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The Wizz Air running season began with a flourish at our first event in Milan this April. The Wizz Air Milano Marathon saw almost 25,000 participants hit the streets. Among the racers were colleagues from Skopje, Craiova, Budapest and beyond. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

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“Wizz Air continues to expand in 2024”

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József Váradi
Chief Executive Officer

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The combination of seaside resorts and mountainous areas make Batumi interesting destination for nature and adventure lovers. The city's Botanical garden is a must-visit, showcasing a diverse collection of flora from around the world. The Batumi Boulevard, a picturesque promenade along the waterfront, is a great place to take a stroll and enjoy the sea views and sunsets.

Country's unique alphabet, culture, traditions, Georgian dances and polyphonic singing offer travelers a journey through a history and heritage that spans over 2000 years. Whether you're interested in history, architecture, nature, or simply relaxing on the beach, Batumi has something to offer to every type of traveler. Due to its dynamic economic growth, business-friendly legislation, and liberal tax system, the Batumi City of Georgia also stands out as a popular investment and business development destination.

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Our Wizz Air colleagues getting ready for their close-up on our memorable cover shoot

Editor's letter

It's a special feeling to be part of something from the very start. The risks feel huge – what if it all goes wrong? What if it doesn't work out? But, of course, the rewards can be even bigger – and that's something this issue's cover stars can tell you all about. We gathered some of Wizz Air's very first employees – the people who were there when the airline launched two decades ago – for a cover shoot to mark WIZZ's 20th birthday. They have seen Wizz Air grow from a tiny outfit with a handful of planes to Europe's fastest-growing airline with more than 210 aircraft flying to over 190 destinations. On page 110 they share some of their stories from those memorable early days in 2004.

The celebratory mood continues in the rest of the magazine, too. On page 36 we head to one of the UEFA Euro 2024 host cities, Hamburg, to find out about FC St. Pauli – a passionate football team with a difference. There are more sporting adventures on page 58, where we've rounded up 15 alternative sports to try in Paris in honour of the Olympics, and on page 78, where we sent one brave writer to try the world's longest zipline in the UAE. Gulp. If that all sounds a little too exhausting, don't worry – we also have a round-up of lesser-known Greek islands on page 46. Wherever you're flying this month, we wish you a fantastic trip. Sit back, relax and enjoy this issue – and your flight. **Claire Köksal, Editor**



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The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles weren't joking when they talked about turtle power: these ethereal creatures are one of the lynchpins of healthy marine ecosystems, playing crucial roles as prey, consumer, competitor and host. As such, protecting them is paramount. This year's UN World Oceans Day on 8 June has a focus on sustainability and conservation, and one way you can do your part is to help save sea turtles. The Olive Ridley Project in the Maldives (home to five of the seven species of sea turtle: Green, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Leatherback and Olive Ridley) is one spot you can do so, whether you have a month or an afternoon to volunteer. oliveridleyproject.org

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Get lost in the Accursed Mountains

in Albania



Their name may sound a bit intimidating, but the Accursed Mountains are also known as the Albanian Alps, and are a) completely gorgeous and b) pegged to be the next big thing in adventure travel. The TikTok community, fresh from ‘discovering’ Albania’s beaches, is now making great strides (often literally) in promoting these devilish mountains, with tens of millions of posts bearing the hashtag #AlbanianAlps.

For a tour of the highlights, take a loop that begins and ends in Shkodra (2-3 hours north of Tirana), taking in Koman, Fierzë, Valbona and Theth by hire car or *furgon* (shared minibus). Along the way you can boat across the stunning artificial Lake Komani; take a zipline or go kayaking down the Shala River; swim in the ‘Blue Eye’ mountain spring in Theth National Park; or take a day’s hike through the perilous peaks from Theth to stunning Valbona. You may well curse at some of the perilous drops – maybe that’s how these peaks got their nickname?

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Visit the ‘Pizza Church’ in Amman



If you find yourself in the Jordanian capital and fancy doing a good deed with your dinner, head to Mar Yousef’s Pizza. A restaurant located in St Joseph’s Church in Jabal Amman, it trains refugees in the arts of Italian cooking and hospitality. It all started in 2017 when church leader Father Mario Cornioli began trying to help Iraqi Christian refugees find work. Now, it’s a fully functioning restaurant where everything – from the Detroit-style pizzas to the fresh pasta and gelato – is made in house. associazionehabibi.org

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Keep cool in gardens around the network

It's kind of a no-brainer that heading for a shady park during a heatwave is a good idea, but a recent scientific study has proved that gardens and parks actually cool the air locally by an impressive 5°C. "Our study provides us with the most comprehensive picture yet of why green spaces can cool cities down – from trees providing shade, to evaporating water cooling the air," says Prof Prashant Kumar, who led the project at the Global Centre for Clean Air Research, published in February this year.

SPOTS TO STAY COOL

Wadi Darbat, Salalah ↗

This lush green valley dotted with caves and waterfalls is a hotspot – or rather cool spot – for locals, particularly during Khareef season (June-September). You can bring a picnic, or visit stalls for shawarma, popcorn and ice cream.

Garden La Concepción, Malaga ↓

There are more than 2,000 species from five continents at this leafy paradise on the outskirts of Malaga, not to mention fountains, waterfalls and even a palace. Follow the trail to go 'Around the World in 80 Trees'.

Botanical Garden, Rome ↘

Covering 12 hectares, this garden dates back to 1883 and is a global experience, with flora planted into geographic ecosystems. The summer rhododendron displays are spectacular.

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Think pink in London

Last summer was dominated by the *Barbie* movie (remember "Barbenheimer"?), and now the lady herself is back again. Expect a new wave of Barbiemania in London as *Barbie: The Exhibition* opens at the Design Museum on 5 July. The show features more than 250 pieces that reflect her influence on – and reflection of – design since the late 1950s. And yes, there will be a section on (just) Ken. [designmuseum.org](https://www.designmuseum.org)

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See if you can lick our ice cream quiz across the network

Nothing keeps you cooler than a cone of gelato, which was first made famous in Sicily in the 17th century. But do you know your stracciatella from your hokey pokey? Match the name of the ice cream to its description.

The name for a three-flavour combo, featuring strips of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. 1	This vanilla-based flavour from New Zealand has chunks of honeycomb toffee in it. 2	This Japanese invention has been replicated in Michelin-starred restaurants, but it sounds a bit fishy to us. 3	Crammed with chocolate, nuts and marshmallows, this US-favourite has gone global. 4	From the Philippines, this flavour shares its name and colour with a local, purple-coloured yam. 5
This chocolate chip variety, invented in 1961, takes its name (meaning 'little shred') from a popular Italian soup. 6	A French speciality that often contains cherries, almonds or crumbled macarons. 7	It sounds strange but apparently this Canadian blend of grape, banana and blue raspberry flavours is well loved. 8	This savoury ice cream sounds like the invention of a modern experimental chef – but was first found in an American wife's cookbook in 1824. 9	A Middle Eastern treat made from tahini (sesame paste). 10

**A. Halva B. Ube C. Moon Mist D. Rocky Road E. Oyster F. Hokey Pokey
G. Biscuit Tortoni H. Stracciatella I. Crab J. Neapolitan**

Answers: 1J, 2F, 3I, 4D, 5B, 6H, 7G, 8C, 9E, 10A.

How many did you get right?



8 or more

Well done! You can walk away with all the (knickerbocker) glory.



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Good try – maybe some more research is needed? It's a hard life...



4 or fewer

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Celebrate biodiversity in Madeira

This spring, Europe adopted a historic nature restoration law that will require EU nations to restore and protect wildlife on 20% of their land and sea by 2030. This is great news for countries where there is a dire need to reverse biodiversity loss – but one country that won't need this law is Madeira. Not only does the island have a high number of endemic species (creatures that can't be seen in the wild anywhere else), but since 2001 it has led the way in terms of conservation, meaning an impressive two-thirds of the main island is protected. For nature lovers, it's a bonanza.

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Charles Darwin mentions the archipelago more than 30 times in his book *On the Origin of Species*

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There are three biosphere reserves in Madeira: Porto Santo, Santana and Laurisilva Forest

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Two-thirds of Madeira's 741km² are a nature reserve

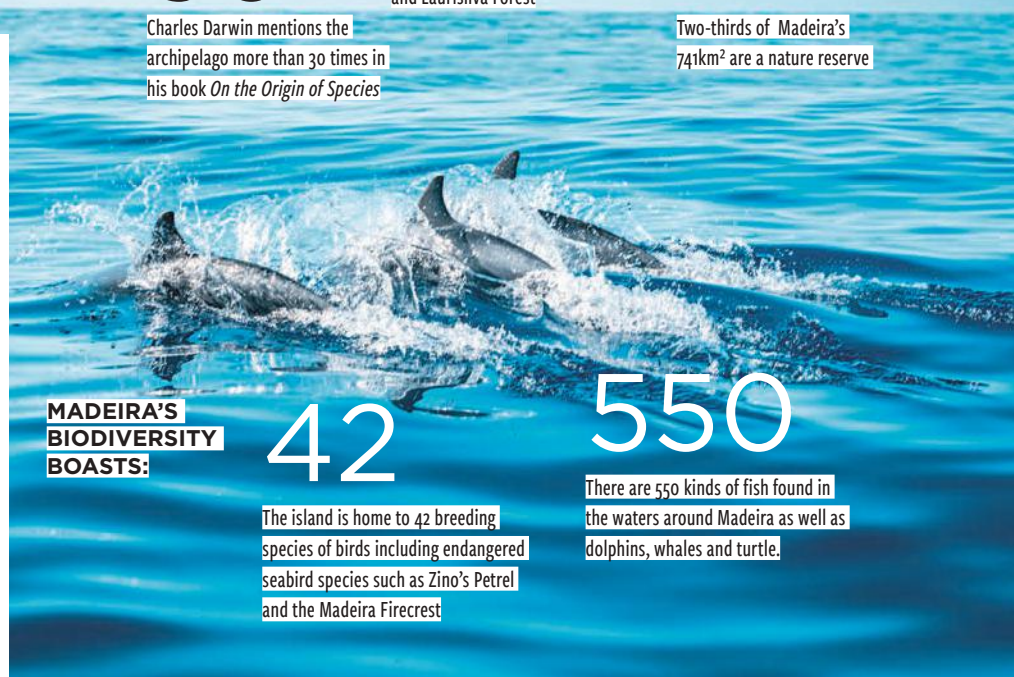
MADEIRA'S BIODIVERSITY BOASTS:

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The island is home to 42 breeding species of birds including endangered seabird species such as Zino's Petrel and the Madeira Firecrest

550

There are 550 kinds of fish found in the waters around Madeira as well as dolphins, whales and turtle.



Enjoy the hospitality in Kazakhstan

Wild horses, apple orchards and, erm, Borat... these are the main things Kazakhstan tends to be known for outside its borders. However, now we can add hospitality to that list, as Saty has been named one of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation's Best Tourism Villages of the year. Visitor numbers have doubled in the past five years thanks to new experiences including horse riding in the mountains and a cookery class to learn how to make *bashbarmak*, Kazakhstan's national dish.

Saty is also just a stone's throw from Kolsai and Kaindy lakes, which have new hiking trails and guided tours. welcome.kz

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Tuck into some history in Lisbon

How many cakes can claim to be imbued with history? The pastel de nata can do just that. These sunshine-yellow custard tarts were first concocted at the Jerónimos Monastery in Lisbon and owe their existence to 18th-century monks who were keen to find a use for egg yolks they had going spare. Why? Back then, monks and nuns would use egg whites to starch their habits and robes, meaning they had a surplus of yolks. Head to Manteigaria, a pasteleria with a site near the monastery and six more across the city, to taste history for yourself. manteigaria.com

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“I don't tell them what they want to hear, I tell them what I see”

In İstanbul, a cup of coffee can do much more than wake you up – it can also reveal your fortune



Words by Katie Nadworny



Photography by Özge Sebzeci



On a breezy spring day in İstanbul's seaside neighbourhood of Beşiktaş, past tangled streets buzzing with bars and third-wave cafés, groups of young Turks sip on small cups of Turkish coffee and wait to hear their fortunes.

At first glance, Symbol Cafe's Beşiktaş outpost – there are four in the city – doesn't seem like the kind of place that would draw a crowd on a sunny Saturday. The furniture is shabby and worn, without the Edison bulbs, blonde wood and houseplants that symbolise İstanbul's trendy coffee spots. But the draw isn't the ambience, or even the flavour of the coffee. Everyone is here to have their fortune told by Can Akman.

Tasseography, or *fal*, is the (imperfect) art of reading fortunes at the bottom of Turkish coffee cups, when the grounds have oozed and morphed into the shapes that some believe show your future. The practice dates back to Ottoman times, when men in the cafés or women in the harems and homes would pass their time by telling each other their fortunes.

Today, traditions of fortune-telling, including *fal*, are often passed down through families. Can learned from his mother and his grandmother. “My grandmother used to tell fortunes. She would interpret things and while listening to her, you learnt what some shapes mean,” he says.

The harems of the empire have closed, but *fal* lives on, and continues to morph and thrive in contemporary times. In fact, *fal* has even gone digital. The smartphone app Faladdin was founded in 2017 by Sertaç Taşdelen, though the idea came earlier, while sitting around drinking Turkish coffee with his friends. “[I told them that] my mom was a fortune teller in her free time and could read their fortunes from Turkish coffee cups,” says Sertaç. “Intrigued, my friends sent



her pictures of their coffee cups and received their readings back via email 15 minutes later.” From that, Sertaç realised that there might be a demand for something similar, an automated version that could be accessed on a smartphone.

Faladdin's readings are purely AI-generated, and the point is entertainment rather than prediction. “Fortune reading is not a fashionable habit. It's a tradition existing from ancient times, which comes from the need to know the future. So there will always be a demand on the market,” says Sertaç. “We are not positioning Faladdin as a ‘fortune-telling’ app. It's an entertainment app. Our first aim is to give people hope and good energy. It's one of the crucial points.”

For people who prefer a more traditional *fal* reading, there are still many cafés dotted throughout İstanbul that cater to fortune seekers. Şehriban Sarıtaş, known professionally as Madame Şeri, has been reading *fal* for nearly 40 years, and now

Top right Madame Şeri reading a coffee cup
Right Sertaç Taşdelen, founder of Faladdin



A storm in coffee cup?

How to read your fortune

Apples: Get ready for a long life and success



Clover: Very good luck, happiness and prosperity

Fish: Good news from another country



Snakes: This is a bad omen - watch out!

Hat: Success in life is yours, congrats!



works out of a colourful café in the Asian-side neighbourhood of Kadıköy. Madame Şeri turned to fortune-telling when her career as a folk dancer and jewellery designer couldn't pay the bills, and now she has a robust business reading for clients in the café and sometimes for those who fly her abroad, or call her on the phone. "I don't tell them what they want to hear, I tell them what I see," she says.

Though an economic crisis has been squeezing Türkiye for a few years, demand for fal hasn't faded; if anything, there has been more desire to hear what the future will bring. "Although prices increase, the number of customers does not decrease," says Madame Şeri. "People love it so much... it's part of our culture."

It's that love for fal that fills Symbol Cafe on a Saturday afternoon. The small cups of coffee are finished quickly, and the wait for the fortune teller is long, but small groups of friends while away the time chatting about life, showing each other pictures on their phones and laughing. Eventually, they are summoned one by one to the windowless basement where Can conducts his readings. Before even turning

"Fortune tellers are like underground therapists"

over the cup, he begins his predictions; once the cup has been turned, the future flows out of him, with assertions that can - apparently - be eerily accurate. According to Can there has actually been an increase in fal cafés, fuelled by social media.

"People are more and more frustrated, and they want some comfort, they want to know about their future," he says. "It's like self-therapy. If you go talk to a friend, they know everything behind it... if you go talk to a fortune teller, it will be more therapeutic for you. Fortune tellers are underground therapists." And so, in a café in Beşiktaş, the long tradition of tasseography continues, one coffee cup reading at a time.

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“It’s the ultimate meal with a view”

Our writer joins Patrick Huppertz, a Belgian outdoorsman bringing tenderloin feasts to the trekking world, on a GrillHike in the Ardennes mountains

 **Words by Laura Martin**

look out over the rocky waterfall of Cascade Du Bayehon, one of highest points in Belgium's Haute-Fagnes (High Fens) nature reserve. It's taken us an hour to hike here, carefully following the orange line on my handheld GPS, and – just a few metres shy of the waterfall's spray – I decide it's the perfect spot. "Fire it up!" I call out. It's time for steak. While other hikers might be stopping for a gulp of water or a jambon-beurre, today I'm experiencing an altogether more extravagant lunch: a pop-up BBQ, as part of a concept called GrillHike.

It's the brainchild of two enterprising students from Liège, who in 2021 came up with the notion of combining a walk through picturesque Wallonia with a cook-out en-route. After all, they thought: what's better than roaming rolling hills, lush moors and ancient forests, then pulling out a portable BBQ and grilling some great local produce at the summit?





Below Reinhardstein Castle is a popular GrillHike route
Right A perfectly cooked BBQ feast at the Cascade Du Bayehon waterfall



Two years into a successful trial – almost 1,000 people trekked for some tenderloin last summer – they sold the concept to Patrick Huppertz, the owner of Ardennes Activity, who's been organising bike and e-scooter tours in the region for 10 years and saw GrillHike's tasty appeal.

"It's been incredibly popular," he tells me as his little black-and-white dog, Yucca, trots alongside us. "From families to groups of friends and team-building days – we've even had repeat customers who come back to try out a different route, with different food."

It's a simple set up. Trekkers decide how far they'd like to hike, from five to 12km, and if there are any points of interest they'd like to see. Reinhardstein Castle is a popular choice, but I opt for a scenic river route, ending at the waterfall. Once the route is decided, you're given a GPS and a map with visual notes and photos ("not that anyone's got lost, so far," Patrick assures me), and two small rucksacks containing the portable BBQ and a selection of locally produced food and drink. Then, all you have to decide is where you'd like to stop for lunch.

We set off on our late morning trek from the small village of Ovifat, on the Belgian/German border. The morning fog lifts and, while things are a little slippery

These are the best bits of a camping trip: hiking through beautiful scenery and alfresco feasts cooked over an open flame

underfoot, the forest air is fresh with the scent of pine. "We're going to do around seven kilometres today," Patrick tells me. I'm by no means an avid hiker, but that sounds like an achievable aim. How long does it usually take?

"That's the best thing – you can take as long as you like. Some people steam through 12km, others take a whole day to do four, enjoying some slow, mindful travel," says Patrick. It is remarkably calming. As we walk, we spot a flock of cranes flying above us, forming a giant V. "That's a sign spring is coming!" he smiles.

We weave through some of the reserve's 72,000 hectares, hearing the river before we see it. As we come to a clearing, I'm surprised to see a spring that looks as though someone is pouring beer upstream. Is it...dirty?

"No," Patrick explains, "It's that colour because of the peat in the water. It's good for your skin and said to be a cure for rheumatism. For hundreds of years we've used it in balneotherapy, where you soak in baths of the stuff, like they do in Les Thermes De Spa nearby." While it sounds tempting, it's the beginning of March, so at about 6°C, it's too cold for a dip today. Patrick assures me it's a popular activity during the summer months.

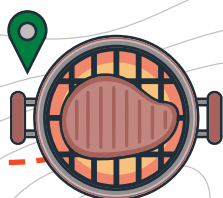
Following the GPS, we head up a steep incline to one of the highest points in Belgium's famously low-lying land. We greet a couple of other hikers, and clambering up the last rocky steps we reach the waterfall. It's finally time to eat.

We pull out the easily assembled gas BBQ and Patrick lights it. GrillHike is the only company with a licence to light BBQs in the High Fens, so this is an experience that wouldn't be possible otherwise. He's packed a full spread of hyper-local fare for us, everything sourced within a few kilometres' radius: pork and beef reared on nearby farms, Gnouf cheese and beer that we crack open as we place peppered steaks on the BBQ.

As we cook, I realise these are the best bits of a camping trip: hiking through beautiful scenery and alfresco feasts that always taste better for being cooked over an open flame. Plus, this way, you don't have to brave a night in a tent.

"It's being able to disconnect from everything that people enjoy," Patrick says, piling the smoky meat on a plate with tomatoes, pasta salad and a hunk of fresh baguette. "And it's the ultimate meal with a view, isn't it?" Digging into my well-earned lunch, I'm inclined to agree with him. grillhike.com

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“There is a magic to lava stone. It’s part of the fabric of our lives”



We travel to Catania to meet Magda Masano, an artist whose ceramics celebrate Sicily’s history in a vibrant new way

 Words by Imogen Rowland



It's not that Catania-born ceramicist Magda Masano doesn't respect tradition – she absolutely does, not least because she's the third generation of craft-makers in her family.

However, after graduating with a degree in Architecture and Environmental Heritage, she returned to Sicily in 2010 keen to shake things up a bit. "My grandfather was a sculptor, and my father worked with lava stone and marble for use in interior design, so I grew up going into our family workshop just outside Catania and seeing these materials come to life in very classical ways," says Magda.

No material is more evocative of Sicily than the black lava stone from Mount Etna, the towering active volcano that overlooks Catania. But the more time she spent back in her father's monochrome workshop, the more Magda felt compelled to bring some colour into play. "I'm someone that loves bright shades, and the energy and vibrancy they bring. So, while I considered my next career move, I started to play with designs for objects that remember tradition, but with a colourful twist." She began experimenting, and her designs took on a life of their own, drawing inspiration from the cornerstones of Sicilian culture.

"Take the *testa di moro* (Moor's head)," says Magda, pointing out shelves of head-shaped vases, hand-built from terracotta in eye-popping shades of yellow, red, pink and blue. These are iconic Sicilian objects based on a fable about a girl from Sicily and a Moorish man in the Middle Ages. "The legend says they fell in love, but when he told her he had to go back to his country she cut off his head," explains Magda. "According to the story, she put his head on her balcony and planted flowers in it, and when her neighbours admired it, head-shaped vases became popular."



Opposite page and above Magda presents her vibrant take on the classic Sicilian *testa di moro*
Top left and left Hand-crafted jugs and bowls also blend tradition with colour



“I love seeing people realise they’re holding a real piece of Sicily”

It may be a gruesome tale, but these decorative heads became icons of Sicily and Magda’s colour-block versions celebrate the island’s past while also bringing them into the 21st century. In that same vein, she decided to call her brand Folk – a name that acknowledges the history she and the materials stem from, but with a little nod to irony, too – because her work could hardly be described as traditional.

Like the testa di moro, Magda’s lava stone pieces also combine heritage with modernity. “There is no escaping lava stone in Catania – it is in the streets you walk on, on the coast, the city cathedral – the black of Etna lava stone is everywhere. We can even see the volcano itself from Via Etnea [the city’s main shopping street], so there is a magic to the material. It’s part of the fabric of our lives.”

Unlike the sculpted pieces Magda handcrafts from Italian terracotta, lava stone has to be worked like marble, cut and shaped with industrial machines due to its density. So, for her lava stone pieces, Magda creates the designs and the stone is cut to her specifications. Then, each and every piece is hand-painted by Magda. The collection includes plates, bowls and coasters, as well as table-top games, decorations and even rings and bangles – wearable pieces of Etna lava stone.

This page Some of Magda’s lava stone tableware, and the ceramicist herself holding a giant testa di moro



In 2015, Magda opened Folk’s first shop on Via San Michele in Catania’s city centre, a space crammed full of the colour she so loves. Locals have taken to her bold creations as much as visitors, and if you look up at the balconies dotted across the city there’s a good chance you might just spot a colourful testa di moro peeking back at you.

Magda says she’s always working on new designs, ideas and colours, which she mixes by hand to create completely original shades. To further celebrate her love of vibrancy she’s even working on a Folk colouring book, so visitors old and young can personalise her designs, and, in the ceramicist’s words “colour the story of Folk”.

Today, Magda says she spends most of her time in her workshop – the same space her father worked in until retirement – but heads to Folk most afternoons to speak to customers about her designs and the stories they tell. “I love explaining my vision to people and seeing them realise they’re holding a real piece of Sicily in their hands,” says Magda. Because in many ways, buying something from Folk isn’t just buying a piece of Magda’s art – it’s also taking a little piece of Sicily home with you.

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the towel



Spanish: No sacudas la toalla

German: Schüttel bitte nicht das Handtuch aus

French: Merci de ne pas secouer ta serviette

Italian: Non sbattere l'asciugamano

There's
sand in
my mouth



Spanish: Tengo arena en la boca

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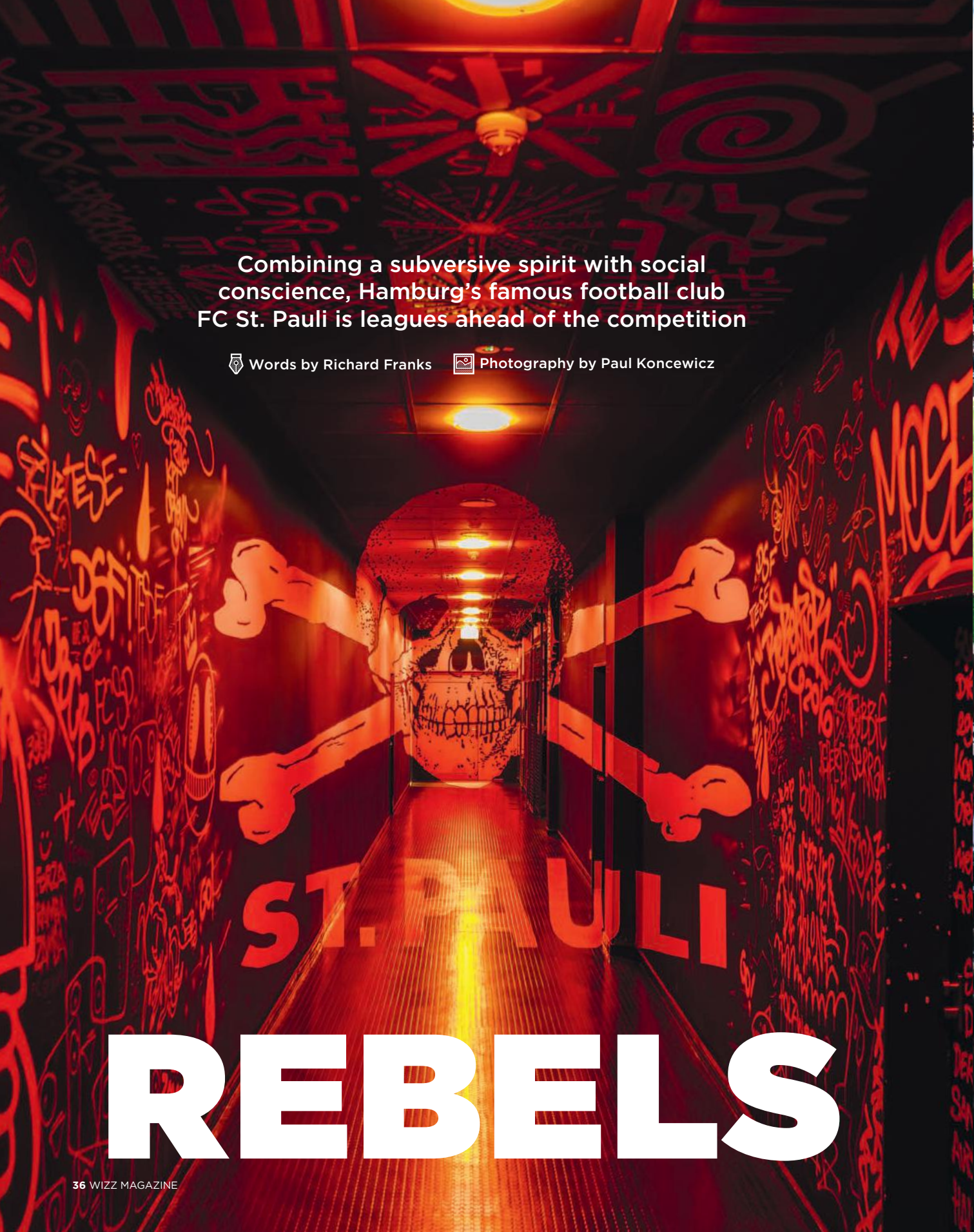
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A photograph of a tunnel with walls covered in graffiti. In the center of the tunnel, a large skull and crossbones is painted on the wall. The floor is a metal grate, and the ceiling has a circular light fixture. The overall color scheme is red and orange.

Combining a subversive spirit with social
conscience, Hamburg's famous football club
FC St. Pauli is leagues ahead of the competition



Words by Richard Franks



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Punk music blares through a smoky haze inside the famous Jolly Roger bar in Hamburg, an FC St. Pauli supporters' hangout whose walls are covered in thousands of political stickers. Entering alone, I'm transfixed by the slogans: "No cops!" reads one sticker opposite the bar, where several fans discuss the game over beers. "Sometimes antisocial, always anti-fascist" reads another.

I weave my way into a small back room where scarves of other left-leaning clubs like Celtic (Scotland), FC Köln (Germany) and Quadrato Meticcio (Italy) hang above a beaten-up black leather sofa and a sticker-covered foosball table. Before long, two FC St. Pauli fans appear and ask what I'm doing.

"You look nervous... don't be!" says one of the scarf-clad fans, passing me a cold bottle of Astra – the local beer – and requesting anonymity after discovering I'm a journalist writing about his club's cult status. FC St. Pauli is known the world over for its left-wing political views, including vehement stances against racism, fascism and homophobia – and its punk undertone

makes the club's ultras (the name given to the core fanbase) anti-establishment, hence his request.

"Most people discover FC St. Pauli through its politics over football," he explains. "It's because of the club's left-wing values, but also probably because we've historically been a second-division club while our rivals Hamburger SV have been in the Bundesliga until recently."

FC St. Pauli has enjoyed a particularly fruitful 2023-24 season (the club was promoted to the Bundesliga for the first time since 2010-11 a few weeks after my visit). Its success this year, coupled with Hamburg being a UEFA Euro 2024 host city this summer, means all eyes will be back on the Hanseatic city. The Heiligengeistfeld – next to FC St. Pauli's Millerntor-Stadion, and home to the popular Hamburger Dom funfair – will welcome 40,000 to its official fanzone.

You wouldn't begrudge FC St. Pauli fans if they felt a bit down today, having just lost 3-4 to Bundesliga 2 newcomers SV Elversberg. The game, which had the

Clockwise from top left
The Jolly Roger, a favourite drinking spot of FC St. Pauli fans; supporters walking past Hamburger Dom fair to a game; inside the Millerntor-Stadion

**“Every game is sold out,
so we’re privileged to
watch this team”**



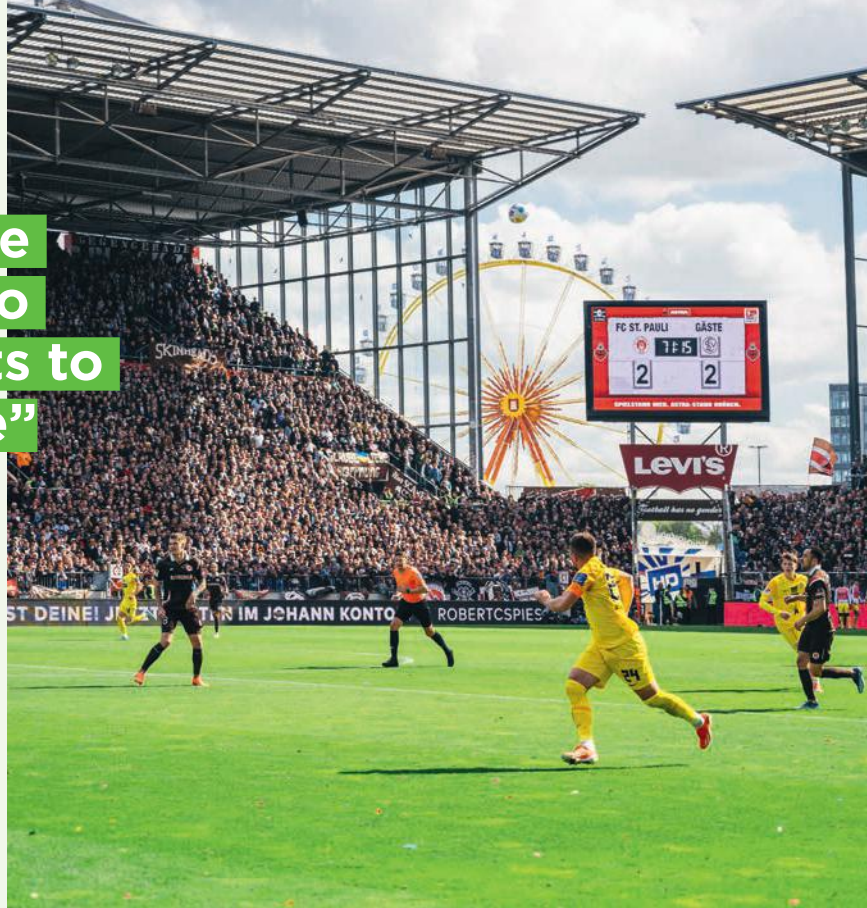
“FC St. Pauli was the first football team to offer cheaper tickets to unemployed people”

club's famous South Stand ultras bouncing throughout, was preceded by an emotional tribute to a leading ultra who collapsed before their away fixture against Karlsruher FC a week earlier, and sadly passed away days later.

“The tribute set the tone for the match, so the atmosphere was quieter than usual,” the fan says. “But, at clubs in other European countries there would probably still be anger after a defeat.

“Here, you won't find anyone getting angry. Every game is sold out, so we are privileged to watch this team,” he continues, adding that the club's independence, despite having over 400 supporter clubs worldwide and a huge cult fan base, keeps it true to itself.

FC St. Pauli launched in 1910, but it wasn't until the 1980s that its cult status grew, thanks to its left-wing alternative culture that emerged in response to a wave of European fascist-inspired football hooliganism. FC St. Pauli was



Above FC St. Pauli playing SV Elversberg
Below Sven Brux, head of fan affairs
Right Super supporter Dave Doughman

the first German club to ban right-wing activities, garnering support from punk music fans – which explains its skull and crossbones emblem.

“I came to Hamburg from Cologne in 1986 for my civil service – and in the following spring I went to the stadium for the first time,” explains Sven Brux, head of match organisation and fan affairs, on a pre-match walk. “I was hooked from then on. I eventually began working on organised supporter activities and started the club's first fanzine, *Millerntor Roar*, in July 1989. A few weeks later I was asked to work with the club officially.”

Football was considered a ‘no go’ area for punks in the 1980s, but FC St. Pauli changed that. “I remember standing in a pub the night before a game and some friends telling me they were going to watch the football tomorrow,” Sven explains. “I was like ‘what?!’. They asked me to trust them, so I did, and here we are.”

“As well as being the first club to reject right-wing politics we were the first to offer cheaper tickets to unemployed people. We





also support youth clubs and help refugees with somewhere to shower and stay.”

Being independent sets the club free of any associated shackles that might prevent them promoting initiatives like this. On a behind-the-scenes tour of the Millerntor-Stadion I meet Dave Doughman, director of the club’s Levi’s Music School, where free music lessons are offered to refugees and children living in state custody.

Dave, originally from Dayton, Ohio, moved to St. Pauli in 2010. He wears a bomber jacket that channels the laid-back swagger of bands like The Strokes, and is sat at a desk working on a new club anthem. I get a preview; its garage rock sound matches his look perfectly. Dave’s office looks out at the North Stand, where a banner beneath black and white love hearts reads *kein mensch ist illegal*, or ‘no-one is illegal’.

“I think it’s beautiful that the music school, which works with refugees, looks out at such a meaningful banner,” says Dave. He’s proud of the club’s political stance and loves nothing more than seeing a refugee pick up an instrument. “For some children it’s



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“This is a safe space for everyone, as long as they’re also good to other people”



Above The team pay their respects to the home fans
Right An FC St. Pauli ultra fan

the first time they’ve ever seen one – or a good one, at least. This is a safe space for everyone, as long as they’re also good to other people.”

FC St. Pauli are a rock ‘n’ roll archetype. They arrive on the pitch to the sound of AC/DC’s *Hells Bells*, and Blur’s *Song 2* is played when they score. There’s a terrace chant to the tune of The Offspring’s *Why Don’t You Get a Job*, and punk-spirited bands like Rise Against and Bad Religion have been openly supportive. Dirk ‘Dicken’ Jora, vocalist of Hamburg punk band Slime, the son of a Hamburg sailor, and a fervent anti-fascist is a season ticket holder.

Hamburg has always been a music city. It’s often considered Europe’s live music capital, an accolade bestowed in part thanks to its role in The Beatles’ origin story. “I think you could say The Beatles were

the original punks,” says Steffi Hempel on her immersive Beatles tour around the Reeperbahn. “John Lennon had many wonderful things to say about Hamburg, but he once said: ‘In Hamburg, we were punk before there was punk’.”

For two years from August 1960, The Beatles would sail from Liverpool to Hamburg and perform residencies at venues like The Star Club and the Kaiserkeller, just off the Reeperbahn, with one stint lasting over 100 consecutive days. “The trademark of a Hamburg Beatles show was a wild rock show in the spirit of punk,” she continues, adding that they used to throw mic stands about and bump into each other on stage.

In truth, FC St. Pauli’s story transcends both sporting prowess and punk music. At Villa Viva Hamburg – a new hotel funded by the charity Viva Con Agua de Sankt Pauli, set up by former player Benjamin Adrion – profits fund water projects in disadvantaged countries around the world. With sustainability at its heart, raw materials were used in construction and its restaurant



“The club’s stance against exclusion, racism, homophobia and misogyny remains so visible”

Top right Anne Weskamp, her son and his friend
Right Matchday at the Millerntor-Stadion



serves a vegetarian menu. Everything linked to the club has a social conscience.

Back at the Millerntor-Stadion, Anne Weskamp – a 46-year-old who has held a season ticket since she was 11 – is accompanied by her seven-year-old son and cites the club’s ethos as a reason for its global recognition. “The colourful messaging has always been there. The neighbourhood atmosphere on matchdays is the best I’ve seen anywhere, and it’s because of this the club’s stance against exclusion, racism, homophobia and misogyny remains so visible,” she adds.

Its message may be known across the world, but it’s clear that FC St. Pauli remains authentic to its roots. That puts it in a league of its own.

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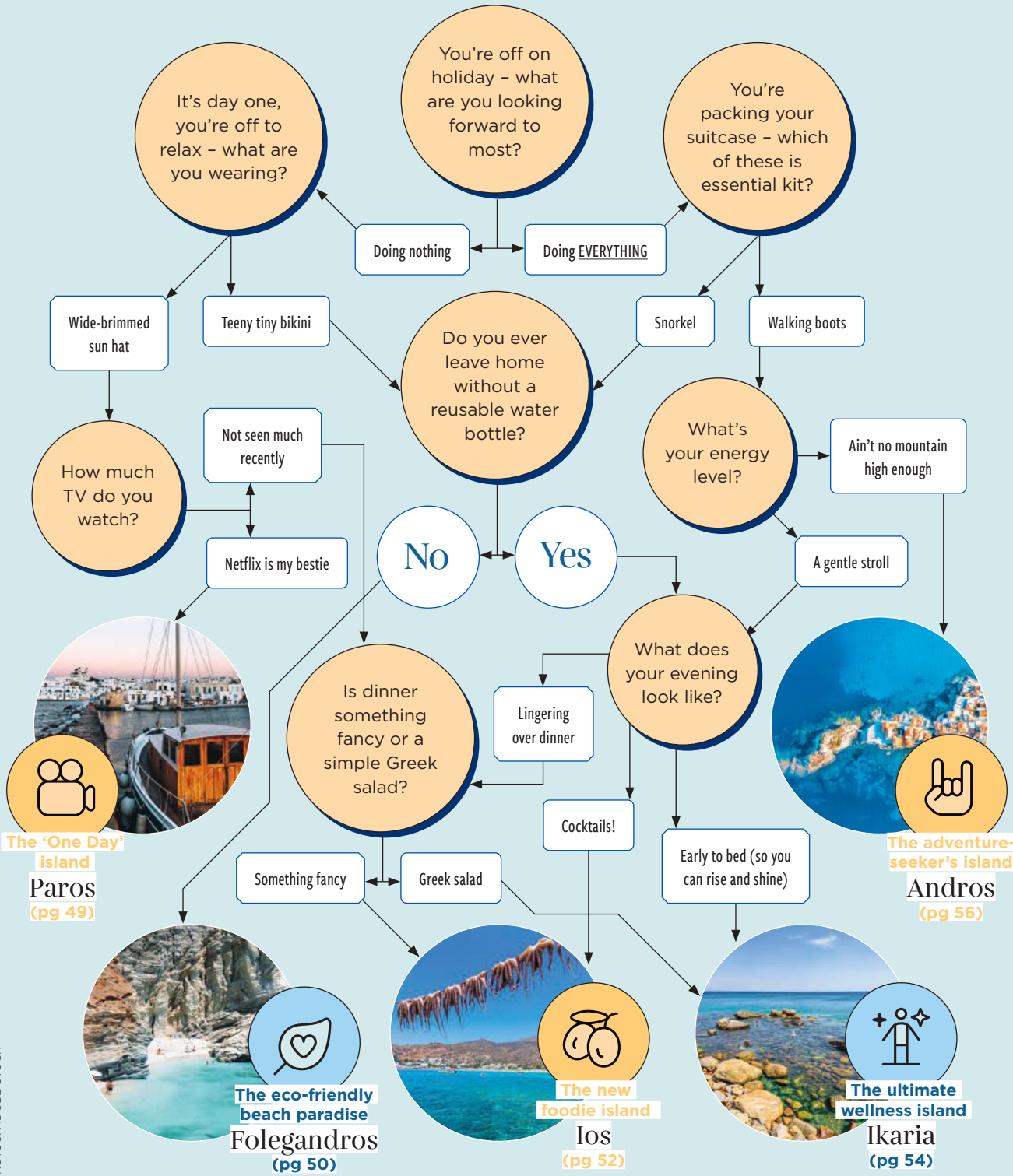


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With new hotel openings, experiences and blossoming foodie scenes, this summer is all about lesser-known Greek islands. So, which of these five spots – all easily accessible from Mykonos or Santorini – is right for you? Take our quiz to find out...

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The 'One Day'
island

Paros

Paros, the island at the centre of the Cyclades, has long been celebrated for its beautiful beaches, whitewashed traditional villages and fresh, simple seafood – being named by *Condé Nast Traveller* as the “best all-round Greek island”.

However, this year Paros's tourism has experienced a significant additional boost following its appearance in the popular Netflix series *One Day*, with online searches for island accommodation up by a third. In fact, its growing popularity together with classic Grecian good looks are already generating chatter that Paros could be the new Mykonos – and there's still time before the hordes arrive.

Head to Santa Maria beach, which features in *One Day* as the

destination of Emma and Dexter's will-they-won't-they holiday in 1991. Other spots equally worthy of screentime include the beautiful marble collection at Parikia's Archaeology Museum and the Valley of Butterflies, home to thousands of Jersey tiger moths in the summer months.

You might even do some stargazing – of the human sort. Paros's smaller neighbouring island, Antiparos, is popular with celebrities including Tom Hanks (who has a house there), the Obamas, Ryan Gosling and Diane von Furstenberg. Many are rumoured to spend time on Paros too – particularly at the new five-star Avant Mar hotel, which opened last July – so keep an eye out for Hollywood's finest along the island's flower-lined lanes.

Paros has long been celebrated for its beautiful beaches

Above Head to Santa Maria on the island's northeastern coast, where Dex and Emma holidayed in *One Day*



**The eco-friendly
beach paradise**

Folegandros

Tiny and sun-soaked, Folegandros is an eco-friendly spot unspoilt by mass tourism. Ferries may stop here for lunch, but even by Cyclades standards it's well off the beaten tourism track, meaning its craggy landscapes are wonderfully underdeveloped. Secluded beaches at Ambeli and Katergo (the latter only accessible by boat) feel blissfully untouched.

Even the island's new hotels have respectful sustainability objectives. The Avaton, which opened in 2022 in an organic olive grove, uses solar energy and a biological wastewater treatment system. Nearby, the Gundari opened in May and has already received EarthCheck certification

for its energy-saving buildings, including bio-climatically designed villas with solar-heated infinity pools. Owner Ricardo Larriera is clear that the hotel's ambitions go beyond business.

"Folegandros is what a Greek island should be – whitewashed chapels, fields of orange and lemon trees. Elderly men riding donkeys side-saddle are more common than cars," he says. "We want to preserve this, so sustainability is built into our design approach." His team is

also working with wildlife experts to boost the almost-extinct Eleonora's Falcon species.

Keep an eye out for the innovative 'Zero Drop' water cooler, installed on the island in 2022, which provides free water that's literally created out of thin air. It's also worth checking the Cyclades Preservation Fund website to find out how to support sustainable tourism, whether that's buying plastic-free souvenirs, or even opting for invasive fish species from the local taverna.

**"Elderly men riding donkeys
are more common than cars"**





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The new
foodie island

Ios

Above Charcoal-grilled lamb with orzo and briam (roasted vegetables) from CHES restaurant

Right A pool with a view at the Liostasi Hotel – ideal for working up an appetite

Chefs take their cue from Ancient Greek concepts

Once known as the party capital of the Cyclades, Ios is now settling into a more mature vibe, and a delicious one too. Foodie travellers are bound to enjoy the island's innovative restaurant scene where chefs put a new contemporary twist on traditional Greek cuisine.

Take the restaurants at five-star hotel Calilo, for example, where chefs take their cue from Ancient Greek concepts of health, and where the salad, herbs and honey all hail from the organic kitchen garden on site. Its CHES restaurant serves a tasting menu where each course draws inspiration from a Greek island – such as courgette

croquettes, a love letter to nearby Tinos – paired with local wines.

Elsewhere, Grandma's at the Liostasi hotel is no fuddy-duddy establishment despite its name. Chef Alexandros Tsiotinis serves modern Greek dishes including smoked eel on aubergine or orzo casserole with shrimps and squid, guaranteed to have your tastebuds dancing a *sirtaki* (Greek dance).

Beyond the island's elegant hotels, Chora (Ios Town) harbour is, unsurprisingly, the place for quality seafood, but even these are no ordinary tavernas. Look out for local specialties like the carpaccio lavraki: thinly sliced sea bass marinated in olive oil and lemon, garnished with capers and microgreens. In the town centre, book in advance for funky Greek tapas at Katogi, where mouth-watering specialties such as beef cheeks with local Gruyère cream and lamb koftas with whipped feta have gathered quite a following.

Finally, don't leave the island without a trip to Diaseli, a 102-year-old family run dairy, for a tasting session of some of their incredible goat's cheeses, olive oils and infused honeys. They'll make you wish you'd booked an extra suitcase.





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The ultimate
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Ikaria

Located in the Northern Aegean, the island of Ikaria is one of only five places in the world to have been designated a Blue Zone – a region where people live measurably longer lives.

The lifestyle of Ikaria's residents, from healthy eating to exercising and even the way they think and socialise, led wellness pioneer Dan Buettner to describe it as "the island where people forget to die". Stress is a foreign concept here and locals embrace the Greek philosophy of *siga-siga* (slowly-slowly), prioritising connection with family, community and nature above achieving ambitious goals.

Take this ethos as your cue for the most mellow of summer escapes. You can take meandering walks along Ikaria's ancient footpaths followed by leisurely swims in secluded coves or join a

yoga or meditation class at The Egg sanctuary. Then, rejuvenate body and mind at the Therma hot springs, where geothermal waters erupt from deep within the earth.

What Dan calls the island's "communal inclinations" are health boosting, too – community events such as the Ikarian *panygiria* (village festivals) are held weekly in the summer and will have you dancing into the small hours.

Teamed with the local cuisine – made up of organic greens, local sourdough and olive oil packed with antioxidants, vitamins and minerals that have been shown to lengthen life – and it's not hard to see why Ikaria's Blue Zone makes for the ultimate relaxing summer escape.



Stress is a foreign concept here and locals prioritise family and nature



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Above Seychelles Beach on Ikaria's southern coast
Left Join a yoga class at The Egg sanctuary



Left With 300km of footpaths to explore, Andros is a hiker's paradise

The adventure-seeker's island

Andros

The northernmost of the Cyclades, Andros is an adventure-seeker's paradise, with rugged terrain to explore and plenty of outdoor activities to keep even the most restless holidaymaker entertained.

Hikers can enjoy 300km of footpaths through the island's dramatic landscapes – including the 100 consecutive kilometres of the Andros Route, a waymarked path designed to be walked in 10 daily sections. In 2015, Andros became the first island in Europe to receive the “Leading Quality Trails – Best of Europe” certification from the European Ramblers' Association.

Elsewhere, the striking limestone cliffs of Vouni in the south have become a hub for rock-climbing, abseiling and bouldering, where both beginners and experienced climbers will find routes to suit. If you only have time for one, book a guide for Palaiopolis Waterfall's via ferrata – a thrilling ascent up the biggest waterfall in the Cyclades with panoramic views.

Of the island's 80-odd beaches, the best for watersports are Korthi

Bay and Kypri Beach – the latter offers windsurfing and wing foiling lessons at Kypri's Wesurfin' Club. Scuba and snorkelling trips can be found around Gavrio in the west, while Vitali on the east coast has a designated rock for cliff jumping and mysterious caves to explore. On Andros, adrenaline and adventure are always in plentiful supply.

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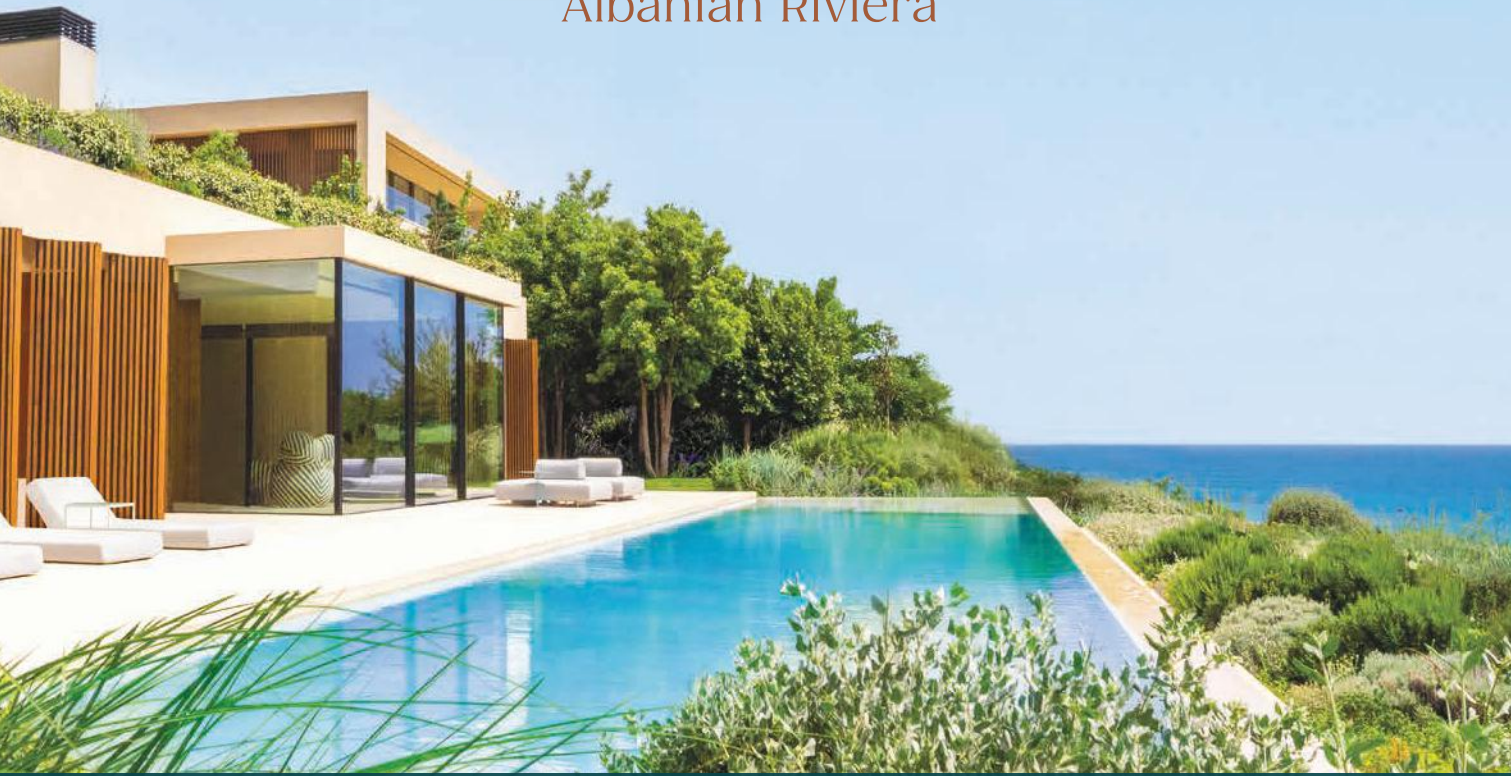
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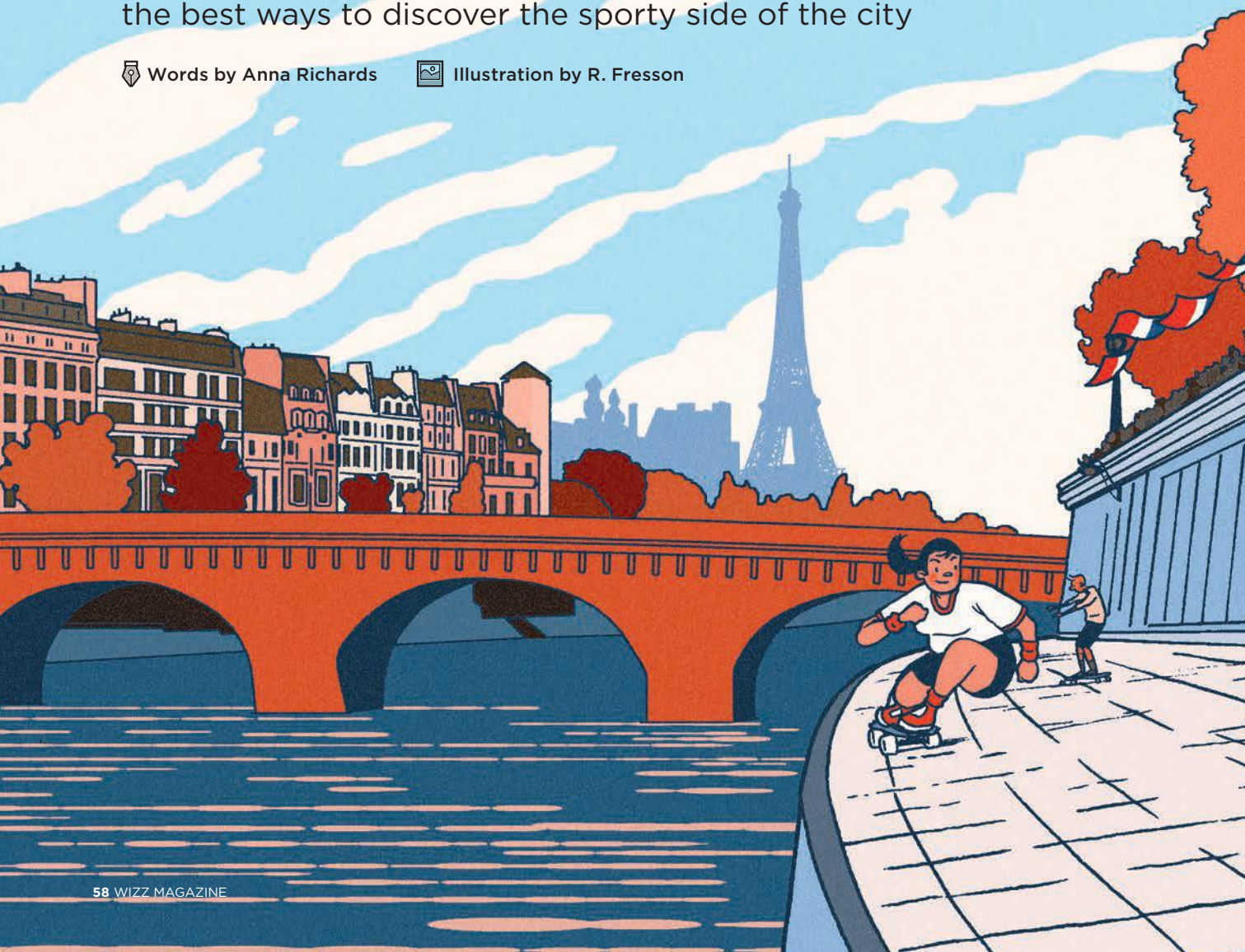
Olympic fever is building in Paris, but these sports win gold when it comes to originality. From historic royal racket sports to Seine swimming (well, sort of), here are the best ways to discover the sporty side of the city



Words by Anna Richards



Illustration by R. Fresson





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Brush up on some board tricks

Originally known as 'sidewalk surfing', longboards are the predecessors to skateboards and were invented in Hawaii in the 1940s and 1950s, created as a land-based alternative to surfing when the waves were too gnarly. It's unlikely those land surfers could ever have imagined their sport would become so popular at Paris's most famous landmarks, too. However, every Sunday afternoon the banks of the Seine, just in front of the Musée d'Orsay, become a longboarder's playground. What's more, beginner classes, downhill slides and even longboard dancing take place every day of the week in one of two indoor skateboard parks nearby, so you can practise your moves before displaying them to the hordes waiting to see Monet's masterpieces.

paris-longboard.fr

Bring the mountains to Montmartre

Despite sounding like a bit of an oxymoron, urban trail running uses staircases and footpaths in a city setting to create a route with plenty of elevation changes to mimic mountain trails. The Urban Trail de la Butte Montmartre, which was first run in 2018, winds through picturesque Montmartre (where *Amélie* was set) and around the Sacre Cœur, including a calf-busting 1,200 steps. The event takes place in late September, and participants can choose to race the full 7km or a shorter 3.5 km route. Bon chance!

utbmontmartre.fr

JUMP IN

A timeline of French parkour:

1997: Inspired by Asian martial arts and military combats, which use everyday objects as obstacles and props, David Belle establishes a parkour group, Yamakasi, in a Parisian suburb. Yamakasi uses urban objects like railings and rooftops to mimic natural obstacles like boulders.

2003: A member of Yamakasi, Sébastien Foucard, travels to the UK and stars in documentary *Jump London*, directed by Mike Christie. Foucard popularises the idea of 'free running', which uses parkour as a means to get from A to B rather than staying in a fixed place.

2024: Parkour and free running have become so popular that you can take classes in both in Paris. A taster session costs just €5. parkourparis.fr





TAKE YOGA TO THE SKIES

Located in a converted factory formerly used to make the canvas for hot air balloons, La Montgolfière gives yoga and gym classes in chic exposed brick studios. The on-site restaurant serves natural wines for your post-workout apéro. lamontgolfiereclub.com



MAKE A SPLASH

Even after an Olympic-scale clean up, we wouldn't recommend that you jump into the Seine. However, the Joséphine Baker open-air pool is housed on a futuristic-looking steel and glass floating barge on the river, so you can enjoy the same views without the fear you're going to contract a waterborne disease. Better yet, entry is a steal at just €6.50. piscine-baker.fr



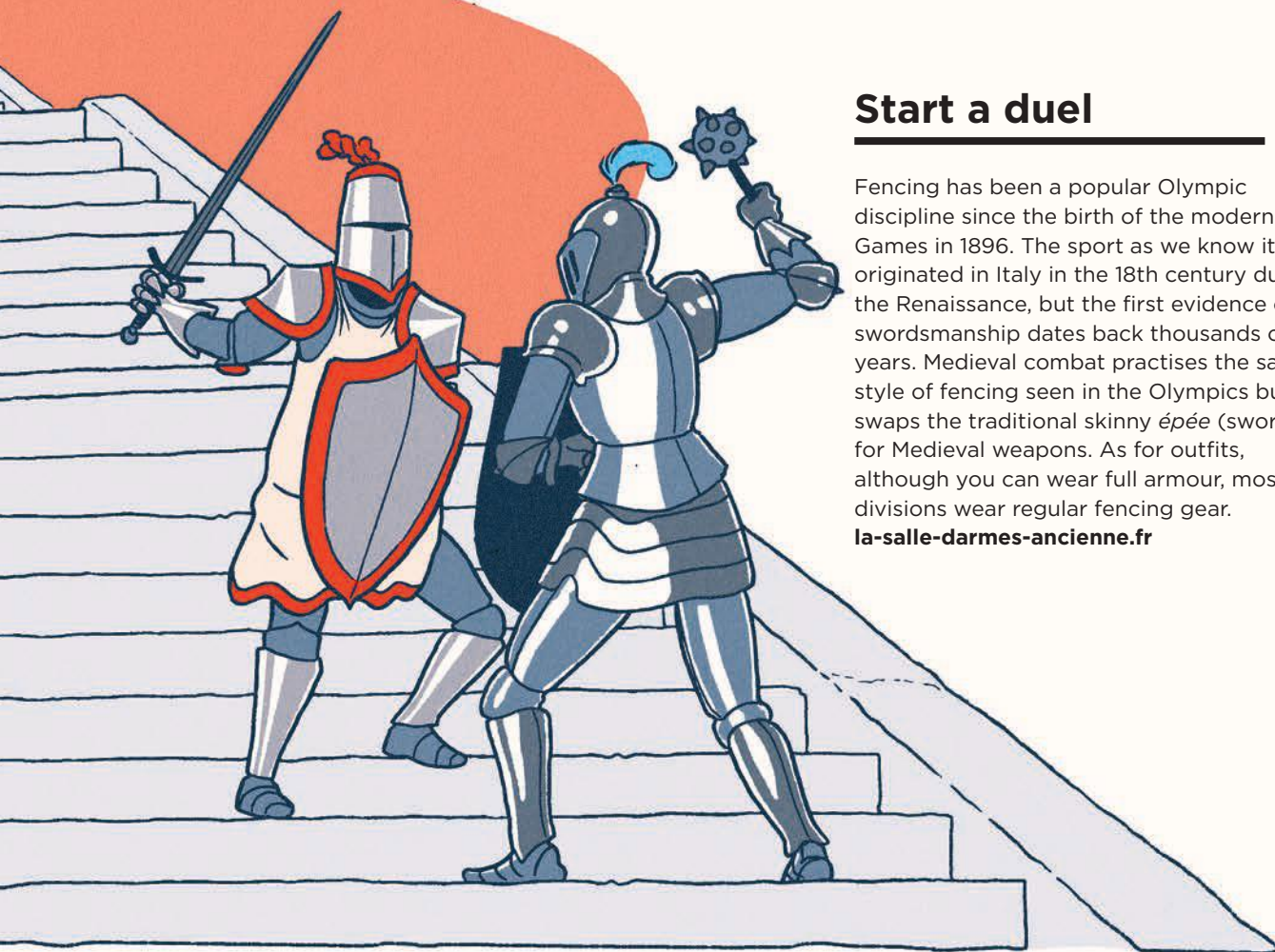
GO CRAZY FOR GOLF

Dance mats, under-the-sea themed rooms and more neon colour than you'd see in the *Barbie* movie: you might want to wear sunglasses before tackling a circuit at Mad Golf Paris. Pick from two fun courses, each open to games of up to six people. madgolf.fr

Start a duel

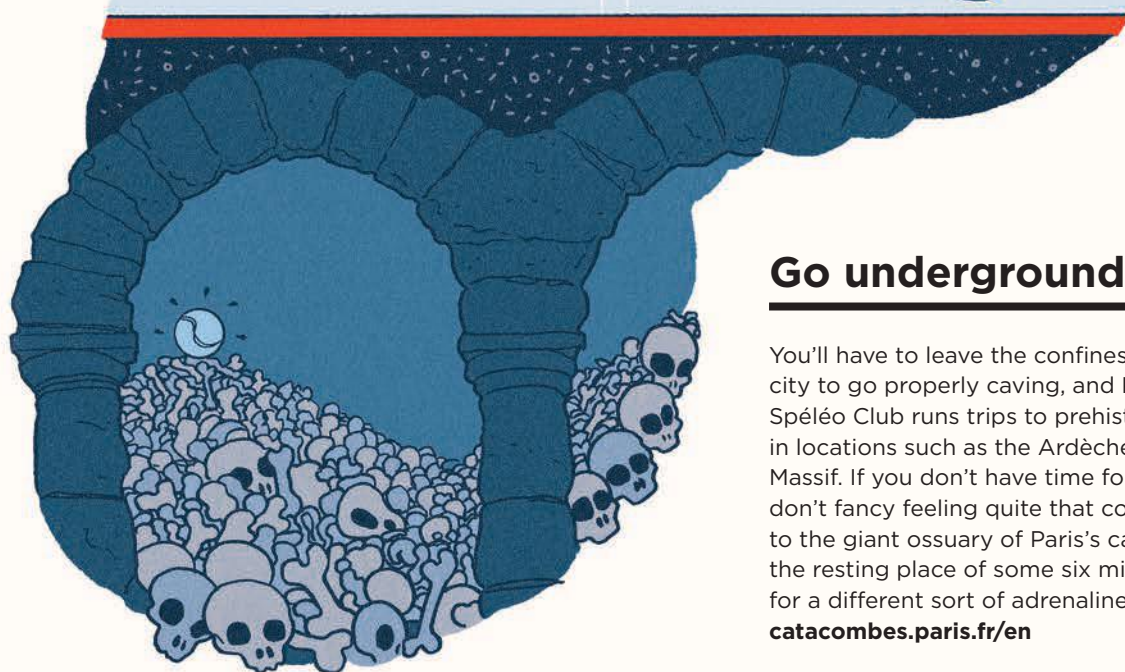
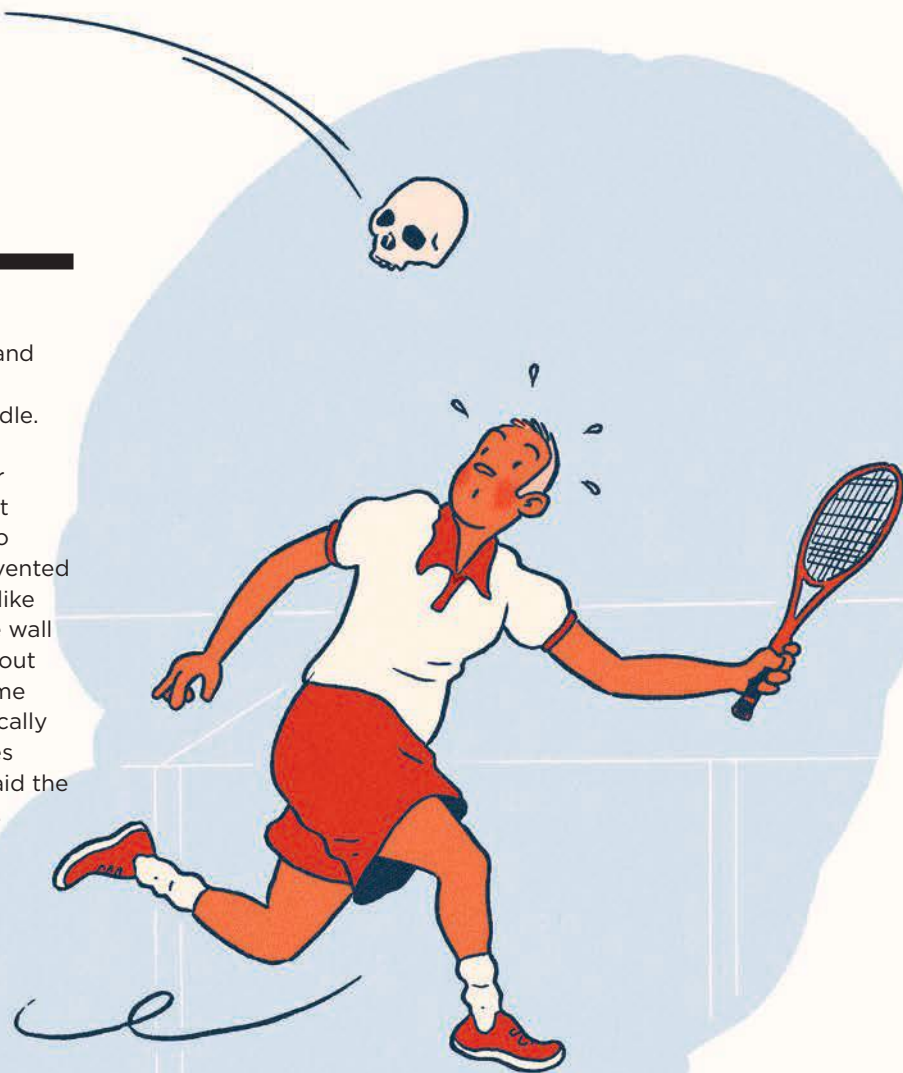
Fencing has been a popular Olympic discipline since the birth of the modern Games in 1896. The sport as we know it originated in Italy in the 18th century during the Renaissance, but the first evidence of swordsmanship dates back thousands of years. Medieval combat practises the same style of fencing seen in the Olympics but swaps the traditional skinny *épée* (sword) for Medieval weapons. As for outfits, although you can wear full armour, most divisions wear regular fencing gear.

la-salle-darmes-ancienne.fr



Play a revolutionary royal game

Ludicrously complex, jeu de paume is considered the predecessor to tennis and can be played singles or doubles, on a squash-like court with a net in the middle. However, unlike squash and tennis, the ball bouncing twice doesn't mean your opponent has won the point. Instead, it unlocks an encyclopaedia of rules as to where the ball is put back into play. Invented by monks, the courts include features like 'the chimney' (a protruding part of the wall to send the ball off course), and its layout mimics a monastery refectory. The game became popular with royalty, but ironically it was at a paume court where deputies swore the 'Tennis Court Oath', which laid the foundations for the French Revolution. Try a game at the Jeu de Paume de Paris society. squashjeudepaume.com



Go underground

You'll have to leave the confines of the city to go properly caving, and Paris's Spéléo Club runs trips to prehistoric caves in locations such as the Ardèche and Jura Massif. If you don't have time for that, or don't fancy feeling quite that confined, head to the giant ossuary of Paris's catacombs, the resting place of some six million people, for a different sort of adrenaline rush.

catacombes.paris.fr/en

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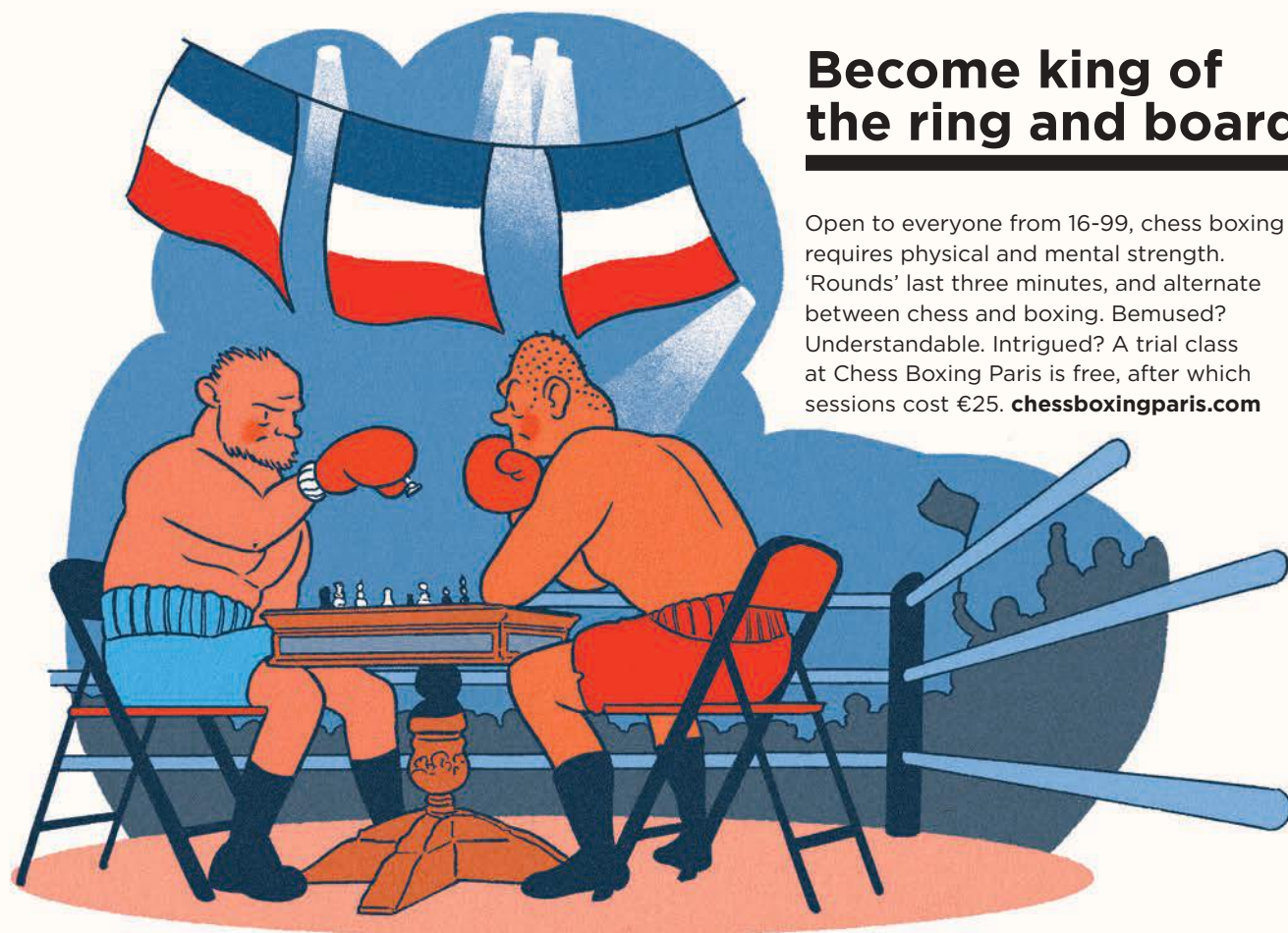
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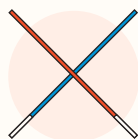
Become king of the ring and board

Open to everyone from 16-99, chess boxing requires physical and mental strength. 'Rounds' last three minutes, and alternate between chess and boxing. Bemused? Understandable. Intrigued? A trial class at Chess Boxing Paris is free, after which sessions cost €25. chessboxingparis.com



GLIDE THROUGH PARIS

Every Friday evening at 9.30pm, a band of locals and tourists on roller skates meet at Montparnasse Tower to explore the city on wheels. The route changes every week, but usually includes some of the city's most famous sights such as the Eiffel Tower or Arc de Triomphe. If you're not at ease on skates, outings by bike, electric scooter or skateboard also take place each week. It's free to join, but bring your own skates. pari-roller.com



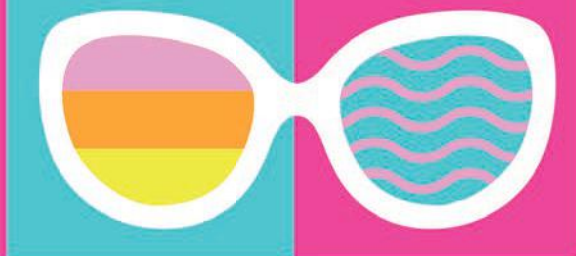
BONE UP ON STICKS AND STONES

Cane fighting shouldn't break your bones, as the aim of this martial art isn't to hit hard. Using poles made from chestnut wood which measure almost a metre in length, instead competitors score points for style and the correctness of their body position. batoncanne.com



FIND OUT IF YOU CAN-CAN DANCE

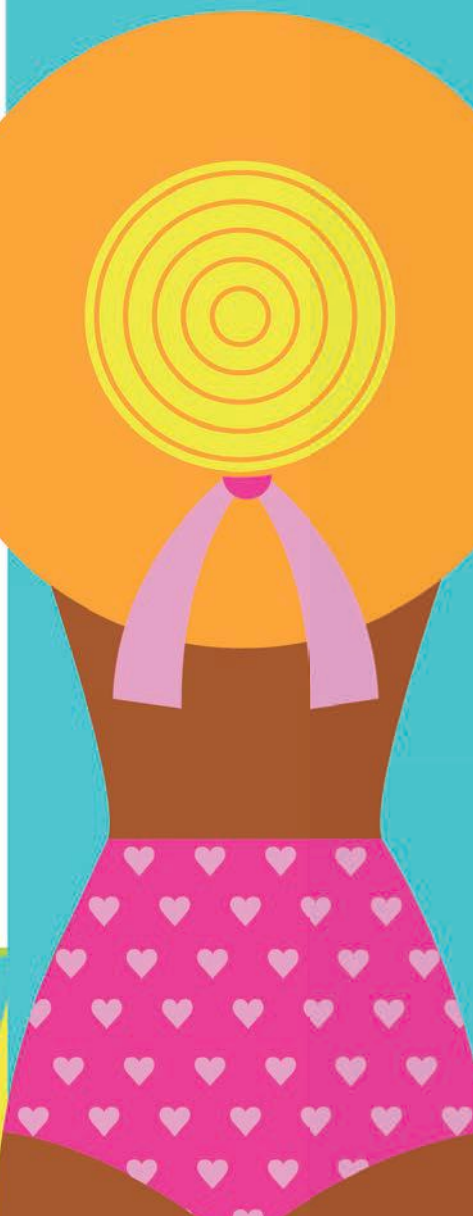
It might seem all frivolity and high-kicks, but cabaret dancing began life as a form of protest by 19th-century washerwomen, who were fed-up of the domestic tasks imposed on them by men. Today, it is a Parisian institution. Learn how to can-can at the Centre du Danse de Marais or visit The Moulin Rouge to watch the pros. moulinrouge.fr



SUMMER ESCAPE



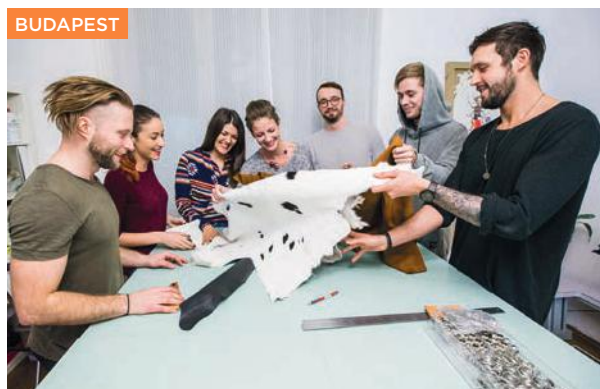
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Looking for a family getaway near Prague? Head northwest to Mladá Boleslav. Nearby lies a paradise for kids: the Czech Republic's largest family amusement park, Mirakulum, with underground passages, slides, mazes, animals, and more. And make sure you visit the Botanicus Centre of Crafts and Herb Garden in Ostrá. Here, you can try crafts, enjoy lively performances, and pay with groschen for an authentic experience. Want to feel regal? Then visit Loučeň Castle, open year-round, offering majestic accommodation, exclusive cuisine, and vast parks with mazes and labyrinths. Follow us on Instagram [@visitcentralbohemia](https://www.instagram.com/visitcentralbohemia)



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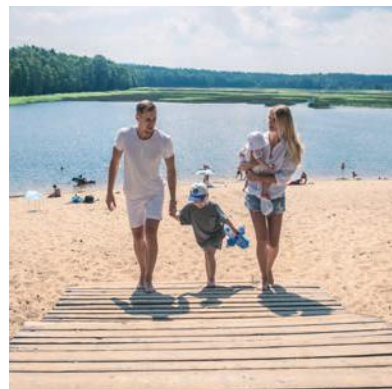
This summer, discover one of Poland's most charming regions

Located in eastern Poland, the Lubelskie Region is a space where culture and nature come together for a relaxing, restorative break. Visitors can appreciate the variety of leisure activities, the warmth of the locals, the excellent regional cuisine, and the uniqueness of places such as Lublin, Zamość, Biała Podlaska, Chełm, Włodawa, Nałęczów, Puławy and Kazimierz Dolny.

Lublin is the capital of the region – a city of inspiration that draws on multicultural traditions, more than 700 years of history, a rich Jewish heritage, and the historical conclusion of the Polish-Lithuanian Union. Some of Lublin's highlights include the Renaissance Old Town, the National Museum and the Holy Trinity Chapel, which bears the European Heritage Mark. Among the most popular events are Carnival Sztukmistrzów and the Re:tradition Festival.

The Zamoyski Museum in Kozłówka is one of the most beautiful museums in Poland. The palace delights visitors with its perfectly preserved interiors.

Zamość, designed in the 16th century, is a fantastic fortress city often referred to as the "Pearl of the Renaissance" and is not to be missed. Its delightful Old Town has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.



Lubelskie boasts exceptional natural beauty. The Roztocze National Park area is famous for its picturesque landscapes and numerous activities. The Central Cycling Route of Roztocze and the East of Poland Cycling Trail "Green Velo" await keen cyclists. Polesie National Park is known for its lakes and forests, and attractions here include numerous nature paths that are great for hiking and admiring nature.

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In short: Lubelskie is an excellent place for your next vacation. It's easily accessible by car, by train, and from Lublin Airport, which operates direct daily flights to London and Milan Bergamo. For more information visit:

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This vibrant Romanian city has plenty of fun family events for the summer

If you are looking for a memorable city break, make sure you visit Craiova and you'll enjoy plenty of unique experiences. This Romanian city is particularly special in summer when it hosts a number of major family events.

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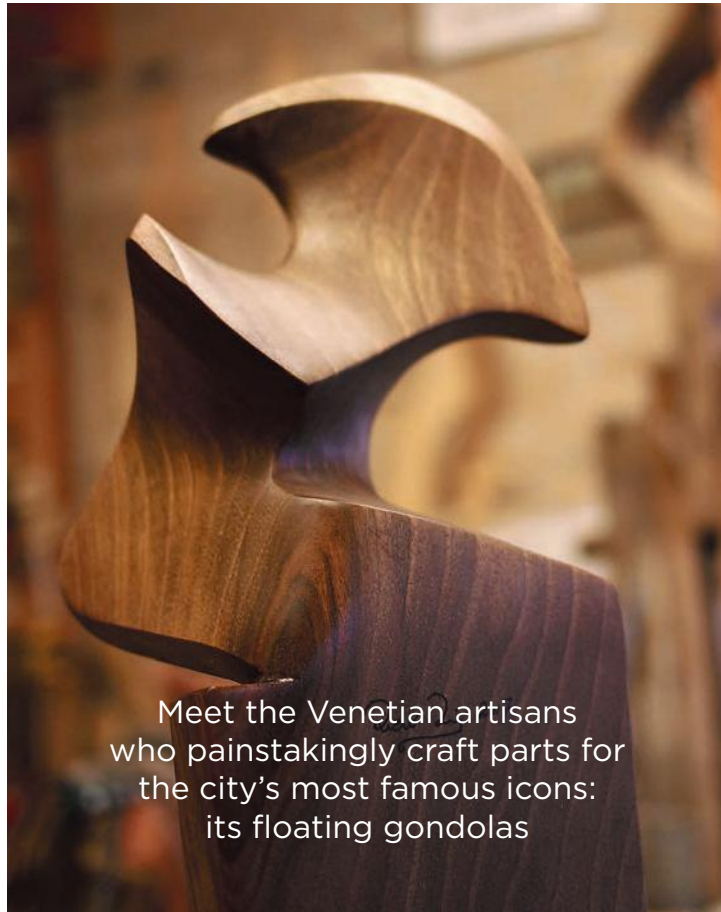


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“Today’s culture is fast,” laments Paolo Brandolisio, surveying his latest work of art as the sun streams in from the skylight above, highlighting its perfect curves. “Venice is a slow city – it’s difficult to adapt if you don’t love it.”

Paolo – born and raised a few minutes away from his workshop here in the Castello district – loves it more than most. For him, slowness is an art. Each of his works takes around three years to produce – and his grateful buyers keep their pieces on display for up to half a century.

There’s just one thing. Paolo doesn’t call himself an artist. Sure, he can look at a tree trunk and work out what shapes he can carve from it, just as Michelangelo did with blocks of marble. Yes, the wooden sculptures that line his workshop look like contemporary works of art – serpentine, abstract curves that rock back and forth. But ultimately, they have a practical use, and Paolo – he insists – is an artisan. They are *fórcole*: the hand-carved rowlocks that

allow Venice’s gondoliers to slip through the canals with such apparent ease.

Take a ride in a Venetian gondola, and you probably won’t notice its *fórcola*. That’s because your attention will likely be on what’s in front of you (the views) and what’s around you (the kitsch heart-shaped cushions, scarlet seat coverings, and – if you’ve paid extra – the in-gondola singer, belting out Italian classics as you slip through the canals).

The *fórcola* sits behind you, unnoticed. It’s slotted into a made-to-measure hole at the back of the boat, where the gondolier stands, slipping their oar (also made by Paolo) into the curves of the *fórcola*, to move the boat around. Shaped like a bent forearm, with crooks, curls and hollows hand-whittled by Paolo, its sinuous shape means that there are up to seven spots in which to slot the oar, making for smooth standing-up rowing. In fact, it’s because of the *fórcola*’s unique shape that steering a tonne-heavy, passenger-filled gondola looks effortless.

Top left Paolo Brandolisio in his workshop in the Castello district
Above A gondolier uses his oar and *fórcola* to steer through the Venetian canals

**Each fórcola is made
to measure, both for the
gondola and its gondolier**



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Gondolas have been around for over 1,000 years, and although now they're synonymous with tourism, they used to be the main form of transport for aristocratic Venetians. During the era of La Serenissima – the 'most serene' republic of Venice which lasted roughly from 697CE to 1797CE – the 1% would get ferried around the city by their in-house gondoliers, popping black compartments on top for privacy.

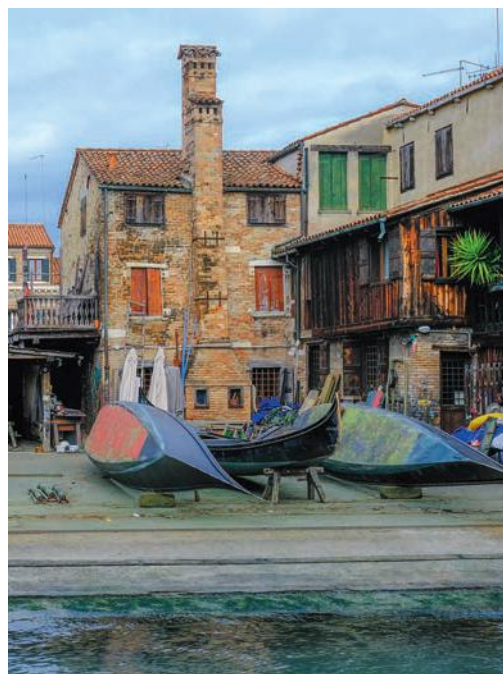
In fact, says Paolo, until motors arrived after World War II, "Venetians got about by rowing boat. It's a bit like Amsterdam, where there are bikes everywhere. It's part of the place."

As motors arrived in the postwar period, gondolas – and *fórcole* – looked set to all but disappear. But then something happened: people realised that tourists love gondolas. And the boats – and their rowlocks – got a new lease of life.

Today, Venice is home to four *squeri*, or gondola-yards, and four *remeri* – artisans who carve the *fórcole* and oars for every vessel. Asking why the same person can't do both is like asking why Lewis Hamilton can't fly a plane – to Venetians, they're completely different talents.

Each *fórcola* is made to measure, both for the gondola and its gondolier (depending on their height and rowing style). The *remeri* hand-select blocks of wood – huge trunks of walnut, or occasionally pear or cherry – from Eastern Europe, the only place where there are large enough trees these days. Paolo needs at least 60cm diameter. "You look at the trunk and work out if you can make *fórcole* from it," he says. It's cut into

Left A gondolier near the famous Rialto Bridge
Above and below Paolo carefully works the wood to create one-of-a-kind pieces
Right Gondolas on the banks of the city's canals



“We all express ourselves in tiny details – a curve here, a line there”

quarters in front of him, then the bark is stripped off and the wood is left to dry out in his workshop for around three years – sometimes longer.

Once the wood is dry, the remeri carve it freestyle with the same tools they’ve used for 1,000 years (the trunks are sawed with machines, but the rest of the work is still done by hand). The work involved explains the €1,500 price tag – and today, art-lovers buy them as well as gondoliers.

Paolo’s maestro, Giuseppe Carli, was the first to see the rowlock as art. Before, says Paolo, “it was like being a mechanic – not valued, and badly paid.” But Giuseppe,



who started off working in Venice's famous Arsenale shipyard, saw the beauty in his creations, and ended up shipping a two-metre-high fórcola to New York's MoMA gallery. Today, some gondoliers even commission pedestals to display their fórcole while they're on dry land.

Once it's made, a fórcola can last 50 years – although gondoliers sometimes bring them back for a mid-life touch-up. One sitting in the middle of Paolo's workshop today is in for repair – a couple of cracks need sealing so it can survive another generation. Behind it, Paolo's propped a repatched oar against the ceiling beam, beside an old-school cuckoo clock and a photo of an old pope (Venetian of course).

It's a rainy day, and gondoliers are at a loose end. Three of them crowd into his workshop for a chat. "He's an artist," they chorus, as Paolo modestly protests. But they're right: every fórcola is different. "If you put one of mine alongside one by another maestro, there'll be differences," he says. "We all express ourselves in tiny details – a curve here, a line there." Can he immediately tell, looking at a gondola, who did the oarlock? "Of course," he smiles – as silly a question as asking why remeri don't make gondolas.

Left Piero Dri in front of his workshop
Below One of Piero's intricate designs



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Above Piero refines his latest forcola
Right A gondolier waits for his next customers

One person whose work he knows especially well is Piero Dri – his former apprentice, who now has his own workshop in the northern district of Cannaregio, and still speaks reverently of his maestro, Paolo.

“One day I just knocked on his door,” says Piero, of the day he decided to become a remeri. “I just felt I needed to.”

At the time, he was studying astronomy at the University of Padua, but the beauty of the heavens couldn’t compete with Venice. “I felt I’d lost the link with my city,” he says. His grandfather used to take him rowing as a kid – Venetians still row standing up – and he felt drawn to Paolo’s work.

After a six-year apprenticeship, Piero opened his own workshop. Now, he gives visitors a glimpse into his world with 45-minute tours, explaining the craft. Today, a group of Americans stand amid woodshavings, beside a slab of walnut ready to be carved, as he finesses an oar. Then he dispatches them for a gondola ride. “You see it with a different eye,” he promises.

For Piero, the forcola is the symbol of “the Venice that resists”

For Piero, the forcola is the symbol of “the Venice that resists” – motorboats, over-tourism, and a dwindling population had all seemed to foretell the tradition’s demise. In the 1950s, Giuseppe was the only remer left in the city, but today, there are four. Even so, those around Piero worried when he announced he was to become one, leading to him naming his shop Il Forcolaio Matto (The Mad Forcola Maker).

“Everyone said, ‘Are you mad?’” he says. “It was a leap in the dark. But I hope that at some point, opening a forcola workshop won’t be mad anymore. It’ll be normal.”

Paolo Brandolisio sells forcole, as well as sculptures and bracelets from his workshop at Castello 4725, behind San Zaccaria.

Piero’s demonstrations cost €90 per group
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I'm upside-down, hanging head-first over the Jebel Jais peak, 1,680m above the Arabian Gulf and surrounded by Ras Al Khaimah's jagged mountain peaks. I'm strapped into what can only be described as a ready-made body bag – a stiff black plastic sheet adorned with numerous straps. This is not quite what I had in mind when I signed up to explore the wilder side of Ras Al Khaimah, the UAE's fourth-largest Emirate. But here

I am, about to speed along the longest zipline on Earth – the Jais Flight – covering 2.83km.

Two hours ago, I was in a safety briefing at the activity centre a few hundred metres down the mountain, watching what appeared to be a human bullet soaring through the sky at breakneck speed. They seemed to move faster than the birds on the horizon, with an eerie high-pitched whistle echoing around the deep ravine like a fighter jet as they flew. "Flyers can reach speeds of 160km/h," says the woman checking me in to the high-velocity

activity. My face turns pale. "Don't be scared," she says. "I've done it many times."

I feel a million miles from the built-up Emirates of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, but in just a few hours those with a sense of adventure can reach the Jais Adventure Park in the heart of the Hajar Mountains, extending 700km through the UAE and Oman.

To prepare for the big wire, I opt to ease myself in with the Jais Sky Tour – a series of six shorter ziplines that snake point-to-point across the stunning mountain range below. These thrilling, scenic rides take in awesome vistas inaccessible by car, and as we zip between platforms we spot Egyptian vultures and watch goats free-climbing on crumbling peaks, all the while soaring through the skies at up to 60km/h. One zipline offers a skybridge, which seemingly levitates 300m above ground level. This would be enough of a day's adventure activity for most, but our next endeavour is ever-present – as participants hurtle through the sky with a bone-chilling screech, then disappear like gnats on the horizon.

Previous page Brave fliers strap in for the Jais Flight
Above The stunning scenery of the Hajar Mountains, enjoyed on the Jais Sky Tour

Below Zipwiring through the dramatic mountains
Right 1484 By Puro is a restaurant with a view and the ideal spot to refuel



It's time for the big one. Once at the mountain top, 'flyers' are silent as they wait their turn to be weighed before being carefully attached to the wire. One by one we climb the platform, are strapped in and wait for the fateful words: "Three. Two. One. Go..." followed by the sound of the unclipping of a safety carabiner.

In a split second I'm flying so fast that my face is vibrating. Plummeting towards the mountain below, air fills my mouth and my cheeks uncontrollably wobble, making me wildly chuckle. The mountain nears as I free-fall like a skydiver without a parachute, all my trust placed in the equipment and the instructor's ability to slow me down before I crash into the platform ahead. A sudden jolt on my shoulders snaps me back to reality and I cruise slowly to safety, my body pulsating with joyful adrenaline. After that I'm ready to tackle anything, but next

up is a more sedate activity, albeit with an equally spectacular view: lunch at the highest restaurant in the UAE. 1484 By Puro sits 1,484m above sea level and serves delicious fresh salads and afternoon tea to hungry adventurers on a sunny terrace, with panoramic views of the mountains. When the wind blows in the right direction, I hear the distant screams of riders on my next activity: the Jais Sledder, a summer toboggan on a rollercoaster-style journey snaking 1,840m down the mountainside.

"This is your accelerator, and this is your break," says the attendant at the bottom of the mountain as I sit on a sturdy toboggan. "Push it forwards to go faster and pull back to slow down. You'll reach up to 40km/h," he says buckling me in. "That's pretty fast for a plastic tray," I smile, suddenly not so sure if I want to partake. But it's too late: I'm hoisted around





The mountain nears as I free-fall like a skydiver without a parachute, all my trust placed in the equipment

the corner and the next few minutes are spent slowly ratcheting up the mountain in anticipation of the giant drop beyond.

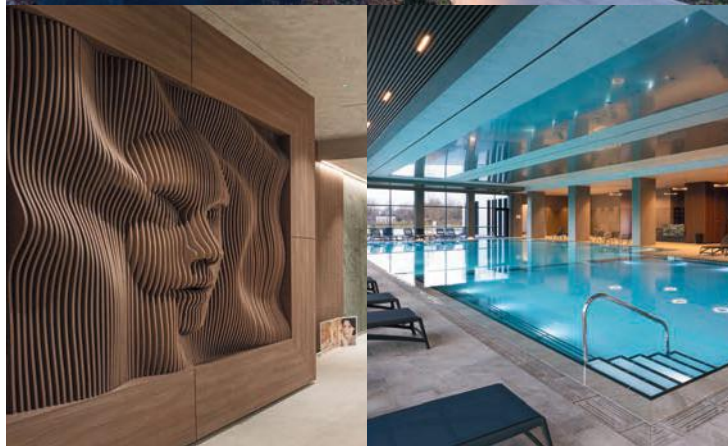
After what feels like an eternity, the choice is all mine... go full speed along the steep track or play it safe. Plunging the throttle forwards, I zoom around the first bend, leaving my fear behind me. For eight minutes I rise and fall over the mountainside, squeal around hairpin curves and resist the compelling urge to slam on the break, assured by the knowledge that the automatic system should slow me down if I exceed 40km/h. Furiously giggling all the way down, I ask "can I go again?" as soon as I reach the end. The people behind me have the same idea, immediately queuing back up for seconds. But, alas, I'm out of time, and I've got one last appointment to keep.

Around 20 minutes down the mountain is the Bear Grylls Explorer Camp, with several cabins scattered along a soaring valley. Here, campers can abseil, climb, hike and learn how to survive using Bear Grylls methods in one of the most inhospitably dry



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Cosy cabins at the Bear Grylls Explorer Camp; fliers on the Jais Flight; the Jais Sledder toboggan ride



One thing that strikes me as we walk is the complete silence

environments on Earth. At night, guests can enjoy a self-cooked desert BBQ dinner under a carpet of bright stars, thanks to zero light pollution. This overhead map in the dark sky was vital for the ancient Bedouins, who would use it to navigate during night-time journeys.

This area is still teeming with historic pathways used by indigenous tribes. The routes meander through the mountains to hidden oases, rich with green fauna, which appear like mirages to hot hikers among the otherwise arid terrain.

"The best time to hike is in the cool mornings," explains chief instructor Tembelihle, "that's also when nature is most active". In these parts it's possible to see gazelles and vultures, plus desert creepy crawlies like lizards and scorpions. "On some hikes, we teach guests the basics of survival and have them set up their own camp in the desert." I hike with Tembelihle past caves to a hidden wadi. One thing that strikes me as we walk is the complete silence. There's no

construction or road traffic, no voices – nothing. "It's a complete disconnect," says Tembelihle of our technology-dominated lives, "a chance to get back in touch with nature".

I confess I've been using my phone to take pictures, but I notice there's no cell signal, which only adds to the survival nature of our journey. Luckily for me, I'm not sleeping outdoors tonight but testing one of the well-equipped cabins at base camp. Each comes with a fully plumbed-in bathroom, comfy bed, and electricity for those who want to ease their way into the survival experience. By nightfall, campers gather around the fire and swap stories of their day's adventures over s'mores. Ok, it might not be *exactly* as the Bedouins did it, or the full Bear Grylls-style immersion. But, after an adrenalin-filled day, it feels like the perfect way to end my initiation into the UAE's wilder side.

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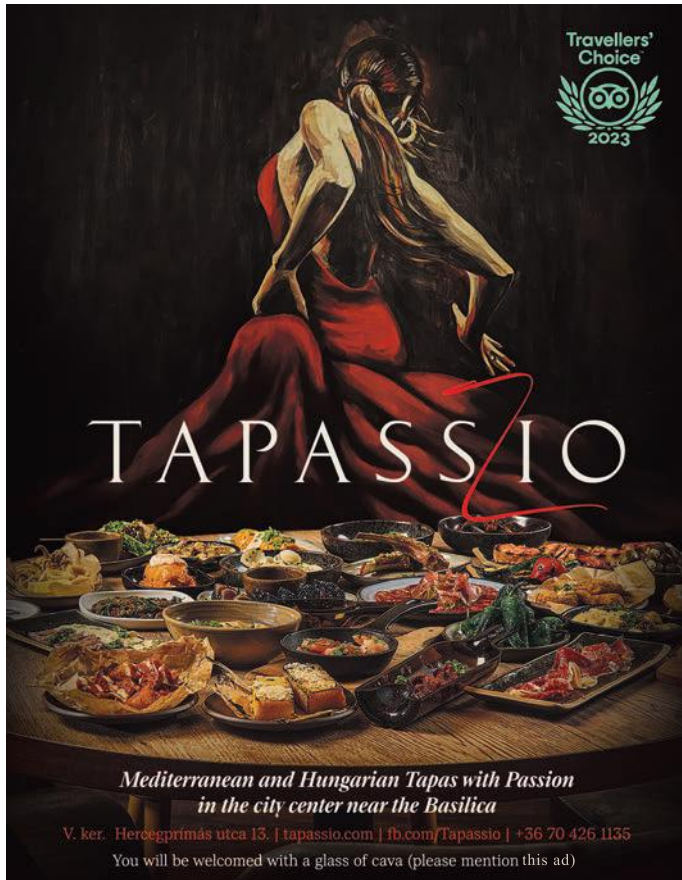
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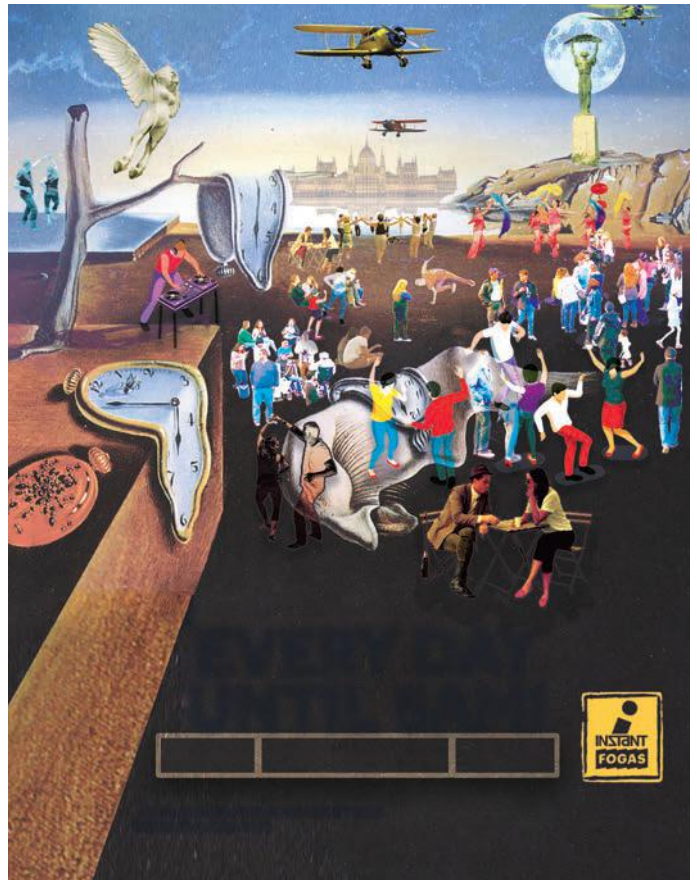
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Sofia

A room with a view? This hotel has one of the best in the city, with huge windows facing the pastel-hued, Art Nouveau architecture of Tsar Osvoboditel Boulevard. Behind these loom the glorious gold and verdigris domes of Saint Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, one of Sofia's must-visit sights, located just a five-minute walk away. By night, the Cathedral is illuminated like a jewel: you'll want to fall asleep with the shutters open.

Not that you need to cocoon in your room to revel in the view. Head to the rooftop bar, where floor-to-ceiling windows and a sprawling terrace create a seamless indoor-outdoor flow, and barstaff craft perfectly-mixed cocktails, ranging from an Apricot Negroni to a Wet and Dirty.

Don't worry too much if you overdo things in this little den of decadence, though, because the generous presence of Prosecco at breakfast provides the ideal 'hair of the dog', and an array of pastries and hot food deliciously fills the morning-after hole in your stomach. Complete your return to wholesomeness by making your way down to the on-site spa, Sense Wellness, where an indoor pool and range of ESPA treatments await.

The hotel also houses two restaurants – the relaxed Gastro Bar, which serves up tapas, pasta and salads, and the more elegant Pure and Sense, where sculpturally plated Asian fusion meets modern European in a darkly sumptuous space. A feast for all the senses.



Palma Riad

Palma de Mallorca

Tucked on a cobbled street in the heart of Palma, behind ornately carved wooden doors, lies the Palma Riad: a luxurious boutique hotel located in a restored 17th-century Mallorcan townhouse. Designed by Pablo Peyra Studio, the hotel's 11 suites are centred around the opulent interior courtyard and are just as sultry, boasting huge hammam-style bathtubs, open fireplaces and luxurious furnishings.



Yerevan Place Hotel

Yerevan

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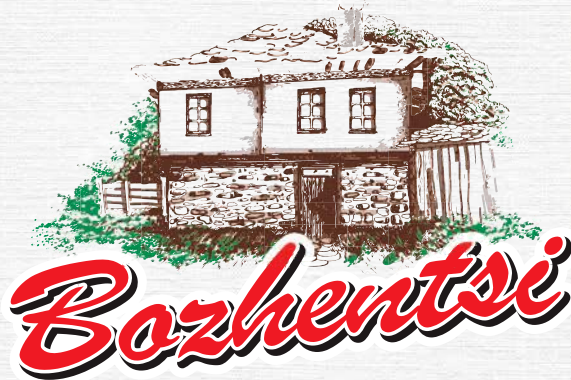
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THE EATS

Where to go for a great meal across the WIZZ network



The Bridge Club London

Some dinners are more than just a bite to eat: they're a memorable event that lasts far longer than the time it takes to digest the meal itself. That's exactly what you can expect at The Bridge Club: a supper club run by British chef Jack Ponting, whose day job is head baker at legendary London restaurant chain Caravan.

Hosted at The Jolly Gardeners pub in south London, Ponting designs evocative menus intended

to act as a feast for all the senses; one-off celebrations of forgotten recipes and cherished seasonal ingredients served 'feasting style'.

That means no stingy portions, but hearty platters to enjoy as you get to know your neighbours. The cooking is beautifully refined, and with each meal beginning with a bespoke cocktail, it's hard to imagine anyone leaving a Bridge Club supper dissatisfied.

thebridgeclub.co.uk



MO Bistro

Vilnius

Located within Vilnius's MO Museum, a cool art gallery designed by architect Daniel Libeskind, MO Bistro serves up delicious brunches, lunches and dinners drawing on European and Asian flavours. As well as enjoying excellent dishes, diners are also treated to art and culture as they eat, as the interior features a 19m-long, digitally restored fresco by Algirdas Steponavičius and Birutė Žilytė-Steponavičienė.

mo.lt/en/mo-bistro



Pap'Açorda

Lisbon

Upstairs in Lisbon's Ribeira Market (home to the Time Out Market) you'll also discover a much older city stalwart. Pap'Açorda began life in the 80s in the Bairro Alto and became a local favourite, moving to its new location in 2016. The menu's packed with classics from chef Manuela Brandão, including the delicious açorda (like a bread porridge) that gives the restaurant its name. Save space for the legendary chocolate mousse. **papacorda.com**



Bao Express Paris

Inspired by Hong Kong diners in the 1970s, Bao Express in Paris's 11th arrondissement is the latest outpost from restaurateurs Céline Chung and Billy Pham. Teaming pastel green walls with patchwork tiles, peach booth seating and red accents, this spot serves up exactly what you'd expect from its

name: moreish dim sum including char siu bao buns, slippery hong shao aubergine and spicy smacked cucumber. Larger plates include beef ho fun – sautéed with rice noodles, soybeans and bean sprouts – and a crispy house-take on sweet and sour chicken. Save space for dessert, too: with

chocolate steamed buns and Hong Kong French toast on the menu (filled with peanut butter and caramel), it's not one to miss.

And if you still don't want the night to end? Head downstairs to basement bar Underpool, whose hammered-metal ceiling artwork makes it look like the surface of a swimming pool. Have enough of the rose prune cocktails – blending plum, umeshu and vanilla-infused Pisco – and you might actually believe you're underwater.

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THE DRINKS

Where to go for a strong cocktail across the WIZZ network



Montego Beach Bar Cyprus

Overlooking the glinting Mediterranean Sea, Montego Beach Bar is a dreamy location for cocktails and cabana living, Cyprus style. Located in Protaras, on the island's eastern coastline, this open-air beach bar and restaurant opened in 2023 and is already a firm favourite with holiday makers. It's not hard to see why: the combination of rustic decor –

paint-stripped shutters, driftwood furniture and rattan lighting – with leafy succulents, bamboo ferns and scattered conch shells all adds up to a sense of boho, bare-foot luxury that's hard to resist.

So, why fight it? Instead, give into the temptation of the bar menu as you laze on a sun lounger, where the only major decision you'll need to make is whether

you opt for an ice-cold glass of rosé or one of the mixology team's expertly crafted cocktails. Peckish? You still don't need to move a muscle: with a menu blending European and Japanese influences you can opt for a fresh Montego salad packed with burrata, strawberries, cashews and leaves, or fresh sushi rolls for a taste of the ocean. montegoprotaras.com



Miranda Bar

Vienna

In a city known for its refined, classical elegance, Miranda Bar offers a refreshing change. That's not to say that this pastel-hued cocktail bar on Esterházygasse isn't elegant – it absolutely is. But Miranda wears its elegance lightly, with a tongue-in-cheek modernity that knows how to have a bit of fun. The brainchild of five co-owners, including artist Maria Prieto Barea (who's responsible for the stylish branding and vibrant wall art), Miranda is named after the 20th-century Brazilian

singer, dancer and actress Carmen Miranda and serves up delicious twists on classic cocktails courtesy of head bartender Filip Strotmann.

The menu changes seasonally but expect beautiful glassware, creative garnishes and delicious drinks such as the Wannabe (gin, dry curaçao, dandelion, honey and pink pepper) and the fragrant Nightingale, which combines vodka, white grapes and lavender. The bar is close to the city's Naschmarkt, so it's the ideal spot for an aperitif. **mirandabar.com**



The Clumsies

Athens

Run by renowned Athenian bartenders Vasilis Kyritsis and Nikos Bakoulis, The Clumsies is a stylish all-day bar located in Plaka. The main space has a fireplace, vinyl player and billiards table, while the drinks menu is styled as 'Happy Accidents' – original recipes that are playful and delicious. Try Spilling The Coffee (Ron Zacapa 23 rum with cold-brew coffee, kombucha and mango) or Catching a Falling Star, which combines Don Julio tequila blanco with cheddar, tangerine and chilli. **theclumsies.gr**



Bar Cobra

Prague

Located in a former 24-hour gambling hall, Bar Cobra in Prague's 7th district kept the name of its former guise but ditched the slot machines and grimy carpets in favour of stripped-back paintwork, a tiled bar and industrial-style lighting. The result is a cool, edgy-looking space with a welcoming atmosphere, and a drinks list that offers original cocktails as well as beers from the local Bad Flash brewery and traditional Czech cider from Kliment. **barcobra.cz**

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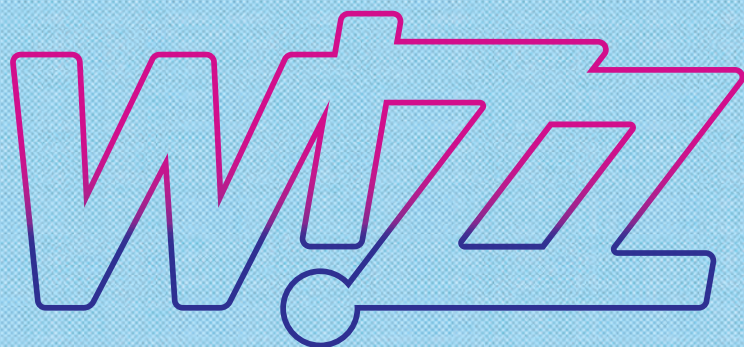
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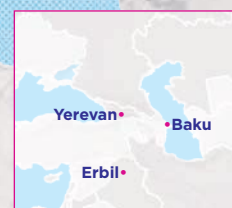
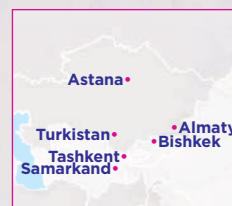
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Let's Get Lost in Antalya



In March, Wizz Air hosted its latest Let's Get Lost event, this time departing from London. The plane was packed with lucky passengers, including our social competition winners, influencers and journalists, all of whom were flying into the unknown on a four-day, all-expenses-paid mystery holiday, only learning their destination as they prepared to land. In the run-up to departure day anticipation reached fever-pitch, with 'mystery flight' even trending on Google!

This time, our adventurers' destination was revealed to be beautiful Antalya, where they enjoyed horse riding, rafting through the Tazi Canyon and a jeep safari. Teamed with delicious Turkish food and warm hospitality, the intrepid travellers had a wonderful time.

Fancy joining their ranks? Keep an eye on our WIZZ social channels to be in with the chance of boarding our next exciting Let's Get Lost mystery flight – you never know where it might take you...

Women on Air

Wizz Air recently held its inaugural Women on Air event, welcoming 140 participants to Budapest and featuring a panel of distinguished female leaders, including senior WIZZ executives and industry representatives. "Women on Air is part of our commitment to fostering diversity within the aviation industry," said Yvonne Moynihan, Corporate and ESG Officer at Wizz Air. "We aim to inspire, empower and pave the way for the next generation."



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Just when we thought nothing could be more romantic than getting engaged on board a WIZZ plane, we’ve been proved wrong. Not only did lovebirds Federico and Ivano get engaged on a Wizz Air flight last year, this spring they tied the knot in the sky, too. On 19 April the pair took 50 friends and family on a trip from Milan to Madrid, where they held the ceremony during the flight and then spent an unforgettable day celebrating in the Spanish capital. Check out our Instagram (@wizzair) to see more about their big day.



New routes, new adventures

As WIZZ continues to grow our diverse network of destinations, we’re excited to announce the launch of two new routes. Firstly, as part of Wizz Air’s fast-paced expansion in Albania, we’re thrilled to open a new route between Tirana and Stuttgart in southwest Germany. A connection has also been launched between the Romanian capital Bucharest and the coastal city of Izmir in Türkiye.

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“Wizz Air has been a pioneer in democratising air travel”

As Wizz Air turns 20, we speak to CEO József Váradi to discuss the airline's remarkable journey and ambitious plans for the future

Happy Birthday to Wizz Air!

What inspired you to start the airline 20 years ago?

We saw a gap in the market for affordable air travel that didn't compromise on quality. We wanted to make travel accessible to everyone. That vision, paired with 10 new member states' accession to the European Union in May 2004 – opening the skies of Europe – was the driving forces behind Wizz Air.

What was the culture like at the beginning?

We began with a small but a passionate team of 50. The culture was one of innovation, teamwork, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Today, we have over 8,000 employees and we still have an agile working environment which makes our annual organic double-digit growth possible and our service quality high.

Did you face any unexpected hurdles in the early days?

Plenty! From securing funding to natural disasters and having

to convince travellers to choose Wizz Air over more established competitors. However, seeing the joy on people's faces when they could afford to visit their loved ones or explore new destinations reinforced our belief in Wizz Air.

How did you want Wizz Air to be different?

Our goal was simple yet ambitious – to democratise air travel. We wanted to offer low fares without sacrificing quality or the overall travel experience. What sets Wizz Air apart is our unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction, operational efficiency, industry-leading sustainability achievements and continuous innovation.

How did you tackle the huge challenge of the pandemic?

Covid-19 brought unprecedented challenges for the aviation industry, but it also served as a catalyst for innovation. We prioritised safety, implementing rigorous health and safety protocols, and adapted our operations to navigate the crisis. We also used it as an opportunity to enter new markets, launching an airline in Abu Dhabi and setting up base operations in Italy and Albania among other countries. Through well-planned, strategic decisions

and prudent financial management, we not only weathered the storm but emerged stronger and more resilient than ever before.

Has a focus on sustainability always been part of the plan?

Yes, sustainability has always been one of our core values. From investing in fuel-efficient aircraft to reducing our carbon footprint through initiatives such as carbon offsetting and waste reduction, we're committed to minimising our environmental impact while maximising social and economic benefits for the communities we serve. We're also committed to reducing our carbon intensity by another 25% per passenger kilometre by 2030. If every airline did this, carbon emissions would drop by 34% overnight.

What prompted WIZZ's decision to expand into the Middle East?

It was a strategic decision to tap into a rapidly growing market and enhance our global reach. The establishment of Wizz Air Abu Dhabi is a testament to our commitment to innovation and diversification. We faced hurdles and competition, but our determination and strategic partnerships enabled us to establish a strong presence in the region.

What is your proudest achievement to date?

There have been so many! If I had to choose one, it would be the unwavering loyalty and support of our customers and employees. Their trust in Wizz Air fuels our passion and drives us to continuously raise the bar.

How do you think Wizz Air has led change in the industry?

Wizz Air has been a pioneer in democratising air travel, challenging the status quo of legacy airlines and providing affordable travel opportunities to almost 400 million passengers. From introducing innovative business models to opening previously unserved routes and embracing digital transformation, sustainability and diversity, we have pushed boundaries and set new standards for excellence.

Which elements of Wizz Air have remained the same since the beginning?

Despite our exponential growth and evolution, the ethos of innovation, inclusivity, dedication, positivity and customer-centric mindset has remained ingrained in Wizz Air's culture. We pride ourselves on fostering a supportive and inclusive work environment where every voice is heard and valued.

Finally, what's the plan for the next 20 years of Wizz Air?

Our vision is to continue expanding our global footprint, enhancing our sustainability efforts and leveraging emerging technologies to help redefine air travel. Together with ambitious goals – such as reaching a fleet of 500 aircraft by 2030 and pioneering sustainable aviation practices – we're fully committed to shaping the future of aviation while always remaining true to our core values.



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**“I’m just so proud to be part
of this amazing journey”**

As Wizz Air turns 20, we talk to some of the people
who have been with the company since the start

When Wizz Air first began operating in 2004, the team consisted of 50 employees. Today, they number over 8,000, and the airline flies to more than 50 countries, boasts subsidiary airlines operating in Abu Dhabi, the UK and Malta, and is proud to be one of Europe's most progressive airlines, championing equality and pioneering sustainability initiatives. But what was it like in those early days?

"I was working at Budapest Airport," says Gergő Balázs, who is now a Compliance Manager. "There was gossip about a new airline launching and I had always wanted to work as a flight attendant, so there was no question: I was applying!" Senior Cabin Attendant Tomasz Gąsiorek was similarly enthusiastic. "I was so excited. It was a new job, something special and unique in comparison to my friends' boring jobs. Poland and Hungary had just entered the EU and travelling by plane was not yet popular. I'm proud WIZZ has helped air travel become accessible to everyone."

Launching a new airline was not without its challenges. "The first slogan was 'Now we can all fly', so we needed to persuade customers to take the plane instead of buses," explains Patrycja Skrzyniarz, Inflight Customer Experience Specialist. "It was new, so we needed to help people trust us as a service provider."

The team themselves also had hurdles to overcome. "The day of my first duty came and I still hadn't received my uniform, so I had to arrive for work in the only uniform available, which was a woman's shirt," laughs Tomasz. "Finally, my instructor managed to find a spare men's shirt for the flight, but I still keep the ladies' shirt in my closet as a memento."

Luckily, the teething problems were quickly ironed out, and



"My favourite aspect of the job is the people – it's a very special bunch"

Wizz Air has grown exponentially. "The fleet consisted of six aircraft when I joined, and today we have more than 200," says Gergő.

There have naturally been lots of memorable moments in those 20 years, too. "I can recall plenty of memorable 'firsts', like numerous VIP and special charter flights, the inaugural flight to Dubai and even the first flight to Abu Dhabi with our CEO before the base opening," says Cabin Crew Instructor Zsuzsa Lázár. The most memorable moment of all for Zsuzsa, though, was a repatriation mission. "When the pandemic started in 2020, we flew to the USA to bring Hungarian citizens home safely. It was a challenging mission but also a great moment to reach the American continent with our trademark pink aircraft."

Line Trainer Dorota Tyczka also has fond memories of her 20+ year career with WIZZ. "One of the most unforgettable moments back when I was cabin crew was witnessing the aurora borealis during a night flight from Iceland. It painted the night sky with vibrant hues, and we dimmed the

cabin lights so our passengers could enjoy the incredible view. It was a privilege to experience such natural beauty at 30,000ft."

Many team members have seen their careers skyrocket with Wizz Air, too, and the airline continues to strive for diversity and inclusivity. Elżbieta Krawczyk joined WIZZ in 2004 as one of the first members of the cabin crew in Katowice and has since moved to the flightdeck as a Senior First Officer – one of many women within WIZZ to reach the top. "I have the best office in the world, and I would never swap it for anything else," she says.

One thing all of the founding team members agree on is that it's their colleagues that have made the past 20 years so special. "Wizz Air people have a wonderful camaraderie," says Dorota. Patrycja agrees: "My favourite aspect of the job is the people – it's a very special bunch."

As for the next 20 years? The team is excited to see where Wizz Air will take them next. "I'm just so proud to be part of this amazing journey," says Gergő.



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Wizz Air has a single-type fleet of 212 aircraft from the Airbus A320 family. It's among the youngest and most efficient in the world – and the safest. The average age of our aircraft is 4.15 years, well below the average fleet age of our major

competitors, which is around 10 years. Our planes already have the most sophisticated safety equipment and, by 2030, we will have 500 aircraft. Our neo aircraft feature advanced systems and engines that reduce our carbon footprint, as well

as noise and cost, helping us keep fares low and accessible and providing the most responsible choice of air travel available. Wizz Air is currently the largest operator of the most sustainable Airbus A321neo aircraft in Europe.

Airbus A320ceo

-  **Max. cruise speed** 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h
-  **Wingspan** 35.8m (117ft 5in)
-  **Number of aircraft*** 39
-  **Seat capacity** 180/186
Flight crew 2 **Cabin crew** 4



Airbus A321ceo

-  **Max. cruise speed** 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h
-  **Wingspan** 35.8m (117ft 5in)
-  **Number of aircraft*** 41
-  **Seat capacity** 230
Flight crew 2 **Cabin crew** 5



Airbus A320neo

-  **Max. cruise speed** 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h
-  **Wingspan** 35.8m (117ft 5in)
-  **Number of aircraft*** 6
-  **Seat capacity** 186
Flight crew 2 **Cabin crew** 4



Airbus A321neo

-  **Max. cruise speed** 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h
-  **Wingspan** 35.8m (117ft 5in)
-  **Number of aircraft*** 126
-  **Seat capacity** 239
Flight crew 2 **Cabin crew** 5



Top marks for safety

Wizz Air is registered under the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA), the global benchmark in airline safety recognition. Wizz Air has also been awarded the **highest seven-star safety ranking** from the world's only one-stop airline safety and product rating agency, **AirlineRatings.com**

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Safe handling of hand luggage

Ensure hand luggage remains safely stowed in the locker or under the seat in front of you for takeoff, landing and at any time as instructed by the crew. Passengers seated in the emergency rows and first row must store their cabin bags in the overhead lockers. Take care when opening lockers, as falling items may injure fellow passengers.

In case of evacuation, all baggage must be left on board, and the instructions of the cabin crew must be strictly followed.



Safety equipment

It is an offence to tamper with or remove safety equipment, including adult and infant life vests, infant safety belts or extension belts. You are not allowed to remove or damage any onboard informative placards.



Sharp items

To dispose of any sharp items (e.g. hypodermic needles), please contact a cabin crew member. Do not leave your needle or syringe behind.



Turbulence management

Turbulence can occur unexpectedly. Whenever seatbelt signs are switched on, remain seated, keep seatbelts fastened, and stow away large electronic devices.



Safety of infants on board

Wizz Air has a clear procedure for infant (a child under two) restraint systems. You can only use the single hook infant seatbelt - vests/slides cannot be used with the infant seatbelt. Wizz Air only accepts aft-facing car seats when an extra seat is purchased. **However, during take-off and landing, and whenever the seatbelt sign is switched on, infants should sit on an adult's lap with the seatbelt fastened.** Life vests for infants are available and are provided whenever flying over water. All lavatories are equipped with a changing table. Do not leave children unattended in the cabin.



Lithium batteries

Portable electronic devices (PED) such as phones, laptops and tablets can contain lithium batteries. When damaged, faulty or overheated, these batteries can catch fire and explode. **If you recognise any issues with your device, inform the cabin crew immediately.**



Charging electronic devices on board using a portable battery charger is forbidden.

Electronic devices

Some electronic devices can be used during the flight with WLAN/Wi-Fi/Bluetooth turned off.

Larger electronic devices that cannot be held comfortably in one hand, exceed ca. 1kg in weight and do not qualify as handheld devices (e.g. laptops, notebooks etc.) must be stowed in the overhead stowage compartments for takeoff, landing and whenever required by the cabin crew. **If in doubt, please ask your cabin crew.**

Inflight health tips

Read these tips on how to stay fit when travelling.

Before your air travel

Consult your doctor before travelling if you have any medical concerns. Pregnant women and those with heart or respiratory problems, blood diseases or ear, nose and sinus infections should seek medical advice before flying. **Crew members are entitled to call for medical assistance pre-flight if they deem it necessary and are in doubt about your fitness for the flight.**



Medical supplies on board

Keep any medication you may need in your hand luggage and in its original packaging. **Inform cabin crew of allergies or illnesses.** If you are seriously ill or travelling post-surgery, you will need a medical certificate confirming that you are fit to fly. If you have limited mobility, are hearing- or sight-impaired, pregnant, or unable to understand/react to safety instructions, you will be unable to sit in the emergency exit rows or the front row. **If you start to feel unwell during the flight, do not hesitate to talk to the cabin crew.**

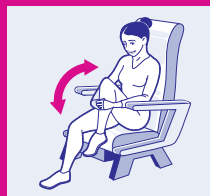
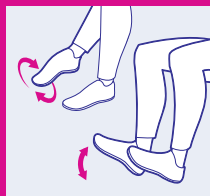
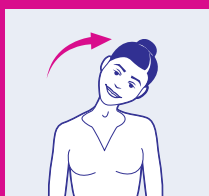
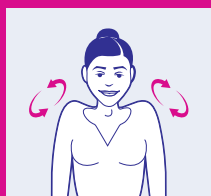


Nut allergy

During our WIZZ Café service we offer peanuts and some snacks containing peanuts/nuts traces. **If you have any allergies we strongly encourage you to take all necessary medical precautions before flying, and to inform the cabin crew during boarding about your allergy.**



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- Be respectful towards everyone on board – fellow passengers and the crew
- Use appropriate language and try to stay calm and cooperative

...so you can:

- Travel in a nice, pleasant and peaceful atmosphere
- Relax on board
- Get to your destination as soon as possible



Not tolerated onboard...

- Smoking on board (including classic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, pipes, vapes)
- Placing e-cigarettes in your checked-in bags or charging them on board
- Breaching, or refusing to follow, crew instructions
- Harassing fellow passengers and/or crew members in any way (including sexual harassment)
- Threatening or being aggressive towards fellow passengers and/or crew members
- Being violent or behaving in a hostile, erratic manner
- Damaging the aircraft or onboard equipment
- Wasting, polluting or contaminating the cabin
- Endangering the safety of the flight by any means
- Consuming alcohol that was not purchased on board. Alcohol is served at the crew's discretion to passengers of legal drinking age. The crew reserves the right to stop serving alcohol to any passenger who is, or appears to be, intoxicated
- Being under the influence of drugs or medical substances that may affect your behaviour or self-control
- Filming or photographing the cabin crew without their permission

...or face the consequences:

- You are fully responsible and accountable for your behaviour. Unruly or disruptive behaviour on board and before boarding will not be tolerated and will be reported to the authorities. You will be held legally and financially responsible in all cases.



The following consequences* will occur for such misconduct:

- Passenger denied boarding
- Penalty/fine or arrest by local police:
 - Smoking on board, including lavatory: up to €3,000*
 - Unruly behaviour due to intoxication: up to €5,000 and two years in prison*
 - Endangering the safety of an aircraft: up to five years in prison*
- Diversion of flight and arrest
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- Criminal procedure and court litigation*
- Cancellation of all of your existing Wizz Air flight bookings
- A ban from Wizz Air flights in the future



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