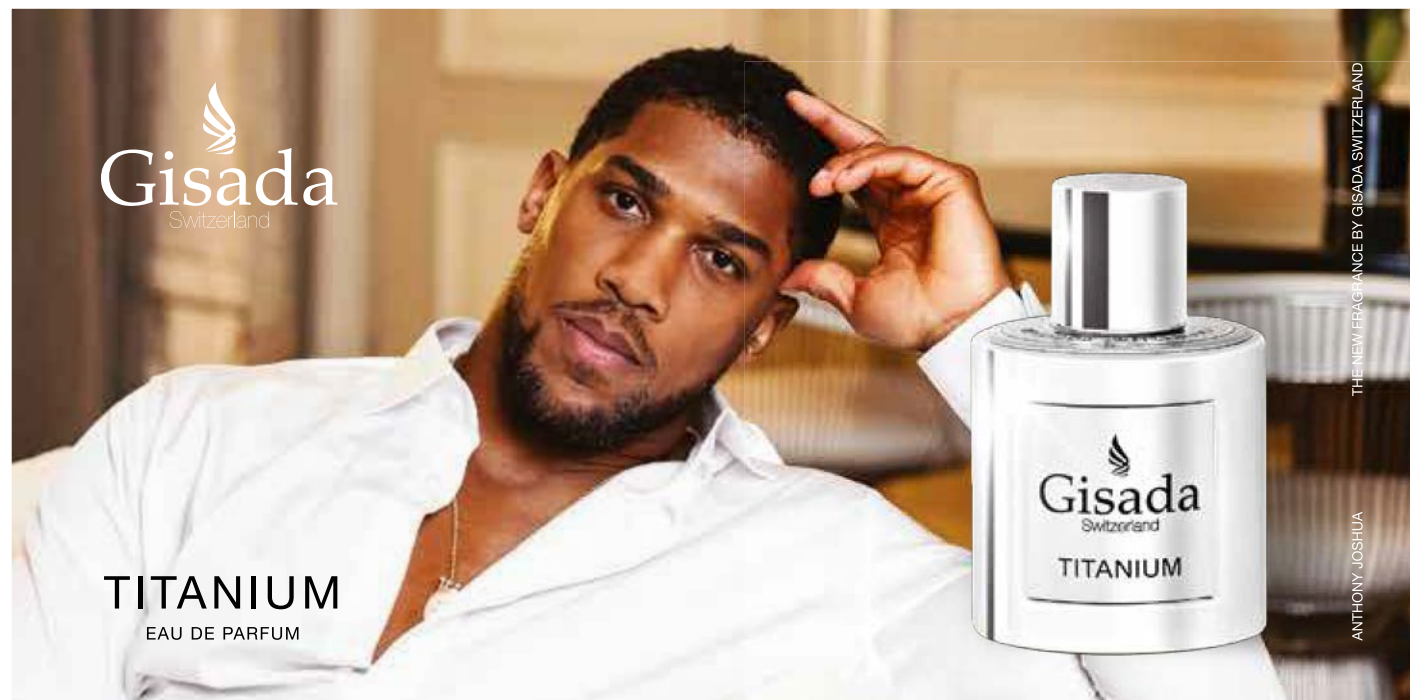
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Sheer sensuality, crystal transparency, and luminous brightness: this is Bright Crystal by Versace, a precious jewel of rare beauty characterised by a fresh, vibrant, flowery scent. An enthralling and voluptuous perfume - sensual and always glamorous.

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

Floral

Fruity



GISADA
Titanium
EDP for him, 50 ml

€79

Retail Price €95

Save 17%

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

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

Woody

Amber



SABRINA CARPENTER
Sweet Tooth
EDP for her, 30 ml

€24

Retail Price €30.95

Save 22%

Sweet Tooth by Sabrina Carpenter is more than just a scent; it's an addictive journey into a candy lover's dream. Imagine stepping into a world where candied ginger and chocolate marshmallow playfully dance around a creamy vanilla core, all resting on a bed of luscious Chantilly cream. It's an aroma that's so delicious, it'll make your mouth water and your heart race, leaving you feeling just a bit naughty.

Sweet Tooth by Sabrina Carpenter nav vienkārši aromāts — tā ir atkarību izraisoša ceļojuma pieredze saldo sapņu pasaulē. Iedomājies, kā kandēts ingvers un šokolādes zefīrs rotaļīgi savijas ap krēmīgu vaniļas sirdi, kas atpūšas uz maigas Chantilly krēma bāzes. Aromāts, kas ir tik gardi kārdinošs, ka liek siekalām saskriet mutē un sirdij sākt pukstēt straujāk, atstājot saldi palaidnīgu sajūtu.

Floral

Oriental

CALVIN KLEIN
Eternity Moment
EDP for her, 50 ml

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

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

Floral

Fruity

€29⁹⁰

Retail Price €32

Save 7%



BUGATTI

Dynamic Move "Amber"
EDT for him, 100 ml

€19⁹⁰ / p. 133

VERSACE

Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

€74⁹⁰ / p. 134

BUGATTI

Felicit Apricot
EDP for her, 60 ml

€19⁹⁰ / p. 133

NUDESTIX

Sweet & Sunny Cheeks Duo,
2x7 g

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HAIRGAIN

Peptide Puff Dry Shampoo,
5 g

€19 / p. 150

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+ 10 ml travel-size classic)

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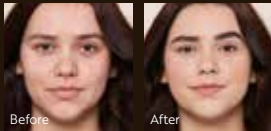
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Discover the M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH Satin Lipstick Trio! Three nourishing lipsticks in soft nude shades continuously moisturise your lips and make them appear fuller. The creamy formulation provides a silky-matte finish, and the magnetic closure protects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

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



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 colour 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

Retail Price €45

Save 11%

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

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

Diego dalla Palma
MILANO

MyHappyToy
mascara

DEFINITION, LENGHT AND EXTRA-VOLUME
FOR A UNIQUE JOURNEY IN YOUR
HAPPY PLACE

100%
DEFINITION***

100%
VOLUME***

100%
LENGTH***

95%
CLUMP-FREE***

Ophthalmologically tested.

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

BEFORE

AFTER

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

+6%
VOLUME****

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

CURVED TWO-RESERVOIR ELASTOMER
BRUSH FOR A GREATER RELEASE
OF THE PRODUCT ON THE LASHES. THE
LINED-UP NON-STRAGGLED
TEETH PICK UP EVEN MORE PRODUCT AND
IMPROVE ITS APPLICATION.

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara,
13 ml

€23

Retail Price €27.90

Save 18%

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

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

THE GLOW FOR
GREAT ADVENTURES

GLOW UP DROPS

Instant Effect · Radiance · Moisturizing · Nourishing

Before

After

94%
CONFIRM
INSTANT
GLOW*

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M. Asam®
MAGIC CARE



* M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Glow Up Drops: BHI Group, Application Study, after one application, 33 test subjects, February 2024.

M. ASAM® MAGICCARE
Glow Up Drops
20 ml

€23

For an instant glow effect – the M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Glow Up Drops instantly provide tired skin with a fresh and youthful glow thanks to the finest mineral pigments and kombucha extract. Perfect for a natural glow, even under your make-up. Ideal for on the go or when traveling – the drops fit in any luggage and can be perfectly combined with your favorite skincare products.

Lai iegūtu tūlītēju starojuma efektu, M. Asam® MAGIC CARE Glow Up Drops acumirkli piešķir nogurušai ādai svaigu un jauneklīgu mirdzumu, pateicoties smalkiem minerālu pigmentiem un kombučas ekstraktam. Ideāli piemēroti dabīgam glow efektam, arī zem grima. Perfekti lietošanai ceļā: kompakts, ērti ņemt līdzi un lieliski sader ar jūsu iecienītākajiem ādas kopšanas līdzekļiem.

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60 patches & spatula

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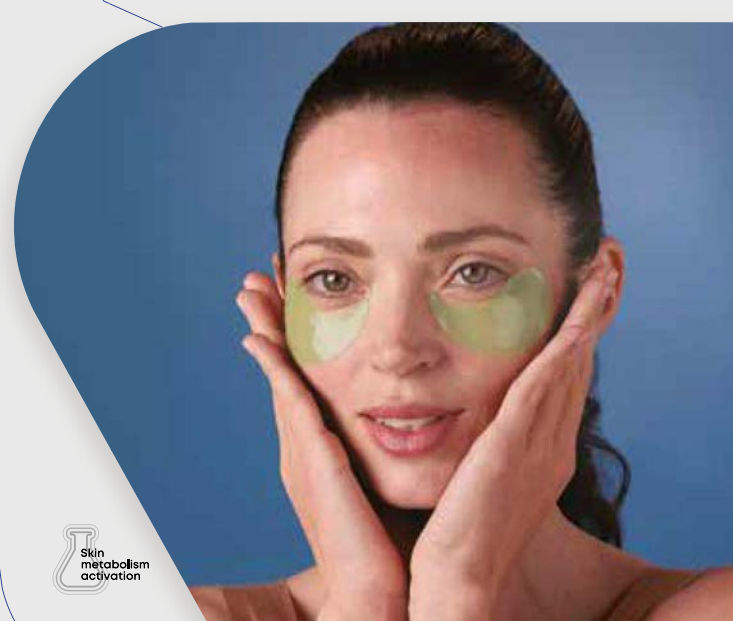
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TESTED

DERMATOLOGICALLY
TESTED

Skin
metabolism
activation



YOUTH LAB
60 Patches & Spatula

€30

Retail Price €42

Save 29%

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

Pretgrumbu hidrogēla maska acu zonas nostiprināšanai. Smalkās krunciņas, grumbas, kā arī tumšie loki tiek samazināti tikai 20 minūšu laikā. Dermatoloģiski pārbaudīts.

* M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Mimic Booster: J.S. Hamilton Poland Sp. z o.o., application study under ophthalmologic supervision, 2 weeks, 2 x daily application, 32 subjects, July 2024.

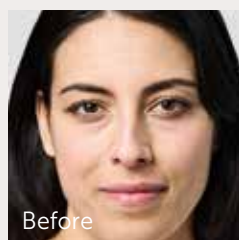


M. Asam®
AQUA
INTENSE®

LANDING WITHOUT EXPRESSION LINES

MIMIC BOOSTER

Instantly Smooths Expression Lines
Roll-On For Touch-Free Application · Fragrance-Free



REDUCES CROW'S FEET, LAUGH
LINES AND FOREHEAD WRINKLES
FROM THE 1ST APPLICATION*

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M. ASAM® AQUA INTENSE®
Mimic Booster
20 ml

€17

M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Mimic Booster combines patented* hyaluronic acid technology with an anti-expression line peptide to smooth instantly and moisturize intensely – perfect for dry cabin air. The hygienic roll-on makes touch-free application easy. Just roll it on and step off with smooth skin. *EP2014278 (D, F, GB)

M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Mimic Booster apvieno patentētu* hialuronskābes tehnoloģiju ar peptīdu, kas palīdz mazināt mimikas krunciņas, nodrošinot tūlītēju izlīdzināšanu un intensīvu mitrināšanu – ideāli sausam lidmašīnas gaisam. Higiēniskais roll-on aplikators ļauj viegli uzklāt līdzekli. Vienkārši uzrullē un izkāp no lidmašīnas ar gludu, atjaunotu ādu. *EP2014278 (D, F, GB)

* M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Supreme Hyaluron Cream: Patch20™, 3% study concentration, 3 weeks, 2 x daily application, 25 subjects
** M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Supreme Hyaluron Cream: Dermatest, Average Improvement of Wrinkle Depth, Clinical Study to Measure the Depth of Individual Wrinkle, 1 application after 30 minutes, 30 subjects, May 2016



M. Asam®
AQUA
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PROVIDES 120H OF PURE MOISTURE*

SUPREME HYALURON CREAM

Wrinkle Minimizing · Plumping · Fragrance-Free

-27.8% WRINKLE DEPTH
AFTER THE
1ST APPLICATION**

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

€19⁵⁰

BEST
SELLER

Radiantly beautiful skin while traveling with the M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® Supreme Hyaluron Cream, which ensures long-lasting moisturized skin. The fragrance-free face cream with a patented* hyaluronic acid complex plumps up wrinkles and leaves the skin looking plump. Ideal for sensitive skin, it offers intensive moisture and a refreshed skin feeling. The perfect choice for any journey. *EP2014278 (D, F, GB)

Ceļo ar pārliecību un starojošu ādu, pateicoties M. Asam® AQUA INTENSE® mitrinošam sejas krēmam, kas sniedz ilgstošu komfortu un svaiguma sajūtu. Šis krēms, bez pievienotiem aromātiem, ar patentētu* hialuronskābes kompleksu izlīdzina un piepilda grumbas, padarot ādu tvirtāku un veselīgāku. Ideāli piemērots jutīgai ādai, tas sniedz intensīvu mitrinājumu un atjaunojošu efektu. Perfekts sabiedrotais jebkurā ceļojumā. *EP2014278 (D, F, GB)

Dr.
LEVY®
SWITZERLAND

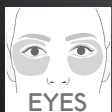
EYE LIFTING + ANTI-PUFFINESS

"The best thing
since Botox"

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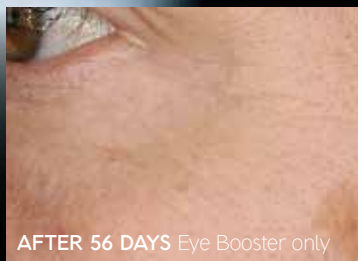
Iontophoresis to
help depuff eyes



skincare product
SWISS
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BEFORE
*Independent clinical studies, average results 8 weeks,
Switzerland 2011-13



AFTER 56 DAYS Eye Booster only
Results may vary with different users



PRODUCT:

- Instant depuffing & lifting.
- Up to **-53%** wrinkle depth*
- Up to **+59%** firmness*



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
Intense Eye Rescue,
15 ml

€170

BEST
SELLER

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

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

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EYE LIFTING INNOVATION

UP TO
91 %
CONFIRM:
LIFTED
EYELIDS*

Reduces lines & wrinkles
Reduces dark circles under the eyes
Lifts the eyelids

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*105 female participants, aged 40-60 years, 28 days, applied 3% Bella-feye™ around the eye area twice daily. Test conducted by Eurofins/Sederna.

BEAUTY MATES
Eye Lifting Booster,
30 ml

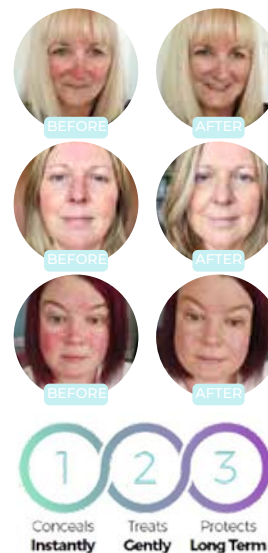
€33

Retail Price €39

Save 15%

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

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



ROSALIQUE

3 IN 1 ANTI-REDNESS MIRACLE FORMULA SPF50

Embrace your natural beauty!

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

Our Triple Action Effect:

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

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



ROSALIQUE
Anti-Redness Cream,
30 ml

€29

Retail Price €34.95

Save 17%

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

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



THE ULTIMATE DUO

FOR DAILY GLOW BY BIO2YOU

BIO2YOU.EU
MADE IN LATVIA

BIO2YOU Anti-Age Day Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27 

BIO2YOU Anti-Age Night Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27 

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

€20 
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This skincare treatment set features two must-have products for glowing, youthful skin: Moisturising Day Cream SPF 30 and Regenerating Hyaluronic Acid Face Serum. Together, they provide hydration, protection, and rejuvenation. The perfect gift for pampering yourself or someone special.

Šis ādas kopšanas komplekts satur divus būtiskus must-have produktus mirdzošai un jaunekligai 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.

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formula



ARSENIJS FABRICA
Travel Body Cream Northern
Folk Traditions, 55 g

Body cream intensely moisturizes, softens, and restores the skin thanks to shea butter, sweet almond, and avocado oils. The lightweight texture absorbs quickly, leaving the skin smooth and hydrated.

Ķermeņa krēms intensīvi mitrina, mīkstina un atjauno ādu, pateicoties šī sviestam, saldo mandeļu un avokado eļļām. Vieglā tekstūra ātri uzsūcas, atstājot ādu gludu un mitrinātu.

€12

Travel retail exclusive

ARSENIJS FABRICA
Travel Peach
Body Yoghurt, 55 g

Peach yogurt has a light texture that is quickly absorbed into the skin without leaving a sticky or greasy feeling. It is specially formulated to hydrate and nourish the skin, leaving it soft and smooth.

Persiku jogurta losjonam ir viegla tekstūra, kas ātri iesūcas ādā, neatstājot lipīgu vai taukainu sajūtu. Tas ir īpaši izstrādāts, lai mitrinātu un barotu ādu, padarot to maigu un gludu.

€12

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85%
saw visibly
longer-looking
lashes

80%
saw visibly
fuller-looking
lashes

88%
saw visibly
healthier-looking
lashes

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UK's **#1**
Lash Serum*



*UKLASH, the #1 Eyelash Serum in the UK Makeup Market | Source: Circana (UK) Ltd, Retail Tracking Service, Circana's 'Prestige' Retailer's, Makeup Eye Lash Treatment by Product, 12 Months Ending September 2025 & YTD April 2026 Value

**Based on 4-week consumer study of 50 participants using Original Eyelash Serum

UKLASH
Lash Serum,
3ml

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UKLASH's #1-rated Eyelash Serum has over 85,000 5-star reviews for stimulating growth and nourishing the hair follicle, resulting in longer, thicker and fuller-looking lashes in as little as 25 days.

UKLASH #1 visaugstāk novērtētais skropstu serums ir ieguvis vairāk nekā 85 000 piecu zvaigžņu atsauksmju, pateicoties tā iedarbigajai formulai, kas veicina augšanu un baro skropstu saknes. Redzams rezultāts – garākas, biezākas un kuplākas skropstas jau pēc 25 dienām.

THE ONLY HAIRCARE YOU
NEED FOR YOUR TRAVELS

It Does It All, 7 in 1 Hair Treatment Styler 100ml

- One bottle, seven uses
- Use on wet or dry hair
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- With bespoke mango and coconut fragrance

Suitable for all hair types and textures
Natural | Vegan



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DR. PAWPAW
It Does It All,
100 ml

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The perfect combination of a hair treatment and styling product. The 7 in 1 It Does It All Hair Treatment Styler can be used on wet or dry hair for gorgeous results, while leaving your hair smelling amazing. Multi-uses include:

- Heat protector
 - Reduces split ends
 - Detangler
 - Leave-in hair treatment
 - Reduces frizz and smooths
 - Blow-dry styling aid
 - Adds shine
- Suitable for all hair types

Ideāls matu kopšanas un veidošanas līdzeklis vienā. "7 in 1 It Does It All Hair Treatment Styler" lietojams gan mitros, gan sausos matos – ceļojuma laikā vai pēc tam, kad esi galamērķī. Rezultāts – skaisti, veselīgi mati ar lielisku aromātu. Daudzfunkcionāla iedarbība:

- Aizsardzība pret karstumu
 - Mazina šķelšanos
 - Atvieglo ķemmēšanu
 - Neskalojams kopšanas līdzeklis
 - Samazina pūkošanos un noguldina
 - Palīdz matu veidošanai
 - Piešķir dabīgu mirdzumu
- Piemērots visiem matu tipiem



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UNLOCK THE SECRET TO HEALTHY HAIR WITH OUR HYDROHAIR PRODUCTS



HADAT
Hydro Nutrient Nourishing
Conditioner, 70 ml

€8

Travel retail exclusive

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

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



HADAT
Hydro Nourishing
Moisture Shampoo,
70 ml

€8

Travel retail exclusive

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

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



84%
agreed their hair gained volume after use*

97%
agreed their hair felt less greasy after use*

81%
said they preferred it to an aerosol dry shampoo*

86%
agreed the Peptide Puff™ was easy to apply*

HAIRGAIN
Peptide Puff Dry Shampoo, 5 g

A PUFF OF MAGIC

Discover the Peptide Puff™, a non-aerosol, vegan dry shampoo that cares for your hair in between washes.

Infused with an advanced Peptide Complex to re-energise your hair and care for your scalp. It absorbs oil instantly while adding a beautiful boost of volume for the ultimate on the go hair refresh.

100%
ABSORBS OIL

DERMATOLOGICALLY TESTED

TRAVEL FRIENDLY



SCALP BENEFITS

ADDS VOLUME

ADVANCED PEPTIDE COMPLEX

*Data from an independent consumer perception survey of 63 women using the Peptide Puff™ Dry Shampoo.

HAIRGAIN
Peptide Puff Dry Shampoo, 5 g

€19

Dry Shampoo is a non-aerosol, vegan formula enriched with peptides and vitamins to refresh hair between washes. It absorbs oil and odour instantly, boosts volume, and suits all hair types, including sensitive scalps. With a compact powder puff applicator, it's perfect for travel and busy lifestyles—no drying ingredients, just fresh, healthy-looking hair anytime.

Sausais šampūns – bez aerosola, vegāns sastāvs ar peptīdiem un vitamīniem, kas atsvaidzina matus starp mazgāšanām. Uzreiz uzsūc taukus un nepatīkamu aromātu, piešķir apjomu un der visiem matu tipiem, arī jutīgai galvas ādai. Kompakts pūdera aplikators – ideāli ceļošanai un aktīvam dzīvesveidam.



TALIKA
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LIPOCILS EXPERT EYELASH GROWTH SERUM
+ 2,1 mm* in 28 days

Length* **+36%**
Pigmentation** **+36%**
Curvature** **+50%**



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NATURAL INGREDIENTS OF NATURAL ORIGIN

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* Clinical Test - 30 volunteers - 30 days
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Eyelash growth expert since 1948

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

€41

Retail Price €49.50

Save 17%

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

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

Universal Stain Remover
100ml



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

A must-have for tackling unexpected spills!

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

PURENN
Universal Stain Remover, 100 ml

€5⁹⁰



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

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



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

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

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

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



AVIATOR
Aero Xtreme
Gent's Watch

This Aviator F Series Aero Xtreme Gent's Smart Watch impresses with a 2.01" full touch screen, 450 nits brightness, digital rotating crown, extra nylon strap, 250+ dials, and exercise & health tracking. Aviator F Series Aero Xtreme vīriešu viedpulkstenis pārsteidz ar 2,01" pilna skāriena ekrānu, 450 nitu spilgtumu, digitālo rotējošo kroni, papildu neilona siksnīgu, 250+ ciparnīcu dizainiem un treniņu un veselības monitoringu.

€129
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Save 26%
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DIAL SIZE 2.01"	CASE MATERIAL ZINC ALLOY METAL	STRAP MATERIAL NYLON	STRAP LENGTH 21.5 CM
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DKNY
Uptown Midi
Gold + Silver, Mash

This DKNY watch embodies modern sophistication with a distinct touch of urban New York flair. Crafted with a sleek rectangular stainless steel case (22 x 35.5 mm) featuring smooth, refined angles, it is paired with a minimalist fine mesh bracelet for a clean and contemporary look. Powered by a reliable Japanese movement and water-resistant up to 3 ATM. Šis DKNY pulkstenis atspoguļo mūsdienīgu Ņujorkas stilu. Tā izsmalcinātais, taisnstūra formas nerūsējošā tērauda korpus (22 x 35,5 mm) ar gludām, elegantām līnijām ir apvienots ar smalku tērauda sieta aproci, kas piešķir tīru un modernu izskatu. Pulksteni darbina uzticams japāņu mehānisms, un tas ir ūdensizturīgs līdz 3 ATM.

€89
Retail Price €129
Save 31%

DIAL SIZE 22 x 35.5 MM	CASE MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL	STRAP MATERIAL STAINLESS STEEL	STRAP LENGTH 18 CM
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AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Smart
Technique Watch

This Aviator F Series Ladies' Smart Technique Watch charms with 30 mm full touch screen, 300 nits brightness, Milanese strap and extra silicone strap, 300+ available dials, health monitoring, and exercise tracking. IP67 protection. Aviator F sērijas sieviešu viedpulkstenim Smart Technique ir 30 mm pilnībā skārienjutīgs ekrāns, 300 nitu spilgtums, Milānas siksnīņa un papildu silikona siksnīņa, vairāk nekā 300 dažādi ciparnīcu veidi, veselības stāvokļa uzraudzība un treniņu analīze. IP67 aizsardzība.

€139
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DIAL SIZE 42 MM	CASE MATERIAL ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	WATER RESISTANCE IP67	STRAP MATERIAL MILANESE / SILICONE	STRAP LENGTH 18.5 CM
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Flybrace

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Discover Flybrace: exclusive handcrafted bracelets embodying the spirit of adventure. Crafted in Europe with the essence of travel in mind, each piece symbolises boundless possibilities and the courage to explore. Designed for wanderers, Flybrace is your constant companion in life's journey, inviting curiosity and inspiring stories. Embrace the world on your wrist. Flybrace – tava piedzīvojumu rotaslieta. Ekskluzīvas, ar rokām darinātas rokassprādzes, iedvesmotas no ceļošanas brīvības. Radītas Eiropā ar ceļojumu sajūtu sirdī, tās simbolizē bezgalīgas iespējas un drosmi doties nezināmajā. Flybrace ir radīts ceļotājiem – tava uzticamā pavadone dzīves ceļojumā. Apkārt pasaulei – vienā rokassprādzē.

BRACELET LENGTH ADJUSTABLE

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BEST
SELLER

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

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

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
45 MM	ZINC ALLOY / PLASTIC	IP67	SILICONE	21.5 CM

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AVIATOR F SERIES

AVIATOR
F Series Airborne
Gent's Watch

€79
Retail Price €109
Save 28%

For adventurers: robust materials with precise craftsmanship! Discover the rugged AIRBORNE model from the Aviator F-Series, which impresses with its use of solid materials. The sand-textured dial raised white indices and green fluorescent hands are set within a 46 mm case, featuring a rotating bezel for easy flight time calculation.

Piedzīvojumu meklētājiem – izturīgi materiāli un precīza meistarība! Iepazīsties ar AIRBORNE modeli no Aviator F sērijas – izturīgs un kvalitatīvs pulkstenis, izgatavots no augstvērtīgiem materiāliem. Matēta ciparnīca ar smilšainu tekstūru, balti laika rādītāji ar bultiņu motīvu un zaļas fluorescējošas detaļas – viss iekļauts 46 mm korpusā ar rotējošu rāmi, kas ļauj ērti aprēķināt lidojuma laiku.

DIAL SIZE	CASE MATERIAL	WATER RESISTANCE	STRAP MATERIAL	STRAP LENGTH
46 MM	ALLOY / STAINLESS STEEL	3 ATM	SILICONE	19 CM

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AVIATOR TIMEPIECES
TIME TO FLY

AVIATOR
Gent's Bracelet

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

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

BRACELET LENGTH	MATERIAL
21.5	LEATHER & STAINLESS STEEL



ORQUIDEA
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl
Necklace And Earring Set

€129

Retail Price €172

Save 25%

This stunning pearl necklace is every woman's must-have accessory. 8 mm first-quality Organic Mallorca Pearls with a clasp in sterling silver. A genuine handcrafted necklace made at the traditional Orquidea pearl factory on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

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

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STERLING SILVER/PEARLS



ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

€79

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Beautiful sterling silver earrings with zirconium and 3 pairs of exchangeable 8 and 9 mm first-quality Organic Mallorca Pearls in different colours, making it an '8 in 1'!

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

MATERIAL
STERLING SILVER/ZIRCONIUM/PEARLS



ORQUIDEA
Majorca Duo Bracelet

€52

Travel retail exclusive



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

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

BRACELET LENGTH
ADJUSTABLE

MATERIAL
STERLING SILVER/ZIRCONIUM/PEARLS



ZAZA & LILI
3-Bracelet Set

€39

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This refined set from ZAZA&LILI features three beautifully plated bracelets in rhodium, gold, and rose gold tones, each accented with sparkling crystals. Wear them stacked or individually to suit your style. Length: 17.5 cm A little luxury to gift – or to keep just for yourself.

Izsmalcināts ZAZA&LILI rokassprādžu komplekts, kurā ietilpst trīs greznas rokassprādzes ar rodija pārklājumu, zelta un rozā zelta toņos. Katrā no tām iestrādāti mirdzoši kristāli. Var nēsāt kopā vai atsevišķi – atkarībā no noskaņojuma un stila. Garums: 17,5 cm. Mazs greznums dāvanai... vai arī sev pašai.

BRACELET LENGTH
17.5 CM

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



MY JEWELLERY
Starfish Bracelet

€20

We love this bracelet! Its minimalist design paired with the playful starfish charm make it the perfect finishing touch to any outfit. Made from premium stainless steel, this piece is as durable as stylish. The bracelet is 16.5cm long and adjustable by 3cm ensuring a comfortable fit.

Mums ļoti patīk šī rokassprādze! Tās minimālistiskais dizains kopā ar rotaļīgo jūras zvaigznes piekariņu ir ideāls akcents jebkuram tērpam. Izgatavota no augstas kvalitātes nerūsējošā tērauda, tā ir vienlaikus izturīga un stilīga. Garums – 16,5 cm, ar 3 cm pagarinājumu, lai nodrošinātu ērtu valkāšanu.

BRACELET LENGTH
16.5 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



MY JEWELLERY
Mother & Daughter
Bracelets, Gold

€22

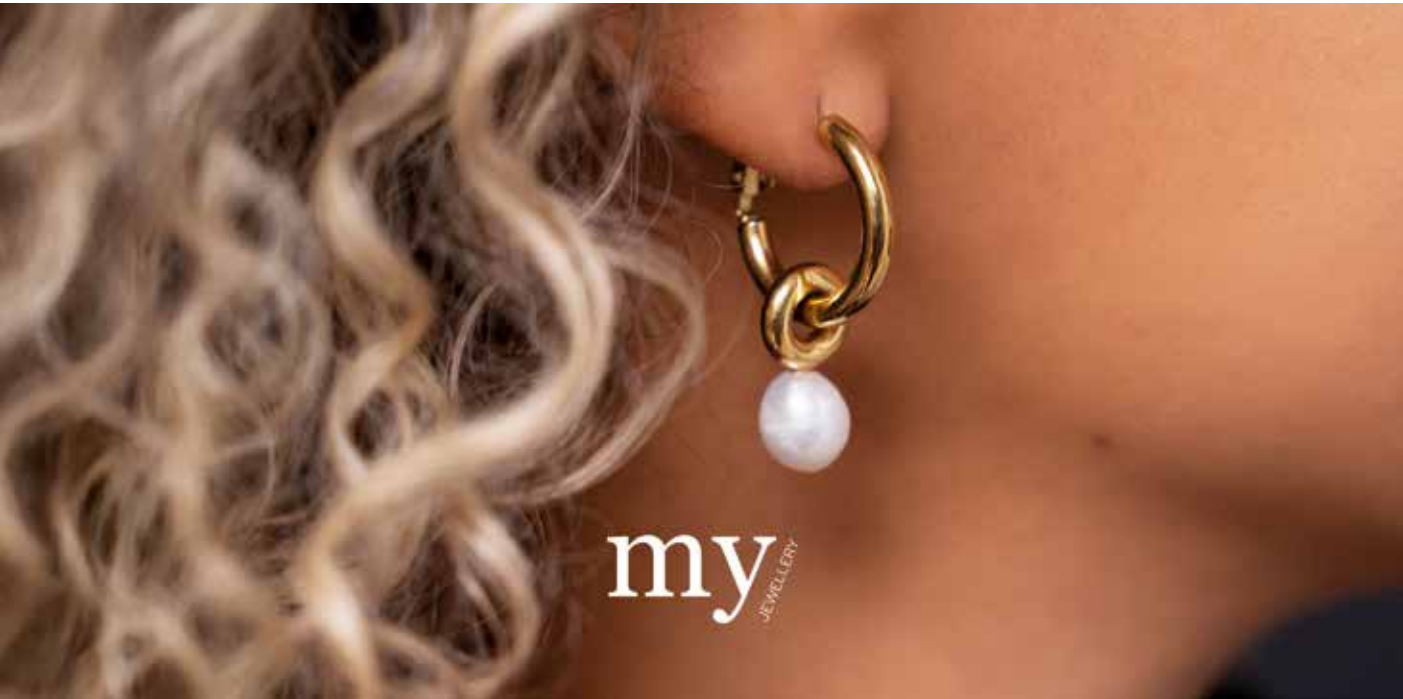
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We're celebrating meaningful connections! Our mother-daughter bracelet set includes two bracelets that celebrate your bond, no matter how far apart you are. The bracelet is 16 cm long, adjustable by 3 cm and 100% waterproof. A perfect gift after long travels, when reunions feel especially emotional.

Svinam īpašas saiknes! Mātes un meitas rokassprādžu komplekts ar divām saskaņotām rokassprādzēm, kas simbolizē jūsu tuvību — neatkarīgi no attāluma. Rokassprādzes garums ir 16 cm, ar 3 cm pagarinājumu. 100% ūdensizturīgas. Perfekta dāvana pēc gariem ceļojumiem, kad satikšanās kļūst īpaši emocionāla.

BRACELET LENGTH
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



MY JEWELLERY
Hoops with Pearl,
Gold

€19

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Give your look a personal touch with one-of-a-kind pearls! Let these timeless pearl hoops be a daily reminder of the beauty that surrounds you. The freshwater pearl is 1.2 cm long and 0.8 cm wide. Perfect for travel – light, elegant, and always ready to add charm wherever the journey takes you.

Piešķir tēlam personīgu akcentu ar unikālām pērļu auskaru riņķīšiem! Šie elegantie auskari katru dienu atgādinās par skaistumu, kas mūs ieskauj. Saldūdens pērle: 1,2 cm gara un 0,8 cm plata. Ideāli ceļošanai – viegli, eleganti un vienmēr gatavi piešķirt šarmu jebkurā galamērķī.

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SALT

Cristallite E-Cigarette, 20 mg/ ml nicotine

SALT CRISTALLITE perfects every detail – flavour, airflow, and comfort. Enjoy pure, consistent taste with every puff. **It is forbidden to use e-cigarettes on board.** SALT CRISTALLITE pilnveido katru detaļu – garšu, gaisa plūsmu un ērtumu. Izbaudi tīru, nemainīgu garšu ar katru ieelpu. **Uz klāja ir aizliegts lietot e-cigaretes.**

€9⁵⁰

HICAFF

Caffeine Pouches, Caffeine 100 mg, 20 pcs

HICAFF is your clean, fast caffeine boost – no liquids, no sugar crash. Pure energy in a discreet, tobacco-free pouch. HICAFF sniedz tīru un ātru enerģiju – bez raizēm par dzērieniem un pēkšņa noguruma efektu. Tīra kofeīna deva diskrētā, beztabakas maisīnā.

€6⁵⁰



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Enjoy the Elements

10+ YEARS PROTECTING MOMENTS

- KEEP MAKING PHONE CALLS
- FULL TOUCH SCREEN CAPABILITIES
- FITS THE LARGEST PHONES
- TAKE PHOTOS/VIDEOS UNDERWATER
- WATERPROOF TESTED UP TO 25 / 80ft

SEAWAG

Waterproof Case

€18
Retail Price €19.99
Save 10%

BEST
SELLER

Designed to fit phones up to 6.8", this IPX8-certified case offers full protection up to 25 m (80ft) underwater while maintaining seamless touchscreen functionality. Whether you're capturing stunning underwater shots or navigating rugged terrain, you can trust Seawag to keep your phone safe. Includes a quick-release lanyard for hands-free convenience. Paredzēts telefoniem līdz 6,8", šis IPX8 sertificētais maciņš nodrošina pilnīgu aizsardzību līdz pat 25 m (80 pēdu) dziļumam zem ūdens, vienlaikus saglabājot ērtu skārienekrāna lietošanu. Ideāli piemērots gan zemūdens fotografēšanai, gan izaicinošai ceļošanai – Seawag sargā jūsu tālruni ik uz soļa. Komplektā iekļauta praktiska, noņemama siksnīņa ērtai lietošanai bez rokām.



ZIPSTAR
Mobile Screen Magnifier

This magnifier acts like a phone projector by magnifying your phone's screen 2 to 4 times its true size. Offers an excellent viewing experience as it helps reduce strain on your eyes.
Telefona ekrāna palielinātājs darbojas kā projektors, kas palielina jūsu tālruņa ekrānu 2–4 reizes. Piedāvā lielisku skatīšanās pieredzi, jo tas samazina acu noslodzi.

€10 Travel retail exclusive



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 atklājiņiet spilgtas krāsas zem matēta pārklājuma. Rakstiet zīmītes, zīmējiet ķīņķēziņus vai skaistus attēlus. Lielisks palīgs, lai nodarbinātu bērnus ceļojuma laikā.

€5 Travel retail exclusive



SMART GAMES
IQ PUZZLER Pro

The Original! The IQ PUZZLER PRO is the world's most popular solitaire puzzler! 12 coloured and differently shaped ball elements have to be placed in the playing field. No less than 120 tasks in five different levels of difficulty have to be mastered! There are three different game forms – even pyramids can be played! But beware: there is always only one correct solution per task! Tricky, endless fun with an addictive factor for players aged 6 and up!
Pasaulē populārākais galvas mežģis! Spēles laukumā jānovieto 12 krāsainas dažādu formu bumbiņas. Ne mazāk kā 120 uzdevumi piecās dažādās grūtības pakāpēs! Spēli var spēlēt trīs dažādos veidos. Paredzēts spēlētājiem no 6 gadu vecuma.

€13
Retail Price **€14.50**
Save 11%

Portable electronic devices

						
	Boarding	Taxi before take-off	Take-off	Cruise	Approach landing	Taxi after landing
Connectivity GSM, Bluetooth, Flight Mode						
Handheld devices e.g. tablets, e-readers and mobile phones		 No calls				
Heavy devices e.g. laptops and notebooks		 *	 *		 *	 *
Powerbanks						

* Shall be stowed in overhead bin or under the front seat inside an appropriate bag.
In case a battery or device is damaged, hot, produces smoke, is lost, or falls into the seat structure, immediately inform the cabin crew.

HOUSE RULES

- ✳ We only accept payment cards:

 - ✳ We accept payment for purchases only by cards with an embedded chip. We are unable to process payments made by cards with a magnetic stripe.
 - ✳ For payment card purchases exceeding EUR 50, ID must be provided. A purchase with a single card may not exceed EUR 250 and total payment by cards per one customer may not exceed EUR 500.
 - ✳ All prices include VAT where applicable.
 - ✳ For each purchase made on airBaltic flights, the cabin crew will provide you a receipt.
 - ✳ Fresh Meals available on flights over 1 h 30 min. Ask the cabin crew about the meal availability on your flight today and about the ingredients of a given product or what allergens it contains.
 - ✳ All pictures of products and packaging are for illustrative purposes only and may differ from the real product.
 - ❗ When purchasing a flight ticket, you have accepted the airBaltic Terms of Passenger Carriage, which state that it is not permissible on board airBaltic aircraft to use narcotics, consume alcoholic beverages that you have brought on board, or smoke any type of cigarette, including electronic cigarettes. Passengers must obey acknowledged standards of polite behaviour. Should we have any reason to believe that your behaviour does not comply with these rules, we will take any and all necessary action to stop such behaviour.
 - ❗ It is prohibited to sell or use alcoholic beverages, e-cigarettes and caffeine pouches to persons under 18 years of age.
 - ✳ Please note that all items are subject to availability.
 - ✳ Discounts do not add up.
 - ✳ SkyShop products come with a 2-year warranty when the purchase receipt is provided, according to the manufacturer's warranty obligations.
- FOR ALLERGIC PASSENGERS**
- ✳ Passengers with food allergies must assume responsibility for this risk. We will not assume any liability for allergic reactions to the foods consumed or contacted on board.
 - ✳ If you have specific food requirements, you can choose and pre-order food for your flight at www.airbalticmeal.com

- ✳ Apmaksai pieņemam tikai maksājumu kartes:

 - ✳ Norēķiniem ar maksājumu kartēm pieņemam tikai kartes ar čipu. Darījumi ar magnētisko joslu kartēm netiek nodrošināti.
 - ✳ Ja maksājums ar maksājumu karti pārsniedz 50 EUR, jāuzrāda personu apliecinošs dokuments. Pirkums ar vienu maksājumu karti nedrīkst pārsniegt 250 EUR, kopējā pirkumu summa ar maksājumu kartēm no vienas personas nedrīkst pārsniegt 500 EUR.
 - ✳ Visas cenas norādītas ar atbilstoši piemērojamo PVN.
 - ✳ Par katru pirkumu airBaltic apkalpe izsniegs jums čeku.
 - ✳ Svaigās maltītes ir pieejamas lidojumos, kas ir ilgāki par 1 h 30 min. Jautājiņiet apkalpei par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.
 - ✳ Produktu un iepakojumu attēli norādīti tikai informatīvā nolūkā un var atšķirties no reālā produkta.
 - ❗ 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 pielāgīgas uzvedības normas. Ja būs pamats uzskatīt, ka jūsu uzvedība neatbilst noteikumiem, veiksīm nepieciešamās darbības, lai šādu uzvedību novērstu.
 - ❗ Aizliegtas pārdot vai lietot alkoholiskos dzērienus, e-cigaretes un kofeīna spilventiņus personām, kas jaunākas par 18 gadiem.
 - ✳ Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.
 - ✳ Atlaiðes nesummējas.
 - ✳ SkyShop produktiem ir 2 gadu garantija, ja tiek uzrādīts pirkuma čeks, saskaņā ar ražotāja garantijas saistībām.
- PASAŽIERIEM AR ALERGĪSKĀM 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.
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Fast, friendly, and considerate: the best way to connect

We're happy to offer you high-speed internet on board! To ensure a pleasant experience for everyone, please follow these guidelines:

-  **Device compatibility:** You can connect to the *airBaltic Starlink* network using most Android, iOS, macOS, and Windows devices.
-  **Video and voice calls:** Feel free to make calls, but please use headphones to avoid disturbing others.
-  **Video recording:** You're welcome to record videos as long as they don't disrupt or infringe on the privacy of fellow passengers or crew.
-  **Respectful use:** Set your device to silent or vibrate mode and avoid activities that could disturb others.

More information and rules about internet onboard here: 

Spice up your trip with our extras!

Book these useful services along with your ticket at airbaltic.com or add them to your booking later on.

Checked baggage

Add checked baggage if you want to take up to **25 kilograms**, including liquids over 100 ml, which are not allowed in cabin baggage. Baggage price varies dynamically depending on the selected route.

If your flight departs from the Riga airport, you are most welcome to use the **Late-night check-in service**. Check in your baggage the evening before your flight (from 7 pm till 10 pm) and enjoy a relaxed start to the journey the next day.

Flight cancellation and name change options

For your peace of mind, add the option to cancel your reservation and get a full refund in the form of an *airBaltic* gift card in case your travel plans change. This service costs **from EUR 16.99** per passenger per direction.

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

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

Heavy cabin baggage

You can take on board one cabin bag (55x40x23 cm) and one personal item (40x30x15 cm) with a total weight of eight kilograms free of charge.

However, sometimes you may need to carry more but want to avoid waiting for a checked suitcase at the baggage belt. Now you can **upgrade your cabin baggage up to 12 kilograms** for an additional fee.

Please note: If you purchase extra cabin baggage weight, your cabin baggage must still remain within the above-mentioned dimensions. Exceeding the allowed cabin baggage weight or size limits will cost EUR 50 at the airport.



Pre-order a meal

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

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

Upgrade to Business class

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

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

Fast track in Riga

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

Reserve a seat

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

Whichever it is, you can secure your favourite seat in advance. Seat price varies dynamically depending on the selected route.

Special equipment

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

Assistance for children flying alone*

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

Travelling with pets*

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

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

Ticket types on *airBaltic* flights

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

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

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



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

¹⁾ Fare differences may apply

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

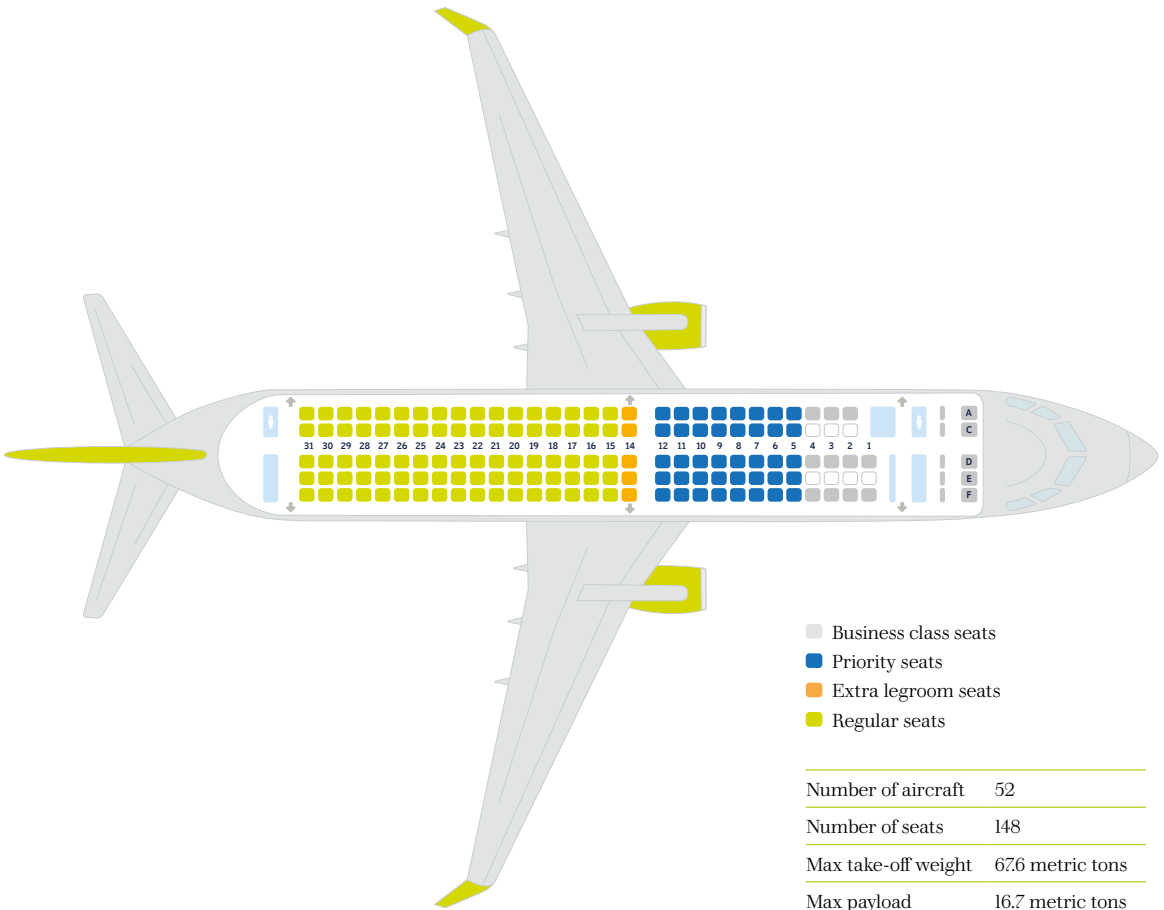
³⁾ Online check-in 24 hours before departure is free for all passengers

⁴⁾ Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

⁵⁾ Excluding extra legroom seats

Welcome aboard our new *Airbus A220-300*

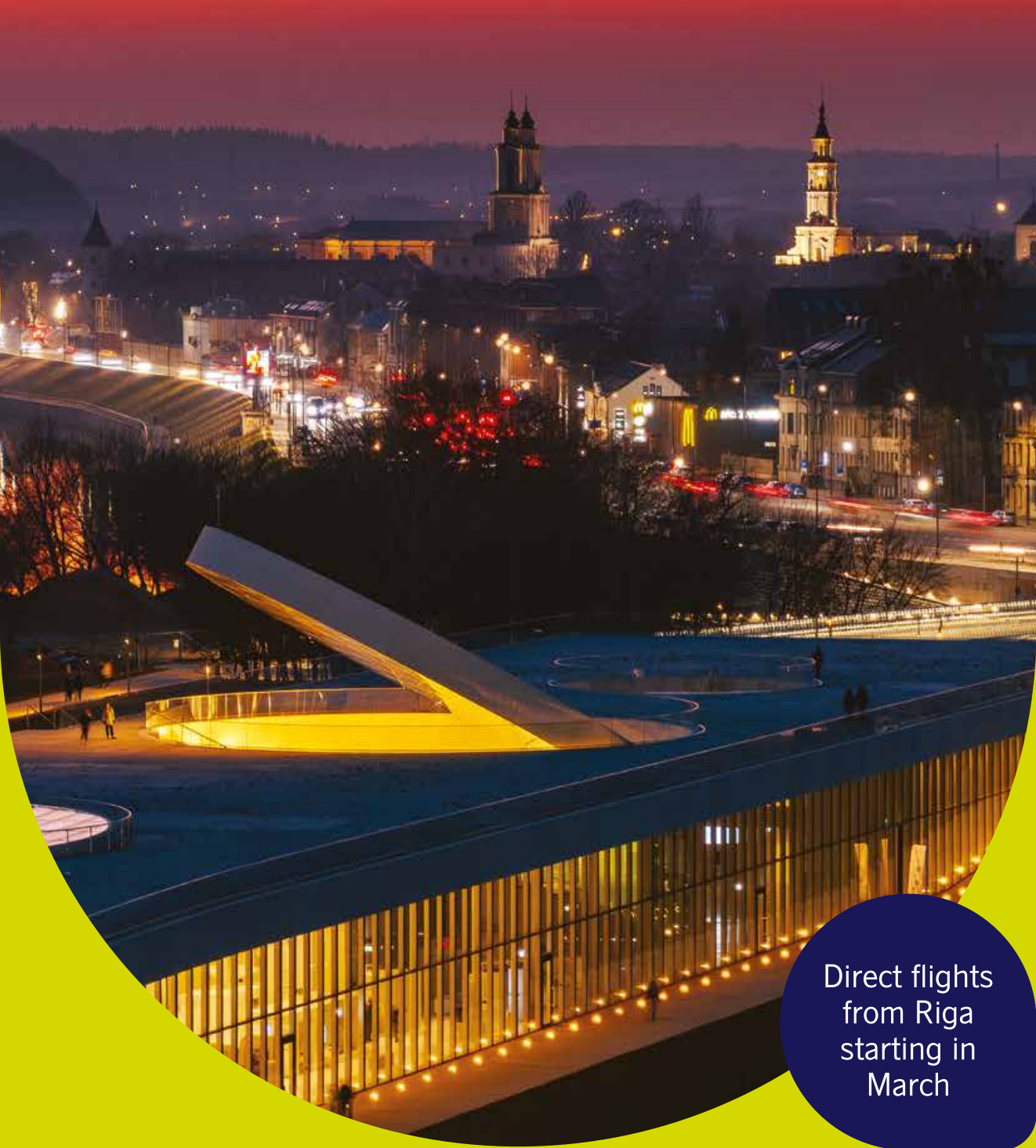
We are proud to have one of Europe’s youngest fleets of aircraft. *airBaltic* flights are operated with the *Airbus A220-300* aircraft, which has an average fleet age of four years.



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

Number of aircraft	52
Number of seats	148
Max take-off weight	676 metric tons
Max payload	16.7 metric tons
Length	38.7 m
Wing span	35.1 m
Cruising speed	870 km/h
Commercial range*	5200 km
Fuel consumption	2200 l/h
Engine	PW 1521G

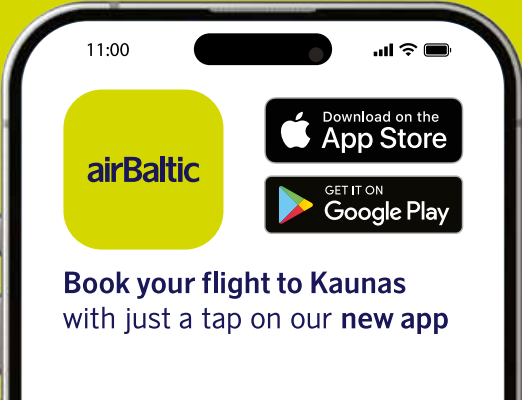
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