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Interim CEO and COO, *airBaltic*

Dear *airBaltic* passengers,

As we reach the peak of summer, it is a pleasure to welcome so many of you on board, connecting the Baltic capitals to Europe and beyond. July marks the midpoint of the season in the aviation industry, and for *airBaltic*, it is shaping up to be one of the most active and dynamic periods to date. Around two million passengers have already entrusted us with their journeys this year – a vote of confidence we value deeply as we remain committed to supporting your travel needs, whether for business, holiday, or somewhere in between.

We recently completed an intensive internal programme called *Project Compass*, which focused on improving the way we operate and serve you – faster, smarter, and more efficiently. Guided by leading international practices, the project has enabled us to evaluate core areas of our business and identify actionable ways to increase efficiency, resilience, and agility. As we move into the implementation phase, we extend our sincere thanks to the project team and all contributors for their outstanding dedication and efforts. Now we look forward to translating these insights into tangible improvements across the entire travel experience and the *airBaltic* business strategy going forward.

While our signature green tails continue to take off to the European skies this summer, we are also actively preparing for the season ahead. Our winter 2025/26 schedule has been announced and features three new routes – Riga–Faro, Tallinn–Madeira, and Gran Canaria–Ljubljana – as well as increased frequencies on several high-demand connections to and from our home bases of Riga, Tallinn, and Vilnius. These additions will offer even greater flexibility, convenience, and choice for our passengers throughout the colder months.

Our network expansion goes beyond direct routes, driven also by strategic partnerships. We have recently expanded our long-standing codeshare partnership with *Turkish Airlines*, unlocking further destinations across Asia, the Middle East, and beyond. Partnerships like this give you access to even more global destinations with smoother connections.

Behind every visible achievement is a dedicated team of more than 2800 *airBaltic* professionals representing more than 35 nationalities. Each member of our team plays an essential role in ensuring a safe, smooth, and enjoyable journey from start to finish. Their professionalism and commitment are the foundation of our operations and the driving force behind everything we do.

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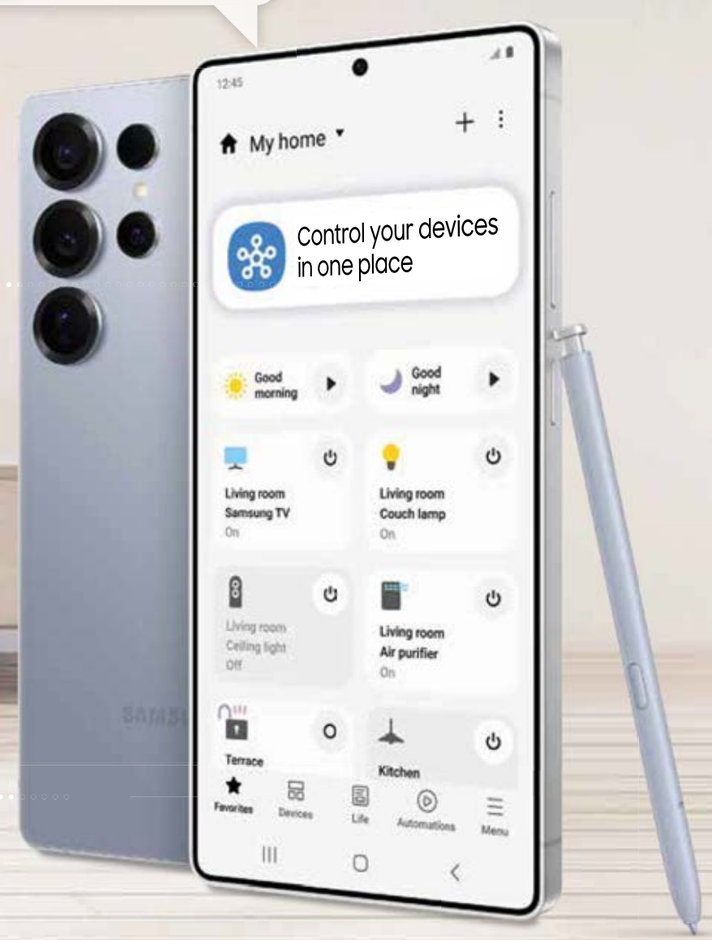




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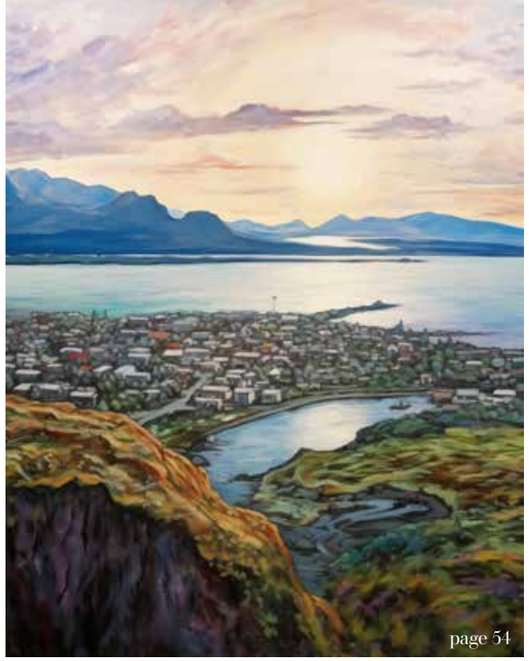


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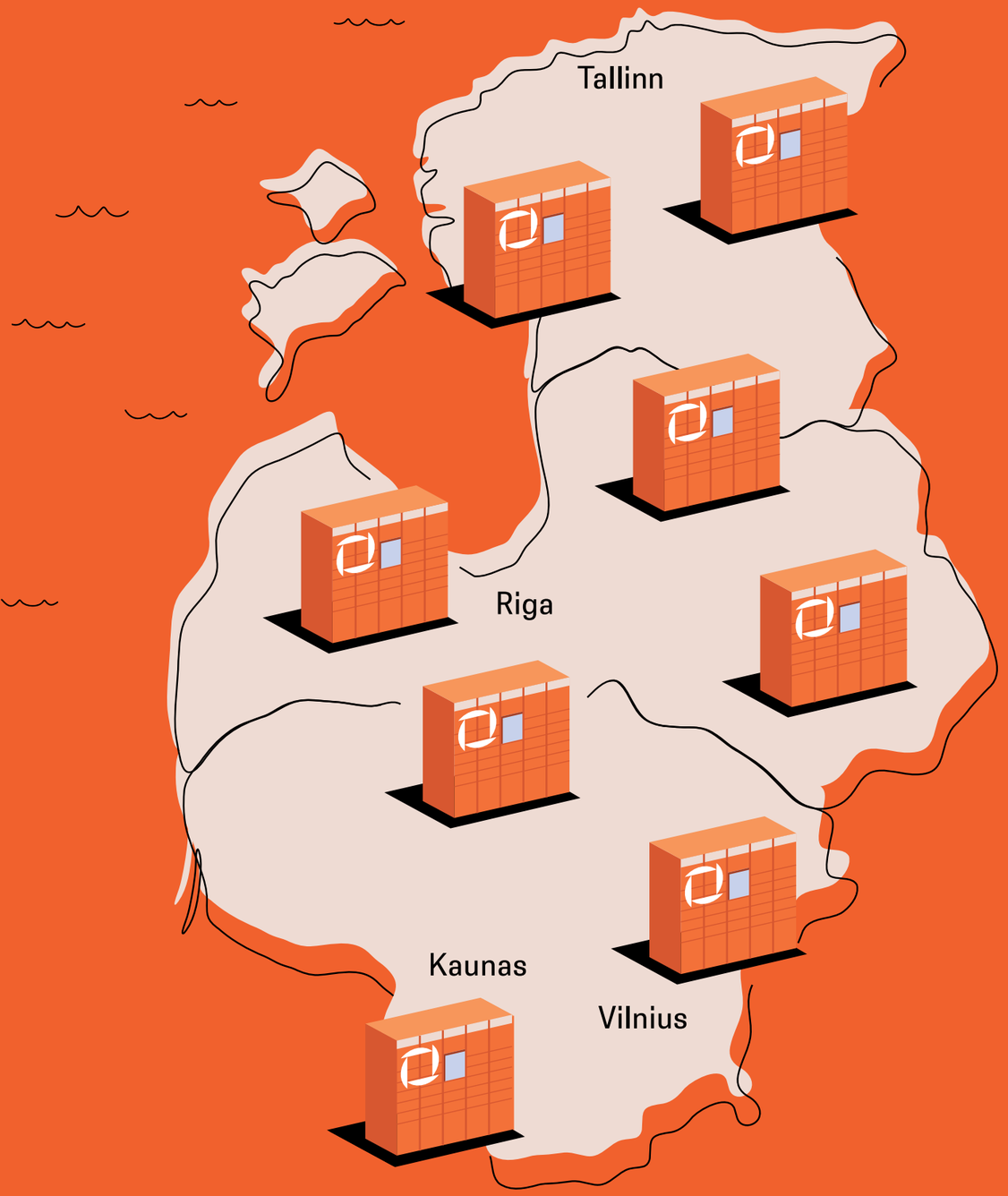


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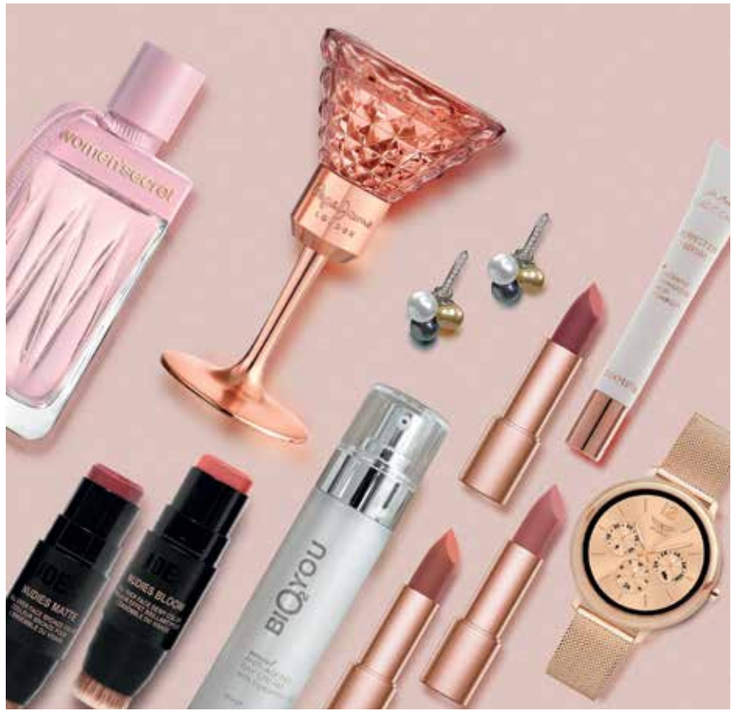


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Lake Lubāns

LATVIA'S LAKESIDE ESCAPES

If there's one summer experience you absolutely must have in Latvia this July, it's a lakeside holiday. For many families, spending a weekend in the Latgale region, which is fondly known as the 'land of blue lakes', is a cherished tradition. This enchanting corner of Latvia boasts more than 1200 lakes, each more beautiful than the next. Situated between gentle hills and in serene valleys, the lakes form a distinctive, almost poetic landscape unlike anywhere else in the country.

Latgale is also home to Latvia's largest lake, Lubāns (spanning 82.1 square kilometres), as well as the deepest lake in the Baltic states, Drīdzis, which plunges to an impressive 63 metres. Whether you're seeking peaceful swims, fishing adventures, or simply the magic of a sunrise reflected on glassy waters, a lakeside escape in Latgale is a summer memory worth making.



MUSIC

Special homecoming

On July 27, the 'Latvija' Concert Hall in Ventspils will celebrate its 6th anniversary with a special performance by mezzo-soprano Elīna Garanča. Thanks to her distinctive voice and genuine stage presence, Garanča has built an international career as a renowned opera singer. Her concerts are always memorable experiences, and performing in her home country makes this event especially meaningful.

elinagaranca.com



GARDEN

Full bloom

Summer is the perfect time to visit Rundāle Palace, one of the Baltics' finest examples of Rococo and Baroque architecture. Beyond its grand halls, you'll find a beautiful rose garden boasting around 2230 varieties of the flower, including 600 historic roses that bloom just once a year from late May to mid-July. The modern roses, for their part, bloom in waves, extending the garden's beauty well into autumn until the first frost.

rundale.net



DESIGN

Handmade harmony

Few things enhance a home quite like flowers and fruit displayed in exquisite ceramic vessels. For something truly exceptional, explore the porcelain artistry of Laima Laurina. A Latvian-born ceramic artist and sculptor, Laurina has garnered international acclaim for her distinctive work. Her vibrant, handcrafted creations are a testament to her remarkable skill, dedication, and unwavering passion and infuse everyday spaces with beauty and grace.

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LIGHT FROM ITALY **EXHIBITION**

July 5 – November 30

For the first time in northern Europe, an extensive collection from Florence's famed Uffizi Galleries is on display. The Latvian National Museum of Art is hosting *Light from Italy: From Fattori to Morandi*, featuring 74 masterpieces from the core collection and archives of the Gallery of Modern Art at Pitti Palace. The exhibition highlights some of the most important movements in Italian art from the 19th century to early modernism. These works are presented in dialogue with Latvia's own rich artistic heritage from the late 19th century and classical modernism – a cultural legacy internationally recognised as one of Latvia's greatest artistic achievements.

lnmm.lv

Did you know?
Once a week on Thursdays, before the museum opens, the Latvian National Museum of Art lets you start the day with morning yoga. The classes are led by certified instructors of the Yoga Space yoga studio and do not require prior physical training.
liveriga.lv

RIGA CONTEMPORARY **ART FAIR**

July 10–13



Kim? Contemporary Art Centre, Riga's first space with a year-round contemporary art programme, is hosting the Riga Contemporary Art Fair at Hanzas Perons, a strikingly restored former railway warehouse. The event brings together more than 35 international galleries showcasing emerging and established artists from the Baltics and beyond. Alongside the exhibitions, a curated programme of talks, performances, and events connects artists, collectors, and cultural tastemakers for dynamic conversations and creative exchange.

kim.lv

BALTIC INTERNATIONAL **AIRSHOW**

July 5–6

For the fourth year running, Riga's skies will light up with jaw-dropping aerial stunts that the whole family can enjoy. This time, there's a first for Latvia – an amazing sunset and night air show that lasts over an hour, with planes putting on a dazzling light and stunt show you won't forget. You'll see real fighter jets, top pilot teams, and some seriously daring solo acts both in the air and on the ground. Plus, there's live music and fun for everyone at the historic Spilve Airfield, which makes the perfect backdrop for this epic event.

balticairshow.com



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Kamasi Washington

PINK NOISE RIGA **FESTIVAL**

July 25–26

After its successful debut in late 2024, the Pink Noise Riga festival is back this summer, promising an exciting mix of jazz, pop-rock, fusion, and contemporary improvised music. Held at Riga's Palladium concert hall, the festival will feature modern jazz star Kamasi Washington, the beloved Latvian pop group Instrumenti, the experimental collective Lupa, and the innovative Kārlis Auziņš Double Trio. It's a must for music lovers looking to experience world-class performances in the heart of the Latvian capital.

pinknoiseriga.com



Quote of the month

Sometimes all you need is a change in perspective.

Let this timeless line inspire you to discover Riga from a whole new perspective aboard Riga Rise, the city's brand-new 65-metre-high Ferris wheel located in the heart of the recently renovated Uzvaras Park on the left bank of the Daugava River.




Bruce Gilden. *Amber, Kensington, Philadelphia, USA,* 2023.

BRUCE GILDEN
EXHIBITION
Until October 26

'A good street picture will smell of the street,' declares legendary street photographer Bruce Gilden (b. 1946), and his work delivers exactly that. For over five decades, Gilden has stalked the streets of cities around the world, capturing the faces and moments most people might cross the road to avoid. Now, Fotografiska Tallinn presents *Why These?*, a bold and unflinching exhibition by the Magnum photographer (since 1998). Known for his raw, confrontational close-ups, and darkly humorous lens on urban life, Gilden's work challenges perceptions and fosters a gritty, honest empathy between strangers.

tallinn.fotografiska.com

28TH SONG CELEBRATION AND 21ST DANCE **CELEBRATION**
July 3–6



TALLINN

Did you know?
Get ready for some awesome disc golf right in the heart of Tallinn! From July 17 to 20, the Song Festival Grounds will turn into an exciting playground for the European Disc Golf Festival 2025.
discfestival.com

Held just once every five years, Estonia's beloved Song and Dance Celebration is a breathtaking testament to the country's soul. This year's theme, 'Iseoma' (meaning 'my own'), honours the deep bond between people, land, and tradition. Over 40,000 singers, musicians, and dancers gather at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds, filling the summer air with powerful choral harmonies, whirling folk dances, and stirring orchestral performances. It's not just a festival – it's an unforgettable expression of unity, resilience, and national pride beneath the open sky.

2025.laulupidu.ee



MEDIEVAL DAYS
July 11–13

Every July, Tallinn's Town Hall Square and Niguliste Hill transform into a lively medieval town. For three days, visitors can join archery contests, sword-fighting lessons, and hands-on workshops in traditional crafts. Blacksmiths, carpenters, and costumed performers fill the streets, while musicians and dancers from across Europe bring the era to life. With vibrant parades, theatrical shows, and medieval markets, this annual festival is a must for history lovers and curious travellers alike.

medievaldays.ee

TALLINN
MARITIME DAYS
July 11–13

A highlight of the Estonian summer, Tallinn Maritime Days is a lively waterfront festival celebrating the city's rich seafaring spirit. With over 200 artists from Estonia and beyond, the event offers open-air concerts, seaside markets, and family-friendly attractions at ports across the city. Explore visiting ships, join a sailing trip on Tallinn Bay, or hop between harbours by sea taxi. From bustling fish markets to design stalls and children's areas, it's a festive, salt-kissed weekend by the water for all ages.

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VILNIUS

BREAKING THE JOINTS
EXHIBITION
Until December 31

Following an extensive restoration, Sapieha Palace has quickly become one of Vilnius' most exciting new spaces for contemporary art. Currently on view is the bold group exhibition *Breaking the Joints*, which features works by nearly 20 international artists. It explores the fusion of animation, optics, and anatomy, focusing on themes of bodily disfigurement, manipulation, and the media's relationship with trauma. Don't miss it – the venue itself is a masterpiece worth seeing.

sapiegurumai.lt

Did you know?
In addition to its existing *Michelin* star, *Restaurant Demo* in Vilnius has now also received a *Michelin* Green Star. It's housed in a former microchip factory for military components, and the award recognises the restaurant's innovative sustainability concept.
govilnius.lt

AS YOUNG AS VILNIUS FESTIVAL
July 25

Celebrate Vilnius's 702nd birthday at Vingis Park with the free music festival called As Young As Vilnius. Enjoy all-day live performances across genres, all of them honouring the feast day of St. Christopher, the patron saint of Vilnius. This citywide celebration resonates with youthful energy. Food stalls and family-friendly activities keep the fun going for everyone. The grand finale always includes a spectacular show by a world-renowned artist. Don't miss this unforgettable citywide party!

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MIDSUMMER VILNIUS FESTIVAL
July 14–25

Each summer, the historic courtyard of the Palace of the Grand Dukes in Vilnius comes alive with the unique Midsummer Vilnius festival. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this year's event promises to be unforgettable. It opens with a headline performance by British Mercury Prize winner Benjamin Clementine, followed by a captivating duet from opera diva Violeta Urmana and Italian tenor Alfredo Nigro. The festival will also feature a special one-night revival of the international project Fink Orchestra. For a full lineup of concerts and events, visit the official website.

midsummervilnius.com



HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE
Throughout July

July is the ultimate month to soar above Vilnius and take in its stunning skyline from a hot air balloon. As the city buzzes with vibrant summer festivals and lively events, you'll enjoy a unique bird's-eye perspective of all the excitement, paired with the tranquil serenity of drifting through the clouds. Whether you're planning an intimate outing or a group adventure, this unforgettable experience can be elevated even further with a gourmet dinner served high above the city. It's truly a bucket-list moment not to be missed.

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Aleksandrs Antoņenko, tenor
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Elza Siliņa, violin
Mārtiņš Šmaukstelis, tenor
Jūrmala Festival Orchestra
Conductor Ainārs Rubiķis



17.07. 20:00
Dzintari Concert Hall (Jūrmala)
SPAIN'S FLAMENCO BALLET
SPAIN'S FLAMENCO BALLET (Madrid)



18.07. 20:00
Dzintari Concert Hall (Jūrmala)
KSENIJA SIDOROVA AND THE LATVIAN NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Ksenija Sidorova, accordion
Latvian National Symphony Orchestra
Conductor Andris Poga



18.07. 23:00
Dzintari Concert Hall (Jūrmala)
NIGHT CONCERT. LUIZS MURAKAMI
Luiz Murakami (Brazil), vocals and guitar



19.07. 20:00
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Zanda Švēde, mezzo-soprano
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Until August 16

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muumimuseo.fi

Did you know?

This summer, Laukko Manor Park near Tampere is hosting 24 concerts featuring top Finnish pop, rock, and indie acts. Enjoy great music in a beautiful setting – perfect for fans looking to soak up the summer vibes.

laukonkartano.fi

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July 30 – August 3

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discgolfworlds.com



FINLAYSON **ART AREA**

Until August 24

If you want to dive into Tampere's arts scene, the Finlayson Art Area is the place to be. For years, this lively cultural hub has been bringing together all kinds of art, from printmaking and painting to comics, photography, video, sculpture, ceramics, street art, and installations. Best of all, it's free to explore, making it a great spot to soak up some creativity and see what's happening in Tampere's vibrant art world.

finlaysonartarea.fi

GUNS N' ROSES **CONCERT**

July 7

The legendary rock giants Guns N' Roses are bringing their electrifying live show to Tampere's Ratinan Stadion. Since bursting onto the scene in Los Angeles in 1985, the band has redefined rock music with its raw energy and unforgettable anthems. Over nearly 40 years, it's earned multiple MTV and American Music Awards, been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and sold over 100 million albums worldwide. Catch the current lineup featuring powerhouse vocalist Axl Rose and iconic lead guitarist Slash.

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◂ Latvia has almost four hundred active choirs throughout the country.

▾ The XIII Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival is taking place from July 5 to 13.



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'If he had remained in his original state, the weakness of mortal man would not have been able to endure the power and resonance of his voice,' once said the abbess and polymath Hildegard von Bingen, who was one of the first female composers. Voice is something each of us starts hearing in our mother's womb; rhythm has always been part of our bodies in the form of our pulse and heartbeat; and, from anthems to lullabies, songs have been an inevitable part of human life. And, more than 150 years ago, Latvians found an absolutely spectacular way to celebrate that.

Latvia has always been called a singing nation – the country of less than two million inhabitants has almost four hundred active choirs throughout the country. And there's even a special event happening once every five years to mark that phenomenon. Being a significant part of the national identity and a symbol of the independent nation, the Nationwide Latvian Song and Dance Festival has taken place since 1873 and is included in the UNESCO List of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. During the festival, each region of the country demonstrates its achievements in traditional culture, celebrating national heritage and also presenting it for visitors to the country to witness.

While the next Nationwide Latvian Song and Dance Festival is scheduled for 2028, the XIII Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival is taking place this summer from July 5 to 13. During that week, more than 37,000 young choir and vocal ensemble singers, folk and contemporary dancers, brass band and symphony orchestra musicians, and folklore groups and folk music ensembles from all over the country will come together on the Mežaparks Grand Open-Air Stage as well as at the Daugava Stadium, the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Xiaomi Arēna, and various theatres, cultural centres, churches, museums, and other breathtaking locations to sing and dance.

More than 30 events will take place in Riga, from a parade of festival participants, vocal competition finals, and marching band performances to traditional exhibitions, street concerts, and artisan markets throughout the city with this year's patron, President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs, to oversee the celebration. So whether you're up for treating yourself to a full-scale show or just wish to inhale the festive atmosphere while enjoying the city, this is your July destination. This unique tradition of a small nation coming together to celebrate culture has been preserved across the generations, and if you want to feel your body pulsing with the rhythm and your brain impulses responding to ancient songs performed by tens of thousands of young Latvians, do take part in this experience. You'll have many stories to bring back home.

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◂ Hannah Höch, *Woman and Saturn*, 1922
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Mama: From Mary to Merkel at the Kunstpalast is a major exhibition dedicated to the both joyful and complex experience of motherhood and how it has been represented in art history, culture, and everyday life throughout the centuries (until August 3; kunstpalast.de). Nearly 120 works from the museum's vast collection dating from the 14th century to the present day – paintings, sculptures, videos, installations, photography, advertising images, and everyday objects – speak about what it means to be a mother in the physical, mental, and social sense. Divided into eight chapters, the showcase addresses expectations and emotions. Selected works of art also highlight individual perspectives and stereotypes as well as iconic female figures, such as former German chancellor Angela Merkel, who was nicknamed Mutti, or 'mom'.

The **Rheinkirmes**, or Rhine Funfair, is an annual summer extravaganza that marks Düsseldorf's landscape with countless blinking lights, carousels, a giant Ferris wheel, and an exuberant atmosphere of celebration beloved by kids and adults alike (July 11–20; rheinkirmes-duesseldorf.de). This massive attraction occupies the scenic 16.5-hectare meadows in front of the historic Oberkassel district. Rides with gripping views of the city's Old Town, traditional stalls, and a variety of culinary specialties attract visitors from near and far. The Historic Procession, one of Germany's largest parades, is held on July 13 to honour St. Apollinaris, the patron saint of Düsseldorf. Another highlight is the fireworks display on the last Friday of the fair, July 18.

The new **Cloud One Hotel** is located in the epicentre of Düsseldorf's fashion, culture, and nature district (Joachim-Erwin-Platz 1; the-cloud-one.com; from EUR 138). Set in the state-of-the-art Kö-Bogen building complex, with the stunning Schauspielhaus Theatre in front, blooming Hofgarten Park at the back, and the richest selection of shopping venues all around, this four-star hotel with 149 rooms offers a sleek and comfortable stay. The classic rooms of various sizes are decorated with floral motifs, extra-comfy beds, and prime views from their floor-to-ceiling windows. The rooftop bar with an open-air terrace offers tranquil views of the always busy Schadowstraße shopping area and often hosts DJ sets and sunset parties.

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The Istanbul Modern museum, which boasts an award-winning design by architect Renzo Piano, is hosting **Between Worlds**, an exhibition of contemporary art by Chiharu Shiota that reflects on the Japanese-born artist's sense of being 'somewhere in between' (until September 8; Kılıç Ali Paşa Mahallesi, Tophane Iskele Caddesi No:1/1; istanbulmodern.org). It's inspired by Istanbul's location between Asia and Europe as well as the museum's location in the Karaköy neighbourhood, which has a historic centuries-old harbour and is one of the city's busiest districts. For the backbone of the exhibition, Shiota has used the idea of ships docking at and departing from the harbour, their passengers and stories, and also her own story of migration. The entire exhibition space is wrapped in web-like threads. Coloured red, they represent the blood flowing through our veins that metaphorically connects people. The suitcases placed inside the installation symbolise emotional baggage and memories, creating a bridge between the past and the future and raising the subject of home, belonging, and identity.

The **Istanbul Jazz Festival** is one of the most anticipated music events in the city, offering a broad spectrum of events and live performances by leading artists from around the world – nearly 40 concerts and 200 participants in total (July 1–17; caz.iksv.org). The line-up at this, the festival's 32nd edition, includes concerts by the Chucho Valdés Royal Quartet and Hermanos Gutiérrez, while the renowned composer Max Richter will perform on July 3. The celebration of jazz, which lasts more than two weeks and includes a series of special events, talks, and workshops, will fill up beautiful historic venues across the city, such as the Marmara Esma Sultan Mansion, Kabataş Pier, and the Italian Consulate's Garden.

The **Moxy Istanbul Taksim** is the debut hotel of the hospitality brand in Istanbul (Katip Mustafa Çelebi, Büyük Parmakkapı Sk. 11A; moxyhotels.com; from EUR 94). It's located in a vibrant, lively central neighbourhood just a few steps from Taksim Square and the Hagia Sophia, surrounded by dozens of street food nooks and art galleries on the way. The hotel's industrial-chic setting contrasts with its historical exterior, bringing a youthful and stylish design that frames a comfortable stay in one of its 167 compact rooms. The interiors are filled with artwork and cinema-inspired murals, layered colour contrasts, and a bold combination of leather and wood. The welcoming open-space lobby together with *Moxy Bar* serve as the epicentre of energy and socialisation for travellers from around the globe.

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A view of the *Timeless Gazes* exhibition

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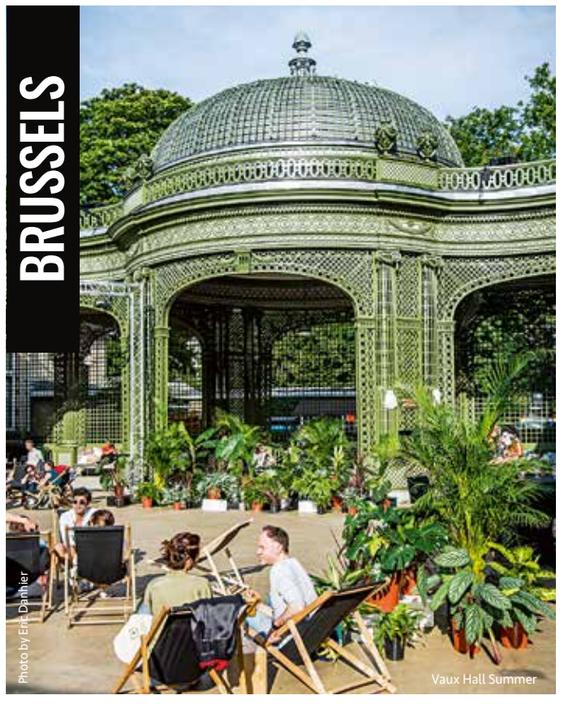
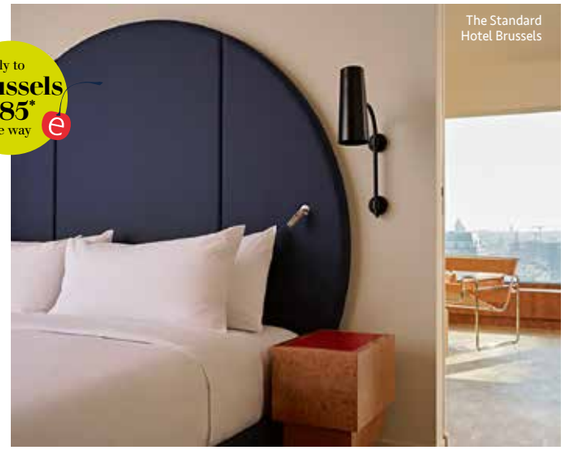


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Vaux Hall Summer



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Timeless Gazes: From Pharaohs to the Present Day, an exhibition set in the Art Nouveau gem of Villa Empain, celebrates the grandeur of ancient Egypt in intriguing relation to contemporary art from the African continent (until September 7; Avenue Franklin Roosevelt, 67; boghossianfoundation.be). Almost 130 works from the archaeological collection of Jean Claude Gandur are organised into eight thematic blocks, presenting curious artefacts from the daily life of ancient Egyptians, including talismans, figurines, and sarcophagus masks, alongside carved depictions of cult figures from the Pharaonic period. The opposite end of the visual narrative consists of works by contemporary artists, with more than 40 paintings, photographs, and sculptures reflecting subjects that deeply resonate with many of the same ones that mattered in ancient times.

Nestled in the heart of the lush Parc de Bruxelles, the Vauxhall is an architectural gem and performance hall that has served as a beloved entertainment and theatre venue since the late 18th century. The **Vaux-Hall Summer** programme offers a series of thematic events that blend culture and conviviality (vauxhallsummer.brussels; Parc de Bruxelles; until July 13). Its concerts under the stars, DJ sets, salsa dancing sessions, creative workshops, board games, and even sports classes for a wide range of audiences are all free and open to the public. For example, *Cinéma Galeries* presents an open-air screening of the film *Easy Rider* on July 10. On July 5, the Clubbing Jam Session will feature a dancing battle followed by a house music jam session. The culinary accompaniment at Vaux-Hall Summer consists of delicious burgers, quiches, and savoury wraps, also including vegetarian options.

The Northern Quarter of Brussels hosts an active design and culinary scene. It has also just welcomed a hospitality newcomer, **The Standard Brussels** (Boulevard Roi Albert II 30; standardhotels.com; from EUR 163). With 200 rooms and longer-stay apartments across 28 floors of the city's former World Trade Centre tower, this hotel's appearance shares the cosmopolitan and multicultural vibe of its location. The vibrant and comfortable rooms feature custom-made furniture, woodwork, a playful circle theme, 1980s-inspired patterned carpets, and an overall mix of influences from 1930s Belgian and 1970s American design. There's also an improvised botanical garden on the ground floor. The mid-century-style bar offers delicious bites and signature cocktails, while the rooftop *Lila 29* restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows has some of the best 360-degree views in town.

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The bouquinistes of Paris

The book stalls along the Seine River invite you on an atmospheric literary walk through the past and present.

Hardly any other capital bursts with as many cultural and urban symbols as Paris, from the baguette to the Eiffel Tower, and from Luxembourg garden chairs to the red windmill of the Moulin Rouge cabaret. But there's another important, yet rather overlooked, symbol that plays a leading role in shaping the city's bohemian aura. A heaven for book lovers and antiquity hunters, the green book stalls along the banks of the Seine set the stage in a kingdom where the Parisian *bouquinistes* rule.

The bouquiniste tradition spans over five centuries, with the term itself (which refers to dealers of second-hand books) appearing in the 15th century. Back then, itinerant vendors sold books from their woven baskets or folding tables. When the Pont Neuf bridge was built in the early 17th century, its central location soon became the favourite gathering spot for quirky urban characters, including book sellers. However, they received their stationary spots along the newly built stone embankments of the Seine only in the 19th century.

Today this open-air book market is considered one of the largest of its kind in Europe. This gem has even been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Seine has been famously described as 'the only river in the world that runs between two bookshelves'. The book stalls are located between the Quai du Louvre and Pont Marie on the right bank of the river and between the Quai de la Tournelle and Quai Voltaire on the left bank, making this three-kilometre book route one of the most beautiful ways to discover the city.

There are more than 200 booksellers in charge of nearly 900 wooden stalls. Officially regulated in shape and size, the dark-green boxes full of books, posters, and souvenirs are two metres long and 0.75 metres wide. Around dusk, they are tightly closed and locked until the next day. During the 2024 Summer Olympics, however, the bouquiniste stalls were on the verge of being dismantled. The opening ceremony of the games was set along the Seine, and the boxes were to be removed for security reasons. But the communal revolutionary voice of the vendors reached up to the French president himself, who intervened, and the stalls remained untouched.

The green treasure boxes are filled with thousands of books of all kinds and everything from antique papers and prints to special editions, posters, and vintage *Paris Match* magazines. Dusty editions of Balzac and books of surrealist poetry sit beside vintage comic books, stamps, and old postcards. The knowledgeable vendors, for their part, are strict guardians of Parisian literary heritage and glad to share the backstories on their rare finds with passers-by.

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MY LJUBLJANA

Jaka Ivančič is an award-winning Slovenian photographer celebrated for his blend of technical precision and emotional depth in landscape and commercial photography. His work has earned international recognition, with *National Geographic* naming one of his images among the 50 best landscape photos of 2018. In 2019, he won first place in the architecture category at the International Photography Awards, and in 2024, he co-created *Slovenia: A Symphony of Views*, the country's most-visited exhibition of the year. Ivančič's latest photo book, *Slovenia: A Land of Contrasts*, captures the rich beauty of his homeland. Here, he shares some of his favourite spots in and near Ljubljana.

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Dragon Bridge

Located a short stroll from the city centre, near the lively central market and the Ljubljanica River, the Dragon Bridge is one of Ljubljana's most beloved landmarks. Completed in 1901, it's topped with four striking statues of dragons that have become a symbol of the city. According to legend, Jason and the Argonauts defeated a dragon here, giving Ljubljana its mythical protector. Today, the dragon stands for power and courage, appearing on the city's coat of arms, flags, souvenirs, and street art. It's a must-see when you visit!

Church of St. James

Just a quick 15-minute drive from Ljubljana, the charming hilltop Church of St. James (Sv. Jakob) in Topol pri Medvodah offers stunning views of the countryside and distant Alps. Locals love it for peaceful sunset walks and quiet moments of reflection, making it the perfect escape from the city. It's a beautiful spot to unwind and soak up nature's beauty.

Coastal town of Piran

Slovenia may be small, but it dazzles with diverse landscapes. Just an hour from Ljubljana lies the coastal gem of Piran, where historical architecture and winding, Venetian-inspired streets beg to be explored. On clear days, the vivid blue waters of the Adriatic Sea contrast beautifully with the snow-capped Julian Alps in the distance, including the majestic Triglav mountain. It's a place where seaside relaxation meets mountain adventure in perfect harmony.

Georgie Bistro

When in Ljubljana, Jaka always makes time for a meal or coffee at one of the city's beloved local spots. A standout is *Georgie Bistro*, an emerging gem in Ljubljana's culinary scene. Though it hasn't earned a *Michelin* star yet, it shines with creative dishes, a warm and intimate atmosphere, and unforgettable flavours. It's fast becoming a favourite for locals and visitors alike.

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Last year, Copenhagen's *CopenPay* scheme gave rewards to tourists who acted sustainably. Now it's back and bigger than before.

It's always nicer to be rewarded for good behaviour than to be told off for being naughty, and that's something that Copenhagen understands well. CopenPay, a scheme through which visitors get freebies for participating in sustainable behaviour, is back for a second year this summer and will be in effect for nine weeks, from June 17 to August 17. This summer it also includes an extended 100 participating tourist attractions across and around the city that are ready to pat you on the back if you do something positive during your trip.

If you bike instead of drive, help out in an urban garden, or pick up some litter, you'll be in line for rewards including free lunches, free boat tours, free bike rental, free excursions, discounted museum entry, and more. At a time of growing anti-tourism sentiment in Europe, it's a win-win for everyone, showing how travel can be a force for good. And in a city not known for being kind on the pocket, it's a win for travellers, too.

'Rather than bringing more tourists to the city, the goal with CopenPay is to nudge visitors and raise their awareness about the choices we make when we travel, exploring Copenhagen more consciously while being rewarded with unique experiences,' says Søren Tegen Pedersen, the CEO of *Wonderful Copenhagen*.

The scheme has had a ripple effect, inspiring sustainable initiatives around the world. For example, Berlin is one of a number of locations planning to debut an initiative inspired by CopenPay next year.

Participation is easy. Visit www.copenpay.com to see a full list of the actions and rewards available. You'll be rewarded for all kinds of activity, including booking four or more nights in the city (longer stays are more sustainable than shorter ones) and choosing to eat plant-based food. Those arriving in the city by electric car or train are also rewarded. If you arrive by plane (and we assume that if you're reading this, you probably are), making a contribution to sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) counts, too.

As they say, together we can do a lot if we all do a little!



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runningtours.dk

Clean up the harbour for a free boat trip
Electric self-guided *GoBoat* sailing boats are a fixture of Copenhagen Harbour in the summer. To get a free ride, all you have to do is collect trash from the water as you go. Participants get a fishing net and trash bag and can make a difference while cruising the canals. Don't miss the colourful and characterful houseboats of Copenhagen Harbour as you go, or the idiosyncratic self-built houses set on the lake in Christiania. *GoBoat's* boats have seating for eight and a table in the middle, so you can enjoy a little picnic as you cruise around the city.
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Play a mobile game, unlock free bike rental
Copenhagen is one of the world's foremost cycling cities, so it makes sense to do something that lets you join local people in this super sustainable way of getting around. *Donkey Republic's* fleet of bright orange bikes can be unlocked for free if you just play a bike safety game on its app. It's a useful thing to do anyway – during peak commuting times, bike lanes in the city are rife with impatient cyclists who are used to getting their own way, so knowing the rules of the road will help make the experience that little bit smoother.
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FISH CORNER

Latest addition to Riga's dining scene, Fish Corner is a new seafood bistro offering hearty cuisine in a modern laid-back setting. The menu draws inspiration from around the globe, featuring simple, soulful dishes with a few all-time favorites and the chef's take on some Baltic specialties. From the classic fish burger to the deep-fried local sprats or the vibrant herring & fennel carpaccio, Fish Corner's food is a perfect combo of comforting and exciting.

Terbatas 41/43, Riga
www.fishcorner.lv

Point of view

Where to go in Barcelona, according to content creator Maria Katarina Åstrand.

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Maria Katarina Åstrand has been savouring Barcelona's culinary scene for many years. Enchanted by the city's restaurants, fresh seafood, and vibrant markets, she began sharing her food adventures in 2014 through @barcelonafoodexperience on *Instagram*, later launching a dedicated website. Today, she partners with hotels and restaurants in Barcelona and beyond, creating content and digital strategies through the agency she runs with her husband.



Ultramarinos Marín captures the true spirit of Mediterranean dining.

My secret spot

'For me, choosing a favourite spot in Barcelona is easy. *Berbena*, a charming hidden gem in the vibrant neighbourhood of Gràcia, captivated me from the moment I first walked in. Known for its cosy ambience and enticing decor, this beloved restaurant requires reservations well in advance and is closed on weekends, but it's worth every effort. The excitement builds as you wait outside, melodic tunes drifting through open windows that offer a glimpse of the lively scene within. Inside, an open kitchen takes centre stage, where chefs skillfully craft each dish before your eyes. The regularly changing menu celebrates the freshest seasonal ingredients and is made for sharing, turning every visit into a culinary adventure filled with unexpected flavours and memorable moments.'

Other locations to check out

• *Ultramarinos Marín* captures the true spirit of Mediterranean dining, attracting local chefs and food lovers alike with its honest, ingredient-driven dishes. The lively open kitchen and warm, inviting atmosphere set the stage for fresh seafood and Spanish classics in which simplicity shines, each plate elevated by extraordinary flavours and perfectly paired wines.
• Led by the imaginative Miquel Coulibaly, *Sr. Brown* is a sensory delight – a distinctive café that feels like stepping into a whimsical Wes Anderson film. The menu features inventive drinks such as nori caramel, spiced chai, and matcha pumpkin lemonade alongside decadent chocolate desserts. It's the perfect spot for a post-meal treat in a setting that enchants with every bite.

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In summer, Vienna exudes a laid-back vibe mixed with imperial and modern charm.

WHERE TO STAY

The new *Hoxton Vienna* is housed in a bold, marble-clad 1950s modernist building in the city's lively 3rd District. Its spacious lobby has terrazzo floors, aluminium columns, and a striking staircase. The 196 rooms feature upgraded comfort and iconic mid-century design with geometric patterns, rich textures, and vintage furniture. The rooftop bar offers stunning views of the city, Cuban-inspired décor, crafted cocktails, and a panoramic pool. Downstairs, a speakeasy-style bar and the *Bouvier* restaurant – which combines Parisian and New York flavours – complete the experience.

Rudolf-Sallinger-Platz 1, thehoxton.com; from EUR 119



WHERE TO EAT

Collina am Berg, a newly opened restaurant in Vienna's trendy 7th District, blends hunting heritage with a modern touch in a contemporary setting. The menu offers creative specialties from traditional Austrian and international cuisine. Focusing on sustainability, *Collina* uses the best seasonal ingredients from local producers – whether from the earth, hunting grounds, or nearby waters. With savoury porchetta as a highlight, it serves lunch and dinner, hosts themed gastronomic events, and welcomes guests on its lively summer terrace.

Spittelberggasse 12; collina.wien

CLASSICS NOT TO MISS

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Viennese musical legend Johann Strauss II. A vibrant year-long programme of indoor and outdoor events unfolds across all 23 districts of Vienna to celebrate the King of the Waltz renowned for *Die Fledermaus* and the iconic *Blue Danube* waltz, along with hundreds more compositions. For a unique experience, the Johann Strauss Audio Walk – available through the *Ivie* city guide app – takes visitors on a musical journey through Vienna, including unexpected stops such as the *Volksgarten Club Disco*, all set to a themed soundtrack.

Until December 31; johannstrauss2025.at


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WHY NOT

Swimming in the Danube is a beloved way to beat the heat on Vienna's often hot summer days. The riverbanks fill with people enjoying this green oasis in the city, and the most popular spot is Donauinsel (Danube Island), with several sandy strips and tiny beaches such as CopaBeach. The shores of the New Danube offer green grass, picnic areas, designated swimming zones, and pontoons. For a more tranquil experience, the pristine Old Danube – an oxbow lake with still, crystal-clear water – is perfect for swimming and paddleboarding. Its leafy surroundings retain the charm of a classic Viennese lido from the early 1900s.

WHERE TO SHOP

Vienna is great for high-end and artisanal shopping, mixing fashion, accessories, décor, and furniture – both modern and vintage. While hotspots such as the 7th District, Mariahilferstraße, flea markets, and exclusive stores in the Innere Stadt are popular, *Shopping with Lucie!* offers a personal tour of hidden gems in the 1st, 4th, and 7th districts. *Lucie* uncovers secret shops featuring the best Austrian design and crafts, with tasty stops along the way to enjoy local sweets.

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The region's strong waves make it a hotspot for surfing.



Sampling *bacalhau* – the iconic salted cod – is a must for visitors.

While sipping Portuguese wine and indulging in *pasteis de nata* might be the quintessential Porto pastime, no visit to the city is complete without a trip to its dramatic Atlantic coastline, which is made all the easier by convenient public transportation.

Untamed winds, deep blue waters, and stretches of white sand define much of Porto's seaside, but each beach has its own personality. The region's strong waves make it a hotspot for surfing, attracting enthusiasts from across Portugal and beyond. Praia da Baía and Póvoa de Varzim are perennial favourites among locals testing their skills on the waves, while bustling Matosinhos Beach offers a diverse range of water sports.

But what's a seaside escape without indulging in the local delicacies? Like many coastal nations, Portugal is celebrated for its seafood-driven cuisine, and to savour the freshest catch, there's no better place than Vila do Conde. This charming resort town is dotted with seafood restaurants and cosy tavernas, where the mouthwatering aroma of grilled fish mingles with the unmistakable warmth of Portuguese hospitality. Sampling *bacalhau* – the iconic salted cod – is also a must for visitors.

For history lovers, the allure of the Foz do Douro district in Porto offers the perfect retreat from the city crowds. Here, where the Douro River meets the Atlantic, time seems to slow down. Stroll along a coastline lined with 19th-century mansions, imagining the grandeur of a bygone era, and visit the steadfast fort that once defended Porto's shores. It's a place where sun-soaked days meet storied history, promising nourishment for both the mind and the soul.

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A pavilion for pause

This summer's Serpentine commission invites reflection, connection, and cultural discovery beneath the trees.

Words by **Olga Dolina**
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Each summer, the Serpentine Galleries in London commission a temporary pavilion that spotlights the ideas of one of the world's brightest architectural minds. Over the decades, some of the greatest architects of our time – including Zaha Hadid, Daniel Libeskind, and Frank Gehry – have created pavilions for this initiative and transformed the lawn of Kensington Gardens into a stage for architectural experimentation.

This year, the commission has been entrusted to Dhaka-based *Marina Tabassum Architects* (MTA), a studio that unites bold contemporaneity with a deep connection to place, culture, history, and climate. Entitled *A Capsule in Time*, the elongated structure with a central courtyard nestled between two wings appears to draw the park into the pavilion itself. This layout takes inspiration from the park's culture and the arched garden canopies that gently filter soft daylight through layers of green foliage.

The wooden structure with a translucent façade captures and diffuses light, poetically infiltrating the space and highlighting both the sensory and spiritual qualities of the architecture. It creates an ever-changing interplay of light and shadow, enhancing the visitor's experience throughout the day. The pavilion itself is composed of four capsule-like volumes, one of which is movable, allowing the layout to be reconfigured and shifting the relationship between inside and outside.

One of the references for the pavilion's design is the *shamiyana* tent, a traditional South Asian canopy that is similarly kinetic in function. Constructed of fabric and supported by bamboo poles, these structures are typically used for outdoor gatherings and celebrations. Echoing this spirit, Tabassum's pavilion offers a welcoming space for visitors to meet, connect, and exchange ideas. A curated selection of books on Bengali culture, resting on built-in shelves, forms an improvised library within the space.

At the pavilion's heart stands a slim, semi-mature ginkgo tree, which is one of the oldest surviving tree species, with origins tracing back to the early Jurassic Period. Over the course of the summer, its leaves will subtly shift in colour, marking the passage of time within the pavilion's walls.

Until October, the Serpentine Pavilion will host a dynamic programme of events, including the interdisciplinary Park Nights featuring music, film, theatre, dance, literature, fashion, and more, thus turning the architectural space into a living cultural platform.

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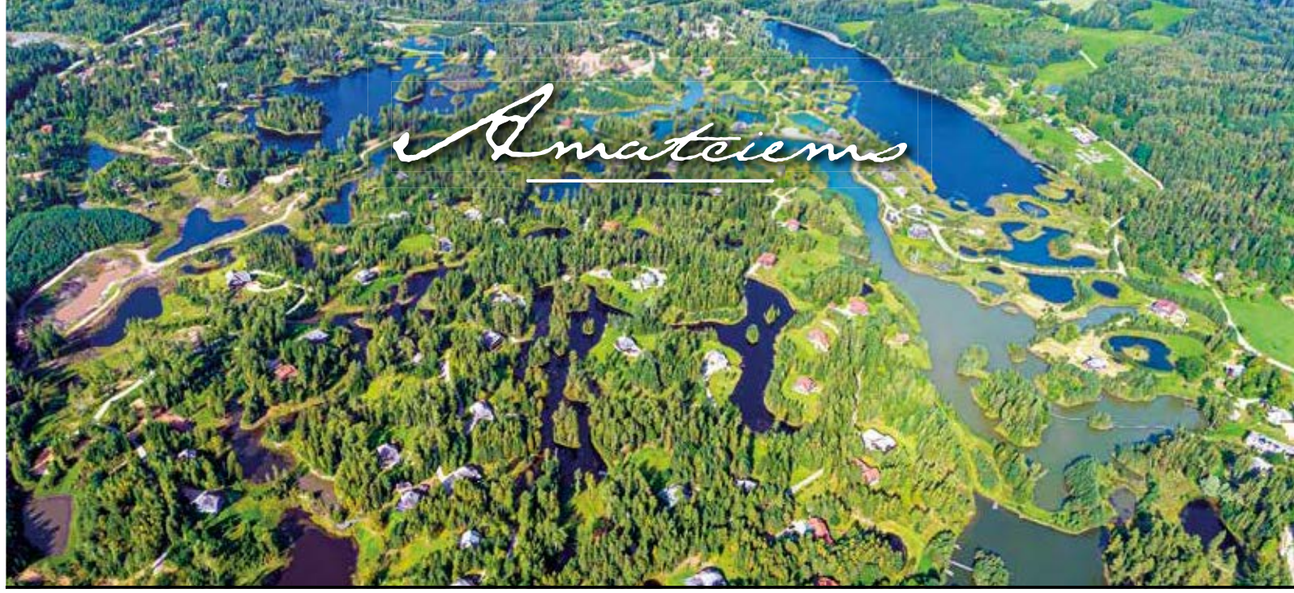
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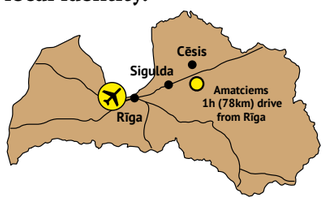
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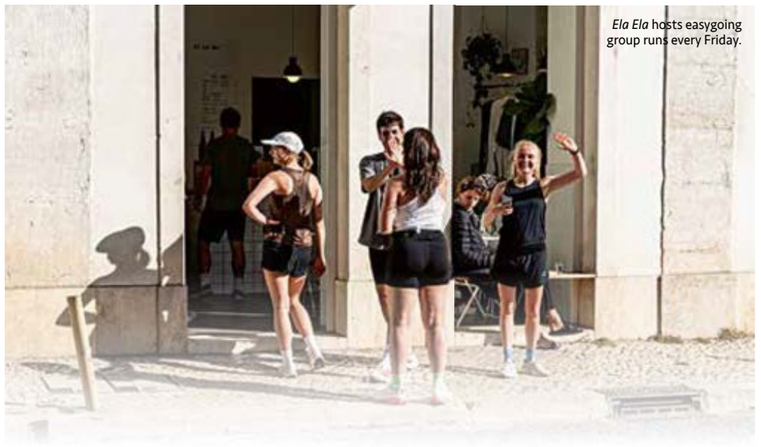
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Laces and lattes

Why running clubs are the new social hotspots



Ela Ela hosts easygoing group runs every Friday.

Once associated only with muddy trails and stadium tracks, running clubs have found an unlikely companion in urban cafés. The idea of lacing up not just for fitness but also for company took root over 150 years ago with Thames Hare and Hounds, a club founded in 1868 in London to promote running as a social activity.

Skip ahead to today, when a post-pandemic hunger for face-to-face connection has made communal running more relevant than ever. Add in the sober-curious trend – which is rethinking bars and nightclubs as the only spots to meet people – and running clubs have even been dubbed the new dating apps. Now runners give thumbs-up on each other's *Strava* achievements and discuss the best trainers over a flat white.

A typical scene plays out like this: a gathering outside a beloved café, a relaxed five- to nine-kilometre loop, then back for a brew and a victory slab of banana bread. Coffee, after all, is a runner's best friend – a pre-run espresso can boost stamina, while post-run caffeine may speed recovery.

Across Europe, the trend has taken hold. Amsterdam's Coffee Run club meets at a different café every weekend. Paris takes it a step further with the Running Flan Club, adding an obligatory piece of flan to the occasion. Recognising their new role as social anchors, many cafés now partner with running groups, or even start their own, to build community and keep those cups clinking.

> Now runners discuss the best trainers over a flat white

Words by **Ilze Vītola**
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WHERE **TO FUEL UP**

Running Late in London
This punchy red café in Hackney with a photogenic spiral staircase (which has its own *Instagram* account) serves up serious coffee and small-batch pastries made by local bakers. But it's more than just a caffeine stop, because *Running Late* also leads weekly 5K runs on Wednesdays and 10K sessions on Saturdays. Plus, it has expanded into Pilates in the park, a walking club, and now a community book club as well.
249b Mare Street; IG/runninglatecoffee

Ela Ela in Lisbon
This sunlit minimalist café tucked away in Lisbon's Santos district hosts easygoing group runs every Friday at 8:30 a.m. There's no need to sign up – just show up in gear and choose between a 5K or 8K loop. Each run starts and finishes at *Ela Ela*, where runners are greeted with top-notch *La Cabra* brews and pastries from the café's own vegan sourdough bakery on Rua da Costa.
Rua Santos-O-Velho 116 e 118; IG/eleelacafe

Oha Valby in Copenhagen
An unfussy all-day café in the Valby district, *Oha Valby* has a quiet ambition to bring people together through plant-forward food and shared routines. The extensive menu features familiar vegan and pescatarian dishes such as avo toast, poke bowls, and hearty brunch plates served until 4 p.m. Every Sunday at 9 a.m., it hosts a community run open to all levels, looping runners back to *Oha* for a post-jog recharge.
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LIGHT AND DARKNESS IN REYKJAVIK

How do locals live with the wild shifts of light and dark in Iceland's capital? We dropped in, hung out, and soaked it all up to find out.

Jóhannes Sveinsson Kjarval (1885–1972) is considered one of the most important Icelandic artists. Early in life, he worked as a fisherman, drawing and painting only in his free time, but later, with the financial support of his fellow fishermen and the Icelandic Confederation of Labour, he passed the entrance exams and was admitted to the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts. There, in Copenhagen, he became acquainted with different styles of art, such as Impressionism, Cubism, and Expressionism, and explored them when creating his own work, which focussed on landscapes.

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

My first winter, I tell them, was a little strange, but thrilling. A bit novel. Walking home through snow in the dark at 3 p.m., Christmas lights flickering against low clouds, the streets almost silent but for the wind. I'd sit inside for hours with friends, puzzling over jigsaws while storms rattled the windows, or soak in the swimming pool as steam blurred with snowfall. Winter in Iceland, I found, forced you to live more in sync with the natural seasons. Life turns inward. People linger in candlelit cafés, knit, bake, form bands, write poetry, go to friends for coffee and cake, talk for hours. The city becomes a cocoon, all about the small comforts of the interior world. But the long dark months do more than just encourage people to pick up hobbies; they also shape how people create, reflect, and ultimately express themselves.

'I think being creative is a form of survival for Icelanders,' says Rex Beckham, a Canadian transplant who moved to Reykjavik in 2010 and never left. She's now a music journalist for the *Reykjavik Grapevine*, the city's English-language newspaper that keeps tabs on all things culture, cuisine, and travel. We're talking over coffee at *Kaffi Ó-le*, a quiet spot in a recently renovated part of downtown, which is all neat, cobbled streets, trim buildings, trendy shops. The café has been quietly producing some of the best cups of coffee in Reykjavik.

'In the past, Icelanders made everything by hand just to get through winter: clothes, food, stories. That instinct hasn't gone away. It just shifted into music, art, creativity,' Beckham continues.

But then, by spring and summer, there's a palpable lift in the air. People start leaving their houses again, dazed and hopeful, blinking into the light. Even if summer doesn't always deliver on the good-weather front, the build-up alone feels electric. It's about possibility. It's like the whole country asks the question: What if we could live in this wild, wind-lashed place and have a season of stillness, of long warm days and open skies? And when they emerge into spring and summer, they bring with them their creative projects: music, art, writing, photography... anything and everything.

I spent the better part of four years living in Reykjavik, right in the thick of its tourism boom. And now, even after moving away, my marriage to an Icelander and regular articles to write keep me coming back at least a couple of times per year. I've watched as the city has changed from what I knew into something more modern and up-to-date, with more visitors than ever, attracted by the stunning and magnetic landscapes on the city's doorstep. I think I've got a pretty good insight into the daily rhythm of life in Reykjavik. But it still surprises me.

STILL, BENEATH ALL THE CHANGE, SOME RITUALS REMAIN UNCHANGED. CHIEF AMONG THEM: A TRIP TO THE SWIMMING POOL. For anyone unaware, Iceland's swimming pools are all geothermally heated, tapping into the volcanic energy simmering just beneath the country's surface. Locals have long used this natural power to their advantage, and over time, the pools became essential, not just for warmth but for surviving the long, dark winters. Today,



The midnight sun in Reykjavik means that it never really gets dark in the months of June and July.

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The modern Reykjavik culture doesn't live in grand museums but pulses in living rooms, shared studios, makeshift venues

the swimming pool is an anchor of social life in Reykjavik: a place to meet friends, swap gossip, debate politics, or simply small-talk with strangers about the weather. Somehow, the swimming pool in Iceland dissolves the usual boundaries between people; it's a rare kind of equaliser that doesn't exist in a lot of other places.

In some countries, however, that role might belong to the pub, the café, or even the sauna. But in Iceland, it's the swimming pool. Locals are known to be a little reserved in day-to-day life, and it can be quite difficult to naturally strike up a conversation with an Icelander. But at the pool, the atmosphere shifts. Sitting shoulder to shoulder in the hot water with strangers, conversations somehow unfold naturally.

I'll be the first to admit that I was sceptical when I first read something about this happening at the pools – was it travel writing at play here, embellishing something to be much larger than it actually is? But it's true. When I lived in Reykjavik, I was a regular at the pool, and now it's one of the things I most look forward to on my return. There's a gentle democracy to the pools here. Everyone's in a swimsuit, stripped of roles. Teachers and teenagers, politicians and pensioners. I've discussed everything from the yearly Eurovision entry to the inner workings of Iceland's fishing industry.

My go-to pool was Seltjarnarneslaug, tucked into a quiet residential corner of the city. For those staying more centrally, Sundhöllin – just behind Hallgrímskirkja Church – is a beautifully restored downtown option. Or there's Laugardalslaug, Reykjavik's largest pool, a bit further to the east. The pools are a year-round ritual, part of daily life no matter the weather, from stormy December mornings to bright July nights.

SUMMER IN ICELAND DOESN'T ARRIVE ALL AT ONCE, BUT INSTEAD WITH A GRADUAL LOOSENING OF THE COLD. The wind still bites, and rain still blows sideways, but there are days when the air softens, when the sky stretches wide and pale over the city, and something shifts. People spill out of their houses, and the streets start to hum with life again. And on a rare sunny day? The whole city lives outside, making the most of whatever good luck comes their way. That same spirit of casual connection extends into Reykjavik's streets, especially on weekend evenings. Just go for a wander downtown and see what you stumble across – a pop-up art show, impromptu concert, or a quirky exhibition in a basement gallery. The smaller bars and creative spaces often hold the biggest surprises.

Places like Smekkleysa feel like pure Reykjavik – part record store, part hangout spot, where Björk has been known to jump on the decks with friends. Over by the pond, Iðnó hosts gigs in its old timber-framed halls. At *12 Tónar*, you might find vinyl treasures upstairs and a pop-up show downstairs. Galleries such as i8, Kannski, and the Nordic House keep the city's visual arts scene buzzing with exhibitions and offbeat performances. And all over town, poetry nights, drag shows, live comedy, and experimental music light up places such as Mengi and Gaukurinn. If in doubt, grab a copy of *The Reykjavik Grapevine*, free in most cafés and shops, and let it lead the way.

There are impromptu bar gigs, teenagers putting on their first show, karaoke drifting up from a basement. It's all part of the city's creative engine – months of winter hibernation giving way to something raw, playful, and unfiltered. This is modern Reykjavik culture. It doesn't live in grand museums but pulses in living rooms, shared studios, makeshift venues, and in the winter stillness that nudges people to make something. Anything.

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Icelandic horses at Stafnesviti Lighthouse on the Reykjanes Peninsula.

The weather in Iceland is an attraction in and of itself – something to marvel at, even enjoy

The city still moves at the pace of a small town, spreading low and wide along the bay in a jigsaw of brightly painted tin roofs, concrete blocks, and sleek new builds. There's a charming wonkiness to it: old next to new, murals on warehouses, fairy lights strung from balconies, puffin shops tucked beside minimalist cafés. The harbour smells faintly of salt and diesel. From almost anywhere in the city, you can glimpse mountains on the horizon, and on clear days, the Snæfellsjökull glacier floats like a mirage across the bay.

LOOKING OUTWARD TO THE SEA, THE MOUNTAINS, THE SKY – THAT'S A CONSTANT IN REYKJAVIK. ICELANDERS HAVE AN INSTINCT FOR BEING OUTDOORS, IN THE ELEMENTS. There's a lot to be said for living so close to the natural world. Even when the weather turns, people continue to hike, cycle, swim, and stroll. Nature isn't something separate from daily life here. When I'm in Reykjavik, I'm only a few minutes' walk from the coast, where a long footpath stretches all the way to Nauthólsvík, the city's geothermal beach, and beyond. I go there with my son to search for shells and seaweed on the black sand, joggers thumping past behind us. At the beach, we watch locals plunge into the cold ocean, sprinting back to the hot pot after five minutes. In the far distance, a pointed mountain juts up from the Reykjanes Peninsula, which is one of the easiest escapes from the city and an immediate gateway into volcanic landscapes.

The nearby Öskjuhlíð Park offers a different type of immersion: a forested hill below the glass dome of the Perlan Museum, which ironically houses exhibitions dedicated to Iceland's natural world. I meet a friend and we stroll through the forest, the sounds of nearby traffic muted amongst the trees, replaced by birdsong in the early evening. It begins to rain, but we simply don our rain jackets and continue walking. Barring the dangerous storms that can occur here, I've come to think of the weather in Iceland as an attraction in and of itself – something to marvel at, even enjoy, no matter whether it's rain, snow, or the slanting summer sun at midnight in June.

That same embrace of the elements extends outside the city. Within 30 to 60 minutes of Reykjavik in any direction, you're in the thick of Iceland's otherworldly landscapes. There's the eruptive terrain of the Reykjanes Peninsula, which is home to the Blue Lagoon and now a UNESCO-designated Geopark thanks to recent volcanic activity. To the north lies Hvalfjörður, a quiet fjord dotted with waterfalls and home to the increasingly popular Hvammsvík hot spring. A little further and you reach the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, which is one of the most beautiful areas in the country and is crowned by Snæfellsjökull, the volcano and glacier that inspired *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*.

And then there's the Golden Circle, with its erupting geysers and thunderous Gullfoss waterfall. Or the more distant South Coast, lined with glinting waterfalls, towering cliffs, and spectral black-sand beaches, where meltwater tumbles from glaciers down from the interior Highlands.

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The i8 Gallery is a long-standing gallery championing the local art scene.


Photo courtesy *Kaffi Ó-le cafe*

If you need coffee, *Kaffi Ó-le* is one of the best spots in downtown Reykjavik.

There's a hi-lo mix that defines the city's food culture. Hamburgers are a national obsession

In a country battered by winds, volcanic eruptions, and sudden storms, it's a useful mindset to have. Problems are inevitable. But panic? Unnecessary.

You feel *þetta reddast* everywhere in the city: in the pace of life, in the way people shrug off setbacks, in the quiet belief that things will sort themselves out.

Rain or shine, every visit to Reykjavik includes a quiet tour of my old haunts. I stop by *12 Tónar* to browse the records and listen to something I might not usually like – the store now hosts regular basement gigs. I stroll up Skólavörðustígur, the rainbow-painted street leading to Hallgrímskirkja Church, where the statue of Leif Eiriksson still stares out to sea.

I duck into the multistorey *Penninn Eymundsson* bookshop to browse translated works by Icelandic authors or thoughtful new releases about local culture and nature. And when the hour calls, I make my way to happy hour at *Bravo Bar*, a corner spot on Laugavegur with drink specials from 2 to 8 p.m. and a rotating crowd of local artists, trendsetters, and businessmen huddled around the tables. It's the kind of offbeat, unpretentious place I always loved in Reykjavik: full of character, but not trying too hard to be quirky, a trap that many places fall into. Not here, though.

And these days, Icelanders have found a new audience to share their quirks and creativity in the steady stream of visitors to the city. Reykjavik wasn't always so popular, but since the 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull – the ash cloud that grounded European flights and put the country on the map – interest has surged. By the time I moved here, the numbers were already climbing fast.

Now, millions visit each year, and most spend at least a night or two in Reykjavik. The city has developed a buzzing, international feel and acts as a launchpad for ring-road adventures or countryside escapes.

THAT INFLUX OF CURIOUS VISITORS HASN'T JUST SHAPED THE CITY'S NEW ENERGY; IT ALSO NUDGED ITS CUISINE IN A NEW DIRECTION. Inspired by Denmark's *Noma* and the broader New Nordic movement, Reykjavik chefs began embracing the ingredients once overlooked in favour of more global fare. But now, Icelandic ingredients take centre stage at many of the city's best restaurants, including Iceland's first-ever *Michelin*-starred restaurant, *Dill*. It's the country's most famous restaurant, and if you're interested in dining there, make sure you reserve far in advance.

With more international visitors arriving – and with them, bigger and more curious audiences – chefs suddenly had room to take risks, reframe traditional ingredients, and play with Icelandic flavours in new, imaginative ways.

I find myself at *The Fishmarket*, another one of the city's long-standing stars. The lighting is low, the cocktails strong, the menu focussed on Icelandic-Asian fusion done right, with things like *wagyu tataki* slicked with truffle soy, squid tempura in a seaweed crust, and broccolini glazed in yuzu miso. It's easy to see why Gordon Ramsay is said to be a repeat guest. 'Oh yeah, he's been here,' my server tells me. 'Super nice.'

Celebrity spotting in Reykjavik has become quite easy of late, and not just for famed chefs. With more TV series and films turning to Iceland's landscapes (and generous tax incentives for shooting here), it's not unusual to spot a familiar face on the street.

But Reykjavik isn't just fine dining for the celebs – there's a hi-lo mix that defines the city's food culture. Hamburgers are a national obsession, and *Vitabar* is my go-to: a worn-in bar slinging a monstrous blue cheese burger called the Forget-Me-Not. And then there's *Bæjarins Beztu*, the city's legendary

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The Blue Lagoon

hot dog stand. A hot dog here is a rite of passage for anyone visiting Iceland. Made mostly with lamb, along with some beef and pork, and ordered *einn með öllu* ('one with everything'): crispy and raw onions, ketchup, sweet brown mustard, and remoulade. Even Anthony Bourdain was a fan.

And the city's latest craze? Food halls. What started with one – Hlemmur Food Hall, the city's old bus station turned luxe food-court – has since expanded into a clutch of venues across the city. With everything from Vietnamese *bánh mì* to sushi and poke bowls and fresh seafood, these spaces let restaurants trial smaller ventures before launching full-scale locations. With more visitors than ever hungry for local flavour, the food halls have given chefs the freedom to be more daring, testing bold ideas, rethinking tradition, and bringing Icelandic ingredients into exciting new contexts without the risk and overheads of their own brick-and-mortar space. Less risk, more creativity, and an absolute boon for Reykjavik's dining scene. One standout is the restaurant *Skál!*, which proved so popular that it now has its own full-scale location downtown.

STILL, FOR ALL THE HOT DOGS AND LATE-NIGHT BURGERS, REYKJAVIK ALSO KNOWS HOW TO DO QUIET LUXURY. On one of my final evenings in Reykjavik, I test out the Sky Lagoon, although I'm a bit late to the party, since it has been open for a while now. Rain needles the air as I wade between slabs of dark basalt into the warm and welcoming hot spring, a growing wind kicking up whitecaps out at sea. A paddleboarder glides by below on the water, unbothered by the weather, wobbling only slightly in the choppy water. Icelanders are often like that – out in it, no matter what.

From the pool, I gaze out at the coastline of the capital area, heading southwest towards the airport. Then, a cold plunge before ducking inside the lagoon's sauna, where my friends and I sit sweating in silence, gazing through a vast window at the churning coast. Later comes the cold mist, the body scrub, the steam – the seven-step ritual of the Sky Lagoon. Even Reykjavik's more luxurious offerings stay close to nature: all wind, water, and weather. Places like the Blue Lagoon, Hvammsvík, and the Forest Lagoon feel less like escapes and more like an evolution of Iceland's everyday pool culture.

And that's what I keep coming back to. Not just the drama of the landscape or the surprising energy of the city, but the quiet way it all fits together. The luxurious alongside the rugged. The tradition balanced with attraction. Poolside chats and pop-up gigs, famous artists doing intimate shows, treating everybody the same, celebrity or not.

Reykjavik may be a small city on the edge of the Arctic, but it's never felt provincial. For many visitors, it's often an afterthought, somewhere to spend a night in comfort before flying home after a week on the road. But there's something really special about Reykjavik's everyday texture. And somewhere between the stormy winters and light-filled nights, between my old haunts and the new ones I discover each visit, I realise more and more that I feel at home in the city.

So much so that when someone asks what it's like living in Iceland, I shrug. It's cold. It's bright. Dark. A little strange. Feels like home.

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WHERE TO STAY

Kvosin Downtown Hotel
Wedged between Tjörnin ('the pond') and one of Reykjavik's central squares, this boutique stay mixes historical charm with understated Nordic chic. Rooms are apartment-style, with kitchenettes and plush beds, and the cosy bar downstairs makes a mean gin and tonic.
Kirkjutorg 4 | kvosinhotel.is

ION City Hotel
With minimalist interiors and a moody grey palette, *ION City* feels sleek, central, and effortlessly cool. Expect heated floors, designer furniture, and big windows that gaze out onto Laugavegur's buzzing energy. Some rooms even have private saunas.
Laugavegur 28 | ioniceland.is

Berjaya Reykjavik Marina Hotel
Hugging the harbour in a converted shipyard building, this fun and functional hotel plays up its location with nautical details and art by local creatives. Rooms are compact but clever, and the vibe's buzzy and youthful.
Mýrargata 2 | berjayahotel.com

WHERE TO EAT

Dill
Dill, which is Iceland's first *Michelin*-starred restaurant, celebrates native ingredients with moody elegance and New Nordic flair. The set menu changes with the seasons – think birch, seaweed, and fermented berries – and is served on Icelandic ceramic dishes.
Laugavegur 59 | dillrestaurant.is

Sumac
With menu items inspired by North Africa, *Sumac* fuses smoky, spice-rich flavours with fresh local ingredients. The charcoal-grilled lamb ribs and the roasted cauliflower with pomegranate and tahina yoghurt are particular standouts. Dishes here come on smaller plates and are meant to be shared.
Laugavegur 28 | sumac.is

The Foodcellar (Matarkjallarinn)
Housed in a subtly lit 19th-century basement, this restaurant pairs Icelandic comfort dishes with an upscale twist – think smoky Arctic char fish, glazed lamb, and live piano music echoing off the stone walls.
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Fishmarket (Fiskmarkaðurinn)
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INSIDER'S VIEW



Born and raised in Reykjavik, **Íris Ásmundardóttir** is a dancer and model whose work spans fashion shoots, stage performances, and international collaborations. After a stint in the United Kingdom, she returned to Iceland, drawn by its open landscapes and tight-knit creative scene. She regularly travels internationally for work but always looks forward to returning home to Reykjavik.

How would you describe Reykjavik's energy?
I feel like Reykjavik is both laid-back and 'buzzing' at the same time, if you know where to look. Because the city centre is so small compared to other capitals, it has this almost small-town feel to it. But it's still full of life! As Icelanders, we like to keep up the momentum and growth that a capital city should have, and we foster it through our flourishing art scene, local restaurants and cafés, and small pop-up events happening in various locations across the city. That has now begun to spread into the more suburban areas as well.

How do the long winter nights and endless summer days affect your day-to-day life or creative work?
Being this far north, we definitely get the two opposites, and it affects people in very different ways. Overall, I think that in winter people tend to go into more of a hibernation mode, embracing the indoor warmth, slowness, and darker times, which is often accompanied by intense weather outdoors. In summer, I always feel a shift in people's mood and energy. Everything becomes more alive, and there's this drive and urge to go out and make the most of the longer days.

I sometimes think of Icelandic people as sunflowers: as soon as the sun comes out, they tend to follow its direction, whether that means heading to one of the local pools, sitting outside with a cup of coffee, or making the most of the surrounding nature for hiking, etc.

Is there anything about living in Reykjavik that might surprise people?
How small and tight the community really is! Once you get to know a group of people, there's almost like a snowball effect and you soon find yourself starting to bump into the same people – recognising familiar faces and gaining a sense of belonging.

Another thing I found quite funny when I spoke with a friend who lived in Reykjavik for a while, was that he specifically mentioned the Icelandic phenomenon of *ísbíltúr*, which translates to 'ice cream drive'. He found it such an interesting yet sweet activity. It involves meeting or getting picked up by a friend and then driving together to an ice cream shop – probably the one farthest away in the city from your initial meeting or pick-up location, so you can have a proper chat before you arrive. Then you buy the ice cream, hop back in the car, and keep driving to chat some more. I didn't realise it was an Icelandic thing until he mentioned it, but I think it's super cute. Because I know everyone loves a good ísbíltúr.

Are there any small venues, studios, or shops that you think really capture the city's spirit?
There are so many small local galleries that do a fantastic job of supporting both our local and international artists, and that provides a great insight into the Icelandic cultural scene. I recently went to a very intimate, beautiful concert at Mengi, a venue located in the heart of the city centre, which regularly hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

On Laugavegur and Skólavörðustígur you can find many small shops that sell the creative work of Icelandic designers, and I feel like that scene is truly blossoming. My favourite is *Aftur*, an Icelandic clothing brand that upcycles and has been at the forefront of embracing the concept of 'slow fashion'.

Where do you like to go for a casual dinner or coffee with friends?
There are lots of nice independent coffee shops in the city centre, and my go-to's are *Kaffi Ó-le* for excellent coffee, *Reykjavík Roasters* at the Ásmundarsalur art gallery for a great cortado with a side of art, and *Kaffi Vest* for 'café work mode' and a post-swim coffee.

My all-time favourite bar in Reykjavik is *Kramber*, where I'm a weekly guest, having a great drink with friends in a beautiful environment, laughing, or enjoying one of its frequent Friday-night DJ sets.

For food, I really enjoy going to *Skreið*. I love sharing and experiencing food with people, and the restaurant definitely provides that experience. Also, *Sumac* is an excellent Middle Eastern restaurant with great quality.

The best place for first-timers in Reykjavik looking to get a feel for the city?
If you want to go back in time and put yourself in the shoes of a 20th-century writer in Iceland, *Mokka* is your place! It's one of the oldest cafés in Iceland and famous for its waffles.

For more of a contemporary local feel, I'd recommend exploring the local bar scene, especially on the weekends, hopping between places such as *Röntgen*, *12 Tónar*, and *Prikið* to experience a true night out in the city.

And a trip to one of our local pools is a must. Don't miss it for an authentic feel of Icelandic culture!

WHERE TO SHOP

Fischersund
This perfumery and lifestyle store is run by the Jónsdóttir siblings – one of whom is in Sigur Rós. The scents are handcrafted, elemental, and transportive. You'll also find records, books, candles, and design-forward gifts.
Fischersund 3 | fischersund.com

Farmers Market
A beautifully curated concept store with Icelandic knits, wool layers, and sleek outerwear that blends old traditions with modern form. Great for a splurge-worthy souvenir you'll actually wear.
Laugavegur 37 | farmersmarket.is

Epal
A temple to Scandinavian design, *Epal* has been curating timeless furniture and homeware since 1975. Expect high-end pieces from Nordic designers alongside Icelandic ceramics, sleek kitchen gear, and books on design.
Laugavegur 7 | epal.is

WHY NOT

Go swimming, daily
Geothermal pools aren't just for soaking; they're Reykjavik's true town squares. Drop by Laugardalslaug for the classic experience, Sundhöllin for history, or Vesturbæjarlaug for neighbourly charm. Bring your own towel.

Catch a show at Mengi
Run by artists, for artists, Mengi is Reykjavik's underground HQ for live music, performance, and strange, beautiful things. The small space hosts everything from drone sets to poetry.
Óðinsgata 2 | mengi.net

Take the long walk to Nauthólsvík
Follow the shoreline path from the harbour to the city's geothermal beach, where locals dip into the North Atlantic before soaking in the hot tub. It's an everyday escape into nature – wind, waves, and all.

Whale watching
Hop on a boat from Reykjavik's Old Harbour and within minutes you're in Faxaflói Bay, scanning the horizon for minke whales, white-beaked dolphins, and sometimes even humpbacks. Tours run year-round.

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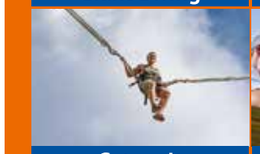

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SHAPING THE FUTURE

As Venice buzzes with renewed energy during the much-anticipated Architecture Biennale, we sit down for an exclusive conversation with Carlo Ratti, the visionary architect, engineer, and curator behind this year's groundbreaking edition.

Venice right now is absolutely stunning, alive with a buzzing energy it hasn't felt since last year's peak tourist season. Blue skies stretch overhead, and the city's streets and squares are filled with people. Everywhere you look, there's movement and life.

This year, the Venice Biennale celebrates an incredible milestone: the 130th anniversary since the first edition of the international art show back in 1895. But the opening of the Architecture Biennale? That's something truly special – long awaited, deeply resonant, and an absolute must-see.

The curation of the 19th Architecture Biennale by world-renowned architect and engineer Carlo Ratti, who is one of the most-cited voices in urban planning, has captured everyone's imagination. And not just with a compelling theme or his open, inclusive approach to selecting participants and star architects, but by shaking up the usual static architecture exhibition format. His Biennale feels alive – a vibrant, ever-changing lab of innovation, creativity, and collective intelligence. It surprises, challenges, informs, and makes one think (maybe even break a little sweat), all while inspiring one to take action.

The exhibition, boldly titled *Intelligens. Natural. Artificial. Collective*, flows through the ancient city until November 23. In it, more than 750 participants – architects, engineers, climate scientists, tech experts, artisans, artists, philosophers, chefs, farmers, and many more – have come together to present around 300 projects and 66 national pavilions from every corner of the world.

In the face of the growing climate crisis, this forward-thinking showcase signals a shift in architectural thinking. It moves beyond simply trying to reduce environmental impact and instead focuses on active adaptation. Ratti's vision is about creating new ideas and knowledge, not just showing what's already been done. He champions bringing together different kinds of intelligence – natural, artificial, collective – to shape the future of architecture. It's a future built on collaboration, crossing disciplines, and inclusivity, where architecture naturally intertwines with climate science, philosophy, technology, and much more.

The first pre-opening day of the Architecture Biennale is winding down. At the lively crossroads of the Arsenale, where the press centre studio buzzes with energy, the echoes of opening speeches, applause, and heartfelt congratulations still hang in the air. Glasses of prosecco clink in celebration, while the old brick walls gently release the warmth they soaked up during the day. Bathed in the soft glow of the evening sun, the space feels warm and inviting and perfect for winding down.

Today, just before our private meeting, Ratti held a big press conference, calmly and thoughtfully answering hundreds of questions. As I switch on my recorder, I ask if he's had a chance to try the coffee made from purified canal water. I'm playfully

> His Biennale feels alive – a vibrant, ever-changing lab of innovation

referring to one of the Biennale's boldest projects, the *Canal Café*, which recently won the prestigious Golden Lion jury prize. He laughs and admits he hasn't yet – the line was just too long, and he didn't want to use his curator privileges. But he promises to try it at the first opportunity, and with that, we dive into our conversation.

If you had to choose just one word to describe this year's Biennale, what would it be?
Undoubtedly, 'collective'. Now that the exhibition is open and visitors are arriving, the Biennale begins to live through all those people who come to experience it.



Porsche and the Norman Foster Foundation have created a shimmering bridge and transport hub for this year's Venice Architecture Biennale.

Photo by Marco Zorzanello



Post Office Pod: Working from Everywhere is another special project at this year's Biennale.

Photo by Antonio Guiotto



Carlo Ratti champions the idea of bringing different kinds of intelligence together at the Biennale – including natural, artificial, and collective intelligence – in order to shape the future of architecture.

Photo by Andrea Avezzu'

As both an architect and a curator, you work on a global scale, creating projects all over the world. How does it feel to return home to Italy, and in such a prestigious role?
I'm truly delighted to have been chosen as the curator of the Biennale. It's been 25 years since the role of curator for the architecture exhibition was last entrusted to an Italian architect – that was Massimiliano Fuksas in 2000. At the same time, this year's Architecture Biennale has been conceived within a broad international context, with more than 350 working groups involved, many of them transnational.

That's why I like to say that, as a curator, I'm engaging with participants from all over the world. At the same time, I'm convinced that I've brought a strong sense of Italy and a wealth of Italian experience to this project and exhibition. Undoubtedly, this is a Biennale that looks beyond traditional national borders and embodies the idea of an interconnected world.

Your Architecture Biennale brings together climate scientists, engineers, artists, and many others, alongside a constellation of architectural stars and brands. What methodology did you follow when inviting participants?
For the first time in the Biennale's history, we organised an open call for ideas, which we called 'Space for Ideas'. To create an exhibition that highlights the diversity of creative thinking, we wanted to gather interdisciplinary contributions from a global community of practitioners, scientists, academics, activists, and more. In my view, every proposal – no matter how bold – is worth considering in light of the challenges of our time. That's why people from all over the world were invited to submit their ideas – everything started from that point. What you see here has gone through the 'Space for Ideas' process, giving different voices and disciplines the opportunity to organically shape the content of the exhibition.

The Biennale's theme, *Intelligens. Natural. Artificial. Collective*, is also broad, multilayered, and seems without boundaries. What meaning is encompassed in these words?
All these words are very important and fundamental. 'Intelligens' relates to the modern term 'intelligence', but it also evokes a broader range of associated meanings. In fact, the final syllable *gens* means 'people' in Latin. This creates a new, fictional root suggesting a future of intelligence that is inclusive, diverse, and imaginative, moving beyond today's narrow focus on artificial intelligence. At its core, the idea is that we all come together, combining our intellect

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A floating plaza designed by *Carlo Ratti Associati* and *Höweler + Yoon Architecture* is exhibited at this year's Venice Architecture Biennale before moving to Belém, Brazil.

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Ratti also designed the torches for the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Milan and Cortina.

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and ideas to address the great challenge of our time: adaptation. This means adapting to climate change and a planet that is constantly evolving.

Not only is the climate changing right now, but so many other things as well...
Exactly. And that's precisely why this concept was chosen as the focus. Climate and the environment are the primary parameters undergoing fundamental change. But alongside them, there are numerous other urgent issues that require our attention, such as what's happening in Ukraine and other similar situations around the world.

The Biennale is a showcase of big ideas. But stepping outside these beautiful pavilions and looking at the real world, as a professional deeply involved in technology and the urban future, how do you see the role of modern technologies in the development of urban environments?
I believe it's essential to consider the present, the past, and the future. Undoubtedly, we need to look at the role and impact of future technologies, but we also have to pay attention to past technologies. Within the Biennale, if we focus on the 'Collective Intelligence' section, we encounter many practices that were born from and are grounded in traditions. That's why I would say we cannot rely solely on future technologies; we need to combine all forms of intelligence to overcome the challenges we face along the way.

As an urban visionary, what did those years of being confined to our homes during the pandemic make you reflect on?
That time made me think deeply about the importance of architecture, because the physical spaces where we meet are fundamentally valuable. Together with the renowned British anthropologist Robin Dunbar, we even co-authored an academic paper, the essence of which is this: if we don't meet other people in physical spaces, our social connections weaken and gradually collapse. That's why every physical space – whether it's an office, a public square, or some other place – is necessary to keep our society standing and prevent it from falling apart.

Let's turn to the very topical subject of AI. What do you think is, and will be, the role of artificial intelligence in creating smart and sustainable cities?
AI can do and solve a lot, but at the same time, it comes with several challenges, such as energy consumption and privacy concerns. Looking at this Biennale, I must say that AI has been used in many beautiful and positive projects. For example, it helps us see what would happen if millions

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> My idea of a paradise city starts with its people

of trees were planted in cities around the world, and how that would affect the climate in these metropolises during hot periods by cooling them down. This is just one example among many of how AI can help us understand ecosystems and improve the climate of our cities.

AI operates on many levels, and we need to understand how to use it properly. The only way to do this is by actively using and experimenting with AI. We can be either architects of the future or its victims – and if we want to be architects of our own future, we must experiment.

Looking ahead over the next decade, how do you see the evolution of our urban environments?
In my opinion, in most parts of the world, there's no longer a need to build more. Because enough has already been built, and populations aren't growing, so there's no need to increase the volume of buildings. I believe we need to block and reset land use and focus on making our cities much more resilient. This could be done, for example, by increasing the number of trees and green spaces to reduce the impact of extreme heat.

This year at Milan Design Week, *Mario Cucinella Architects* presented an installation in Brera called *Città Paradiso*. If a paradise city exists, what do you think its essence would be?
I haven't seen the installation, but my idea of a paradise city starts with its people. In Latin, there are two words for a city, *urbs* and *civitas*, or the physical city and the community that lives within it, respectively. My paradise begins with the society that inhabits it, not with the physical part made up of buildings and walls.

Have you thought about how to create urban environments that promote people's well-being?
Starting from that point of reference, we can learn a lot from the experience of Athens more than 2000 years ago. That is, designing spaces like the Ancient Athenian Agora. This was the main square of Athens and the most famous example of an ancient Greek agora, where people could gather together.

That's an outstanding example – hard to imagine a better one! But tell us, how did you become an architect and urban planner?
I became an architect by building on my engineering background. First, I earned an engineering degree at Politecnico di Torino, and then I studied computer science at École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris. After that, I completed MPhil and PhD work at the University of Cambridge and wrote my doctoral dissertation as a Fulbright Scholar at MIT.

You travel a lot, don't you? What's a city that you particularly like?
Yes, I continue to travel, although less since the pandemic. If I had to choose one city, it would definitely be Madrid. I love the life on its streets and squares. It's a green metropolis full of vitality.

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And in Italy, which city would you choose?
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We're in Venice, a city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With what words and emotions would you describe Venice, and what's the most valuable lesson this place can offer to the world?
Venice is a unique city that's characterised by its distinctive fragility. Every day, Venice reminds us of the very themes we're striving to address in this year's Biennale.

The origins, history, and development of Venice teach us a great deal, because originally, the lagoon was not naturally suited for humans. Yet it became so thanks to immense human effort and the ability to adapt. That's why Venice stands as a profound lesson today, demonstrating the power of adaptation.

Have you discovered anything new about Venice during your time here?
Yes, there are many special places here. For example, I've discovered, for myself and others, the Forte Marghera. It's a 19th-century fortress and former army barracks where we've installed the *Margherissima* project. It's a part of the lagoon that has now become an integral component of historic Venice.

If the 2025 Biennale were a living organism, what kind of creature do you think it would be?
I'd compare this year's Biennale to the boa constrictor from Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *The Little Prince* – the one that swallowed an elephant. I imagine the snake as the Arsenale itself and the elephant as the content, the entire exhibition presented here this year.

And what about the Giardini?
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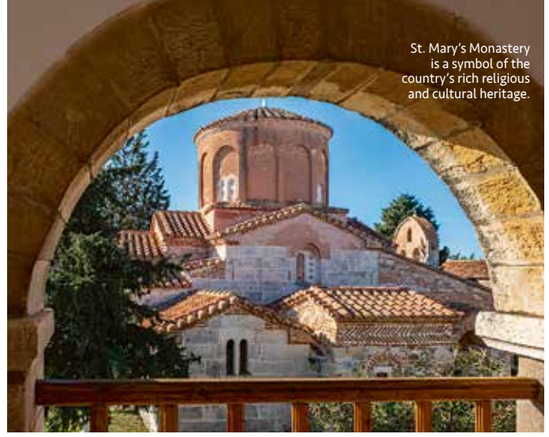
ALBANIA AWAITS

UNCOVER THE UNTOUCHED BEAUTY OF THE BALKANS

Turquoise Adriatic and Ionian beaches, the craggy peaks of impenetrable mountains, centuries-old hilltop castles, pristine lakes. No, this isn't Greece or Croatia – it's Albania, a country that remains a hidden gem of the Balkan region and which is guaranteed to surprise and spellbind curious travellers. After almost half a century of international isolation under communist rule, Albania's doors are finally open wide. Step inside to find a diverse and fascinating country with unforgettable landscapes, hospitable people, and fantastic cuisine. We've collected the top must-dos in the country, so buckle up for an exciting ride.



Gjirokastra is one of the finest surviving Ottoman merchant towns in the Balkans.



St. Mary's Monastery is a symbol of the country's rich religious and cultural heritage.



The most beautiful mosques in this area date back to the Ottoman era.



In Tirana, newly constructed skyscrapers stand alongside old mosques.



Albanian life is deeply rooted in tradition.

FASCINATING HISTORY AND CULTURE

Albania is full of unique curiosities. As the only surviving representative of the isolated Albanoid branch of Indo-European languages, Albanian (which has two main dialects) is among the most enigmatic languages in Europe. Islam is the predominant religion here, but the country remains very tolerant and officially secular. Whether it's politics, culture, religion, or cuisine, Albania has always been a crossroads. And that's precisely what makes it so interesting to visit.

Albania's history reflects that intersectional background. The roots of the present-day country lie in the ancient Illyrian Kingdom, which inhabited the mountainous Western Balkans. Around the same time, the Greeks were establishing colonies along the long Albanian part of the Adriatic and Ionian coasts. The Roman Empire arrived in this land in the 2nd century BCE and remained until the Middle Ages. Then, the Ottoman Empire conquered Albania and ruled for over four centuries. Each civilisation brought its influence and left its mark.

The most impactful period for understanding Albania today was the post-Second World War communist era. Led by Enver Hoxha, the country became one of the world's most isolated and closed states. Private property rights were restricted, religion was banned, and international travel was limited.

Fearing the threat of foreign invasion, Hoxha also ordered the mass construction of bunkers. This Cold War paranoia (which was used mostly as a control tactic) resulted in over 170,000 of these defensive structures dotting city squares, valleys, and even beaches. Communism fell in Albania in 1991, after which it became a democratic state. While the echoes of isolationism and communism can still be felt, the country is now fully embracing tourism and investing in infrastructure.

Albanian life is deeply rooted in tradition, and its people are friendly and accommodating. *Besa*, or the 'pledge of honour', is a defining concept of social life here. It means that promises shouldn't be broken and that help should be given in times of need.

And on top of all that, there are simply so many delightful things to explore in Albania, such as the marvellous national parks, historic cities, and the glistening Mediterranean coast. The best place to start is Tirana, a mid-sized capital where newly constructed skyscrapers rub shoulders with old mosques and communist-era buildings. There, you'll also find the best gastronomy, nightlife, and museums.

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UNFORGETTABLE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES

The mountain peaks to climb never end in Albania. The country is known for its wild, untamed national parks with numerous hiking trails, outdoor activities, scenic valleys, and abundant wildlife. One thing to understand, however, is that local infrastructure is still developing, meaning that some of the natural areas are essentially untouched by civilisation. For some, that may make them even more seductive. But don't worry, because the most popular mountain areas do have designated trails as well as accommodation options and transportation.

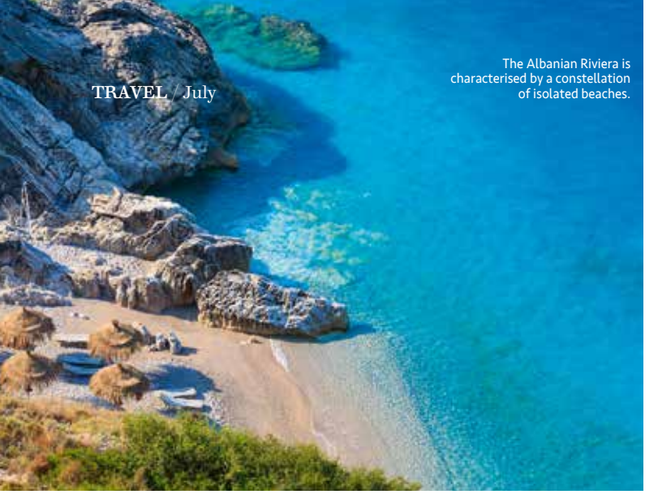
A visitor's first encounter with Albania's mountainous side starts straight away, when landing at Tirana International Airport. The vibrant capital sits next to Dajti National Park, which is home to Albania's best-connected mountain. A modern cable car called the Dajti Ekspres takes you almost to the summit in 15 minutes. The views during the ride are incredible, and once you hop off, you can continue exploring the area on designated hiking trails or simply enjoy *tavë kosi* (traditional baked lamb in yogurt) on the beautiful terrace of the *Ballkoni Dajtit* (Dajti Balcony) restaurant.

Head to Valbona Valley National Park if you're into breathtaking panoramas. This is the heart of the Accursed Mountains – a stunning ecosystem of karst limestone peaks and the country's top natural escape. According to legend, the devil created this inhospitable massif, hence the name. However, these rugged and captivating mountains actually seem closer to heaven. Think pristine meadows full of wildflowers, shimmering stone walls, and crystal-clear glacial lakes. The Accursed Mountains are truly a treat. But you'll have to reach them first to witness the grandeur, and that's quite a quest in itself.

The easiest way to get to Valbona Valley National Park is to rent a car. A new paved road connects the town of Shkodër to the village of Theth, which serves as the gateway for all the hiking into the Accursed Mountains. If you choose public transport, take a minibus from Shkodër to Theth. Even if you're not planning to go on a hike, this route takes you to the most spectacular mountain scenery in Albania, so it's definitely worth the drive. Staying overnight in Theth is a great way to soak in the panoramas and admire the towering peaks.

Another must-do journey is sailing the Koman Reservoir, also known as Lake Koman. With transparent emerald waters, twisty gorges, and vegetation-filled limestone outcrops, the area looks like the Norwegian fjords mixed with Thai island landscapes, all sprinkled with Balkan nature. In other words, it's a gorgeous sight and another great way to experience the beauty of the Albanian mountains.

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Prepare for skies so blue they hardly seem real.

A BEAUTIFUL COAST ALONG TWO SEAS

With a coastline stretching for over 380 kilometres, Albania is the ultimate beach destination. And there are two seas here: the Adriatic and the Ionian, with the Strait of Otranto marking the border between the two. The Albanian Riviera, also known as Bregu, is to be taken seriously with its buzzy resort towns, long sandy stretches, idyllic islands, paradise-like hidden coves, and ancient archaeological sites. And, unlike neighbouring Montenegro and Greece, the beaches here have yet to feel the weight of mass tourism; the adjective 'underrated' always accompanies them.

Start from Ksamil to enter the kingdom of the turquoise. Located opposite the Greek island of Corfu, it's a pine forest-covered resort village with some of the most enchanting stretches in the country. Here you'll also find the Ksamil Islands, which are a beautiful area with excellent snorkelling and a scenic, untouched coast. The mainland stretches are famous for their almost Caribbean-like white sands, exclusive beach bars, and seafood restaurants.

Then head north to Sarandë, the queen of the Albanian Riviera. It's the top beach town and the best destination to base yourself when exploring the Ionian coast. The town boasts a lovely public beach (but it's pebbly, so bring water shoes), a vibrant promenade, and plenty of accommodation for every price range. The 16th-century hilltop Lëkurësi Castle dramatically overlooks the town. The top Ionian beaches are hidden along the craggy coast between Sarandë and Ksamil. Don't miss such gems as Pulëbardha and Pasqyrave with photogenic blue waters.

Experience the wilder side of the coast between Sarandë and Vlorë. Stretching for seven kilometres, the white-pebble Borsh Beach is among the country's longest. Also check out the picturesque Palermo Beach next to the triangular Porto Palermo fortress. Indulge in slow seaside living by relaxing in Himarë, which may be Albania's most charming beach destination. And maybe also explore the magnificent Gjipe Canyon and its pristine, eponymous beach...which happens to be Dua Lipa's favourite.

If you're in Tirana, the waters of the Adriatic are never too far. The port town of Durrës (Albania's second-largest city) has miles of shallow sandy beaches and lies just an hour away. The gorgeous sands of nearby Spille are ideal for more low-key beachgoing. And wildlife enthusiasts should put the marvellous Divjaka-Karavasta National Park on their itineraries. It's one of the largest lagoons along the Mediterranean's shores and offers excellent birdwatching.








Albania has a long history of winemaking.


Red and white Shesh grapes are the most widely cultivated variety in Albania.


Many families here are involved in beekeeping.


Centuries of Ottoman dominance influenced local foods.


Albanian cuisine varies significantly by region.

RICH FOOD AND WINE TRADITIONS

Albanian cuisine is an enticing blend of flavours. Balkan, Mediterranean, and Ottoman influences come together on the plate here, but the food retains a distinct local character. An incredible diversity of terrain graces this country – lemon trees grow in the south, olive groves dot the coast, tea is harvested in the mountains, and the fertile fields of central Albania supply potatoes, onions, and carrots.

Now, there are some dishes you should definitely try when visiting Albania. The previously mentioned *tavë kosi* is one – delicious baked lamb or chicken in a flavourful yogurt sauce. There's also *fërgesë*, a Tirana-style pepper-and-cheese hotpot and the ultimate vegetarian treat. And don't leave without sampling the street-food staple *byrek*, which is a simple yet irresistible stuffed pie. For another traditional dish, order *pispili*, or cornbread with spinach.

Centuries of Ottoman dominance influenced local food. That's why this country loves dishes such as *dolma* (stuffed grape leaves), *qofte* (fried meatballs made from minced beef or lamb), and *baklava* (a layered filo pastry dessert with walnuts and honey).

Thanks to nine different climate types across the country, Albanian cuisine also varies significantly by region. Because it's a relatively small country, you can easily travel around to taste various foods in completely different settings. For example, you can savour freshly made traditional *kaçkavall* cheese for breakfast in a mountain village, attend a wine tasting in Tuscany-like fields in the afternoon, and enjoy an Ionian sunset while eating grilled squid for dinner. How can you not love all this country has to offer?

And then there's Albanian wine. The Illyrians had a tradition of making 'the drink of the gods' here several millennia ago. Today, the country has emerged as a wine destination with many exciting things to see and do. The town of Berat in central Albania is your best pick for a wine-country getaway. It's surrounded by postcard-perfect groves and establishments that offer inspiring tastings. The Nurellari and Çobo wineries are currently leading Albanian wine production. Both have beautiful premises, respected on-site restaurants, and a great tour programme. **bo**

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A WEEKEND IN AMSTERDAM: THE SUMMER EDITION

Like every city in Northern Europe, Amsterdam excels in summertime.

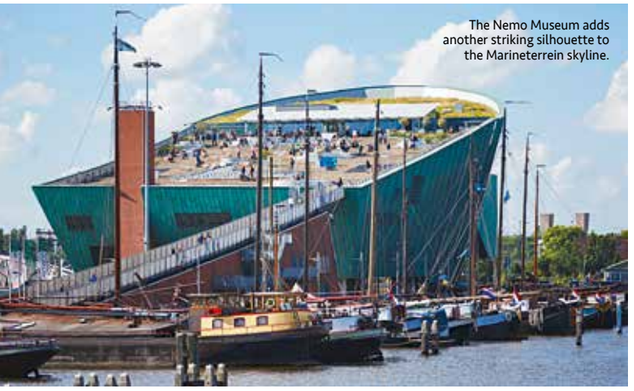
Ask any local Amsterdamer, and they will invariably respond that theirs is the best city in the world. After all, in summer, the cultural calendar is brimming with fun events, and the rain is considered a welcome refreshment.

The charm of Amsterdam in summer is no secret, so yes, it can get crowded around the usual tourist hotspots. That's why I've based myself in the largely undiscovered east of the city, which is separated from the bustling centre by the Amstel River. This area offers a cool harbour zone, lush greenery, bustling markets, and standout cultural landmarks, including the opera house, the botanical garden, and independent gems such as the student-run *Kriterion* cinema. One could spend the entire weekend in this part of the city alone, but if you do want to explore more, everything is just a short bike ride away. What would take 45 minutes on foot turns into a breezy 13-minute ride on two wheels.

Just one thing: as romantic as spontaneous travel may sound, enjoying the best of Amsterdam requires a bit of planning. Tickets for museums and cultural events should be booked in advance, as should tables at the city's most sought-after restaurants. You won't regret the effort.



The Whale building is poised elegantly along the IJ.



The Nemo Museum adds another striking silhouette to the Marineterrein skyline.



Volkshotel is housed in the former headquarters of the Dutch newspaper *De Volkskrant*.



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Esra's head chef Selin Kiazim once clinched the title on the Great British Menu in 2017.

FRIDAY

Check into the *Hoxton Lloyd*. Housed in a building originally commissioned by the Royal Holland Lloyd shipping company in 1921, the hotel features 136 guest rooms, a cocktail bar, and a European brasserie. It's also a nationally listed Art Deco marvel of a building.

After your flight, there's nothing better than a walk to stretch your legs and settle in. For that, explore the redeveloped Eastern Docklands – Amsterdam's answer to London's Royal Docks or New York City's Brooklyn Navy Yard. It has a calmer vibe than the city centre but excellent connections to tourist sights and Central Station. Also stop by Marineterrein, a riverside zone where the city's most forward-thinking institutions are free to test public-space innovations. It also boasts excellent views of the Nemo Science Museum, Central Station, and the impressive VOC ship replica. If your mood and the weather allow, take a dip from the floating boardwalk, an official city swimming spot. If you'd rather hydrate with something less aquatic, head to the *Sebonsa x Kometen Brood* kiosk for natural wine and snacks served right by the water.

When dinnertime calls, head to *Esra*, a modern Turkish-inspired restaurant opened by Turkish-Cypriot chef Selin Kiazim and her partner Steph de Goeijen. Kiazim made her name in London with *Leydi* and *Oklava*. The space feels intimate, as if you've just dropped in at the couple's home, but the open kitchen and curated details elevate it into restaurant territory. The ever-changing menu features daily specials designed for sharing – think baguette with medjool date butter, tulum cheese with chive meze, and seared ex-dairy sirloin with çemen-chilli oil. It's the kind of food that can silence a table.

If you still have energy, the east side offers options for late-night mischief. *Bottleshop* is where the area's cool kids gather. Next door, the legendary *Volkshotel* has a basement club called *Doka*, which is small, has a mighty sound system, and is perfect for a little boogie. If a cocktail is more your speed and you're after a calmer, more grown-up mood, cross the Amstel toward the centre and head to *Cue*, a listening bar on Utrechtsestraat, which hosts curated listening sessions and serves imaginative takes on cocktail classics in a stunning interior. Just don't go too hard – there's a full weekend ahead.

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The outdoor patio at *Beneluk Bar* is especially inviting come the golden hour.

SATURDAY

Amsterdam in summer bursts with greenery, so enjoy its leafy corners while they're at their best. Stroll through Plantage and Oosterpark on your way to *4850*. Saturdays can be busy there, but the queue moves quickly, and its cardamom buns are worth the wait. Fuelled with *La Cabra* coffee, now set a plan for the day ahead. If it has started raining, the Museum Quarter is a good option with the timeless draw of Van Gogh and the Dutch Old Masters at the Rijksmuseum, alongside Stedelijk Museum's mind-bending temporary exhibits, such as Pamela Rosenkranz's *Liquid Body* (on show until August 24). For a light post-art lunch, stop by the recently opened *Cafe Restaurant Sandberg* right next to the Stedelijk. Its unfussy menu includes steak frites, salad Niçoise, and freshly baked sourdough sandwiches.

If you're in the mood for retail therapy, walk next door to P. C. Hooftstraat for designer labels. For a better roster of independent boutiques, head to Negen Straatjes (Nine Streets). This charming 17th-century canal neighbourhood is home to *Samsøe Samsøe*, *Bobbies*, *Velour*, *We Are Labels*, and more, but the narrow streets can get a bit crowded.

A similar lineup of shops, although leaning slightly more vintage, can be found on Haarlemmerstraat. For serious thrifting, stay in the east and head to the Dappermarkt, where amidst the fresh produce you'll also find plenty of second-hand gems and a world of global cuisine, including Surinamese, Turkish, and Moroccan. The *Beste Döner* stall is rumoured to be very aptly named. In warmer months, locals like to get some bites and head to nearby Oosterpark for an impromptu picnic.

In summer, late afternoon is often the warmest and sunniest part of the day, which makes it the perfect time to jump on a ferry to the northern part of the city. Every Saturday, Amsterdamers make this little pilgrimage for ingenious pop-ups and fun events powered by the city's creative spirit and vibrant multicultural fabric. There's a good chance that those events are taking place at Studio Wieman, a former *Mercedes* garage transformed into a unique and multifaceted cultural space. Another coveted destination in the north is *Benelux Bar*. During the day it hosts *No Yusu* – the second outpost of the East-side favourite *Yusu*, a café known for its sweets and for serving what matcha connoisseurs claim is the best in town. Just next door are two more staples: the *Europa* restaurant, which is a more upscale dining option, and *Europizza*, which is celebrated for its inventive toppings. Whichever you choose, their outdoor spaces are tailor-made for the golden hour, when the soft light flatters everything...and goes with every dish. You might as well spend the whole evening here and wind up at one of the area's nightlife venues, such as *Garage Noord* or *Skatecafé*, for a little rave.

But if the north doesn't tempt you, Amsterdam East has plenty of delicious cards still to play. *Choux* is unquestionably the ace of spades in the city's culinary deck. It's housed in a juicy-red former office building on the banks of the IJ. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, *Choux* was one of the first to gently nudge Amsterdamers away from hearty bar grub towards something more seasonal and refined, and also one of the early champions of natural wine.

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Life's Good.



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The *VRR* restaurant and its adjacent bakery serve a sunny Sunday brunch all summer long.



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Badhus in the North offers communal saunas as well as private floating cabins.



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Buurtcafé De Tros pairs relaxed dining with a standout wine list.

SUNDAY

Allocate this day for full relaxation and recharging. Sleep in, then head to brunch. Occupying a former Dutch Shipbuilding Company canteen in the East, *VRR* is a buzzing spot serving straightforward dishes that highlight fresh ingredients from small producers. Its lush, garden-like outdoor seating sets the tone for a slow morning. Next door, *VRR's* in-house bakery, *Stadsbakkerij As*, is another highlight. Every Sunday this summer, it's hosting brunches from 10:00 a.m., serving classics like eggs and croissants as well as occasional themed events such as Italian wine tastings. Another Sunday brunch favourite is the hip *Stacks Diner* in Amsterdam-West, which rolls out all the American diner classics – the perfect hangover cure.

Continue the slow pace with a bit more pampering. For rustic relaxation, head to the north, where Badhus has transformed a former warehouse behind *Café Soleil* into a sauna haven. It offers social saunas as well as private floating ones, along with plunge tubs. Or consider Renessence Spa, which is favoured by Amsterdam's creative crowd for its sleek, minimalist interiors and forward-thinking treatments. Beyond traditional massages and facials, it offers what have been dubbed as 'tech-treatments': infrared saunas, IV-drips, and cryotherapy. It's everything you need to feel recharged, rejuvenated, and ready to face the workweek.

If there's still time for a late lunch or early dinner, try your luck at *Fuku Ramen* – currently the most talked-about ramen spot in the city, thanks to glowing local reviews and a feature on the now-famous foodfluencer *Top Jaw YouTube* channel. *Fuku* is especially popular on Sundays, when 'Social Sundays' bring weekly rotating ramen specials, izakaya-inspired plates, juicy sake, and cocktails. Reservations are booked months in advance, but the restaurant always saves space for walk-ins. And don't be fooled by the name – while the ramen is excellent, *Fuku Ramen's* culinary brilliance really shines in its appetisers.

If you can't get a table, two nearby wine bars are more than happy to welcome walk-ins: *Buurtcafé De Tros* and its younger sibling, *Turbo*. While *De Tros* is known for its creative spin on lasagna doused in cacio e pepe foam as well as its smashburger (done the right way!), *Turbo* keeps it lighter, offering pizzettas, kimchi fritters, and shrimp wontons – all perfect for nibbling while recapping the weekend. Just be careful not to lose track of time. You don't want to miss the flight home. **bo**

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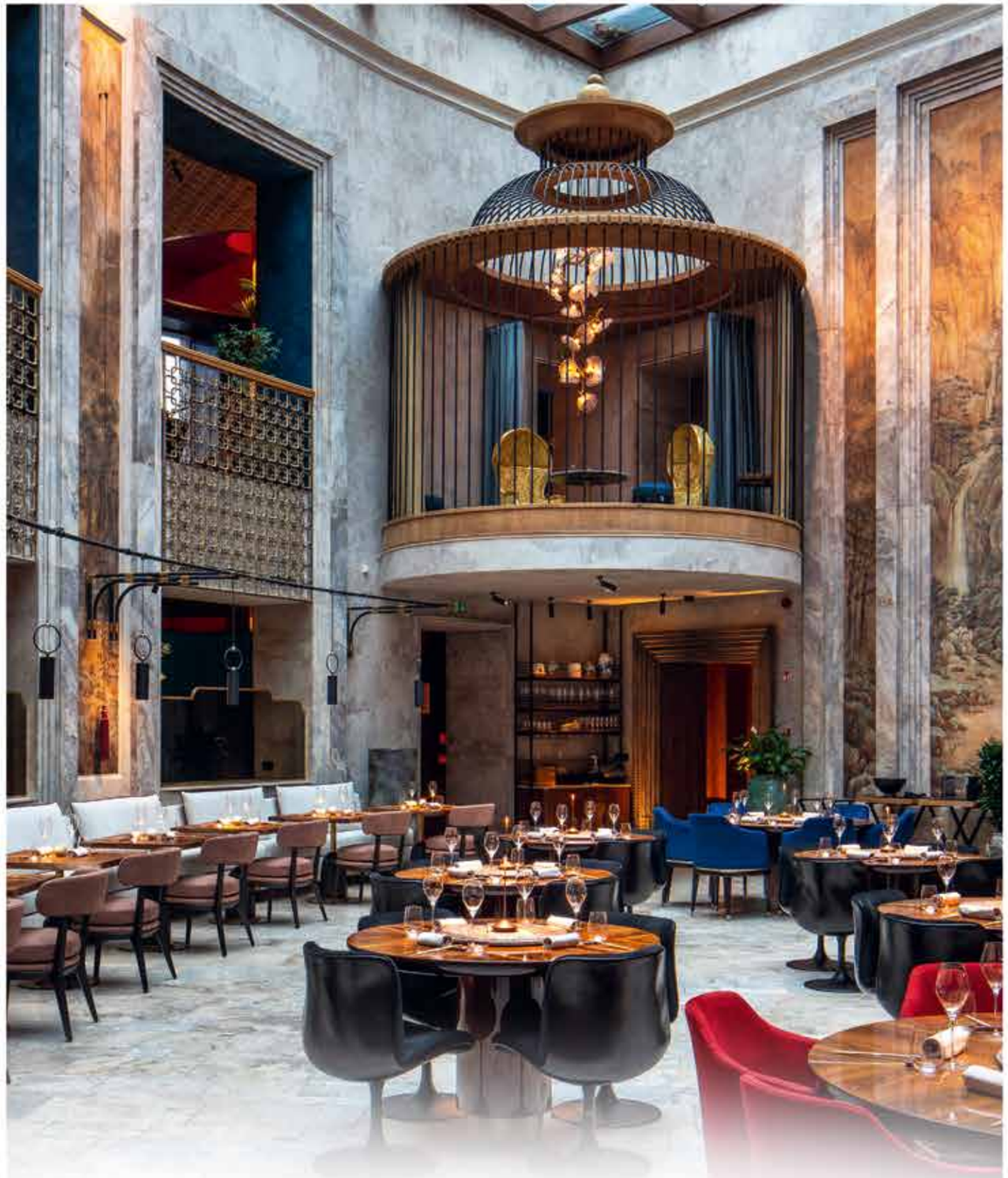
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The roots of European garden design stretch back to ancient Roman courtyards and the balanced beauty prized by Greek philosophers. But it was during the Renaissance that things really took off. In Italy, gardens became elegant outdoor galleries, laid out with precise symmetry and filled with terraces, fountains, and sculptures. It wasn't just about looking good – these spaces celebrated harmony, intellect, and the art of living well.

Fast forward to 17th-century France, and the garden became a serious status symbol. The formal French garden, with its endless lines, geometric flower beds, and dramatic water features, reached its peak at Versailles.

Designer André Le Nôtre turned the palace grounds into a jaw-dropping display of power and beauty, proving that gardens could impress just as much as a royal crown.

By the 18th century, England decided to loosen up a bit. The English landscape garden ditched strict symmetry for sweeping lawns, winding paths, peaceful lakes, and shady groves. It was all about capturing nature's effortless charm – with a little help from clever design.

Rousham Gardens in Oxfordshire, by William Kent, is a perfect example, blending classical elegance with relaxed, romantic views.

The 19th and early 20th centuries brought a burst of variety. Botanical gardens popped up as people became obsessed with plant collecting and exploring the world's flora. In Central Europe, grand public parks mixed dramatic scenery with a strong sense of national pride. Schönbrunn Palace Gardens in Vienna is a standout, where neat formal layouts meet panoramic views and opulent statues, capturing the spirit of the Habsburg era.

Down in the Mediterranean, gardeners knew how to work with the sun and heat, creating dreamy spaces with fragrant herbs, shade-giving trees, and hardy, drought-friendly plants. On the French Riviera, the Gardens of Ephrussi de Rothschild serve up a mix of Mediterranean plant life, themed gardens, and stunning sea views – basically a postcard come to life.

These days, European gardens are evolving again. Designers are blending tradition with fresh, eco-friendly ideas and focusing on native plants, sustainability, and green spaces that bring communities together. Whether it's a historic estate or a cosy city park, these gardens continue to offer beauty, calm, and a connection to nature, proving that, while trends may come and go, our love for a gorgeous, soul-soothing garden is here to stay.



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The French painter Claude Monet created one of Europe's most iconic gardens in the charming village of Giverny, just 70 or so kilometres northwest of Paris. Designed in the 1880s, this beautiful, living canvas reflects the Impressionist painter's obsession with colour, light, and the natural world.

The garden is split into two distinct spaces, each with its own character. Closest to the house is the Clos Normand, a joyful French-style garden packed with colourful flower beds, neatly trimmed trees, and trellises draped in climbing roses. A little further on, you'll find the Japanese water garden, which was inspired by Monet's love of Japanese art. Here, a serene pond, weeping willows, and a picture-perfect arched bridge create a peaceful, almost dreamlike atmosphere.

More than just a pretty place, Monet's gardens let you step right into the scenes that inspired some of his most famous paintings, including the legendary *Water Lilies* series. It's a magical spot where art and nature blend seamlessly, and it's every bit as enchanting as you'd hope.



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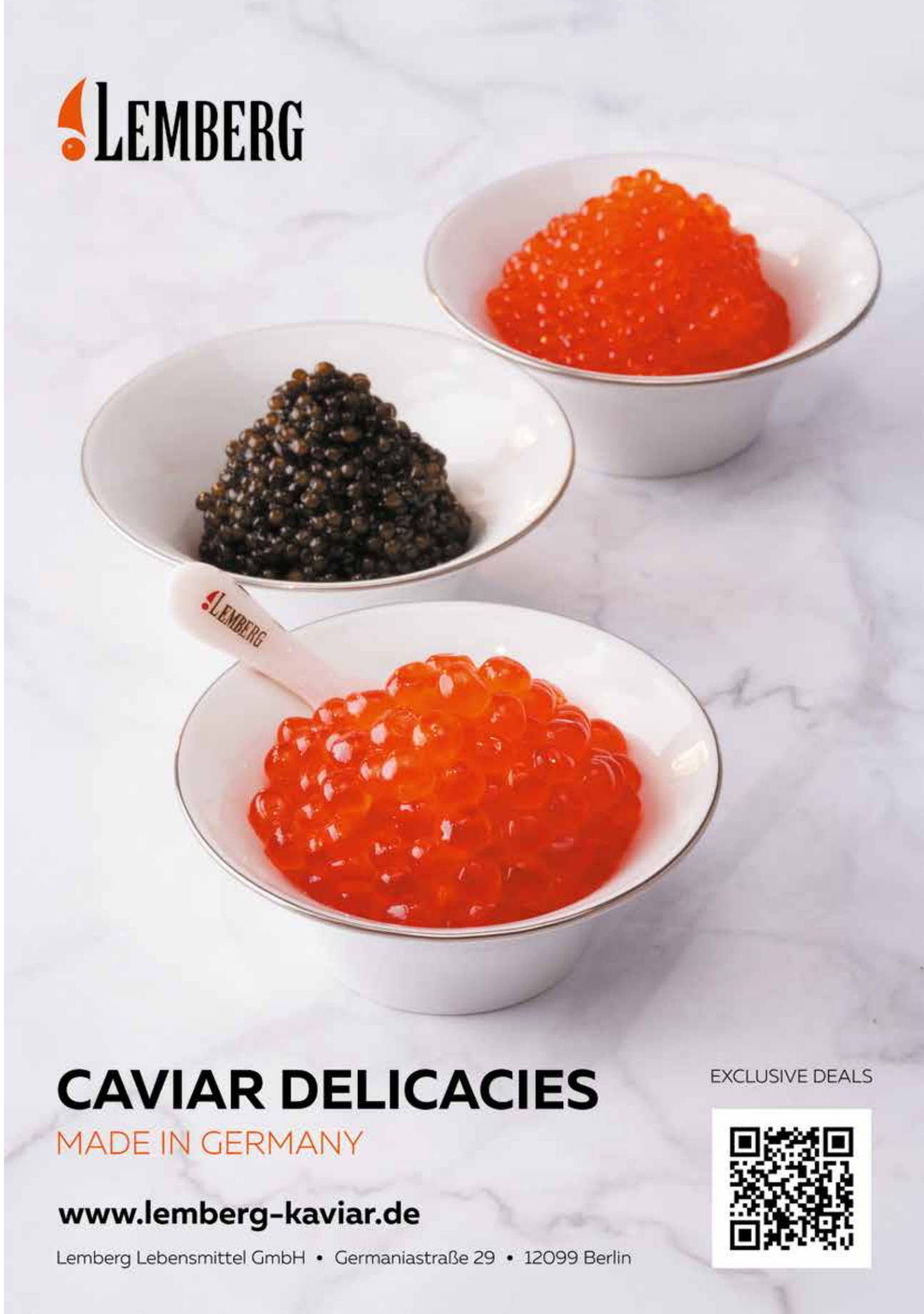
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Villa d'Este in Tivoli, about 30 kilometres northeast of Rome, feels like something out of a Renaissance dream. Commissioned in the mid-1500s for Cardinal Ippolito II d'Este and brought to life by architect Pirro Ligorio, this breathtaking garden tumbles down a hillside in a dazzling display of symmetry, artistry, and imagination.

Shaded paths and terraced walkways weave through lush greenery, with statues of gods and mythical creatures adding a touch of magic and storytelling along the way. But it's the water that truly steals the show. Fountains, waterfalls, and glimmering pools appear around every corner, turning movement and sound into part of the experience.

At its heart is the famous Fountain of the Organ, an astonishing piece of Renaissance engineering that once played music powered entirely by water. With over 50 fountains and countless water features, Villa d'Este transformed the idea of a garden into a multi-sensory masterpiece – and it's still every bit as enchanting today.







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Nestled in the misty hills above Lisbon, the village of Sintra feels like it's been lifted straight from the pages of a fairy tale. Nowhere is that magic more alive than at Quinta da Regaleira. Commissioned in the late 19th century by the eccentric millionaire Carvalho Monteiro and designed by Italian architect Luigi Manini, this enchanting estate stretches across nearly ten acres of gardens, grottoes, and architectural wonders.

Winding pathways, hidden tunnels, and shadowy chambers invite visitors into a world where myth, mystery, and symbolism intertwine at every turn. Gothic spires brush the treetops, Renaissance details blend easily with Portugal's ornate Manueline style, and nature gracefully reclaims the space in the most poetic way.

Quinta da Regaleira isn't just a garden – it's a place of secrets and stories, where every corner holds something waiting to be uncovered.

This article was inspired by *Amazing Gardens of the World* by Vivienne Hambly (Amber Books Ltd, amberbooks.co.uk), a book that beautifully celebrates the history, beauty, and stories behind some of the world's most extraordinary gardens.

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THE SARDINIAN WAY

Perched above the beautiful Golfo degli Aranci, Villa S is a fresh take on Sardinia's timeless charm. Mixing modern style with local traditions, this carefully designed home really connects with the land and sea around it and highlights the island's natural beauty. Located in Porto Rotondo, which is known for its laid-back yet elegant vibe, Villa S serves as the perfect family getaway. The owners love spending time outdoors, so the house was designed to flow smoothly into the landscape.





▲ Embraced by fragrant Mediterranean vegetation and sculptural granite outcrops, life at Villa S takes place in rhythm with the land, the wind, and the ever-shifting light. 'This sensibility inspired us to weave these natural elements into every aspect of the project, from the carefully framed views to the tactile materials and an open, fluid layout that dissolves the boundaries between indoors and out,' explain architects Massimo Alvisi and Junko Kirimoto of the *Alvisi Kirimoto* studio.



▸ Sophisticated yet raw in its texture, the local San Giacomo granite used throughout the interiors was chosen as both an aesthetic statement and a conceptual gesture. 'Its true beauty reveals itself in dialogue with the light,' say the architects. 'As the day unfolds, its tones subtly shift, and the surfaces seem to breathe, creating a home that's dynamic, alive, and constantly evolving.'



▸ The ceiling structure, which features exposed wooden beams and metal junctions, is a distinctive architectural detail that blends tradition with contemporary design. Its four-pitch form takes inspiration from Sardinia's rural buildings while adding warmth and texture to the interiors. In the bedroom, large openings frame views of a fig tree, the garden, and the sea, creating a calm, natural connection to the outdoors.

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▲ The villa's layout embraces the spirit of Sardinian piazzas, which are designed for gathering and connection. A central courtyard crossed by three green pathways links the home's volumes. Pergolas, terraces, and natural paths blur the line between indoors and out, while lush flowerbeds keep the garden vibrant year-round.

◂ In a nod to traditional Sardinian craftsmanship, the villa features walls of *pietra a spacco*, or split stone, which adds texture and authenticity. Iroko wood ceilings flow from the interiors to the pergolas, blurring the line between inside and out. The same wood appears in the finishes, parquet flooring, and custom furnishings, creating a cohesive dialogue between tradition and contemporary living.

◂ The aim was to create an architecture that, while seemingly simple, reveals its character through meticulous detailing and refined balance – a vision inspired by the Japanese approach to craftsmanship. A custom-designed outdoor kitchen with a wood-burning oven invites the owners to cook and gather al fresco, savouring the sea breeze and summer atmosphere. **bo**

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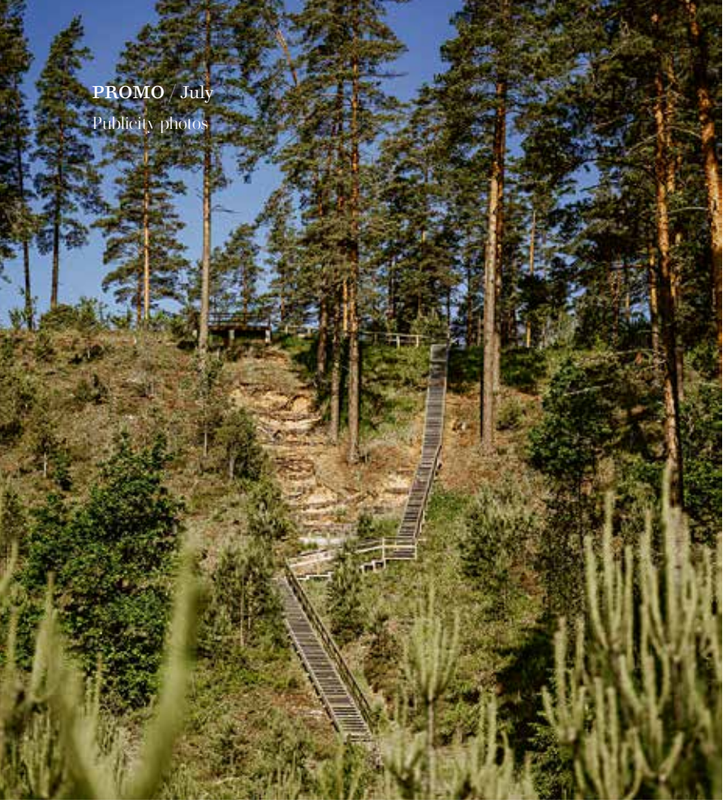
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Creating and managing these spots is a contribution to Latvian society from Latvia's state forest management company, *JSC 'Latvijas valsts meži'* (LVM). The company manages more than 1.39 million hectares of forest land throughout the country to preserve it into the future and so that the local population as well as visitors to the country can continue to find inspiration in one of Latvia's most valuable gems – its extensive and freely accessible forests.

ZVIRGZDE WHITE DUNE

This white dune overlooking the surrounding evergreen trees offers a unique view of the seemingly flat terrain of the Zemgale region. Only 180 steps stand between the beginning of the climb and the top of the dune, where the picturesque landscape becomes visible. To invite more nature lovers and outdoor-activity enthusiasts, the dune is well-equipped with sturdy wooden stairs.

Once you reach the top of the dune, the view is breathtaking. At sunrise, for example, the young seedlings, full-grown trees, and white, sandy terrain are illuminated by the most exceptional colours. The light playing with the shadows of the branches, as well as the colour combinations characteristic of Baltic forests, can dissolve even the hardest of creative blocks and inspire new works of art. Whether it's romantic watercolours, colourful crayons, or a classic pencil sketch, the magnificent view might just spur your hand to pick up a drawing tool!

In addition, the Zvirgzde White Dune is a specially protected habitat of European Union importance. Therefore, it is well-protected and maintained, with forestry methods improving the quality of the habitat. This is a clear example of how nature conservation and forest management can work hand in hand.

LAKE ČERTOKS

Čertoks Lake, also known as Velnezers (meaning Devil's Lake) in the Latgale region, is full of mysteries. Some say it is haunted or has no bottom, while others believe that the complete silence the body of water embodies lets one attain complete peace of mind. Even though the lake does not have the richest fauna – and, at only 1.9 hectares, may not be impressive in size – the colour and transparency of the water are remarkable. The water glitters in all shades of teal and emerald, and it provides visibility up to a depth of eight metres, which is impressive among the usually cloudy lakes of Latvia. Thanks to this natural phenomenon, the lake is a protected landscape, and the installed infrastructure only complements it without disturbing the natural habitat.

The utter tranquillity and mysterious legends about the lake are able to inspire the most magical poems only nature can call forth. Because only in serenity can one fully comprehend one's thoughts and awaken artistic freedom. The well-equipped infrastructure also offers a wooden hiking trail, benches for peaceful pauses overlooking the lake, and picnic spots for having a meal outdoors, as feeding the body also encourages inspiration.

KALTENE HILLS

The rocky Kaltene Hills are piles of rocks five to six metres tall and 35 to 60 metres wide that are located near the seaside in the majestic forests of the Kurzeme region in western Latvia. There are no other natural wonders like these in Latvia, and therefore for centuries the origin of the hills was a mystery. Such a natural architecture of roots, stones, and the sea is quite unique, and geologists confirm that this place offers a rare variety of rocks, minerals, and plants.

The site is well-equipped for safe visits and continuously maintained to preserve it for the future. Visitors love the site, and how could they not? Steps click-clacking on the rocks join the sound of the waves of the Baltic Sea in a marvellous symphony of nature's music. The birds singing in the forest, the wind pushing the sea to the shore, and the rain hitting the massive stones serve as true inspiration for all musical ears. Perhaps visiting the hills will result in the next sea-inspired masterpiece à la Debussy or Sibelius?

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The municipality is also home to Babīte Lake, Latvia's seventh-largest lake and one of the country's premier birdwatching destinations. The lake supports a rich variety of fish species and plays a vital role as a nesting, moulting, and resting haven for migrating waterbirds. A birdwatching tower by the lakeshore provides a perfect spot to take in the views and watch the vibrant birdlife.

And that's just the beginning. Mārupe Municipality also offers a wealth of active leisure opportunities to suit every interest, from kayaking, paddleboarding, and wakeboarding to disc golf, horseback riding, golf, ice skating, tennis, and much more.

One of the newest highlights in Mārupe Municipality is the Medema Bog Trail. Recently extended, this scenic seven-kilometre route now reaches a raised bog with a viewing platform and features playful mirror installations that reflect the surrounding landscape in delightful ways.

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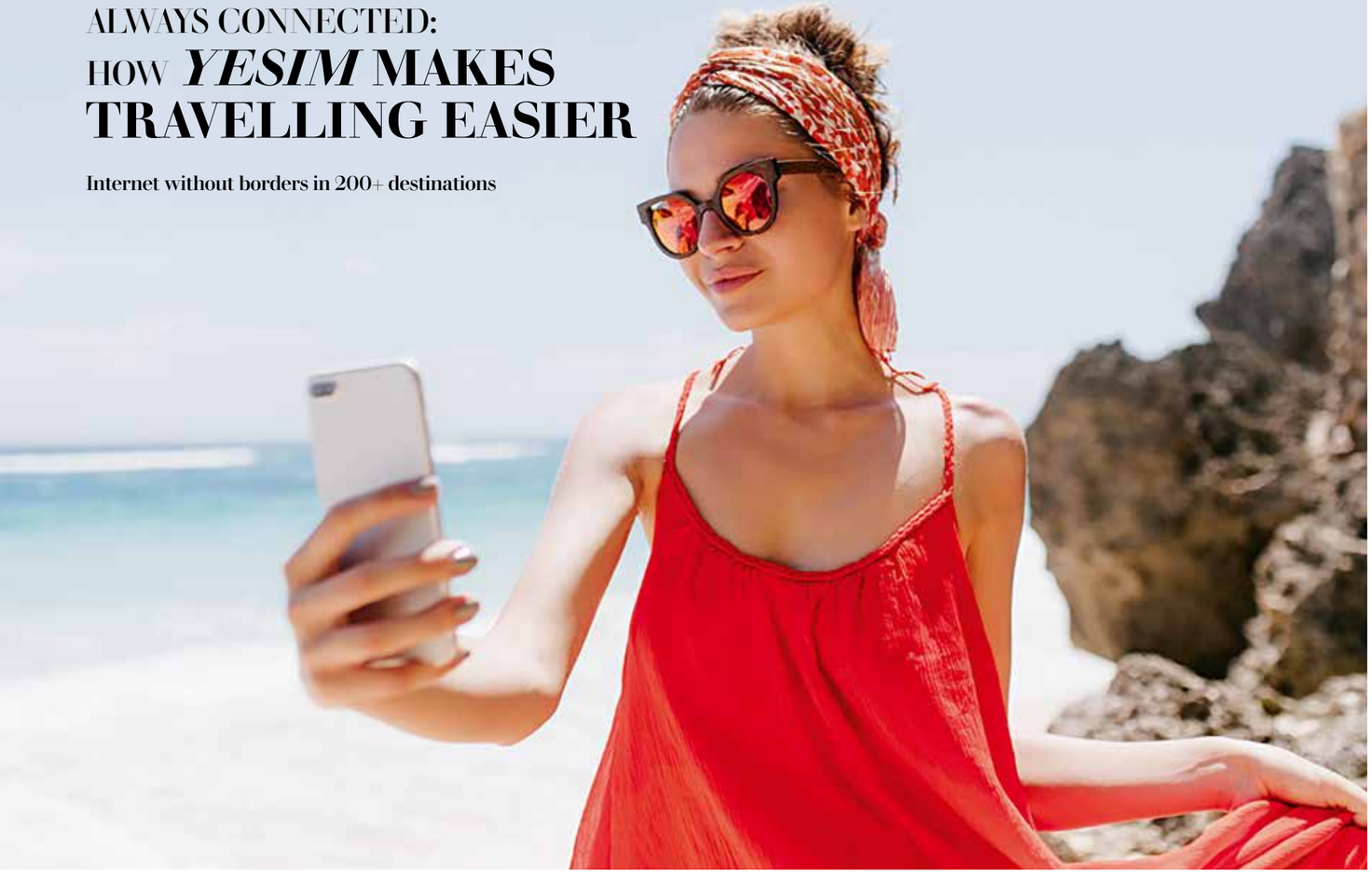
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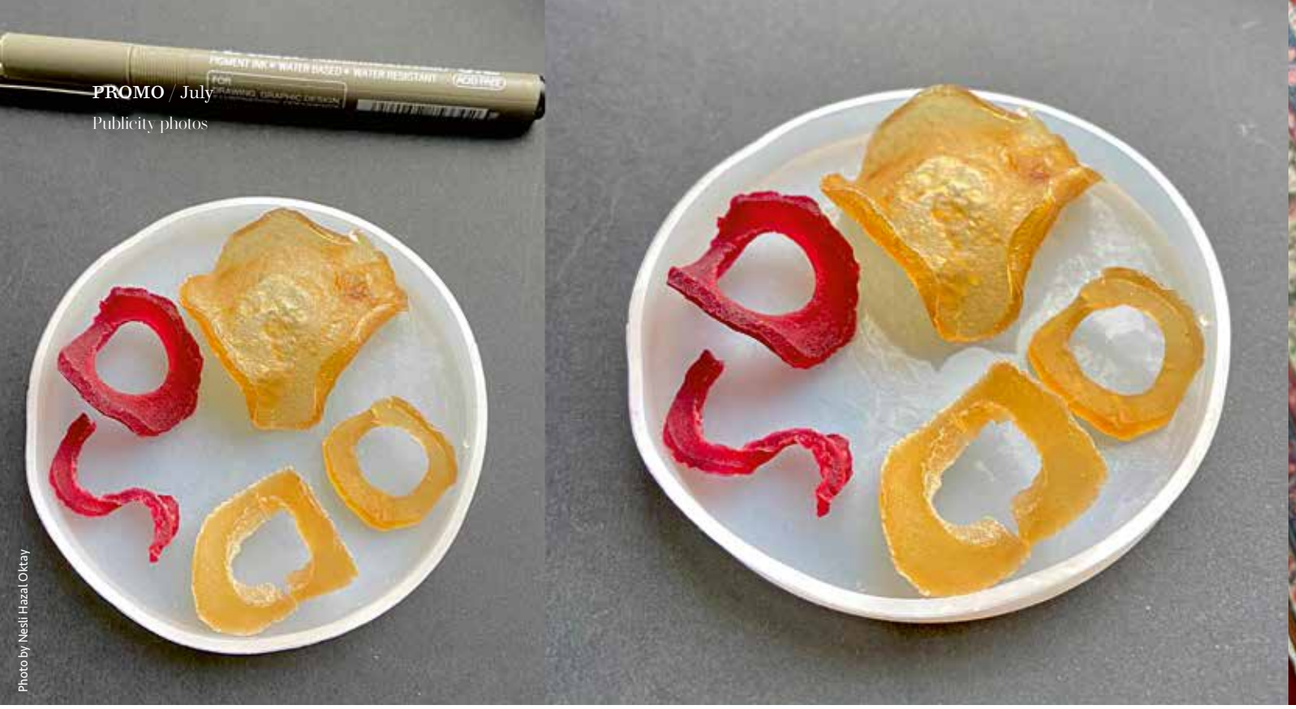


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Bio-rings


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Nesli Hazal Oktay defending her dissertation

HOW CAN DESIGN HELP WITH LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS?

An associate professor of interaction design at the Estonian Academy of Arts focuses on sensorial design with the aim of creating embodied interactions that strengthen connections within remote families.

Nesli Hazal Oktay is a long way from home. Born, raised, and educated in Istanbul, she moved to France to study communications and media and later decided to pursue a master's degree in interaction design in Tallinn at the Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA), followed by a doctorate in arts and design. Now an associate professor of interaction design at EKA, she has been studying the way design co-creation can be used to support closeness between people.

Last fall, Hazal Oktay defended her dissertation on co-creating designs for remote intimacy. In February, she began a two-year follow-up project focusing on sensorial design, aiming to create embodied interactions that strengthen connections within remote families.

For Hazal Oktay, her research has always had both personal and theoretical roots. While working towards her master's degree in EKA's interaction design programme, established in 2016, she studied remote interactions and emotional connections. 'This was my own lived experience of being far away from my loved ones,' she says. It's a situation that's common today, but which was intensified by Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

'During the lockdowns, wanting and needing to feel emotionally connected across distances became a very relevant issue for many other people as well,' says the professor. 'So, it started with my own experience, and it grew bigger and more topical with the pandemic.'


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Nesli Hazal Oktay

The term 'interaction design' might call to mind digital communication platforms, and originally, it did refer to the design of such interfaces, Hazal Oktay says. But as such technologies became common, the meaning of technology also shifted, and interaction design evolved.

'It's not just about interacting with a screen anymore,' she says. 'I see it as designing experience between humans, environments, systems, products, services, and other humans, even themselves. It's the design of experiences.'

In her dissertation, Hazal Oktay conducted several experiments to understand intimacy beyond language, exploring physical and bodily experiences. In the first experiment, she worked with five participants and one expert to explore design ideas. They decided that experiences close to the body should be physical, express care, and have ambiguous meanings. In the second experiment, Hazal Oktay and her father created bio-rings using alganyl, a biodegradable plastic made from marine algae. They then studied how wearing these rings affected their sense of closeness.

Hazal Oktay was inspired to explore bio-rings after attending a design conference in Bilbao in 2022, despite biomaterials being new to her. In her study, three pairs co-created and wore the bio-rings as tangible reminders of their connections, changing their experience of distance and intimacy.

'Wearing the rings made them carry each other to different places,' the professor says. 'It was a physical manifestation of their intimacy, and it created an excuse for them to talk about the rings.' Because they are made of biodegradable plastic, the rings can change shape and consistency, expanding and contracting depending on the temperature and humidity. 'These rings are meant to be strange, and they look strange to others who see them, but this creates an opportunity for the wearers to talk about their loved ones,' Hazal Oktay explains.

For her, creating bio-rings was a chance to research through design. Participants making the rings together shared experiences, steps, and viewpoints, fostering a sense of co-presence. The value of the work is that it provides ideas for other researchers, too, who wish to understand how experiences can be co-created to support intimacy across distances.

As Hazal Oktay wrote in her conclusion, the study challenged conventional methods and advocated for embodied design practices and approaches. It also opened new design spaces for supporting intimacy across distances, inviting interaction designers and design researchers to 'rethink and reimagine how humans experience and build intimacy in an increasingly digital world'.

When Hazal Oktay came to EKA in 2017 to pursue her master's degree, it wasn't her first time in the Estonian capital. As Erasmus students in France, she and her partner had travelled to Estonia as visitors in 2015.

'It was a cold January, but we fell in love with Tallinn already back then,' she recalls. 'So when we were looking into our master's options, we remembered this lovely city.' Her partner – now husband – went on to study at Tallinn University, and Hazal Oktay was accepted into the interaction design programme at EKA. Now as an associate professor and member of EKA's Sensorial Design research group, she says she feels at home at the academy and in Tallinn in general.

Hazal Oktay also states that her teaching career feeds her research and vice versa. 'Design research cannot be done all alone,' she says. 'It always happens in context with people and for people.'

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TAKING CARE OF BALTIC WATERS

The Baltic Sea is the heart of the Baltic nature ecosystem, linking the countries of the Baltic region and nature through the eternal flow of water.

For 30 years, the Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (LHEI) has conducted academic and applied research in aquatic ecology, with a focus on all water body types in the Baltic region. LHEI aims to ensure research in line with national policies on science and technology development, providing a basis for enhancing societal well-being while balancing this with biodiversity conservation. Through this work, LHEI has contributed to the protection and sustainable management of the Baltic Sea.

Research on marine and freshwater ecosystem functioning is undoubtedly the most prominent area of focus, as the institute has been working in this field since its founding. The agency measures the dynamics of pelagic and benthic ecosystem water movement, water physics, and chemical parameters with incredibly high-level infrastructure. LHEI is especially proud of its oceanographic observation equipment, automated sensors, drones, samplers, and well-equipped laboratories. This full package allows it to obtain data beneficial for all the countries neighbouring the Baltic Sea, also in situations when physical sea departures are limited. LHEI carries out state-delegated functions, conducts national monitoring and provides reliable long-term data that supports decision-making, all while implementing a variety of independent projects funded by sources from local to global significance.

One of the research projects LHEI is working on is the Clean Beach project, which addresses a critical environmental challenge; namely, existing beach microplastic monitoring methods are not well suited to the many different Baltic Sea beach types, making large-scale monitoring data comparison inconsistent. This leads to hindered measures at the local and national level for immediate pollution prevention, leaving a negative impact on ecosystem services that coastal areas provide to the public. To address this, the project will develop simple, harmonised, and cost-effective guidelines for monitoring microplastics in beach sand, designed for use across Europe.

A key component of Clean Beach is the involvement of the public: the easy-to-use Rosgis website empowers people to report plastic litter in nature and take part in environmental monitoring (rosgis.syke.fi). Additionally, sampling kits based on the new methodology will be made available at selected beaches for the public to use. The project will also host a range of educational and outreach activities – including movie screenings, photo exhibitions, interactive workshops, and public events – to raise awareness and encourage community engagement.

Another project is related to freshwater ecosystem restoration as over the past decades, the ecological status of many lakes in the Baltic states has declined due to excessive amounts of phosphorous introduced to the waterways. The resulting eutrophication poses one of the greatest challenges for water management in this region.

In October 2024, a small urban lake in Riga, Latvia, underwent a treatment involving the addition of an aluminium salt solution into the sediment. The restoration signified the first application of the aluminium treatment method in the Baltic states.

As a result of the treatment, water transparency increased from 0.8 to 2.6 metres within a month. The concentration of phosphorus in the water dropped by up to 99%, while aluminium concentrations remain below the limit for drinking water. Improved water quality will support healthy habitats where fish and other aquatic life can thrive.

This project proves that, with a little help, even badly polluted urban lakes can turn into ecologically healthy, vibrant spaces for people to enjoy.

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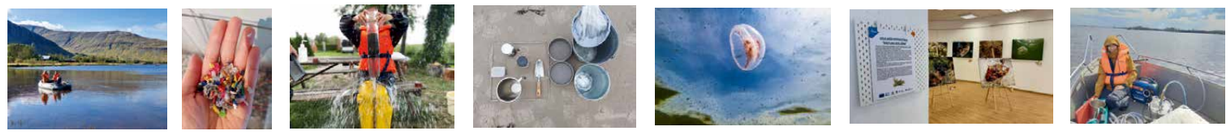
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President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Economics Viktors Valainis, and Investment and Development Agency of Latvia director Ieva Jēgere opened the conference.



Deep tech plays an important role in both the economy and defence.



The conference featured more than 180 speakers.

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Next year's edition of Deep Tech Atelier will take place on **May 14–15, 2026.** In the meantime, recordings of the Deep Tech Atelier 2025 sessions are available here:

DEEP TECH ATELIER

The largest deep-tech gathering in the Baltics stands at the crossroads of entrepreneurship, innovation, and science.

On May 15 and 16, Deep Tech Atelier 2025, the largest deep-tech conference in the Baltics, was held in Riga for the seventh time. This year's event was notable for record attendance and discussions on the latest developments, with a particular focus on the role of deep tech in defence, artificial intelligence, quantum technology, and space.

President of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Economics Viktors Valainis, and Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) director Ieva Jēgere opened the conference. 'We want to see Latvia as a place where ideas are not only born but also fulfilled. A place where young scientists thrive without having to leave. Where global investors come not just to consume, but they also come to build. To build together with us, with our talent,' the country's president emphasised in his address.

More than 2000 participants from 62 countries attended Deep Tech Atelier 2025, with 76% joining the event for the first time. Most participants came to make new contacts, build partnerships, and gain fresh knowledge and inspiration. The conference featured more than 180 speakers across three stages, alongside an innovation expo, B2B matchmaking meetings, and the traditional startup competition.

At the Deep Tech Startup Pitch Competition, *PrintyMed* won several awards, including services valued at EUR 25,000 from *HealthSeed Ventures*. Additional awards were presented to *Ascent Lumina*, *NaionX*, *Freshwave*, *Pikralida*, *WatchBuild*, *Trafalo*, and *AccreMeter*.

According to *Hello Tomorrow*, an international nonprofit promoting early-stage deep-tech startups, the Baltic deep-tech ecosystem has grown by 360% over the past five years, with Latvia at the heart of this transformation. The LIAA director said that support for deep-tech companies was one of the agency's priorities, while the economics minister confirmed that EUR 130 million would be made available to innovative industries in 2025.

Deep tech plays an important role in both the economy and defence, where startups provide fast, innovative, and flexible approaches. In 2024 alone, investment in defence startups in Europe amounted to USD 5.2 billion, showcasing the potential of this area.

Dual-use technologies – those that serve both civilian and defense purposes – play a key role in this context. Latvia is already home to several innovative companies in this field that we can be proud of. Many of these companies showcased their work at the Deep Tech Atelier expo. These included *Oruga*, the creator of the world's first electric tracked motorcycle, and *Natrix*, which has developed an unmanned ground platform designed to support military and civilian missions.

Beyron presented its autonomous unmanned aircraft systems, while *Atlas Dynamics* showcased its industrial drones, hundreds of which have already been delivered to Ukraine for counter-intelligence purposes. *Mosphera* develops electric vehicles for industrial use that are suitable for both on-road and off-road environments. *Submerge Baltic*, meanwhile, focuses on autonomous underwater drones built for a variety of tasks.

Space technology, quantum research, and artificial intelligence are also in the spotlight. Space has been high on the Deep Tech Atelier agenda for several years. According to the European Space Agency (ESA), every euro invested in space technology generates EUR 2.8 in investment and EUR 7.2 in revenue, nearly half of which comes from exports. This year, particular emphasis was placed on the role of space innovation in sustainability, defence, and startup development.

Artificial intelligence was likewise a main theme at the conference this year, featuring thought-provoking discussions with scientists, government representatives, and entrepreneurs on whether AI can be trusted.

Quantum technologies are increasingly shifting from theory to practical solutions, which was another matter discussed at the Deep Tech Atelier conference. Active development is under way in Latvia, with the University of Latvia researching quantum technologies, including quantum search algorithms. The university will also participate in testing a quantum computer in Poland. In the meantime, the Latvian State Radio and Television Centre is developing a national quantum communication network.

The diversity of themes explored at Deep Tech Atelier attests to the heterogeneity of deep-tech companies and their potential for changing industries. This is why Deep Tech Atelier continues, with an increasingly diverse range of themes discussed each year.

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LIAA acts as a national partner in business development, supporting entrepreneurs from an idea to international markets. With an extensive network of representative offices abroad and regional business centres in Latvia, LIAA helps companies grow and position Latvia as a safe, innovative, and open country in the global economy.

Cooperation partners of Deep Tech Atelier 2025 include *Labs of Latvia*, *Hello Tomorrow*, Riga Technical University, the University of Latvia, Riga TechGirls, the Latvian Space Industry Association, and the Commercialization Reactor international science commercialisation platform.

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DRIVEN BY CARE AND INNOVATION

How Ramona Paulīne Balčina and *Riga Dentiqué* are setting a new standard for dentistry in Latvia.

There are no limits to what you can achieve – except the ones you place on yourself. Few understand this better than dentist Ramona Paulīne Balčina. What began as a childhood dream of helping others has led her to become a University of Cambridge graduate and the founder of *Riga Dentiqué*, a private dental clinic in the heart of Latvia's capital. And yet, her journey is far from over. Driven by an unwavering commitment to her patients, she continues to pursue new heights in professional excellence.

For many, the road to their chosen profession is winding and unpredictable. But that wasn't the case for Balčina. From an early age, she had a front-row seat to the world of dentistry; her mother, Ināra Simona Priede, is a skilled dental technician. 'I remember so clearly how people's faces would light up when they were given a beautiful new smile,' Balčina recalls. 'That's when I knew I wanted to bring joy to people – to do good in the world.'

But there was another, more personal reason behind her calling. Growing up in the Soviet era, Balčina experienced firsthand the fear that often surrounded dental care at the time. 'For most children, and adults, a trip to the dentist felt like something from a horror movie. Even when my mom would take me out for a rare treat, like the popular *Penguin* ice cream, I'd worry it was just a trick to get me to the dentist next door,' she laughs. 'I never wanted anyone else to feel that way. A visit to the dentist should be a positive experience, not an ordeal.'

Although Balčina's career path was clear from the start, becoming a dentist was a long and demanding journey. In dentistry, learning is a lifelong pursuit, because there are always new techniques and technologies to master. 'I'm fortunate to have always loved learning,' Balčina reflects. 'After qualifying as a dentist, I went on to study implantology, earning the highest level of education available in that field. My implantology journey began in Lithuania, and I flew to Vilnius every week to learn from world-renowned professors. I also dedicated significant time to research and successfully defended my dissertation at the University of Cambridge.'

Balčina is Latvia's only international iTOP Curaden instructor, but her list of achievements doesn't stop there. She holds a Master of Science in Advanced Dental Implantology from the prestigious University of Cambridge and is currently enrolled in a groundbreaking programme in dental health education – the very first of its kind worldwide.

'At first, being accepted into Cambridge felt like a miracle,' Balčina admits with a smile. 'But really, it was the result of years of hard work and dedication. You simply have to believe in yourself.'

'I'm incredibly grateful to my family for their unwavering support throughout this intense journey,' she adds warmly. 'My husband is wonderfully understanding and cares for our daughter while I focus on my work. My mother and I pursue our professional goals side by side – we even run our own dental laboratory together, delivering world-class quality.'

Balčina has been practising dentistry for over 18 years, building a loyal patient base, many of whom now bring their own children to her. What's the secret behind what some call the 'Ramona factor'? It's simple: a deeply personal approach and a readiness to take on even the most complex cases, where others might give up. Word of mouth has been her greatest source of new patients.

Balčina continues: 'I hope my patients value the same things I do: humility, gratitude, and kindness. Everyone is equal in my clinic – patients and staff alike. I don't shy away from complicated cases; they only deepen my determination to help and find solutions. We never say no just because something seems difficult. That's a principle everyone on my team shares.'

'My patients know what to expect from me, and when I hire new specialists, I ensure they meet those high standards. Even when I'm not the one treating a patient, they can be confident they're in excellent hands.'

'I worked in Baldone for many years. Even patients from Riga would travel there to see me,' Balčina recalls. 'Now, I have my own private clinic, *Riga Dentiqué*, located in the capital's historical centre. I also see patients abroad, as a surgeon in the United Kingdom, so I divide my time between Latvia and the UK.'

Balčina's clinic reflects her personal vision, which has been brought to life by an architect, and features the latest innovations and technologies she has encountered abroad.

'I have a clear idea of what a clinic should be. State-of-the-art technology and premium materials are non-negotiable for me. I want to offer my patients the very best. The clinic's design prioritises comfort and accessibility, including for patients with disabilities. But our greatest asset is the team – my people. We work together as one, and that's why I can honestly say I come to work every day with joy. Truly. And I believe my patients can feel that. That will never change.'



Dentist Ramona Paulīne Balčina, the founder of *Riga Dentiqué*

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Let's explore this summer's beverage trends and new *Monin* products with Andris Reizenbergs, an award-winning bartender and beverage expert in Riga. He always has new ideas for how to introduce a refreshing mix of inspiration, innovation, and indulgence to complement your summer.

So, what's really trending in beverages this summer? First of all, rhubarb continues to shine. Its refreshing hint of sourness and naturally botanical flavour makes it one of the trendiest choices for iced beverages and lemonades. And don't forget its stunning colour, which adds appeal to any beverage. Meanwhile, cucumber adds a clean, delicate freshness to any drink or cocktail you're making.

Today's consumers crave guilt-free indulgence and bold experiences. Thus, demand for low and no-alcohol options are increasing. Also, according to the *Monin* 2025 Drinks Trend Report, less sugar and fewer calories are one of the top priorities when choosing or crafting a drink, such as homemade lemonades. By the way, home baristas are on the rise. More and more people are recreating the café experience in their own kitchens by experimenting with cold brews, such as the classic caramel iced latte, especially when paired with *Monin* syrups to make every coffee moment feel a little more special.

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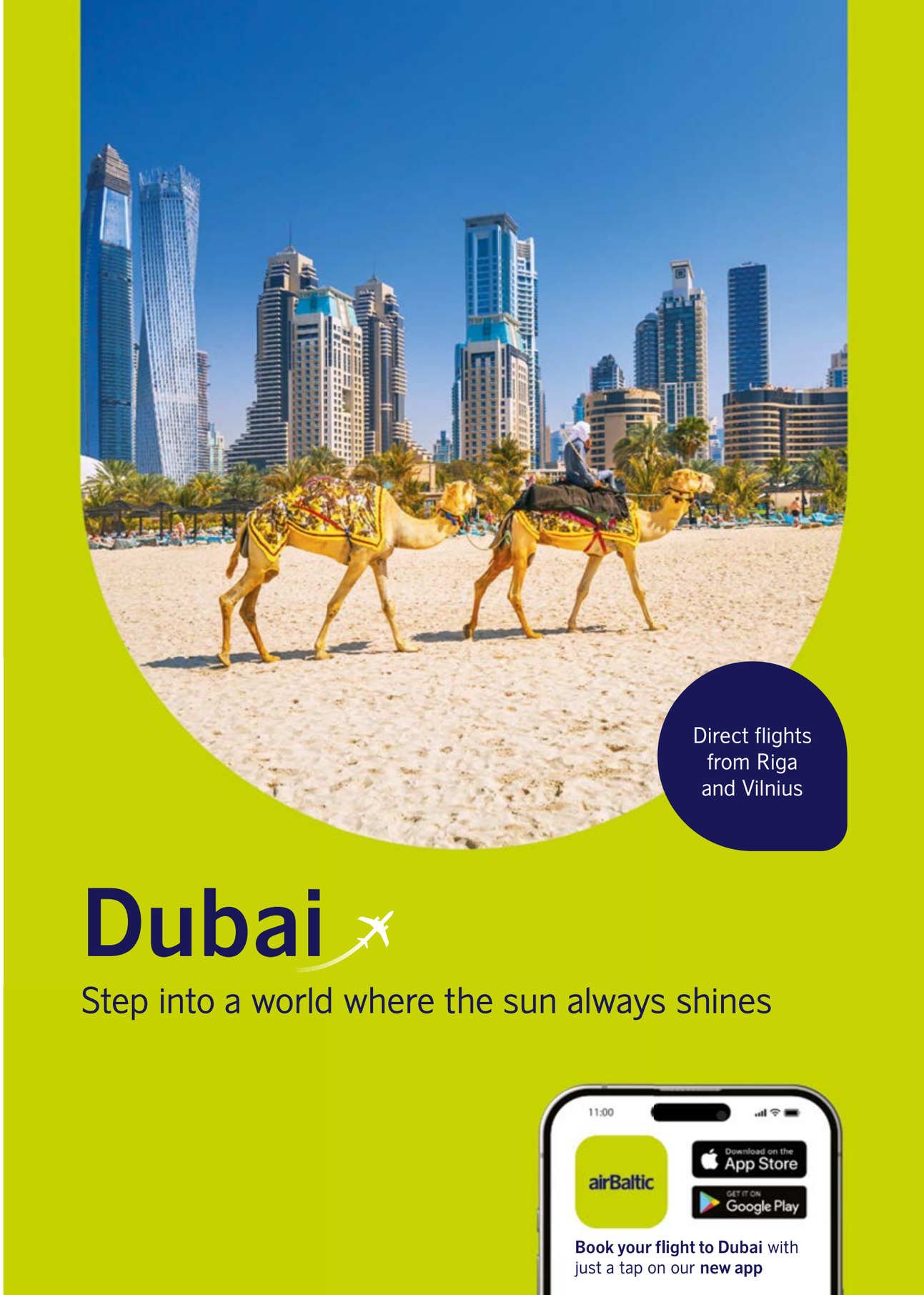
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Garnish with blackcurrants or any other berries or fruit of your choice.

Low-sugar cucumber gin & tonic

10 ml *Pure by Monin* cucumber concentrate
5 ml *Pure by Monin* pink grapefruit concentrate
50 ml *Lyre's* non-alcoholic dry London spirit or gin
200 ml tonic water
Ice
Garnish with mint leaves and a grapefruit slice.

Rhubarb rum spritz

30 ml *Monin* cloudy lemonade base
30 ml *Monin* rhubarb syrup
40 ml *Lyre's* white cane non-alcoholic spirit or rum
150 ml sparking water
Ice
Garnish with mint leaves and fresh fruit.



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In Milla's design quarter, *Babo* and *Onuky* serve flavours shaped by culture and modern craft.


At *Onuky*, meaning "grandchildren" in Ukrainian, modern Ukrainian cuisine is served with heart and soul.

WHERE TRADITION MEETS FLAME

BABO AND *ONUKY* – RIGA'S MOST HEARTFELT DINING DUO

Something special is cooking along the vibrant and elegant Dzirnavu iela in the heart of Riga's charming city centre. Inside the creative Milla design quarter, two unique restaurants – *Babo* and *Onuky* – welcome guests to explore flavours rooted in memory, culture, and modern craft. These spots aren't just about food; they're about stories, style, and a fresh take on tradition.

Though both restaurants are new to Riga's dining scene, *Babo* and *Onuky* have quickly captured the city's attention. Food lovers are drawn by more than just the menus – they come for the honest flavours, the thoughtful stories behind each dish, and the warm, modern spaces that feel like a quiet escape. Here, dining becomes something more: a comforting experience, a connection, a mood.

Babo – meaning 'grandmother' in Georgian – is a heartfelt tribute to heritage, memory, and the quiet beauty of culinary care. Rooted in the rich traditions of Georgian cuisine, the restaurant reimagines time-honoured recipes with a fresh, modern touch. The air is warm with the scent of freshly baked bread, stirring memories of childhood and comfort, while each dish – from the delicate *khinkali* to perfectly charred meats – tells a story of love through flavour.



Babo has already earned a coveted spot in the *Michelin Guide* Selection 2025.


Onuky's flavour is all about quality.


Babo reimagines time-honored recipes with a fresh, modern twist.



Onuky tells a story of legacy and hospitality.

At the heart of *Babo's* kitchen is open-fire cooking, where meat and fish are kissed by live flames. It's a technique that brings out deep, smoky notes while keeping every bite juicy and tender. The result? Bold, honest food that feels both elevated and deeply personal. It's no wonder *Babo* has already made waves beyond Riga, earning a coveted spot in the *Michelin Guide* Selection 2025. For such a young restaurant, it's a remarkable achievement, but one that feels entirely natural. At *Babo*, the flavour is love, and it lingers in every detail.

Just across the quarter is *Onuky*, a name that means 'grandchildren' in Ukrainian. If *Babo* is the wise, nurturing grandmother, *Onuky* is her spirited grandchild: full of respect for tradition, but brimming with fresh energy and creative flair. Here, modern Ukrainian cuisine is served with heart and soul, rooted in comforting classics such as *borščˇ*, *varenyky*, and slow-simmered broths but reimagined with elegance and a touch of surprise.

Onuky's flavour is all about quality. From carefully sourced ingredients to skilful preparation, every dish is a thoughtful balance of honesty and innovation. It's food that feels like home yet looks to the future, each bite a tribute to heritage and the joy of sharing it in new ways.

Together, *Babo* and *Onuky* tell a story of family, legacy, and hospitality. *Babo* is the elegant matriarch preserving the depth and richness of the past. *Onuky* is the next generation honouring that history while writing its own vibrant chapters. Side by side, they form a cultural and culinary duet: Georgia and Ukraine, tradition and modernity, memory and reinvention. Two kitchens, one creative quarter, and a shared promise to nourish both body and soul.

So, the next time you're wandering the enchanting streets of central Riga, let the scent of firewood and freshly baked bread guide you. Step into *Babo* or *Onuky*. Stay for the warmth, the flavour, and that unmistakable feeling of home.

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A BEER BAR FOR ENJOYMENT AND TASTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OLIVIA RESTAURANT

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Mediterranean cuisine with hints of Scandinavian flavour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ZIVJU LETE – INSPIRED BY THE SEA

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

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

The new restaurant has introduced a more varied menu, where everyone can find a dish to their liking. *Zivju Lete's* cuisine combines the best of fish and seafood recipes, both local and international. The menu features well-known classics like tartares, fish soups, mussels, and seafood sauté as well as some regional specialties, such as Baltic herring and sprats. The main goal of *Zivju Lete's* cooking style is to showcase the seafood's beauty without over-complicating its natural flavour. Recently, the specially invited chef from Italy, Andrea Salvatori, has added flawless Mediterranean flair to the restaurant's cuisine with signature grilled dishes.

An actual *zivju lete* (or 'fish counter') forms the centrepiece of the open-plan kitchen. Here the best of the sea is displayed, from local fish to exotic seafood. What sets *Zivju Lete* apart is that it offers all of this at a reasonable price point. Whether it's the finer end of the spectrum, like oysters and lobster, or fish brought by local fishmongers – seafood can and must be enjoyed every day. To fulfil this initiative, *Zivju Lete* has created a menu that includes an extensive choice of foods, including the simple fish and chips with cod.

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

ANNO ZIVJU LETE 2015

Dzirnavu iela 41, Riga
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Ancient stone archway, gate of the wall and the gardens of the Alcazaba, Malaga


Madrid, a monument to Alfonso XII, the Colonnade, and the Great Pond in El Retiro Park

DUBAI

Dubai isn't just a winter escape; it's a surprisingly brilliant summer destination, too. When the mercury rises, the city dials up its cool factor. Think nighttime desert safaris where the sands shimmer under the starlight, or wild rides at waterparks such as Aquaventure and Wild Wadi. Indoors, there's no shortage of world-class diversions: sky-high views from the Burj Khalifa, interactive fun at IMG Worlds of Adventure, or just a luxe stroll through Dubai Mall's icy air conditioning for some retail therapy and impressive world-class dining spots. But the true charm? Dubai's beaches. Kite Beach and La Mer are prime for early-morning dips or golden-hour lounging.

Escape to Dubai from EUR 249 one way.

MÁLAGA

Welcome to Málaga, Picasso's hometown and the beating heart of the Costa del Sol! This Andalusian beauty is where sunshine is practically a permanent resident. The city's shoreline is studded with palm-fringed beaches, while the hilltop Alcazaba fortress offers sweeping views of a city that buzzes with culture. Art lovers can spend hours at the Carmen Thyssen Museum and the pop-art explosion that is the Centre Pompidou Málaga. And when hunger hits, follow the smoky scent of *espetos* (grilled sardines) wafting from beachside *chiringuito* bars. For day-trippers, Nerja's beaches and the cliff-hugging El Caminito del Rey hike make for thrilling nature outings.

Fly directly to Málaga from Riga (tickets start from EUR 145 one-way), Vilnius (from EUR 135 one-way), Tallinn (from EUR 149 one-way), and Tampere (from EUR 145 one-way).

ISTANBUL

Istanbul is a city in full-on summer mode. Start your day along the Bosphorus and watch ferries float by while sipping strong Turkish tea. Then, dive into history at the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, where centuries-old grandeur glows under the sun. Markets such as the Grand Bazaar and Spice Bazaar pulse with colour, aromas, and that essential Istanbul energy. Stretch out your morning with a lavish Turkish breakfast, complete with cheeses, olives, breads, and honey-drizzled *kaymak*. Warm days blend into even warmer hospitality, making Istanbul one of the most soul-satisfying suntraps around.

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MADRID

Spain's capital doesn't hibernate in winter; it just turns the volume up in summer. Madrid is a city of wide plazas, shady parks, and balmy twilight dinners that start when other cities are winding down. Begin at El Retiro Park, perhaps with a paddle on its glassy lake, then drift into the art-saturated Golden Triangle, which is home to the Prado, Thyssen-Bornemisza, and Reina Sofía museums. When the sun blazes, retreat to a breezy *terraza* for vermouth and tapas in La Latina. And as night falls, choose your own adventure: a classic taberna, or a *Michelin*-starred masterpiece such as *DiverXO* – both are perfect for charging up before dancing the night away in the vibrant Chueca neighbourhood or taking a nightly stroll through the lit-up Plaza Mayor.

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DISCOVER OUR NEW AUTUMN AND WINTER ROUTES!

airBaltic's upcoming season brings exciting updates with increased flight frequencies and brand-new destinations across Europe and beyond.

On September 6, *airBaltic* will launch flights from **Riga to Faro, the Portuguese southern marvel** that's perfect for laid-back beach days and fresh seafood under the sun. Faro is located at the southern end of Portugal in the Algarve, a region renowned for its mild climate, golden beaches, dramatic limestone cliffs, world-class golf courses, and some of Europe's best surfing and hiking spots. The Algarve enjoys over 300 days of sunshine a year, and even in December daytime temperatures often reach a pleasant 17°C. Book a seat from Riga to Faro from EUR 129 one-way.

Here's a brilliant idea for a road-trip: fly into Lisbon and follow the coast south, stopping in charming fishing villages and picturesque towns along the way. Wrap up your trip in Faro and return home on a convenient direct flight.

October 25 marks the start of direct flights from Slovenia's charming capital **Ljubljana to Gran Canaria.** Catch a flight from EUR 195 one-way.

From November 1, **Tallinn will enjoy new direct access to Madeira**, Portugal's lush Atlantic island known for its stunning cliffs, floral landscapes, and springlike climate all year round. Hop on a direct flight from EUR 189 one-way.

Meanwhile, if sunshine is non-negotiable for you, Dubai steps in with its year-round warmth, vibrant city life, and beachside leisure. This winter, *airBaltic* is **boosting flights to Dubai from both Riga and Vilnius**, making it easier than ever to swap snow boots for sandals. Fly from Riga to Dubai daily from EUR 249 one-way, from Vilnius – four-times per week from EUR 249 one-way.

AMSTERDAM – THE CAPITAL OF COOL

Canal-side drinks, world-class outdoor festivals, hip concept stores, vintage markets spilling onto cobblestones...**Amsterdam** in summer is everything a city break should be. Enjoy outrageously good pastries and specialty coffee before jumping on a bike or boat for a tour around the charming 17th-century townhouses. Afterwards, recharge in one of the city's ultracool wine bars before painting the town red – this year the city is celebrating its 750th birthday, so the event calendar is as packed as ever with open-air concerts, street food fairs, and waterside parties. Plus, the Dutch capital is easier to reach than ever: *airBaltic* has added additional daily flights from Tallinn and Vilnius. In addition, flights from Riga now depart three times a day, including a midday option that's perfect for arriving in time for evening plans.

Whether you're planning a full cultural deep dive or just hopping through, connect effortlessly to the rest of Europe and far beyond with *airBaltic's* partner *KLM*. One stop, endless possibilities.

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Why we choose *airBaltic*

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



Tadeuš Podvorski, a member of the *BTA* management board



BTA Headquarters in Riga, Latvia

THREE REASONS *BTA* CHOOSES *airBaltic's* CORPORATE CLIENT PROGRAMME:

- Strong selection of flights from all Baltic capitals
- Convenient flight times early in the morning and late in the evening
- The feeling of safety and trust

***BTA* is one of the leading insurance companies in the Baltic states** and offers a wide range of insurance products. Vehicles, property, travel, and many more areas can be insured with the support of *BTA*. The company is a local success story. Established in Latvia in 1993, it quickly expanded to the other Baltic countries, before becoming a part of *Vienna Insurance Group AG*, one of Europe's largest insurance groups, in 2016. Today, the company employs more than 1100 people in the Baltics, with its headquarters located in Riga.

Cooperation and collaboration with the other insurance companies in the *Vienna Insurance Group* are among *BTA's* core values. Sharing knowledge and learning from the best in the industry often requires hands-on experience and meeting in person; therefore, some employees from all three Baltic countries are frequent *airBaltic* customers. For commuting within the Baltic countries, to the concern's headquarters in Vienna, or to colleagues in Prague, Warsaw, and elsewhere, the company uses *airBaltic* and its corporate client programme's benefits.

Tadeuš Podvorski, a member of the *BTA* management board, says that *airBaltic* is a perfect match for *BTA's* needs, because it has hubs in all three Baltic capitals, ensuring frequent direct flights between Riga, Vilnius, and Tallinn as well as to other destinations. He also emphasises **the convenient flight times that allow work to continue seamlessly**. 'I particularly enjoy the early morning flights from Vilnius to Tallinn – I get there early and arrive back home the same evening. Thanks to this service, it doesn't matter which city I work in during the day,' Podvorski adds. Same-day flights help to support work-life balance.

BTA has been a part of the airline's corporate client programme for eight years. According to Podvorski, the main reason the company has continued this cooperation for so long is the proactivity and confidence *airBaltic* provides. 'Cooperating with *airBaltic* makes me feel more confident regarding my time management and duties at the destination, as I trust our manager will solve any problems that might arise,' he says. The company does not have to focus on planning the flights, and there is always the possibility to change flights or use the fast-track security lane if time is limited. '*airBaltic* not only sells tickets but also solves any situation that may occur,' Podvorski concludes.

In addition to the strong flight network from all the Baltic capitals, the convenient flight times, and the feeling of trust, *BTA* appreciates having the option to bring along checked baggage and enjoy the perks of the business lounge. Because some trips involve visits to partners, these benefits help employees prepare for meetings and expand the range of gifts, clothing, and other items needed at the destination that they can bring along.

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.



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

Fleet
Growing fleet of 50 Airbus A220-300 aircraft

Employees
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Innovation
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Passengers in 2024
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Total: 8.3 million*

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

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The leading airline in the Baltics

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

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Our *airCafe* menu also celebrates local produce, with the many **Latvian brands** featured onboard giving you the opportunity to explore the flavours of home even as you travel far from it. Enjoy a vanilla protein bar from **The Beginnings**, a delicious **Lido** cookie with nuts and salted caramel, calming **Plūkt** blossom tea, or a cup of rich **Rocket Bean** coffee. For something refreshing, try **Rudy's Kombucha**, **Cido** juice, or pure water sourced from **Latvian underground springs**. Those looking for something stronger will appreciate our selection of spirits, including the traditional **Rīgas Melnais Balzams** or the stylish **Obdo** pre-mixed Negroni. If you're after something savoury and satisfying, the **Nākotne** smoked barbecue beef jerky is a go-to snack.

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The mysterious science of baggage weight

The travel season is in full swing, and we're delighted to take you to your holiday destinations. To make your journey as smooth as possible, please follow our baggage rules. Here we have compiled the most frequently asked questions.



WHAT ARE THE CURRENT RULES FOR BAGGAGE TRANSPORT WITH *airBaltic*?
The following allowances are always included in the price of a flight ticket and apply to all flights operated by *airBaltic*.

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Economy FLEX, Economy CLASSIC, Economy BASIC: 1 cabin bag (55 x 40 x 23 cm) + 1 personal item (30 x 40 x 10 cm). The maximum weight is 8 kg for all pieces.

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Heavy cabin baggage
If you have an Economy BASIC, Economy CLASSIC Plus, or Economy FLEX ticket, you can upgrade your cabin baggage allowance from 8 kg to 12 kg for an additional fee starting from EUR 13.99. Cabin baggage dimensions and the number of pieces remain the same.

Checked baggage
The maximum weight for one piece of standard checked baggage is 23 kg. The maximum weight for a piece of heavy checked baggage is 32 kg (an extra charge applies).

Also, please make sure that your bags are the right size. If they are not, they may be classified as bulky baggage. Bulky baggage is any checked bag larger than 100 x 50 x 80 cm. If your bag is bigger but weighs up to 23 kg, you'll be charged EUR 75 at the airport. If it weighs more than 23 kg, the fee is EUR 135 (EUR 75 per bag at the airport + EUR 60 per overweight) per bag per direction.

If your baggage exceeds 32 kg, it cannot be transported as checked baggage but must be transported to the destination via the Baltic Cargo Hub.

You may travel with your sports equipment and other special baggage (musical instruments, fragile items, extra cabin baggage, pram, etc.). Add these when purchasing your flight ticket or later in the Manage My Booking section on the *airBaltic* website.



WHERE CAN I WEIGH AND MEASURE MY BAGGAGE?
If this is not possible at home, baggage can be weighed and measured at the airport at the check-in counter (both cabin and checked baggage) or at the gate (cabin baggage). Travellers should also note that *airBaltic* staff at the gate may ask to weigh and/or measure your baggage, and if the allowance is exceeded, the staff may ask you to pay the required fees. Therefore, if you suspect that you will need more or heavier baggage for your trip, it is easier and more economical to pay for checked baggage or heavy cabin baggage before your flight.

With regard to cabin baggage, you can purchase heavy cabin baggage for EUR 17.99 in the Manage My Booking section of the *airBaltic* website up until you board the aircraft. Otherwise, gate agents will ask you to pay a fee of EUR 30.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THESE RULES?
Cabin baggage guidelines are crucial for maintaining operational efficiency and to avoid safety risks and flight delays.

Effective evacuation
Cabin baggage must not obstruct access to emergency exits. Incorrectly stowed or oversized baggage may hinder evacuation in an emergency.

Space in the cabin
There is limited space for storing baggage in the overhead compartments and under the seats. If passengers do not comply with the size and weight restrictions, there may not be enough space for everyone's baggage.

Passenger comfort
Properly sized and stowed cabin baggage helps keep the cabin orderly, allows passengers to move around more freely, and ensures a more comfortable flight for everyone.

In addition to operational efficiency, compliance with baggage guidelines also supports environmental responsibility. Overweight or excessive cabin baggage increases the aircraft's overall weight, leading to higher fuel consumption and greater CO_2 emissions. Reducing excess weight on flights helps lower fuel use and contributes to minimising our carbon footprint. By adhering to baggage guidelines, passengers support more sustainable and environmentally friendly air travel.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY JOURNEY INVOLVES SEVERAL AIRLINES?
airBaltic has concluded codeshare agreements with more than 20 airlines worldwide, thus providing passengers with more travel options. Each airline has its own hand baggage regulations.

If your journey includes a codeshare or interline connection with another airline(s), their cabin baggage regulations will apply to the respective segments of your trip. Because cabin baggage policies may vary, we recommend consulting the other airlines' websites directly for detailed information. To ensure a smooth travel experience, follow the stricter cabin baggage allowance guidelines if rules differ between airlines.

airbaltic.com/en/baggage

DID YOU **KNOW?**

1. During the first four months of this year (January to April 2025), *airBaltic* observed a notable increase in baggage-related ancillary services, with approximately 30% more passengers choosing the heavy cabin baggage option and over 13% more opting for checked baggage compared to the same period last year.

2. *airBaltic* collects a wide range of information about its passengers' habits. For example, this summer, the most checked baggage is on flights to Lisbon, Reykjavik, and Malaga. On average, more than 100 pieces of baggage are checked in per flight.

3. The weight of baggage on each flight affects the amount of fuel required, and this is calculated separately. The historical weight of 100 flights without fuel is taken as a basis. The Flight Dispatch Centre then makes further calculations, taking into account the expected weather conditions for the specific flight, the flight plan, and other factors. Actual data for each flight is also taken from the check-in system, such as the number of passengers, the actual baggage weight, and cargo and mail weight.

4. The way baggage, cargo, and mail are arranged in the cargo compartment of an aircraft significantly impacts fuel consumption. Each flight plan specifies the ideal trim. This is an indicator related to the aircraft's balance and stability that is taken into account when loading baggage. The primary consideration is the seating of passengers on the aircraft, followed by the placement of so-called dead load (baggage, cargo, mail).

Photo courtesy of *airBaltic*

Wings of inspiration

Family stories behind the pilot uniform



Luīze Bārene, First Officer on *Airbus A220-300*, on her graduation day

In aviation, few influences are as strong as family – and especially when that family is already part of the *airBaltic* team. At the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy, nine current students have chosen to follow in the footsteps of a family member who has previously worked at or still works at *airBaltic*, thus continuing their family's journey with the same airline.

These students – from pilots and aircraft technicians to cabin crew and marketing and management professionals – have been inspired by brothers, sisters, and parents...and all of them are united by *airBaltic*. Eight of these pilots are from Latvia, and one has joined from Italy, drawn by a shared family connection to the airline.

One of these students is Luīze Bārene, whose mother still works as a cabin crew member at *airBaltic*. 'My mom has always been my biggest inspiration. She opened the door to the world of aviation for me,' says Luīze.

Growing up, Luīze often found herself in the airline environment. 'Sometimes, when my mom had short-haul flights and there was no one available to look after me, she took me to *airBaltic's* office. I remember standing in front of a big window, waving at her plane and waiting for her to return. Those moments made me fall in love with the skies, like she did herself.'

Although her parents never pushed her to choose a specific career, the atmosphere at the airline shaped Luīze's dreams. 'My mother's uniform, small airplanes around the house, *airBaltic* events for kids, and post-flight stories – they all had an impact,' she explains.

At first, becoming a pilot seemed out of reach. 'I didn't think women could be pilots – I hadn't seen one! But I couldn't let go of that dream once I learned that I could be a pilot after all.' Luīze's parents supported her fully. 'They were happy I had a clear goal. And I knew what I had to do to get there,' she says.

While at the academy, Luīze found the studies demanding but fulfilling. 'I turned to instructors and books for help. But later, during the company conversion phase, my mom's experience at *airBaltic* became incredibly helpful. She guided me through the things she already knows so well.'

What Luīze loves most is the pace and energy of aviation. 'The airport feels like the excitement before New Year's Eve. So many people working together behind every takeoff – it's like magic.'

Aviation isn't just a career for Luīze and others at the *airBaltic* Pilot Academy. It's a shared family legacy – proudly carried on at *airBaltic*.

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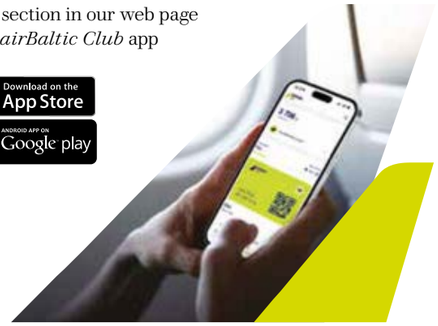
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Collecting points

Ticket Purchase	CLUB	EXECUTIVE & VIP
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Economy FLEX	1 point/EUR + 100 points	3 points/EUR + 150 points
Business EXPERIENCE	1 point/EUR + 150 points	3 points/EUR + 200 points
BUSINESS	1 point/EUR + 200 points	3 points/EUR + 250 points
KLM/Air France codeshare flights	1 point/EUR	1 point/EUR

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Baggage	Sports equipment	Seat resevation	Inflight meals	1 point/EUR

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A	**ALICANTE**					
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	BT 689	RIX	ALC	1---5--	13:15	16:30
	AMSTERDAM					
	BT 617	RIX	AMS	1234567	07:45	09:05
	BT 621	RIX	AMS	1234567	11:50	13:10
	BT 619	RIX	AMS	1234567	17:00	18:20
	ATHENS					
	BT 611	RIX	ATH	---4---	07:15	10:30
	BT 611	RIX	ATH	-2-----	11:10	14:25
	BT 611	RIX	ATH	-----6-	14:40	17:55
B	**BARCELONA**					
	BT 683	RIX	BCN	1-345-7	11:00	13:40
	BATUMI					
	BT 720	RIX	BUS	------7	04:25	09:25
	BERGEN					
	BT 171	RIX	BGO	-2---6-	18:10	19:10
	BERLIN Brandenburg					
	BT 211	RIX	BER	12-4-6-	07:00	07:40
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	BRUSSELS					
	BT 601	RIX	BRU	123-56-	07:00	08:25
	BT 603	RIX	BRU	1--45-7	17:00	18:25
	BUCHAREST					
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	BURGAS					
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	DUSSELDORF					
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	BT 375	RIX	PLQ	12345-7	23:15	23:59
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	RHODES					
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	VENICE					
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O	**ZURICH**					
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Flights to RIGA

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A	**ALICANTE**					
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	BT 690	ALC	RIX	1---5--	17:30	22:30
	AMSTERDAM					
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	BATUMI					
	BT 721	BUS	RIX	------7	10:35	13:45
	BERGEN					
	BT 172	BGO	RIX	-2---6-	19:50	22:45
	BERLIN Brandenburg					
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	BRUSSELS					
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	BUCHAREST					
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	BUDAPEST					
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	HELSINKI Vantaa					
	BT 302	HEL	RIX	-2345-7	09:00	09:55
	BT 304	HEL	RIX	12345-7	15:30	16:25
	BT 308	HEL	RIX	123456-	21:20	22:15
	BT 326	HEL	RIX	1234567	05:35	06:30
	HERAKLION					
	BT 636	HER	RIX	-----67	11:25	15:00
	BT 636	HER	RIX	-2-4---	12:05	15:40
I	**ISTANBUL**					
	BT 712	IST	RIX	1-345-7	15:40	18:40
L	**LARNACA**					
	BT 658	LCA	RIX	------7	12:00	16:10
	BT 658	LCA	RIX	---4---	18:00	22:10
	LISBON					
	BT 676	LIS	RIX	1---56-	16:15	22:30
	LJUBLJANA					
	BT 478	LJU	RIX	------7	09:05	12:20
	BT 478	LJU	RIX	---4---	13:40	16:55
	LONDON Gatwick					
	BT 652	LGW	RIX	123456-	09:10	13:50
	BT 654	LGW	RIX	12345-7	17:25	22:05
M	**MADRID**					
	BT 686	MAD	RIX	-2----7	17:10	22:05
	BT 686	MAD	RIX	---4---	17:45	22:40
	MALAGA					
	BT 678	AGP	RIX	--3---7	11:30	16:45
	BT 678	AGP	RIX	-----6-	18:30	23:45
	MILAN					
	BT 630	MXP	RIX	---4--7	09:40	13:20
	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-----6-	12:50	16:30
	BT 630	MXP	RIX	-2-----	15:35	19:15
	MUNICH					
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	BT 224	MUC	RIX	12345-7	19:30	22:35
	NAPLES					
	BT 646	NAP	RIX	-2---6-	10:15	14:10
	NICE					
	BT 696	NCE	RIX	--3--6-	14:00	17:55
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	OLBIA					
	BT 656	OLB	RIX	-2---6-	18:30	22:35
	OSLO Gardermoen					
	BT 152	OSL	RIX	1234-6-	08:25	10:55
	BT 154	OSL	RIX	---4---	15:00	17:30
	BT 156	OSL	RIX	----5-7	15:15	17:45
	BT 154	OSL	RIX	123-567	19:45	22:15
	PALANGA					
	BT 374	PLQ	RIX	1--45--	15:35	16:15
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	BT 376	PLQ	RIX	123456-	05:50	06:30
	PALMA DE MALLORCA					
	BT 688	PMI	RIX	------7	10:50	15:30
	BT 688	PMI	RIX	--3----	18:05	22:45
	PARIS Charles de Gaulle					
	BT 692	CDG	RIX	123456-	09:50	13:30
	BT 694	CDG	RIX	1-345-7	19:05	22:45
	PISA					
	BT 648	PSA	RIX	----5--	09:30	13:15
	BT 648	PSA	RIX	1------	12:00	15:45
	PORTO					
	BT 680	OPO	RIX	--3----	10:30	16:30
	BT 680	OPO	RIX	-----6-	16:30	22:30
	PRAGUE					
	BT 482	PRG	RIX	1-----7	08:30	11:15
	BT 482	PRG	RIX	---4---	12:05	14:50
	BT 482	PRG	RIX	----5--	14:05	16:50
	BT 482	PRG	RIX	-----6-	19:30	22:15
	REYKJAVIK Keflavik					
	BT 170	KEF	RIX	1--4-6-	00:30	07:05
	RHODES					
	BT 614	RHO	RIX	-2----7	11:40	15:15
	ROME Fiumicino					
	BT 634	FCO	RIX	-----6-	10:35	14:35
	BT 634	FCO	RIX	1-3-5-7	14:15	18:15
	BT 634	FCO	RIX	---4---	18:05	22:05
	SOFIA					
	BT 468	SOF	RIX	-2---6-	15:00	17:30
	SPLIT					
	BT 494	SPU	RIX	1---5--	09:45	13:20
	STOCKHOLM Arlanda					
	BT 102	ARN	RIX	12345--	08:05	10:10
	BT 102	ARN	RIX	-----67	08:50	10:55
	BT 106	ARN	RIX	----5--	12:55	15:00
	BT 110	ARN	RIX	-2-----	16:55	19:00
	BT 110	ARN	RIX	1-34567	20:20	22:25
	TALLINN Lennart Meri					
	BT 312	TLL	RIX	1234567	09:05	09:55
	BT 314	TLL	RIX	---4---	12:15	13:05
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	BT 358	TMP	RIX	1234567	05:30	06:30
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	BT 725	TBS	RIX	----5--	00:05	03:30
	BT 725	TBS	RIX	-2-----	00:30	03:55
	TEL AVIV					
	BT 772	TLV	RIX	--3-5-7	05:15	09:30
	THESSALONIKI					
	BT 616	SKG	RIX	-2---6-	03:35	06:25
	TIRANA					
	BT 470	TIA	RIX	1---5--	02:35	06:15
	TIVAT					
	BT 490	TIV	RIX	--3---7	09:35	13:15
	TURKU					
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	VALENCIA					
	BT 698	VLC	RIX	-----6-	10:40	15:30
	BT 698	VLC	RIX	--3----	17:55	22:45
N	**VIENNA** Schwechat					
	BT 272	VIE	RIX	1------	08:40	11:35
	BT 272	VIE	RIX	---456-	09:40	12:35
	BT 274	VIE	RIX	-2345-7	19:20	22:15
	BT 274	VIE	RIX	1------	19:50	22:45
	VILNIUS					
	BT 342	VNO	RIX	1234567	09:05	09:55
	BT 344	VNO	RIX	-2345--	15:30	16:20
	BT 344	VNO	RIX	------7	15:35	16:25
	BT 344	VNO	RIX	1------	15:10	16:00
	BT 348	VNO	RIX	-23-5-7	21:25	22:15
	BT 348	VNO	RIX	---4---	20:35	21:25
	BT 350	VNO	RIX	1234567	05:40	06:30
	VENICE					
	BT 628	VCE	RIX	-2---6-	14:00	17:30
O	**ZURICH**					
	BT 294	ZRH	RIX	1234567	19:15	22:40
P						
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TALLINN, ESTONIA

Flights from TALLINN

Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
AMSTERDAM					
BT 857	TLL	AMS	1234567	07:30	09:00
BT 859	TLL	AMS	1234567	14:05	15:35
BARCELONA					
BT 877	TLL	BCN	-----6-	13:15	16:15
BT 877	TLL	BCN	-2-----	15:05	18:05
BERLIN					
BT 821	TLL	BER	------7	13:55	14:50
BT 821	TLL	BER	--3-5--	14:00	14:55
BT 821	TLL	BER	1------	16:35	17:30
BILLUND					
BT 813	TLL	BLL	-2-----	07:00	07:45
BT 813	TLL	BLL	-----6-	09:00	09:45
BRUSSELS					
BT 851	TLL	BRU	12-----	07:20	09:00
BT 853	TLL	BRU	------7	17:30	19:10
BT 851	TLL	BRU	----5--	19:00	20:40
BURGAS					
BT 845	TLL	BOJ	-----6-	05:25	08:35
BT 845	TLL	BOJ	--3----	06:10	09:20
COPENHAGEN					
BT 811	TLL	CPH	------7	13:05	13:45
BT 811	TLL	CPH	--3----	19:00	19:40
BT 811	TLL	CPH	---4---	20:35	21:15
BT 809	TLL	CPH	1------	20:35	21:15
HERAKLION					
BT 887	TLL	HER	------7	07:55	11:55
BT 887	TLL	HER	--3----	13:55	17:55
LONDON Gatwick					
BT 871	TLL	LGW	-2-4-6-	17:00	18:00
MALAGA					
BT 879	TLL	AGP	-2-----	07:05	10:55
BT 879	TLL	AGP	---4---	07:15	11:05
BT 879	TLL	AGP	-----6-	18:05	21:55
MALTA					
BT 889	TLL	MLA	-----6-	20:35	23:40
MUNICH					
BT 823	TLL	MUC	--3-5--	07:15	08:45
BT 823	TLL	MUC	1------	17:15	18:45
BT 827	TLL	MUC	------7	19:00	20:30
BT 827	TLL	MUC	---4---	19:15	20:45
NICE					
BT 865	TLL	NCE	--3---7	06:00	08:25
OSLO					
BT 815	TLL	OSL	---4---	14:55	15:25
BT 815	TLL	OSL	------7	20:45	21:15
PALMA DE MALLORCA					
BT 891	TLL	PMI	-----6-	06:00	09:05
PARIS Charles de Gaulle					
BT 861	TLL	CDG	----5--	06:40	08:40
BT 861	TLL	CDG	---4---	07:30	09:30
BT 861	TLL	CDG	1-3----	16:55	18:55
BT 863	TLL	CDG	------7	17:45	19:45
REYKJAVIK					
BT 819	TLL	KEF	-----6-	22:35	23:20
BT 819	TLL	KEF	--3----	23:25	00:10+1
RHODES					
BT 885	TLL	RHO	1---5--	07:10	11:10

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SPLIT					
BT 849	TLL	SPU	------7	05:05	07:00
BT 849	TLL	SPU	----5--	17:25	19:20

Flights to TALLINN

Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
AMSTERDAM					
BT 858	AMS	TLL	1234567	09:55	13:15
BT 860	AMS	TLL	1234567	16:35	19:55
BARCELONA					
BT 878	BCN	TLL	-----6-	17:00	21:55
BT 878	BCN	TLL	-2-----	18:50	23:45
BERLIN					
BT 822	BER	TLL	------7	15:30	18:15
BT 822	BER	TLL	--3-5--	15:35	18:20
BT 822	BER	TLL	1------	18:10	20:55
BILLUND					
BT 814	BLL	TLL	-2-----	08:25	11:10
BT 814	BLL	TLL	-----6-	10:25	13:10
BRUSSELS					
BT 852	BRU	TLL	12-----	09:40	13:05
BT 854	BRU	TLL	------7	20:00	23:25
BT 852	BRU	TLL	----5--	21:20	00:45+1
BURGAS					
BT 846	BOJ	TLL	-----6-	09:25	12:25
BT 846	BOJ	TLL	--3----	10:05	13:05
COPENHAGEN					
BT 812	CPH	TLL	------7	14:25	16:50
BT 812	CPH	TLL	--3----	20:20	22:45
BT 812	CPH	TLL	---4---	21:55	00:20+1
BT 810	CPH	TLL	1------	21:55	00:20+1
HERAKLION					
BT 888	HER	TLL	------7	13:00	16:55
BT 888	HER	TLL	--3----	18:40	22:35
LONDON Gatwick					
BT 872	LGW	TLL	-2-4-6-	18:50	23:35
MALAGA					
BT 880	AGP	TLL	-2---6-	22:45	04:15+1
BT 880	AGP	TLL	---4---	12:05	17:35
BT 880	AGP	TLL	-----6-	22:45	04:15+1
MALTA					
BT 890	MLA	TLL	------7	00:40	05:35
MUNICH					
BT 824	MUC	TLL	--3-5--	09:30	12:50
BT 824	MUC	TLL	1------	19:25	22:45
BT 828	MUC	TLL	------7	21:10	00:30+1
BT 828	MUC	TLL	---4---	21:25	00:45+1
NICE					
BT 866	NCE	TLL	--3---7	09:05	13:15
OSLO					
BT 816	OSL	TLL	---4---	16:05	18:30
BT 816	OSL	TLL	------7	21:55	00:20+1
PALMA DE MALLORCA					
BT 892	PMI	TLL	-----6-	09:50	15:00
PARIS Charles de Gaulle					
BT 862	CDG	TLL	----5--	09:25	13:15
BT 862	CDG	TLL	---4---	10:20	14:10
BT 862	CDG	TLL	1-3----	19:45	23:35
BT 864	CDG	TLL	------7	20:40	00:30+1
REYKJAVIK					
BT 820	KEF	TLL	------7	00:10	06:40
BT 820	KEF	TLL	---4---	01:00	07:30
RHODES					
BT 886	RHO	TLL	1---5--	12:00	16:00

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SPLIT					
BT 850	SPU	TLL	------7	07:40	11:35
BT 850	SPU	TLL	----5--	20:05	23:59

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Flights from VILNIUS

Flight No	From	To	Days	Departure	Arrival
AMSTERDAM					
BT 961	VNO	AMS	1234567	07:50	09:15
BT 959	VNO	AMS	1234567	14:10	15:35
BERLIN					
BT 921	VNO	BER	-----6-	08:20	08:55
BT 921	VNO	BER	-2-----	20:35	21:10
DUSSELDORF					
BT 931	VNO	DUS	1------	08:50	10:05
BT 931	VNO	DUS	---4---	12:05	13:20
HAMBURG					
BT 929	VNO	HAM	------7	06:55	07:50
BT 929	VNO	HAM	--3----	20:35	21:30
HERAKLION					
BT 985	VNO	HER	1---5--	06:55	10:15
KRAKOW					
BT 919	VNO	KRK	1---5--	20:35	20

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From Tallinn, Vilnius, Tampere and Gran Canaria



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- ** Temporarily suspended
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- Flights operated in cooperation with tour operator *Tez Tour*

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Welcome to RIX Riga Airport

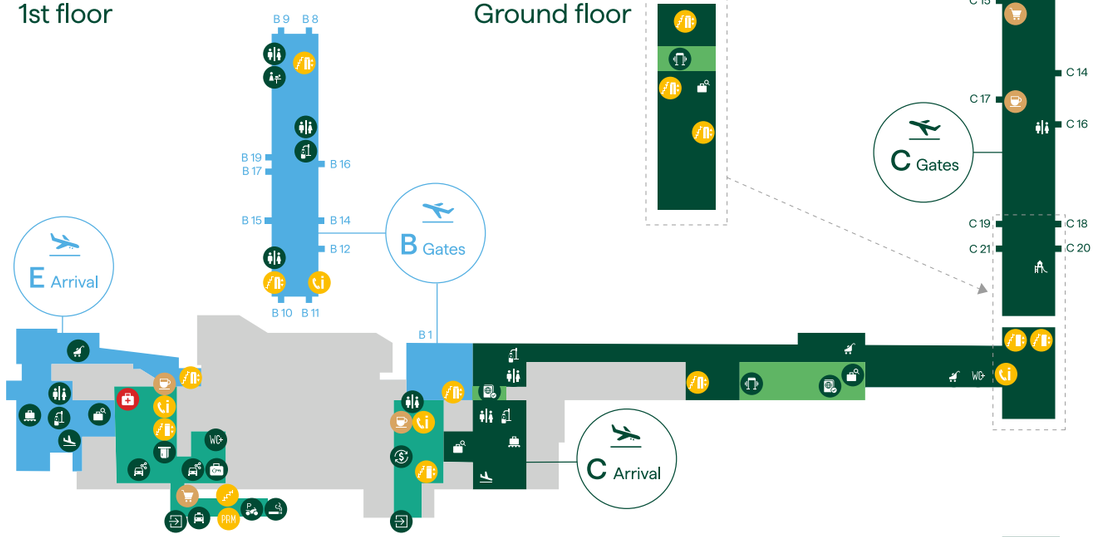
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Please take into account the following average transit times:

- From Non-Schengen passport and security control 1st floor to Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes;
- From Security control 2nd floor to:

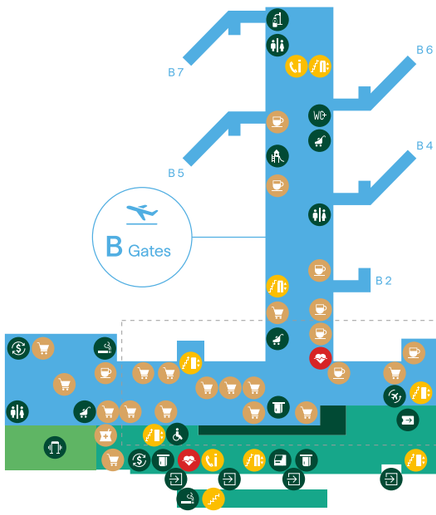
Schengen departure gates – 15 minutes;
Non-Schengen departure gates – 22 minutes.

1st floor

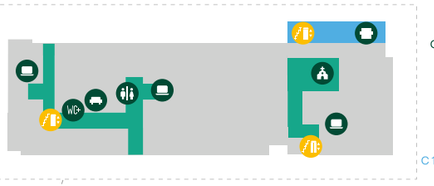


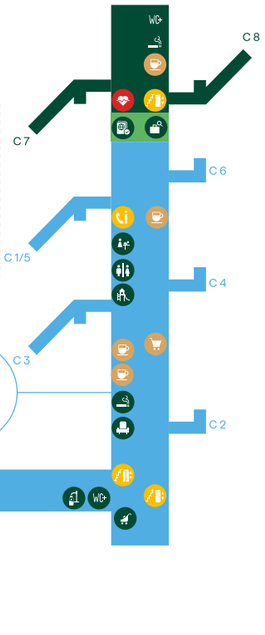
Ground floor

2nd floor



3rd floor





PUBLIC ZONE
SCHENGEN ZONE
NON-SCHENGEN ZONE

Defibrilator
First aid

Entrance, exit
WC
WC/diaper-changing table
PRM Changing Room
Nursery
Baby Carriage

Drinking water
PRM Meeting Point
Self-Check-In Kiosk
Currency Exchange
Playground
Ticket offices

Baggage Claim
Baggage Storage
Arrival Service
Passport Control
Customs Control
Security Control

Business Lounge
Transfer center
Chapel
Office
Longe
Car rental

Taxi
Motorcycle parking
Smoking area
Hotel
ATM

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APPETISERS | UZKODAS

Freshly made just for you!

We want every bite of your journey with airBaltic to be a delight. That's why our meals are freshly made right before your flight. Thoughtfully crafted and cooked by our top chefs, using only the finest local ingredients

Svaigi pagatavotas maltītes!

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



FRESHLY MADE

Juicy wrap

With salmon, spinach, and cream cheese

Sulīgs vraps ar lasi, spinātiem un krēmsieru

7 99 €

BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ White or red wine, p. 173
Sarkanvīns vai baltvīns, 173. lpp.

14 98 €



FRESHLY MADE

Panini

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

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

7 99 €

BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Juice or lemonade, p. 169
Sula vai limonāde 169. lpp.

10 48 €

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

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FRESHLY MADE

Croissant

With local smoked ham, cheese and pickled cucumbers

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

6 99 €

BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK



+ Coffee, p. 165
Kafija, 165. lpp.

10 48 €





Tapas

Olives, breadsticks, cheese, ham and mini fuet sausages

Olīvas, maizes standziņas, siers, šķiņķis un fuet minidesiņas

8 49 €



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HOT DISHES | SILTIE ĒDIENI

Freshly made just for you!

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

Svaigi pagatavotas maltītes!

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



VEGAN

Vegetable lasagne

Vegan lasagne with vegetable sauce (gluten free)

Vegāniska lazanja ar dārzeņu mērci (bez glutēna)

9 99 €



Spring beef stew

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

Gards sezonālo dārzeņu sautējums ar lēni sautētu liellopa gaļu

10 49 €



HALAL

Tajine-style chicken pasta

Tender simmered chicken with pasta and aromatic oriental spices

Maigi sautēta vistas gaļa ar pastu un austrumu garšvielām

9 99 €

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FRESHLY MADE

Wrap burger

Wrap burger filled with delicious BBQ-infused pulled beef

Sātīgs vrapburgers ar plucinātu liellopa gaļu barbekjū gaumē

8 99 €

BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Juice or lemonade, p. 169
Sula vai limonāde 169. lpp.

11 48 €





FRESHLY MADE

Chicken soup

Spicy chicken soup with noodles and vegetables

Pikanta vistas zupa ar nūdelēm un dārzeņiem

6 49 €

BUY TOGETHER AND SAVE
KOPĀ LĒTĀK

+ Croissant, p. 161
Kruasāns, 161. lpp.

12 48 €



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Gunārs Ķirsons

LIDO

ANNO 1987

GREAT CHOICE!

MADE IN LATVIA

LIDO biscuit

Cookie with nuts and salty caramel, 45g

Cepums ar sāļo karameli un riekstiem

2 99 €

MADE IN LATVIA

LIDO toffee

Milk Toffee, 50g

Piena īriss

2 99 €

With responsibility towards the highest food quality standards and best ingredients.

Without synthetic colourings

Without GMOs

Without flavour enhancers

Without preserva-tives

HIGHEST QUALITY ANNO LIDO 1987 APPROVED

HOT DRINKS | KARSTIE DZĒRIENI



Basilur tea

Black / Green, 28cl

Melnā tēja / Zaļā tēja

3 49 €

Cadbury

Hot Chocolate Drink, 28cl

Karstās šokolādes dzēriens

3 99 €



MADE IN LATVIA

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

3 99 €



MADE IN LATVIA

Freshly brewed Rocket Bean coffee

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

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

4 49 €



Douwe Egberts cappuccino

Instant cappuccino, 28cl

Kapučīno dzēriens

3 99 €



Freshly brewed Barista Cup coffee

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

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

3 99 €





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DESSERTS | DESERTI



Blueberry muffin

Melleņu kēkss

3 49 €

MADE IN LATVIA

The Beginnings

Crispy Vanilla protein bar, 50g

Kraukšķīgs vaniļas proteīna batoniņš

3 49 €





Twix Xtra

Chocolate bar

Šokolādes batoniņš

2 99 €



Fazer Remix Minis

Assorted sweets, 120g

Saldumu izlase

2 99 €

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

SALTY SNACKS | SĀĻIE NAŠĶI



MADE IN LATVIA

Beef Jerky

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

"Nākotne Beef Jerky" vītināta un kūpināta liellopa gaļa

3 99 €



Nõo Parmesan Snack cigar sausages, 85g

"Nõo Snack"cigārdesiņas ar parmezāna sieru

3 49 €



VEGAN

Pringles Original

Pringles Sour Cream & Onion

Potato crisps, 40g

Kartupeļu čipsi

3 49 €



VEGAN

NOY nuts

Salty baked mini pretzels, 25g

Sāļie miniklipiņi

3 49 €

VEGAN

Salysol salted peanuts, 60g

"Salysol" sālīti zemesrieksti

3 49 €





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Our water started its journey 8,000 years ago, when the ice sheets melted over northern Latvia. It travelled through layers of soil, sand, and rock – before we carefully brought it back up from 885 feet beneath the surface, untouched and pristine.

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885's ideal pH level and just the right amount of manganese refreshes like no other. Whether you're above the clouds or on the ground, 885 is your perfect hydration companion.

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MADE IN LATVIA

Natural mineral water 885

Still or sparkling, 50cl

Gāzēts vai negāzēts dabīgais minerālūdens

2,99 €

MADE IN LATVIA

Cido Exclusive

Apple or tomato juice, 30cl

Ābolu vai tomātu sula

2,99 €





Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero 33cl

2,99 €

SOFT DRINKS | DZĒRIENI

MADE IN LATVIA

Rudy's Kombucha

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

Dabīgi fermentēts zaļās tējas dzēriens ar marakuju un mango

3,99 €



Aura

Orange juice, 33cl

Apelsīnu sula

2,99 €



Fever-Tree Premium Indian Tonic Water, 15cl

Toniks

2,99 €



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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI

Premixed cocktails
Iepriekš pagatavoti kokteiļi



MADE IN LATVIA

ŌBDO Negroni

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

Slavens itāļu kokteilis ar džinu, vermutu un kampari

7^{99} €

MADE IN LATVIA

Aperol Spritz "Sip"

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

Klasiskais itāļu kokteilis ar vaniļas un rabarberu garšas notīm

8^{49} €

Spirits and bitters
Stiprie alkoholiskie dzērieni



Bombay Sapphire

Dry Gin 5cl, 40%

Džins

6^{99} €



Finlandia

Premium vodka 5cl, 40%

Degvīns

5^{99} €



Jack Daniel's

Whiskey 5cl, 40%

Viskijs

7^{49} €



Riga Black Balsam

Currant 4cl, 30%

Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu

5^{99} €



Rémy Martin

VSOP cognac 5cl, 40%

Konjaks

7^{99} €

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | ALKOHOLISKIE DZĒRIENI



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

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

9^{98} €

Blended Cocktails

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

Klasiskie kokteiļi

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



Riga Black Balsam Currant & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Rīgas Melnais balzams upeņu & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8^{98} €



Prosecco Bottega Gold & orange juice

Dzirkstošais vīns Bottega Gold & apelsīnu sula

11^{49} €



Jack Daniel's whiskey & Coca-Cola

Jack Daniel's viskijs & Coca-Cola

10^{48} €



Finlandia Premium vodka & tomato juice

Finlandia Premium degvīns & tomātu sula

8^{98} €



Finlandia Premium vodka & Premium Indian Tonic Water

Finlandia Premium degvīns & Premium Indian Tonic Water

8^{98} €



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TO UNDERAGE PERSONS.

BEER & WINE | ALUS UN VĪNS



Inflight Sommelier

Let our inflight sommelier be your guide. Discover recommendations paired with our menu to make your dining experience even more enjoyable.

Baudi vīnu kopā ar savu maltīti – ēdienkartē esam pievienojuši vīnziņu ieteikumus ideāli piemērota vīna izvēlei.

Marcy Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon

18.7cl, 13%, France

Sarkanvīns, Francija

7 99 € Spring Beef Stew

Alexis Colombard Chardonnay

18.7cl, 11.5%, France

Baltvīns, Francija

7 99 € Juicy wrap

Bottega Il Vino Dei Poeti Prosecco DOC Rosé Brut

20cl, 11%, Italy

Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8 49 € Croissant

Bottega Gold Prosecco Brut

20cl, 11%, Italy

Dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

8 49 € Panini

0% ALCOHOL FREE

Bottega 0 Sparkling Life

20cl, 0%, Italy

Bezalkoholiskais dzirkstošais vīns, Itālija

7 49 € Vegetable Lasagna

Carlsberg

33cl, 5%, Danish Pilsner

Dāņu Pilsner gaišais alus

4 99 €

Mežpils Lager

50cl, 5.3%, Latvia

Mežpils Gaišais lāgers, Latvija

7 49 €



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AVIATOR PERFUMES
Energy EDP for him,
100 ml

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€34.99**
Save **43%**

NEW
ON BOARD

AVIATOR Energy Eau de Parfum Spray – the fresh, masculine men's fragrance that will lift you to new heights.
AVIATOR Energy Eau de Parfum Spray – svaigs, vīrišķīgs aromāts, kas paceļ tevi jaunos augstumos.

Woody | Aromatic



CALVIN KLEIN
Eternity Moment
EDP for her, 50 ml

Inspired by the natural beauty of sea shells glistening in the sand on a warm summer day; washed up by the waves, they lie in the sun, waiting to be found.
Šis smaržūdens tika radīts, iedvesmojoties no jūras gliemežvāku dabiskā skaistuma, kad tie mirdz smiltīs siltā vasaras dienā. Viļņu izskaloti, tie guļ saulē un gaida, kad kāds tos atradīs.

Floral | Fruity

€29⁹⁰

Retail Price **€32**
Save **7%**

OUR LOWEST
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CALVIN KLEIN
Sheer Beauty
EDT 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'SECRET
Intimate
EDP for her, 100 ml

Amber | Floral

NEW ON BOARD

€19⁹⁰

Retail Price **€29.99**
Save **34%**



BUGATTI
Signature Black
EDT for him, 100 ml

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

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

Amber | Aromatic

€19⁹⁰

BEST SELLER



VERSACE
Woman EDP
for her, 50 ml

Floral | Fruity

€29⁹⁰

Retail Price **€35**
Save **15%**



CALVIN KLEIN
Free EDT for
him, 50 ml

NEW ON BOARD

Woody | Aromatic

€19⁹⁰

BUGATTI
Bella Donna
EDP for her, 60 ml

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

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

Aromatic | Fresh

€19⁹⁰

BEST SELLER

Retail Price **€26.49**
Save **25%**





VERSACE
Bright Crystal
EDT for her, 50 ml

€74.90

Retail Price **€85**
Save **12%**

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

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

Floral Fruity



GISADA
Titanium
EDP for him, 50 ml

€79

Retail Price **€95**
Save **17%**

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

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

Woody Amber



CAROLINA HERRERA
Good Girl
EDP for her, 30 ml

€67.90

Retail Price **€74.50**
Save **9%**

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

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

Amber Floral



GISADA
Ambassadora
EDP for her, 50 ml

€69

Retail Price **€89**
Save **22%**

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

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

Soft Amber Fruity

COSMETICS & SKINCARE | KOSMĒTIKA UN ĀDAS KOPŠANA

HADAT
Hydro Nutrient Nourishing Conditioner, 70 ml
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Hydro Nourishing Moisture Shampoo, 70 ml
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Anti-Age Night Cream, 50 ml
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M. ASAM® MAGIC CARE
Perfect Eye Serum, 25 ml
€23 / p. 184



DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
Fire & Snow Peel and Serum, 2x10 ml
€79 / p. 189

M. ASAM® MAGIC FINISH
SATIN LIPSTICK TRIO
3 x 4 g Hazelnut Heaven, Almond & Rosewood
€34 / p. 181

M. ASAM® MAGIC FINISH
Make-up Set (30 ml classic + 10 ml travel-size classic)
€29 / p. 181



M. Asam® MAGIC FINISH
Make-up Set (30 ml classic + 10 ml travel-size classic)

€29

Travel retail exclusive

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

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



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

BEST SELLER

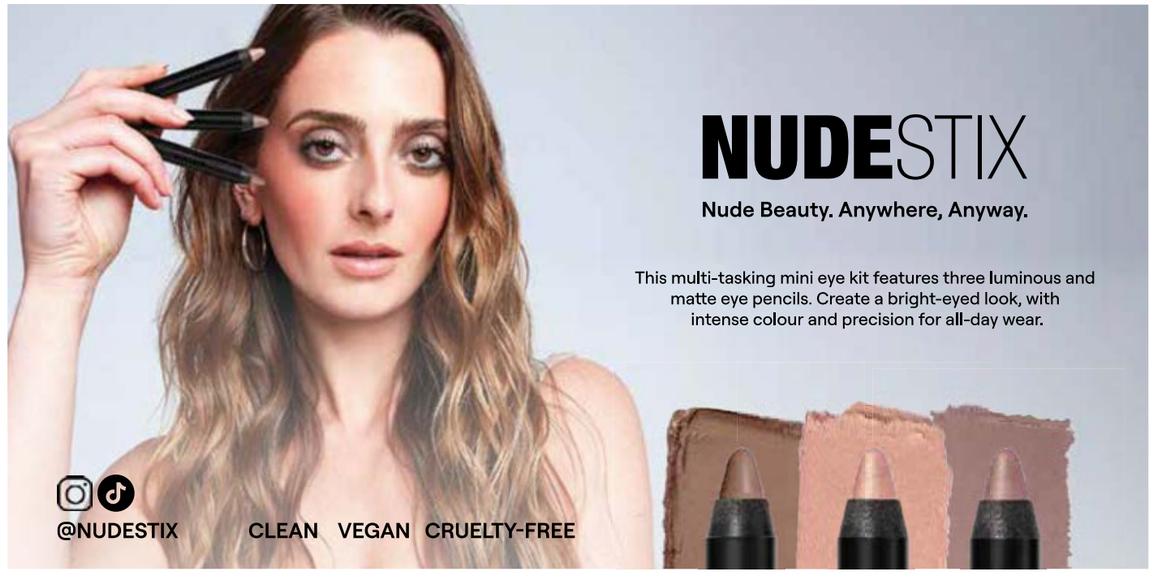
€34

Travel retail exclusive

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

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





NUDESTIX
Bright Nude Eyes Kit
3x2.5 g

€27
Retail Price **€34.95**
Save **23%**

NEW ON BOARD

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

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



NUDESTIX

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

DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyToyBoy Mascara, 13 ml

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

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

€23
Retail Price **€27.90**
Save **18%**

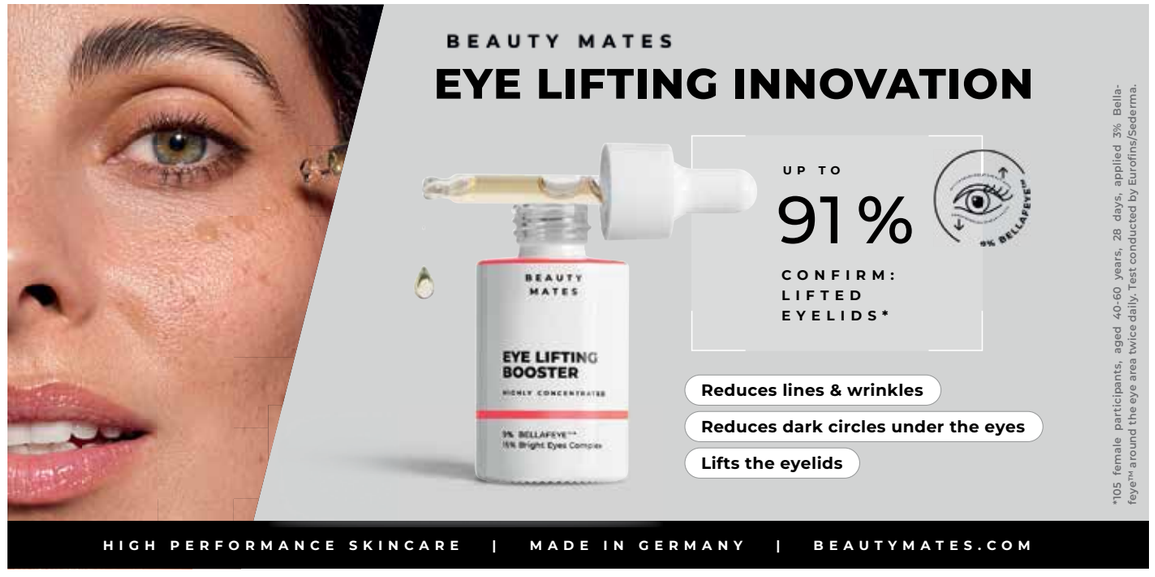
DIEGO DALLA PALMA
MyHappyToy Mascara, 13 ml

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

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

€23
Retail Price **€27.90**
Save **18%**





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

€23

Retail Price **€28.99**
Save **21%**

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

BEAUTY MATES
Eye Lifting Booster,
30 ml

€33

Retail Price **€39**
Save **15%**

NEW ON BOARD

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

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





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

€33

Retail Price **€48**
Save **31%**

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

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

ROSALIQUE
Anti-Redness Cream,
30 ml

€29

Retail Price **€34.95**
Save **17%**

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

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

HADAT

COSMETICS



UNLOCK THE SECRET TO HEALTHY HAIR WITH OUR HYDROHAIR PRODUCTS



HADAT
Hydro Nutrient Nourishing Conditioner, 70 ml

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

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

€8

Travel retail exclusive



HADAT
Hydro Nourishing Moisture Shampoo, 70 ml

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

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

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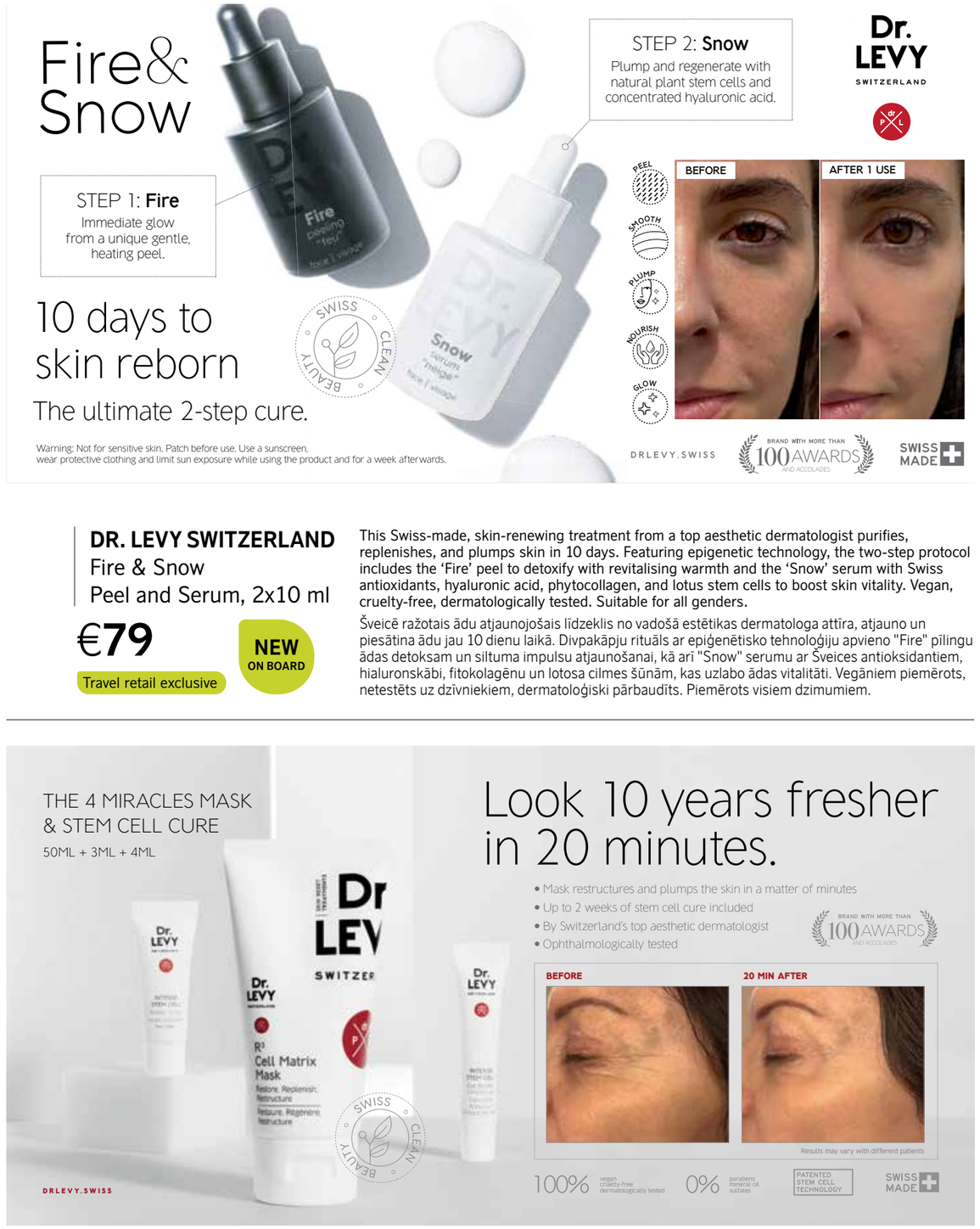
DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
Intense Eye Rescue,
15 ml

€170

Travel retail exclusive

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

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



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

€79

Travel retail exclusive

NEW ON BOARD

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

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

DR. LEVY SWITZERLAND
4 Miracles Mask & Cure

€59

Travel retail exclusive

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

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



YOUTH LAB
60 Patches & Spatula

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

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

€30

Retail Price **€42**

Save **29%**



BIO2YOU
Anti-Age Day Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27

BIO2YOU
Anti-Age Night Cream, 50 ml

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

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

€27



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

€20

Travel retail exclusive

BEST SELLER

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

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





DR. PAWPAW
Your Gorgeous Skin Face Mist, 100 ml

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

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

€15 NEW ON BOARD

DR. PAWPAW
It Does It All, 100 ml

NEW ON BOARD

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

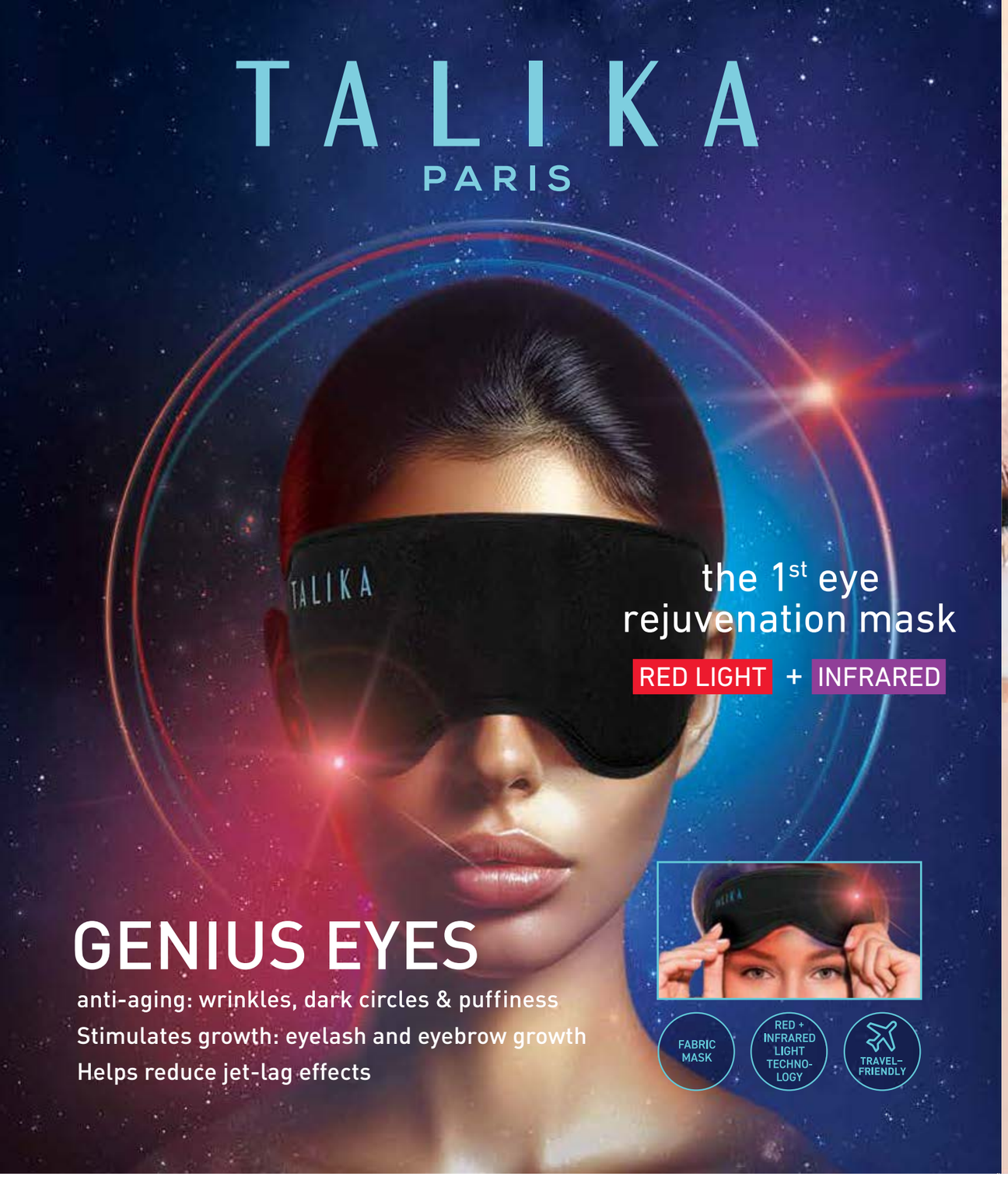
Suitable for all hair types

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

Piemērots visiem matu tipiem

€10 Travel retail exclusive





TALIKA
Genius Eye Anti-Aging and Growth Light

€199

Retail Price **€249**
Save **20%**

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

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



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

€41

Retail Price **€49.50**
Save **17%**

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

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



AVANT GLOW
Starter Set, 5x10 ml

Discover Avant's Glow Starter Set, the perfect place to start your Avant Skincare journey or try something new. Featuring award-winning and bestselling products in try-out sizes:
- Deluxe Hyaluronic Acid Vivifying Face & Eye Night Cream.
- Eight-Hour Retexturing & Antioxidising Hyaluronic Facial Serum.
- Blue Volcanic Stone Purifying & Antioxidising Cleansing Gel.
- Harmonious Rose Quartz Revitalising Firming Mask.
- Pro-Perfecting Collagen Primer Touche Eclat.
- Cotton Canvas Bag made of recycled materials.

Atklājiet Avant Glow starta komplektu: tas ir ideāls, lai izmēģinātu ko jaunu vai atklātu citus Avant Skincare līdzekļus. Starta komplektā ietilpst godalgoti un populārākie produkti maza izmēra konteineros:
- Augstākās klases atjaunojošs hialuronskābes nakts krēms sejai un acīm.
- Astoņu stundu atjaunojošs un antioksidējošs serums sejas kopšanai ar hialuronskābi.
- Attīrošs un antioksidējošs ādu kopjošs gels ar zilu vulkānisko akmeni.
- Revitalizējoša rožu kvarca maska tvirtai sejas ādai.
- Bāzes tuša ar kolagēna formulu.
- Kokvilnas audekla maisiņš, kas izgatavots no pārstrādātiem materiāliem.

€22 Retail Price **€45**
Save **40%**

Universal Stain Remover
100ml

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



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

A must-have for tackling unexpected spills!

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 svaigs!





UNITWEEZER

Universal multi tweezer
for careful facial hair removal

Chin and jawline
Nose
Upper lip
Ear
Eyebrows

UNIVERSAL
UNISEX
UNIQUE



UNITWEEZER
Universal Multi Tweezer

€12
Retail Price **€14.95**
Save **20%**

BEST SELLER

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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JOWISSA
Facet Princess Set

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

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

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

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

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F SERIES

AVIATOR SMARTWATCH
GOT EVEN SMARTER





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- CALORIE TRACKER
- ~5-DAY BATTERY
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- IP 67 WATER RESISTANT
- PEDOMETER





LARGE, RESPONSIVE TOUCHSCREEN | ULTRA-LIGHT ALUMINIUM CASE | INTERCHANGEABLE, ADJUSTABLE STRAP | A VARIETY OF SMART FEATURES

AVIATOR
F Series Smart Watch

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

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

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

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

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F SERIES

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- ~5-DAY BATTERY
- WIRELESS CHARGING
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP
- IP67 WATER RESISTANT

AVIATOR
F Series Gent's Smart Technique Watch

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

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

€119
Retail Price **€169**
Save **30%**

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

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- 100+ SPORT EXERCISES
- HEALTH SENSORS
- CALLING FUNCTION
- PEDOMETER
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- SLEEP MONITOR
- CONTROL MUSIC PLAYER INTEGRATED
- ~5-DAY BATTERY
- WIRELESS CHARGING
- MULTIPLE WATCH FACES
- AI VOICE ASSISTANT
- IP67 WATER-RESISTANT
- ADDITIONAL SILICONE STRAP



AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Smart Technique Watch

€139 BEST SELLER

Retail Price **€199**
Save **30%**

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

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

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

AVIATOR
F SERIES



AVIATOR
F Series Ladies' Luxe Set, Rose Gold

€79

Retail Price **€109**
Save **28%**

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

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

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



ORQUIDEA
Trio Earring Set 8 in 1

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

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

€79 Travel retail exclusive



ORQUIDEA
Selene – Orquidea Classic Pearl Necklace And Earring Set

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

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

€126

Retail Price **€172**

Save **27%**

NECKLACE LENGTH
45 CM + 8 CM EXTENDER

ORQUIDEA
Majorca Duo Bracelet

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

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

€52 Travel retail exclusive





ZAZA & LILI
3-Bracelet Set

€39

Retail Price **€81**

Save **52%**

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

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





AVIATOR
Gent‘s Bracelet

€49

Retail Price **€69**

Save **29%**

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

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

BRACELET LENGTH
ADJUSTABLE

MATERIAL
LEATHER & STAINLESS STEEL



MY JEWELLERY
Mother & Daughter
Bracelets, Gold

€22

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

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

BRACELET LENGTH
16 CM + 3 CM EXTENDER

MATERIAL
STAINLESS STEEL



UKIYYO
Flybrace

NEW
ON BOARD

€23

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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.

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AKSESUĀRI UN PRECES CEĻOŠANAI



AVIATOR
F Series RFID Foldable Wallet

€49 Retail Price **€69**
Save **29%**

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

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



SUDIO
C7 Earphones

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

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

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

WATER RESISTANCE	PLAY TIME	CONNECTION
IPX4	6 HOURS	28 HOURS







VONMÄHLEN
Infinity Phone Strap, Black

€17 **BEST SELLER**

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

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



SEAWAG
Waterproof Case

€18
Retail Price **€19.99**
Save **10%**

NEW ON BOARD

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

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



DOPPLER
Pocket Umbrella, 99 g

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

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

€25

Retail Price **€29.99**
Save **17%**





BEURER
LS 10 Luggage Scale

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

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

€25 BEST SELLER

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50 g graduation, torch light.



I-CLIP
Carbon Optics Wallet incl. RFID Shields

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

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

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

€39 Retail Price **€45**
Save **13%**

ZIPSTAR
Mobile Screen Magnifier

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

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

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SMART GAMES
IQ Puzzler Pro

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

Pasaulē populārākais galvas mežģis! Spēles laukumā jānovieto 12 krāsainas dažādu formu bumbiņas. Ne mazāk kā 120 uzdevumi piecās dažādās grūtības pakāpēs! Spēli var spēlēt trīs dažādos veidos. Paredzēts spēlētājiem no 6 gadu vecuma.

€13 Retail Price **€14.50**
Save **11%**



SCRATCH ART
Magic Rainbow Scratch Notes

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

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

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Global eSIM that works in 135+ countries!

Globāla eSIM karte, kas darbojas vairāk nekā 135 valstīs!

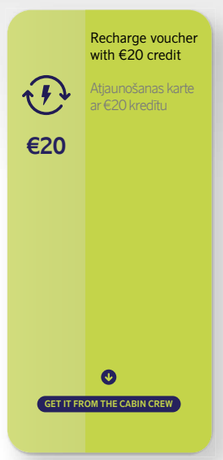


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- Tūlītēja piekļuve: Saņem eSIM no apkalpes un aktivizē to ar QR kodu.
- Wi-Fi Hotspot: Ērti dalies ar savu interneta savienojumu.
- Bez ātruma ierobežojuma: Baudi ātru internetu ceļojuma laikā.
- Plašs datu plānu klāsts: Atrodi piemērotāko savam ceļojumam.
- Viegli papildināms: Papildini tiešsaistē, kad nepieciešams.
- Priekšapmaksāts: Bez slēptām maksām un ilgtermiņa saistībām.

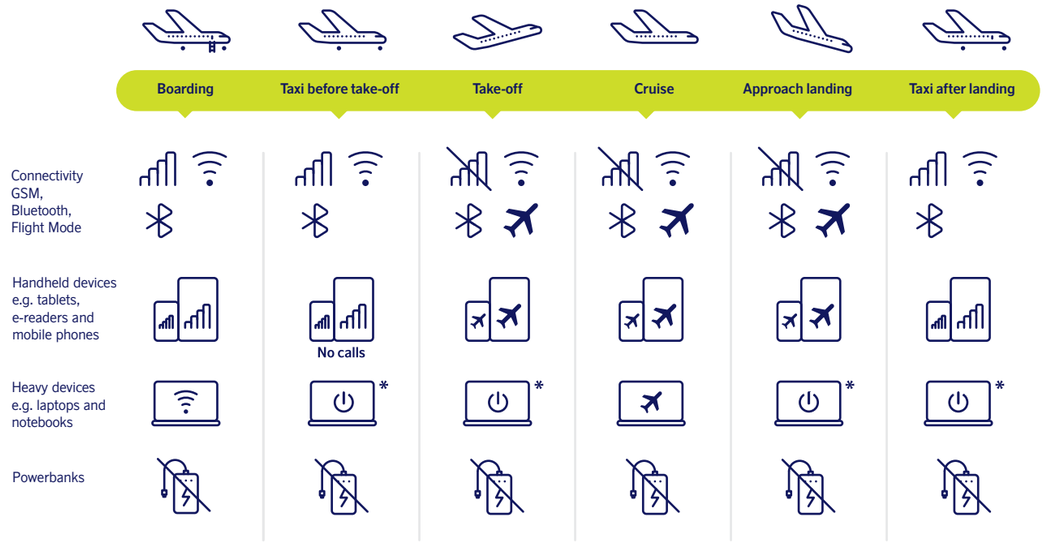








Portable electronic devices



* 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:

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- 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 alcoholic beverages 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:

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- Norēķiniem ar maksājumu kartēm pieņemam tikai kartes ar čipu. Darījumi ar magnētisko joslu kartēm netiek nodrošināti.
- Ja maksājums ar maksājumu karti pārsniedz 50 EUR, jāuzrāda personu apliecinošs dokuments. Pirkums ar vienu maksājumu karti nedrīkst pārsniegt 250 EUR, kopējā pirkumu summa ar maksājumu kartēm no vienas personas nedrīkst pārsniegt 500 EUR.
- 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. Jautājiet apkalpei par produktu sastāvu un tajos esošajiem alergēniem.
- Produktu un iepakojumu attēli norādīti tikai informatīvā nolūkā un var atšķirties no reālā produkta.
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- Alkoholiskos dzērienus aizliegts pārdot personām, kuras ir jaunākas par 18 gadiem.
- Ņemiet vērā, ka preču daudzums var būt ierobežots.
- Atlaides nesummējas.
- SkyShop produktiem ir 2 gadu garantija, ja tiek uzrādīts pirkuma čeks, saskaņā ar ražotāja garantijas saistībām.

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- 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.

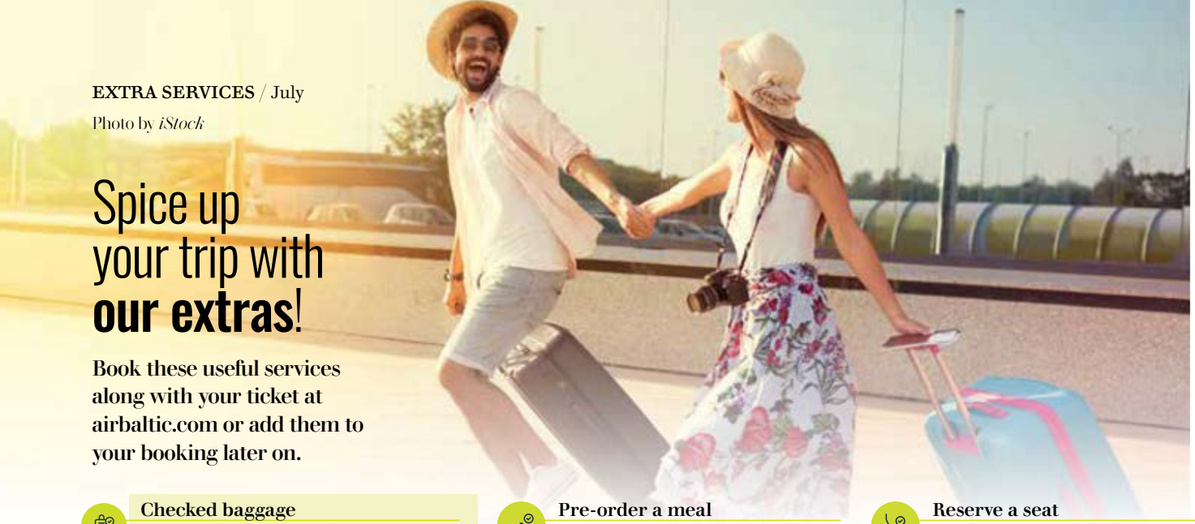
Respectful use: Set your device to silent or vibrate mode and avoid activities that could disturb others.

More information and rules about internet onboard here:

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

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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 **23 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 14.99** 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 (30x40x10 cm) with a total weight of eight kilograms free of charge.

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

Please note: If you purchase extra cabin baggage weight, your cabin baggage must still remain within the above-mentioned dimensions. Exceeding the allowed cabin baggage weight or size limits will cost EUR 30 at the airport.

Pre-order a meal

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

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

Upgrade to Business class

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

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

Fast track in Riga

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

Reserve a seat

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

Whichever it is, you can secure your favourite seat in advance starting **from EUR 5.99**.

Special equipment

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

Assistance for children flying alone*

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

Travelling with pets*

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

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



Ticket types on *airBaltic* flights

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

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

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

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

[1] Fare differences may apply

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

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

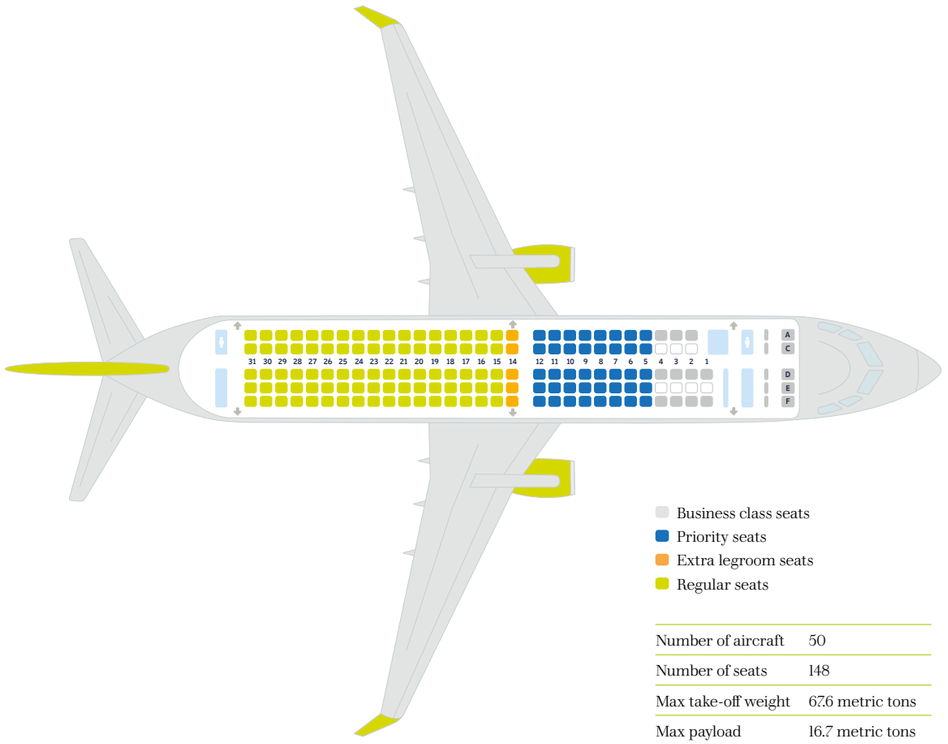
[4] Excluding priority and extra legroom seats

[5] Excluding extra legroom seats

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- Business class seats
- Priority seats
- Extra legroom seats
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Number of aircraft	50
Number of seats	148
Max take-off weight	67.6 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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