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As summer comes to a close, we look back on an exceptionally busy and rewarding season. While many of you were enjoying well-deserved holidays, our team at Wizz Air was focused on enhancing our operations and expanding our network with an impressive range of new routes.

I am pleased to share that we have announced three new bases: in Bratislava, Slovakia; Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and at Warsaw Modlin Airport in Poland. The Tuzla base will reopen in December, with two best-in-class Airbus A321neo aircraft joining the fleet by March 2026, increasing the number of destinations served to 17. Our Bratislava base will launch in November too, while Warsaw Modlin will see 11 exciting new European routes starting in December, including direct flights to Athens, Barcelona

and Milan. We're also adding two Airbus A320ceo aircraft to our Chişinău base, Moldova, in December 2025 and March 2026.

We are expanding our operations in Romania, with 15 new routes as part of our largest-ever winter schedule, supported by the growth of our Timișoara base. In the UK, we proudly launched the first direct route between London and Medina, Saudi Arabia, in August. Looking ahead, London Luton will welcome five new Spanish routes from March 2026.

We also recently announced a new partnership with Travelfusion, the world's largest flight content aggregator. This collaboration marks an important step in improving customer access to our low fares and services through online travel agencies and

“We’ve been expanding with an impressive number of new routes”

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It has already been a remarkable year for Wizz Air, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead. For now, we invite you to sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight. Our crew is here to ensure that your journey is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. We look forward to welcoming you on board again soon.

József Váradi
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17 countries



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Editor's letter

Autumn has arrived, bringing changing colours, crunching leaves and crisp mornings to the Wizz Air network. For some of us, this time of year means quiet, off-season city breaks to the likes of Milan, Copenhagen or Stockholm. For others – especially a certain breed of cosplaying traveller – it's all about Halloween.

To research this month's cover feature (p34), we headed into the depths of Transylvania to get to grips with the allure of Romanian folklore. Archaic traditions here have been inspiring supernatural stories around the world since Bram Stoker first set his Dracula novel in a fictional version of Bran Castle, which is less than three hours from Bucharest and a pilgrimage site for Halloween tourism each year. The popularity of the *Nosferatu* film remake in 2024 shows that we're still captivated by stories of the occult, rooted in Romania – but as we learned, there's much more to Romanian legends than spooky characters.

Elsewhere this issue, we discovered an appetite for British food in Paris (p18), danced to Italo disco in Naples (p23) and met the architects preserving Modernist buildings in Faro (p29), before visiting London's first Romance-only bookshop (p46), tasting high-altitude whisky in Switzerland (p54) and having a wellness break in Cyprus (p64). Wherever you're going today, enjoy the magazine – and your flight. **Florence Derrick, Editor**



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Take an arty stroll in Jeddah

Fast becoming one of the most exciting art destinations in the Middle East, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia has added 14 of the world's most celebrated sculptures to its permanent collection of public art. The pieces – from Alexander Calder, Joan Miró and Lorenzo Quinn, among others – are

new additions to Lake Al-Arbaeen Park, which was founded in 2022 as one of the environmental projects in Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030.

Also newly opened in the Saudi city is the House of Islamic Arts, which displays more than 1,000 historic Islamic artefacts. Meanwhile

at Hayy Jameel, visitors can catch *Redrawing the Boundaries* (until 13 October), which tells the story of the development of modern art in the Khaleej (Arabian Gulf) through the work of 50 leading artists.

iarts.sa; hayyjameel.org

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Reach for the sky in Madrid

The unofficial motto of the Spanish capital comes from an obscure Renaissance poem by Luis Quiñones de Benavente. When locals say or sing the words ‘De Madrid Al Cielo’ (From Madrid To The Sky) they are celebrating the idea that the city is the closest place to heaven on Earth. Lately, Madrid seems to be literally trending upward, with new roof bars opening on hotels, public buildings and even shopping centres all across the skyline. Here are some of the best.

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EL CIELO DE MONTERA

The cocktail lounge atop this 1920s hotel building has a vintage look, set against the skyscrapers of Madrid's signature boulevard, the Gran Vía. hotelmonteramadrid.com

CORNAMUSA CIBELES

The upper towers of Palacio Cibeles, Madrid's City Hall, form a nest for this new roof terrace with top-tier cocktail and tapas menus. cornamusa.azoteagrupo.com

RITA'S PARADAYS

You'll find a faux beach bar kitted out with sunbeds, palm trees and sand to stick your feet in on the rooftop of La Vaguada shopping centre. ritas.es

LA CASA ENCENDIDA

The roof garden of this former bank building, renamed “The Burning House” when it became a culture centre in 2002, hosts live bands and outdoor movies on warmer evenings. lacasaencendida.es

AZOTEA FORUS BARCELÓ

This city market has a semi-hidden landscaped garden serving brunch above the morning bustle and late-night drinks under indigo skies. azoteabarcelo.azoteagrupo.com

ORAYA & THE ROOF

Hotel impresario Ian Schrager opened The Madrid Edition a few years ago and Oraya (pictured left) has become its showpiece – a roof garden around a Peruvian restaurant and pisco bar. editionhotels.com

Listen to women across the network

Did you know that only a fraction of musicians with record deals and festival headliners are women? Global organisations like Keychange and Make Music Equal aim to redress the balance, while in Egypt, She Arts is playing its part, too. The first international festival in the Arab region dedicated to supporting women in the performing arts, its fifth outing will take place over three Egyptian cities (Cairo, Alexandria and the New Administrative Capital) from 2-5 October. Featuring film screenings, workshops and discussions, plus performances from European and African artists, it's a showcase for unsung talent from around the network. shearts.net

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MARUJA LIMÓN

Who? Six-piece band from Barcelona blending flamenco, global pop and Latin rhythms.

Must-stream song: 'Ante Mí (Before me)'

Find them at: somasmarujalimon.com

HIBA TAWAJI

Who? This Lebanese ballad singer was the first female singer to perform onstage in Saudi Arabia.

Must-stream song: 'Baad Sneen (After Years)'

Find her at: facebook.com/hibatawaji

ANNA BASSY

Who? An Italian-Nigerian singer-songwriter emerging onto the Italian new soul scene.

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Wear a piece of history in Istanbul

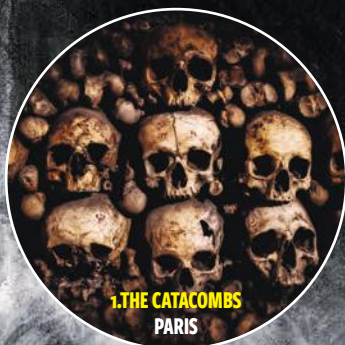
Istanbul's hammams are world famous for helping their guests feel shiny and new. Now one of oldest of these – Zeyrek Çinili Hamam, which was just given a 13-year makeover – is adding some sparkle to the experience, after launching its new jewellery collection. The pendants and earrings are inspired by elements from the 500-year-old history of the baths, from delicate filigree gold domes that echo the shape of the baths' central chamber, to porcelain seashells. shop.zeyrekcinilihamam.com

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Live out a horror film across the network

Halloween season is upon us. Can you match these locations with the scary films they appear in? Have a go and post your own spooky on-location shots on social media with the hashtag #wizzmagazine



1. THE CATACOMBS
PARIS



2. WESTMINSTER BRIDGE
LONDON



3. OLD TOWN
BUCHAREST



4. BACK STREETS
VENICE



5. VILLA SCOTT
TURIN

A. Don't Look Now (1973)

It's all too easy to lose your way in this city's labyrinthine back streets, as this supernatural drama shows. Local councillors were concerned the results would scare away tourists (they needn't have worried much).

B. Watcher (2022)

A serial killer stalks an American woman abroad in this moody thriller. It was originally set in Brooklyn, but this European capital city's imposing architecture – and welcome tax breaks – won the filmmakers over.

C. Deep Red (1975)

Built in 1904 by architect Alfredo Campanini, an Art Nouveau masterpiece in this refined European city is instantly recognisable from this twisted thriller. Its name in the film? The House of the Screaming Child. Gulp.

D. 28 Days Later (2002)

An iconic scene in this infection horror has Cillian Murphy crossing an eerily empty landmark. To get the shots they needed, the filmmakers closed the surrounding streets for 45 minutes each morning.

E. As Above, So Below (2014)

Containing the remains of six million people, these underground ossuaries provide the scary backdrop for this found-footage chiller – the first film ever shot there. Explore them on a tour, but claustrophobics need not apply.



The Book of Horror: The Anatomy of Fear in Film by Matt Glasby with illustrations by Barney Bodoano is out now (Frances Lincoln, £20)

ANSWERS:
1. E. AS ABOVE, SO
BELOW
2. D. 28 DAYS
LATER
3. B. WATCHER
4. A. DON'T LOOK
NOW
5. C. DEEP RED



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Enjoy some free time in Pisa and Rome

City breaks can be expensive, so outdoor spaces that can be enjoyed for free are worth their weight in fresh air. We love the work of The Social Hub, a developer that turns derelict urban sites into multi-use spaces, and makes public parks part of all its projects. In Rome, they've just transformed the old railway customs house in San Lorenzo into a hive of accommodation, offices, working space, restaurants and a 10,000m² public park with fountains and a playground. Florence now has two hubs, its latest opening in the San Jacopino area featuring a 7,000m² rooftop with a pool, cocktail bar and lounge. And... breathe. thesocialhub.co

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Clockwise from left
The Social Hub projects in Florence (left and bottom) and Rome (far left and below)



Keep your selfies to yourself in Barcelona

Time to toe the line. The Catalan city is taking charge of all the foot traffic around Sagrada Família, its legendary unfinished cathedral, by creating a new Selfie Zone. Aimed at the basilica's 4.7 million annual visitors, those wanting to view it by gazing at their own reflections in mobile phones will be corralled into the 6,200 m² space by spring next year. It's all part of a €15 million action plan to keep travellers safe and create a 'more serene' environment. We're all for it.

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**How British food
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PHOTO: JONNY HUGHES

“British dishes are slyly finding their way onto French menus”

Is British food becoming chic in Paris? We send our English food expert to road test the French capital's new wave of British cafés, delis and bakeries, and find out whether they cut the mustard

 Words by Hugh Thomas

 Photography by Jonny Hughes



Whether it's the Battle of Agincourt or Six Nations rugby, fry-ups or croissants, a healthy Anglo-French rivalry has been ticking along for about a thousand years and counting. These days, the competition seems most apparent in what both sides choose to put in their mouths. "The French are the king of cuisine," boasts Quentin, my Paris-dwelling French friend over supper at L'Entente, Le British Brasserie (a clever reference to a certain Anglo-French treaty) in the second arrondissement. "They can be patronising towards other countries' food – especially Britain's."

Hasn't this always been the case, especially in Paris? Last year, ex-Harrods chef Calum Franklin – nicknamed London's 'Pie King' – brought his famously flaky pastry to Paris to open a highly anticipated new British brasserie, Public House. But when the lauded UK restaurant critic Jay Rayner called it a "calamitous" place of faux British references, garish decor and stale bread, a collective 'quelle surprise' was likely muttered by every Parisian in the city.

And yet, a quiet *révolution* stirs. One of the most reputable cafés in Paris, for instance, is run by two British women – Anna Trattles and (half-English, half-French) Alice Quillet. They started turning French appetites onto British cuisine 15 years ago, from the moment they opened their first venture: a restaurant in the 18th arrondissement called Le Bal Café. "We did kedgeree, rarebit, smoked herring," Alice says. "We've pushed the British agenda in everything we've done since."

This 'agenda' has reached a crescendo at their trendy Bastille neighbourhood bakery, café and coffee roastery, Ten Belles. Here, English fry-ups, sausage rolls and scones with jam and butter (clotted cream is near impossible to get hold of in France, and tricky to make at scale) are served. The best thing about Ten Belles – according to off-hand comments from more than one chef lately – is the distinctly moreish sourdough bread, which is otherwise a rarity in a city dominated by the baguette and surprisingly popular among French customers. They sell 800 loaves per day. "We actually



Clockwise from far left

Our writer Hugh eating a scotch egg at L'Entente; Hugh at Ten Belles enjoying a welsh rarebit with egg; baked goods at Project Sausage

started making sourdough for our sandwiches," Alice says.

Odes to the humble sandwich are a bit of a theme among British food spots in Paris. Well-travelled chef and ex-Londoner David John Kelly has a deli named Project Sausage just around the corner from Ten Belles, where British pork and pastry products reign supreme. Like Alice and Anna, David is confident he can challenge French classics such as le jambon-beurre.

"When you go to a French bakery, it's always the same four or five sandwiches," he says. "But the British sandwich is far superior to the French sandwich." Could the French think so, too? According to David, they have a thing for his coronation chicken sarnie, in all its roast chicken, curry mayo and pickled raisins glory.

The increasingly common revelation is that British chefs can cook, after all – but the French stereotypes of soggy, beige British food live on. According to the Nation Brands Index, the French currently rank British food as among the lowest in the world. Is that really because animosity towards porridge, builders' tea and fish and chips is very much alive and kicking? "Really, they don't know what [British food] is," says Quentin. "Say 'Pimm's', and they'll think of the French biscuit."



the challenge PARIS

As British brasseries, cafés and bakeries increasingly spring up around Paris, it's likely that most Parisians' introduction to (good) British cuisine happens in a more coincidental way – like when the French chefs serve up British food at Very French Beans, a British-style deli near Montmartre, or the English chef Ollie Clarke inflects his French plates with British accents at his neighbourhood bistro Quedubon. As food culture in London and Paris increasingly cross-pollinates, British ingredients, techniques and dishes are slyly finding their way into Parisian neighbourhoods and onto French menus. Parisian diners might be enjoying the UK's cuisine without even realising it.

Although my friend Quentin lived in England for a year, a lot of L'Entente's menu – such as the Beef Wellington and Welsh rarebit – is new to him. His verdict? "I might come back."

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Clockwise from left Ollie Clarke and owner Gilles Bénard at Quedubon; inside Quedubon; pies at Very French Beans; Alice Quillet and Anna Trattles outside Ten Belles; David John Kelly at Project Sausage
Right Outside Very French Beans





HUGH TRACKED DOWN THE MOST AUTHENTIC BRITISH FOOD SPOTS IN PARIS, AND RATED THEM ACCORDING TO HOW WELL THEY REPLICATE THE UK CLASSICS. HERE'S HIS TOP FIVE...



For the flakiest Beef Wellington: L'ENTENTE

"L'Entente would not look out of place on a Marylebone thoroughfare. The usual suspects are here, and – if you're British – the menu is a bit cliché: fish and chips, Scotch eggs, Sunday roasts, pea and mint soup. Yet to a British palate, it excels. The fish is served with plenty of tartare sauce (as it should); the beef in the Wellington is tender under a flaky pastry; and the rarebit comes with an appropriate amount of cheese sauce (not a cheese puddle, like the French interpretation 'Le Welsh')."

Hugh's rating:



For a gooey flapjack: VERY FRENCH BEANS

"After they became hooked on fish and chips, haggis, bacon baps and salt and vinegar crisps while studying in the UK, French chefs Marine Pourtauborde and Marine Cacciaguerra opened this British-inspired deli in Batignolles. Named after their own take on English baked beans, this place riffs on English food customs. The pies are stuffed with aubergine and feta, while the flapjacks are cunningly embellished with non-traditional vanilla and almonds."

Hugh's rating:



For an excellent pork pie: PROJECT SAUSAGE

"Expats and anglophiles flock to David John Kelly's one-man deli for sausage rolls, pork pies, sandwiches and Cornish pasties. Fair warning – the super-popular Scotch eggs are only sold on Saturdays, in a measure introduced to help David manage the demand. Seeking the full British experience? Order a pork pie with a jar of Colman's English Mustard on the side."

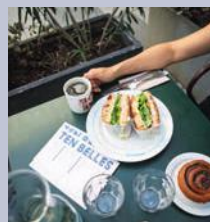
Hugh's rating:



For French-English fusion: QUEDUBON

"Neighbourhood bistrot Quedubon may look quintessentially Parisian, but its chef is anything but. Having grown up in the British countryside, Ollie Clarke brings a touch of rural England to the 19th arrondissement with veal tongue pastrami and calf's brains poached in lemon caper sauce. Look to the menu's end for more obviously British dishes like bread pudding and rhubarb crumble, or the wine list, which will soon sport bottles from English vineyards."

Hugh's rating:



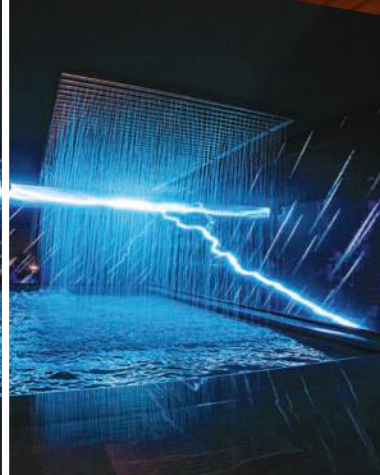
For the best ham sandwich in Paris: TEN BELLES

"The sourdough bread at this café is so good it's tempted Parisians away from their beloved baguettes – and that's before you've even tasted their authentically British fry-ups, scones and sausage rolls. But in challenging French traditions, their ham and pickle sandwich is doing a particularly good job."

Hugh's rating:



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“Italo disco is full of mystery and magic”

Beneath Mount Vesuvius, Naples is one of Italy's most creative and sunny cities, making it the perfect place for a revival of a particularly sun-drenched musical style

Words by Tom Howells



Italo disco is Naples distilled into a beat. The relaxed, electronic style, known for its synthesisers, upbeat tempos and sometimes-cheesy vocal samples, fits right in with the laid-back yet energetic way of life that's unique to the southern Italian metropolis. Some people don't know, however, that the genre actually originated in northern Italy, in the late 1970s, quickly spreading across the country and then continental Europe. It hit its peak in 1980s West Germany, where the name Italo Disco was coined. Back in Italy, however, it was simply known as 'pop'. The style was inspired by the so-called 'Father of Disco', Italian producer Giorgio Moroder, and US composer Patrick Cowley (famous for his collaborations with 70s disco-soul singer Sylvester). But its first wave is best known for mid-80s holiday hits like Sabrina's *Boys* (*Summertime Love*), a fun, sunny track that still gets regular airtime on the radio today.

Over the past decade or so, Italo disco has had a huge resurgence, in Italy and beyond. Its euphoric sound and danceable rhythms are being newly appreciated by a youthful crowd, from techno





THE LABEL GUY

Raffaele Arcella is one of the best-known artists in the new Neapolitan Italo disco scene. He's a co-founder of the Naples-based, indie record label Periodica, and its associated West Hill Studio (both also run by Dario di Pace, who records disco under the name Mystic Jungle and runs the Futuribile record store; and Enrico Fierro, who makes future-funk tracks as Milord). Raffaele is also behind the vinyl-only label Biloba, and pumps out a huge number of his own bangers, both solo and collectively, under several different names. If you see Whodamanny, Somachrome, I Coccodrilli, Mystic Jungle Tribe, Danger Boys, Afrodesia or Nico Mecca on a festival poster, they're all Raffaele.

He began working with Periodica's other co-founders around 2010, while cataloguing records for Futuribile. There, they all discovered a shared passion for early Italo disco and Neapolitan funk. Releasing its first vinyl 12-inch in 2016, Periodica is now a full-service labour of love.

Allowing your creativity time to blossom is everything. Even with Whodamanny, his main project, Raffaele spends more time "on the couch, thinking and speaking about the music" than actually writing it. "A record is something that happens first in our minds," he says. "It's more of a dream, an idea. We create, mix, master, we do our own [vinyl] cuts. Even the fonts are custom. It's an in-house story, a work of true passion." periodicarecords.bandcamp.com

nightclubs in Berlin to day festivals in London and evenings on Milan's sundowner rooftops.

Nowhere has this revival taken hold more than in the hustle and bustle of Naples. The city was a magnet for Italo disco producers and songwriters in its 1980s heyday. Now, the southern city is home to a new crowd of collectors, DJs, producers, label bosses and record shop owners. These music obsessives are dedicating their time to unearthing classic Italo, as it's sometimes called, while also creating fresh throwbacks of their own.

New tracks that blend upbeat, synthesised Italo disco sounds are being released by the Naples-based Soul Express and Napoli Segreta collectives, and by indie labels like Periodica and Biloba. Pioneering artists and DJs here, like Gigi Testa, Curcio, Karlove and Daniel Monaco, blend Italo with Neapolitan funk and boogie, creating a modern version of the sun-soaked sound. Head to a Naples club night at Basic, REC or Lento Hi-Fi Bar to see them behind the decks, probably under a huge disco ball. And while you're there, keep an eye out for some of the scene's big players...

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THE DJ

Vincenzo Sacco is a DJ who spins under the name Fantasia Safari, and a resident at clubnights Futuribile (run by the record shop) and Musicology. Having taken on a love of Neapolitan music at a young age – his great uncle was a singer of *sceneggiata napoletana*, a dramatic style popular at weddings – he began DJing at school.

At first it was mostly techno, but he was quickly inspired by homegrown heroes like Pino Daniele, Naples' 1970s funk, jazz and disco scene, and newer compilations put together by the crate-digging duo Napoli Segreta. It all spurred an obsession to track down the rarest possible Neapolitan tracks and records.

The name Fantasia Safari – at first a duo – came seven years ago as a reference to their music's nomadic, global influences (safari is derived from *safar*, the Arabic word for 'travel').

"It's a journey into different sounds, different emotions," Vincenzo explains. The DJ always saves room for Italo disco in his sets. He puts its renewed hipster credentials down to the idea that it's "vintage and cool, but also sounds like something that was lost, that was never on the internet, just on random local radio. It's full of mystery and magic."

There's no finer setting for this than the Musicology club night, held semi-regularly on the slopes of Vesuvius. "You start at night, and the sunrise comes near the end," Vincenzo says. "You can see Naples, these magical colours. I have goosebumps just telling you. It's something unique."

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THE PRODUCER

Born in 1987, Filippo Colonna Romano missed the early heyday of Italo disco. Still, as a 90s kid, the funky style was all around him, not least in the Italian theme tune to *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, TV staples like *Beverly Hills Cop*, and the soundtracks to iconic Neapolitan films directed by Massimo Troisi and Luciano De Crescenzo.

These influences can be heard in the music he writes under the name Modula. While his work isn't all Italo-focused, the genre shines through techno tracks like *The 780's Chronicles* and his psychedelic single *Argonauta*, released on Periodica in 2019 and dedicated to his home city. "It was a kind of tribute to my land after so many years spent living in London," he says.

Filippo is enthusiastic about the current rebirth of Italo disco in Naples. He recommends Vesuvio Soul Records and Futuribile as dreamy spots to browse records ("with a really nice espresso on the side"), as well as the city's street vendors who are too lazy to charge inflated online prices for their disco gems.

"Each one of them," he says, "has brought something special to [the city]. Melted all together, it creates a real music movement." @modula_naples



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“Faro still has an under-the-radar architecture experience”

Nicknamed the ‘Palm Springs of Portugal’, Faro is home to around 500 examples of South Modern architecture. As the city celebrates its Modernist Weekend festival in November, we speak to the people preserving it for future generations to admire

 Words by Norman Miller

If you're strolling around Faro, don't forget to look up. You'll see abstract-patterned tiles, offering modern takes on historic Portuguese decorative tradition. Latticed exterior façades filter strong sunlight, while letting in a cooling breeze – echoing Arabic mashrabiya screens, or Brazilian cobogós. Bold primary colours and softer pastels zing in the Algarve light, and slender columns prop up raised living spaces, inspired by the functional, minimalist designs from legendary modern architects like Swiss-born Le Corbusier and the USA's Frank Lloyd Wright.

In the 1960s and 70s, youth culture in London, Paris and New York meant music, cinema and fashion.

Here Casa Gago is one of Faro's most famous South Modern buildings

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But in Portugal's Algarve, that era's drive for creativity was channelled into architecture. The key pioneer of Faro's distinctive style, dubbed South Modern, was Portuguese architect Manuel Gomes da Costa, who designed around 300 public and private buildings in Faro. His work took the Modernist principles of natural light, modern materials and geometric forms and gave them an Algarvian twist, taking style inspiration from Portugal's former colony, Brazil.

In nearby Portimão, fellow local architect Antonio Vicente Castro designed some 120 buildings now classed as South Modern, while Gomes da Costa's counterpart Joel Santana – better known for his modernist churches in Lisbon – carried out the 1970s transformation of a former shipping company office on Faro's Rua Francisco Gomes. Striking for its grey, straight-lined façade with red geometric tiles featuring circles and squares, the building has become a modern homage to the lesser-known architectural style.

In 2021, the building was restyled into a chic apart-hotel called The Modernist by the trio of women that head up Faro's influential PAR 'architecture platform'. Founded by Joana Carmo Simões and Susana dos Santos Rodrigues in 2006, they were joined by Vânia Brito Fernandes in 2009 to create a Three Musketeers-style team.

"We live by the spirit of 'all for one, one for all,'" says Vânia. "The three of us are always involved in

every project." Joana adds: "Three heads are better than one. Plus, it's more fun."

Their redesign of The Modernist's building was carried out for French couple Christophe and Angelique de Oliveira. After working in real estate and hospitality in Paris, they decided to pursue a different way of life elsewhere, and landed on Faro as a sunny, welcoming and well-connected city surrounded by beautiful nature.

They chanced upon the abandoned building, which has since become the place to stay for savvy, cultured travellers – plus the main venue for Faro's annual Modernist Weekend (7-9 November). It's a growing festival dedicated to celebrating and learning about the South Modern movement.

A patient five-year transformation by PAR saw each of The Modernist's six apartment-style rooms bathed in

light from enlarged windows, plus the addition of patios and a rooftop terrace with panoramic views to the Ria Formosa Natural Park. In keeping with South Modern's commitment to showcasing local connections, interior details feature wood craft and fabrics sourced from within 96km of Faro. "We combined the Modernist memories embedded in the building with local materials, to intensify the building's original identity," says Susana.

For owner Christophe, The Modernist is part of a wider ambition. "Our goal was to make Faro a



Above left
Susana dos Santos Rodrigues, Vânia Brito Fernandes and Joana Carmo Simões

Right
The recently renovated The Modernist





Clockwise from above
South Modern masterpieces Hotel Aeromar, Casa Gago and Edifício Pires Brito; a South Modern home in Faro



source of inspiration across Europe," he says. "But everyone coming to Faro today still has this under-the-radar architecture experience."

If you're hunting down South Modern icons in Faro, The Modernist is just the beginning. Vânia points to Casa Gago (Rua Humberto Delgado 17) as one of Faro's most emblematic creations. She describes the house built by Gomes da Costa for a wealthy Venezuelan client as "a distinctly Modernist project with Latin American influences, but also strong regional awareness." Think cube-like living spaces, encased in latticed screen façades, lifted high on slender concrete columns.

If there's one street that sums up the South Modern style, it's Rua de Berlim. Arcing around the Mata do Liceu park, many of the street's chic villas were built by Gomes da Costa during a prolific decade between 1959 and 1969. Originally, the villas were intended to sport Modernist flat roofs, but objections from city planners prompted Gomes da Costa to come up with wonderfully asymmetric, slanted roofs. Check out the beauties at Rua de Berlim 13, 15, 37 and 57, and you'll understand why the South Modern style's unofficial cheerleaders – PAR and its clients – are so keen to preserve its heritage.

"We want to spread awareness about South Modern architecture," says Christophe, "not just for its quality and creativity, but also to save buildings from demolition, and develop conservation campaigns." parplataformadearquitectura.pt; themodernist.pt

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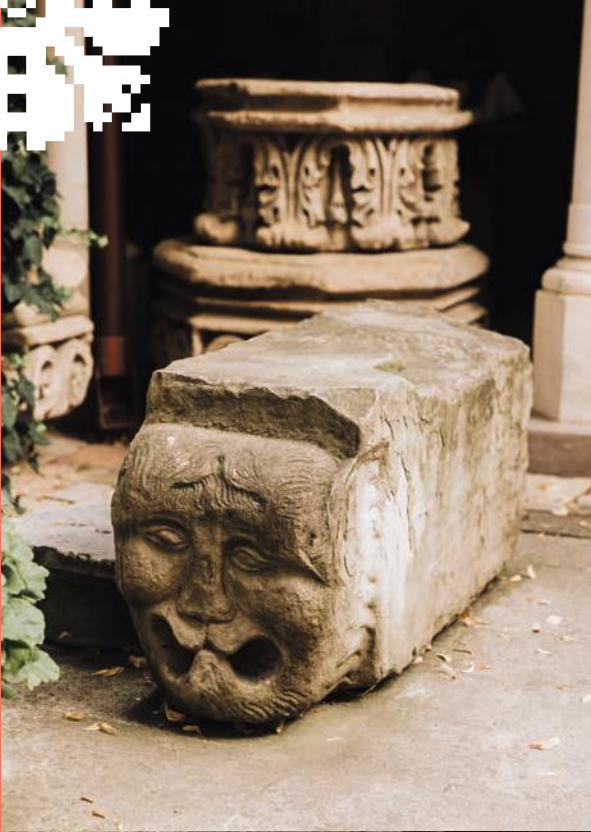
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DRACULA

 Words by Victoria Beardwood Photography by Aron KleinA
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Romania's complex history, dramatic landscape and supernatural stories inspired the character of Count Dracula, who's back on cinema screens with the celebrated *Nosferatu* remake and this year's release of *Dracula: A Love Tale*. We travel to Transylvania to discover how the vampire and other folkloric figures came about

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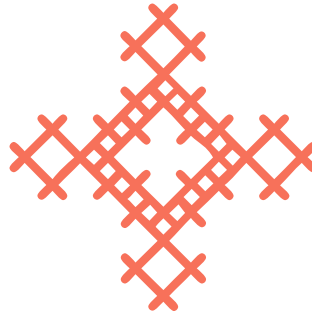
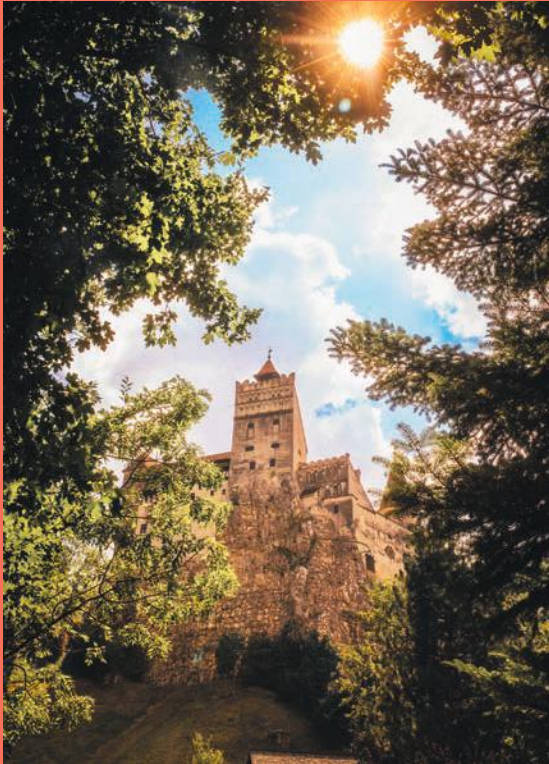
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Left Bran Castle has played a pivotal role in establishing the legend of Dracula
Below The Intrepid tour starts creepily in Bucharest

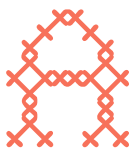
is the highlight of their eight-day 'Halloween in Romania' trip, which starts in Bucharest and takes in Transylvania's most atmospheric sites, including the rural village of Viscri, medieval Sighișoara and the haunted Hoia-Baciu Forest near Cluj-Napoca.

Pulling up at the base of Bran Castle, it's easy to see why Stoker was so moved by it. If you were to conjure an image of a 'haunted castle' in your mind's eye, this wouldn't be far off: an imposing cluster of weathered towers rising out of a craggy limestone cliff and framed by the Southern Carpathians, covered in ominously dense forest.

But it wasn't just the location that fed into Stoker's story – it was also one of the castle's former residents. Vlad the Impaler (who became known as Dracula after his father, Vlad Dracul) was a 15th-century Wallachian ruler who some believe spent a short spell at Bran Castle on his way to Târgoviște, the capital of his kingdom.

A complex figure in Romanian culture, who's sometimes considered a hero for defending the country from foreign invaders, he became infamous for the cruel tactics he used against his enemies – mainly the Ottomans – including impaling them on thick wooden spikes. Sound familiar?

"Stoker never actually visited Transylvania. Supposedly, he was friends with well-travelled Hungarian writer Vámbéry Ármin, who told him stories about Eastern European history and superstitions," says senior tour guide Matei-Simion Petrisor as we wander inside. Vámbéry is even mentioned by the character Van Helsing in the novel, giving weight to such a theory. These accounts, along with books he discovered in the British Museum Library, influenced Stoker's most famous work.



An ominous murder of crows flanks our car as we drive along the main road towards Bran Castle. As though we're in a cheesy horror movie, they follow us for a minute before peeling off and soaring across an adjacent field. We forge ahead, passing a small cemetery filled with neat rows of cracked stone crosses and tombstones part-hidden by overgrown foliage. I half expect to hear the clichéd howling of wolves in the distance, but thankfully the only sound is the crackle of Romanian music over the car radio.

A spooky spectacle is rather fitting. We're on our way with responsible tour company Intrepid Travel to the very castle thought to have inspired Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, a late 19th-century Gothic horror novel about a bloodthirsty vampire. This visit



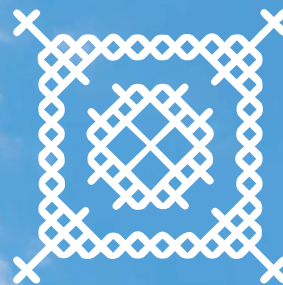
This fact doesn't seem to matter to the Dracula fans here. A steady stream of visitors flows through the castle's rooms, fed by an ever-reforming queue outside. Bran sees some 5,000 visitors each day during peak season – a number that's likely to increase given the current cultural renaissance of vampire stories, led by the release of *Nosferatu* earlier this year and *Dracula: A Love Tale* hitting cinema screens this summer. But why do tourists travel from all over the world to see somewhere so loosely connected with this fictional character?

"People love a story – good or bad, real or made up," Matei-Simion explains. "That's why they visit Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, Hobbiton in New Zealand, and this castle rather than one of the other 181 in the country."

Romania is the right place to come for stories, especially those of a supernatural bent. Folkloric tales about witches, werewolves, vampire-like creatures and other demons are extremely common throughout the country and have been for centuries, devised to give reason to natural phenomena or things beyond explanation at the time. Everyone knows about the *strigoi*, for example: troubled spirits that rise from the grave at night and drain vitality from their victims, even causing illness or death.

A variety of rituals can be performed to prevent someone from becoming a *strigoi*, such as burning and staking the corpse. These creatures were first chronicled in Romania around the 17th century and likely influenced Dracula and other vampiric tropes.

Another folkloric figure that has made its way into the mainstream is the werewolf. While modern interpretations are quite consistent, Romania's part-wolf, part-human beasts have appeared in many forms. Some are born as werewolves, others are made; some are humans that shapeshift into wolves, others are always wolf-like in appearance;



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Far left and here
Taking in the sights of
pretty Viscri, a town known
for its fortified church and
traditional houses

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Demonic dictionary

Iele: Mythical female spirits akin to nymphs or sirens. They often appear in forests and men who see them go mad or perish the next day.

Sântoaderi: Centaurs who can move objects by magic, said to appear during Sântoader Week. Tradition dictates all domestic work has to be completed by then to avoid gruesome punishment.

Solomonari: Sorcerers who can control storms and command dragons.

Strigoi: A type of Romanian vampire that sucks its victims' life force rather than their blood.

Varcolaci: Humans who can shapeshift into wolves or other monsters. One of several types of werewolf in Romania.

Vrăjitoare: Romanian witches who practice magic, curses and healing spells. Many people still consult them today, especially in rural areas.

some harness the devil's power for evil, others try to stop themselves from doing harm. This proliferation of wolf-related legends probably stems from the fact that Romania has the largest grey wolf population in Europe, with estimates ranging from about 2,300 to over 3,000. Most reside in the Central Carpathian Mountains around here.

One tale that comes up time and again during our tour is that of the *iele*. Around since the 18th century at least, these are groups of beautiful wood nymphs-cum-sirens that live in forests and are often found dancing ritualistically in clearings. "If you see them, you're either going to be lucky all your life or have something terrible happen the next day," says Andra Oprescu, tour guide and native of Braşov, near Bran

Castle. Although most stories focus on men being affected, a chill still runs down my spine as I hear about the *iele* and I make a mental note to keep away from any blustery-looking woods.

Still, not all these mystical creatures are considered scary. Giants (known by many names, including *jidovi*), for example, are often described as kind and patient. Once the rulers of the world, they passed it onto tiny folk known as 'humans' and have great respect for us, even helping out with everyday tasks such as picking cherries or repairing roofs. Some believe they are beings of the past, while others claim there are giants still living in deep caves in the mountains.

Witches, too, are historically good. While they may have been demonised during past

From left to right
The atmospheric and
colourful town of Sighișoara
is a popular stop on the
Halloween in Romania tour

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religious persecution – and some will cast curses when necessary – they are generally respected herbalists and healers. “Even today, many rural Romanian villages have a resident healer, usually an older lady,” adds Andra.

Braşov – a historically multicultural city that, in addition to Romanian, has Hungarian and German (Transylvanian Saxon) communities – is the ideal place to hear these stories. “They all brought their own religions – Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant – as well as their own folklore based on the traditions, experiences, fears and preconceptions of their ancestors,” says Andra.

It’s a true microcosm of the whole country. Throughout its history, Romania – or the former principalities of Wallachia, Moldavia, and Transylvania – has always been a ‘buffer zone’ between empires due to its geographical position. It was conquered by the Romans before being invaded by Goths, Huns and Slavs. Braşov was initially under Hungarian rule and later incorporated into the Habsburg Monarchy, and for centuries stood on the frontier between Christian Europe and the Ottoman Empire.



From top to bottom
A historic mixture of cultures
makes the city of Braşov a
hotbed of folkloric tales

Add to that a large population of Romani people, whose ancestors migrated from India around the 9th-12th centuries, and you can see exactly why modern-day Romania is so abundant with folkloric tales and mythological beings.

“The supernatural is part of our daily lives,” Andra says. That’s not to say that everyone in Romania is conjuring spells or wandering round with wooden stakes in their pockets but, in the same way you might throw spilled salt over your left shoulder, it’s so ingrained that it manifests in practices that people most likely don’t think twice about.

Children are often given a red bracelet to protect against the evil eye, mirrors are covered after someone dies so their soul doesn’t return as a strigoi, and morning news programmes include daily horoscopes alongside their weather and traffic reports.

Still, such practices tend to extend further here than it does in many countries. “In 1989, we had the Communist revolution. Ceauşescu and his wife were shot on Christmas Day, and what did



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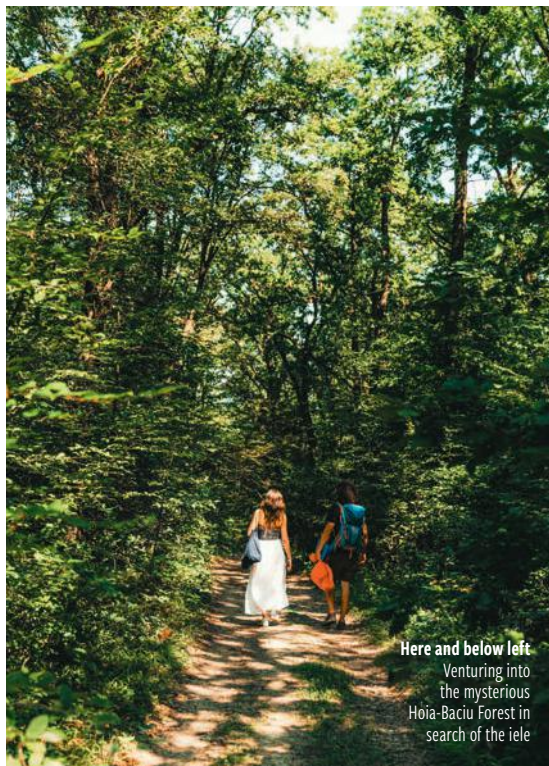
some people do right away? They went to his mansion and put garlic cloves on the door, so that his spirit wouldn't come back as a strigoi,” says our guide.

The final stop on Intrepid Travel's tour is the city of Cluj-Napoca, the 'heart' of Transylvania. We're here to explore Hoia-Baciu Forest, which became world-famous for paranormal activity after an alleged UFO was photographed hovering above it back in 1968. Since then, it has become associated with ghosts and spirits too, with people travelling from all over the world in search of interaction with 'the other world'. If we're going to run into the iele anywhere, it's here.

Leading us to our potential doom is Alex Surducu, who runs regular guided walks through Hoia-Baciu (often at night) that culminate in a visit to Poiana Rotundă, a circular clearing where, mysteriously, nothing grows. As we venture deeper into the woodland, past gnarled trees at crooked angles, silence falls and the city's familiar hum fades away. In the stillness, even the smallest sound – a snapped twig, a bird's call – carries with startling clarity.

Alex tells us local legends, shows spectral photos from previous tours, and recounts some of his own experiences, always careful to give empirical explanations alongside the superstitious ones. The bloodcurdling screams of the iele, for example, could be attributed to common foxes; the high-pitched cries of a scared child are more likely groups of trees, which grow uncommonly close together here, rubbing together in the wind.

It strikes me how much nature, not just history and religion, has influenced Romania's folk tales. It makes sense, given that 87% of the country's territory is classified as rural and, even now, some 46% of the population still live in the countryside, compared to around 25% in Hungary



Here and below left
Venturing into
the mysterious
Hoia-Baciu Forest in
search of the iele

or 15.6% in the UK, for instance. A large portion of the landscape is covered in dense forests and dramatic mountains, ideal places for magical spirits or noisy animals to hide.

Just then, our Intrepid guide, Raluca Kocsis,

lets out a gasp. I rush over, thinking she may have encountered a wolf or a group of forest spirits skipping through the trees. “Don't worry, it's just a beetle. They're very common,” she laughs. It's just as well, I think – I'd probably have missed my flight home if the iele had been disturbed by our presence. It would've made a pretty good story, though. intrepidtravel.com

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In literary circles, romance novels have generally been undervalued – despite being enduringly popular. But now, a London bookshop and a host of literary experiences are giving the genre the love it deserves



Clockwise from above
Outside Saucy Books in
London; the bookshop's
love-struck interior; owner
Sarah Maxwell



Sarah Maxwell expected someone to beat her to it. When she dreamed up the idea of a romance-only bookshop in London, the idea was so obvious, she thought, that someone else would create it before she did.

Fortunately, like a lot of obvious ideas, no one else had put their money where their mouth was. In June this year, Sarah – ‘Saucy’ to her family – opened Saucy Books, the first romance-only bookshop in the UK. She had long struggled to find her favourite genre in the bookshops of London, and guessed that if she was feeling that way, other people would be too. She was right. The bookshop, in the heart of Notting Hill – a fitting spot for romance fans – is full of excited readers united in their love for these romantic

books, browsing Sarah’s highly curated shelves with gusto.

Saucy Books is surfing the crest of a romantic literary wave that can arguably be traced back to the stratospheric success of E.L. James’ *Fifty Shades of Grey* in 2011. Consumer intelligence company Nielsen IQ recently reported that the genre of ‘romance and sagas’ had surged to £69 million in sales in 2024, compared with £62 million in 2023 – and the numbers have been growing year-on-year for the past decade. Romance has always been popular, but it’s now more sought-after than ever. During a time when print can struggle to sell, romance is helping to get more books into readers’ hands. In other words, love is finally getting the love it deserves.

“Romance readers are keeping the industry afloat,” says Daisy Buchanan, author of *Read Yourself Happy* as well as the funny novel *Insatiable*. “They deserve a bookshop and they deserve to have the books they love taken seriously.” Saucy Books demonstrates just how successfully the genre has skyrocketed into the mainstream. The rise of e-readers was initially credited for allowing people to read steamy, romantic books like *Fifty Shades* out in public or on their commute. But the launch of a bricks-and-mortar store dedicated to romance makes the idea that anyone would be embarrassed to read such novels seem wholly outdated.

Social media has played a big role in the rise of romance. ‘BookTok’ – a way of gathering together book enthusiasts on TikTok – has helped the ‘romantasy’ genre enormously, with fans evangelising about specific authors and finding a community online. Sarah notes that a trilogy of books by Elodie Harper called *The Wolf Den* is very popular in the shop. Though the first in the series came out in 2021, one of the benefits of a platform like TikTok is that it can catapult cult titles into the zeitgeist.

Will this bubble burst, or will romance novels continue to thrive? “I think people will take [the



“Romance readers deserve to have the books they love taken seriously”

genre] more seriously,” says Sarah. “It’s been around forever. Nothing about this is new – it’s just the way it gets re-marketed over and over again.”

Romance on tour

Another thing social media has brought to people’s attention is the growth of literary tourism – which is booming. “I probably had about 500 people on my newsletter a year ago,” says Paul Wright. “It’s well over 2,000 now.” Paul runs a travelling book club called Books in Places, which takes keen readers to the destinations of specific novels, where they discuss the book in question while having a holiday together. Think *Girl with a Pearl Earring* in Delft, Netherlands.

Hotels are getting in on the action, too, and the UK’s historic cities aren’t short of establishments with deep literary roots. The boutique Henry’s Townhouse in London’s Marylebone is named after Jane Austen’s brother, who once lived here – and Bloomsbury’s The Memoir Club taps into the literary connections of its surroundings. Named after the collection of intellectuals who called themselves the Bloomsbury Group in the 1920s, the décor includes Virginia Woolf-inspired motifs and each room (of one’s own...) includes books and spaces to write.



Book pilgrimages abroad are also becoming increasingly bespoke and elaborate, with Future Market Insights reporting that the market size of global literary tourism was £1.77 million in 2024 and will have grown to £2.45 million by 2034. Companies like Author Fan Travel take guests abroad with authors like Dan Jones, and phenomena like the *Gone Girl* cruise give customers the chance to spend eight days on the same ship as author Gillian Flynn.

Readers will often travel extraordinary distances to destinations inspired by a book. “Books make our world so much bigger,” says Daisy. “It makes total sense that books are going to make us want to go and see the world.”

Hayley Solano realised that starting a travelling book club was a viable idea after she witnessed how hungry the members of her online group were to graduate from virtual tours of literary locations to the real thing. Since 2023, her Enchanted Book Club has taken guests on various literary trips, including an ‘England Tour’ comprising excursions to Jane Austen’s home, Shakespeare’s Stratford-upon-Avon and Chatsworth House, where the 2005 film *Pride and Prejudice* was filmed.

Clockwise from below
Paul Wright of Books in
Places; The Memoir Club
in London; romance novels
at Saucy Books



One of Hayley's tours includes a trip to Oxford, a city that's so seductive you can barely move for a tour group. "The first time I went to Oxford I just thought, 'I'm literally in Hogwarts'," says Hayley, who lives in California. Her guests explore the various haunts of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis – both authors synonymous with the city. They see places like University Church, where Lewis preached; Magdalen College, of which Lewis was a fellow; and Pembroke College, where Tolkien was a professor.

Why are these trips so popular now? Paul and Hayley think that the pandemic was hugely important in an attitude shift around travel. "Before Covid," says Paul, "people would have the attitude of 'I'll go to Florence one day – it's fine, I can go see it any time.' Covid suddenly made people think, 'Actually, maybe I need to go now otherwise I might miss out.'"

Similarly, Hayley points to a wider acceptance of the importance of self-care in a society that feels increasingly pessimistic. "A lot of women I meet have the attitude of 'If not now, when?'" she says. She talks about how transformative these trips can be for the people who take them, who are mostly female. "We're walking past a building

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“It makes sense that books are going to make us want to go and see the world”

in Oxford and the tour guide says, “You know, Alice from *Alice in Wonderland* was a real little girl, and she lived in that house right there.” How are you supposed to go home and be the same person after that kind of information?”

Another university city known for its literary heavyweights is Cambridge, which is also experiencing a surge in tours. “I’ve gone from doing maybe one a year, to three or four a month,” says Mary Forster-Lewis of Cambridge Tour Guides. One of her two-hour tours takes in alumni like William Wordsworth, Ted Hughes and Virginia Woolf, and shows visitors where they studied and drank. Mary has definitely seen a rise in young people booking her tours, who are reading more English literature – particularly Chinese and American students. “They love it because they think it gives them a window into our past life, into our past history, and what it used to be like.”

Readers often project themselves onto the character of a romance novel, or hope to fall in love on a week-long trip to a picturesque city – and these whims are catered to onscreen, too. This summer, Netflix released *My Oxford Year*, which shows a



Celebrate the Austens at Henry's Townhouse

This year marks the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, and from Bath to Oxford, Austen fever is spreading across the UK like wildfire. Her favourite brother, Henry, lived at this address in the 18th century, which has now been converted into a small boutique hotel that brings the Regency era back to life through period artworks and furnishings. Each of just six bedrooms is dedicated to a different member of the Austen family, and the reception room is named after the First Lady of English literature herself. Velvet furnishings and bright Georgian windows make Jane's Reading Room the beating heart of this special find. henrystownhouse.co.uk

Below Mary Forster-Lewis of Cambridge Tour Guides takes a group on a literary tour of the UK city



young American woman who adores Victorian poetry and decides to visit the beautiful city of Oxford – where she falls in love with a hot English Literature postgrad who can quote reams of Victorian poetry. Tick, tick, tick.

“There is definitely a sense, post-*Saltburn*, of people coming to Oxford with a romantic view of its literary history,” says Ellie Peng, who works in an Oxford bookshop-café called Gulp Fiction. The shop's section of novels set in Oxford sells particularly well, she says. Saucy Books also has a ‘Made for TV’ section, which includes David Nicholls’ *One Day* and *Rivals* by Jilly Cooper.

Romance writing and literary tourism have been around for a long time. But now, they are catering to an expanding cohort of people that want to publicly celebrate their passion for the genre. “People love love,” says Hayley. “People love love stories. People love happy endings.”

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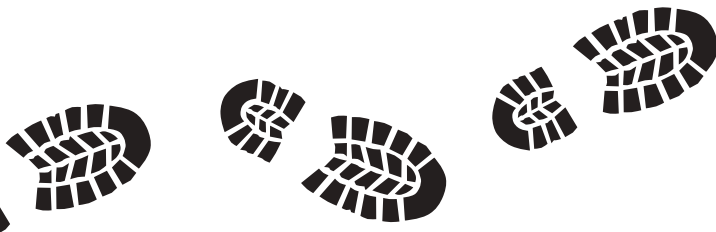


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High

A full-page photograph of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, a steep, grassy slope with a wooden staircase leads up to a small viewing platform where a group of people is gathered under a white umbrella. A cable car is visible on a line stretching across the valley. The background features majestic, rugged mountain peaks partially shrouded in soft, white clouds. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, and the overall lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

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Twenty-six versions of the same single malt whisky are hidden in mountain lodges along a stunning hiking trail in Switzerland's Alpstein massif. We made it our mission to track some down

 Words by Mike MacEacheran



spirits



The adventure starts with a glass of whisky. As I sit at the bar, watching the tumbler fill with golden single malt, the barrel catches my eye. It's no regular keg, but an old beer cask, its oak textures and steel hoops glowing in the late-afternoon sun.

Although this could be Scotland, the spiritual home of single malt whisky, we're actually hidden away within the Alpstein – a spectacular limestone massif in the Appenzell Alps, an area more commonly known for pastoral Swiss traditions like dairy farming and yodeling, than whisky drinking. Yet here I am savouring an extraordinarily high-spirited adventure: the highest-altitude whisky trek in the world.

This area of northeastern Switzerland, hugging Lake Constance on the border with Germany and Austria, hasn't always been known for distilling. But in recent years, in the picturesque canton of Appenzell Innerrhoden, whisky is on everyone's lips.

The reason for this is Brauerei Locher AG, a brewery and distillery in the town of Appenzell. It used a bounty of Alpine ingredients to formulate Sântis Malt, its award-winning single malt whisky. Nearby, soft spring water gushes from the mountains, barley flourishes in the peaty highlands and Alpine wood is



used for a light smoke. All this terrain is reflected in each glass. Not much can be better than nursing a dram after a day's hiking, and this is the idea behind the Appenzell Whisky Trek: a 26-stop itinerary around the Alpstein's mountain inns, created by Brauerei Locher AG in partnership with each innkeeper. The idea is that each guesthouse contains its own exclusive barrel of cask-aged whisky for tastings.

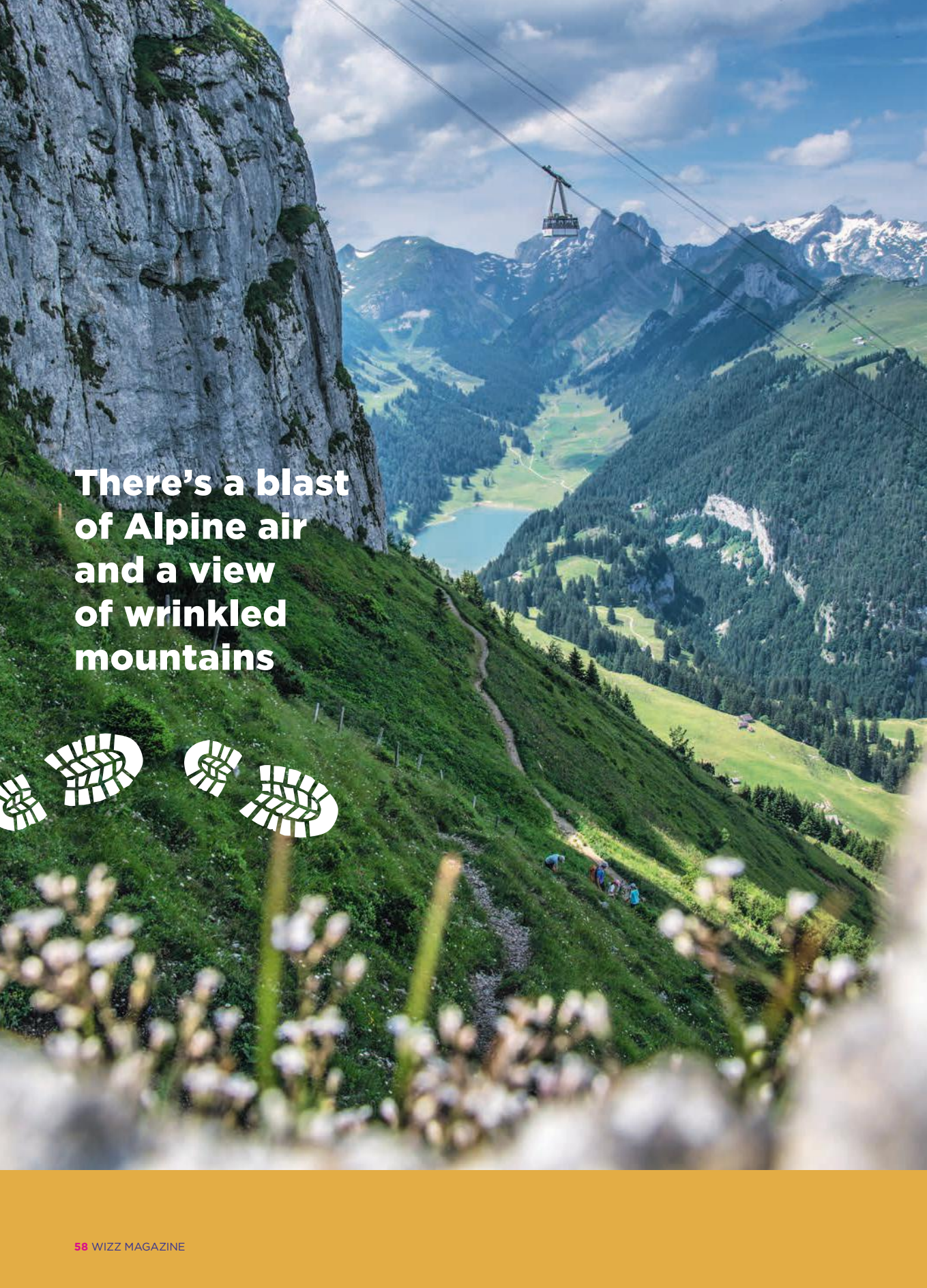
The tour launched in 2015 and now, a decade later, has matured into something that continues to attract

I'm enjoying the highest-altitude whisky trek in the world



Clockwise from above The visitor centre at Brauerei Locher AG; the Whisky Trek map; Distilling whisky at Brauerei Locher AG

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A full-page photograph of a mountain landscape. On the left, a steep, grey rock face rises. A cable car is suspended from cables, moving across the sky towards the right. Below, a lush green valley unfolds, featuring a small blue lake, dense evergreen forests, and rolling hills. In the far distance, jagged mountain peaks are covered in snow under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the lower-left foreground, there are out-of-focus white flowers.

**There's a blast
of Alpine air
and a view
of wrinkled
mountains**





Clockwise from

left The cable car at Hoher Kasten; a cow at Kreuzberge; Hotel Stump's Alpenrose Hotel; Brauerei Locher AG; Säntis



connoisseurs from far and wide. Initially, some casks were pulled by horse-drawn cart into the mountains. Others were shoulder-lifted by barrel-chested innkeepers. One, at the vertiginous 2,124m Rotsteinpass, is accessible only by steel cables and staircases carved directly into the rocky cliffs.

I start my two-day version of the trek at the Brauerei Locher AG distillery, where pot stills can be seen alongside rows of oak casks. Stacked three high by six wide, all are more than a century old and stamped with the mark of the distiller. Here, the single malt has rich notes of vanilla, toffee and tobacco.

One of the many pleasures of the Alpstein, I'm told, is the variety of different whiskies at each mountain inn. Each barrel contains the same basic distillate, but every cask is unique – made from a variety of American, Portuguese, French and Russian oaks. Some were previously filled with port, sherry, rum, bourbon or dessert wine.



Each of the barrels gives the whisky a different flavour profile and unpredictable colour. Shades range from white gold through caramel to burnished copper.

One dram down, I set out from the distillery to the village of Brülisau, taking the cable car to the 1,791m summit of Hoher Kasten. Down an exposed path, I follow the trail along a limestone ridge – a natural perimeter between the Alpstein and Rhine lands, separating Switzerland from neighbouring Liechtenstein and Austria's mountainous Vorarlberg state. The air is scented with pine and moss, my boots kicking up the mulchy scent of wet leaves. Past valleys and summit-reflecting mountain lakes, the joy of walking here lies in soaking up the rippling views that stretch to Lake Constance and the German city of Friedrichshafen, some 40km to the north.

A few hours of hiking later, Lake Constance retreats behind me, and I arrive at Berggasthaus



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Staubern, my first mountain guesthouse, for a whisky with owners Daniel and Judith Lüchinger. The spirit, described to me as ‘woody and the ideal winter warmer’ because of its larch cask finish, is exquisite. The accommodation here teeters on the knife-edge ridge at 1,800m altitude, and rather than the bare-bones refuges of the past, the rooms are cosy and comfy. The family is taking full advantage of the popularity of whisky trekking by adding a guesthouse extension above the barren rock face. During my visit, a helicopter shuttles construction materials throughout the day from the valley far below.

By the evening I’ve trekked to the Berggasthaus Plattenbödli, another mountain guesthouse, arriving just before the sky reveals a bright scatter of stars. Overlooking the blue-green Sämtisersee lake below the limestone spires of Saxer Lücke, the timbered guesthouse is a dreamlike, flowerbox-festooned chalet straight out of *Heidi*. Besides the whisky, it’s huts like these that drive folk this deep into the mountains – as well as the hospitality of the local Appenzellers, who are known in Switzerland for their strong cultural traditions. Their folk costume consists of an apple-red waistcoat,



From top to bottom
The Rotstein Pass;
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“The trail’s popularity surprised us. Each is a pilgrim in their own way”



Here The Appenzell Whisky Trek swings by 26 remote inns

breeches and a hooped earring to rival a pirate’s.

The lodge’s co-owner Alois Inauen and his wife, Manuela Sager, bring out heaped plates of potato rösti and pungent Appenzeller cheese, as hikers drain glasses of beer and whisky. “When the trail launched, we’d have scores of people coming. Its popularity took everyone by surprise,” says Alois. “Now it has quietened down, and we only receive a handful of whisky trekkers each week.” A more manageable number, perhaps, which makes the experience all the more pleasant – and attracts a special breed of whisky-loving walker. “Each is a pilgrim, in their own way,” smiles Alois.

Dawn brings a whisky-coloured sunrise, the light streaking across the mountains in an explosion of amber and gold. Ahead is my last day as a whisky pilgrim, too, with a stop

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at the Berggasthaus Ruhesitz – a guesthouse that has the natural advantage of being built below the Hoher Kasten, the mountain that I’d begun this walk from at the start of my hike.

Once there, I sip one final dram from the terrace beneath a tiny, timbered barn – the purpose-built whisky storehouse.

When the waitress asks me to assess the drink – “This one is extra sweet and rich because of the rum cask finish,” she says – I can’t help but smile. Yes, there are notes of raisin, cinnamon and cardamom, but also something more overpowering. It’s the blast of fresh Alpine air and chest-puffing view of wrinkled mountains. Hikers don’t get these moments often, but here, it feels like a given.

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Locals have been nurturing body and soul among Cyprus's shorelines and mountains for centuries, but visitors are only just starting to tune into its down-to-earth brand of wellness

Beauty rituals

Anyone wanting to venture beyond the typical Mediterranean resort spa experience should look up the Ömerye Hamam in Nicosia. This historic site, which has operated as a bathhouse since the island's Ottoman conquest in 1570, offers a unique detox ritual that has remained relatively unchanged for centuries. In its communal steam room with hot and cold taps, you'll cleanse your body with natural soap and a loofah to help open the pores, stimulate circulation and eliminate toxins, before choosing between an array of mud masks and natural scrubs. Ömerye Hamam offers treasured time for quiet reflection – and incidentally, sweating it out in this historic space is the perfect way to recover from enjoying one too many shots of zivania pomace brandy the night before. hamamomerye.com



Mother's milk

At the Golden Donkeys Farm in Skarinou, surrounded by ancient olive groves, co-owner Stella Georgiadou's home-made beauty products are created with the farm's star ingredient: donkey milk. This ingredient has been prized for centuries – even Cleopatra bathed in it to preserve her beauty. It's naturally rich in lactic acid, a gentle alpha hydroxy acid that helps remove dead skin cells, and is deeply hydrating. Its main draw is the high levels of lysozyme, an anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory enzyme. Indulge in a hydrated face serum, donkey-milk ice cream and a liqueur with echoes of Baileys. goldendonkeys.com

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Grassroots

At Aperanti Agrotourism, a charming B&B tucked into the picturesque village of Pera Orinis, winding cobblestone lanes weave past traditional homes and *kafeneions* (community meeting spaces and cafés). Visitors take seasonal foraging walks along the nearby river to collect plants, flowers and roots, before returning to the B&B's kitchen to learn about the medicinal properties of their findings and how to transform them into a delicious meal. Beyond foraging, there's olive harvesting, halloumi making and the spectacular trekking trails on the forested Machairas mountains, rich with endemic flora and breathtaking views.

With just four guest rooms arranged around a peaceful central courtyard, life here moves slowly. A highlight of the stay is the daily breakfast of homegrown and homemade organic delights: jam made from fragrant kaisi apricots, fresh anari cheese, fruit platters of prickly pear and figs and home-baked pies filled with their own olives. aperantiagrotourism.com



Weaving wellbeing

A 10-minute drive from Skarinou, past the ancient Neolithic settlement of Choirokoitia, lies a world where time slows down. Here, Petros Nikolaou has been weaving magic with baskets since his grandparents initiated him into the craft at the tender age of 12. To visit his museum is to enter a cultural haven surrounded by flowers and birdsong.

"For me, it's relaxing, not a business," he says, his hands twining the softened cane bamboo into a spiral shape. His baskets – which he lovingly calls his "babies" – can take days to make, but he refuses to compromise his art for the mass-produced souvenir market, preferring instead to invite curious visitors to connect with tradition through hands-on workshops and live demonstrations. It's a surprisingly meditative activity, focusing the mind on small, rhythmic gestures, to the sounds of only a nearby tinkling fountain and the soothing buzz of cicadas. agrotourism.com.cy





The essentials

At the sprawling Lumina Botanical Gardens in Kornos – around a 30-minute drive from both Larnaca and Nicosia – endless rows of neatly manicured shrubs in shades of pale lavender and vibrant green sit beneath the surrounding mountains, and the air is fragrant with the aroma of healing herbs.

Owner Barbara Michael's deep-rooted passion for plant medicine led her to study herbology, and what began with a single patch of spearmint has blossomed into a thriving sanctuary of over 25 carefully chosen herbs, selected for its healing and purifying properties. There's an

on-site distillery where the essence of these herbs is bottled. Essential oils become the foundation for a diverse range of products in an accompanying shop, alongside loose-leaf tea blends, seasonings and refreshing mists. There are tinctures for cholesterol, heart health, hair and scalp – even tinnitus. Beyond browsing the store and wandering the grounds, Lumina offers immersive experiences throughout the year. You can practice yoga on a deck nestled in a quiet corner of a lavender field, or go on a foraging expedition to harvest wild herbs and distil your own unique creations. [@luminabotanical](#)



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Above board

The Mediterranean Sea makes a perfect contrast to mountain paths. Put your core strength to the test with yogi Caroline Schutte-Goby and freediver Rebecca Zeeb – two expats who connected on Instagram and combined their love of wellness and the sea to create Thalassa Yoga. They host a variety of stand-up paddleboard yoga experiences at scenic beaches around Larnaca and Limassol: sunrise sessions, moonlight flows, even classes incorporating underwater photography.

“Often in a yoga class, the instructor encourages you to be present,” says Caroline. “When I am on a SUP board and doing yoga, 99% of my thoughts are focused on staying on the board. I’m not thinking about my dishwasher that needs to be unloaded. The very nature of this activity means you are giving your body your undivided attention.”

It also shows that searching for wellness isn’t something that should always come easy. “SUP yoga gives you hands-on lessons in patience, resilience and humility,” Caroline confides. “I wish I had a nickel for every time SUP yoga has humbled this yoga teacher!” While the class is a challenge, nothing restores balance to body and mind quite like lying on the paddleboard in shavasana pose, cradled by the gentle rise and fall of the sea. thalassayogacy.com

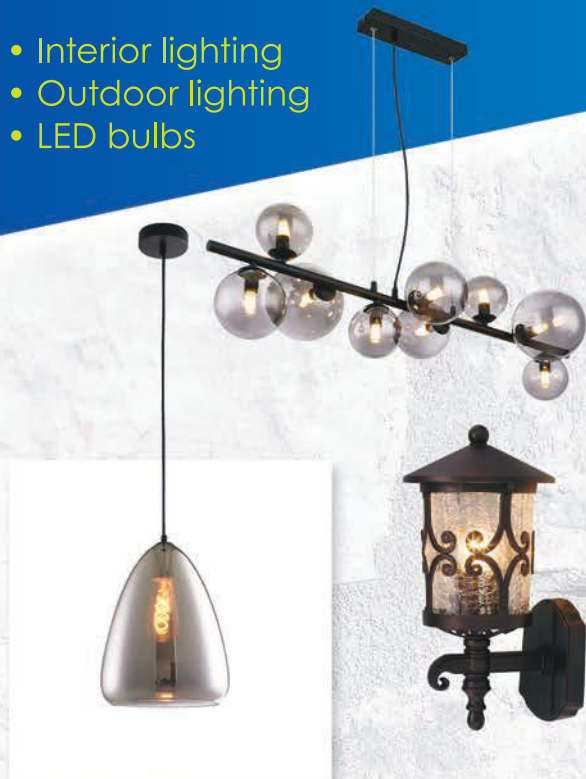


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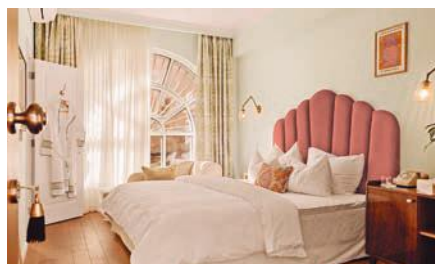
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Mythical mud

Greek mythology beckons at the Adonis Baths near Paphos, where lovers Adonis and Aphrodite are said to have met and bathed together under the trickling falls. Today, clear blue pools of water and mythological statues flank the forested beauty spot. But the real draw is the mud therapy, where mineral-laden, detoxifying natural mud is applied to the body – the perfect counterpart to a refreshing swim in the falls.

Further inland into the Troodos Mountains, fertile hiking trails wind to more waterfalls, and the ancient spa village of Kalopanayiotis, which sits among sulphur-rich spring waters, celebrated for their curative properties for centuries. These waters form the foundation of treatments for many nearby spas. A wellness retreat at Casale Panayiotis offers bathing rituals promising to soften the skin, relieve swelling and joint pain and fight disease. casalepanayiotis.com



Beauty sleep

For the creatively inclined, The Agora Hotel in Lefkara, 30 minutes from Larnaca, is the ideal launchpad into Cypriot wellness. Tucked among this traditional lace-making village's narrow, sun-dappled streets and with a soothing, Scandi-style interior, the hotel generates an immediate sense of calm. While respecting of Cyprus's cultural roots – think traditional hand-stitched lace on linen-covered tissue boxes and pottery workshops to connect with local craft – it's effortlessly modern in its approach to wellness. The spa menu goes well beyond the typical, offering treatments like Reiki and reflexology that feel genuinely restorative, not just indulgent, and those brave enough to wear lycra in 30°C heat can take one of their custom-designed, carbon road bikes out for a spin. From weekly yoga to Sunday hikes, the adults-only Agora offers wellness that's deeply rooted within the surrounding landscape. theagorahotel.com

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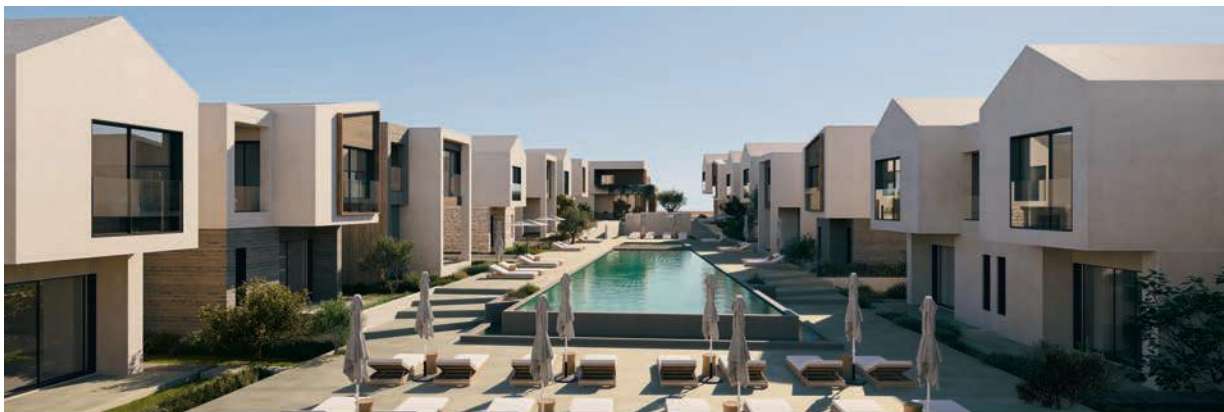
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The hotel is located in the Cannaregio neighbourhood – one of the city's most authentically local, despite the presence of busy retail strip Strada Nova. Yet Maison Venezia seems to exist in its own little bubble, overlooking a serene

canal used by the residents whose own apartments flank it.

Its 28 rooms are housed in a restored historic building, featuring Murano glass chandeliers, soaring windows and a soothing green colour scheme, with patterned wallpaper and comfortably padded sofas and chairs.

Breakfast offers an array of options catering for most tastes. Pastries and hot drinks are also served daily from 3pm until 9pm – the perfect recharge before heading out to one of the local bars or restaurants suggested by the friendly reception staff.

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Barceló Warsaw Powiśle Warsaw

Opened two years ago, the new Barceló hotel in the Polish capital is a modern addition in keeping with the hipster Powiśle district it calls home. Built in the former Elektrownia Powiśle power station, the building's industrial past reveals itself in design features throughout its communal areas and 151 rooms – think pipes, control units and exposed brick.

Upstairs, bedrooms have floor-to-ceiling windows offering views of the Vistula River and the cultural, pedestrian-friendly area surrounding the Copernicus Science Centre (which is also

where you'll find the nearest metro stop, just 50m away).

Head to the top floor for the trendy four-star's secret weapon: a rooftop pool, beside the B-Heaven rooftop bar where comfy lounge seating sets the scene for Polish and Asian-influenced plates, with barista coffees and cocktails.

Back downstairs there are conference spaces for events to impress a trendy crowd – and when it's time to venture outdoors, the beach clubs, barge bars and street food trucks of Warsaw's coolest area, the riverside Wisła district, is mere steps away.



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Manchester

The living is easy at this design-led boutique near Manchester's vibey Canal Street. Studio rooms are a home from home, with kitchenettes, living areas, spacious bathrooms and wraparound windows framing the street scene below. The friendly lobby doubles as a swish cocktail bar – order the Rhubarb Sour – while bottomless brunch takes over the attached restaurant Maya, with banging tunes travelling from the decks to the canalside while you tuck into seared rare steak or fresh-veg risotto.



The Courtyard by Marriott

Cologne

This sleek, modern stay right in the heart of the city has a central location that makes exploring Cologne's main sights – like the cathedral and the Rhine – a breeze. Rooms are clean, contemporary and surprisingly peaceful given the buzz outside, but the in-house restaurant is a real highlight, serving up beautifully cooked dishes, including a standout trout with herby mashed potatoes. It's a stylish yet practical base for a weekend in Cologne, combining comfort, convenience and a touch of culinary flair.



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THE EATS

Where to go for a great meal across the WIZZ network

Noreen London



If you've never fallen in love with a piece of bread, then you need to book a table at Noreen. Newly opened in St Christopher's Place, a dining hotspot hidden just north of Oxford Street, this modern Middle Eastern kitchen led by Mehdi Hani (former chef at Harrods and The Dorchester) has created a truly memorable bread roll – no mean feat in this city of world-class dining. The first item on the menu, the cardamom-infused milk bun – served with whipped, date butter – is savoury enough for a starter, sweet enough to be a dessert, and a delicately spiced overture to the intelligent, flavourful meal to come.

A warm, candlelit dining room, sunken down from street level and the bustling outdoor terrace, sets the scene for a journey through the flavours of the Levant and Arabian Peninsula. Starter highlights include king prawns in roasted garlic, chili and sumac oil, plus silky-smooth hummus – followed by whole, grilled seabream and the star of the menu: braised lamb mandi on smoked bukhari rice, with crunchy fattoush salad. Cocktails come courtesy of the fabled Mr Lyan Studio, and the desserts are extremely sweet, but both provide the kick you need to face Oxford Street anew. noreen-london.com



YERA

Verona

Take part in a ceremonial, ancestral meal with this new immersive dining concept at FORESTIS, a five-star South Tyrol mountain retreat two and a half hours' north of Verona. Hidden in the forest, in a subterranean dining space sculpted directly into the mountain earth, the menu champions fermenting and ancestral techniques, serving foraged mushrooms, spruce needles and birch sap on tree trunks, around a central fire, and eaten with your hands. yera.it



Nela at 7Pines Resort Ibiza

Ibiza

Renowned Amsterdam-based restaurant Nela from chefs Hari Shetty and Ori Geller, has now opened a residency at this all-suites, clifftop resort near Ibiza City. Known for flame-grilling seasonal produce over an open fire, this new incarnation of Nela celebrates its island setting with black truffle yellowtail, half lobster dropping in guajillo butter, raw sea bass and steak tartare with prawns. Posh surf 'n' turf? Yes, please. 7pines-ibiza.com



The hot list

Restaurants, vineyards, art and nature – how to spend your autumn in Europe's most refreshing cities



Nonloso – where good taste meets great location

Wander the streets around St Stephen's Basilica in Budapest and you'll stumble upon Nonloso. Serving up creative Hungarian cuisine with rich Italian coffee, and a side of warm hospitality, it's the perfect pause on any journey.

Whether it's a lazy breakfast, a family lunch or a late-night romantic snack, you'll find flavour, comfort and inspiration here. Visit nonloso.hu and let your curiosity lead the way.



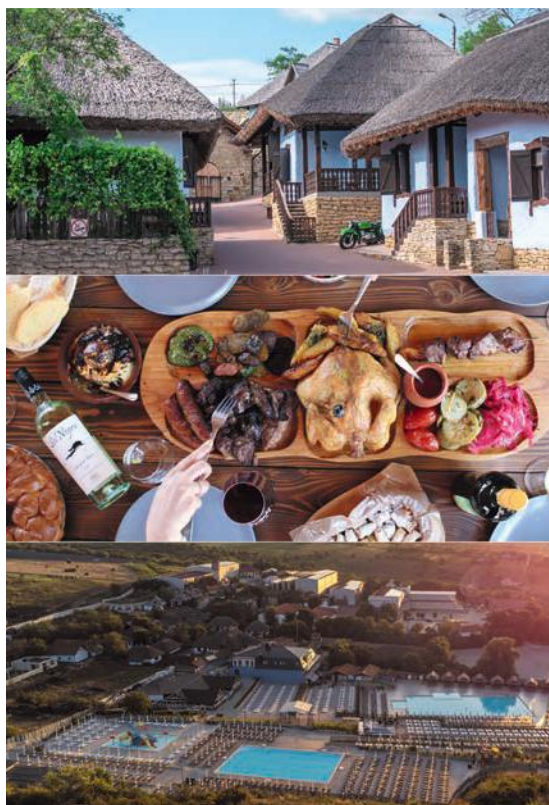
Asconi Winery: a countryside escape for wine, culture and relaxation

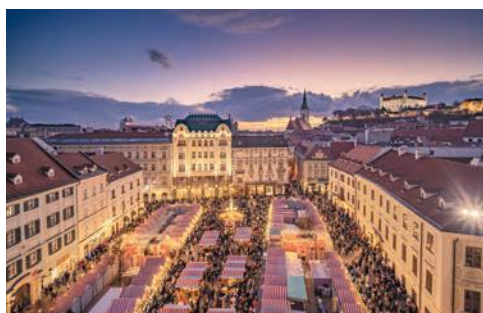
Experience authentic Moldovan heritage just minutes from the city

Just 10 minutes from the airport and 30 minutes from Chişinău, Asconi Winery is the perfect countryside escape. Nestled in a charming village, this family-owned winery offers a true digital detox, where authentic Moldovan heritage meets modern comforts.

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More than just a winery, Asconi is a gateway to Moldova's rich traditions and warm hospitality. Visit asconiwinery.com and plan an unforgettable wine, food, and cultural adventure.





Five reasons you'll fall in love with Bratislava

In this city surrounded by nature, you'll find modern districts designed by world-renowned architects, top-class art, and countless cafés and restaurants in a charming historic centre. All of this comes together to create a compact, walkable and refreshingly tourist-free atmosphere along the Danube. To truly immerse yourself in Bratislava, you'll need to stay for at least three days. Here are five reasons why.

It's steeped in history: From Celtic and Roman heritage to the coronations of Hungarian kings, Bratislava's history is rich and ever-present. Famed sites like St. Martin's Cathedral, Bratislava Castle and the medieval Devin Castle, overlooking the confluence of the Danube and Morava rivers, are just the beginning. Explore the city's fascinating past in one of over 30 museums.

Art meets nature here: Bratislava is home to art galleries that showcase everything from classical masterpieces to modern art. A must-visit is Danubiana, a striking gallery right on the Danube. Add to that the Slovak National Gallery and the Bratislava City Gallery, plus opera, ballet, and festivals at the Slovak National Theatre and Philharmonic.

Parks, gardens and vineyards are all around: Green spaces are everywhere in Bratislava. Vineyards, forests and parks stretch into the very heart of the city. Stroll through Janko Král' Park, relax in the romantic Horský

Park or unwind in the Medická Garden. Nature isn't just nearby – it's part of daily life.

It's at a culinary crossroads: Bratislava's fascinating cuisine blends Austrian, Hungarian, German and Slovak influences. From hearty traditional dishes to fine dining with city or river views, your meals are complemented by quality wines and craft beers. The historic centre is paradise for coffee drinkers, and all will appreciate the excellent value for money that dining here can offer.

Whatever the season, it's worth a visit: Spring and summer bring lively terraces and urban beaches along the Danube, while winter transforms the city with the magic of Advent and some of Europe's most beautiful Christmas markets.

And now, the Slovak capital is even easier to reach. Starting from October 2025, a brand-new Wizz Air network connects Bratislava with 15 destinations, including Athens, Alicante, Barcelona, Malaga, Basel, Lamezia Terme, London, Naples, Palermo, Niš, Plovdiv, Skopje, Varna and Oslo. Get inspired by what to see and do at visitbratislava.com



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Visit Gödöllő Royal Palace, where history comes to life

Step into the enchanting world of Hungarian royalty at this 18th-century Baroque palace. Just a short journey from Budapest, it was once the favoured retreat of Empress Elisabeth (Sisi) and Emperor Franz Joseph, and its lavish palace rooms, beautiful gardens and rich imperial past are still just as inviting today.

Whether you are seeking cultural experiences, a family adventure or a peaceful escape, the palace offers interactive exhibitions, elegant ceremonial halls and vibrant events that bring history alive.

24th Liszt Festival - 18 October-2 November 2025

During the Liszt Festival, the palace fills with music. Hungarian and international artists bring unforgettable performances to the halls where Empress Sisi herself often sat at the piano. In this unique atmosphere, timeless melodies and royal history blend into a truly magical experience.

Let the magic of Hungarian heritage captivate you, at a destination where history becomes the present. For more information visit:

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Unforgettable foodie experiences in Bucharest

Osteria Treevi

Experience a taste of Italy right in Bucharest. At Osteria Treevi, authentic Roman pizza al taglio, traditional pasta, and a carefully chosen wine list come together in a warm and inviting ambience. The attention to detail and respect for culinary traditions turn every visit into a celebration of flavour. Whether you're visiting with friends or family, each moment becomes one of joy and a memory to keep forever.



Éléphante Champagne & Tapas

Discover a tropical and cosmopolitan escape at Éléphante. Here, creative cocktails and dishes prepared table-side transform dining into entertainment. The menu, built on the "to share" concept, is crafted for enjoying together, from refined tapas to champagne and wine selections. The vibrant energy and stylish design make Éléphante not just a place to dine, but a destination that redefines the way you experience Bucharest. For further information visit **tomcathospitality.com**



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Craiova: Europe's most magical Christmas city

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In southwestern Romania, the city of Craiova glows with festive cheer at this time of year. It has a very merry claim to fame: Craiova is home to the largest Christmas market in Europe, covering over 280,000 square metres - and it's known to be one of the continent's most beautiful, too.

This year, the Christmas market's theme is the iconic story of the Nutcracker, which will be brought to life with thousands of giant sweets and toy ornaments covering the city centre, lit up by millions of amazing light decorations.

In Craiova, you can see the highest-flying Santa sleigh in Eastern Europe, ride the huge

panoramic wheel or even dance on the icerink.

From 14 November to 4 January, four Christmas experiences combine in one place: the magical realm of The Nutcracker, the cheerfulness of Santa's Village, the peace and generosity of the traditional Christmas story and the joy of riding the Christmas carousel. Decorations inspired by fairies, giants and dolls sit beside stands decorated like carousels. From the smell of gingerbread and mulled wine, to unforgettable arts and crafts, everything is designed to give you an unforgettable experience.

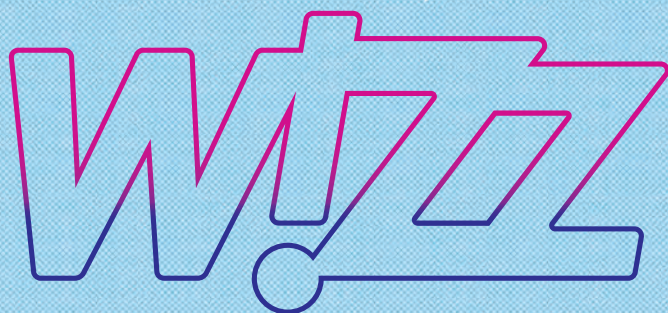
And if you're a foodie, get

ready to discover the legendary flavours of Eastern Europe's best food and wine. Craiova is a multicultural culinary metropolis, showing influences from all over Eastern Europe.

Food from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Greece, North Macedonia, Hungary, Ukraine or Turkey - as well as the Republic of Moldova, Bulgaria or Serbia - can be tasted at Craiova Christmas Market 2025, among many more.

Let yourself be enchanted by the fairytale atmosphere of Craiova at Christmas time. For more information visit:

facebook.com/TargdeCraciunCraiova or **primariacraiova.ro**



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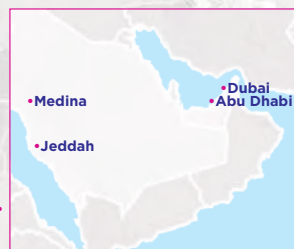


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Want to know what we've been up to, how to get the most out of your journey and what's new in the dynamic world of WIZZ? Then read on...



Wizz Air expands network with new routes from three new European bases

Wizz Air is launching a huge number of new flights as they expand operations in Europe and beyond, in part thanks to three new bases. The airline will reopen its base in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 12 December, and will add two new Airbus A321neo aircraft by March 2026, serving 17 routes to nine countries. The airline's new Bratislava Airport base opens on 14 November, offering 13 new routes to Spain, Greece, Italy and other exciting countries. And Wizz Air is delighted to be opening a base at Warsaw

Modlin after a 13-year hiatus, from where passengers will be able to enjoy new routes to Athens, Barcelona and Milan among other long-awaited destinations.

But that's not all. Wizz Air is launching its largest Romanian expansion yet for the 2025 winter schedule, with 15 new routes from Bucharest Otopeni, Cluj-Napoca, Iași and Brașov to destinations across 12 countries including Germany, the Czech Republic, Morocco, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France and Portugal. The expansion reinforces

Romania as a key market for the airline's European network.

In the UK, Wizz Air is celebrating a series of major milestones. Since opening its London Gatwick base in 2020, Wizz Air has expanded rapidly, and is now flying to nearly 30 destinations across 20 countries. This summer, the airline added over 300,000 seats to its UK network and started flying its first state-of-the-art Airbus A321XLR aircraft from London Gatwick.

On 1 August, Wizz Air made history by launching the first-ever direct route between London and Medina. Medina is Wizz Air's second destination from the UK to Saudi Arabia, following flights between London and Jeddah.

The airline is also expanding from London Luton with five new Spanish routes to Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia and Seville from March 2026, plus new daily flights to Milan, Rome and Vienna from London Luton starting on 26 October. It's a good time to fly with Wizz Air.





Hungarian football takes off

Wizz Air is taking Hungarian football to new heights by becoming the new main sponsor of the men's national team, as they prepare for the World Cup qualifiers. The partnership was announced on 26 August by Wizz Air CEO József Váradi and head coach Marco Rossi. But it's not just about sponsorship – the airline will be flying fans, too. Four special supporter flights to the matches in Lisbon and Yerevan, in October and November, will make it easier for Hungarian football fans to cheer on the team in person.

"Sport – especially football – builds community, inspires, and connects people. That is exactly what we do: we connect Europe's cultures, people and economies," said Váradi. It's a win for both the team and its supporters.



New routes

Belgrade – Madrid

Bratislava – Alicante, Athens, Basel, Lamezia Terme, Málaga, Naples, Niš, Oslo, Palermo, Plovdiv, Varna

Bucharest Otopeni – Berlin, Faro, Maastricht, Paris, Prague, Turku

Budapest – Turin

Chişinău – Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Nice, Prague, Turin

Cluj-Napoca – Marrakesh, Oslo, Stockholm

Craiova – Athens, Barcelona, Naples, Paris

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Tuzla – Gothenburg, Hamburg, Larnaca, Maastricht, Malmo, Paris, Vienna

Warsaw (Chopin) – Agadir

Warsaw (Modlin) – Alghero, Athens, Barcelona, Bergen, Brindisi, Chişinău, Malta, Milan, Palermo, Paphos, Sofia



“WE’RE COMMITTED TO DOING OUR PART, BUT FOR REAL PROGRESS, THE ENTIRE AVIATION ECOSYSTEM NEEDS TO MOVE FASTER”

As the aviation industry turns to sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), Wizz Air is taking steps to meet regulatory targets and support the transition through investment and innovation

Imagine boarding a flight powered not just by traditional jet fuel, but by used cooking oil, household waste, or even algae. This isn’t a distant vision – it’s already underway, and it’s called sustainable aviation fuel, or SAF.

SAF refers to a range of alternative fuels – including biofuels, synthetic fuels, and recycled carbon fuels – that can be used in today’s aircraft. These fuels are made from non-fossil sources and, when measured across their full lifecycle, can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to conventional jet fuel.

“SAF is currently the most realistic option we have to reduce aviation emissions,” says Ferenc Torma, Fuel Purchasing Manager at Wizz Air. “It works with existing aircraft and infrastructure, which means we can start using it without waiting for future technology.”



Despite its potential, SAF is still in limited supply and costs significantly more than traditional fuel – often up to three or four times as much. For an ultra-low-cost airline like Wizz Air, this means the cost of operating flights is also rising, making early adoption a challenge.

Wizz Air has begun using SAF in line with European regulations, which require a minimum of 2% SAF in jet fuel from 2025. The airline has also conducted SAF trials at airports such as Barcelona and Brussels Charleroi to ensure operational readiness and prepare for mandatory reporting.

To support future availability, Wizz Air has invested in CleanJoule and Firefly, two companies developing new SAF production technologies. These investments are part of a broader effort to secure long-term supply and help scale up SAF across the industry.

"We've taken early steps to integrate SAF into our operations," Ferenc explains. "But this isn't something one airline can solve alone. Scaling up SAF requires coordinated action across the industry, along with strong support from governments."

Aircraft technology also plays a major role in reducing emissions. Wizz Air operates the youngest and most fuel-efficient fleet in Europe, including the Airbus A321neo, which has the

lowest emissions intensity per passenger kilometre in its category. In fact, Wizz Air was named EMEA Environmental Sustainability Airline Group of the Year 2024 by CAPA, Centre for Aviation Awards for Excellence – a result of investing in modern aircraft and efficient operations.

"We've invested in modern aircraft because it's one of the most effective ways to reduce emissions today," says Ferenc.

"But to go further, we need innovation – aircraft that can handle higher SAF blend rates, and new technologies that push the boundaries of what's possible."

For millions of people, flying is part of everyday life – whether it's visiting family, exploring new places, or travelling for work or study.

It's a fast, affordable way to connect across borders and access opportunities. That's why reducing aviation's environmental impact matters: not to limit travel, but to make sure flying remains accessible and viable in the long term.

Earlier this year, Wizz Air announced its aspiration to reach net zero emissions by 2050, publishing a detailed roadmap that outlines the steps needed to get there. SAF is a key part of this plan, alongside aircraft innovation, operational efficiency, and industry-wide collaboration.

"We're committed to doing our part," Ferenc says. "But for real progress, the entire aviation ecosystem – manufacturers, fuel producers, regulators, and airlines – needs to move faster."





More about
sustainability
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How we fly a more environmentally sustainable way*

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We've never even thought about business-class seats. Or a hub-and-spoke model. Or substituting short train rides for flights. We've instead focused on innovation and technology. We fly with one of the youngest and most fuel-efficient fleets out there, and the most modern engines possible, all to keep our fuel use as low as possible.

This all delivers one of the lowest CO₂ emissions per passenger kilometre**, beating not just legacy carriers, but also low-cost airlines operating in a similar way to us.

A plane will never be greener than a train or an electric vehicle. But we are striving to be Europe's top choice for environmentally conscious flying. Because when it comes to sustainability, we believe in the facts of today. Not promises of the future.

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*Wizz Air was named EMEA Environmental Sustainability Airline/Airline Group of the Year by the Centre for Aviation (CAPA) at its Awards for Excellence in 2024, and Global Environmental Sustainability Airline Group of the Year by CAPA at its Awards for Excellence in 2022 and 2023. **52 grams per passenger/km in the financial year 2024 (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

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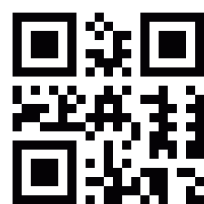
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Airbus A320ceo

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Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 30

Seat capacity 180/186 **Flight crew** 2 **Cabin crew** 4



Airbus A321ceo

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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

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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* 163

Seat capacity 239 **Flight crew** 2 **Cabin crew** 5



Airbus A321XLR

Max. cruise speed 978km/h
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Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 4

Seat capacity 239 **Flight crew** 2 **Cabin crew** 5



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Why smoking is banned on flights

Airlines started banning smoking in the late 1980s and by 2000 it was made illegal across the world. Here are the reasons why



Secondhand smoke: It contains over 7,000 chemicals, including at least 70 known carcinogens. Breathing them in the confined space of an aircraft poses serious health risks.

It impacts air quality: Cigarette smoke jeopardises how the cabin pressure system functions, which can result in a lack of oxygen at high altitude.

It's a fire hazard: A lit cigarette can ignite flammable materials, potentially leading to a fire.

Electronic cigarettes/vapes/ IQOS are also not allowed:

While e-cigarettes produce vapour rather than smoke, they use lithium-ion batteries that can overheat or explode while being used.

Dry air conditions: The dry air in the aircraft cabin can make fuel more flammable.

Smoke detectors: The smoke detector in the toilets is linked to a warning system, which triggers an audible alarm.

SMOKING ON A PLANE COULD LEAD TO:

- Fines of up to €3,000
- A ban from flying with that airline for life
- As per the applicable law, smokers on board may face prosecution

Remember, lighting up during a flight is not only illegal but also jeopardises the wellbeing and safety of everyone on board. The ashtrays in the passenger cabin and restrooms are not an optional design element and not an invitation to smoke. Cabin crew members are trained to extinguish smoke and fire and eliminate any potential danger.

Why you can't drink your own alcohol on an airplane

And why it's a bad idea anyway

Flying can be stressful, and a drink or two might seem like the perfect way to relax. But before you crack open that mini bottle of whisky you picked up at duty-free, remember that consuming your own alcohol on a commercial flight is **prohibited by law**. This rule applies regardless of where the alcohol was purchased. Cabin crew are trained to monitor alcohol consumption and are responsible for ensuring that no passenger becomes intoxicated or disruptive during the flight.

ALCOHOL AFFECTS YOU DIFFERENTLY IN THE AIR

The cabin pressure in commercial aircraft is equivalent to being at about 6,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level. This means:

- You may feel drunk faster
- Your judgment and coordination may be impaired more than usual
- You may experience dehydration and fatigue more quickly

Combined with the stress of travel, jet lag and limited mobility, alcohol can increase the risk of medical emergencies, conflict with other passengers or non-compliance with the crew.

PREVENTING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Airlines have seen a rise in air rage incidents,



many of which are linked to alcohol. By restricting alcohol service to flight attendants, airlines can:

- Limit overconsumption
- Refuse service to visibly intoxicated passengers
- De-escalate situations before they become dangerous

THE BOTTOM LINE

While it might be tempting, drinking your own alcohol on board is illegal, unsafe and inconsiderate. If you'd like a drink, let the cabin crew serve you – they're trained to do so responsibly. And if you're feeling anxious or stressed, consider deep breathing, listening to music or watching a movie to relax.

Your onboard safety

Please show consideration for your fellow passengers and pay attention to the following information. Remember that by purchasing your Wizz Air ticket, you have accepted the Wizz Air General Conditions of Carriage (available in full at wizzair.com)



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. Please refrain from storing your electronics and power banks in the overhead compartments.



Safe handling of hand luggage

Ensure that your larger hand luggage remains safely stowed in the locker and the smaller ones are under the seat in front of you for take-off, landing and whenever 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 sharp items (e.g. hypodermic needles), contact a cabin crew member. Do not leave it behind.



Turbulence management

Turbulence can occur unexpectedly. Whenever seatbelt signs are switched on, remain seated, keep seatbelts fastened and stow away large electronic devices. For your safety, we recommend that you keep your seatbelts visibly fastened at all times when seated.



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/slings 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, landing and**



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 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

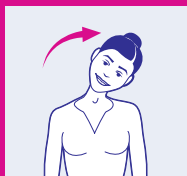
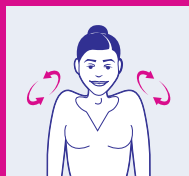
Keep any medication you may need in your hand luggage and in its original packaging. **Inform cabin crew of allergies or illnesses.** If you are seriously ill or travelling post-surgery, you will need a medical certificate confirming that you are fit to fly. If you have limited mobility, are hearing- 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.**

Exercise Be as active as possible. Try the following routine every 30 minutes:



Your security

...is one of our top priorities. In order to ensure a smooth and pleasant flight, please read the following rules of conduct



We encourage you to...

- Follow crew instructions, which will keep you safe
- Be respectful towards everyone on board
- Use suitable language, and stay calm and cooperative

...so you can:

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

Not tolerated on board...



- Smoking on board (including classic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, pipes, vapes), might result in a fine of up to €3,000 or prosecution. Additionally all existing Wizz Air flight bookings will be cancelled



- 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 substances that may affect your behaviour or self-control



- Damaging the aircraft or onboard equipment
- Wasting, polluting or contaminating the cabin



- Endangering the safety of the flight by any means
- 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 behave in a hostile, erratic manner
- Filming or photographing the cabin crew without their permission

...or face the consequences:



You are fully responsible for your behaviour. 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:

- Denied boarding
- Diversion of the flight and prosecution.
- Reimbursement of cost of diversion: €10,000-€80,000
- Criminal procedure and court litigation*
- Cancellation of all of your existing Wizz Air flight bookings
- A ban from flying with Wizz Air in the future
- Penalty/fine or arrest by local police:
 - Smoking on board, including in the 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*



*Subject to applicable jurisdiction

For more information, please refer to the General Conditions of Carriage on wizzair.com

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CAFÉ & BOUTIQUE



FIND YOUR FAVOURITE PRODUCTS!

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Create your meal!

1. Select your sandwich!



2. Select your drink!*

OR change your soft drink to
beer or wine for an **extra €3.**



*Meal Deal excludes Red Bull products.



3. Select your snack!



TURKEY HAM & CHEESE BAGUETTE

Turkey ham, Trappist cheese, buttercream, Italian tomato and spinach.

Single sandwich price: €6

DEAL PRICE

€11.50



CHICKEN WRAP

Roasted garlic chicken, roasted pepper, steamed spinach, mayonnaise & feta cheese.

Single sandwich price: €8

DEAL PRICE

€13.50



CHEESE CROISSANT

Emmental cheese, sweet pickle-mustard mayo and onion jam on a croissant.

Single sandwich price: €7

DEAL PRICE

€12.50



DOUBLE MEAT CROISSANT*

Smoked turkey ham & turkey salami, red pesto-basil, mayo and spinach.

Single sandwich price: €7

*Please ask the crew about the available meat croissant.

DEAL PRICE

€12.50



Knorr warm delights

SOUPS

TOMATO NOODLES SOUP

Tomato soup with
noodles & crouton 

CREAMY POTATO SOUP

Potato cream soup with crispy croutons



€3.70

EACH



PASTA POTS

BROCCOLI CHEESE PASTA

Tasty fusilli in broccoli cheese sauce 

CREAMY MUSHROOM PASTA

Creamy pasta snack
with mushroom 



€5

EACH



ASIA NOODLES

CHICKEN NOODLES

Asia noodles with chicken flavour

BEEF NOODLES

Asia noodles with beef flavour

VEGETABLE NOODLES

Asia noodles with vegetable
flavour  



€4.90

EACH





€3.70

€3.70

€3.20

Coca-Cola Original, Coca-Cola Zero, Fanta Orange, Sprite (33cl)

Kinley Tonic Water (25cl)

NaturAqua mineral water still or sparkling (50cl)



€4



€4.20



€4



€3.90



€4

Fuzetea Peach (50cl)

Red Bull* original (25cl)

Cappy Strawberry Lemonade (40cl)

Cappy apple juice (33cl)

Cappy orange juice (33cl)

BUY ANY 2 JUICES OR SOFT DRINKS* for €6!

*The promotion excludes Red Bull.

ONLY

€6

save up to €2



BUY 2 BOTTLES OF WATER for only €5!

ONLY

€5

save €1.40



BUY PRINGLES OR BAKE ROLLS + ANY SOFT DRINK* AND GET A WATER BOTTLE for only €1!

ONLY

€8.40

save €2.20



*Deal includes: Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Zero, Fanta orange, Sprite & Kinley Tonic Water

COCKTAIL SELECTION



Gin & Tonic

€10.60



Whisky & Coke

€10.60



Vodka & Orange

€10.90

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS



Beer
local selection
(33cl)

€6.20



Quality wines (red/white)
local selection (18.7cl)

€6.90



**B Lemon
Spritz* (25cl)**

€4



**Bottega Gold
Prosecco DOC** (20cl)**

€8.90



Absolut Vodka
(5cl)

€6.90



**Ballantine's Scotch
Whisky (5cl)**

€6.90



Beefeater Gin
(5cl)

€6.90

*Available on selected flights departing from Italy and Romania.
**Prosecco is available on selected flights. Please ask crew for availability.
Alcohol brands may vary. **Always drink responsibly. Customers must be 18 years or above to be served alcohol on board.**

WINE DEAL



BEER DEAL



CHOOSE ANY SNACK*

*Pringles Original, Pringles Sour Cream & Onion, TUC Bake Rolls Garlic, TUC Bake Rolls Pizza or TUC Mini Salted Crackers.



SPRITZER DEAL

Buy a white wine with a sparkling water for only €8.50!



DOUBLE IT UP!



Please ask the crew for the available wine on board

Please ask the crew for the available beer and wine on board

HOT DRINKS & BREAKFAST



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Coffee
(28cl)



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(28cl)



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Get a **7days MAX croissant** with your choice of **coffee or tea*** - anytime, all day!

DEAL PRICE

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7 DAYS MAX
CROISSANT
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SAVOURY
SNACKS**



€2.50

KitKat original (41.5g)



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Save €1



OR





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YOU+ peanuts
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 Sour Cream & Onion (40g)



€4.50

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 (95g)



€4

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 €6**
 save up to €2



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Baguette



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Cheese Croissant 



€7

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Croissant*



€8

Chicken Wrap



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EdT 75ml

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EdP 30ml

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Sweet Tooth BY SABRINA CARPENTER

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**SHEER BEAUTY
CALVIN KLEIN**

EdT 50ml

- Fruity • Floral
- Fresh



**1881 POUR FEMME
CERRUTI**

EdT 50ml

- Lily of the Valley
- Jasmine • Sandalwood

ONLY

€19.90

EACH



**CK FREE
CALVIN KLEIN**

EdT 50ml

- Woody • Aromatic
- Fresh spicy



**PACO
RABANNE**

EdT 100ml

- Citrus • Aromatic • Woody

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NEW

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AJMAL

EdP 100ml

• Citrus • Spicy • Musky



NEW

SIGNATURE BLACK

BUGATTI

EdT 100ml

• Aromatic • Woody • Oriental

ONLY

€19.90

EACH



NEW

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BUGATTI

EdP 60ml

• Fruity • Woody • Floral



WOMAN

BOSS

EdT 30ml

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NEW

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ELIZABETH ARDEN

EdP 75ml

• Magnolia • Cherry Blossom • Vanilla Skin



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VALENTINO

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ARMANI

EdT 50ml

- Lemon essence • Fresh spices
- Lavandin essence



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TIME IN
EUROPE*

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MORE THAN WE SEE

EdP 100ml

- Cedarwood Virginia
- Vanilla Bean • Patchouli



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EdT 50ml

- Warm spicy • Amber • Woody



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BOTTLED BEYOND BOSS

EdP 50ml

- Ginger • Leather



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NEW

**1 MILLION
RABANNE**

EdT 50ml

- Blood Mandarin • Cinnamon
- Animal hide leather



€87.90

NEW

**MYSLF
YSL**

EdP 60ml

- Bergamot • Orange blossom absolute



€74.90

**EROS ENERGY
VERSACE**

EdP 50ml

- Citrus • Woody



€82.90

**POUR FEMME
MICHAEL KORS**

EdP 50ml

- Floral • Woody
- Musky



€67.90

**GOOD GIRL
CAROLINA HERRERA**

EdP 30ml

- Sweet • White floral
- Warm spicy



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*Valid for every fragrance on board, except Emporio Armani Classic She and Emporio Armani He.



€72.90

NEW

**LIBRE
YSL**

EdP 30ml

- Neroli • Orange Blossom
- Absolute • Vanilla



€59.90

NEW

**LOVE STORY
CHLOÉ**

EdP 75ml

- Stephanotis Jasmine
- Orange Blossom • Cedarwood

*Huge
saving!*

€29.90

Huge
saving!



Full size products*

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MY MAKE-UP FAVORITES SET

All your make-up favorites in one set, with Hypnôse Mascara, L'Absolu Rouge Cream, Crayon Khôl Noir and Bi-Facil.



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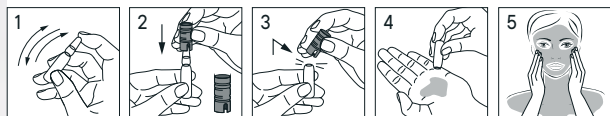
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