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The achievement also reflects Wizz Air's continued commitment to growing one of the youngest and most efficient fleets in the industry, which has now reached 270 aircraft. The increase in our fleet makes it possible for us to launch new routes, step up frequencies on existing ones and open new operational bases. As part of our ongoing expansion plans, we celebrated the opening of our new

bases at Palermo, Sicily in August and Turin, northern Italy in September.

Speaking of new bases and routes, there is a lot to look forward to this winter. Three new bases are opening in Spain: Madrid and Valencia in November, followed by Santiago de Compostela on 17 December. Also in November, WIZZ will open a new base in Prishtina, followed by a further new base in Braşov in December. Time to pack your skis!

Other recent highlights included the launch of new package holidays platform WIZZ Holidays in July, which you can read more about on p62. And in August, we unveiled a redesigned version of our My Journey mobile app, in one of its most significant upgrades.

In our ongoing efforts to champion an active lifestyle, Wizz Air will be

“Speaking of new routes, there is a lot to look forward to this winter”

a proud title sponsor of the Tirana Marathon, which draws thousands of runners from around the world to the Albanian capital in late October.

Wizz Air's popular Let's Get Lost competition, which takes lucky winners to a secret destination, is going from strength to strength – having recently taken off from Poland for the first time. Look out for the next mystery trip among other exciting offers this winter.

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József Váradi
Chief Executive Officer

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Editor's letter

I don't know about you, but after such a scorcher of a summer, I've been glad to get cosy in my autumnal uniform of soft jumpers and jeans. The crisp mornings and changing leaves of October and November are a welcome change of pace, and I've never felt more ready for soup season.

Good thing, too, because putting together this issue of the magazine provided plenty of seasonal inspiration. Our cover story is on the female cooks of Asturias, where a chef's guild is preserving the recipes for warming, rustic stews passed from mothers to their daughters over generations (p34). While that corner of northern Spain is also cider country, we couldn't leave out the European capital of beer, Munich, as it recovers from Oktoberfest (p54). And we dive into the ever-dazzling cabaret clubs of Paris (p17) and embrace the clock change at a darkness retreat in Wroclaw (p27), where ultimate wellness is promised to be found in the pitch black.

Elsewhere, we've got a social media photo competition (p9); we celebrate the launch of WIZZ Holidays (p62); we delve into the changing face of street art across the network (p45); and we go hunting for creepy myths and legends in Lyon (p22) in time for Halloween.

Wherever you're flying with Wizz Air today, I invite you to cosy up and enjoy the magazine. **Florence Derrick, Editor**



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Where to go, what to do and why

in place



Get snap happy across the network

November 2026 marks the 200th anniversary of the first permanent photo captured by Nicéphore Niépce. We've come a long way since the French inventor coated a pewter plate with Bitumen of Judea to record a view from his window.

To celebrate, the French Ministry of Culture has announced a year-long national programme of events, including a guest collection at Paris Photo (from 12-15 November at the Grand Palais), and dedicated exhibitions at the Musée Nicéphore Niépce in Chalon-sur-Saône, north of Lyon.

We're celebrating the anniversary, too, with a social media competition. To win, tag your best holiday snaps on Instagram with the hashtag **#wizzmagazine** and see if your photo gets chosen to be printed in the next issue. Good luck!

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Clink your glasses in Chişinău

Moldovan wine dates back over 5,000 years, but it's hardly old-fashioned nowadays. Since 2021, the country's homegrown vintages have surged in demand. Around 90% of them are now exported, to an increasingly appreciative audience, while 120,000 wine fans visit the country's annual National Wine Day.

Join the celebrations at this year's event in Chişinău's central square, Piaţa Marii Adunări Naţionale, on the first weekend of October – while wine-related events continue throughout the month.

Spot indigenous varieties like Fetească neagră and Rară neagră, and wineries like Mileştii Mici. It's known for having a 200km-long wine cellar, the largest in the world. wineday.wineofmoldova.com

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Behold the world's biggest Christmas tree in Dortmund

It's getting to be the most wonderful time of the year again – when Christmas markets open across Europe and merry-makers fly in for glühwein, gingerbread and gifts. In Dortmund, around 3.6 million visitors come to see the market's USP, the “world's largest natural-spruce Christmas tree”. Built out of around 1,200 red and Norway spruces, it takes four weeks to construct and dominates Hansaplatz from 19 November until 30 December. Decorated with 138,000 LED lights, it's a sight to behold. weihnachtsstadt-do.de

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4m

height of angel



1,200

Norway and red spruces



4 weeks to build

From 5pm there is a light show every

30 mins

138,000

LEDs



TURN UP THE HEAT IN BUCHAREST

If you haven't heard of *aufguss* before, you'll be in for a shock in Therme Bucharest this October. There you are in the sauna, sweating in peace, when a stranger enters and throws scented water on the coals and then, swinging a towel in choreographed arcs, directs waves of intensified heat around the room.

That's what's in store at Sauna Fest (5-25 October), where the world's best *aufguss* masters – complete with lights, music and props – will be appearing in a spectacle that turns a quiet, relaxing time into a show of epic proportions.

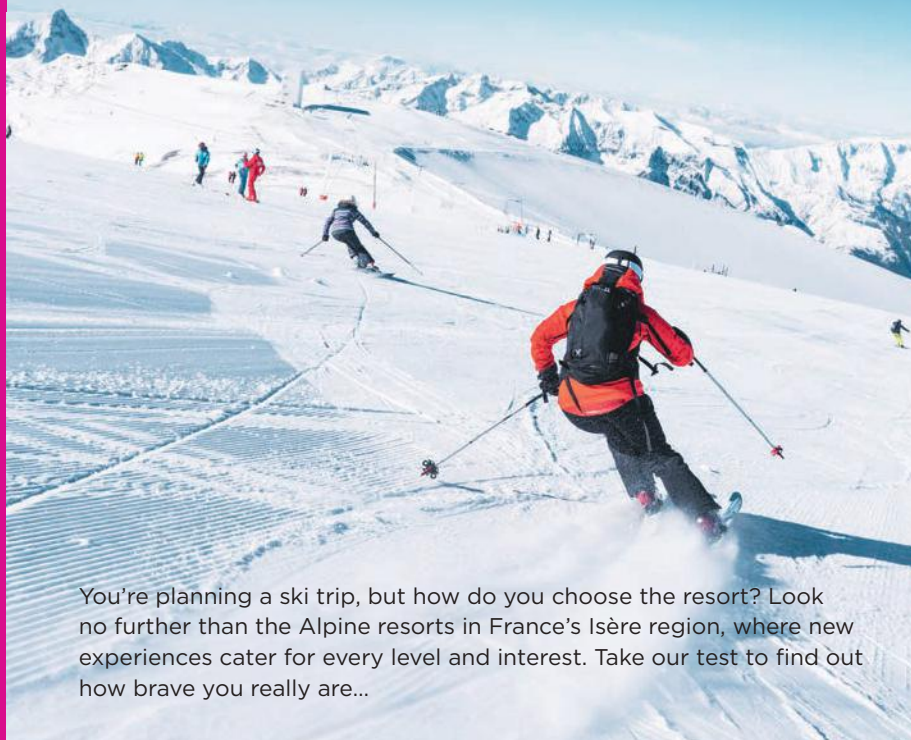
If you'd rather keep to yourself in the sauna, the world-famous spa has plenty more to draw you in. There are 10 indoor and outdoor pools to choose from, as well as beaches, treatments, late-night illuminated chill sessions and the Galaxy waterpark, with its 17 water slides. **therme.ro**

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- A. Amazing! I'll go and get my wing suit
- B. I'll think about it
- C. I'd rather hide under my bed at the very thought

2. You're in an Indian restaurant and you're not feeling 100%. What do you order?

- A. Prawn vindaloo with several spicy side dishes
- B. A nice chicken curry and plain rice
- C. You go home and eat some cereal instead. You can never be too careful

3. Complete the sentence: "Roller coasters are..."

- A. ...my kind of fun"
- B. ...fine, if they don't go upside down"
- C. ...a legit form of torture"

4. It's time for your travel vaccinations. How do you feel about needles?

- A. Stick it to me
- B. I can tolerate them
- C. I'd rather hide behind my sofa at the very thought

5. Your idea of a daring holiday destination is...

- A. Madeira
- B. Marrakech
- C. Madrid



Mostly As – Endorphins are your drug of choice

You didn't come to the Alps to play it safe. Alpe d'Huez has challenging off-piste terrain and one of Europe's longest black runs, so there's plenty to get the adrenaline pumping. When you come off the slopes, keep the thrills coming with ice driving, or take to the skies on a paraglider.

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Mostly Bs – Brave, but not slope-confident

Beginners and the underconfident are in for a treat at Les 2 Alpes this season. New green and blue slopes have been added at 2,100m and 2,600m, for snow-sure, easy sessions whatever your skill level. And a new blue run at 3,000m, called the Jandri Walk, offers stunning high-altitude views to even those with the most basic ability.

les2alpes.com

Mostly Cs – You like to keep your feet on solid ground

If hurtling downhill with your feet tethered to planks is not your idea of fun, Chamrousse has plenty to keep you busy away from the slopes. Go snowshoeing through the forest, take a dog-sled ride across the Arselle plateau or slide downhill in a snow tube. Tackle the 130m-long Himalayan footbridge at the top of the resort, suspended 25m above the Casserousse couloir. You might be terrified, but at least you'll have a great view. chamrousse.com

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WEAR YOUR EARPLUGS TO THE WORLD'S NEWEST STADIUM IN ANKARA

Türkiye might not have won the FIFA World Cup, but fans are still smiling thanks to its latest architectural marvel: Ankara's 19 Mayıs Stadium. The rebuilt structure, opening this season, seats 51,050 and will be the home of Türkiye's national football team – as well as a potential venue for some Euro 2032 matches.

A word of warning: Turkish football fans are noisy. The huge level of sound energy at Istanbul's Ali Sami Yen Sports Complex RAMS Park of Galatasaray has reached 131.76 decibels, and it represents one of the loudest sounds ever to have been recorded.

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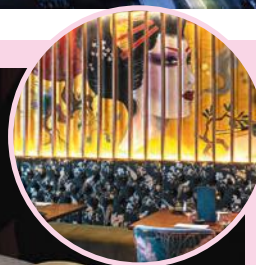
The atomic bomb:

200 dB

The eruption of Krakatoa in the 1880s (loudest modern sound ever recorded):

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Know your nigiri from your maki in Birmingham



Birmingham is officially on a sushi roll, with five new Japanese restaurants having arrived in 2026. The boom began with SushiDog in the Bullring in January, followed by Maki & Ramen on New Street. This autumn will bring three more: grab-and-go Sushi Tachi at Grand Central; Sticks 'n' Sushi in Chamberlain Square; and KIBOU on Temple Row. Got another recommendation we need to know about? Tag us on your socials:

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***“We don’t want
to be confined to
stereotypical roles”***

A century after dancer Josephine Baker opened her club in Paris, the city is still the home of cabaret. We go to the French capital to meet the next generation of rebels, revolutionaries and rule breakers

PHOTOS: MICHEL DIERICKX



Words by Anna Richards

Paris is world-famous for an iconic dance routine, which may look innocent enough today but was deemed incredibly scandalous 100 years ago. The can-can was born in the working-class neighbourhoods of Montmartre in the early 1800s, originally as a feminist revolt by Parisian washerwomen. They showed their dissatisfaction with their laborious daily lives through dance, transforming chores like opening bottles of wine and washing clothes into dance moves.

Authorities thought it indecent and tried to suppress it in 1831. But it survived and, by the 1860s, cabaret had become one of the few lines of work in which women were better paid than men. Cabaret boomed in the late 19th century, with the opening of Au Lapin Agile in 1860, and the iconic Moulin Rouge in 1889. It slumped during WWI, but in the post-war years, it found an





Clockwise from here
Performers outside the iconic Madame Arthur; La Briochée strikes a pose; Josephine Baker at the Folies Bergère music hall in Paris; a Moulin Rouge poster; the trailblazing Josephine Baker

unlikely hero who would become the most famous cabaret star of all time.

Josephine Baker, a young Black woman from Missouri, grew up in poverty. In 1925, aged 19, she moved to Paris where she gained notoriety for dancing in a tiny skirt made of (rubber) bananas and little else. She opened her own cabaret, *Chez Josephine*, in Montmartre in 1926 and became one of the highest-paid entertainers in Europe, later renouncing her American citizenship and making France her permanent home.

For many performers on society's margins, Paris offered what few other cities could: acceptance and opportunity. Drag artists were performing in France's first drag cabaret club, Madame Arthur, as far back as 1946, when it first opened its doors. Many of the earliest celebrities to publicly transition, including transgender cabaret stars Coccinelle and Bambi, performed here.

"Madame Arthur is an establishment deeply rooted in French queer history," says La Briochée, a performer at the club. "I'd read all five volumes of Bambi's autobiography when I was accepted here, and I felt like I could feel exactly what she'd lived, and imagine how the club was at the time."

Although not exclusively a drag club, this



Right Zelda Showtime, a cabaret performer at Crazy Horse Paris
Below *God Save Our Bareskin*, a show at the same music hall



predominantly queer cabaret has served as a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community for 80 years. Crazy Horse Paris was more conformist. “There are still weigh-ins,” says dancer Zelda Showtime, wearing a signature black bob wig and skyscraper stilettos. “But our target weight is tailored to each of us according to our height and body type. We also can’t drop below a certain weight.”

When the Crazy Girls perform on stage, donning sleek, shiny black horse tails for one number and moving in perfect synchronisation, it’s so fluid that it’s easy to forget they’re a collection of individual performers. Cabaret is often critiqued as performance designed primarily for the male gaze, but the audience here is heavily female, and the show feels artistic rather than exploitative.

Elsewhere, cabaret continues to revolutionise and upend gender norms. *Vénus Noire*, a Black, queer troupe, was formed in 2021 by multidisciplinary artist Michelle Tshibola. They perform in venues across Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels and beyond.

“It’s crazy that we still need to fight for visibility for Black, queer artists,” says Michelle. “We don’t want to be confined to stereotypical roles anymore. We want to be poets, singers, artists



and dancers.” But for her, cabaret is also deeply personal. “It was my inner child that pushed me to do cabaret,” she says. “I wanted to put a sparkle in the eyes of the public and to tell stories that move people.”

And the popularity of Parisian cabaret only seems to be growing. From washerwomen kicking up their skirts in defiance, to transgender pioneers claiming their space, cabaret remains what it has always been: a stage for revolution – with a healthy dose of glamour.

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“Everywhere in Lyon has two stories: one fact and one fiction”

Paranormal tourism is on the rise, just in time for Halloween. We head to Lyon on a spooky tour that attempts to debunk the city’s greatest myths

 Words by Anna Richards

Below my feet are secret passageways. No one knows what they were used for, or why they were built, but if I could X-ray the ground I’m standing on, it would show a fish skeleton of tunnels.

I’m partway up La Croix-Rousse – Lyon’s famed silk weaving hub during the 18th and 19th centuries and now a bohemian, hilltop district. The buildings are multistoried and elegant, and the ground floor of each has high ceilings, built to accommodate 3m-tall Jacquard looms.

“Why would these tunnels have such a strange layout, unless they were hiding something?” asks my guide, Agent C (or Chloé, when she’s off duty), conspiratorially. “The Knights Templar’s lost treasure, for example.”

She goes on to tell a local legend. It goes that the Knights Templar’s treasure, which allegedly disappeared in the early 14th century, was hidden in these “fishbones” beneath La Croix-Rousse, which climbs steeply north from the city centre, Place des Terreaux and the Hôtel de Ville. The tunnels have baffled historians, archaeologists

and scientists ever since their discovery more than 50 years ago, and the legend is so popular in Lyon that one conspiracy theorist wrote and self-published an entire book on it.

Rather than propagating those stories, though, the guides at Cybèle – a local company that specialises in off-beat tours – have a novel way of myth-busting. Cybèle’s theatrical ‘Mysteries of Croix-Rousse’ tour starts on the Croix-Rousse plateau, before winding down the part of the hill known as *les pentes* (the slopes) over the course of 90 minutes. It covers less than a kilometre, but there’s thousands of years’ worth of history in this part of the city, which, as Lugdunum, was once the capital of Roman Gaul and far bigger and more important than Paris.

“Oh, I’m sorry, my boss is calling,” says Agent C, answering her phone – which is all part of the act. Cybèle calls its staff *guides-comédiens* (actor-guides), and what I’m experiencing is more mobile theatre than traditional walking tour. The “boss” is a fictional scientist who loudly proclaims that the fishbones date from the Roman period, and no

one knows what they were used for. That's true, but what fun is the truth when the fictional tales here include mysteriously escaped nuns and high-profile Freemasons?

I'm here because global paranormal tourism is on the rise, with dark tourism valued at several billion dollars in 2025 and the sector only predicted to grow. Over the last decade, Lyon has become home to a whole host of horror-themed escape games, including Dark Experience, which has three creepy rooms that opened in 2019, and Vanciaventure, an escape game in an abandoned fort-turned-fictional psychiatric hospital in the Lyonnais suburb of Rillieux-la-Pape. A friend described it as "pant-wetting levels of terrifying". And as the Cybèle tour shows, any city as old and vast as Lyon has its fair share of spooky tales.

"Everywhere in Lyon has two stories: one fact and one fiction," says Agent C. We're now on the plateau of Croix-Rousse, standing in front of an enormous boulder unimaginatively named Le Gros Caillou ('The Big Pebble'), with views stretching



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Above Paranormal tourists gather at Le Gros Caillou to delve into Lyon's macabre past

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across the city. According to which story you choose to believe, this boulder is either the stone heart of a Scrooge-like bailiff who chose to evict a starving family of *canuts* (silk weavers), or part of an ancient alpine glacier that rolled down from the Alps.

From this stunning vantage point, the lake in Parc de la Tête d'Or glimmers like a sapphire below. It's the largest urban park in France, and there's nothing creepy about it – or so I thought.

"He was bludgeoned to death with a pickaxe," says Agent C cheerily. She's talking about another hapless canut, one who excavated the land on which the current park sits after Lyon's silk industry fell on hard times in the mid-19th century. Legend says that a golden statue lay buried under the park, but when the canut unearthed it, he was brutally murdered. The statue began to cry fat tears, and Parc de la Tête d'Or's lake was formed. If Agent C's party-poopng boss is to be believed, though, the park was simply named after an inn in the area.

"We've had to call on experts to separate fact from fiction," says Agent C. Fair enough – but what's the harm in blurring the lines sometimes?

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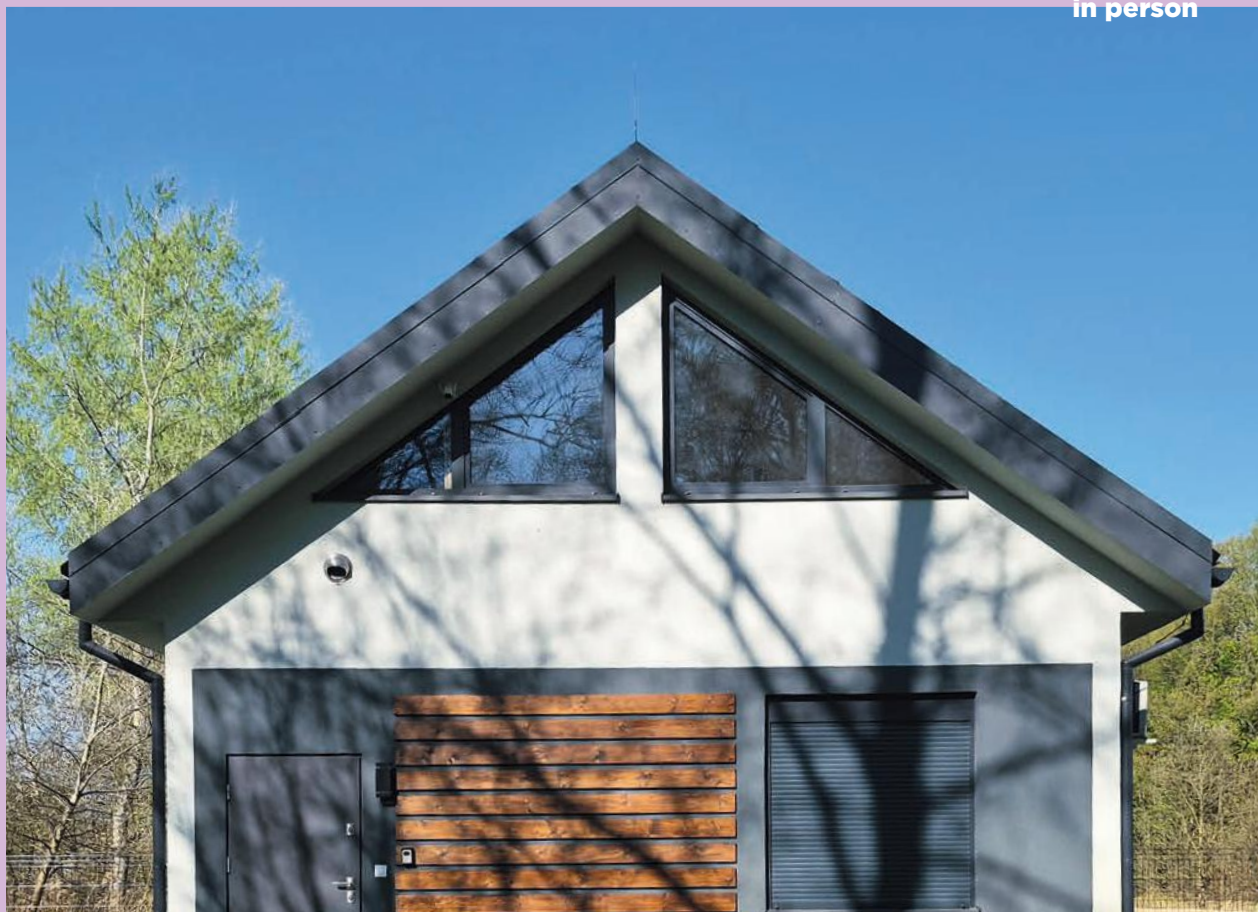
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***“My mind is the stillest
it’s been for two
decades”***

In Wrocław, a darkness retreat promises to deliver the ultimate way to switch off – by turning off the lights



Words by Liz Darke

It's 4:12pm on a sunny afternoon in Wrocław, a colourful city in southwestern Poland, where one of Europe's largest medieval market squares is fringed with cool boutiques, wine bars and Scandi-style bakehouses. I, on the other hand, am laying face down on the floor in complete darkness. I've been here for more than two hours so far. My body is relaxed, and my mind is the stillest it's been for nearly two decades.

Twenty-four hours earlier I'd met Marcin Czub, an assistant professor at the Institute of Psychology, University of Wrocław. Marcin runs Dark Shelter, a blackout cabin in the leafy village of Łany, about 30 minutes' drive west of the city centre. At the intersection of spiritual tradition and therapeutic practice, dark retreats involve living in total darkness for several days with no external stimulation. That's no phone, TV, books or music – not even a window to stare out of.

Absence of sensory stimulation for a prolonged period, known as Restricted Environmental Stimulation Therapy (REST), can be known to improve mental wellbeing and sleep, and increase body awareness and creativity. Clinical studies, mostly carried out in dark, soundproof flotation tanks, show that sensory reduction can calm the nervous system, reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure and increase relaxation.

"There is evidence for helping burnout and stress-related symptoms because the nervous system begins to rest," Marcin said. Many of his



Clockwise from left
Inside the Dark Shelter cabin before the lights are turned off; Wrocław's Market Square looks even more vibrant after time in the dark; your Dark Shelter cabin awaits



guests come to Dark Shelter seeking downtime from stressful jobs, such as counselling or care work. "People tell me they feel so overloaded and overwhelmed that they desperately need some quiet and somewhere to reset," Marcin added.

Feeling somewhat frazzled after a summer of stressful work deadlines, a dark room and some peace and quiet never sounded so good. I'm intrigued to give it a go. The cabin, comprising a small hallway leading into a bathroom, eating area and separate living space, has everything you need: a bed, toilet, armchair, yoga mat and a rain shower. I unpack my bag and arrange things in a way that I can easily find them. Then the lights go out, and the experience begins.

In the first few hours (time moves slower than a snail wading through treacle in here), I wonder why I agreed to this. Marcin said I might get hallucinations or vivid visions, but right now I feel disorientated and alone, completely cut off from the world. Not even the faintest glow of an appliance on standby breaks the darkness (the power button on the AC unit has been taped over), and I hear nothing but the occasional creak of the cabin's roof as it's whipped by the wind. I have an overwhelming urge to locate my phone –

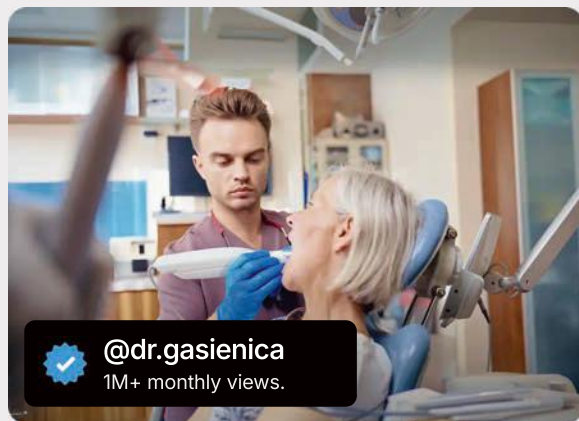


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Clockwise from right The Dark Shelter experience takes place in the Łany woods; prepare for total isolation after entering the cabin



I feel lost and vulnerable without it. Earlier this year, addiction experts told the BBC that they're seeing an increasing number of clients who are dependent on their devices. Marcin had warned me that going cold turkey would be tough.

"Lots of us are addicted to phones," he'd said. "People are so afraid that they won't be able to stop themselves from switching on and scrolling."

Staying at Dark Shelter is not a hostage situation, though. You can use your phone, switch on the lights or leave the cabin, although doing so defeats the point. "No one tells you what to do here. But if you do switch on your phone, you could ruin the experience," says Marcin.

To occupy my thoughts, I begin counting my breaths. Sleep follows easily and when I wake, the audio clock tells me that 11 hours have passed. Feeling refreshed, I roll out the yoga mat to do some stretching. With no instructor to watch or classmates to compare myself to, I'm noticing my body more – my sore wrist, tight neck, clicky big toe. I lie chest-down on the floor and press my face into the mat. The hard surface is soothing.

I'm startled by the ring of the doorbell, which signals lunchtime. I'm told to sit in the living space with the door firmly shut, while somebody opens

it and drops off borscht and pierogi in the eating area. Soup in the dark? This could be a challenge.

After fumbling through lunch, I get comfy in the armchair. Inky patterns swirl in front of me, with shades of blue, turquoise and yellow marbling through the black. Known as phosphenes, these splashes of colour can occur when the visual system is stimulated despite no external input.

Suddenly, I feel sad that there's no one here to share this beautiful, mad experience with. Thinking about my family and friends, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude, tears slipping down my cheeks. Out loud, I recount the reasons why I love them. I don't feel silly or embarrassed. The darkness isn't judging me. It's giving me comfort.

Thirty-six hours pass and I'm ready to see the light again, so I peek out. The sky dazzles in baby blue, the trees rustle in concert and the sun feels like a warm kiss on my face. "In the dark, the nervous system quiets down, so an increase in your sensory responses after you leave is very noticeable. Many people say colours, tastes and textures are more intense," Marcin had said.

I head back into the city, keen to be around the vibrancy of life again. From the Most Piaskowy bridge, the river looks a deeper shade of emerald than it did before. The honk of car horns is more piercing, and the smell of my takeaway coffee is so chocolatey and nutty it transports me to Christmas, unwrapping a Ferrero Rocher.

I wander along the cobbled streets to a local restaurant, where the *gołąbki* (stuffed cabbage rolls) don't disappoint. Nothing does. After the darkness, I'm looking at the world with fresh eyes – and it looks more vibrant than ever.

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REBELS WITH A CAUSE



 Words by Stephan Phelan

 Photography by Ben Roberts





A guild of female cooks is behind the most authentic restaurants in Asturias. We travel along one of the Spanish region's brand-new cider routes, which passes some of the best, to learn how the women are preserving – and making – history





Clockwise from here
El Verano; cider is poured at
the restaurant; a dish at El
Verano; the day's specials at
the popular eatery;
María Alicia Candás



A big pot of *fabada asturiana* is always simmering at El Verano. Thick with white beans and pork shoulder and belly, it's the signature stew of Asturias, taking its name from this lush and misty region in the northwest corner of Spain. Here, every rural kitchen serves its own variation on the same basic recipe. María Alicia Candás, chef-owner of El Verano, makes it the way her grandmother did: in a cauldron passed down from her mother, in the simple village restaurant she inherited from both of them.

"I learned everything from them," she says, though she also credits a couple of other, older ladies who used to help out here. Mariali, as she's known to loved ones and loyal customers, is the third in her maternal line to run this family business in the hilly parish of Argüero, amid cornfields, dairy farms and *pumares* (apple orchards) just above the Asturian coastal plain. But she was the first to join the Club de Guisanderas, a society of female chefs and restaurant owners created to promote and protect the culinary traditions of this region.

"Yes, we're all women," she says. "And most heads of kitchens are men. Only one woman in Spain has three Michelin stars, and that's Esther



Manzano” – a fellow club member based at Casa Marcial in Arriondas, another Asturian village about 50km to the east. For Mariali, *guisanderas* (stew makers) is an archaic term, invoking ancestral memories of past matriarchs who spent their lives slow cooking peasant dishes like fabada and *el pote* (bean stew, with spring greens and potatoes) to feed big families and communities arranged around farming, fishing or coal mining.

The guild was founded in 1997 to reclaim the dignity of that title, and gently push back against a gastronomic culture that often idolised male chefs while patronising the women who had quietly, over many generations, made Asturias one of the world’s great places to eat. Membership is effectively by invitation only, says Mariali.

“They’ll send someone out to try your food in secret. Guisanderas in disguise, like spies or Michelin Guide inspectors. Later, they come again to get to know you.” After almost 30 years, a guild badge in a restaurant window or on a chef’s jacket is widely considered a mark of quality akin to a Michelin star. There are currently 44 active members, and Mariali is the newest recruit, elected to the club in 2025. Lately, she has noticed more





“Communities like ours use local, seasonal produce out of necessity”

Clockwise from below
Decorative plates on the wall at El Verano; seafood is served at the restaurant; another creation dished up by skilled stew maker Mariali



food tourists coming thanks to the badge, which makes her proud.

But local diners still come for the house specialities, like octopus with boiled potatoes, made her grandmother's way in a rich, dark hash. Or tangy limpets sautéed with herbs and onions – an old favourite that Mariali keeps alive thanks to one trusted fisherman at the nearby port of Tazones. “The fashion in gastronomy now is for local, seasonal produce, but communities like ours have always worked that way out of necessity,” she says. Fisherwomen used to carry their wares up here in baskets above their heads, often trading seafood for the local cider. And according to Mariali, that cider is essential to every Asturian kitchen. “Some things on the menu I couldn't make without it; other dishes pair very well with it.”

Her restaurant, and many others run by *guisanderas*, are helpfully laid out along the region's new Cider Route, inaugurated earlier this year: a set of road maps and suggested itineraries for exploring cider production in the region, in the same way that you might plot out tours and tastings through Spanish wine country.

Asturians have been pressing and fermenting their great abundance of apples for centuries. Folk songs and social customs are based around the cloudy natural cider they pour in long cascades out of bottles held high above their heads, a practice said to awaken its flavours and aromas. Travellers can learn all about it by following the route through mountains, valleys, woodlands and marshes, passing deep green pastures that feel closer to Switzerland than the Costa del Sol. The cows even wear bells around their necks.

Starting at the Cider Museum in the apple-farming capital of Nava, essential stops include landmark family-owned cider mills like Castañón and El Gaitero, where the autumn harvest piles mountains of ripe fruit into open pits, and fills the air with their fragrance. In small towns and rural parishes along the way, bars known as *chigres* and taverns called *sidrerías* serve natural, sparkling and sweet iced ciders alongside those essential stews, cave-aged cheeses like *gamoneau*, and chorizo made from native Gochu pigs.

The rural Cider Route meets the sea at Lastres, a famously pretty cliffside village of stone and



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Escanciado

The flamboyant serving ritual for natural cider, which is poured from a bottle held over the head into a glass held below the waist.

Chigre

A classic Asturian cider house – often a small bar with standing room only. Not to be confused with a *sidreria*, which is more like a tavern with a sit-down dining space.

Nomechisques

Literally meaning ‘don’t splash me’, these wood or metal barriers are used by waiters and bartenders to keep customers dry of stray droplets during the cider-pour.

Culín

A gulp of about 100ml – the customary measure of each pour from bottle to glass, which is then swallowed down in one go. The standard bottle of natural cider contains six culíns, designed to be shared between friends.

Espicha

A traditional ‘barrel-opening’ party often held at harvest time, when families invite friends and neighbours to taste the season’s newly fermented batch of cider.



This page, clockwise
Checking on the cider at Castañón; the exterior of cider mill El Gaitero; a window decoration at the cider producer; freshly squeezed cider at Castañón

timber houses, where the left shoulder of the Iberian Peninsula drops into the Bay of Biscay. Standing at the harbour in her chef’s whites is the youngest of the guisanderas, Maria Busta Rosales. “I’ve been the youngest for 18 years,” she says. “All the newer members are older.”

The youngest of seven siblings who grew up at the family restaurant Casa Eutimio, inside a looming, Gothic-looking hotel on the hill above the port, Maria was barely out of her teens when she started running the kitchen. She too learned first and foremost from her mother, grandmother and even the great-grandmother whose *el pote* is still on the menu. At making the best of available ingredients when times were much tougher, her elders were “wizards of efficiency”, says Maria.

Her father, meanwhile, moored his own fishing boat below the restaurant, so Maria also knows her business down on the dock. On any given evening, Maria surveys the catch of the day with a discerning eye. She fills a couple of crates and packs the boot of her car with the likes of jumbo squid and monkfish.

Back at Casa Eutimio, the window tables overlook the Cantabrian Sea and are laden with



“The love for the land and sea of Asturias is present in the dishes”



Clockwise from top left
Lastres fishing village;
Maria Busta Rosales in
Lastres Port; the narrow
streets of Lastres; fresh
seafood at Casa Eutimio



Clockwise from left
A salad at Casa Telva;
mother-and-daughter
team Yvonne Corral and
Sara López; the sunny
interior at Casa Telva



Asturian one-pot classics – plus Maria’s more personal expressions of respect for local produce. Her tuna pil-pil with crisped rice in a cider emulsion, or her red scorpionfish on black rice, taste as subtle, complex and satisfying as anything classed as ‘fine dining’ in Spain.

“The guisanderas start from tradition,” she says. “That love for the land and sea of Asturias is always present in these dishes. But you can still be creative in your approach, and I haven’t been kicked out of the club for innovating.”

It’s often raining in Lastres, a fine mist so common to the region that it has its own name – *orbayu* – in the old Asturian dialect. The moisture helps explain the fertility of cider country, but it’s not so constant that the clouds never break. The early-autumn weather here allows for long, sunny lunches in the garden at Casa Telva, on the winding road through the tiny, deep-valley village of Valdesoto. Mother-and-daughter team Yvonne Corral and Sara López are both guisanderas and the

two highly trained chefs share the kitchen here, in what used to be their family sweet shop.

“To join the club, you have to meet certain requirements,” says Sara, “which ultimately amount to quality. Some customers, and tourists, want that guarantee these days.” But as her mother puts it, good food is only a means toward a much older feeling that they want to generate here – a community spirit no less essential to Asturian cooking than any particular dish. “Newcomers become friends,” she says, “like the locals who come all the time.”

She rises to hug arriving customers, and a feast of farmhouse dishes is laid out on tables under the eaves: sausage pâté, *entrecôte* of wild boar, soft butter pancakes known as *xuelo*. The cider served by Luis – Yvonne’s husband, and Sara’s father – makes the meal feel like a celebration of the land that produced it. Sunlight glints off the bottle, the glass and the liquid streaming between them, casting a golden-green glow.

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OFF THE WALL

Many European cities are more likely to welcome artists to paint murals, than to scrub them away. It begs the question: is street art losing its edge?

 Words by Tristan Kennedy





In the early hours of 29 April 2026, a truck carrying a mysterious cargo rolled up Pall Mall, in central London, and pulled into Waterloo Place. A stone's throw from Downing Street, the road is home to several monumental statues celebrating Britain's imperial past. Beneath their stony expressions, figures in high-vis vests and protective goggles jumped from the truck and began to unload.

Within minutes, their work was done: between Edward VII and the Guards Crimean War Memorial, a new, satirical monument had been unveiled – poking fun at the statues

surrounding it and, by extension, the British establishment. Unofficially titled *Blinded by the Flag*, the sculpture was the work of the world's most famous street artist, Banksy. Although no one was surprised when his official Instagram account confirmed it the following day, the reaction of the authorities was more unexpected.

Westminster City Council hadn't given permission for the installation, but a spokesperson declared: "We're excited to see Banksy's latest sculpture in Westminster, making a striking addition to the city's vibrant public art scene." Far from taking the statue down, at the



Clockwise from left
Banksy's *Blinded by the Flag*;
Leake Street Arches, Brick
Lane and Brixton are all
hotspots for street art
in London

“Graffiti has spread all around the world and is still changing”



time of writing, they were considering making it permanent.

Where it all began

The desire to leave your mark on walls can be traced back to our cave-dwelling ancestors. But the word graffiti (from the Italian verb *graffiare* or ‘to scratch’) was coined in the 1850s by archaeologists describing scrawls they found in the ruins at Pompeii. The modern graffiti movement took off over a century later, when hip-hop culture (with its four central pillars of breakdancing, rapping, DJing and graffiti)

exploded in 1970s New York. It quickly spread to Europe, finding fertile ground in Paris, where local artist Gérard Zlotykamien (known as Zloty) had been painting on building-site walls since 1963. Scrawled slogans went on to play a huge part in the city’s 1968 uprising.

Graffiti was eagerly adopted in divided 1980s Berlin, particularly in the neighbourhoods of Kreuzberg, in the West, and Friedrichshain, in East Berlin. “When half of your city is a wall, that’s going to attract people towards the idea of graffiti,” explains Rob Smith, an artist, manager, and guide for Alternative Berlin, which has been

Clockwise from above
Shoreditch in London; the
streets of Paris are adorned
with striking street art



HISTORY OF STREET ART: A TIMELINE

1851

First recorded use of the word ‘graffiti’ in English, by archaeologists describing scrawls on the walls of Pompeii.

1963

Gérard Zlotykamien, aka Zloty, begins painting figurative street art in Paris.

1967-8

Julio 204 tags the Inwood area of Manhattan, attracting local attention.

1971

TAKI 183, a teenage ‘writer’ whose real name is Demetrius is interviewed by *The New York Times* after tagging subway trains and walls across the city.



running street art tours for more than a decade. "Kreuzberg used to be enclosed by the Berlin Wall on three sides," he says. "In the 80s, it was this melting pot of artists, musicians, poets, political activists, draft dodgers and immigrants."

The first artists to paint on the Berlin Wall itself were both French expats: Thierry Noir and Christophe-Emmanuel Bouchet. But Berliners soon developed their own style, and after reunification the city became one of the global capitals of street art – its scene fuelled by cheap rents and the ready availability of vast, communist-era concrete canvases. It continues



1974

Novelist Norman Mailer publishes *The Faith of Graffiti* in *Esquire* magazine, helping to popularise the word and celebrate tagging as an art form, not vandalism.

1981

Xavier Prou, aka Blek le Rat begins stencilling rats on the walls of Paris.



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“Street art and graffiti are, by definition, ephemeral”



Clockwise from left: A mural in Paris; tentacles take over the Urban Nation Museum for Urban Contemporary Art in Berlin; street art by Andriy Kalkov and Dengis Schuster in Berlin; the Berlin Wall

to be a focal point of the scene today as the home of internationally renowned crews like the Berlin Kidz and IUP. Rob now guides more than 1,000 visitors around the city’s ever-changing, open-air gallery each year.

Gentrified graffiti

Over the past decade, street art and graffiti have become increasingly accepted by civic authorities in European capitals, to the point where it’s become an “accidental driver of gentrification,” says Rob. For Dr. Rafael Schacter, author and Associate Professor of Anthropology

at University College London who specialises in street art, there’s an ongoing transformation of murals from unwanted vandalism into coveted commodity. Banksy, whose stencilled works are now often protected by plexiglass and whose prints sell for millions, is “probably the most famous living artist of any kind in the world at this point,” says Rafael.

And then there’s what he calls the “co-opting and appropriation” of street art – and its grittier precursor, graffiti – by major corporations. A growing number of property developers throughout Europe pay street artists and graffiti



1983

The 1982 documentary *Wild Style* is broadcast on West German TV, and watched by future graffiti writers in East Berlin.



1984

Thierry Noir paints the first mural on the Berlin Wall.



1990

Dmitri Vrubel celebrates the fall of the Berlin Wall the previous year, painting his famous anti-Soviet artwork *The Kiss* on a section of the barrier.

1991

This remaining, graffitied section of the Berlin Wall is formally protected as The East Side Gallery.



OUR TOP UNEXPECTED STREET ART CAPITALS

"Berlin, Paris, London, Athens and Lisbon," are Rafael Schacter's recommendations for the best cities in Europe for street art. But while these capitals' scenes are rightly famous, interesting street art crops up in all sorts of lesser-known locales...

Dozza, Italy

This tiny village outside Bologna was hosting its own street art festival long before Jean-Michel Basquiat started tagging NYC. Their Biennale Muro Dipinto has been inviting artists to paint the walls of the medieval town centre since the 1960s. Graffiti artists like Rusty, Hemo and Paper Resistance have all featured in recent editions. murodipinto.com

Ordes, Spain

Half an hour from the Catholic holy city of Santiago de Compostela, this once-drab town has transformed itself into a pilgrimage site for devotees of a different kind thanks to its long-running street art festival. Founded in 2008, DesOrdes Creativas handpicks different artists from around the world to create new works on walls around town. Almost two decades, 19 festivals and more than 100 works later, the urban landscape has been utterly transformed. desordescreativas.com

Turin, Italy

Italy's northwestern industrial powerhouse has never been short of concrete walls for artists to paint on. But with the inauguration of the Museum of Urban Art (MAU) in 1995, and the 2011 transformation of the enormous old Fiat steelworks into Parco Dora, a graffiti-filled public recreation space, the city claimed its place as a global hub for the art form. museoarturbana.it

1998

Street artist Invader begins creating video game-inspired mosaics in Paris.

1999

Banksy, a member of the DryBreadZ crew, paints his first large-scale mural *The Mild Mild West*, in Stokes Croft, Bristol.

2002

Banksy stages his first official gallery show in Los Angeles, California.

2003

1UP Crew creates its first works in Berlin.

“When half your city is a wall, it attracts people to graffiti”

Clockwise from right
Street art in Berlin; Dmitri
Vrubel's iconic *The Kiss*
on the Berlin Wall; *Love
Letters to the City* by
various artists in Berlin



writers to work on new urban developments, in a bid to push up their prices, and at one point the inside of the McDonald's in London's Brixton was covered in commissioned graffiti.

Nevertheless, Rafael says the scene is “as exciting as it's ever been.” The establishment might be embracing artists like Banksy, but there's no danger of it being able to co-opt the entire art form.

“Heritage culture is about preserving things, freezing things in time. Street art and graffiti are, by definition, ephemeral,” says Rafael. Weather damage, clean-ups by the authorities and the

tradition of other artists painting over works means that “no one expects street art to be permanent,” he says. Street art is transient. And that makes it harder to buy, sell, collect or commodify.

“I don't think people appreciate how extraordinary the development and global success of graffiti has been,” says Rafael. “It's what, 50 years old? But it's spread all around the world, it's still changing, there are still innovations happening within it. It's not losing its vivacity.”

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2010

Banksy's documentary *Exit Through the Gift Shop* sends the artist's reputation stratospheric and is nominated for an Oscar.

2016

McDonald's covers the interiors of several restaurants worldwide in graffiti-themed décor, sparking legal action.

2017

Untitled, a 1982 painting by Keith Haring, sells for \$6.5 million at Sotheby's.

2026

Blinded by the Flag, a Banksy sculpture, appears in Waterloo Place, London.

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Brewing up a storm

Beer making in Munich is known for following tradition – but a new wave of brewers is starting to change the narrative



Words by Hugh Thomas



Photography by Peter Felbert





As night falls on central Munich's Theresienwiese festival grounds, brass bands swap their Bruno Mars renditions for sombre Bavarian folk tunes. Thousands of people in lederhosen and dirndls, some holding gingerbread hearts gifted by their loved ones, pour out of the massive beer tents, gently ushered out by festival security guards. Some are giddy on the several litres of Munich beer they've thrown back, while others are exhausted from the singing, socialising and roller coaster-riding they've been doing since the morning.

For some Munich locals, the end of Oktoberfest couldn't come sooner. To others, Wiesn (as the locals call it) represents the ultimate celebration of Munich beer culture. And for the past 100 years, one thing hasn't changed. Munich's largest breweries (nicknamed the 'Big Six') – Augustiner-Bräu, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner and Spaten-Franziskaner-Bräu – have dominated the beer festival, with smaller breweries unable to get a look in. Munich drinkers all tend to have

an opinion on the Big Six, whether they find their brews familiar or old fashioned, behind the times or withstanding the test of time.

The powerhouse Spaten-Franziskaner-Bräu has a massive presence at Oktoberfest, and pumps out around five million litres of beer per week year-round. Most of it is helles – a style of pale lager the brewery developed in the late 19th century. It's now brewed by major beer brands around the world.

"I always said I'd never brew a helles," says Paul Higgins. "But now we sometimes do, with a hop called Tango, which is grown locally. But that's not something our neighbours would use – it's too fruity for them."

Higgins Ale Works – the unassuming bar and brewery in the arty Maxvorstadt district, which Paul runs with his wife Jen – is literally in the shadow of Spaten. On the other side of the Karlstrasse road, its malt shovel logo glints in the sun.

A New Jersey native, Paul produces 250 litres per week of what US brewers are known for: juicy New





“Almost every week, we’re pouring something new”

“We have to double our water supply to grow. We want to go to the moon”



England pale ales and bitter-sweet West Coast IPAs. He may well be the only brewer in Munich doing them, mostly for a mix of expat and German visitors. On the tap list you may also find a Norwegian pale ale brewed with fresh spruce tips he foraged in the Alps (offering a subtly piney, resinous note), and a sour made with redcurrants and strawberries bought from his local farmers' market, which smells like strawberry ice cream. “Almost every week,” Paul says, “we’re pouring something new.”

As characterful and flavour-forward as they are, to call some of these brews ‘beers’ would be against national law. Specifically, the 510-year-old Reinheitsgebot – or ‘purity order’ – which dictates that brewers in Germany must only use the four ingredients of water, malt, hops and yeast identified as essential to making beer. Though now a touch outdated, the law once helped prevent the use of adulterated ingredients. “We step outside the box a little bit,” says Paul. “But no one has ever come in and said, ‘this is not right.’”

Brewers must adhere to the Reinheitsgebot to have any chance

of serving their beer at Oktoberfest. Which is why the city’s Big Six – large enough, traditional enough and rich enough – have been the only brewers allowed to pour at the festival for such a long time.

Steffen Marx is now hoping that his brewery Giesinger Bräu (its main brewhouse is on the other side of the city, beside a BMW factory) will be the first to break this tradition. To do so, he must brew official Münchner Bier (Munich Beer). As per its protected status, all Münchner Bier must be from Munich water – a rule that, considering the city draws its tap water 40km out of town, has confounded everyone but the Big Six and their privately owned 150m-deep wells. That is, until

2020, when Giesinger spent €1 million to bore into Munich bedrock, creating a well that now supplies two litres of water (much softer than what comes out of people’s kitchen taps) to the brewery each second.

“We have to double that if we want to grow,” says Steffen – which he does, if he wants to match even a fraction of what a Big Six brewery produces. “We want to go to the moon.”



Petitions and formal applications still stand between Steffen and the first Giesinger beer to be poured at Oktoberfest, but it's all very aspirational for someone who knew nothing about beer until 2006, when he started the brewery from his garage. (The two breweries that merged to form Spaten-Franziskaner-Bräu, by contrast, date back to the 14th century).

A quirk of Giesinger's strongest beer is that its label is upside-down. "In German law, the first rule [of labelling] is that you can read it," he says – and the only way to drink while reading is if you stick the label the other way round.

Giesinger wouldn't be where it is without brewing the beers Bavarians know best – lagers, wheat beers and *festbier*. A bigger challenge is pleasing locals who want something new or different. "Munich beer drinkers are a bit picky," local beer sommelier Eva Berger says. "They want more characteristic beers, and they don't find them at the Big Six. But you also can't give them something like a chocolate beer straight away."

In addition, Bavarians are fiercely loyal to their local brewhouse – "especially in the villages outside, where some still have their own brewery," says Eva – and demand for no- and low-alcohol



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Sommelier Eva Berger;
the road to Giesinger;
Steffen Marx

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“A lot of things are stacked against me. I’m queer and I’m a woman”

juxtaposes Munich’s conservative and progressive sides. “I once saw drag queens outside [queer-friendly bar] Fesch eating bratwurst and sauerkraut, and drinking Augustiner lager,” remembers Courtney.

When she finds the right venue, Courtney’s lesbian-focused bar will be the first in Munich since the iconic Inges Karotte closed seven years ago. She plans to stock beers produced by women and queer-led businesses – such as the feminist brewery Muschicraft – and show FC Bayern

Munich women’s football matches on TV screens. “A lot of things are stacked against me,” says Courtney. “It’s a Catholic city, I’m doing this by myself, I’m not German, I’m queer and I’m a woman.”

If that wasn’t enough, many restaurants and bars in Munich are commercially

involved with one of the Big Six breweries.

As Bavarians have grown up around the ubiquity of Paulaner’s monk’s head logo, Löwenbräu’s lion or Hofbräu’s crown, the dominance of the big breweries isn’t called into question. “I come from a small village,” Eva says. “My brother loves Franziskaner, but they are not – in my opinion – truly Munich brewers.” Franziskaner is owned by Belgium-based AB InBev – short for Anheuser-Busch InBev – which is the world’s largest beer maker, producing one out of every four beers drunk on the planet.

When the Oktoberfest tents come down on the Theresienwiese, the door is left ajar for beer drinkers and brewers seeking something other

than tradition. “I try to get people away from helles,” says Paul. There’s a long way to go and the competition is high – but if demand calls for diversity, there’s room for success.

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beers has allegedly doubled in the last few years. German drinking culture is evolving, and it’s diversifying in more ways than one.

“Many breweries a few years ago said, ‘we will never brew any non-alcoholic beer,’” Eva says. “When Augustiner launched an alcohol-free beer, it was unthinkable. But they had huge success with it.” Even Giesinger is no exception – the brewery’s *alkoholfrei* is its biggest seller after its Munich helles.

“Non-alcoholic beers will be a big part of my menu,” says Courtney Craig, a nutritionist by trade who has the funds and city council backing to open *frau** – a new queer-friendly venue – in Glockenbachviertel, Munich’s former red-light district. Nowadays, Glockenbachviertel is awash with rainbow flags, traffic lights depicting same-sex couples, and nods to former queer residents like Freddie Mercury and Rainer Werner Fassbinder. The queer café Loretta, Egyptian-themed gay bar NiL and lesbian community centre LeZ are just some of the venues contributing to a local culture (or a “gayberhood” as Courtney describes it) that often

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The basics: Electric buses can take you all over the city for €7.75 per day (buy an Andante Tour 1 card). There are lots of green spaces to explore for free, too – Parque da Cidade is the largest city park in the whole of Portugal, with 10km of walking and cycling trails. Vegan food is popular: try the plant-based 'shrimp' tacos at Kind Kitchen.

If you only do one thing: Join the volunteers at Terra Solta, an organic community farm, for lunch on a Saturday. Pay a small donation for an organic meal and lovely chats with locals.

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A weekend in Vilnius

Why Vilnius? Lithuania's capital city combines gorgeous, photogenic visuals of the Baroque Old Town with a laidback arty vibe. Oh, and it's one of the best-value city breaks in Europe.

The basics: Take a free walking tour around the UNESCO-listed historic centre to get your bearings. Climb Gediminas' Tower for some truly stunning views, before inducing a food coma by eating too many dumplings. Užupis – a self-declared micro-republic known for its artistic community, unique architecture and mystical bronze mermaid sculpture – is well worth a wander.

If you only do one thing: Look out for concerts at Lukiškių Kalėjimas 2.0, a former prison turned cultural hub, and a filming location for season four of Netflix's *Stranger Things*.

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Clockwise from here
The Palace of the Grand Dukes in Vilnius' Old Town; on the banks of the Douro River in Porto; the colourful Ribeira do Porto Hotel; the streets of Užupis

Beach life in Hurghada

Why Hurghada? A prime Egyptian beach destination for over 40 years, Hurghada has three resorts – budget El Dahar, mid-range El Mamsha and upmarket Sahl Hasheesh – and a holiday for every budget and style.

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If you only do one thing: It's got to be snorkelling. Hurghada sits at the northern tip of some of the world's most biodiverse reef systems. Take a day trip out to Giftun Island and you won't believe how much sea life you can observe.

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Clockwise from here
Snorkelling in the clear waters off Hurghada; the Blue Mosque in Istanbul; hitting the slopes in Andorra



Diving, snorkelling and watersports are on the doorstep



Skiing in Andorra

Why Andorra? The small Catalan-speaking country in the Pyrenees offers a superb variety of slopes for all but the most adventurous snowsports enthusiasts. There are also very low tax rates on goods here, so it's up to 30% cheaper than a comparable French ski trip.

The basics: Keen skiers will find the Grandvalira area particularly exciting, with 210km of linked runs across seven sectors. Non-skiers can snowshoe, build igloos or drive snowmobiles. Off the slopes, you can explore Andorra La Vella, the highest capital in Europe, with its medieval Romanesque centre. Local cuisine spans French, Spanish and Catalan cultures, featuring hearty meals with plenty of meat, sausages, potatoes and cheese.

If you only do one thing: Try riding a Snake Gliss (a chain of connected sleds) downhill from Pla d'Espiolets to the village of Soldeu. It's like a snow-sliding conga line. *WIZZ Holidays offers 3-day packages to Andorra La Vella via Barcelona*

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City break in Istanbul

Why Istanbul? There is no other city break like this one. Bridging two continents, Istanbul has it all – tables laden with meze, plus Ottoman architecture, hammams, bazaars and sunset views over the Bosphorus. It's atmospheric, affordable and endlessly fascinating.

The basics: Istanbul is made for exploring on foot, with a little help from ferries and trams. Tick off the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque and Topkapı Palace, then browse the Grand Bazaar or get scrubbed in a hammam. Come hungry – Turkish breakfasts, kebabs, baklava and street food are a big part of the experience.

If you only do one thing: Take a sunset ferry across the Bosphorus. Watching Istanbul's minarets, palaces and waterfront mansions slide past is one of those travel moments you'll never forget.

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Multi-city escape in Santander

Why Santander? Santander is a brilliant end point for a multi-city trip if you want Spain without any clichés: beautiful beaches without the resort-strip feel, plus excellent food, culture and architecture.

The basics: Divide your time between the elegant city centre, the Magdalena Peninsula and the surf beaches of El Sardinero. Explore Centro Botín, Italian architect Renzo Piano's art centre, which appears to float above the bay. Browse the Mercado de la Esperanza, wander the old fishermen's streets around Calle del Medio and El Arrabal, and stop for a drink or some *pintxos* plates around Plaza de Cañadío. Santander's food is firmly rooted in the sea. Look out for *rabas* (fried squid) and *almejas a la marinera* (clams in white wine and paprika sauce).

If you only do one thing: Take the self-guided Belle Époque-themed tour around El Sardinero in late afternoon, for a golden-hour view of the city's golden age.

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Then go beyond the city. Leave Sibiu and the scenery changes fast. The Carpathian Mountains hold more than 1,000km of marked trails, while Via Transilvanica – Terra Saxonum and the guided walks of Anii Drumeției give reasons

to swap your sneakers for hiking boots. Explore the Mărginimea Sibiului region, enjoy unique experiences in the Porumbacu de Sus village and discover the UNESCO-listed, fortified churches of Biertan and Valea Viilor.

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And it's magical in winter. Each year, the Christmas Market fills the Large Square of Sibiu. Less than an hour away, the Păltiniș mountain resort has snowy forests and skiing – and you can be back in the city in time for dinner. All in all, Sibiu is not quite the Transylvania you expected.



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From the outside, the building has preserved its original, coffee-coloured façade. Inside, the 18 one- and two-bed apartments – available for either short or long stays and accessed by an app – are bright and with contemporary

décor. The high-ceilinged rooms in some give way to huge glass doors that open out onto a terrace, overlooking the vibrant streets below.

While there's a bijou kitchen and living room area set up, it's unlikely you'll be doing much cooking considering the many pizza and pasta restaurants nearby. Just down the road there's a market, where stalls selling fruit make for a perfect breakfast on the *terrazza*, with a steaming cup of coffee from the machine in the kitchen. This is a true Roman holiday – living just like the neighbours do.

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In between meals at the excellent buffet restaurant

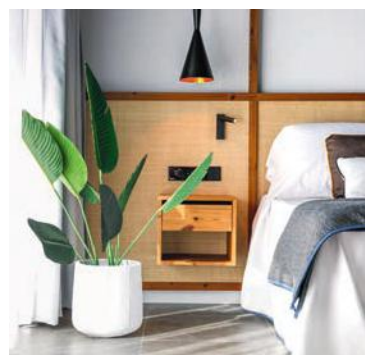
(enormous, responsibly sourced prawns, fresh tapas and paella for you; pasta, pizza and veg for the kids) the ice cream parlour and street food truck keep everyone topped up.

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Ten minutes from the airport, in Playa de Palma, this new five-star resort offers all-inclusive dining in two restaurants and five bars; suites with sea views; and a 400m² spa. Set a couple of blocks back from 'the strip', it's within easy reach of the sand (and nightlife) – but well away from the crowds. White stone, warm timber and lush greenery create an atmosphere that's

undeniably boutique, and you can swap the arrivals hall for a poolside cocktail in around 30 minutes, even by bus.

The bedrooms favour comfort over excess, with generously sized showers and beds. Rooms with west-facing balconies and pool views become enticing suntraps in the afternoon, perfect for a pre-dinner snooze or glass of wine. Eight pools, including a heated indoor one, provide options for sand-free swimming. The spa has a complete thermal circuit, treatment rooms and cold-water therapy.

Service, whether by the pool or at the rooftop bar, is a highlight: staff are warm and accommodating, and the breakfast spread is worth getting out of bed for. Palma's handsome Old Town is easily reached by regular buses from the main drag, giving the best of a beach and city break all in one.



COUPLES' HIDEAWAY

Las Gaviotas Suites Hotel

A couple of minutes' walk back from the Playa de Muro is this serotonin-boosting, Mediterranean retreat – its whitewashed walls and rattan furniture instantly creating a space made for relaxation. The rooms are minimalist, modern and fresh, with private balconies and soothing décor featuring natural materials. They're built around a central courtyard, where a cool, deep adults-only pool awaits for length swims framed by sun

loungers, all invitingly visible from the elevated walkways that surround it. Walk past it to a secondary pool area for a livelier atmosphere, where sunbathing takes place at one end and a bar serves up cocktails, fresh juices and lunch at the other. The free-for-guests spa is small but perfectly formed, with a hot tub, steam room, sauna and aromatic showers. Go all-in with a custom programme of yoga, nutrition or physiotherapy – or simply book yourself in for a massage.



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THE EATS

Where to go for a great meal across the WIZZ network



The Barbary Notting Hill London

A warning: there are small plates on the menu of this understated and gorgeously fitted-out restaurant. But while everything is made for sharing, the plates get steadily bigger as you descend the list – from breads and dips (try the pizza-style option covered in sliced courgettes) through to ‘sea’ (fish and seafood dishes) and ‘land’, the largest and meatiest plates.

To try a bit of everything, we over-ordered and left with bursting waistbands, doggy bags and no regrets. From the delicate, fresh Cosmo we kicked off with to the charred, rare-breed pork chop that defeated us, each morsel was a lesson in

careful cooking over open fire and fusing flavours from the Barbary Coast, from Southern Europe to North Africa.

A special shout-out to the ultra-umami oyster mushrooms, sliced over a creamy cashew tahini; the crunchy pistachio-sprinkled yellowtail sashimi; the tenderly chargrilled octopus; and the sweet, soft monkfish tail in langoustine tagine. Blue velvet booths cocoon you while the attentive staff keep your glasses topped up. But sit at the counter for a front-row seat to the art of cooking over flame – and order enough to allow for a midnight feast when you get home. thebarbary.co.uk



Kaliya

Santorini

Seeing as Kaliya sits on one of the highest points on the Santorini caldera, ocean vistas come as standard. And thanks to chef Dimos Balopoulos, the food more than matches the location. The modern Greek cuisine – try the shrimp dolma – puts a strong focus on seasonality, provenance and relationships with local producers, including fishermen across the Cyclades and nearby farmers. kaliya-restaurant.com



Harry's Piccolo Poreč

Trieste

Earning a Michelin star is impressive. Getting one just three months after opening? That's a bit more special. It's not difficult to see why Harry's Piccolo Poreč, about an hour into Croatia from Trieste, has joined the star-studded club. Run by chef Goran Hrastovčak, it blends Italian, Croatian and Slovenian flavours in dishes like gnocchi with Istrian chicken and Il Boškarin beef with salted anchovy mayonnaise. harryspiccoloporec.com



The upgrade

Better ways to live, work and travel across the Wizz Air network

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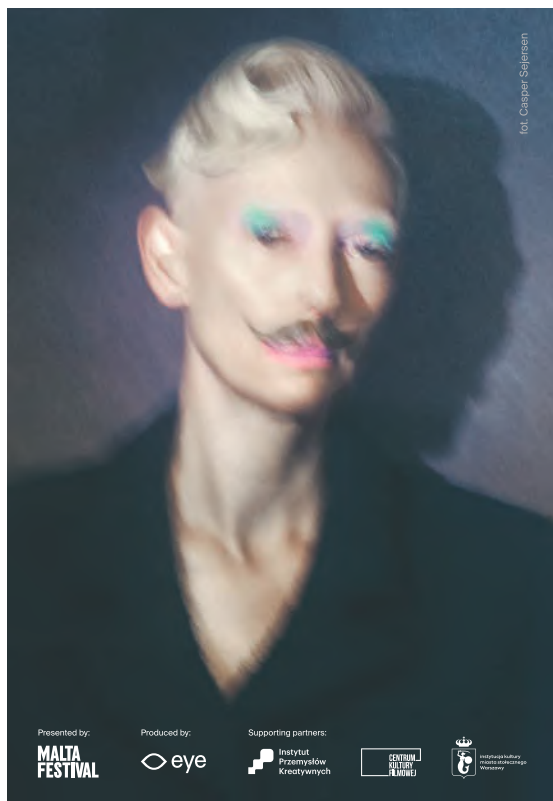


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Tilda Swinton - Ongoing

Exhibition dates: 18.09.26 – 17.01.27

Venue: Creative Industries Institute

Address: 65 Mińska Street, Warsaw

Come and experience one of the most extraordinary cultural events of recent years. From 18 September 2026 to 17 January 2027, the Creative Industries Institute, Warsaw hosts *'Tilda Swinton - Ongoing'*, which arrives in Poland following stints in Amsterdam and Athens.

The exhibition is no ordinary retrospective, but a tribute to collaboration and creative dialogue. A personal project from the acclaimed Scottish actress and style icon Tilda Swinton, it displays films, photographs, installations and other works created in collaboration with Pedro Almodóvar, Luca Guadagnino, Joanna Hogg, Derek Jarman, Jim Jarmusch, Olivier Saillard, Tim Walker and Apichatpong Weerasethakul.

The exhibition is organised by Malta Festival, one of the most significant cultural festivals in Poland, under the patronage of Dominika Kulczyk.

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Where Budapest comes alive

Akvárium Klub is one of Budapest's most iconic music and cultural venues, located in the heart of the city at Erzsébet Square. With multiple concert halls, an immersive atmosphere, world-class sound and lighting systems, and a diverse offering of food and drinks, it hosts a wide range of international concerts and parties. Artists performing in autumn 2026 include Ely Oaks, RYOTA, Yung Singh, Bob Moses, Skeler, Ana Moura, Arlo Parks, Kraak & Smaak, Macy Gray, Andrea Vanzo and Henge. Visit: akvariumklub.hu



TODO Mexican Kitchen

Just two years since it opened, TODO Mexican Kitchen has already become one of Budapest's best-known Mexican restaurants. It's earned 12.5 points in the *Gault&Millau 2026 Guide* and been awarded the *SELLO M* certification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and the Mexican Academy of Gastronomy, given to restaurants that authentically represent Mexican cuisine abroad. Experience the flavours of Mexico's UNESCO-recognised culinary heritage, on Szervita Square. Visit: todomexico.hu



Restaurant guide

Planning your next foodie trip? These are the restaurants that you need to book right now



Social Cafe: Eat, drink, repeat

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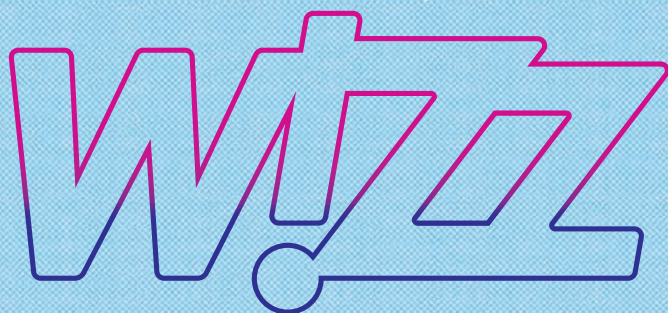
Experience Hungarian classics, generous portions and warm hospitality at Paprika Vendéglo, one of Budapest's iconic traditional restaurants, just moments from Heroes' Square and City Park. Among other specialties, you can expect goulash, chicken paprikash, foie gras and an array of traditional desserts, in an authentic Hungarian atmosphere. For reservations visit paprikavendeglo.hu or find us at Dózsa György út 72., Budapest



Cuisine made from the heart

Wrocławska is a tribute to the flavours of Poland's Lower Silesia region: simple, yet full of character. The restaurant's menu showcases dishes inspired by Wrocław's culinary heritage, prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with love. Here, what arrives on your plate is more than a meal. It's a story, written with warmth, heart and hospitality. Wrocławska doesn't just serve food, but emotions and memories as well. Discover more at wroclawska.com.pl





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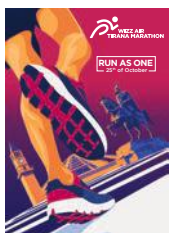


news

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



WIZZ joins the Tirana Marathon



One of the biggest sporting events in Albania, the Tirana Marathon attracts thousands of runners from around the world to the heart of the capital.

As the marathon celebrates its 10th edition this year, Wizz Air is pleased to announce that it will be the title sponsor of the race taking place on 24-25 October.

Last year, the Tirana Marathon, the largest sports event in the city, saw over

4,000 runners tackle the tough but rewarding 42km route.

Starting and finishing in the iconic Skanderbeg Square, the marathon winds its way past some of the capital's most notable sights: the Et'hem Bey Mosque, Tirana Grand Park and the Tirana Pyramid.

Wizz Air's sponsorship of the marathon is part of a decade-long campaign championing an active lifestyle through its support of running events.

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1,100+
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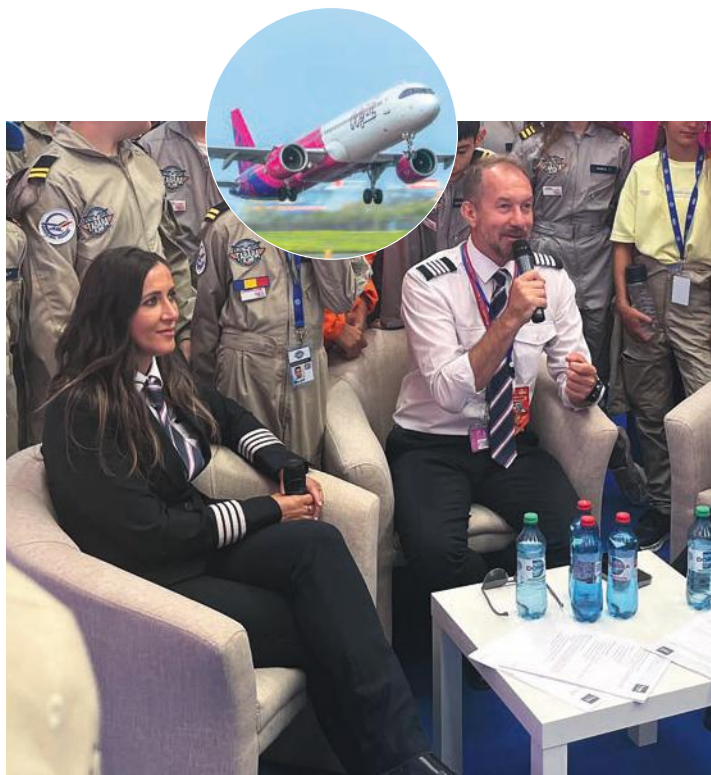


10,000+
staff



68.6m
passengers
carried*

*FIGURE FOR 2025. ICON: LLISSOLE/THEMOUNPROJECT



Entertaining flights at BIAS

Aviation enthusiasts were in for a treat at this year's Bucharest International Air Show (BIAS) with Wizz Air bringing one of the most recognisable aircraft in its fleet for the public to see up close.

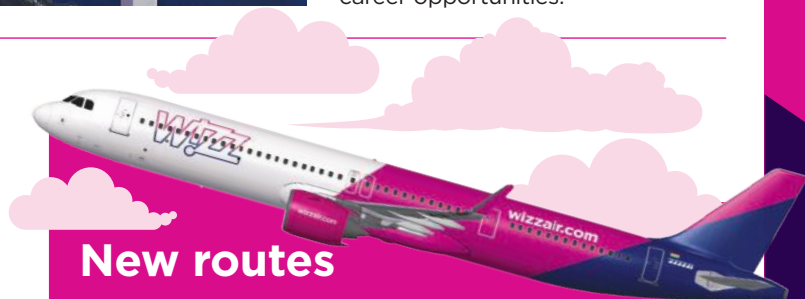
A WIZZ Airbus A321neo wowed attendees at the annual event with the sort of flying manoeuvres you would never expect to see on a regular flight.

The experience continued on the ground, where the Wizz Air team offered visitors at their exhibition stand the chance to learn more about the airline, meet the people behind its operations and explore career opportunities.



WIZZ keeps expanding

As it continues to connect travellers with their dream destinations, Wizz Air has announced the opening of several new bases. Prishtina welcomes a new base in November, followed by WIZZ's 10th Romanian base in Braşov in December. Also in December, the airline will unveil its new base at Santiago de Compostela, northern Spain. The announcements follow the opening of a base in Palermo, Sicily, in August and another at Turin airport, northern Italy, which was opened in September.



New routes

Bratislava - Sarajevo

Braşov - Barcelona, Chişinău, Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, Madrid, Nuremberg

London Gatwick - Hurghada

Milan Malpensa - Berlin, Cagliari, Lamezia Terme, Tromsø

Naples - Basel, Cagliari, Genoa, Hurghada, Nice, Palermo

Prishtina - Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, Berlin, Brussels Charleroi, Frankfurt-Hahn, Hamburg, Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden,

Malmö, Trieste

Santiago de Compostela - Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Málaga, Rome Fiumicino, Tenerife North, Zaragoza

Sarajevo - Berlin, Prague

Suceava - Berlin, Prague, Turin

Târgu Mureş - Alicante, Nuremberg

Turin - Lamezia Terme

Valencia - Chişinău

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Yerevan - Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg, Valencia, Varna

“WIZZ AIR AND AS ROMA ARE BOTH AMBITIOUS AND HAVE VERY LOYAL COMMUNITIES BEHIND THEM”

We speak with Viktorija Stojanovska, brand manager at Wizz Air, about how the airline and AS Roma bring their partnership to life through fans and travel



WIZZ AIR AND AS ROMA FOOTBALL CLUB have a lot in common. Both are driven by passion, teamwork and a pursuit of excellence. It's small wonder, then, that the strategic partnership the two iconic brands first struck up in December last year.

“The two brands share a similar personality. Both are ambitious, energetic and have very loyal communities behind them,” says Viktorija Stojanovska, brand manager at Wizz Air. The sponsorship has seen the WIZZ logo added to the sleeve of the famous AS



Roma shirt.

“AS Roma has an incredibly strong identity and emotional connection with its supporters, while WIZZ is about making travel accessible and connecting people across borders. For us, that makes the partnership much more than simply having our logo on the shirt.”

The partnership sees Wizz Air play a big role on matchdays at Stadio Olimpico in Rome. Last season, one initiative allowed competition winners to travel with the team to an away match, stay overnight, attend the game and meet the players.

Wizz Air also ran ticket giveaways and gave a young fan the opportunity to travel to

Rome and take part as a child mascot. Another campaign took the partnership outside the stadium with a scavenger hunt across Rome.

“We wanted fans to get something tangible from the partnership, rather than simply seeing the two brands together,” says Viktorija. “Last season, we experimented with several different formats.

“Going forward, the ambition is to broaden the partnership beyond Rome. AS Roma is deeply rooted in Rome, but its fanbase reaches far beyond the city and Italy. Wizz Air has a strong presence in the Italian market and connects Rome with cities across our network, so there is a genuine opportunity for us to bring fans closer to the club and to each other.”

With Wizz Air being presented with many opportunities for strategic partnerships every year, choosing the right one comes down to what genuinely makes sense for the airline, according to Viktorija.

“A partnership needs to have a clear connection to our markets, our customers and what we are trying to achieve as a brand,” she says. “We



look for partners where there is room to create something together, whether that's content, fan engagement, travel opportunities or benefits for our customers.

“AS Roma is a good example because the connection isn't forced. Rome and Italy are important to WIZZ, football naturally connects people across borders, and there are many ways in which we can use our network to bring supporters closer to the club.”

With AS Roma's 100th anniversary coming up in 2027, Wizz Air looks forward to celebrating this historic milestone alongside the club and its fans.

“We are very excited to be part of such an important milestone in the club's history,” says Viktorija. “A centenary is

a unique moment for the club and its supporters, and we want to contribute in a way that feels meaningful and adds something to the celebrations. There is still a lot of potential in this partnership.”

Seeing the WIZZ logo appear on the AS Roma jersey for the first time was a memorable moment for Viktorija, but it also marked the beginning of something much bigger.

“The jersey gives us fantastic visibility, but for us, it's the starting point,” she says. “What we do with that platform is what makes it meaningful. Since then, we've had the opportunity to explore different sides of the partnership, work closely with the club and create experiences that connect the airline and the club and their fans in a very natural way.”

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Did you know?

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Our fleet

Younger, efficient and growing

Wizz Air has a single-type fleet of 270 aircraft from the Airbus A320 family. It's among the youngest and most efficient in the world – and the safest. The average age of our aircraft is 4.42 years, well below the average fleet age of our major competitors, which is around 10

years. Our planes already have the most sophisticated safety equipment, and over the coming years we will expand our fleet to 500 aircraft. Our neo aircraft feature advanced systems and engines that help us reduce our carbon emissions intensity, as well as noise and cost, helping us keep

fares low and accessible and providing the most carbon-efficient choice of air travel available. Wizz Air is currently the largest operator of the most efficient single-aisle aircraft in Europe, the Airbus A321neo, with the lowest fuel consumption per seat kilometre in its category.

Airbus A320ceo

Max. cruise speed 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h

Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 19

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



Airbus A321ceo

Max. cruise speed 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h

Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 35

Seat capacity 230 **Flight crew** 2 **Cabin crew** 5



Airbus A320neo

Max. cruise speed 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h

Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 6

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



Airbus A321neo

Max. cruise speed 903km/h
Economical cruise speed 840km/h

Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 200

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



Airbus A321XLR

Max. cruise speed 978km/h
Economical cruise speed 930km/h

Wingspan 35.8m (117ft 5in)

Number of aircraft* 10

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



Top marks for safety

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

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	Premium seat selection				✓
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	Airport check-in			✓	✓
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Why smoking is banned on flights

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



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

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

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

Electronic cigarettes/vapes/ IQOS are also not allowed:

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

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

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

SMOKING ON A PLANE COULD LEAD TO:

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

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

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

And why it's a bad idea anyway

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

ALCOHOL AFFECTS YOU DIFFERENTLY IN THE AIR

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

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

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

PREVENTING DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

Airlines have seen a rise in air rage incidents,



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

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

THE BOTTOM LINE

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

Your onboard safety

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



Lithium batteries

Portable electronic devices (PED) such as phones, laptops and tablets can contain lithium batteries. When damaged, faulty or overheated, these batteries can catch fire and explode.

If you recognise any issues with your device, inform the cabin crew immediately.

Charging electronic devices on board using a power bank is forbidden. Please refrain from storing your electronics and power banks in the overhead compartments.



Safe handling of hand luggage

Ensure that your larger hand luggage remains safely stowed in the locker and the smaller ones are under the seat in front of you for take-off, landing and whenever instructed by the crew. Passengers seated in the emergency rows and first row must store their cabin bags in the overhead lockers. Take care when opening lockers, as falling items may injure fellow passengers.

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



Safety equipment

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



Sharp items

To dispose of sharp items (e.g. hypodermic needles), contact a cabin crew member. Do not leave it behind.



Turbulence management

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



Safety of infants on board

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



Seat policy

For safety purposes, regulations prohibit passengers under 16 years old, overweight passengers, individuals with special needs, expectant mothers, and those travelling with infants (under 2 years old) from occupying Extra Legroom or Front Row seats. Passenger occupying the Extra Legroom or Front Row seats must have a basic understanding of the English language and must be able-bodied.



Electronic devices

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

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



Inflight health tips

Read these tips on how to stay fit when travelling.

Before your air travel

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



Medical supplies on board

Keep any medication you may need in your hand luggage and in its original packaging. **Inform cabin crew of allergies or illnesses.** If you are seriously ill or travelling post-surgery, you will need a medical certificate confirming that you are fit to fly. If you have limited mobility, are hearing- or sight-impaired, pregnant, or unable to understand/react to safety instructions, you will be unable to sit in the emergency exit rows or the front row.

If you start to feel unwell during the flight, do not hesitate to talk to the cabin crew.

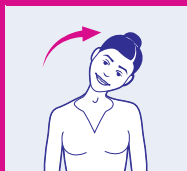
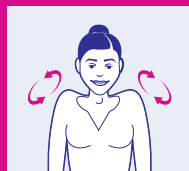


Nut allergy

During our WIZZ Café service we offer peanuts and some snacks containing peanuts/nuts traces.

If you have any allergies we strongly encourage you to take all necessary medical precautions before flying, and to inform the cabin crew during boarding about your allergy.

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



Your security

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



We encourage you to...

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

...so you can:

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

Not tolerated on board...



- Smoking on board (including classic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, pipes, vapes), might result in a fine of up to €3,000 or prosecution. Additionally all existing Wizz Air flight bookings will be cancelled
- Consuming alcohol that was not purchased on board. Alcohol is served at the crew's discretion to passengers of legal drinking age. The crew reserves the right to stop serving alcohol to any passenger who is, or appears to be, intoxicated
- Being under the influence of drugs or substances that may affect your behaviour or self-control
- Damaging the aircraft or onboard equipment
- Wasting, polluting or contaminating the cabin
- Endangering the safety of the flight by any means
- Breaching, or refusing to follow, crew instructions
- Harassing fellow passengers and/or crew members in any way (including sexual harassment)
- Threatening or being aggressive towards fellow passengers and/or crew members
- Being violent or behave in a hostile, erratic manner
- Filming or photographing the cabin crew without their permission

...or face the consequences:



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

The following consequences* will occur for such misconduct:

- Denied boarding
- Diversion of the flight and prosecution.
- Reimbursement of cost of diversion: €10,000-€80,000
- Criminal procedure and court litigation*
- Cancellation of all of your existing Wizz Air flight bookings
- A ban from flying with Wizz Air in the future
- Penalty/fine or arrest by local police:
 - Smoking on board, including in the lavatory: up to €3,000*
 - Unruly behaviour due to intoxication: up to €5,000 and two years in prison*
 - Endangering the safety of an aircraft: up to five years in prison*



*Subject to applicable jurisdiction

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At the heart of the experience lies the 11,500sqm Eden Spa, one of the largest and most refined spa environments in the region. It's a sanctuary dedicated to deep relaxation and renewal, where bespoke, private spa moments and carefully curated rituals using the prestigious Omorovicza and GAIA product lines elevate wellness to a highly personal art. Each treatment unfolds at its own pace, guided by stillness, warmth and a profound sense of calm.

Culinary excellence forms another essential pillar of the Le Primore experience. From refined gourmet meals to elegant fine-dining moments, the hotel celebrates flavour, craftsmanship and atmosphere in equal

measure. It is a testament to this quality that, shortly after opening, Le Primore was selected among the Michelin Guide's recommended destinations, a rare distinction for such a young hotel.

Designed to welcome guests of all generations, Le Primore offers a harmonious balance between shared moments and private retreat. Couples, families and solo travellers alike will discover spaces where time can either be spent together or enjoyed in peaceful solitude.

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