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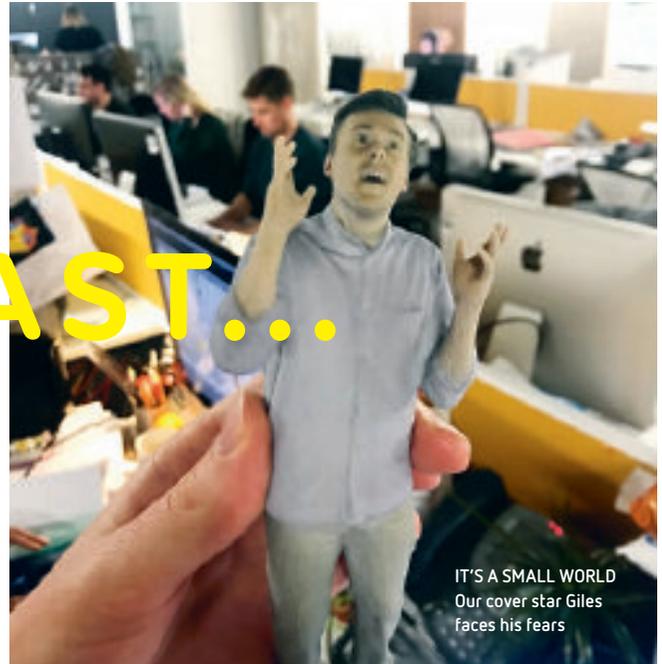


You just missed its arrival, in fact. You're now reading this magazine in a world where it's possible to visit a Dutch gallery in cyberspace,

eat a 'bleeding' vegan burger in east London or have your next home 3D printed in Copenhagen (check out pages 10, 41 and 50 if you're not reeling too much from these revelations).

And, because it's the future, it was possible to get our March cover star (easyJet customer Giles, 32) shrunk from top to tiny toe with the help of the iMakr.com 3D printing studio... and then turn him back to his actual size again, with no Willy Wonka-esque side effects.

This ideas issue isn't just about cool concepts in business and technology, however. It's also about the cities that are supporting this progress (we pick



IT'S A SMALL WORLD
Our cover star Giles faces his fears

a few of our favourites on pages 64 and 65) and the connections between them, such as the new easyJet route from London to Reus, in Spain. We sent our writer to discover how, sometimes, we can take our cues from the old ways of doing things. In particular, sitting in a Catalonian courtyard on a Sunday afternoon, drinking several glasses of vermouth. And there's nothing tiny about the servings...

Jonny Ensall, Editor

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...AND THANK YOU FOR FLYING WITH US. I'd like to thank you for all of the feedback you've sent in

on how we're doing. I've been reading through your comments and am pleased to see the many compliments you've made about our great crew and digital experience through our app. One theme has emerged and that is how to manage cabin bag space on the aircraft. It's an industry-wide issue whereby there is a limited amount of space on board and there are simply more bags than spaces. This theme was also front of mind for our people as I've made my way around the business so I've asked the team to find a solution that works for our customers to improve the boarding experience. This will take a little time to work through but I'm sure we can find a solution.

It's great to receive your positive feedback about our new routes and destinations featured in *Traveller* and I'm really pleased that you can now book summer

flights to and from our new base at Berlin Tegel Airport. You can choose to fly to over 40 destinations including the sunny beaches of Sicily, the relaxing coastal haven of the Canary Islands and the bustling city of Tel Aviv as well as new destination points of Gothenburg, Graz, Oslo, Cologne-Bonn and Jerez de la Frontera.

One thing we don't plan to do is to fly long haul, but we are making it easier to use easyJet to connect to destinations around the world. With Worldwide by easyJet, you can now fly to destinations as far away as Singapore and New York with a quick self-transfer through Gatwick or Milan Malpensa airport onto one of our partner airlines. The response from you so far has been great and we hope to add more airport connections and destinations in the near future.

If you have any feedback on how we are doing, or suggestions on how we can improve please send them to me at johan@easyjet.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Wherever you are flying to with easyJet this March I hope you have a great journey.

Johan Lundgren, CEO easyJet

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WHO IN THE WORLD?

MEET THE TALENTED TRAVELLERS BEHIND THIS MONTH'S ISSUE



KATE HAMILTON
REUS, P68



Sometimes drinking in the spirit of a city means just that. This travel writer and former editor of *Suitcase* magazine visited Reus not knowing much about its beloved bittersweet fortified wine, vermouth, but returned with a "new and lethal friend", she says.



ANDREA CHRONOPOULOS
ROME, P32



Why are Scots in mourning? Why are Spaniards becoming trees? And why are Swedes weeing on magazines? This Rome-based artist, who's drawn for *The Atlantic* and *GQ*, found out while illustrating our news pages. "Look out for the €1m vodka bottle," he says...



MALCOLM JACK
MILAN, P46



What's the big idea behind an immersive new theatrical spectacle telling the story of the Sistine Chapel? We sent this writer for *The Big Issue* and *The Guardian* to find out. He also learned that "Italians do hospitality so impeccably it's almost embarrassing."



JAMES CAMAANO
LONDON, P50



Life in plastic, it's fantastic. Aqua's philosophy holds true for this designer at iMakr London, who produced the 3D-printed objects for our big ideas cover feature. He also sent us this dashing, virtual avatar of himself, because real photos are so 2017...

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Even better
than the real thing?

The List

DON'T GET TOO COMFY. HERE ARE 17 THINGS TO DO ASAP



1. Visit this (virtually)

THE KREMER MUSEUM, EVERYWHERE



FANCY SEEING SOME of Europe's most incredible Old Masters without elbowing through crowds? The private Kremer Collection holds 74 Dutch and Flemish masterpieces which it lends to galleries. In a world first, it's used cutting-edge tech to photograph its paintings between 2,500 and 3,500 times each, creating an incredibly realistic VR museum. Get up close to a Rembrandt or Frans Hals by downloading the app at HTC Viveport or Google Play Store. thekremercollection.com

2. Covet these

GUCCI GARDENS, FLORENCE

➔ THERE'S NO DESIGNER compost at these gardens. Rather, Gucci's new museum, inside Palazzo della Mercanzia, houses a retrospective of the Italian fashion house, an art gallery, a restaurant headed up by Michelin-starred chef Massimo Bottura and a gift shop with Gucci items you can't buy anywhere else. Beats another fridge magnet.



3. Have one more of these

WAFFLES, STOCKHOLM

➔ YOUR SUITCASE BETTER be filled with naught but syrup, whipped cream and antacid if you're heading to Sweden this month, since the country celebrates Våffeldagen (Waffle Day) on 25 March. How do I take part, we hear you ask? Stuff your face, of course.

Stockholm locals head to retro spot Älskade Traditioner to get their fill of the heart-shaped treats, which are topped with ice cream and lingonberries, dripping with Nutella, or even used as a wrap or 'waffle' and stuffed with cheese. OK, we'll stop waffling on...

4. Burn this

LAS FALLAS, VALENCIA

➔ NOBODY DOES A hot-blooded festival like the Spanish, and boy, is this one hot. From 15 to 19 March, millions flock to Valencia as it ushers in spring by torching giant effigies in the streets and letting off WWII amounts of fireworks. Food is as important as fire, too: tuck into the traditional Fallas snack of *buñuelos* (sugary pumpkin fritters) and don't think about the calories you'll need to burn off afterwards.





5. Rock to this

LES FEMMES S'EN MÊLENT FESTIVAL, PARIS

← WITH 8 MARCH BEING International Women's Day, what better time to celebrate the ladies rocking the independent music scene? From 27 to 31 March, check out the talent at this epic all-female music fest, including rising local R&B duo Kami Awori (pictured). Sisters are doing it for themselves (and a large audience of fans).

6. Drink this (responsibly)

STRONG BEER FESTIVAL, MÜNICH

→ SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN, winter... Starkbierzeit? Bavarians consider their celebration of strong ale so important they call it 'the fifth season'. It's like Oktoberfest with smaller crowds and bigger ABVs, as breweries (including Löwenbraü, pictured, until 24 March) serve 'liquid bread' to kellerfuls of lederhosen-clad revellers.



7. Get an eyeful of this

PICASSO EXHIBITION, TATE MODERN, LONDON

← THIS MONTH SEES the opening of one of the most significant exhibitions the Tate has ever staged, featuring loans from around the world. Based on one extraordinary year in Picasso's life, it takes visitors on a month-by-month journey through 1932, when the 50-year-old artist produced some of his most famous paintings and started a love affair with a younger woman. That's her on the left there (we think).

“Take a free guided tour of the Jewish Quarter. There’s so much history to find out about and so much character. Plus, once you start walking around you realise how easy it is to discover new areas of the city.”

“We have good coffee houses. Try My Little Melbourne or one of the many nice cafés near St Stephen’s Basilica.”

“Try talking to us! People from Budapest are very friendly and they speak English, so it’s easy to get chatting. If you really want to make friends, try it in a bar when people have had a drink. They’ll definitely talk to you then.”

“Budapest is a creative city. Just look down any street in the Jewish Quarter to find really cool graffiti!”

“Most people wouldn’t go to a bar on a Sunday morning, but if you head to super-cool Szimpla Kert you’ll find a farmer’s market. It’s an amazing place to buy great food.”

CITIZEN’S ADVICE

8. Do Budapest like a local

YOGA TEACHER
ZÍLIA TÓTH
HAS LIVED IN
THE HUNGARIAN
CAPITAL FOR
SEVEN YEARS

“Try Unicum. It’s a local digestif made from herbs, which is about 40% alcohol. It’s totally unique.”

TRENDSPOTTER

9. Get between the covers

HOTELS ARE GOING GAGA FOR BOOKS IN 2018, SAYS SARAH NEISH

WE ALL KNOW that finding time to read during the daily grind is as likely as stumbling across a unicorn's nail salon. We're far too busy extracting our head from a fellow commuter's armpit on the metro, which is why we're glad the hospitality industry is stepping in to bring us books.

Le Pavillon des Lettres hotel in Paris has launched a literary room service, allowing guests to order from an 'extensive novel menu', with books delivered to your door. Choose from editions about the fashion world or classics by the likes of Charles Baudelaire



and Virginia Woolf. "Escaping digital distractions and enjoying an evening of solace has never been more tempting," says hotel manager Benoît Saudemont.

Austrian ski chalet Kristiania Lech, in the pretty Arlberg region, has introduced a reading butler. This bibliophilic Jeeves will create a bespoke reading list to reflect

your tastes. Curl up by the hotel's fireplace and devour a gripping tale (as well as some raclette) to the tinkling of live piano music.

"A memorable book offers an escape from the daily routine much like travel does," says chalet owner Gertrud Schneider. What next? Audio books in headboards? Bound to be a bestseller.



10. learn how to say this

THE PHRASE
"Z byka spadtes?"

IT MEANS...
"Did you fall from a bull?"

WHAT'S THAT NOW?
It's a very Polish way of suggesting somebody is telling you porky pies. Alternative translation: "Pull the other one."

YOU SHOULD PRONOUNCE IT LIKE THIS
"Zzz-bekah-spadwalsh."

11. Get ready to rave

ANNIE MAC IS THE INTERNATIONAL PARTY QUEEN – JUST AS LONG AS SHE CAN FIND HER PASSPORT. THE DJ TALKS MUM DANCING AND PACKING NIGHTMARES WITH LAUREN BRAVO

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HE MIGHT HAVE to go to work every evening, but Annie Mac is the patron saint of partying. As host of BBC

Radio 1's weekday 7-9pm slot, the Irish DJ is one of the most influential figures in UK music, presiding over a whole empire of AMP (Annie Mac Presents) albums, collaborations and events. Does she ever hit pause?

"It was nice to switch off from the daily grind, and have some headspace to think about where I am and what I'm doing," she says of last year's maternity leave.

Where she'll be this May bank holiday is Malta, back on the decks as host and curator of the fourth AMP Lost & Found Festival. Think pool parties, castle raves and boat trips to blast away your hangover.

Previously a more sedate destination ("A place where your mam and dad go"), the island's party scene is now seriously heating up, thanks to canny promoters and a local appetite for

techno and house. So, is Malta the new, cheaper Ibiza? "Not yet," says Annie, "but it could be."

What can we expect from Lost & Found 2018?

"An adventure. People are really invested in the experience, because it's not just going out for the night – it's going on a holiday with friends. You're seeing a new country, discovering a new culture and also having the best party experiences of your life."

If we're not natural-born ravers, what else is on offer?

"It's a beautiful island, the people are warm, friendly and welcoming, and it's right underneath Italy, so the food is incredible. There's lots of great pasta and fresh fish, and they love a stew – they're very similar to the Irish, actually. They're religious and they love to party."

What's your signature dance move?

"It's kind of a... a forward jog vibe... and side to side? Oh, god, I take it back – I don't have one."





What's the worst thing you've ever lost on holiday?

"My passport, before going to Ibiza two years ago. I still shudder thinking about it. I couldn't find it in the morning and I was on air that night for Radio 1. I had to blag it at the airport and, incredibly, they let me on the plane. I still haven't found it! I think my son might have put it through the floorboards."

What's it like travelling with two young children? Are you the parent handing out apologetic earplugs?

"No. We all started off as babies, so you can't really complain about crying. Whenever I see a parent with a baby on a plane I just send them good vibes."

You're vegan, right? How easy is that to stick to when you're away?

"Hard. Really hard. Like, nigh on impossible."

Besides the emergency tofu, are you a dab hand at packing?

"I always do a list and like to think I'm organised, but I realised the other day that I've never opened a suitcase and not gone 'Arrrgh!' I've always forgotten something. I'm looking forward to the day when I plan my outfits in advance, but it's never going to happen. I'm never going to be that person."

Annie Mac Presents Lost & Found, 3-6 May, Malta. lostandfoundfestival.com

On Annie's list...

LISTEN TO THIS

This year I'm really excited about J Hus, whose *Common Sense* is, in my opinion, one of the albums of the year.

BOOK THIS

I'd love to go to Gilles Peterson's *Worldwide Festival* in Sète in the South of France. Artists play on a cliff against the sunset.

PACK THIS

I always wear an eye mask. I got a really good one for my birthday from House of Hackney. It's velvet with lavender inside.



12. Visit the tiniest bar in the world (almost)

MILAN'S BACKDOOR 43 HAS APPLIED TO MAKE ITS 'SMALLEST' STATUS OFFICIAL...

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m² is the total size, with every wall covered in floor-to-ceiling wooden shelving holding booze, herbs and flowers.



3

is the modest amount of bar stools available to sit on.

43

Ripa di Porta Ticinese is where you'll find this tiny drinking den. A key and a password will get you in.



120

is the number of minutes you can hire it for. You'll need to book at least two weeks ahead.



60

is the number of bottles of whisky behind the bar.



HOT TOPIC

13. Join the queue

WITH MORE CITIES PLANNING TO CAP VISITOR NUMBERS, CHRIS BEANLAND WELCOMES A BIT OF OLD-FASHIONED WAITING IN LINE

SARTRE SAID, "HELL is other people." And, whether you're trying to score a table at Noma or fight past a jungle of selfie sticks to get a glimpse of the *Mona Lisa* one thing's for sure: nothing makes us tear our hair out more on our travels than other travellers. So, perhaps it's a good thing that popular destinations including Venice, Iceland and Santorini are all on the verge of slapping caps on visitor numbers.

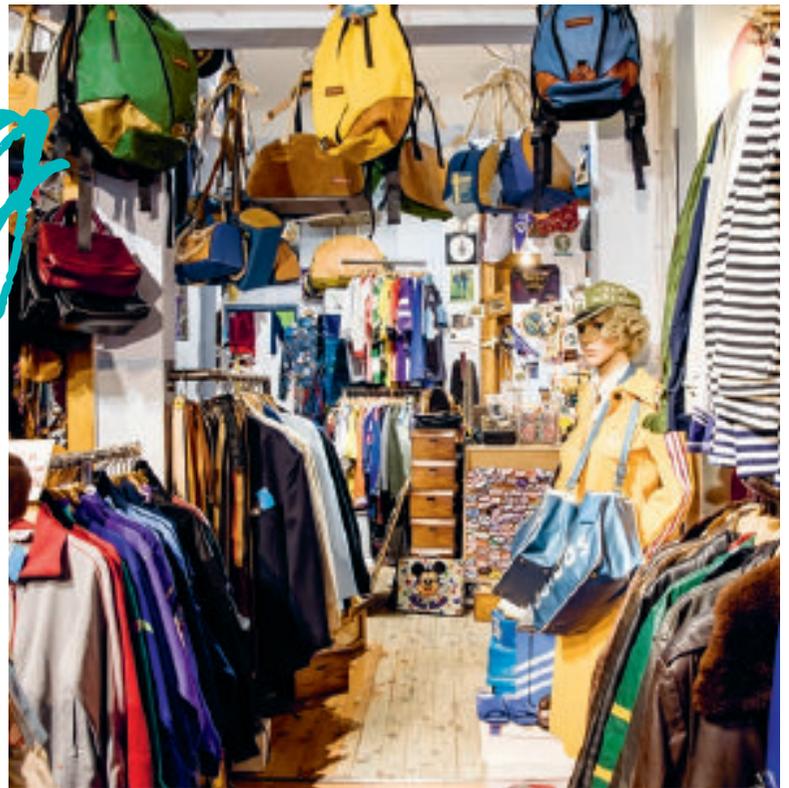
If these limits come to pass, you might actually stand a chance of viewing the thing you've come to see with enough room to enjoy it. Further, in an ideal world, these caps would apply solely to the

slow-walking and loud-talking. Or maybe all cruise ships could be moored at sea, where passengers could use VR headsets to explore the Sagrada Família while they chug free mojitos.

Picking and choosing who you want to let in is an extreme policy, I admit. No-one (including me) likes to feel they're not wanted at the party. Mind you, part of the pleasure of visiting Berlin nightclub Berghain – where punters are regularly sent packing after a two-hour wait – is wondering if you'll make it past legendary doorman, Sven. Maybe it would spice up a visit to the Colosseum in Rome if he was turning away tourists for wearing the wrong shoes?

14. Mix old and new in Hamburg

THE FORMER MEATPACKING DISTRICT OF KAROLINENVIERTEL IS A MELTING POT OF FRESH – AND UPCYCLED – IDEAS



DIG FOR VINTAGE TREASURE AT HOT DOGS

38 Marktstrasse

Local legend Noah Jurecky has been dealing vintage goods for over two decades along the lively Marktstrasse. Karolinenviertel's main street initially reinvented itself by offering cheap rents to enterprising young fashion folk and Noah's stock dates back much further: 70-year-old Swedish military fatigues, covetable sneakers and more classic flight bags than a 1970s airport.

BUY THIS Hot Dogs stocks the Zirkeltraining brand: gym gear refashioned as funky bags and wallets (from €55).



TASTE THE SOUL KITCHEN AT GEFUNDENES FRESSEN

130 Marktstrasse

Hamburg rapper Samy Deluxe always dreamed of opening a restaurant/meeting place and he's made a great job of it. Marktstrasse's oldest building is now a soul food hotspot – managed by Samy's partner Karin – where customers mix their own platters of ribs, jerk chicken, cornbread and 'soulslaw'. Samy also films regular YouTube shows here, showcasing fresh talent.

EAT THIS Carnivores should savour the succulent ribs (€8/14). Feeling fishy? Try the hearty mac 'n' shrimps (€13).



“This is such a welcoming area. People are culturally and politically active”

Karin Stebler, Gefundenes Fressen



STAY SUPER SOCIABLE AT SUPERBUDE ST PAULI

1-7 Juliusstrasse

Superbude's two friendly Hamburg hotels try to recreate a communal, hostel-like feel. The long lobby here is nicknamed the 'kitchen club' and hosts regular gigs/shows like Soundcake, where the ticket price is homemade cake. Sweet. The rooms are fun too: beer-crate seats, sink-plunger coat hooks and a flip-flop magazine-holder for the bathroom. Very thoughtful.

KNOW THIS Superbude's Rockstarsuite boasts Europe's biggest hotel bed, they reckon. It sleeps six...



GO HAMBURG-HAWAIIAN AT MAUI POKE GUYS

30 Karolinenstrasse

Watching the Maui Poke Guys (and gals) prepare a meal is almost as enjoyable as eating it. Almost. Hawaiian-style pokes – raw fish salads – are increasingly popular and this cosy but hip café has surfed a wave since launching in December. The three well-travelled guys behind it are planning an outdoor space and cocktails in the summer.

EAT THIS The Maui Classic Salmon with beetroot rice, avocado, edamame and ginger (€9.50) is a bowl of joy.



HAVE A BARREL OF FUN AT LOCKENGELÖT

114 Marktstrasse

Karoviertel – as the locals all call the area – attracts people with fresh business ideas and this fabulous shop boasts dozens of them. Owners Carsten Trill and Dennis Schnelting transform oil barrels into cabinets, tables and clocks; broken skateboards into eggcups and jewellery; and vinyl records into lamps, bowls, ashtrays, even toilet-roll holders. They're literally groovy.

BUY THIS Lockengelöt's bestsellers are a novel idea: key-hangers made from old books (€19.90).

Home truths

PHILIPP LIST Tattoo artist

"This is the old slaughterhouse district, which was never popular – it smelled bad. But now it's a central area where small businesses can do different things. Look at me: I work in a *Star Wars*-themed tattoo parlour."

superstardestroyer.de



“Germany’s first TV news show was transmitted from this building in the 1950s”

Stephanie Hochmuth, manager, Uebel & Gefährlich



BOOGIE IN A BUNKER
AT UEBEL & GEFÄHRlich

66 Feldstrasse

A mighty, hulking marker between Karoiviertel and St Pauli, this vast building was constructed as an impregnable bunker during WWII. Now, the 3m-thick walls soundproof one of Europe’s most distinctive concert-and-club nightspots. Uebel & Gefährlich means ‘mean and dangerous’, but the vibe is warm, plus there’s a glorious view from the roof terrace.

KNOW THIS You could sleep here soon, as there are ambitious plans for a ‘garden hotel’ on top.

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PLAN AHEAD

JETTING OFF WITH SPROGS IN TOW? CHOOSING THE RIGHT BREAK IS CHILD'S PLAY...

15. Pick your fun family get away



1/ My kids' favourite Disney character is...

- A) Roguish, swashbuckling Jack Sparrow
- B) Bookish daydreamer Belle
- C) Brawny, athletic Hercules

2/ School is great because...

- A) Kids learn independence
- B) It gets them out the house
- C) They're constantly judged and graded

3/ Screen time is...

- A) Harmless, in moderation

- B) Crucial for my sanity
- C) Never spoken of

4/ When kids sleep...

- A) It's because they're exhausted
- B) It's time to pop a bottle
- C) I sneakily play them language tuition CDs

5/ When we use a babysitter I...

- A) Compulsively check my phone
- B) Feel like a human being for a little while again
- C) Insist on some structured, educational play

6/ Dining out with kids is...

- A) Tough, but often rewarding
- B) Every bit as disgusting as you imagine
- C) Not happening on my watch

7/ My kids' friends think I'm...

- A) Some sort of astronaut
- B) Mad as a box of frogs
- C) Secretly a witch

8/ For their last birthday we...

- A) Went paintballing
- B) Baked a cake together
- C) Only did a 5K



**Mostly As
Go to Salou**

Larger-than-life families who lap up adventure will love this sunny

spot near Reus, Spain, on the golden Costa Dorada, with its vivid modernist architecture and hair-raising thrills courtesy of Port Aventura theme park.

BOOK IT 7 nights room only at 4-star Best Da Vinci Royal, from £419pp* based on 4 sharing. Luton, 26 May.



**Mostly Bs
Go to Alcúdia**

We hear you – a break from the monotony of parenthood is in

order. Chillax with drinks by the pool as entertainers at Viva Sunrise hotel on Majorca whisk your tykes away for a lively time of creative, theatrical fun.

BOOK IT 7 nights self-catering at 4-star Viva Sunrise, from £629pp* based on 4 sharing. Gatwick, 26 May.

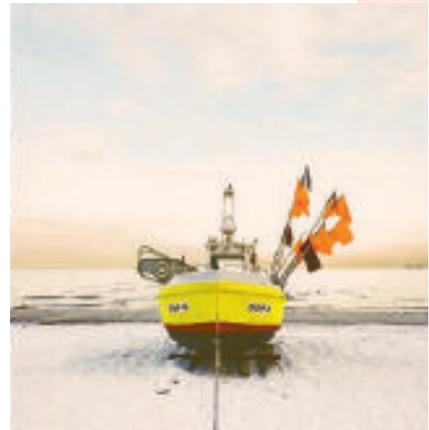
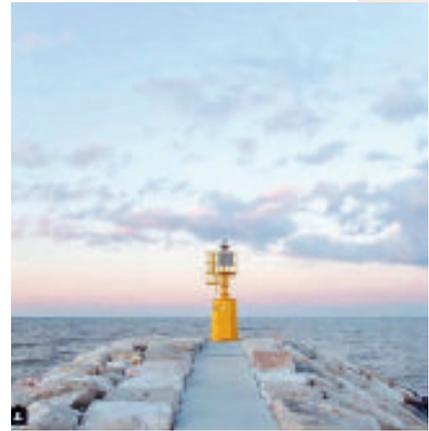


**Mostly Cs
Go to Marrakech**

'Tiger mother' is a badge of honour for you, so kids at

this activity-packed resort are put through their paces with climbing, horse riding, tennis and archery. All apartments have handy kitchens too.

BOOK IT 4 nights room only at 5-star Le Vizir, from £299pp* based on 4 sharing. Gatwick, 26 May.



TOP Hotel Opera, Prague, Czech Republic; Bramley Baths, Leeds, England; Rimini Molo Lighthouse, Rimini, Italy
MIDDLE Konzerthaus Berlin, Germany; Renaissance Barcelona Fira, Spain; Sopot Beach, Poland

BOTTOM Flam Line, Aurland, Norway; Rosenborg Castle, Copenhagen, Denmark

16. Go Wes

AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT OF LOCATIONS THAT COULD BE FROM WES ANDERSON MOVIES IS INSPIRING SOME CINEMATIC JOURNEYS

IF YOU'VE EVER seen *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *Rushmore* or pretty much any other Wes Anderson movie, you'll know the American indie auteur's inimitable style, marked out by symmetrical shots, bright colour palettes and a sense of quirky fun. Now, fans of the director have begun collecting shots of buildings that could easily have featured in his flicks, including remote lighthouses, dusty pink ballrooms and palatial Eastern Europe resorts.

"The community is super-active," says Wally Koval, the New Yorker behind the @accidentallywesanderson

Instagram. "Every week I get so many submissions. When I find the perfect one, it's phenomenal."

Phenomenal's the word: the account has picked up 200K followers in nine months and inspired legions of Anderson geeks to trawl Europe for ever-more immaculate examples of the director's oeuvre. "Budapest, Berlin, Copenhagen – all really lend themselves to the search," says Wally, whose personal favourite pics are shown here.

Anderson's latest movie, *Isle of Dogs*, is out this month. There'll be no need to pay any location scouts for the next one...

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AND FINALLY...

Brits prove we have nothing to wine about

WE ALL KNOW size matters, but now research by the University of Cambridge shows that the modern wine glass is a staggering seven times larger than it was back in 1700. Mozart, Marie Antoinette and pals sipped on 66ml at a time, while we quaff a hefty 449ml of vino, getting us almost seven times more tiddy than back then. That explains a lot...

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Spanish start-up invents tree-incarnation

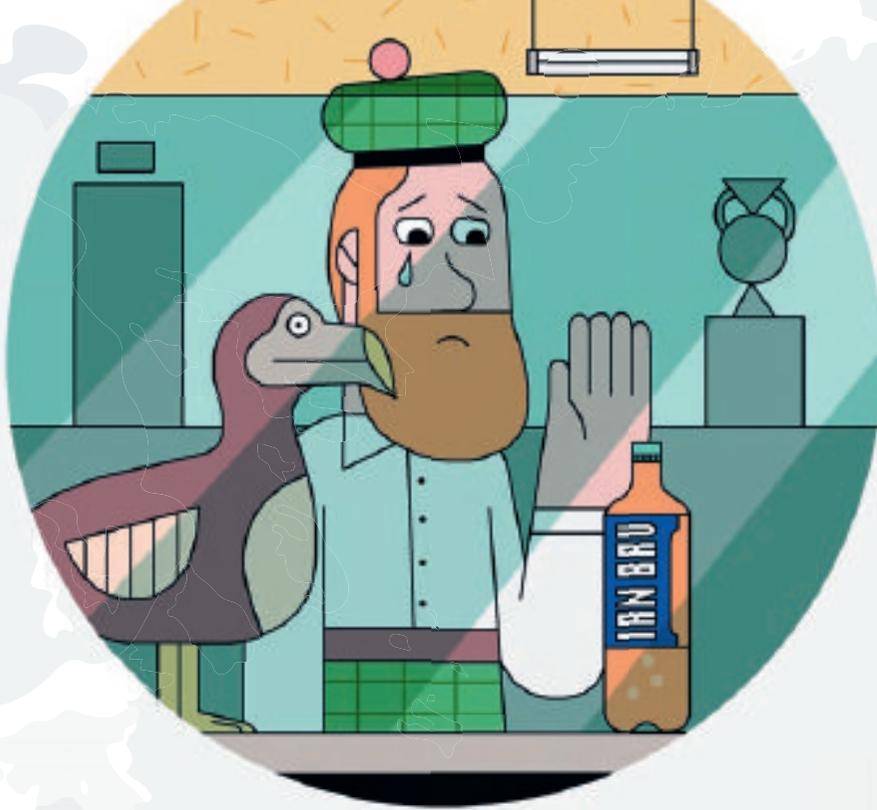
BEING DEAD AND buried has been taken to the next level by a Barcelona design studio. Estudi Moliné has created the Bios Urn, a plant-pot-turned-urn in which your ashes are mixed with soil and a

tree seed, so you can come back as a literal Tree of Life, à la Rafiki's abode in *The Lion King*. Rise again as a maple, pine, oak or redwood, depending on what leafy look you want to rock next time round.



Sweden breaks the seal on adverts

IKEA HAS A NEW magazine ad with a strip that acts as a pregnancy test. Yes, you have to wee on the page, but if it's positive you get a discount code for cots. Apparently it's making quite a splash...



Amsterdam gets a rebrand

A STREET ART collective in the Dutch capital is hard at work mocking the hipsterfication of the city by secretly renaming its streets. Kamp Seedorf puts up signs that look like the original blue iron ones, but with ironic titles such as Hipstergracht (Hipster Canal), Glutenvrij Pad (Gluten-free Lane) and Quinoasaladstraat (Quinoa Salad Street). We're holding out for Bearded Boulevard.



Scottish landmark under threat

A CHERISHED PART of Scottish culture has been put at grave risk. No, it's not Edinburgh Castle or Loch Lomond, but Irn Bru, the nation's favourite orange hangover cure. Plans to change the original soda recipe to include almost 50%

less sugar led to a stampede of Scots panic-buying the drink.

"One guy stocked up on 250 cans to try and ride this out," said a local shop owner. There's even a 'Hands off our Irn Bru' campaign. Not on our watch.



Danish vodka thief bottles it

OWNERS OF COPENHAGEN bar Café 33 blanched when the world's most expensive vodka bottle, worth €1,092,506, was swiped from their shelves. Luckily, the treasure, made with silver and gold and a diamond-encrusted cap, was found on a local construction site (empty, mind). That's a builder with pricey tastes. Don't ask him for a quote.

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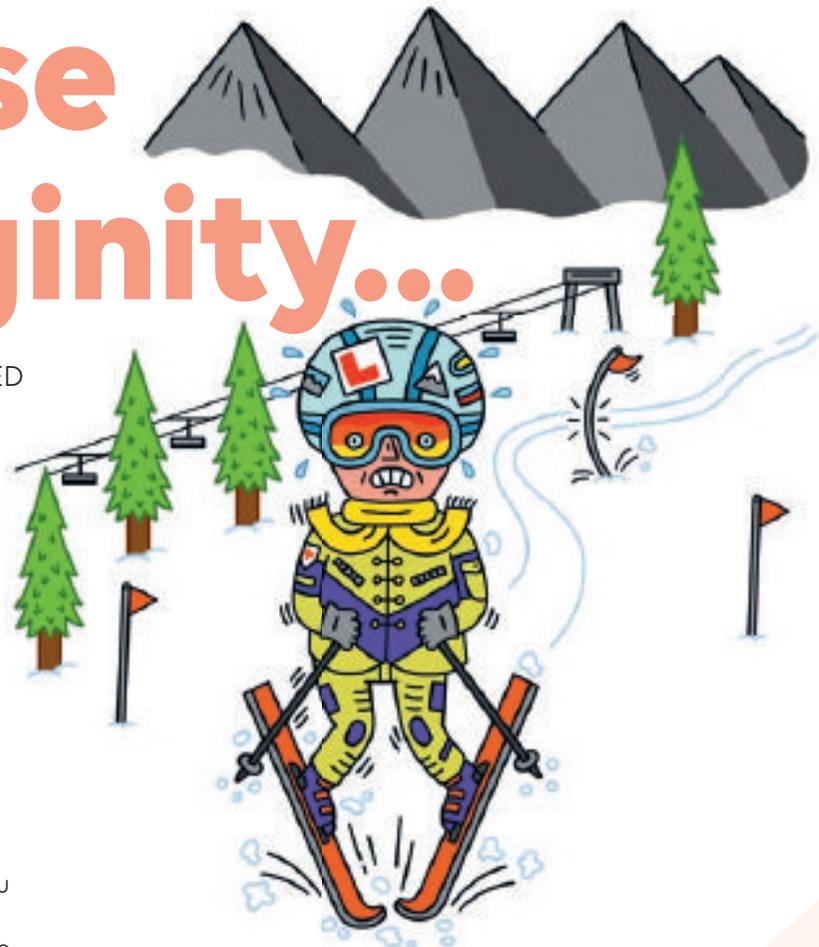
A NERVOUS BUT EXCITED
ANDREW DICKENS
 REPORTS BACK ON
 HIS VERY FIRST TIME
 (ON A MOUNTAIN)

I AM A 40-YEAR-OLD virgin. Actually, that's not true. I'm a bit older than 40, but why ruin a good pop culture reference? I'm still a virgin, though. Never have I ever...

been on a skiing holiday. Wait. What did you think I was talking about?

This isn't down to a lack of desire. Oh, I've wanted it for years: the majestic views, the shiny clothes, the cheese. I even flirted with a lesson at a local snow centre once, but my snowplough was more 'burnt-out combine harvester'. Any proper ski holiday, I envisaged, would be spent alone, being laughed at by Swiss toddlers as I bit the powder on the nursery slopes and my friends whizzed around, *vin chaud* in hand, not missing me one iota. It was all too late, I thought. I'd missed the chairlift.

But the new year brought a new attitude. Mainly because my wife loves skiing and could no longer be sated by holidays where you use your feet normally. After four years of non-snowy getaways, I couldn't deny her any



longer. The choice was clear: either I take the plunge or face an eternity of FOMO as she schussed away with friends.

All of which explains why, at the start of 2018, I'm standing halfway up a mountain in Meribel, France, with Phil – ski instructor extraordinaire – ready to pop my cherry.

The aim is to get to a level of proficiency where I can join in the bonhomie and camaraderie, as well as the fondue – and experience tells me what to do in this sort of situation: take it slowly, listen to instructions and try not to get hurt. Patient Phil is brilliant, spending two hours turning my combine harvester into a functioning snowplough technique, leading up to him leaving me to >

go it alone. We shake hands, he wishes me good luck and I set off down the piste with no one to guide me, pick me up or apologise to the young family I've just mowed through.

I'm on a beginners' green run, but it's still a big hill with gravity and, as soon as proficient skiers started flying past me, the

"I get clumsy and inaccurate. Everything's happening too quickly. Hands and legs are going everywhere. OH MY GOD, THIS IS PAINFULLY FAMILIAR"

nerves set in. I start panicking, forgetting Phil's wise words. I get clumsy and inaccurate. Everything's happening too quickly. Hands and legs are going everywhere. OH MY GOD, THIS IS PAINFULLY FAMILIAR. In all these years, I haven't learned a thing about losing a virginity, I realise, as I stumble and apologise my way through to a very unsatisfactory arrival at my destination.

I then commit an age-old sin: I brag. Meeting my friends for lunch, I tell them how I've conquered the mountain. I am, in my words, 'Le Comte de le Montagne'. The mountain, hearing this, becomes vengeful.

Its retribution is swift. I'm felled outside the restaurant the moment I put my skis back on. It's no spectacular tumble, but a slow, awkward descent from a static position,

like a giraffe fainting. I twist my left knee in the process.

Despite the pain, I manage to ski to the chairlift I'd planned to take down to our lovely warm chalet, only I've missed the last chair. *Sacré bleu*. How will I get down, I ask the operator, pointing at my knee. "*Je suis un beginner*," I say. "*Je suis eenjured*." He shrugs and thumbs towards a run called Lapin. My fluent French tells me that means rabbit.

Cute, right? No. Not cute at all. It turns out this bunny run is no cake walk and the light's fading as fast as my chances of survival. For a few hundred metres I cope, but then I reach the top of what looks (to me) like The Wall in *Game of Thrones*. Within seconds, I'm spinning down it, skis gone along with my dignity. I'm defeated, with no choice but to slide down on my buttocks. At the bottom I find my friends, who've witnessed my humiliation and are trying not to laugh.

I make excuses, blaming the cruel lift operator, but I know who's guilty here. I turn to the mountain and apologise. "*Pardonnez-moi, pour le disrespect*." We've not had the best of starts, but there's time to repair things. I know now this is no holiday romance, it's the beginning of a long-term relationship. *Andrew Dickens is special projects editor at ShortList Media (and nursing his bruised ego).*

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Where's the beef?

VEGAN FAST FOOD IS TAKING OVER LONDON, BUT CAN IT WIN ROUND A BEEFY BURGER-LOVER LIKE JONNY ENSALL? HE STUFFED HIS FACE TO FIND OUT

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verything about it looks right. The bun is shiny and pillow soft, the sauce is dripping provocatively off shards of crisp lettuce and a sliver of cheese peeks above a patty that looks just

like the thousands of other salty, brown, reformed meat discs I've ingested in my lifetime. It is, unmistakably, a burger.

"It looks great," I say to the small group of chefs, servers and marketing representatives who've assembled to watch me sample by CHLOE's famous Guac Burger. I gather up the precious tower, open my mouth wide like a snake swallowing a whole mongoose and sink my teeth into it. It takes a few moments of consideration before I can determine that – yes – all the right qualities are there. Sauciness. Chewiness. Meatiness. "It's delicious," I mumble through a mouthful of fake beef. Everyone breathes a sigh of relief.

The vegan burger is not a new invention, but it's only in the past few months that it's begun to rival its more traditional bovine counterpart for texture, flavour and general guilty enjoyment factor. By CHLOE is a US vegan fast-food chain, launched by Samantha Wasser and vegan chef

VEGGING OUT

Clockwise from right: the Vurger Co offers a choice of vegan burgers; Temple of Hackney, home of vegan 'fried chicken'; our editor, Jonny, preparing to chow down on a Temple Cheeseburger



Chloe Coscarelli in 2015, which now has 10 sites across North America. This new restaurant in Covent Garden, central London, is by CHLOE's first in Europe – the first of many, no doubt, as veganism hits the mainstream. Plans are already in the works for a second London location. Says Samantha Wasser: "By CHLOE offers a new option for those who already subscribe to a plant-based lifestyle and those just looking for a delicious, wholesome meal."

I do not subscribe to a plant-based lifestyle and feel a bit out of place sitting in a hanging wicker chair surrounded by healthy, punning slogans ('Chili out', 'Kale us maybe!'). This strikes me as the sort of place human beings several notches healthier than me would come for a post-gym 'treat', while I'm at home eating rounds of cheese on toast in front of *Ninja Warrior*.

By CHLOE is a bit like the vegan mothership landing in Europe, but it's not the only meat-free burger joint looking to establish itself in London this month. After two years of running

“I do not subscribe to a plant-based lifestyle and feel a bit out of place”

and chef at the Vurger Co. “We never market ourselves as health food.” Neil and his partner Rachel ditched their day jobs a couple of years ago to pursue the vegan dream. They’ve invited me to their test kitchen to try their impressive range of burgers, which are variously assembled from black, butter and borlotti beans, mushrooms, chickpeas and smoky aubergines. Each perfectly formed patty is a mini-masterpiece of harmoniously balanced umami flavours. I munch my way carefully through each of them, getting covered in so many condiments I look like I’ve had a food fight with myself. And lost.

“A burger is basically the toppings and the sauce,” says Neil. “Nobody comes out of a big >



successful pop-ups, the Vurger Co has opened its first permanent site in Shoreditch, while phenomenally popular ‘vegan fried chicken’ shop Temple of Hackney is expanding with Temple of Camden – a north London takeaway and café with authentically beefy burgers on the menu. Also of interest to anyone who misses the mouthfeel of haemoglobin: Mildred’s in Dalston has just launched the B12 burger, the first UK-made vegan burger that ‘bleeds’.

It’s the dawn of a crispy golden, bleedin’ marvellous era for veganism, in other words. One in which you don’t have to settle for eating yesterday’s tofu when you’re hungover. By CHLOE’s Guac Burger – made from roasted sweet potato and black beans and doused with creamy guacamole – is a far better option. That said, I’m halfway through mine and I’m not experiencing any of my usual meat sweats. I can’t shake the feeling what I’m eating is... healthy.

Is it possible to get vegan food that’s bad for you? “Of course,” says Neil Potts, founder





GUTLESS WONDERS

Left to right: Temple of Hackney is so popular it's expanded to a second venue, Temple of Camden; by CHLOE's famous Guac Burger and sweet potato fries



“It’s worth noting that McDonald’s has been trialling its own McVegan burger in Finland”

burger chain restaurant and says, ‘Mmm. That was great beef.’”

I agree with him. And yet, standing here covered in egg-free mayonnaise, I’m struck by a craving so strong I could bite down on it. I need a McDonald’s cheeseburger. Neil and Rachel would be terribly disappointed if they knew this, I’m sure, so I keep the secret to myself and shuffle off to Temple of Camden.

It’s before opening night at the site along the Regent’s Canal and there are just a few of the Temple’s truest devotees here drinking cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, testing the new products and giving each other thumbs-ups between bites. I order the Temple Cheeseburger – a compact

little sandwich which feels eerily familiar in my greedy hands.

“The burger’s a seitan mixture of gluten flour and soy mince,” says head chef Mike Spillane, “with a bit of beetroot stock for colour.” I chomp. A smile crosses my face. “It tastes a lot like a McDonald’s cheeseburger,” I say, which Mike takes as a compliment. “The burger’s a throwback to cheap meat,” he admits. But this is ‘meat’ that harms neither animals nor the environment. It’s worth noting that McDonald’s has been trialling its own McVegan burger in Finland. However, this is a ‘happy’ enough meal for my tastes.

As I tuck into my fifth burger of an exhaustingly gluttonous photoshoot, I notice a bead of perspiration dribble down my forehead. Ah, there they are! I think. The meat sweats. 🍷
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WHO WOULD MESS WITH A MASTERPIECE LIKE THE SISTINE CHAPEL? SEASONED IMPRESARIO MARCO BALICH, THAT'S WHO. MALCOLM JACK MEETS THE MOST AUDACIOUS MAN IN ITALY

You know the Sistine Chapel, right? The famous one. The one inside the Pope's home, in Vatican City, that's 538 years old, visited by six million people annually and covered in sublime ceiling frescos painted by a roll call of artistic greats including Botticelli, Roselli and Michelangelo (the unparalleled visionary of the Italian Renaissance, not the hero in a half-shell).

Of course you know the Sistine Chapel. It's a unique wonder of the world. Which makes it surprising that one man's attempting to match, or even better, the original with a €9 million immersive audio-visual theatrical experience. From 15 March, audiences at the Auditorium

Conciliazione in Rome will be invited to witness *Universal Judgment: Michelangelo and the Secrets of the Sistine Chapel*, featuring music by Sting.

It's an audacious project, no doubt, but artistic director Marco Balich has form when it comes to pant-soilingly high stakes, live entertainment spectacles. He's been behind several major opening ceremonies, including the Rio Olympics in 2016 (estimated global TV audience: 342 million), so taking the cutting edge of technology to one of the most sacred artworks in human history is all in a day's work.

Balich is a Venetian living and working in Milan. He sweeps into his office and shakes my hand reassuringly firmly, before settling at a desk surrounded by ornaments, such as a three-metre-

CHAPEL OF LOVE
Clockwise from above: inside the Auditorium Conciliazione, with an artist's impression of Balich's *Giudizio Universale* (*Universal Judgment*); the Galaxy and Dance of the Stars segment of the show; entrepreneurial show producer Marco Balich



wide, floor-to-ceiling, 18th-century Biblical art canvas and a sleek-looking luminous orange bicycle. “Everything that is beautiful attracts me,” he says later, suavely.

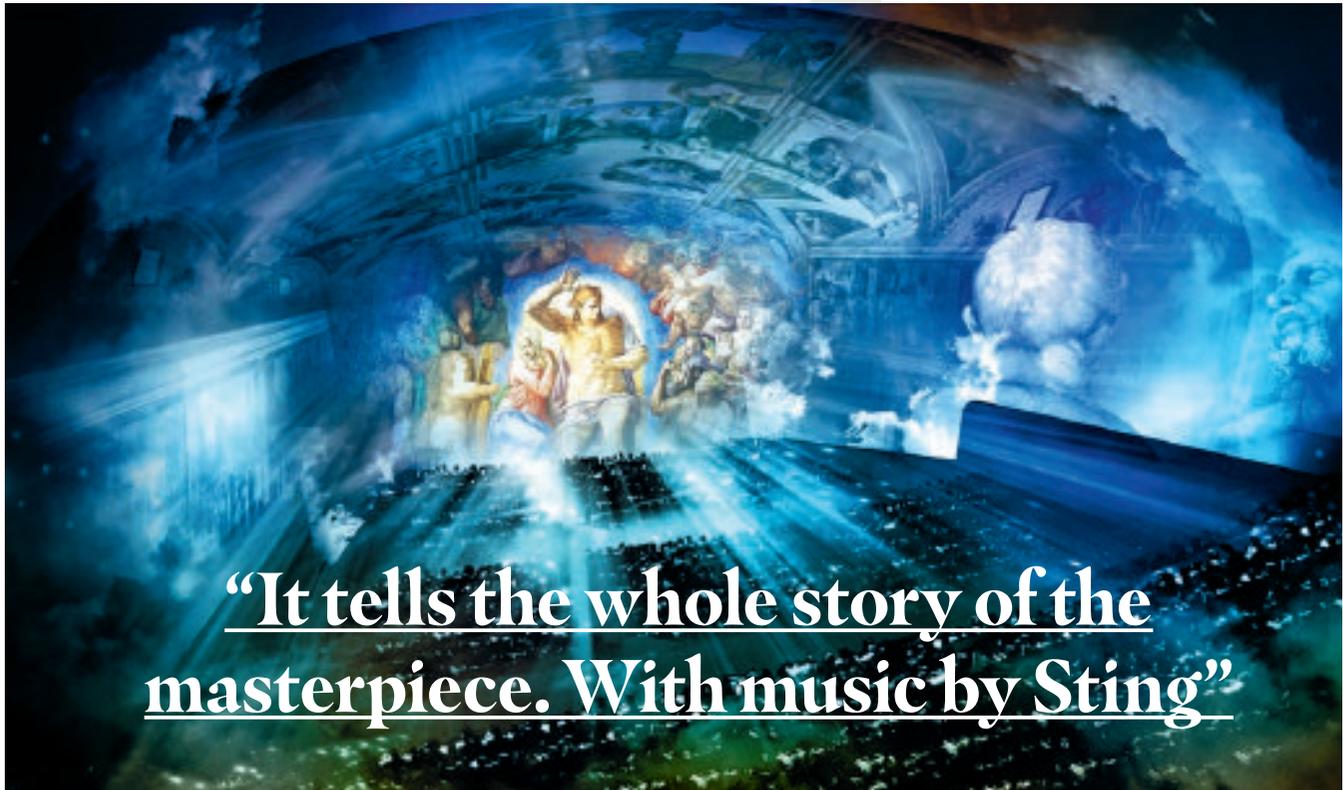
His English is perfect. It’s one of five languages he speaks fluently. “Soon six, if I learn Japanese,” he notes, coolly referring to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics opening ceremony which he’s presently bidding for like it’s no big deal. His passion for his work is intoxicating and he peppers our conversation with the words “beautiful” and “beauty” 17 times in total.

Universal Judgment will be Balich’s first long-running work in situ. A 60-minute meld of 270° wraparound Ultra HD 4K visuals on multiple IMAX cinema screens, original music and audio in 9.1 surround sound, featuring a cast of eight multiskilled live performers, Balich’s opus tells the whole story of Michelangelo’s masterpiece, >

“It’s respectful of religious people, but it’s entertainment and you learn”



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“It tells the whole story of the masterpiece. With music by Sting”

INSIDE JOB

Above: the projections, sound and lights will create an immersive experience; Below: Rome's Auditorium Conciliazione

from Pope Julius II's commission of the first Sistine frescos in 1508, through the realisation of *The Last Judgement* in 1541, to a reenactment of the melodramatic selection ritual of each new Pope. He's so excited about it he spends ages playing me fragments of top-secret, behind-the-scenes footage of the show. Together, we gawp at digital renderings of Renaissance-era Rome, monoliths made out of chicken wire shrouded in dry ice and acrobats dangling from trapezes. There's a slightly odd moment when we sit quietly, listening to a recording of Sting singing in Latin.

Why does the world need this show? “I have four children and every time we say, ‘Let's go to the museum’, they go ‘ugh’,” he says, rolling his eyes in a mock strop. To Balich, Michelangelo is “the Justin Bieber of sculpture”; Julius II is “like Trump”. His aim is to make a complex historical story feel easily accessible.

“This is not a religious show. It's a show that is respectful of religious people, but it's an

entertainment show and you learn,” he says. “When you go to see the real Sistine Chapel, you have three minutes, then you're pushed away, because thousands of people are waiting. Ten million people a year come to Rome, but they don't get to see the Vatican Museum.”

Balich reckons he's about to give the Italian capital a permanent theatrical experience that's as popular as the musicals of London's West End, the Berlin Opera or Paris's Moulin Rouge. It's ambitious, but maybe not beyond the abilities of a man whose other great visionary quest is to stage a show on another planet. “Mars fascinates me very much,” he says. “Probably 50 years from now easyJet will be the first low-cost carrier to Mars.”

Maybe high-tech, cashmere-clad Marco does have something in common with High Renaissance, paint-splattered Michelangelo, I think, as he shakes my hand again on my way out. They're both reaching for the heavens. ✨

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Print your



in Copenhagen

House-hunting: it's one of the most exhausting things we have to do in the modern age.

Hours spent searching online, before pounding the streets for endless viewings, then offering and counter-offering. (And that's before we begin the task of remedying the previous occupants' crimes against decor.) Wouldn't it be easier if we could just press a button to create a dream home? It's not as far-out as it sounds.

China and Russia have a few examples of 3D-printed architecture already, but strict EU building codes meant we were lagging behind. Until now. At the end of last summer, in an industrial area just outside Copenhagen city centre called Nordhavn, construction began on Europe's first 3D-printed building. The rippling, eco-friendly structure was formed by new firm 3D Printhuset, which named it BOD: 'Building On Demand'. The job involves something like piping icing onto a cake: a nozzle moves around a gantry depositing layer upon layer of special concrete, which gradually begins to resemble the building above.

It's been designed as a shared office, and I'm being shown around it by Jakob Jorgensen, who's been part of this project since its genesis. "We work with lots of studios and architects," he tells me, "but there's so much room ahead for anyone to print out whatever they dream up." A friendly technician, Jorgensen often gives mini-tours to curious visitors who turn up randomly to have a nose.

The 3D-printing process saves buckets of cash and time compared to traditional construction, and means every example can be individual. Practically, it's hoped such houses can be used in disaster zones or as temporary dwellings.

Copenhagen is a hotspot in the field of new domestic science: fellow city innovators include Space10, Ikea's "future-living lab". Late last year it launched Growroom, a DIY indoor garden. Its open-source



HOT PROPERTY
3D Printhuset's concrete dwelling is the first of its kind in Europe

FYI
Ikea just launched its first 3D-printed object – a hand-shaped wall decoration designed in collaboration with stylist Bea Akerlund.

plans have been downloaded by over 200,000 users, proving the public are ready for this kind of disruptive tech in their lives (and homes).

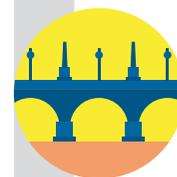
And the 3D building ambition doesn't stop with the likes of BOD. In Amsterdam's Asterweg, DUS Architects is at work on its ongoing '3D Print Canal House', an ambitious scheme to recreate one of the city's famous waterside dwellings.

When the future of house-building is as simple as hitting 'print', Kirstie and Phil might need to start looking for new jobs – and if these space-age homes come with a dash of Scandi design nous, all the better.
Alexandra Pereira

While in Copenhagen

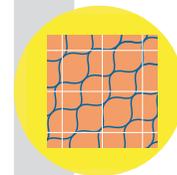
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Can I print it?



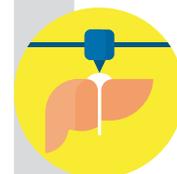
YES YOU CAN

In December 2016, the world's first 3D-printed bridge opened in Castilla-La Mancha park, Madrid.



YES YOU CAN

At Amsterdam Schipol airport, Dutch firm Aectual has installed a sustainable 3D-printed terrazzo floor.



NO YOU CAN'T

Scientists believe 'bioprinting' will allow the creation of human tissue structures, but 3D-printed organs are still the stuff of sci-fi.

Shop at a supermarket



in Berlin

The notion of 'living produce' at a supermarket usually means a doomed basil plant

destined to dry out on a windowsill before being tipped into an early swing-bin grave. It was ever thus. But now, trailblazing Berlin start-up Infarm is hoping to make this sorry cycle a thing of the past. How? By effectively plonking miniature tech-enabled farms inside a growing number of the German capital's grocery aisles.

This, for the uninitiated, is an example of vertical agriculture: an eco-conscious indoor growing method that deploys sun-mimicking LED lights, requires no soil and uses 70 percent less water than traditional farming. Thanks to the fact it shrinks food production's carbon footprint, offers bigger yield per unit area (one large-scale operation in Japan

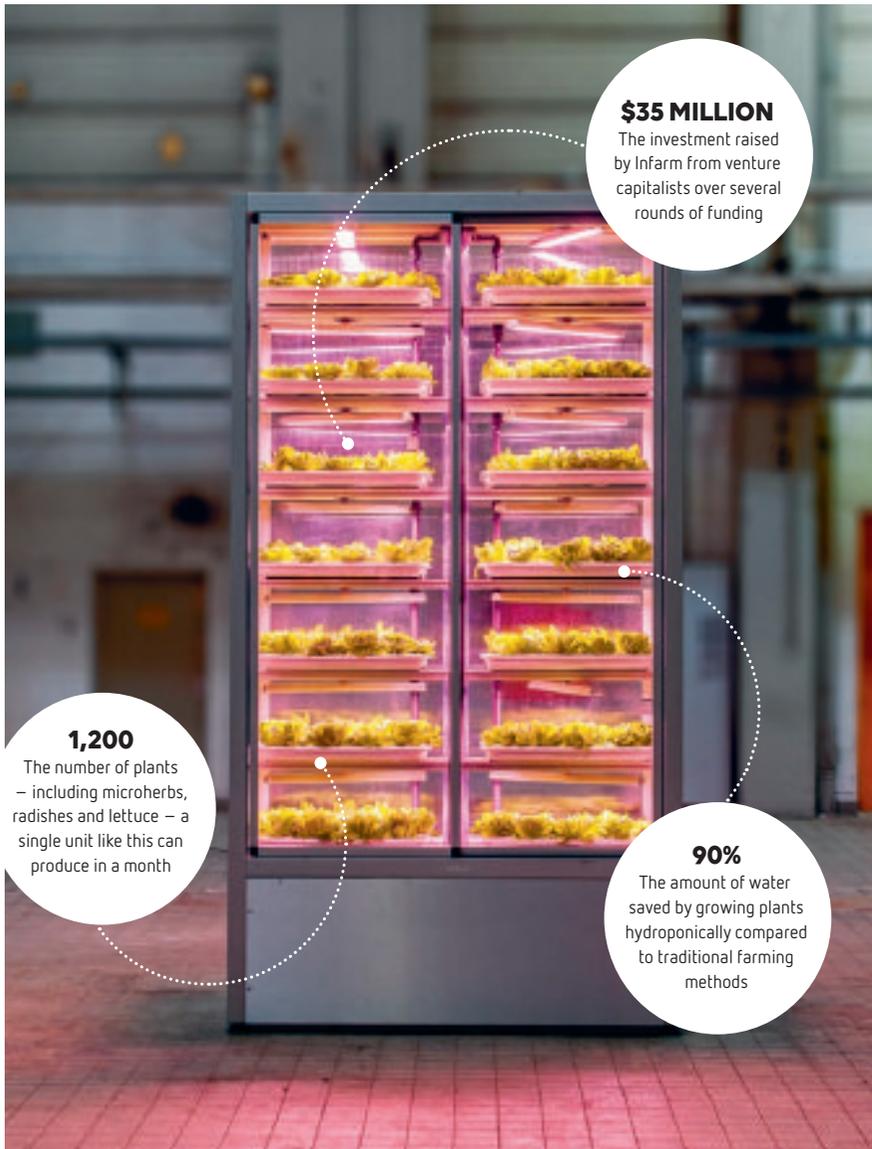
SEEDS OF CHANGE

At Infarm, crops are grown hydroponically with no soil and LED lights to mimic the sun



produces 100 times as much lettuce per square foot as a traditional farm) and eliminates the need for pesticides, it has become one of the tech world's buzziest sectors. However, Infarm is the only company aiming to essentially let shoppers pick their lettuce, mint and tarragon direct from the source.

"We're actually distributing farms rather than produce," says Osnat Michaeli, who co-founded the company with siblings and fellow foodies Erez and Guy Galonska. "From the very beginning, our main question was, 'How can we grow food where people live?'" Having dabbled with DIY prototypes (before their official launch in 2013, they installed a hydroponic farm in an old Airstream trailer), Infarm's founders eventually arrived at their current design: a glowing, pink-hued stack



\$35 MILLION
The investment raised by Infarm from venture capitalists over several rounds of funding

1,200
The number of plants – including microherbs, radishes and lettuce – a single unit like this can produce in a month

90%
The amount of water saved by growing plants hydroponically compared to traditional farming methods

of adaptable, nutrient-rich water trays, bolstered by smart innovations like algorithmic light-tracking and sensors that let Infarm’s team fix any problems remotely from their hip Kreuzberg office.

“Each farming unit is its own controlled environment, which means we can grow herbs that are super-rare or only usually found in a certain part of the world,” says Michaeli. So far, Infarm has 50 of its farms across Berlin, supplying nutrient-packed salad vegetables (no vitamins are lost in transit) to wholesalers, Germany’s largest supermarket group, Edeka, and forward-thinking chefs including double-Michelin star holder Tim Raue. But Michaeli says the plan in the next year is to unveil “hundreds more” across Europe.

If that sounds like extreme confidence, then it’s perhaps merely

a byproduct of Infarm’s decision to launch in a city that has a taste for socially conscious, radical ideas and a proud urban gardening heritage (and the fact venture capital firms have invested handsomely too). “Berlin really is a hub of innovation,” she says. “We’ve met city planners, activists and biofarming experts. The people here are concerned about environmental issues and try to live their lives in a very aware, independent way.” So is this a game-changer for the future of food production? You can bet the vertical farm on it. *Jimi Famurewa*

While in Berlin

Soak up the buzzing ‘Silicon Allee’ scene at Betahaus (betahaus.com), a vast café and co-working space with a packed events programme, a friendly vibe and a wood-working shop for hands-on learning.

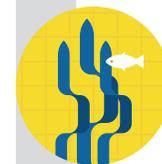
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HEMP
Fast-growing, cheap and packed with goodness, (non-psychoactive) hemp is on the rise in Europe. Devon-based firm Good Hemp uses it in oil, seeds and ‘milk’, and Pulsin makes hemp protein for gym bunnies.



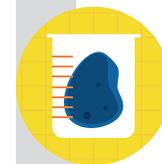
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ALGAE
A few European innovators are harnessing the nutritional power of algae. Try French company Algama’s Springwave, a drink made from spirulina: an algae with 65 percent useable protein.



URBAN FUNGHI
Eco start-up Article No 25 uses spent coffee grounds from London’s Mercato Metropolitano as fertiliser to grow mushrooms in the city. Its current project: installing greenhouses on high-rise rooftops.



LAB-GROWN MEAT
One day in the not-too-distant future, meat and fish will be cruelty-free with a low carbon footprint, cultured from cells in a lab, in potentially fantastical flavours. Fancy a dodo burger? It’s yours...

Meet good



in Prague

The problem with artificial intelligence is, it's often not very intelligent. "Artificial intelligence can be trained to recognise images of cats and dogs," says Olga Afanasjeva, chief operating officer at GoodAI, which specialises in educating artificial intelligences by teaching them to think, reason and act. "But show it a picture of an elephant and it's lost." Not so smart now, are you, Mr PC?

But the days of human-level AI are getting closer. In a futuristic office in Prague by the Vltava river, Good AI's scientists are trying to teach machines to be more, well, human.

"What we are trying to do is create an algorithm that can come up with solutions to problems it hasn't been trained for," says Olga. "Like a human, it will be able to teach itself how to work something out." GoodAI has a team of 20 scientists, researchers and engineers trying to erase the barrier between humans and machines when it comes to thinking.



Historically, teaching machines involves repetitive 'brute-force' learning styles. "AI is capable of doing tasks it was designed to do," says Olga. But it lacks an ability to problem solve. Olga's team are building a set of subjects a machine learns, which gets harder over the time. Much like a child going through school, it combines the knowledge it has learned to solve increasingly complex problems.

"It's about the same level as a baby in terms of object and pattern recognition," says Olga. But it's learning, fast.

Ask the expert

WHERE'S MY TRAVELBOT?



MARTIN FORD,
AUTHOR OF *RISE OF THE ROBOTS*
(ONEWORLD, £9.99)

WILL ROBOTS GREET ME AT THE AIRPORT?

Self-service check-in kiosks already do, kind of. I think security, although it's a touchy subject, will be handled by machines of some kind before long. Hey, at least it'll be quicker.

WHAT ABOUT ROBOT AIR STEWARDS?

Not for a long time. Serving hot drinks in turbulence, reassuring nervous passengers, making sure nobody steals from the trolley. That's hard. Most experts will tell you: it's actually easier to automate the pilot.

I WANT ROBOTS, DAMMIT!

Sorry, but artificial intelligence will probably have a bigger impact than humanoid machines when it comes to travel. Software will tailor-make a holiday for you, like an old-school travel agent, but with cool stuff like virtual-reality tours of hotels before you book.

All sounds like we're building a machine to rule over us, right? Can Olga promise the machines won't, say, beat us at pub quizzes or enslave us for eternity? Olga is aware of the irony: "Safety is important for us, so we're taking our time and not skipping on building safety assurances." Very reassuring. *Matt Hussey*

While in Prague

Cementing its status as an automaton-loving city, Prague's Robotic Day powers up on June 10, with makers' competitions across categories including 'Mini Sumo'.

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**Scale a
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in Paris



An artist's impression of how Forêt Blanche will look

CONCRETE JUNGLE

The balconies and terraces of La Forêt Blanche will be covered with 2,000 plants

LEADING THE FIELD

The combined greenery is the equivalent of a hectare of forest

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Some lucky residents on the building's west side will be treated to a Parisian panorama

In the eastern suburbs of Paris, work has begun on a tower that will change the way we build our cities.

The 54m-tall Forêt Blanche – ‘White Forest’ – in the Balcon Sur Paris development will be constructed mostly of timber, aligned to catch the sun all day and covered with plants and shrubs, making it greener than an envious iguana. With apartments in its higher reaches, the skyscraper by Italian architect Stefano Boeri will mitigate smog, attenuate noise and require a team of specially trained mountaineer-gardeners to prune its sides at dizzying altitude.

You might be wondering whether this grand design will actually reach fruition. But the sight of the original Bosco Verticale (‘Vertical Forest’) in

the Porta Nuova district in Milan has me convinced of the idea. It comprises two residential high-rises, 111 metres and 76 metres tall apiece, with each impressive building shrouded in vibrant flora growing along thick geometric balconies. There are around 21,000 plants in all, inhabited by an army of pest-munching ladybirds, and over 50 species of bird.

Boeri’s also designing Vertical Forests for Utrecht and Eindhoven in The Netherlands, and dreams that the skylines of cities from Paris to Shanghai might one day be less glass, more greenery. “Cities are producing 75% of the CO₂ in the atmosphere,” he explains to me from his Milan office. “If we move forests into the city we can fight the enemy in its field.”

Clever constructions



AMAGER RESOURCE CENTRE

Scheduled to open in 2018, this Copenhagen energy plant will turn the city’s waste into

electricity – and feature a 600m artificial ski slope on the roof and a climbing wall up one face. Maybe even cooler still, the chimney will puff giant ‘smoke rings’ of steam into the Danish sky.



THE EDGE

Nothing to do with the goateed U2 guitarist, the Amsterdam office of consultancy firm Deloitte is often called

‘the smartest building in the world’. As well as being super-energy-efficient, its app tracks users around the building, changing temperature and light to their preferences, and lets them order dinner to their desk.



WILDSPITZE

In Europe’s biggest inter-city redevelopment project, HafenCity in Hamburg, planning is underway on this

mixed-use tower, which when finished will be the tallest wooden building in Germany. It’ll be largely constructed of sustainable timber and will house a permanent exhibition about the country’s wildlife.

Not that his Paris project is set in concrete. Appropriately, it needs room to grow. “With nature,” philosophises Boeri, “you have to accept that you’re going to live with something that’s not completely predictable.” *Malcolm Jack*

While in Paris

In the western suburb of Boulogne-Billancourt is the 10-acre Albert Kahn Musée & Jardins: an in-the-know (horizontal) park for those seeking respite from the urban sprawl, featuring sections themed on gardens from around the world.

Get dinner by



DRONE

in Reykjavik

Of all the great technological breakthroughs this century,

from electric cars to smartphones, online food ordering platforms are obviously the greatest boon to mankind. They're slick, quick and cashless: if there's an easier way to scoff hamburgers wearing only your pants we'd love to know about it.

But what if ordering up dinner online could be even quicker? Tech start-up Flytrex is using drones

to leapfrog Reykjavik's tiresome traffic jams and serve hot takeaway grub to hungry Icelandic punters in minutes. Amazon Prime Air may grab the headlines with its promises of impending drone delivery, but Europe has its own innovation stories.

"Drones and me go way back," says Flytrex co-founder Amit Regev. "One time a friend and I created our own private drone courier service. If I'd left my shirt at home, I could send a

FYI

In 2016, Domino's claimed the first ever drone food delivery: a chicken and cranberry pizza to a couple in New Zealand. (Chicken and cranberry? Really?)



message and the drone would fetch it." The enterprising pals even attached a transmitter to a weather balloon, to improve the drone's reception at altitude. "That drifted off at one point. We never quite figured out where it landed."

Regev's aerial antics eventually caught the attention of big business, and his firm was asked to develop a pioneering delivery system for AHA, an Icelandic e-commerce platform. "What we're doing in Reykjavik is possible because airspace regulators in Iceland see drones all the time on search-and-rescue missions. They understand the technology. Other cities still have a way to catch up."

Conventional delivery drivers waste hours circumventing Reykjavik's fjord-like geography, causing pollution, high costs and, most distressingly, cold chips. Regev's drones have slashed waiting times on over 400 deliveries to date by whizzing over water, though humans still carry the precious food those final few metres.

Flytrex promises true door-to-door drone service later this year. "We'll lower the food via cable, from 20 metres up," says Regev. "We won't land; our mission is to be barely noticeable. And that way your neighbour's dog can't ambush the drone and scamper off with your burger." *Andy Hill*

While in Reykjavik

Between 16 and 18 March, check out digital music festival *Sónar Reykjavik*, featuring artists including Underworld and Lindström, and set in the futuristic Harpa Concert Hall.



PIE IN THE SKY

Is it a bird, is it a plane?
No, it's lunch

Ask the expert

WILL DRONES IMPROVE MY SELFIES?



**ERIC DUPIC,
DRONESTAGR.AM**

**SO, ARE DRONES THE
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In a word, yes.

New-generation models like the pocket-sized DJI Spark (€506, dji.com) will fly a preset distance away, take a photo, then land back in the palm of your hand. We call these shots 'dronies'.

**SWEET. LET'S IMAGINE I WANT TO
PHOTOGRAPH SOMETHING OTHER
THAN MYSELF FOR A CHANGE...**

I love capturing urban landscapes from the air. Seeing a city or town at altitude highlights things you'd never normally notice. Dronestagram is a platform I created for sharing these amazing shots.

TELL ME MORE...

It's a social media platform to share your work, and get inspiration from other pilots. We've published a book of the best images, called *DronesCAPES*.

ANY TOP TIPS?

Practise with a cheap model somewhere far away from people. It still pays to be careful.

Catch a driverless



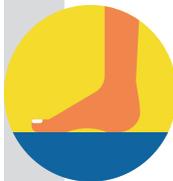
in Hamburg

Bus timetables are actively designed to baffle us. Or so it seems on this drizzly Hamburg morning, as I stare blankly at a bus stop trying to remember the route to my hotel. Negotiating public transport bewilders travellers, but help is here: a nifty new project plans to revolutionise road use in Hamburg, then the world. All aboard Supervan.

“This is one of our main uses, from the station or airport,” says Michael Fischer of MOIA, a Volkswagen offshoot. Its forthcoming launch will introduce a new type of vehicle, the missing link between buses and taxis: a specially designed electric van, which comes to you via an app. Although the first will have humans behind the wheel, the plan is to go driverless. “In the first few months we’ll launch 200 vehicles,” says the enthusiastic Fischer. “After that, we want to increase the fleet to 1,000.”

I can see the appeal, as I stagger between soggy Hamburg bus-stops. Supervan uses algorithms, working out the most effective route to pick up

Ticketless travel



FEET

Adidas EQT Support 93/Berlin trainers are fitted with a pass giving the wearer unlimited travel for 2018 on the city’s transport system.



HANDS

In 2017, Swedish rail company SJ trialled a scheme whereby passengers could use biometric hand implants to pay for travel.



FACE

Dan Young, easyJet Head of Apps and Digital Experience, says as tech advances, facial recognition will replace paper tickets.



GOING MY WAY?

Supervan’s algorithms find the most efficient route for passengers across the city

several customers and reduce costs. The first vehicle seats six, with the emphasis on comfort and access.

Ride-pooling schemes are hardly new, but a green, digital one ticks several boxes, and MOIA is positioning itself as a positive addition to current systems, rather than a rival. Ideally, it’ll encourage more people to rely on shared transport, and to ditch their cars altogether. “When we talk to cities, three problems are noise, emissions and space,” says Fischer. “[Hamburg] will have hundreds of thousands more people in ten years. Imagine 50% bring their own car: there’s not enough space.”

The only obstacles to MOIA’s alternative might be similar services: Toyota and Uber revealed a ride-sharing partnership recently. But this one is ready to roll. “Definitely by the end of this year,” he says.

So if you’re lost in Hamburg in late 2018, don’t worry: the algorithm is gonna get you. *Si Hawkins*

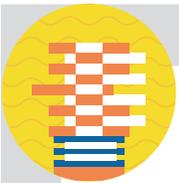
While in Hamburg

Hamburg’s transport system already includes a pretty fab ‘bus boat’. Head to the Landungsbrücken subway stop, jump aboard ferry line 62 and cruise down the Elbe to Neumühlen to the beach resort Övelgönne – all on a regular bus ticket.

THERE'S MORE TO EUROPE THAN MEDIEVAL CASTLES AND CLASSICAL RUINS. HERE ARE FIVE PLACES WHERE TOMORROW'S ARRIVED EARLY...

Frontier cities

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1. Frankfurt

WHY?

Thanks to all that Brexit ballyhoo, Frankfurt-am-Main is on the verge of a colossal

building boom, as foreign banks not-so-subtly hint at imminent relocation to the German financial capital.

WHAT'S NEW?

Some 19 towers are under construction, with another 26 in the pipeline. German starchitect Ole Scheeran is already raising eyebrows with his Jenga-style residential Riverpark Tower, set to begin construction later this year.



2. Lyon

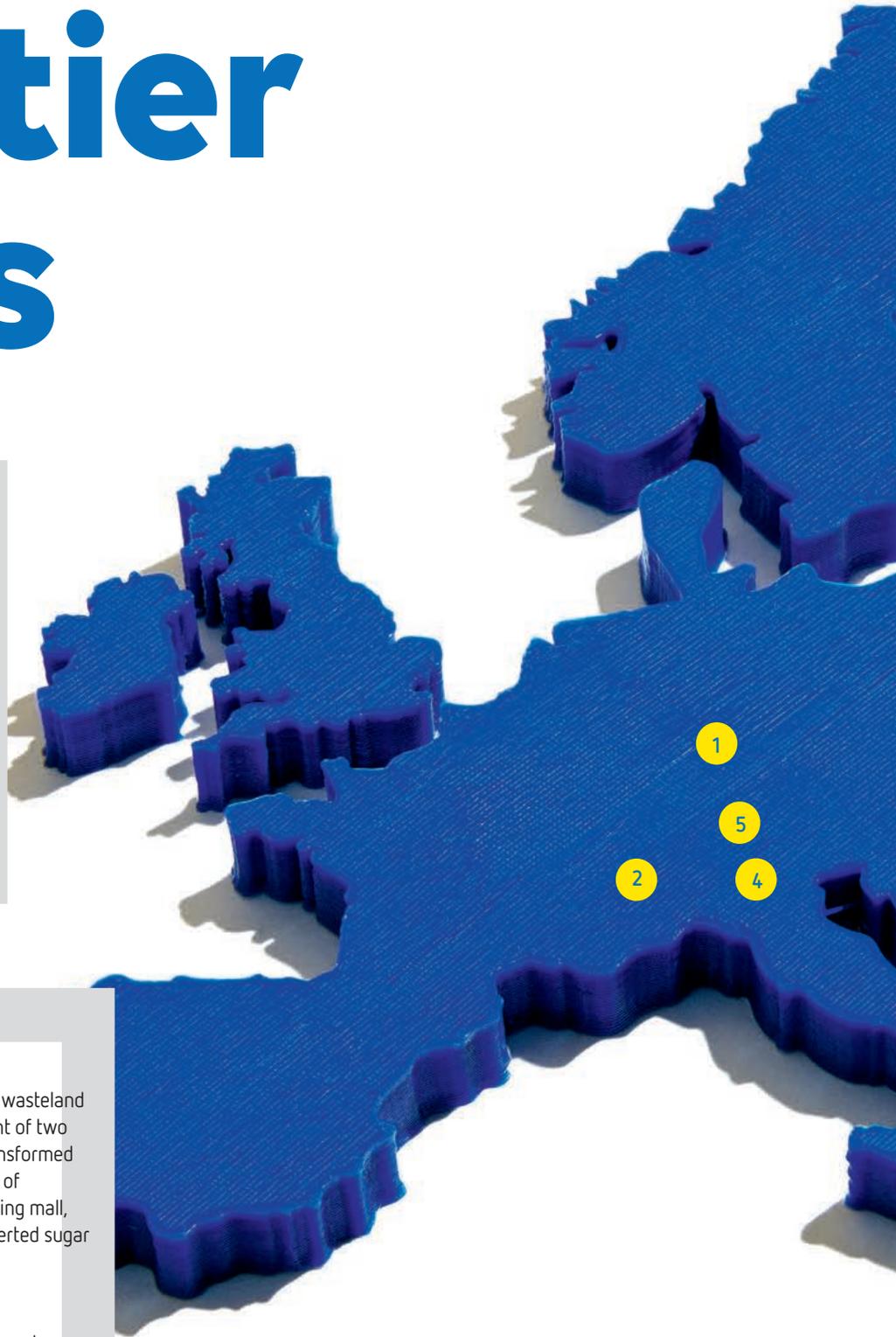
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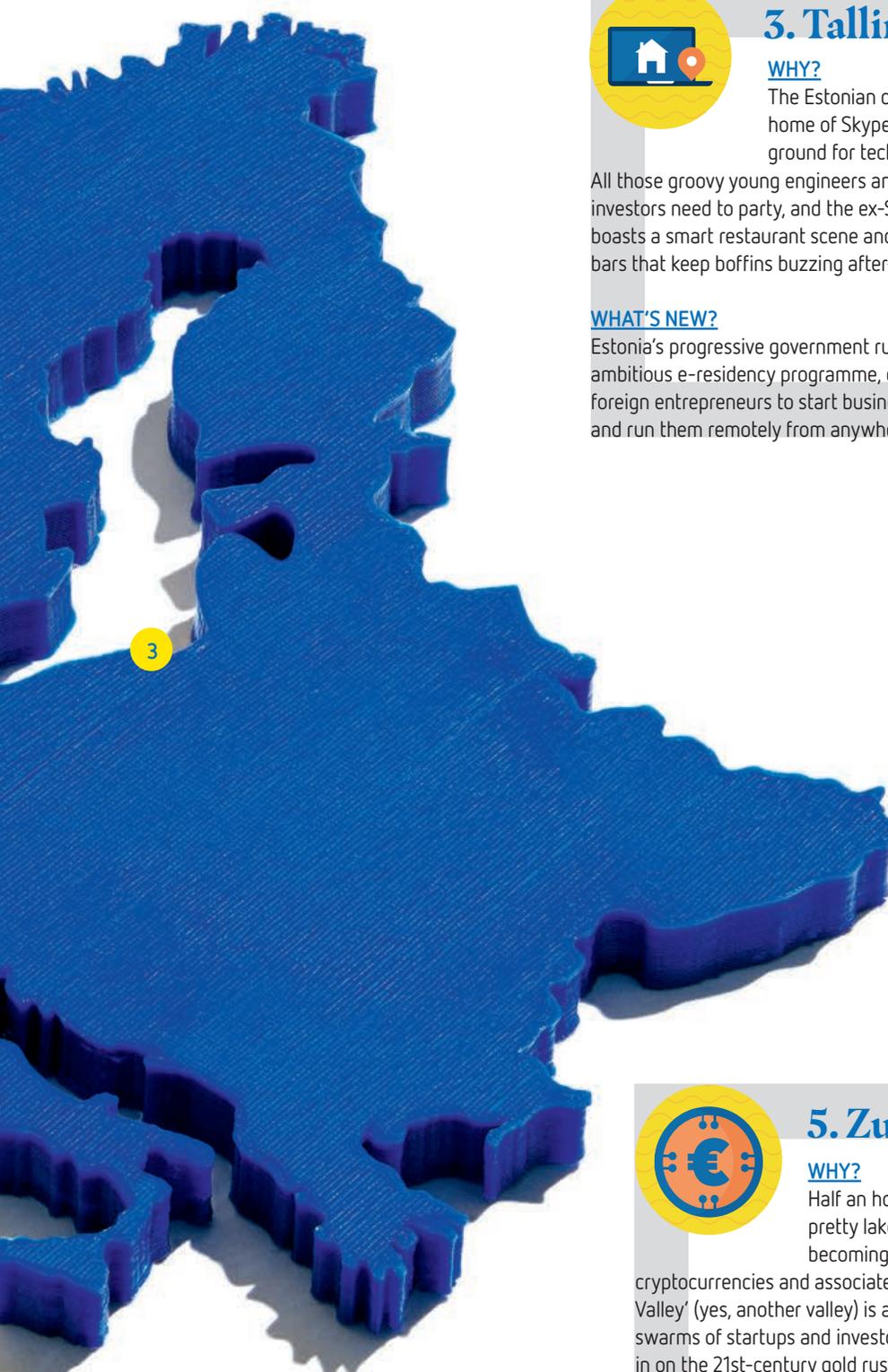
A former industrial wasteland at the meeting point of two rivers has been transformed

into La Confluence, a high-tech enclave of energy-efficient offices, hotels, a shopping mall, a gallery and even a nightclub in a converted sugar warehouse. Sweet.

WHAT'S NEW?

Phase two of the Confluence redevelopment, beginning this year, will see more residential and commercial construction, always with an eye on sustainability and local inhabitants' wellbeing.





3. Tallinn

WHY?

The Estonian capital and home of Skype is a fertile ground for tech start-ups.

All those groovy young engineers and high-rolling investors need to party, and the ex-Soviet city boasts a smart restaurant scene and oodles of bars that keep boffins buzzing after-hours.

WHAT'S NEW?

Estonia's progressive government runs an ambitious e-residency programme, encouraging foreign entrepreneurs to start businesses here, and run them remotely from anywhere on Earth.



4. Turin

WHY?

Italy's fourth-largest city is spearheading a revolution in connectivity, and is among

the first European centres to install 5G mobile connection, promising speeds potentially over 100 times faster than the current standard. Whoosh.

WHAT'S NEW?

Designer Carlo Ratti is converting the 19th-century Caserma Lamarmora barracks into a futuristic 'open source' architecture project, which will ultimately house flexible residential, laboratory, commercial and studio units.



5. Zug

WHY?

Half an hour from Zurich, this pretty lakeside canton is fast becoming a global centre for cryptocurrencies and associated industries. 'Crypto Valley' (yes, another valley) is already attracting swarms of startups and investors anxious to cash in on the 21st-century gold rush.

WHAT'S NEW?

To demonstrate how committed it is to this newfangled digital tender, Zug now accepts bitcoin as payment for municipal services like ID cards, birth certificates and proof-of-address documentation.

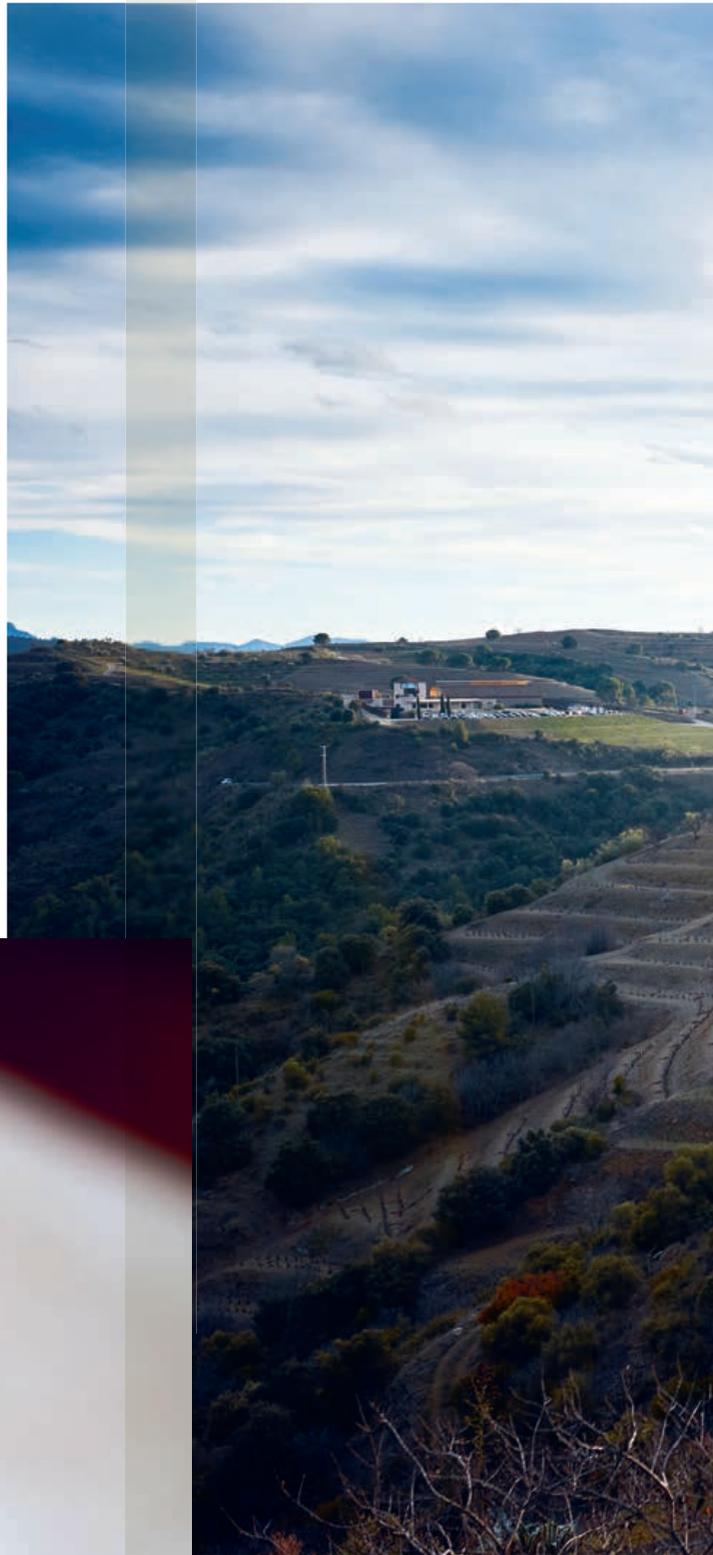
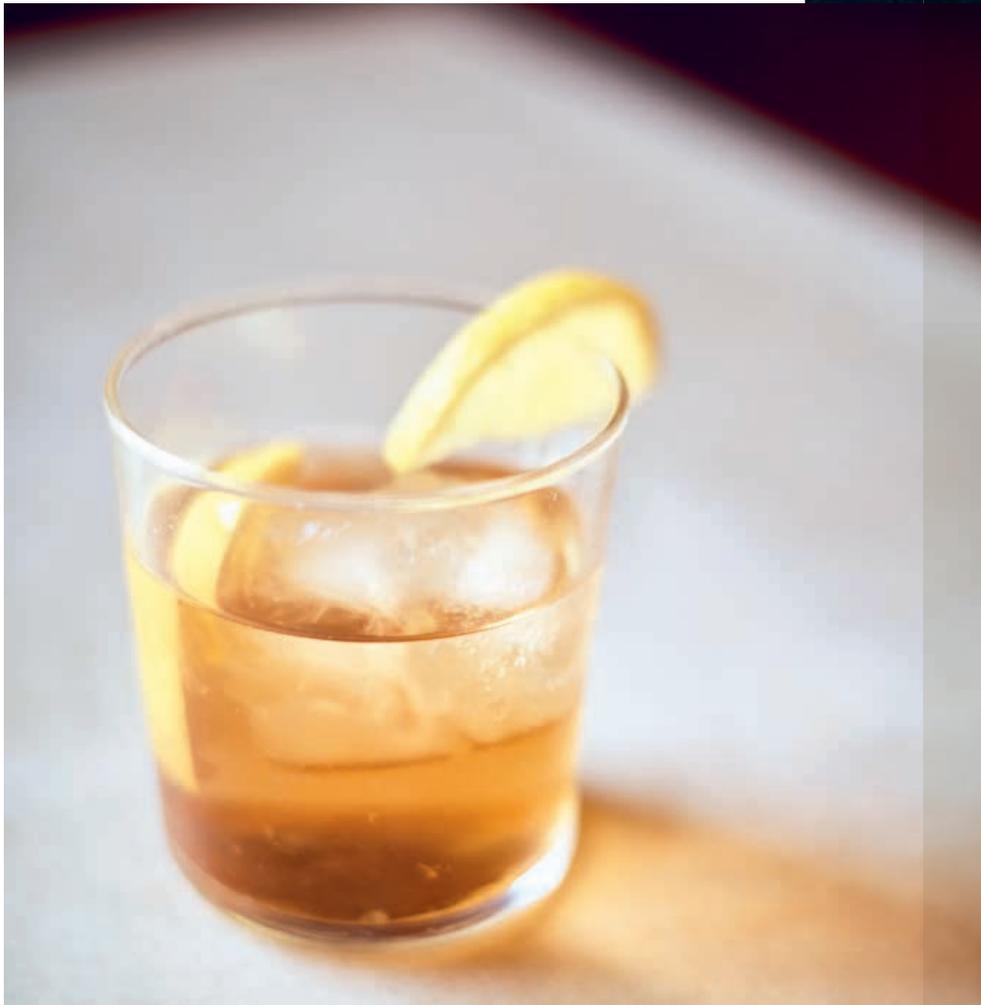


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DRINK AWARE

Left, vermouth served with just lemon and soda;
Right, Gratallops, in the heart of the Priorat wine region





The

grape escape

VERMOUTH IS ON FIRE IN REUS, THE CATALAN CITY THAT'S THE HEART OF SPANISH PRODUCTION. KATE HAMILTON GOES IN SEARCH OF THE APERITIVO OF THE MOMENT

PHOTOGRAPHS RAMA KNIGHT

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“I can’t tell you that!” says August, his eyes widening in disbelief. “Nobody gives away their secrets.” I’m being scolded beside a vineyard just outside the Catalan city of Reus. It

serves me right, really – I should know better than to ask a producer what goes into a bottle of vermouth. “It’s white wine, alcohol and a blend of 120 botanicals.” Like a chef protecting a prized recipe, August keeps the details to himself.

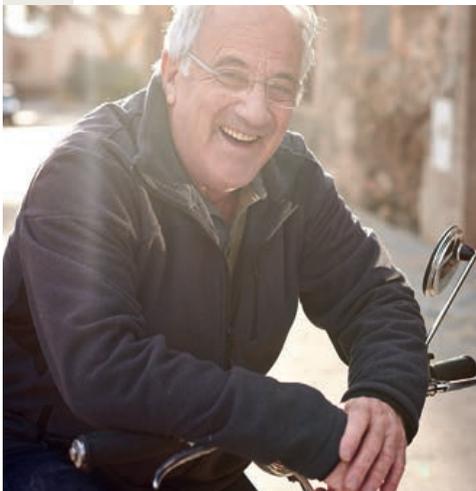
Vermouth is back in a big way across Spain, even if it does remain shrouded in mystery. In its 19th- and 20th-century heyday, the aperitivo (pre-dinner drink) was an important touchstone of national culture and the very bloodstream of the production city of Reus, some 100km down the coast from Barcelona. In the 1970s, interest in the mellow, herbal spirit slowly gave way to a preference for beer and wine. During the past few years, however, vermouth has boomed. In Barcelona and Madrid today, you’ll find young people swapping gin and tonics for crafted concoctions featuring this fortified wine.

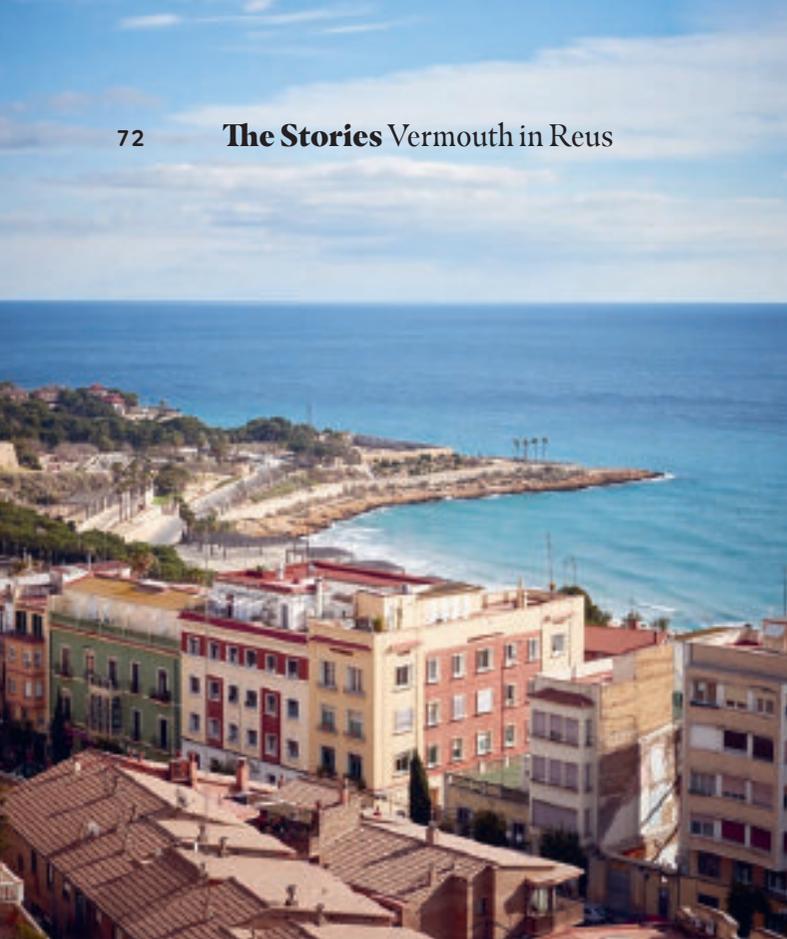
I’ve decided to bypass the buzzy showmanship of Barcelona’s new breed of *vermuterías* and instead make for Reus, the understated heartland of Spanish vermouth. Here, I hope to get to the bottom of its history, via the bottom of a few bottles.



It’s the architecture that grabs me first. I arrive in Reus on a Saturday afternoon – siesta time – and have Plaça del Mercadal all to myself. The square is framed by lacework balconies, colourful façades and intricate stonework columns, as well as Catalan flags and banners advocating independence. The modernist master Antoni Gaudí – the creator of Barcelona’s Sagrada Família cathedral – was born in Reus and there’s a sense of his quirky, ostentatious style along the jumbled streets that inspired him. >

OLIVE VERMOUTH
Clockwise from above: at La Fresca Del Fòrum, in Tarragona, vermouth is served with olives; Plaça del Mercadal in Reus; Priorat winemaker August Vicent





As Reus yawns awake (sometimes 'sleepy' is a good thing for a town to be), I make my way to the Museu del Vermut, which, pleasingly, turns out also to be a bar. Over the past three years it's made itself home to one of the world's largest collections of antique vermouth bottles – an assemblage of darkly mysterious liquors with fading labels that would put your granny's drinks cabinet to shame. Young patrons shoot the breeze in a warm courtyard full of quirky vintage signs, though I sit at the bar, where the tawny liquid is presented over ice with a twist of orange and an olive skewered on a cocktail stick. A waiter tells me there's soda at hand should I need to calm it down. I find it perilously easy to drink.

The bittersweet flavours of vermouth are meant to 'open the appetite'. This I find to be true, and so, with my taste buds tingling, I wander over to Restaurant Vermuts Rofes. What was once a vermouth factory and cellar is now a bar

“Strictly speaking, the ritual of *fer el vermut* (literally ‘doing vermouth’) is reserved for Sunday afternoons”





WINE OR LOSE

Clockwise from top left: Tarragona; Restaurant Vermuts Rofes; production notes at the Cooperativa Falsset Marçà; these days, sitting outside, enjoying *vermut* and a snack, can happen any time, but Sundays especially, as the squares of Tarragona attest

stashed with red and green bottles that beam like traffic lights. You can also get the stuff on tap (a mere €2.60 for a glass of the house blend) and eat simple yet delicious things like mushroom ravioli, plump mussels and skirt steak. Salvador Rofes, the fourth-generation owner, who is smartly dressed and irrepressibly smiley, sits with me after dinner. “We really identify ourselves by vermouth,” he says. “Not just me as the son of a producer, but the whole city.”

Understandably, the people of Reus are precious when it comes to their most prized liquid asset. However, vermouth’s revival has brought about a relaxation of the rules. Once

upon a time, I would have been chastised for drinking it on a Saturday night because, strictly speaking, the ritual of *fer el vermut* (literally ‘doing vermouth’) is reserved for Sunday afternoons; for punctuating those lazy hours after mass and before lunch. Things are more flexible today – one woman tells me simply to drink “whenever I want” – but that Sunday lull still retains an air of sanctity. Nowhere more so than the nearby city of Tarragona, where the squares come alive with social drinkers.

A 15-minute drive from Reus, Tarragona has the kind of history that you can walk through. The city was built by the Romans in 280 BC >



and its original travertine walls still enclose much of the centre. There's the gothic cathedral, an amphitheatre which once hosted gladiatorial fights to the death and old-world boutiques, like the colourful Casa Corderet candle shop. Open since 1756, it conceals a kaleidoscopic array of wax behind its rickety wooden shutters on Carrer de la Merceria.

Arriving on Sunday morning, I plant myself at Plaça del Fòrum and order vermouth at a corner bar called La Fresca Del Fòrum. Vermouth, thank god, is almost always served with snacks: either *encurtidos* (pickled things, like olives and gherkins) or salty things, like anchovies or cured meats. Adding a spritz of soda to my drink (it is only midday, after all), I pick through a tin of garlicky mixed olives while soaking up the crisp Mediterranean light. Around me, families walk happy dogs, huddles of men share newspapers, couples catch up. A local named Isabel tells me that, while in Barcelona bars have become “*tiquismiquis*” (fussy), vermouth is still a simple ritual here – there's not a craft cocktail in sight.



That afternoon, I take a scenic route – one that snakes along the craggy coast – and pass a string of barely touched beaches. Reus and Tarragona are both part of the Costa Dorada – Spain's ‘Golden Coast’ – so-called for its honey-hued sands and stonework. At La Móra, I bump into a few surfers and a swim club, made up of five sea-lovers sporting pink caps. Juan, the unofficial leader of the bunch, pings his goggles over his face and says, before diving in, “We're out here every day of the year, rain or shine.” He too has his own set of rituals to abide by.

It's all very well ruminating in bars and on beaches, but to really understand vermouth, I'm told you need to get out into the land. Reus is encircled by wine country, home to vineyards planted on ‘costers’, handmade terraces of brittle slate that are designed to run down steep slopes. Driving out of the city, I watch as higgledy-piggledy buildings rearrange themselves into sculpted mountains and hills. I wish I could bottle the light and take it home with me.

Anyone in doubt about the sanctity of vermouth here need only visit the ‘wine cathedral’ in the village of Falset. This secular shrine – complete with towering church-like windows – was designed by César Martinell, a disciple of Gaudí. Today, it's the base for a cooperative of vermouth, wine and olive oil which is owned by 200 farmer-shareholders. Marzena, a local sommelier, explains how production is inspiring a back-to-basics mentality. “There's a big movement here towards going back to your roots,” he says, “and eating and drinking locally, of course.”

That afternoon, I stop for lunch and a dreamy crema Catalana at the chalet-style Hotel-Hostal Sport in Falset, before driving deeper into the hills and the Priorat region as the sunset arrives and streaks the sky with pink. DOQ Priorat is one of Spain's stand-out wine regions but, even here, I opt to begin dinner with a glass of vermouth from Reus. It opens my appetite, yes, but it awakens something else too: perhaps an appreciation for this place of rhythms and



COSTA EFFECTIVE
Clockwise from left, wine matures on the roof of the Falset Wine Cathedral; surfing off the coast at La Móra; a member of La Móra's swim club readies himself for going in; the club swims every day of the year

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rituals, where the hours spent on a sunlit terrace waiting for vines to ripen are valuable and time-honoured recipes are kept close.

On my final morning, I journey back to Reus via the village of Gratallops. On a whisper-quiet backstreet, I come across Celler Cecilio, the oldest DOQ registered winery in Priorat. It's here that I meet August, who shows me around his family's cellar and then tells me off when I ask about the blend of botanicals in his vermouth. At the end of my visit he clambers onto his vintage motorcycle as if to make a hasty exit, but before speeding off, he turns back towards me. "Vermouth is not just a drink," he says, "it's a culture." I count myself lucky to have enjoyed a taste of it. 

SWEET DREAM
The crema Catalana
dessert at Hotel-Hostal
Sport in Falset

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Three more city liquors

WHEN IN TOULOUSE, DRINK AS THE TOULOUSAINS DO. AND IN STEINHAGEN, AND IN TALLINN...



VIOLETTE DE TOULOUSE FRANCE

In the 19th century violets were so crucial to the town of Toulouse that around 600 farms cultivated it for export to the UK, Germany, Russia and beyond. Local enterprising souls cashed in on the fashion, creating violet-based spin-off foodstuffs, perfumes and beauty products. And booze! Look out for the fancy local favourite Royal Kir, with champagne and violet liqueur.



STEINHAGER GERMANY

As far back as the Middle Ages, natives of the Westphalian municipality of Steinhagen have been harvesting juniper berries from the nearby Teutoburg Forest for drink-making purposes. A cottage industry of local gin producers was given official approval in the 17th century, when a regal edict granted distillation rights to the city. At 38%-and-above, it's not to be taken lightly.



VANA TALLINN ESTONIA

Developed only in the 1960s, Vana Tallinn is an Estonian speciality delicately spiced with citrus oil and vanilla. At base it's a brisk, no-nonsense Jamaican-style rum, available in three potencies: 40%, 45% and 50% ABV. There's a distinctive Vana Tallinn ice cream, which at 16% ABV is not one for the kids; the drink's warming orange notes make it a good partner to a hot chocolate on a chilly Baltic evening, though.



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WHERE TO SLEEP, EAT AND SHOP WHEN YOU'RE IN THE KNOW

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WALDHAUS FLIMS,
SWITZERLAND
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Fly to Zürich

"SIE BETRETEN JETZT die Nacktzone," reads the sign. "You are now entering the naked zone."

I'm used to being naked on holiday, but it's usually in the context of not being bothered to break away from what I'm binge-watching in order to put some clothes on. The nakedness proposed at the award-winning Waldhaus Flims spa seems to be harder work. For example, I can be bare skinned in a Finnish sauna that reaches a torturous 85°C. Or, nude in the only slightly less roasting 'earth sauna', right next to the 'nature pond' (pictured left) – literally a pond, with fish in it and ice on top, for overheating guests to plunge into. Or, in my birthday suit in the steamy >

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Space to reflect



Go all the way...

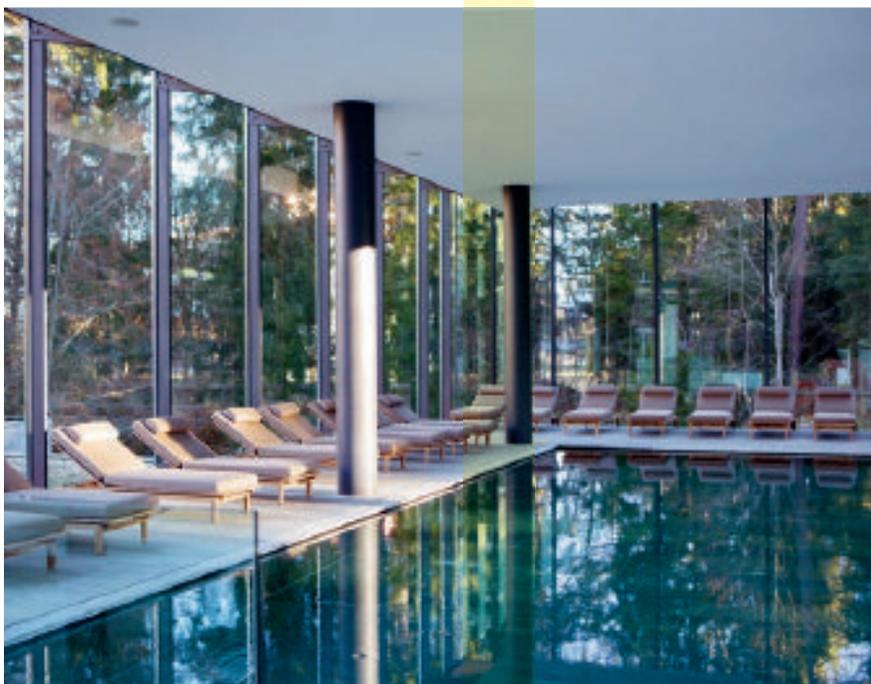
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and heavily fragranced Turkish hammam. Lots of places to be naked and sweaty, in other words.

The whole thing could be a bit much, were it not for the perfectly calming atmosphere and endless luxury touches elsewhere in the spa, which was recently voted Switzerland's best. We're talking fluffy robes and slippers, rainforest showers, crystal healing treatments and free nuts. I mean edible nuts. I mean... You know what I mean. Entering this oasis, cares seem to melt away like pond ice dragged into a Finnish sauna.

Not that Waldhaus Flims is just a spa hotel. This grand, five-star complex is primarily a high-end ski palace and, in season, you can glide in off the piste, pretty much straight to the fondue pot in its rustic restaurant, Il Tschaler. There are also spectacular bike trails and hiking routes around iridescent mountain lakes to explore in warmer weather.

The main hotel was entirely renovated a little over a year



ago, but there are traces of the magnificent old beast it used to be all around and especially in the hotel museum, found down a warren of corridors, which is packed with curious artefacts from Waldhaus Flims's 140-year history.

There's plenty to enjoy then, but I keep getting drawn back to the spa. Particularly the bubbling depths of its toasty-warm outdoor pool – a magical place to be when snowflakes begin to fall from the night sky. I'm surprised, if a bit relieved, to find that this bit of the spa isn't a 'naked zone'. The nuts aren't free everywhere...

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THERME LAA HOTEL & SILENT SPA LAA AN DER THAYA, AUSTRIA

Chatterboxes keep out – this spa requests silence, so the only sound is rippling water. It's so great you'll want to shout about it, but don't.

LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE BORDEAUX, FRANCE

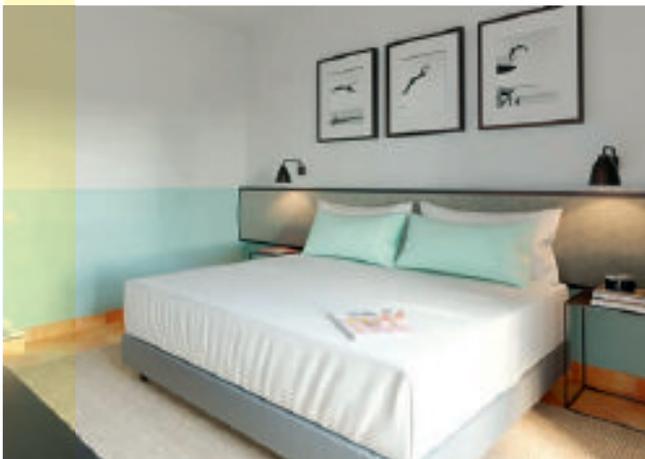
Surrounded by vineyards, it's apt that this place focuses on vinotherapy, which uses anti-ageing properties of grapeseeds. Cheers to that.



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The one for... a very millennial stay

The Magnolia Hotel QDL, Quinta do Lago

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IN AN EXCLUSIVE golf resort awash with five-star stays and luxury villas, this budget hotel stands out from the crowd. It might not exude high-end sophistication like its neighbours, but they're for silver foxes looking to improve their swing. This hotel, with its retro neon sign, pink walls and craft beer-infused food is aimed at hip twenty-somethings – and it's a hole in one.



The one for... shipshape style

Marina Suites, Gran Canaria

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PORTHOLE SHAPED WINDOWS, endless sea views and enough driftwood decor to fashion your own raft should you be lucky enough to get stranded on the island, this nautical hideaway feels like kipping in a super plush lighthouse. Just with its own infinity pool and cocktail bar downstairs. Stand on the rocks, feel the wind in your hair and boat-watch the hell out of life.



The one for... traditional elegance

Corinthia Hotel, Budapest

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SO MUCH OLD-school glam abounds here that it's basically the Joan Collins of hotels. Picture lofty colonnades and a marble floor so shiny you could use it as a mirror. There's an art deco pool surrounded by marble pillars, ornate tiling and wrought-iron railings, plus bedrooms with windows that let you peer down onto the architectural splendour. Dahling, it's fabulous.



The one for... riverside R&R

Hotel Lungarno, Florence

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ONE OF THE best things about this hotel doesn't lie between its four walls. The stunning river Arno flows past so closely you almost forget you're on land and not on a fancy cruise ship, an idea not discouraged by the nautical-themed interior. Huge windows and sun-trap terraces overlook the water, so you can take full advantage of the view. Anchors aweigh... Oh, wait.

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'THE TASTE OF LIVERPOOL'... What will that be, I wonder, as I prepare to visit the north-western city's most exciting new foodie venue. Beatles-inspired broth or a slab of meat that tastes like a pair of old footie boots from Anfield



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MIGHTY MOUTHFULS
Left, scouse 'stew' that's nothing like your grandma's; right, this restaurant is small but mighty; below, the fanciest builder's brew you'll ever get

stadium? No, it's something almost too brilliant for words (drum roll, please): builder's tea ice cream.

For those who don't know, Brits love tea, and the 'builder's brew' is a strong soak of the breakfast blend classic. This dessert, peeping out from a pile of sweet rhubarb, with flecks of caramelised white chocolate, a lick of silver leaf and a fluffy quiff of peachy-pink candy floss, is a stroke of genius.

Liverpool's dining scene is sizzling, but nothing solidifies its status as an up-and-coming foodie mecca more than the arrival of MasterChef champ Anton Piotrowski: he held a Michelin star at Devon's Treby Arms, and has just cut the ribbon on new venture Röski.

Food is inspired by the locale, with dishes like scallops in shells topped with delicate crab, and a tower of beef, bacon and discs of veg – a fancy take on classic scouse.

The seafood dishes are where Liverpool shines through. The city sits on the Irish Sea, and a bite of the crab tart with nori pastry and langoustine foam tastes like



TASTING NOTES

THE ONE FOR...

Super-deluxe cooking, super-laidback atmosphere

EAT THIS

Roasted and caramelised cauliflower with curry oil, frozen apple and Parmesan custard

DRINK THIS

The Yealands Sauvignon blanc, from New Zealand

you've had a mouthful of the salty expanse (sans shipwrecks and rusty anchors), while the cracker served on the side with smoky dried tuna belly makes a delicious contrast, the texture akin to flakes you'd drop in the tank for your goldfish – if your aquatic friend had a taste for the gourmet, that is.

With dishes this good, it's little wonder the chefs leave the kitchen to serve the food – a bold choice, given that punters could, in theory, level complaints straight at them. Luckily, that's as unlikely here as seeing a local lass (like myself) out on the town with a coat on.

STILL HUNGRY? THREE MORE SPOTS FROM MASTERCHEF WINNERS

L'INATTENDU LYON, FRANCE

The name translates to 'unexpected' and that's just the sort of dish Marc Boissieux serves up here. A parmesan egg and calamari cannelloni are two possible combos.

THE NEWPORT FIFE, SCOTLAND

Look out over the restless River Tay as you enjoy refined small plates, such as Scrabster hake with squash and squid, from the UK show's 2014 winner.

'T AMUSEMENT ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS

After winning 2010's Dutch MasterChef, Estée Stroker set up this spot for fun fine dining. The menu is always a surprise, so you'll see anything from venison carpaccio to wild shrimp.



STEP UP TO THE PLATE



The one for... fine dining with no faff

Noa, Tallinn
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noaresto.ee

TEETERING ON THE edge of the Baltic Sea, this place just outside Tallinn puts a lot of effort into catering to all tastes. Not only does its menu eschew any particular cuisine, focusing instead on pleasing seafood, meat and veg lovers in equal measure, its huge glass windows afford seaside views, with mirrors in place for those who have to sit with their backs to it. How very diplomatic.

EAT THIS Traditional dark rye bread, plus panna cotta with strawberry gazpacho and basil ice cream.



The one for... refuelling like a champ

Garage Italia, Milan
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garageitaliamilano.it

FROM THE STREAMLINED 50s petrol station it's housed in to the names of the inspired Italian dishes conceived by Michelin-starred chef Carlo Cracco, this place is all about motors. A Ferrari body takes centre stage and a mini-racetrack adorns the ceiling; even the toilets resemble a prestige speedboat. Fill up on Cabriolet cutlets and relax on deck with a Silverstone Punch to muse over your next supercar.

EAT THIS Arancini with aubergine and fennel pollen, squid ink crisps and all the pasta you can manage.



The one for... late-night disco pasta

Barabba, Copenhagen
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barabba.dk

2AM PAPPARDELLE MAY not be your usual dinner, but when you pair it with soul-spinning DJs and a candlelit ambience you're basically in some sort of gastronomic fairy tale. This late-night trattoria serves a mean Negroni and a stack of natural wines. The menu changes weekly, but expect the likes of gobblicious ragu and grilled octopus to accompany dishes of skate, boar and pumpkin gnocchi.

EAT THIS The tender orange-braised beef cheek topped with Jerusalem artichoke chips.

FRESH MEAT

Profiling the world's hottest new chefs

WHO?

Cornish seafood whizz Tom Brown.

WHERE?

Hackney Wick in east London – that's where his first solo



restaurant, Cornerstone, opens this month. Previously, he was head chef at Nathan Outlaw's Michelin-starred venue at the Capital Hotel, Knightsbridge.

WHAT?

Clean fine dining focused on fresh produce, particularly fish. The menu will change daily (sometimes more, depending on

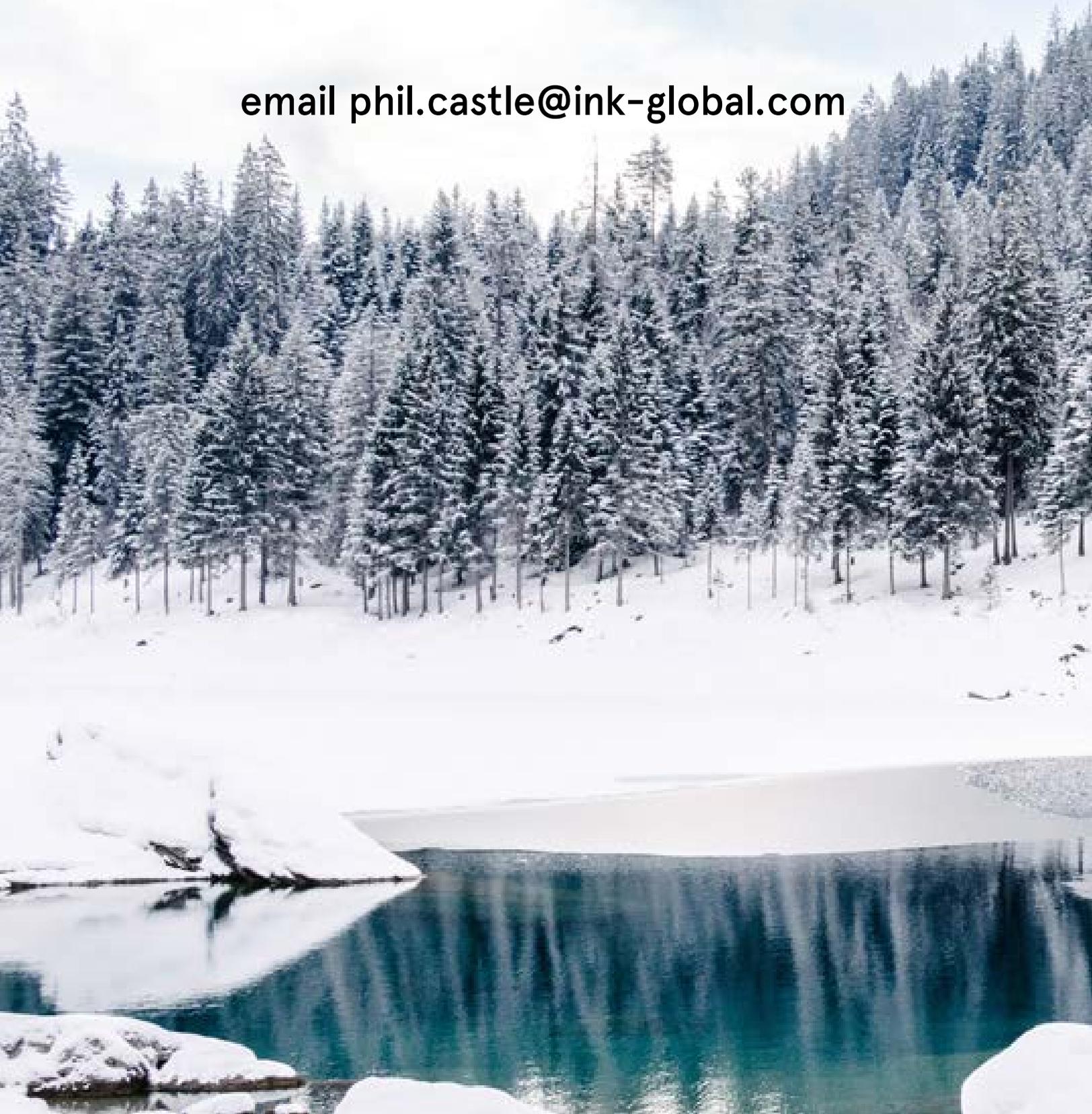
ingredients), with dishes such as octopus braised in cider with apple and lentil dressing.

HE SAYS...

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ART OF THE fun of coffee is finding new flavours, so I usually try to buy something a bit different. It wasn't

until I progressed from purchasing pre-ground Lavazza in the supermarket to visiting Monmouth Coffee in London's Borough Market that I really understood how many different types are out there and how remarkable coffee can taste. It was a revelation.

The Coffee Collective (pictured) in Copenhagen is one of my favourite places to buy coffee, because of the sheer quality of their beans. They've done huge amounts of work with producers to ensure that standard. I get most excited about their Bolivian products, such as the Takesi Geisha coffee.

A little tip: if you visit their Torvehallerne market location in

"In Italy, espresso isn't as highbrow as you'd imagine..."

the summer, they do a phenomenal coffee soft serve.

Drop in Stockholm is another amazing place to pick up a few bags of coffee. The co-owner Joanna has a distinct style focused on clarity, balance and showing off what makes a coffee unique. Try the Kamwangi from Kenya.

If espresso is your thing, you have to visit **Ditta Artiginale** in Florence. In Italy, espresso isn't as highbrow as you'd imagine. It's kind of like Nescafé in the UK, in that it's very functional, but this espresso

bar is an artisan roastery and café, much more in line with the international progressive coffee movement, while retaining Italian traditions and expertise. Pick up some of their Indonesian Wahana.

There's so much good coffee in Paris it's hard to narrow it down. I do love **Hexagone**, a really small roastery/café, very French. They take the time to talk to you about coffee and they'll help you choose the right one for you.

Berlin is like Paris in that I could list 20 exceptional roasteries, but my top one is **Five Elephants**. They do great cheesecake and have some very specific coffees from South America and Africa, such as Sitio Joaninha. If you're there when they have Finca Deborah Geisha in stock, get some. It's a floral, tea-like coffee which sells for about €30 for a 10oz bag. If you're willing to splurge, it's worth it.

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MY GREATEST MISTAKE

"I REALLY MESSED UP THE LABELS"

SOME OF THE MOST SOLID-SEEMING IDEAS CAN BACKFIRE, AS JACOB THUNDIL, MD OF COCOFINA, FOUND OUT

PERHAPS THE world's biggest advocate of coconuts, 43-year-old Jacob Thundil launched his coconut-water brand in 2005, way before today's taste for the stuff took off. He's since branched

out into coconut energy bars, chips, vinegar and soy sauce (yes, coconut soy sauce) and now sells his in over 3,000 outlets in the UK and exports to 28 countries. However, it hasn't always been plain sailing for the London-based entrepreneur...

I was thrown into the world of business at an early age. I was born in Kerala, India, where my father had a cashew-nut byproduct business. He died when I was 17, and I had to step into his shoes and keep it going. I actually really enjoyed the challenge, but looking back on it now, what must my customers have thought of me? A teenage boy, trying to do deals and act all serious... Ha!

Eventually, I decided to come to the UK to do a master's degree and then took a job with British Telecom. I missed home, though. I was brought up in a beautiful place with coconut trees in the backyard and we would go to the beach in the evenings. So, I tried to hand in my notice, but every time I did, they would give me a bit more money. It's funny how things go your way when you think you have nothing to lose.

After a while though, corporate life really got to me. I went on to work for HSBC and while I was travelling in Brazil, I visited a beach where someone gave me coconut water to drink. It was delicious and made me realise how much I'd missed it. I decided enough was enough and >



that this was what my life should be about. So, I wrote my notice and then plucked up the courage to quit my well-paid job.

People didn't like my coconut water at first. This was back when no one had really heard of it. I had decided to try to sell my first batch at a big London food and drink show. The good news was that I sold 2,000 units, but the bad news was that 50% of my customers didn't like it at all. It was too salty because, back then, I was using coconuts that were grown near the sea.

I found a species that was much sweeter and created a blend that people really liked. I sold around 1,700 cases in my first year and while that wasn't enough to put food on the table, I could see steady growth. I began being stocked by stores like Whole Foods and customers seemed to come knocking on our door.

Winter is quiet for drinks companies, but we realised that it's always summer somewhere, so we started to export. We had the bright idea of selling into Europe, but it would cost a fortune to get the 12 different language labels professionally created, so we decided to do it ourselves. Big mistake.

I knew something was wrong when we went to a meeting in Malmö, Sweden, with a retailer called Life, which had around 200 stores. The buyer took one look at our label and he wasn't impressed. The problem was that we hadn't thought it was important to have the words 'best before end' translated into every language –



JACOB THUNDIL'S CV

AGE 43

POSITION Founder and MD of Cocofina

EDUCATION University of Kerala (BA), London Metropolitan University (MBA)

LIVES London

MOTTO "Grab every opportunity by the horns."

seeing as 'BBE' and the date was clear enough to see – but it turns out that those actual words were a legal requirement.

We'd misprinted around 250,000 labels and lost out on a huge deal.

We'd also wasted even more money on exhibitions, and it was a massive and expensive lesson to learn. Still, we used the old

labels instead of Sellotape for our packaging and managed not to just throw them away.

We had to wait a year before we could go back to that retailer, but thankfully, he listed us and we sold many, many units through it. Which was great, of course, but highlighted what we'd missed out on for 12 months.

Today, we've diversified into all sorts of coconut products – we have 40 container-loads of stock in our warehouse in Kent – and have won an Excellence in Food and Drink Award. I even went on to the *Dragons' Den* TV series, where all five Dragons made an offer to invest in my business. It feels a long way from Kerala, which means 'land of the coconut trees' in the local language.

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HOW TO DO BORDEAUX...

KICKING YOUR HEELS IN THIS PORT CITY? TIM PIKE, OF THE INVISIBLE BORDEAUX BLOG, HAS THE INSIDE TRACK ON WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE IN TOWN FOR A DAY, AN EVENING OR JUST AN HOUR

...IN A DAY

Your starting point is the lively **Capucins** food market, where your senses are your guide. Expect a feast of sights, sounds, smells and colours, and do sample the produce. Then, as you're in the epicentre of arguably the world's finest wine-producing region, hop on a tram and head to the **Cité du Vin**, Bordeaux's wine museum.

The permanent exhibition covers the history and culture

of wine, with plenty of high-tech wizardry. The visit ends with a glass of wine on the top floor of this frankly oddball building. Enjoy the view, the focal point of which is **Pont Jacques Chaban-Delmas**, Europe's highest lift bridge. You might even see the central section ascend to let a tall ship through.

Lunch can be at the charming **Au Bouchon des Chartrons**, which serves classic French cuisine with a modern twist, or else catch

a tram back to the city centre and enjoy the light meals served in the restaurant of **l'Utopia**, a much-loved arthouse cinema in a converted church.

Your afternoon agenda could include a tour of the unorthodox **CAPC modern art museum**, in an old trade warehouse, or else the more conventional delights of the **Musée des Beaux-Arts**, in the grounds of **Palais Rohan**, the city hall. Balance that intake of

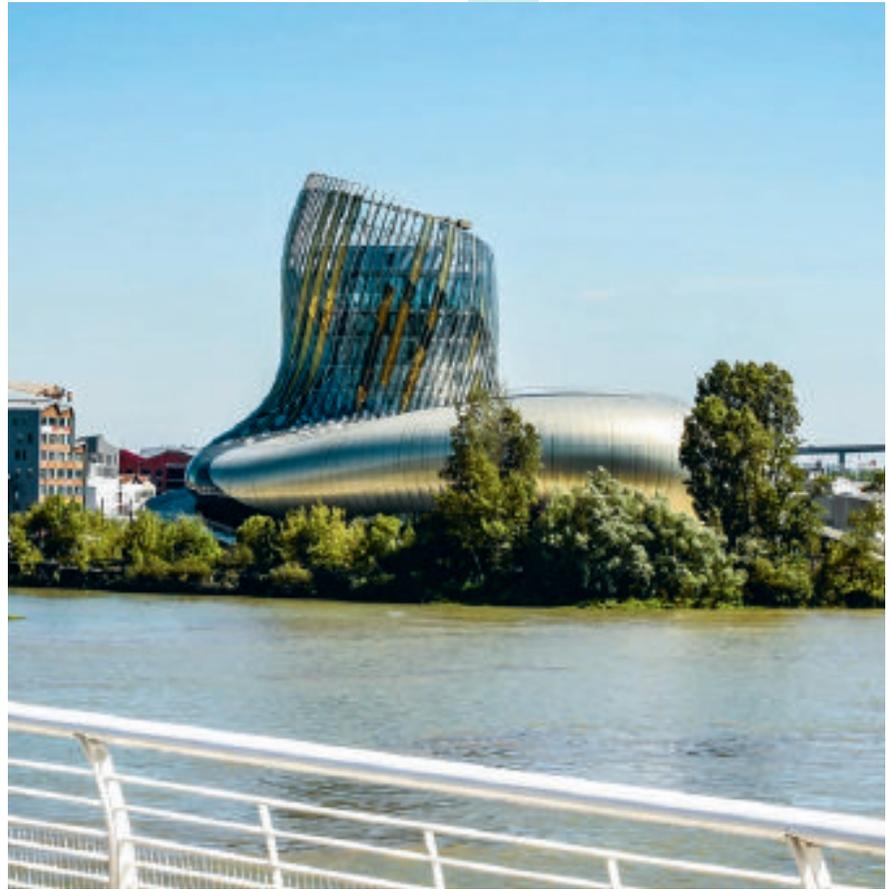
highbrow culture by heading to **Rue Sainte-Catherine**, the vibrant commercial heart of the city and one of the longest pedestrianised shopping streets in Europe.

A must-try is a *canelé*, the ubiquitous local pastry: it has a soft, custardy centre and a thick, caramelised crust. Finish off by browsing in the designer outlets of the **Golden Triangle** area around Place des Grands-Hommes, then treat yourself to a bit of laidback wine tasting with trendy sommeliers in the peaceful hidden courtyard of **Le Boutique Hôtel's** aptly named **Wine Bar**.

...IN AN EVENING

Using Place Saint-Pierre as your hub, work up an appetite with a meandering backstreet stroll, taking in old city gates such as **Porte Cailhau** and **Porte Saint-Eloi**, and scenic squares including **Place du Parlement** and **Place Georges de Porto-Riche**. Dine at **Lecarreau** bistro or, if you crave the unexpected, the quirky, innovative international menu at **Mampuku**.

This being Bordeaux, you should really finish off with a glass of wine at **L'Oenolimit** on Place Fernand-Lafargue, the city's square that never sleeps. Other beverages are available, though, and one of the city's finest selections of craft beer can be found at **Jaçen**, just off the central Place Pey-Berland,



where you can take in the floodlit delights of **Saint-André Cathedral** and its bell tower, **Tour Pey-Berland**.

...IN AN HOUR

The unmissable sights in Bordeaux are all conveniently within walking distance of each other: the spectacular **Monument aux Girondins**, the promenade and harmonious façades of **Allées de Tourny**, and the impressive **Grand Théâtre** opera house.

Pose on the majestic **Place de la Bourse** and by the photogenic **Miroir d'eau** water feature, a shallow pool which moves according to a computerised sequence. From here you can admire the city's first bridge, the 19th-century **Pont de Pierre**, and observe the curve in the Garonne river that gave Bordeaux its lunar-crescent-based emblem and nickname, 'le port de la lune'.

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Tim Pike documents the city's sights and stories on invisiblebordeaux.net, Facebook, Twitter (@invisiblebx) and Instagram (@invisiblebordeaux).

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WITH ARTISAN BEVERAGES IN DEMAND ACROSS EUROPE, WE PROFILE SOME OF THE INDIE DRINKS PIONEERS LOOKING TO SECURE A BIGGER SHARE OF THE LIQUID MARKET



THE PURIST

Who? Ben Branson
Where? Amersham, England
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Solving the old problem of 'what to drink when you're not drinking' (without getting jacked up on caffeine or sugar), Seedlip is billed as the world's first distilled non-alcoholic spirit. Branson's recipes are inspired by the land of his family farm, while his distillation process extracts flavours from unusual ingredients such as peas, hay and oak. The result? Unique concoctions that are quaffed in exclusive bars and restaurants across Britain and beyond.



THE CHAMP

Who? James Watt
Where? Ellon, Scotland
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Showing everyone how it's done is Watt who, together with co-founder Martin Dickie, started BrewDog in 2007. They began selling their craft beer at local markets and in only their second year became Scotland's largest independent brewery. Things have since "gone crazy" (their words), with BrewDog bars opening worldwide. This explosion was funded by a scheme called Equity for Punks, which broke the world crowdfunding record in 2015.



THE SCENE-SHAKER

Who? Vincent Béjot
Where? Normandy, France
Follow @30et40

Normandy has a tradition of apple beverages, but this local lad and his pals Thibault Patte and Aymeric Dutheil dreamed of creating a completely new, stand-out product. Following years of research, in 2016 they launched 30&40 ('Trente et Quarante'), a blend of fruity calvados, pommeau (light apple spirit) and rum. The result is a "new expression of calvados", as Vincent puts it – drink it over ice as a refreshing sunny-day aperitif.



THE INNOVATORS

Who? Mario Hanel & Timm Schnigula
Where? Munich, Germany
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Few would think that there's much room for improvement in German beer, but the duo behind CREW Republic took a stand against the country's fondness for industrialised, standardised brews. With the motto 'craft beer is not a crime', they began brewing in their Munich flat (owned by a brewery, ironically enough) in 2011 and their first beer, Foundation 11 Pale Ale, helped foment the craft beer revolution they felt was needed.

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Campo de Santa Clara
Area: Alfama

2/ THE BERARDO COLLECTION MUSEUM
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Praça do Império
Area: Bairro do Restelo

3/ CHILL-OUT TOUR
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Praca do Imperio
Area: Bairro do Restelo

5/ CHECK OUT UNESCO
If your trip falls over the first Sunday of the month, take advantage of free entry to Belém Tower and Mosteiro dos Jeronimos.
Avenida Brasília and Praça do Império
Area: Belém

City insider 3 WAYS TO EAT CARBONARA IN ROME



Blogger **Natalie Kennedy** (@anamericaninrome) is the creator of the

Discover Rome app

she says

1/ ON A PIZZA

The pizza at Pizzeria Tonda is famously indulgent, but the most luxurious is its cheesy carbonara pie topped with crispy bacon.
31 Via Valle Corteno
Area: Municipio III

2/ AS A SANDWICH

Popular Testaccio Market stall Mordi e Vai serves a succulent sandwich of veal simmered in creamy carbonara sauce.
12E Via Beniamino Franklin
Area: Testaccio

3/ ON A STICK

Eggs is a tiny restaurant that makes eight kinds of carbonara pasta, but the best of all is deep fried and served on a stick.
26 Vicolo del Cedro
Area: Trastevere

3 TASTY LINGONBERRY TREATS TO TRY IN STOCKHOLM



1/ SWEDISH PANCAKES
Try thick pancakes dotted with the Scandi berries and topped with a dollop of cream at open-air museum Skansen's eatery.
49-51 Djurgårdsslätten



2/ MEATBALLS
Try traditional Swedish fare at Tradition, including meatballs with tangy pickled cucumber and tart lingonberries.
1 Österlånggatan



3/ MARGARITAS
Smoothies aren't the only drink made better by berries – this flamingo-pink fruity cocktail at Polpette proves that.
6 Drottninggatan



1/ ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Just down the street from the Manneken Pis is a scene from one of Belgium's most famous comic exports: The Adventures of Tintin. This particular escapade is from *The Calculus Affair*.
37 Rue de l'Etuve
Area: Stalingrad

2/ ASTERIX

Albert Uderzo, who illustrated Asterix, was actually colour-blind and had to get other artists to colour his drawings. Good thing someone did this one for him too.
33 Rue de la Buanderie
Area: Stalingrad

3/ LUCKY LUKE

Known as 'the man who shoots faster than his shadow', Lucky Luke (pictured) is artist

8 COMIC-BOOK MURALS TO GAWP AT IN BRUSSELS

Morris's parody of old American westerns. Yee-haw!

40 Rue de la Buanderie
Area: Stalingrad

3/ BROUSSAILLE

Found in the gay district of Brussels, this mural was first thought to depict two male lovers, so it caused controversy in 1999 when one was repainted and made to look more like a woman.
Rue du Marché au

Charbon
Area: Stalingrad

4/ RIC HOCHET WALL

Like many Belgian comic-book heroes, Ric Hochet is a reporter who gets up to no good scouring the city (and, in the case of this mural, scaling buildings) for the next scoop.
Rue du Bon Secours
Area: Stalingrad

5/ QUICK AND FLUPKE

From the creator of Tintin,

Hergé, Quick and Flupke are two mischievous boys always getting in trouble with the police. This mural is no different, with the *petits garçons* hiding from an unaware officer.
Corner of Rue Notre-Seigneur and Rue Blaes
Area: Sablon Zavel

6/ FRESQUE DU CHAT

At 140m, this is the longest mural in Brussels. Philippe Geluck's feline poses humorous musings throughout the comic-strip-style street art lining the busy road – perfect traffic-jam reading.
550 Chaussée de Wavre
Area: Chasse Jacht

7/ GASTON LAGAFFE WALL

Franquin's character Gaston is a clumsy office worker hired at the *Journal de Spirou*, the real-life publication in which the strip appeared. True to form, in this mural he hits a passer-by with the yo-yo he's playing with out of his window. Ooh la la!
11 Rue de l'Ecuyer
Area: Ilot Sacré

8/ ODILON VERJUS WALL

Verron's comic strip Odilon Verjus featured real-life characters such as Hitler and John Wayne in its storylines. This mural includes beautiful Josephine Baker, the famous cabaret singer, assisted by Odilon himself. How noble!
13 Rue des Capucins
Area: Stad Brussels

A misty landscape with a hill and trees. The scene is dominated by soft, white mist that fills the lower half of the frame. In the middle ground, a dark, silhouetted hill rises, topped with several trees of varying sizes. The upper half of the image shows a pale, overcast sky with wispy, light-colored clouds. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

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3 MODERN BUILDINGS TO CHECK OUT IN PARIS

 **Adam Roberts** wrote the new book *Paris* and blogs at parisinvisible.blogspot.co.uk
He says



1/ ESPACE NIEMEYER
 The HQ of the French Communist party boasts an interior that resembles a futuristic spaceship, as imagined in the 1970s.
 2 Place du Colonel Fabien



2/ MAISON LA ROCHE
 An archetypal Le Corbusier creation designed both as a home and to display art acquired by a collector.
 10 Sq. du Docteur Blanche



3/ SALLE CORTOT
 Designed to 'ring like a violin', this ingeniously engineered concert hall offers regular free sessions at lunchtimes.
 78 Rue Cardinet



6 OF THE BEST HAMBURGERS IN HAMBURG

1/ THE HULK

Too many of these and you'll turn into the Hulk – by which we mean, you'll be bursting out of your clothes. But we'd pop every button on a D&G jumpsuit for another of these three-patty stacks from superhero-themed joint Helden & Co.
 58 Margaretenstrasse
 Metro: Sternschanze

2/ CRAUT BURGER

Burgerlich takes the classic American burger and adds a home-ground spin with fermented German treat sauerkraut. *Wunderbar*.
 1 Speersort
 Metro: Mönckebergstrasse

3/ KREATUR BURGER

Come hungry to Dulf's Burger if you're going to order this meaty monster: three beef patties piled high with mozzarella, a fried egg, bacon, guac and caramelised onions.
 2 Karolinenstrasse
 Metro: Messehallen

4/ AVOCADO BURGER

Some might say it's

sacrilege to go to a steakhouse and order a burger, but those people haven't tasted this one from [M]eatery. The meat, as you might expect, is incredible, and the fresh veg and creamy avocado take it up another level. Take that, steak snobs.
 49 Drehbahn
 Metro: Gansemarkt

5/ TRUFFEL BURGER

Otto's Burger may be hipster, but that doesn't mean its patrons don't have a refined palate. Truffle mayo makes this burger a triumph, melting over Cheddar, portobello mushroom, spinach and some darn good beef.
 58 Schanzenstrasse
 Metro: Sternschanze

6/ BIG CRACK

This Big Mac homage on the menu at The Bird is a double-decker burger of dreams, slathered in a secret 'crack' sauce. Be careful: one bite and you'll be hooked.
 4 Trommelstrasse
 Metro: Hamburg Reeperbahn

1/ LOOK MUM NO HANDS!

Having mastered coffee, merch and repairs, this spot now puts on free events as well, including talks and film screenings.
 49 Old Street
 Area: Shoreditch

2/ RAPHA CYCLE CAFÉ

High-end brand Rapha has a café hidden in its flagship store. Peruse devastatingly expensive sportswear before settling on just buying a really good latte instead.
 85 Brewer Street
 Area: Soho



3/ CADENCE PERFORMANCE

Peddling killer cakes, hella good coffee and lunch options you'd cycle 100 miles to eat – er, hello squash and lentil curry – Cadence Performance might feel more café than cycle shop, but the gear, workshop, ride-outs



7 WHEELY GOOD CYCLE CAFÉS IN LONDON

and sports therapy show the balance is just right.
 2A Anerley Hill
 Area: Crystal Palace

4/ CYCLELAB & JUICE BAR
 Refuel with a fresh juice

or drop by on the first or third Wednesday of the month for yoga tailored to cyclists. Your hamstrings will thank you.
 18A Pitfield Street
 Area: Shoreditch

5/ MACHINE

Take a break from south London's roads to sip a Monmouth coffee at a table shaped like a bike wheel (very on brand).
 97 Tower Bridge Road
 Area: Elephant and Castle

6/ PEARSON

The Pearson family has been in the business for five generations, so they know what they're on about. Stop by for a coffee and a bike chat.
 232 Upper Richmond Road West
 Area: East Sheen

7/ LONDON VELO

If you're going to get a puncture anywhere, pick Deptford so you can come here. Where else gives you a free coffee (from Union Coffee Roasters, no less) with every puncture repair?
 18 Deptford High Street
 Area: Deptford Bridge



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NEED TO KNOW
 Many people in Iceland believe in the existence of mythical invisible elves. Their homes are usually rocks, which are almost impossible to move, so developers have to build around them.



5 ELF HOMES (YES, REALLY) TO SCOUT OUT NEAR **REYKJAVÍK**

1/ HÓTEL KLETTUR
 Fancy an elven neighbour during your stay? Ask for a room near the stones (pictured) that were

incorporated into the building so that the elves didn't have to be evicted.
 12-14 Mjöllnisholt, Hlemmur
 City: Reykjavík

2/ HAFNARFJÖRÐUR
 This town is home to one of the largest settlements of elves, including the elven royal family, who reside in Hamarinn Cliff south of Reykjavík. Don't forget to curtsy if you run into them.
 Hamarinn Cliff
 Town: Hafnarfjörður

3/ ELFHILL
 Just outside Reykjavík lies proof that elf homes are not to be messed with. Workers have broken so many drills trying to build on this hill, they won't go near it any more.
 Álfhólsvegur
 City: Kópavogur

4/ VESTURBERG
 Developers of a block of flats thought better of trying to level an elf hill covered in elf homes – instead they built the block behind it.
 Álfhóll, Vesturberg
 City: Reykjavík

5/ HULDUMANNSSTEINN
 A big rock, believed to be an elf dwelling, occupies part of a busy car park in the capital. Maybe leave the car somewhere else?
 Near 32 Ármúla
 City: Reykjavík

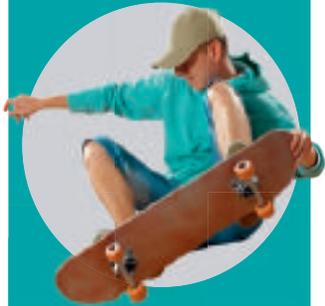
City insider 3 FUN FAMILY OUTINGS IN **GENEVA**

 **Michela Mantani** writes about family outings on Geneva Family Diaries.
 @theswissedit *she says*

1/ CERN'S MICROCOSM
 Try your hand at accelerating some particles at CERN, where physics is made fun. Even better, entry is free.
 Area: Meyrin

2/ PARC GUSTAVE & LEONARD HENTSCH
 This hip outdoor play area looks more like an art installation than a playground.
 Area: Les Charmilles

3/ PLAINPALAIS SKATEPARK
 Around 3,000m² of formidable flows make this the Shangri-la for skate and BMX fans.
 Area: Plainpalais



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3 EXAMPLES OF TOILET HUMOUR IN PRAGUE



1/ PEEING STATUES
Two bronze men robotically waggle their junk to write out literary quotes and text messages with their stream.
At Franz Kafka Museum



2/ TOILET MUSEUM
The Museum of Historical Toilets is number one in the world, with the largest collection of its kind on the planet.
Near Wimmerová fountain



3/ JUDGMENTAL LOOS
Feeling sensitive? Steer clear of the gents' in Palladium Shopping Centre, with its images of women mocking your bits.
Near Republic Square



City insider

5 WAYS TO SPEND SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IN BELFAST



Gemma-Louise Bond
blogs about her life and city at That Belfast Girl.
@GemmaLeBond

she says

1/ BRUNCH AT THE NATIONAL GRANDE CAFÉ
Planning a day of St Patrick's Day banter? Make sure to line your stomach with a delicious brunch (or your first pint of Guinness!) at this chilled café/bar.
62 High Street
Near: Albert Memorial Clock

2/ SPAR CRAIC 10K
Make amends for all the pints and fried foods you'll be consuming for the rest of the day and start off with a 10K run. This annual event starts at the famous Titanic Slipway and winds its way through the city. As the name suggests, it's always good fun.
City Hall, Donegall Square
Near: Grand Opera House

3/ PARADE & CONCERT
No St Paddy's Day would be complete without watching the fun and

colourful parade. It leaves City Hall at 11.30am, followed by a free concert at Custom House Square at 1.30pm.
City Hall, Donegall Square
Near: Grand Opera House

4/ VISIT HIS FINAL RESTING PLACE
We all know St Patrick's Day equals a jolly old knees-up, but if you want to learn more about the man himself, visit the town of Downpatrick. It's an hour's bus ride, and once there you can visit Down Cathedral, his reputed burial site, and the Saint Patrick Centre.
53A Market Street, Downpatrick
Near: Down Cathedral

5/ TEA DANCE
Grab your dancing shoes and head to the annual Punjana (a brand of Northern Irish tea) tea dance at Ulster Hall. Dress up and have a boogie to live music. It's free, but get tickets in advance (ulsterhall.co.uk).
34 Bedford Street
Near: Belfast City Hall

NEED TO KNOW

The concept of cooperatives has exploded and developed in Heraklion in recent years due to the economic crisis.



City insider

5 COOL COOPERATIVES IN HERAKLION



Stella Melina Vassilaki is co-founder of Cretazine, covering all things Crete.

@cretazine_en

she says

1/ DA

Visit this social space for concerts, discussions and exhibitions.

15 Ntentidakidon
Area: Agia Triada

2/ APO KOINOU

Based on the principles of fair trade and organic production, this self-sufficient community grows and sells Cretan goodies, such as wine, veg, olive oil and herbs.
community@apokinou.gr

3/ ROVYTHI [CHICKPEA]

A cooperatively owned falafel bar that offers healthy fast food. It's a creation of the Apo Koinou co-op and supports local producers.
9 Meramvellou Street
Area: city centre

4/ COMEET

This swish co-working creative space puts on events such as 'swap not shop' parties, screenings and music nights.
3 Louka Petraki
Area: Tria Pefka

5/ AUTONOMOUS MARKET

For quality produce, head to this monthly market organised by local producers. It's created an independent economic system and accepts FairCoin and Euros.
Georgiadis Park
Area: city centre

3 EVENTS FOR CHILD FILM PRODIGIES IN LUXEMBOURG

1/ LITTLE DIRECTORS OF BIG MOCKUMENTARIES

Your kid could make a modern-day *This Is Spinal Tap* at this movie workshop (3 to 31 March), in which children learn to direct fake documentaries. Action!

2/ FILM CRITICISM

You might think teens are critical enough, but this class on 3 and 4 March teaches them to analyse and criticise films like *The Lord of The Rings*. Watch out, Gandalf.

3/ IDENTICAL CAMERA MOVEMENTS

Record two videos using identical camera movements at this event on 24 March, resulting in two experimental films. All part of Luxembourg City Film Festival



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A winter landscape featuring several evergreen trees heavily laden with snow. The trees are set against a clear, bright blue sky. The ground is also covered in a thick layer of snow, creating a serene and cold atmosphere. The overall scene is a classic representation of a snowy mountain or forest setting.

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5 LIVING RELICS OF WWII IN BERLIN

Joseph Pearson wrote *Berlin*, a portrait of the German capital.
@needleberlin *He says*

1/ TEUFELSBERG
Made from 75 million m² of WWII rubble, this hill (pictured) was a US spy

station in the Cold War.
Grnewald
Bus: M49 to Mohrunger Allee

2/ BOROS COLLECTION
A WWII air-raid bunker that now houses a private art collection.
20 Reinhardtstrasse
S-Bahn: Friedrichstrasse

3/ FLAK TOWER
Explore this partly demolished anti-aircraft tower on a tour with the Berlin Underground Association.
110 Brunnenstrasse
S-Bahn: Gesundbrunnen

4/ HOCHBUNKER PALLASSTRASSE
As it's impossible to move or dismantle, architects were forced to build an apartment block around this indestructible bunker.
28 Pallasstrasse
S-Bahn: Yorckstrasse

5/ NEUES MUSEUM
This museum has left its WWII bomb and artillery damage visible.
1-3 Bodestrasse
S-Bahn: Hackescher Markt

3 JAZZ BARS IN MENORCA

1/ SA CLAU JAZZ CLUB
This stylish bar is built directly into one of Menorca's natural caves. Not only does this look cool, it also means it has some of the best acoustics of any venue on the island.
93 Carrer Marina, Ciutadella de Menorca

2/ CASINO SANT CLIMENT
An ideal spot if you want to relax with a good meal and good music. Local and visiting jazz musicians take to the stage every Tuesday and Thursday.
4 Carrer Sant Jaume, Sant Climent

3/ JAZZBAH
Jazzbah is a staple of Menorcan nightlife, and has hosted jazz and independent artists for over 15 years. For a more relaxed vibe, guests can head upstairs to the chill-out lounge.
3 Passeig es Pla de Sant Joan, Ciutadella de Menorca

3 NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS TO PLUNGE INTO IN MALTA



1/ ST PETER'S POOL
Be brave and jump from one of the tall, rocky sides into the deep water below at this secluded pool on the coast.
St Peter's Pool Road



2/ SLIEMA ROMAN BATHS
Sliema's coastline may lack a beach, but these rectangular pools cut into the rock mean you can still take a dip.
Tower Road, Sliema



3/ GHAR LAPSI
This shallow coastal pool is a playground for swimmers. Search for seahorses and eels or explore the cave.
Off Triq Lapsi



Nataša Mikić runs
bellegrade.com, a blog
all about her city.

@bellegradeblog

she says

1/ BRODIĆ NA SAVI

This waterside restaurant, which translates from Serbian as 'little ship on the Sava river', has been around for more than 20 years, yet remains one of the city's best kept secrets (until now). Perhaps it's managed to stay

that way because of its slightly shoddy outside aesthetic, but there's little better than an afternoon under the decking with pizza and drinks. *Sajamski kej bb, Sajam Area: Bara Venecija*

2/ KLUB GAVEZ

Tucked away in the woods of Ada Ciganlija (Belgrade's beach) is this magical-looking wooden house full of paintings and sculptures, and its

gardens full of tables, chairs, lights and foliage. You can come here just to hang out or to drink and eat food prepared daily by the owner. *Ada Ciganlija Area: Ada Ciganlija*

3/ SINNERMAN JAZZ CLUB

It can be difficult to find a rooftop bar in Belgrade that's not on top of a fancy hotel, but if you take the lift to the seventh floor of the Dom Sindikata building, you'll come across this hidden bar and music venue. It has a great view and live jazz and blues gigs at weekends. *5 Trg Nikole Pasica Area: Stari Grad*

4/ RESTORAN TRI

You have to pass through a building's front door and hallway to even catch a glimpse of this intimate restaurant (*pictured*), set up by three friends. Once you're in, though, it's worth it for the good vibes and tasty food. *51 Kosovska Area: Stari Grad*

5/ DIMITRIJALA GRILL

A Serbian *pljeskavica* (beef burger) is a must-eat when in Belgrade and they know how to prepare it perfectly here. They're so sure of it that they make it in front of you. My favourite is the Gurmanska Pljeskavica, a beef burger stuffed with cheese and ham. *55a Dimitrija Tucovića Area: Zvezdara*



3 GALLERY BARS IN TEL AVIV

1/ SPUTNIK

You'll see everything from neon asteroids to a girl blowing planet bubbles at this trippy, futuristic venue (*above*), which is full of bonkers space-inspired art, and if that doesn't tickle your fancy, maybe the club nights, Alien Boogie and People are Strange, will. *122 Allenby Street*

2/ KULI ALMA

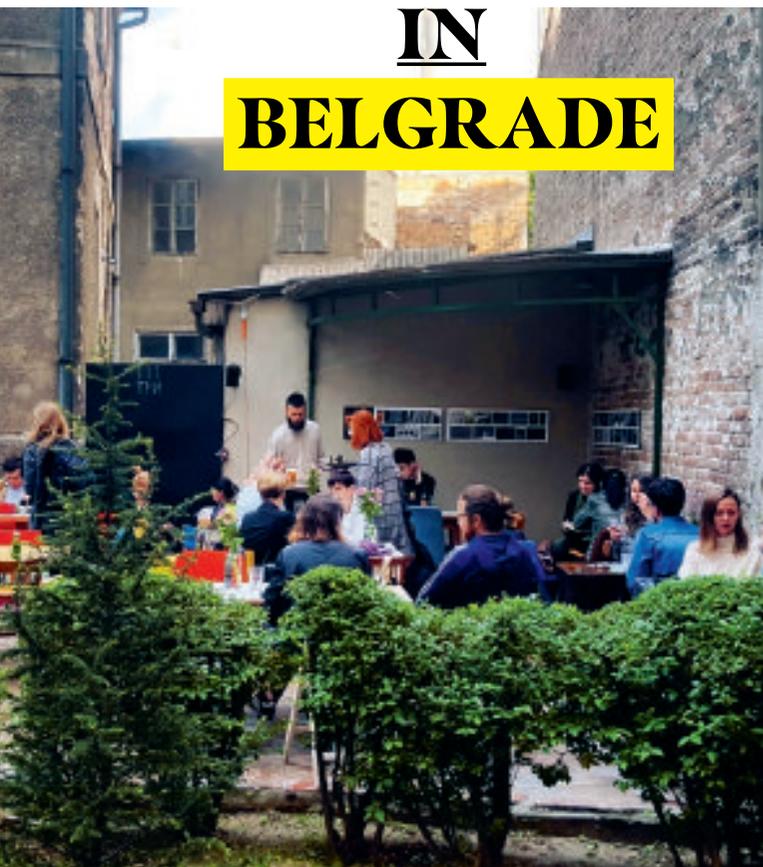
It couldn't decide whether it wanted to be an art gallery, a live music venue or a nightclub, so this place became all three. Don't miss the weekly art exhibitions and DJs playing everything from ethereal to electronica. *10 Mikveh Israel Street*

3/ BUXA

This bar/gallery is home to the largest collection of designer toys in Israel (some of which are definitely plotting a Chucky-style takeover). Hang out with them while enjoying the huge dancefloor and great cocktail game, then quell post-clubbing munchies with Pan-Asian food. *31 Rothschild Boulevard*

City insider 5 HIDDEN GEMS TO FIND

IN BELGRADE





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5 FUN THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO IN MARRAKECH

 **Amanda Mouttaki** covers food, family fun and travel on her blog. @MarocMama *she says*

1/ TAKE A CAMEL RIDE
Head to the street near Menara Mall or to the Palmeraie to start your

mini-caravan. Be sure to negotiate the price ahead – it should cost around 150-200 MAD (approx. €13-€18).
Area: Hivernage or Palmeraie

2/ SOUK SCAVENGER HUNT
Make a list and see how many items your kids can find on a treasure hunt in the souks. Good practice for *The Apprentice*?
Area: Medina

3/ TEA PARTY
There are plenty of places to have a tea party, but for an extra-special experience, book high tea at the Royal Mansour (350MADpp [€30pp]).
Rue Abou Abbas El Sebti Area: Medina

4/ LEARN SOME ARABIC
Creative Interactions offer beginner Arabic classes that are fun for all ages.
Avenue Hassan II Area: Gueliz

5/ TERRES D'AMANAR
Thrill-seeking families should visit this estate 30 minutes outside the city for a day of zip-lining and mountain activities.
Douar Akli Area: Tahannaout

3 BEAUTIFUL BRIDGES TO POSE ON IN TOULOUSE

1/ PONT NEUF
It may be the oldest bridge in Toulouse, but it still stands strong over the Garonne. Pose here at night, when it's lit up with coloured lights.
Near: Le Château d'Eau

2/ THE BRIDGE IN THE JARDIN JAPONAIS
This red moon bridge (*above*) stands out against the foliage. Get zen in the peaceful park before taking a selfie.
Near: Skatepark Ponts Jumeaux

3/ PONT-SAINT-PIERRE
It's a striking bridge today but has seen many iterations since it was built in 1849. Get your Insta pic during the day, so you can capture the turquoise detailing.
Near: Place de L'Europe



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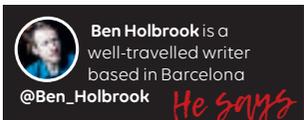
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2/ **TABLAO FLAMENCO CORDOBES**

1/ **LOS TARANTOS**
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City insider 5 FIERY FLAMENCO SHOWS IN

BARCELONA



Amble down the famous La Rambla boulevard and indulge in a Mediterranean feast while watching some of the hottest flamenco in town.

35 La Rambla
Metro: Liceu

3/ **PALAU DE LA MÚSICA CATALANA**

Glam it up for a night of vino and flamenco at the Palace of Catalan Music, one of the city's most majestic Modernista buildings.

4-6 Carrer Palau de la Música
Metro: Urquinaona

4/ **23 ROBADORS**

Head to the gritty El Raval barri to get up close and personal with the city's wildest flamenco musicians at this clandestine bar-cum-music cave.

23 Carrer d'En Robador
Metro: Liceu

5/ **PALAU DALMASES**

This intimate show is held in a baroque palace deep in the heart of the Old Town. Get a glass of cava and let the rhythm sweep you away.

20 Carrer de Montcada
Metro: Jaume I



3 ALT WALKING TOURS IN VIENNA

1/ **SPACE AND PLACE UGLY VIENNA TOUR**

Think Vienna's beaut? Think again, buddy. This tour reveals 19 of the city's ugliest buildings.
Where: Entrance to Augarten Park

2/ **SHADES TOURS**

Learn some life lessons on this tour run by homeless guides showing you a side of Vienna you wouldn't normally see.
Where: Heldenplatz

3/ **TOUR OF THE MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE PLACES IN VIENNA**

Photo blogger Daniela takes you to the city's most Instagram-worthy spots and even helps you get the shots you want.
Where: Near Albertinaplatz

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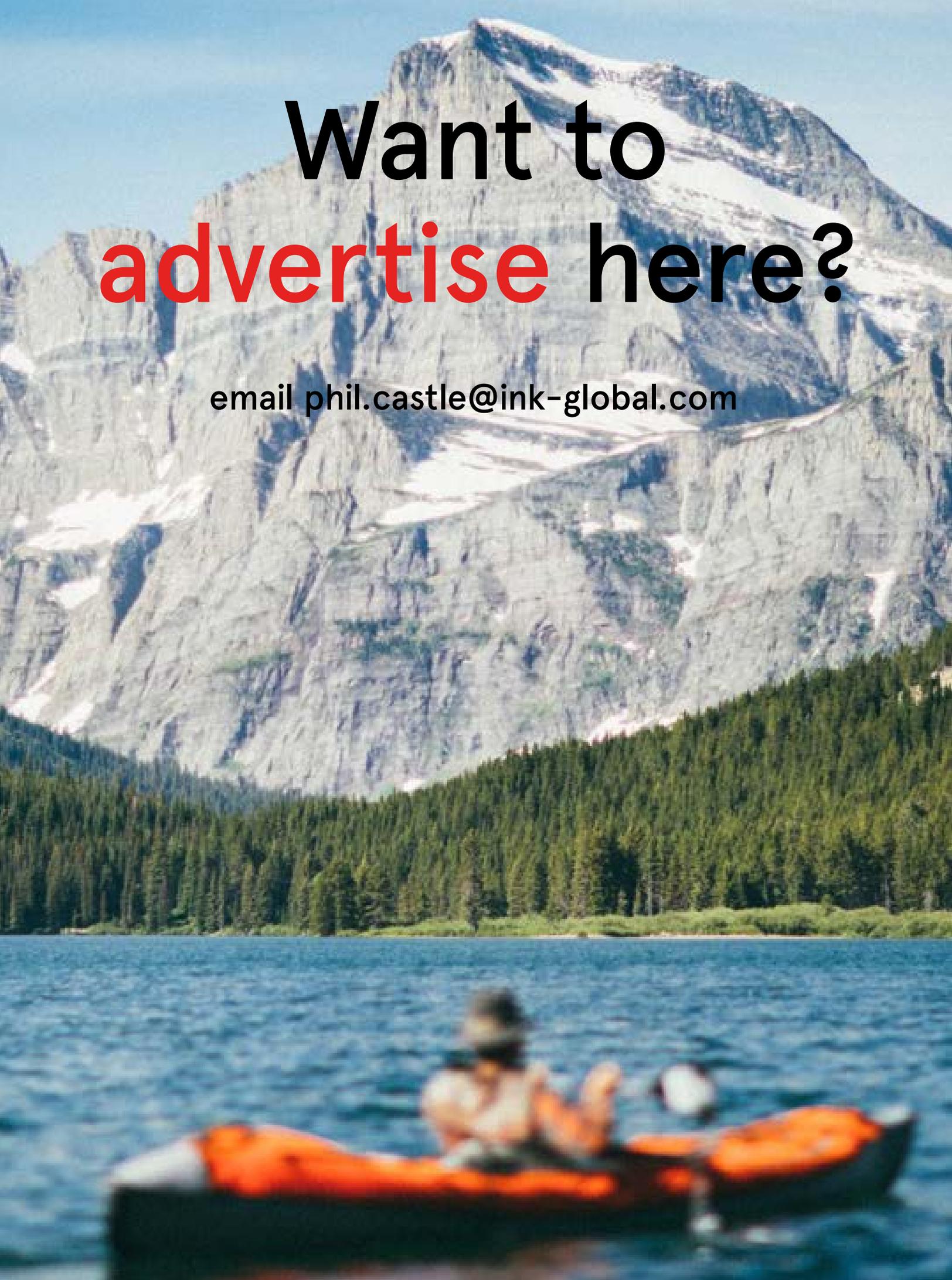
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A person wearing a black beanie, a grey hoodie, and a dark jacket is standing in a forest, looking to the left. They are holding a camera. The forest has many trees and some green plants in the foreground. The lighting is soft, suggesting a sunny day.

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George and the Giant Pledge

HELP EASYJET CAPTAIN JAMES WOODALL AND HIS FAMILY RAISE £1,000,000 FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER

In January 2017, easyJet Captain James Woodall and his wife Vicki got the news no parent ever wants to hear. Doctors at the Royal Marsden hospital in London told them that a lump on their four-year-old son George's back was a rare type of cancer, Ewing's Sarcoma, and so began round after round of complex treatment.

Thankfully, George recovered and has now had the all-clear. But it was a "year from hell," says dad

James, who was struck by the plight of all the children at the cancer unit. In response, he and his family set up George and the Giant Pledge, with the aim of raising £1 million for the Royal Marsden.

They've had the support of a great many famous faces, including Prince William, who's president of the hospital, Dame Judi Dench and Andy Murray. Now, the fund is already over halfway – with your help, it will go *all* the way.

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As we went to press, George and the Giant Pledge had reached

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Cutting the mustard?

BIG APPLE, BIG BITE: New York

Wherever the wiener sausage first originated, there's no doubt that German immigrants brought it to the New World. However, it was a Polish man, Nathan Handwerker, who first set hot dogs on a roll, selling them for .5¢ a pop at Coney Island, New York's answer to Blackpool, in the first half of the 20th century. His empire of Nathan's Famous restaurants has gone global, but for the best right now, dog devotees say Katz's Delicatessen, in the city's Lower East Side, takes first place (be warned – it's popular).

Folks, we have a wiener!

INVENTED IN FRANKFURT, TAKEN BY EMIGRANTS TO NEW YORK... BUT WHO DOES THE BEST HOT DOGS NOW?

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THE ORIGINAL DOG: Frankfurt

You'd think it would be straightforward: surely the frankfurter (aka hot dog) was invented in Frankfurt? But no less than two other cities vie for this accolade: Coburg, in Germany, and Vienna. However, Frankfurt's traditional pork sausage, served with bread and mustard, is the one we're heroing. So, where to get the best? And will you dose it with curry sauce? Locals say the place to go is Best Worscht in Town. Yes, it's a chain, but they'll do your dog any way you like it.

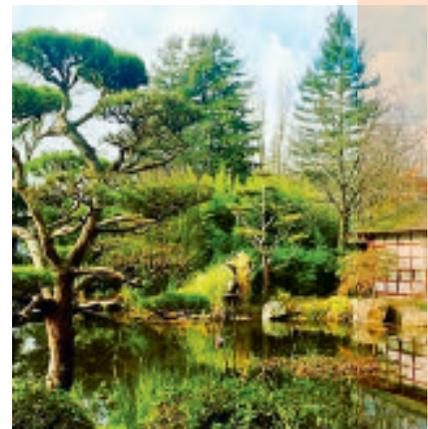
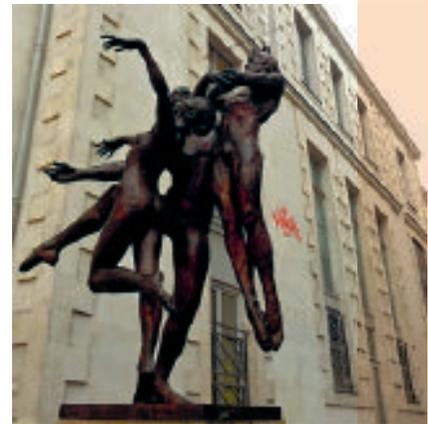


The best wurst?

An Insta tour of... Nantes

LONDON-BASED BLOGGER @SECRETMOONA SHOWS US THE CITY ON THE LOIRE

"NANTES WAS A surprise," says Mayi, who runs travel blog Secretmoona.com. "I came for an afternoon and stayed for three days." Some of her favourite things in this western French city were the leaning buildings ("They were built on sand"), the Japanese garden on the Ile de Versailles, and the astonishing Machines de l'Île. Inspired by the writings of Jules Verne, it's a collection of giant mechanical creations including a ride-on elephant and this dragon.



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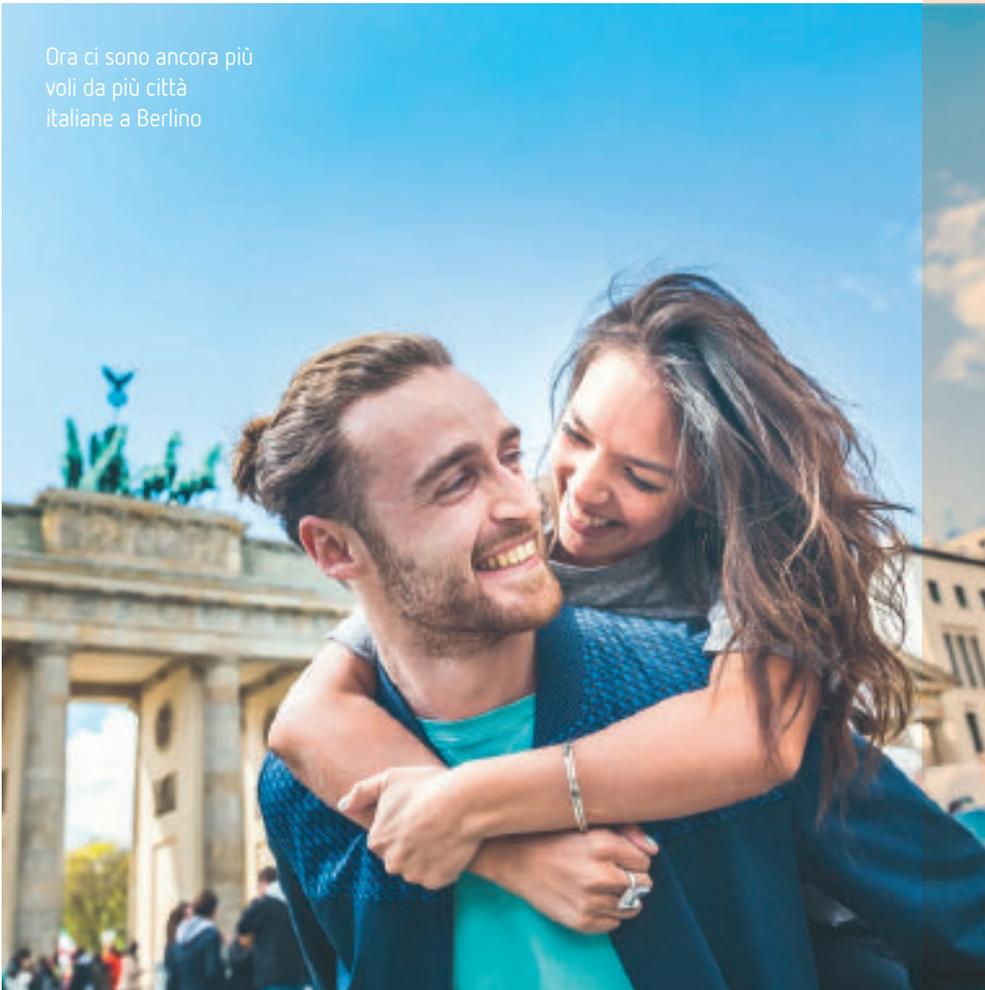
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Berlino? È dietro l'angolo!

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facilmente! Ora infatti, oltre che a Berlino Schönefeld, puoi atterrare anche a Berlino Tegel, a soli 8 chilometri dal cuore della capitale tedesca. Così sei subito al centro del divertimento! Oltre che da Roma Fiumicino e Milano Malpensa, potrai partire anche da Ancona, Brindisi, Cagliari, Catania, Genova, Napoli e Venezia con più di 100 voli a settimana da e per l'Italia. Prenota il prima possibile i tuoi prossimi viaggi a Berlino su easyJet.com per avere più scelta e tariffe vantaggiose!

Gira il mondo da Malpensa

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Meno turisti, più Barcellona

Il labirinto di Horta, gli edifici modernisti, i tramonti visti dal quartiere Carmel... Barcellona è davvero un concentrato di bellezza! E, se la visiti in questi mesi, te la godi ancora di più, perché puoi ammirare spiagge e monumenti senza sgomitare tra la folla dei turisti. Approfittarne per sorseggiare con calma un cocktail in riva al mare o per scoprire i dettagli delle opere di Gaudí. E se prenoti in anticipo, hai più scelta e conviene!



Edimburgo, la ciudad fantasma

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La capital de Escocia es mundialmente conocida por sus festivales en agosto, la celebración del Hogmanay o por ser nombrada Patrimonio de la Humanidad por la UNESCO. Lo que muchos no saben es que, además de ser una de las ciudades con mayor encanto del norte del Reino Unido, Edimburgo es también una de las más embrujadas.

La atracción turística por antonomasia es el Castillo de Edimburgo. Castle Rock ofrece una vista panorámica espectacular además de numerosas historias de veteranos prisioneros de guerra,

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El Palacio de Holyrood o la residencia de los monarcas escoceses ha sido a lo largo de la historia testimonio de numerosas venganzas y complots hoy en día recordados por la aparición de fantasmas esporádicos como el Mary Queen of Scots.

Edimburgo ofrece tantas historias de espectros que incluso los pubs han sido escenario de fenómenos paranormales. ¡Disfruta de un viaje inolvidable degustando del mejor Whiskey rodeado de fantasmas!



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Mazzorbo, la isla veneciana sin turistas

En una ciudad como Venecia donde se reciben alrededor de 40 millones de turistas al año se hace difícil encontrar un rincón para disfrutar de la verdadera esencia veneciana. A tan sólo 30 minutos de la ciudad de los canales encontramos una pequeña isla donde podrás descansar y pasear entre viñedos. Has de coger el vaporetto número 12 que nos lleva del centro de Venecia a Murano y continúa después hacia Burano, hasta llegar a Mazzorbo, un oasis de paz sin turistas en la laguna veneciana.

Burdeos, la ciudad del savoir vivre

Hay muchas razones para visitar Burdeos: su gastronomía, su centro histórico o la cultura del vino de la ciudad. Burdeos es el destino ideal para desconectar del ajetreo de la vida diaria ya que ofrece un fácil recorrido a pie por su centro histórico con parada obligada en los barrios de Saint-Pierre, Saint-Michel, el quartier de Capucines o el barrio medieval Sainte-Eulalie. Voilà, nada como visitar Burdeos para disfrutar de la escapada de fin de semana perfecta.

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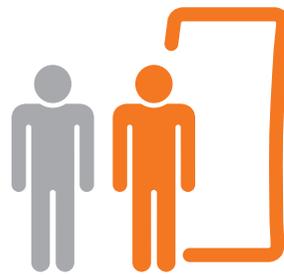
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Der Frühling ist eine ausgezeichnete Zeit, um Venedig zu besuchen

Venedig im Frühling



Wenn die Frühlingssonne Venedigs Kanäle mit ihren Lichtspielen verzaubert und milde Temperaturen zum Erkunden der Gassen und Paläste einladen, verströmt die Lagunenstadt einen besonders romantischen Charme. Flieg mit

uns direkt ab Basel-Freiburg und Zürich nach Venedig. Geniesse die Sonnenstrahlen im Café auf dem Markusplatz und lass Dich am Abend in den Bacari von kulinarischen Köstlichkeiten verführen, bevor Du im Szeneviertel Cannaregio ins Nachtleben abtauchst!

Venise au printemps

Venez admirer les jeux de lumière sur les canaux de Venise, illuminée par le soleil printanier, et profiter des températures douces pour explorer ses ruelles et ses palais. La cité lagunaire dégage un charme particulièrement romantique à cette période de l'année ! Nous nous envolons de Genève à

Venise, alors venez déguster votre café au soleil sur la place Saint-Marc. Et le soir venu, laissez-vous tenter par les délicieuses spécialités culinaires des « bacari », petits bars typiques, avant de faire la fête dans le quartier branché de Cannaregio !

Vom Fischmarkt bis zur Elphi

In Hamburg treffen Kaufmannstraditionen auf hipbes Design. Nach einer Nacht auf der Reeperbahn darf der Besuch auf dem sonntäglichen Fischmarkt natürlich nicht fehlen. Oder wie wäre es mit Shopping auf der Schanze, einer Hafenrundfahrt und einem Abstecher in die Elbphilharmonie? Von Hamburgs neuem Wahrzeichen, auch liebevoll Elphi genannt, hast Du einen phänomenalen Blick über die Hafenstadt, in die wir ab Basel-Freiburg und Zürich abheben!

À la rencontre d'Elphi

À Hambourg, traditions marchandes et design branché se mêlent sans distinction. Le dimanche, ne manquez pas de faire un tour au marché aux poissons, même après avoir passé la nuit à faire la fête sur la légendaire Reeperbahn. Ou que diriez-vous d'un peu de shopping dans le Schanzenviertel, d'une visite du port et d'une petite halte pour admirer la Philharmonie de l'Elbe ? Ce nouveau symbole architectural d'Hambourg, aussi surnommé « Elphi », vous offre une vue incroyable sur cette ville portuaire accessible depuis Genève !



Il y a plein de spots
selfie à Lisbonne



Lisbonne du nord au sud et d'est en ouest

LAISSEZ-VOUS DÉPAYSER PAR LE CHARME DE LISBONNE

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Continuez votre tour jusqu'au quartier de l'Alfama, là où la plus grande ville du pays y abrite ses

plus petites rues. L'Alfama est aussi l'endroit idéal pour déguster une des spécialités locales sur un fond de musique fado dans un des nombreux restaurants chaleureux du quartier, là où l'ambiance est toujours au rendez-vous.

Impossible bien sûr de quitter la ville sans passer par Belem pour y goûter les délicieuses pâtisseries portugaises, les Pastéis de Nata, encore tièdes et saupoudrées de cannelle. Rendez-vous donc à la maison Pastéis de Belém, lieu emblématique et incontournable de la ville. Découvrez Lisbonne que vous soyez à Paris, Lille, Nantes, Bordeaux, Lyon et Nice.

Nouveau ! Séville fait, bien fait au départ de Nice.

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Nouveau ! Le paradis au départ de Lyon aussi.

Entre les étendues de sable blanc immaculé, les plages aux eaux bleu turquoise, et les surfeurs aux cheveux décolorés, il risque d'être compliqué de ne pas passer un agréable moment sur l'île de Fuerteventura dans l'archipel des Canaries. Plongez avec les gros poissons dans un décor reposant et paradisiaque pour cette nouvelle destination au départ de Lyon à partir du 26 mars.



NEU: Skandinavien

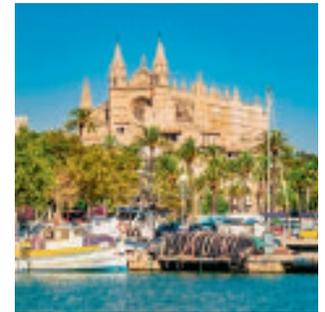
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Entdecke mit uns
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Frühling auf Mallorca

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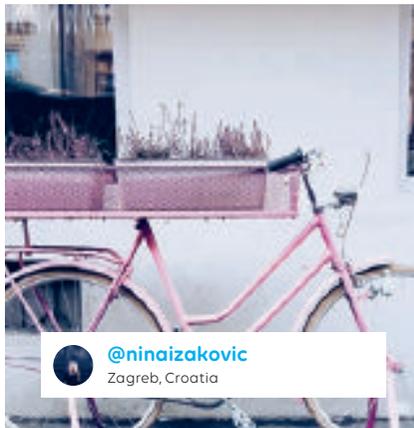
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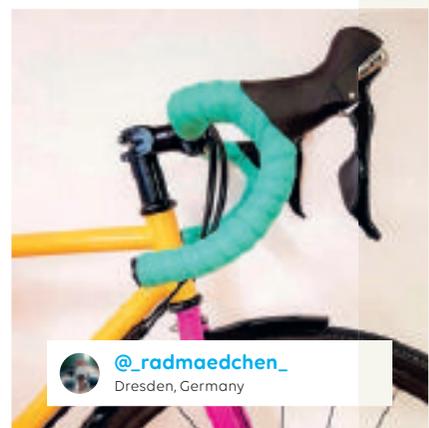
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