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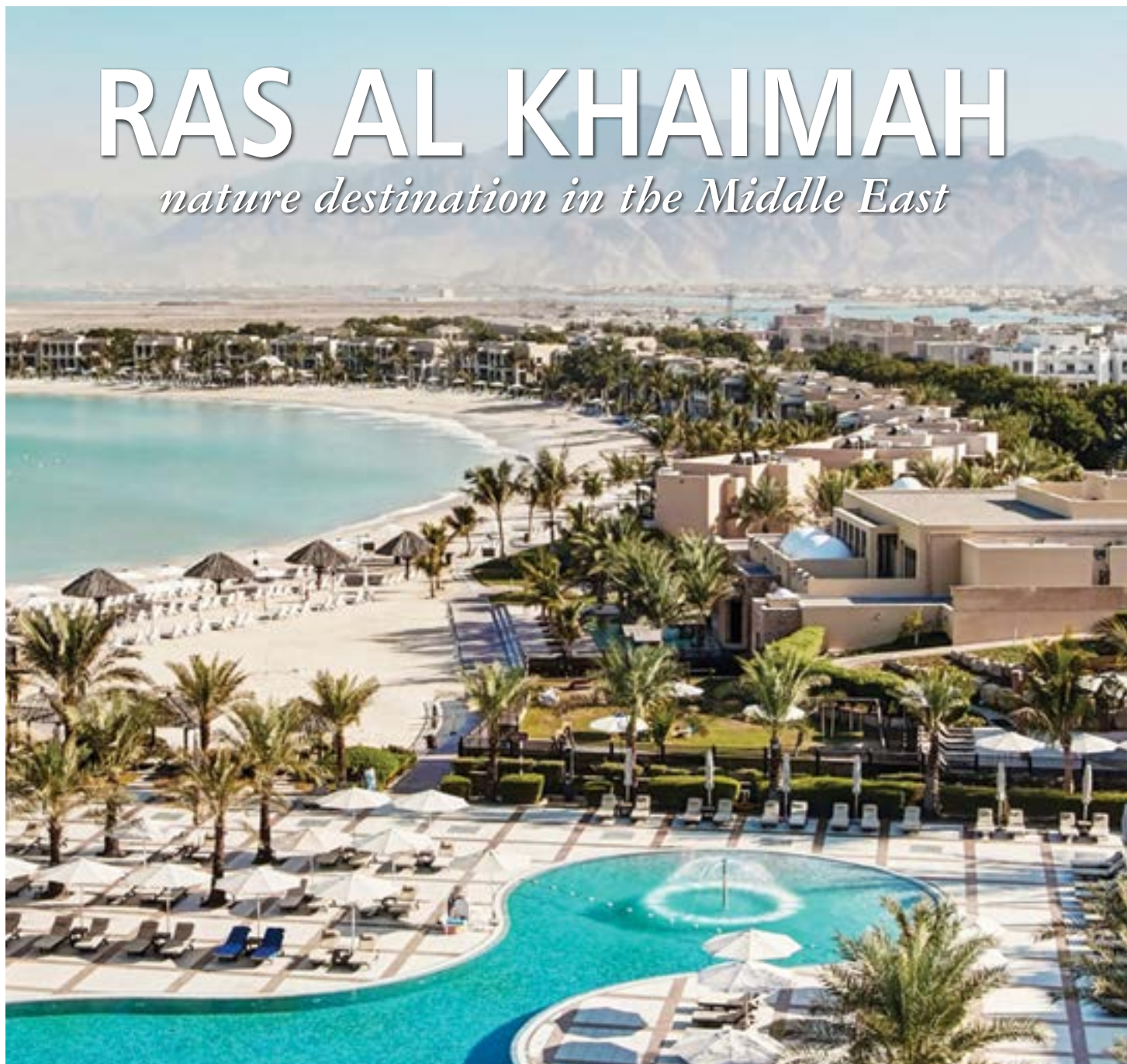
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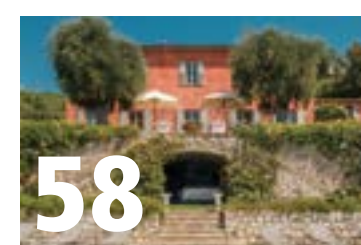
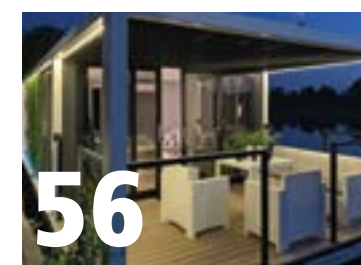
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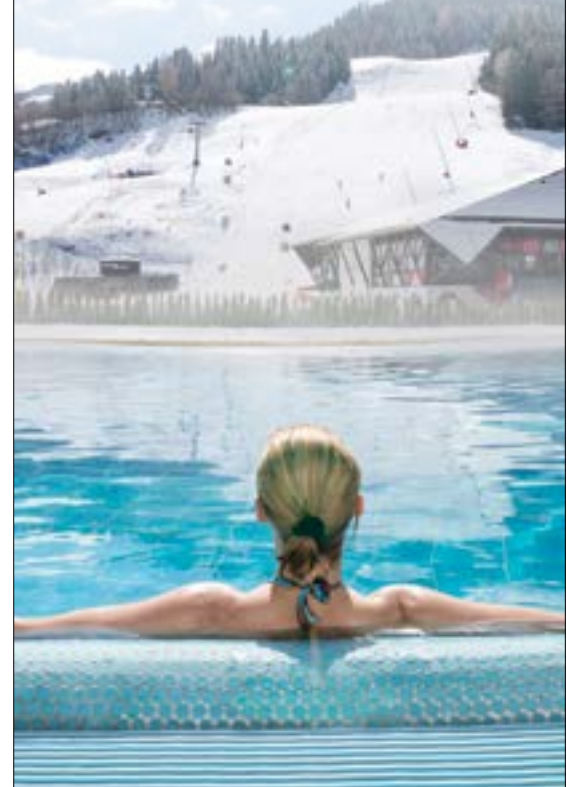
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A JOURNEY FOR THE NEW YEAR

Ras Al Khaimah is an exciting new tourist destination in the Middle East. But why should you visit this unique emirate? Well, for many of reasons. Above all, it's a safe destination, offering unspoilt nature with a focus on sustainability and well set-up in terms of accommodation. You go there by a direct flight from Warsaw, and the journey will last less than 5 hours. Do bear in mind that such a trip means guaranteed sunny weather all year round, and this unique emirate is known for its pristine, clean beaches, rich coastal vegetation, terracotta-coloured dunes and fertile evergreen oases with the views of the majestic Hajjar Mountains. They are home to the UAE's highest peak, Jebel Jais, where temperatures are nearly 10 degrees Celsius lower than at sea level.

From cultural excursions to eco-tourism, adrenaline-charged adventures or laid-back sunbathing at seaside resorts, Ras Al Khaimah has something to offer for every traveller. As a leading MICE destination in the region, Ras Al Khaimah offers event organisers state-of-the-art facilities, extensive grounds and public spaces with a range of attractions at affordable prices. The picturesque landscapes the emirate is famous for provide the perfect backdrop for incentive trips, team building and other corporate activities. To find out more about this exciting destination, you might want to read our cover article.

It's also definitely worth putting a trip to the Middle East on your 2022 "to go" list. I wish you many wonderful business trips - and more - on behalf of myself and the entire Business Traveller team.

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Vienna for Christmas

A fairytale-like city

In the run-up to Christmas, Vienna looks particularly festive. It's worth exploring the city in warm clothes on foot or by horse-drawn carriage. Vienna's most beautiful squares, alleys and even parks turn into colourful Christmas markets, with the largest one situated right in front of the town hall. Around the square and in the town hall park, the trees shimmer decorated with coloured lights. An invariable element of Vienna's Christmas decorations is the so-called "Heart Tree", which is a popular meeting spot for lovers.

Vienna is also known for its Christmas lighting artistry presetned on many shopping streets. Huge crystal chandeliers light up the Am Graben promenade in the city centre. Nearby, on the Kohlmarkt, delicate golden raindrops float over the heads of walkers. Large red balls shine above



Rotenturmstrasse and all the trees along the Ringstrasse promenade are decorated with garlands of lights.

During the day, you may want to go shopping or simply wander around the chic stores of international brands, young designers' boutiques and numerous manufactories. You will find fine porcelain in Augarten, and delicious sweets at Sacher's or Demel pastry shop. The Köchert jewellery and goldsmith's shop offers glittering Empress Sisi Stars in various versions, and the Lobmeyr manufactory has been producing art glass since 1823. It's a good idea to visit one of the popular Viennese cafés to enjoy excellent coffee and a wide range of local cakes.

In the evening, visit the Vienna State Opera, the Konzerthaus or Musikverein concert halls or the theatre. Winter in Vienna means the cultural season is in full swing. Right before Christmas, the famous "Christmas in Vienna" concert puts classical music lovers in a truly festive mood. Then the whole country welcomes the New Year with the New Year's Concert of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

AIR FRANCE AND KLM

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Together with Air France-KLM and Air France, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines today announced that it will be bringing its targets for reducing CO2 emissions in line with the UN Paris Climate Agreement. The agreement aims to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels in order to combat the impact of climate change.

Air France-KLM commits to setting additional CO2 reduction targets for 2035, in addition to its ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050. The Group will submit these targets to SBTi for validation in the first half of 2022. Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is an independent organization that assesses and checks companies' CO2 emissions reduction targets based on a scientific approach and criteria, ensuring that the targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. SBTi also helps companies to adapt their business operations to fit the future low-carbon economy.

Air France-KLM is one of the first European airline groups with a decarbonisation plan approved by SBTi.

The Air France-KLM group's decarbonisation trajectory is mainly based on: an ambitious plan to renew the fleet of the Group's airlines with new generation aircraft emitting 20 to 25% less CO2; the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), as they reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 80% over the entire life cycle; as well as the search for greater efficiency in airlines' operations, by favouring more direct trajectories and applying procedures that limit fuel consumption. Air France and KLM have set themselves the target of carbon neutrality for ground operations by 2030. [airfranceklm.com](https://www.airfranceklm.com)



WE WILL FLY TO THE USA!

After many months of lockdown, the United States is opening up to tourists. According to the White House, from November 2021 foreigners can again travel in the US, but under three conditions. The basic requirement for tourists wishing to enter the country is to be fully vaccinated, test negative for Covid-19 and provide details of their stay in the US. New York in winter scenery, sunny Miami, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, windy Chicago or Detroit are waiting for tourists! The most convenient and fastest air connections to the USA with no more than one connecting flight, are offered from Warsaw and Cracow airports. Meanwhile, the most popular cities for connecting flights in Europe are Frankfurt, Madrid and Amsterdam. It looks like this year we will have an option to spend Christmas Day and New Year's Eve overseas; [lot.com](https://www.lot.com)

A gift for a traveller

What Christmas gift will be most appropriate for a traveller? Well, you can never go wrong with a set of beauty products, especially for a woman. It's time to experience 25 days of surprises! We like the Sephora Favorites advent calendar because it gives us the opportunity to discover a new product from the brand every day. The countdown to Christmas has begun! The calendar, this year designed in shades of gold and intense pink, is elegantly wrapped. And what goodies does it contain? Among others, Anastasia Beverly Hills transparent eyebrow wax, Matte Revolution lipstick in Pillow Talk shade, The Good Fight - Patchology fabric face mask, and a miniature version of Good Girl Eau de Parfum by Carolina Herrera. As for other products - let them remain a real surprise; [sephora.pl](https://www.sephora.pl)



New Sonos Roam Speaker

Sonos Roam is the latest portable speaker from the American audio manufacturer. The Roam delivers rich, clear, deep and detailed sound with the clarity and depth typical of a larger speaker wherever you go. The product connects via Wi-Fi to the Sonos multi-room system, which supports over 100 streaming services, as well as using Bluetooth when you are away from home.

Like all Sonos products, the speaker was tuned in collaboration with some of the best sound engineers from the US film and music industry. Thanks to this, the device reproduces the sound as intended by the author of the music. The Automatic Trueplay function (which adjusts the sound to the ambient conditions) now works with both Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.



other streaming. Not enough? Well, there's even more good news. The Roam's compact size and low weight mean that it fits into any bag and works well even in small interiors. It can be used both in vertical and horizontal position, and it's extremely sturdy and stable thanks to chunky feet and rubberized base. sonos.com



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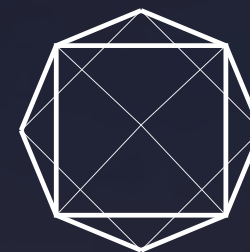
ON BOARD BOEING 737 MAX 8 - FOUR TIMES A WEEK!

LOT Polish Airlines has launched a long-awaited service from Warsaw to the capital of the United Arab Emirates. The connection will be operated four times a week on board LOT's new Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft. The flight takes 6.5 hours and for this time the Polish national carrier offers passengers an on-board entertainment system available on their phones. All they have to do is to connect to the LOT Entertainment WiFi network to gain access to numerous films and TV shows, which will certainly make their journey even more enjoyable.

To enter the United Arab Emirates you need to have a valid certificate of vaccination against COVID-19. Immediately upon landing at Dubai airport, passengers are directed to the test collection points. The signage at the airport is very clear and the seemingly long queue is moving at a very fast pace. It takes less than a minute to take the test and after leaving the airport, passengers are directed to quarantine hotels where they await the result. Importantly, at the hotel, no one is forced to stay in their room. They can use all the facilities, but you may not leave the hotel grounds until you know the result of the test. You need to wait up to 24 hours for the test result, but in practice it's available after just a few hours. Checking the result is very easy. Simply use your phone camera to scan the QR code that was attached to your passport when you landed. If the result is ready, you will see it on the screen after a few seconds. Once you have received a negative test result, you can start exploring the city unhindered.

With the new connection, you can now make a spontaneous trip to Dubai for the World Expo 2020, where impressive, originally designed pavilions host numerous exhibitors from all over the world. The Expo covers an area of 4.38 square kilometres.

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IN THE
MIDDLE EAST**

Ras Al Khaimah offers an experience of a lifetime where travellers can feel the Emirate's beating heart across a range of landscapes from the sea and beach, desert and mountain range.



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With over 7,000 years of fascinating history, traditions and culture, Ras Al Khaimah promises an authentic and easily accessible Arabian experience. A haven of year-round sunshine, the Emirate features pristine beaches, lush mangroves and terracotta dunes, as well as fertile, green oases and the dramatic, awe-inspiring vistas of the majestic Hajjar mountains. These include the UAE's highest mountain peak – Jebel Jais – where temperatures are around 10 degrees lower than sea level, allowing for year-round exploration.

From cultural escapes to eco-tourism and adrenaline-fueled adventures to beach retreats, Ras Al Khaimah caters to a full suite of travellers. The unique natural beauty of the Emirate, combined with its world-class tourism infrastructure and portfolio of global hospitality brands, Ras al Khaimah is the perfect destination for those seeking to experience rich heritage and culture with all the comforts of a modern and vibrant destination.

EASE OF ACCESS

Ras Al Khaimah's popularity stems from the increasing ease with which it can be reached. Ideally located between the east and the west, the UAE is home to the largest number of international airports within close proximity to Europe, Asia and Africa with over two billion people just a four-hour flight away. The emirate is also a mere 45-minutes away from Dubai International Airport by road and Ras Al Khaimah international airport is only 20-minutes away from the city centre, operating commercial and charter flights.

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PHOTOS: PRESS MATERIALS



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

With a rich history dating back to the Bronze Age 7000 years ago, Ras Al Khaimah is dotted with historical sites including ruins and forts, of which four locations – Julfar, Shimal, Jazirah Al Hamra and Dhaya – were recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on its tentative list of Global Heritage Sites. An immersive trip to Suwaidi Pearl Farm, the only pearl farm in the UAE, provides you with a glimpse into the Emirate's pearling industry through experiences such as pearl diving and oyster opening. You can also take a trip back in time at the National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah or delve into the region's desert camps, which offer an authentic Arabian experience under the stars.

WORLD-CLASS HOSPITALITY

Considered as the fastest growing destination in the Middle East, Ras Al Khaimah set a global benchmark by being the first city in the world to be certified safe by the 'SafeGuard Label' from Bureau Veritas and the 'Safe Travels Stamp' from the World Travel and Tourism Council. They were also



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named the 'Gulf Tourism Capital' for both 2020 and 2021 by the Gulf Cooperation Council.

As a case study in successful COVID-19 management, visitors can benefit from a range of far-reaching safety, health and hygiene, including free PCR testing when staying two nights or longer until 31 December 2021.

Ras Al Khaimah also offers its visitors the best in hospitality, with a wide choice of options offering three-, four- and five-star accommodation from some of the greatest names in hospitality, including two Ritz-Carlton- Al Wadi Desert and Al Hamra Beach, Waldorf Astoria, Rixos Bab Al Bahr, Hilton Ras Al Khaimah Beach Resort, Double Tree Marjan Island and The Cove Rotana, which provide high-end modern amenities such as private pools, spa days and beachfront fun for the whole family. The world's largest Hampton by Hilton opened in July 2021 with over 500 rooms and the first to offer an all-inclusive resort concept. Popular for the festive season, the New Year's Eve Fireworks



in Marjan Island show has earned its iconic status by setting five Guinness World Records in the past three years.

A series of new properties operated by global brands will be launched across the Emirate over the next three years including Mövenpick, Intercontinental, Radisson and Sofitel.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Jebel Jais is fast becoming known as the adventure hub of the Middle East, with world-class attractions and projects in the pipeline to further cater to visitors' demand for fun, wholesome experiences. Over the past years, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority has unveiled a series of exciting sustainable adventure projects on the mountain. The Jais Adventure Park is a gateway to attractions such as the Jebel Jais Viewing Deck Park and the Jais Flight: The World's Longest Zipline and the Jais Sky Tour.

The Bear Grylls Explorers Camp made its regional debut on Jebel Jais, offering the world's first Bear Grylls Branded accommodation. The camp provides courses of varying lengths, putting participants face-to-face with some of the toughest terrains in the wilderness. They receive hands-on practical training and extreme survival techniques, mountain biking, hiking and climbing. Topping off the experi-

Jebel Jais is fast becoming known as the adventure hub of the Middle East.

ence are 16 recycled branded cabins where guests can spend the night.

Thrill seekers can enjoy a rush of adrenaline while backpacking, abseiling, and canyoning, all with the support of adventure tour companies that provide certified and knowledgeable outdoor guides. Also known as a world apart for cyclists, Ras Al Khaimah is geared towards bikers of all levels, offering dramatic views mixed with varying ascents at Jebel Jais, Jebel Yibir, Wadi Showka and Wadi Shewa. Those looking to experience Ras Al Khaimah's unique terracotta desert can explore it with unrivalled horse and camel riding experiences across the rolling dunes.

AN ECO-CONSCIOUS VISIT

Ras Al Khaimah recently announced its comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Destination Strategy that will see the Emirate become a leader in environmentally conscious tourism by 2025. This strategy focuses on nature, leisure, adventure, accessibility and authenticity with the aim to capture the imagination of a growing segment of travellers who desire something different- that is defined by sustaina-

bility, wellness, adventure and uncharted moments – and seek safe and expansive experiences in the new normal of travel.

The destination works with the globally renowned sustainable tourism experts, EarthCheck to co-create genuine sustainable practices as a destination. This will help the Emirate achieve reduced food wastages, increased recycling, and decreased energy and water consumption across all hotels. The Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority has also launched a programme of sustainable tourism related education.

The Emirate has also invested USD 136 million to facilitate the development of over 20 sustainable tourism projects, all of which are purpose built with sustainability standards and processes. Some of the 20 eco-friendly attractions opening across the destination include eco-friendly and glamping experiences, Jais Wings- the first dedicated paragliding site in the GCC, and Jais Sledder - the region's longest toboggan ride.

MICE DESTINATION

As a leading MICE destination in the region, Ras Al Khaimah offers event organizers impeccable facilities across the Emirate with sprawling grounds and public spaces as well as a plethora of experiences at affordable rates. The picturesque landscapes lend themselves perfectly to incentives with team-building and corporate activities.

The destination was also one of the first to hold an in-person post-lockdown with the Arab Aviation Summit at the Al Hamra International Exhibition & Conference Centre.



Ras Al Khaimah is an attractive and affordable luxury destination for investors.

Several other international conventions take place annually, including the Gulf and Indian Ocean Hotel Investors' Summit (GIOHIS) and Global Citizen Forum, gathering world leaders and visionaries together.

EXHILIRATING SPORTING EVENTS

The Emirate also plays host to a number of prestigious global sporting events all year round including the world's fastest half marathon that has been running for 15 editions, The Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon, Tough Mudder, Spartan Ras Al Khaimah Race, Desert Warrior Challenge, UAE Cycling Championship and the UAE Tour – all of which play a significant role in boosting sporting tourism in the Emirate. This year Ras Al Khaimah also hosted the first ever 'HIGHLANDER' hiking experience in the GCC, and The PGA European Tour will visit Ras Al Khaimah in February 2022.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ras Al Khaimah is an attractive and affordable luxury destination for investors having launched their SelectRAK initiative, in partnership with Arton Capital – a Government Advisory Company.

Providing a gateway to affordable luxury in a fast-growing destination, the seamless and stress-free process provides investors with access to all relevant Government entities and an attractive product portfolio. It facilitates the customer journey to help you understand what programmes best suits your profile. The initiative supports investors not only in registering and operating international businesses from Ras Al Khaimah but also in finding a home in the Emirate, organising financial packages and medical insurance. Additionally, it provides long-term residence visas for those who meet the Government mandated criteria.



PHOTOS: PRESS MATERIALS

Ras Al Khaimah

Where Luxury Meets Adventure

ROBERT GRZYBOWSKI
talks to IYAD RASBEY,
Executive Director Destination
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at the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism
Development Authority

What makes the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) so special? All Arab Emirates collaborate closely to provide our visitors with ultimate tourist experience. Ras Al Khaimah is primarily devoted to promoting nature. This includes picturesque Al-Hajar Mountains, which border with Oman's Musandam Muhafazate. The range's 1910-metre Mount Jebel Jais - the country's highest peak - boasts the world's longest zip line (2830 metres) and is a perfect spot to experience memorable adventures. The mountains are also known for the "Bear Grylls Explorer Camp" - a unique survival camp, where you can spend a night in nature, or go on a mountain trek with a guide, who will teach you how to cope with harsh conditions. Our emirate is also home to Puro, the highest restaurant in the country, located at an altitude of 1484 metres. Ras Al Khaimah has 64 kilometres of beaches. Interestingly, 85-90 percent of the emirate's hotels are beachfront properties. There are also a number of luxury hotels from such established brands as Ritz Carlton with its two impressive properties: the Al Wadi set in the desert and the

Ras Al Khaimah is a viable alternative to much more expensive hotels in Dubai.



beachfront Al Hamra. Another highly recommended hotel is the renowned Waldorf Astoria. We also have a number of attractively priced 4-star resorts, such as the Hampton by Hilton, where all rooms have sea views. Also launching very soon are Movenpick and Radisson hotels with a total of 350 rooms available for guests.

What are the best months to visit the emirate?
Naturally, the ideal time is between October and April, when temperatures are slightly lower. However, in the hottest months that is from May to September you can find retreat in our mountains, where on average the temperature is 10 degrees lower than

at sea level. The emirate is home to seven UNESCO-listed sites, including the Al Jazirah Al Hamara, and the old city of Julfar. All this makes our region appealing all-year-round to virtually all types of tourists, including leisure and business travellers.

Which investment is the Ras Al Khaimah's true gem?

The emirate's investment fund is currently investing €120 million in 20 different projects to be completed over the next 18 months. Those investments are being developed primarily in the area of Jebel Jais mountain, as well as in major cities, and on beaches.

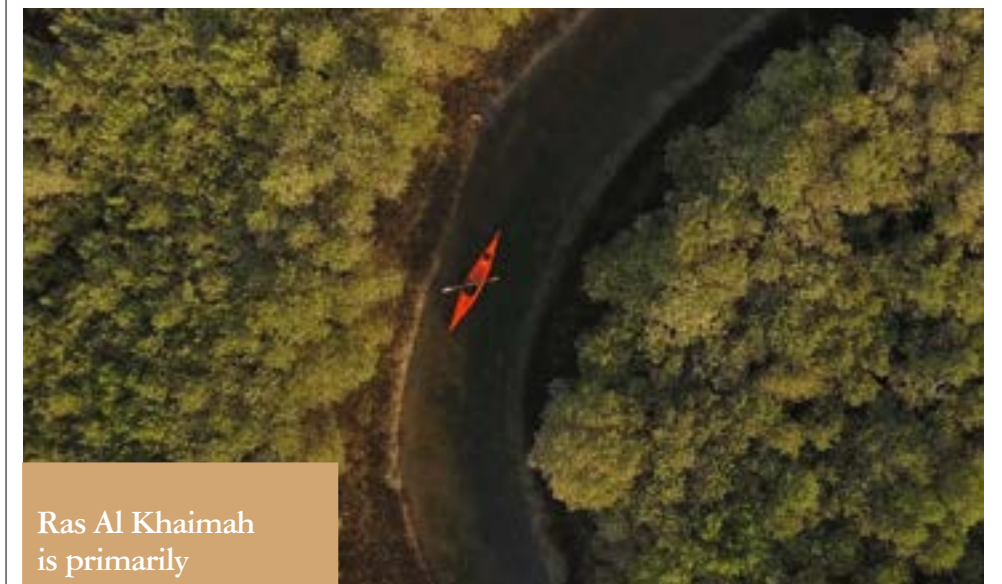
What makes Ras Al Khaimah a business destination?

Ras Al Khaimah is a great starting point for those planning to visit the World EXPO to be held in Dubai until the end of March 2022. With quick and convenient access, which takes about 1.5 hour from the World EXPO site, a stay in Ras Al Khaimah is a viable alternative to much more expensive hotels in Dubai. In addition, we have a lot of tourist traffic generated by conferences and international summits. Many of our hotels feature well-equipped meeting rooms and the emirate has hosted a number of large-scale events, most recently the Arab Aviation Summit. There are thriving companies in our area such as RAK Ceramics and JulPhar pharmaceutical manufacturer. Also located in our emirate is a local bazaar (souq) where you can buy various spices and antiques. One of RAK's landmarks is the Waldorf Astoria hotel. Note that our emirate is liberal and tourist friendly, so everyone can feel at ease here. The top countries visiting our Emirate include the UK, Germany, Russia, India and Kazakhstan. In 2019, we hosted 22,000 Polish visitors. Also worth highlighting is the RAKEZ - our special economic zone, which is home to 40,000 companies representing various industries.

What COVID-related restrictions are currently in force in the emirate?

RAK is a very safe destination, even in the scary time of the COVID-19

PHOTOS: PRESS MATERIALS



Ras Al Khaimah is primarily devoted to promoting nature.

As much as 92 percent of the emirate's population is vaccinated, including 86 percent with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. To enter the United Arab Emirates you just need to present a negative PCR test taken fewer than 72 hours before departure. Upon arrival at Dubai airport, passengers also take a free PCR test. The directions to numerous testing stations are well marked and the whole procedure is done in a swift and organized manner. After leaving the airport, visitors go to their hotels

where they have access to all services, but they can't leave the hotel premises until they are informed of the negative test result. Checking the result is hassle-free. Simply use your phone camera to scan the QR code that was attached to your passport when you landed. You need to wait up to 24 hours for the test result, but in practice, it's available after just a few hours. Note that the cost of the test is fully covered by our government. As far as other restrictions are concerned, you should remember in the UAE it's mandatory to wear protective masks indoors.

Thank you.

14 NEW HOTELS in Asia-Pacific

Business trips may be on hold for now, but there are some tempting new properties to check into once travel resumes. Here are 14 new openings to get excited about

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FOUR SEASONS BANGKOK, THAILAND

The long-awaited Four Seasons Bangkok is every inch the luxury riverside retreat, with water features gently cascading down to the banks of the Chao Phraya river, open-air terraces and tropical greenery. Expect 299 gorgeous rooms and suites, light-filled event spaces, two infinity pools, and a holistic wellness centre with everything from spa treatments to Muay Thai martial arts. Dining options include Cantonese cuisine at Yu Ting Yuan and modern Italian fare at Riva del Fiume Ristorante. Spend the day exploring the local Charoenkrung neighbourhood, with its creative scene of galleries, boutiques, restaurants and cafes, then head back to the glamorous BKK Social Club for cocktails and cigars.

Opened: December 2020

Best for: Urban sanctuary vibes, 15 minutes from downtown Bangkok
fourseasons.com/bangkok

DUSIT THANI LAGUNA SINGAPORE

Tee-up the perfect mix of business and leisure at the new Dusit Thani Laguna Singapore. The five-star resort lies within the sprawling Laguna National Golf Resort Club, conveniently located ten minutes from Changi International airport and 15 minutes from the central

business district. Take your meetings to the driving range, seal the deal on two 18-hole championship golf courses, then toast your success at the Legends Bar – one of the hotel's five food and drink outlets. The 198-room property also offers three swimming pools, three tennis courts, wellness treatments at the Deva-rana spa, exclusive benefits at the Dusit Club lounge, and more than 4,000 sqm of indoor and outdoor event spaces.

Opened: December 2020

Best for: Working on your handicap, and enjoying Thai and Singaporean hospitality
dusit.com

ANDAZ SHENZHEN BAY, CHINA

Hyatt's boutique brand has landed in the Chinese city's high-tech Shenzhen Bay district. With an exclusive clubhouse feel evoked by New York-based interior designer Tony Chi, its 220 rooms and suites are presented in a contemporary palette of soothing hues and elegant marble. Facilities include five individually themed restaurants and bars, a 24-hour fitness centre, an indoor pool and flexible event space. Andaz Shenzhen Bay is situated within a RMB20 billion (£2.2 billion) lifestyle-oriented, mixed-use development, which includes the soaring 392-metre "Spring Bamboo" China Resources headquarters, the premium MixC mega-mall with its



CLOCKWISE FROM OPPOSITE PAGE:
 Dusit Thani Laguna Singapore; Andaz Shenzhen Bay; Four Seasons Bangkok

multiple entertainment outlets, a sports centre, and an arts and cultural centre.

Opened: December 2020

Best for: A mix of business and leisure facilities in a vibrant commercial area
hyatt.com

THE HARI HONG KONG

Straddling the bustling Wan Chai and Causeway Bay districts, new luxury hotel the Hari is within walking distance of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Times Square and Happy Valley Racecourse. The 210 guestrooms are sleek and inviting, with a muted colour scheme, plush fabrics and gleaming marble bathrooms. Three large rooftop suites add the wow factor, with fabulous private terraces and views stretching from the Peak to Victoria Harbour. Enjoy Japanese cuisine and drinks on the al fresco terrace bar at Zoku, or savour classic Italian dishes at Lucciola Restaurant and Bar.





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Opened: December 2020**Best for:** Rooftop suites with private balcony views and the hotel's convenient city location thehari.com/hong-kong

Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh, Cambodia
The new Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh has opened in the heart of the city, becoming the capital's largest international hotel. On arrival at the beautiful colonial-style lobby, guests are shown to their choice of 247 luxurious rooms and suites featuring Khmer design accents and contemporary Cambodian artworks. Lively dining venues offer plenty of after-work options – enjoy all-day dining at the Market Café Restaurant and Lounge or head to Five Five Rooftop Restaurant and Bar, which offers panoramic views over the Mekong river and Royal Palace, sustainable seafood dining and live DJ sets. Venues Metropole Underground and the Attic are temporarily closed, as is the Regency Club lounge on the tenth floor. The Jivapita spa will provide soothing Cambodian treatments when it opens later this year.

Opened: January 2021**Best for:** Stylish dining and bar destinations in the city centre hyatt.com**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:**

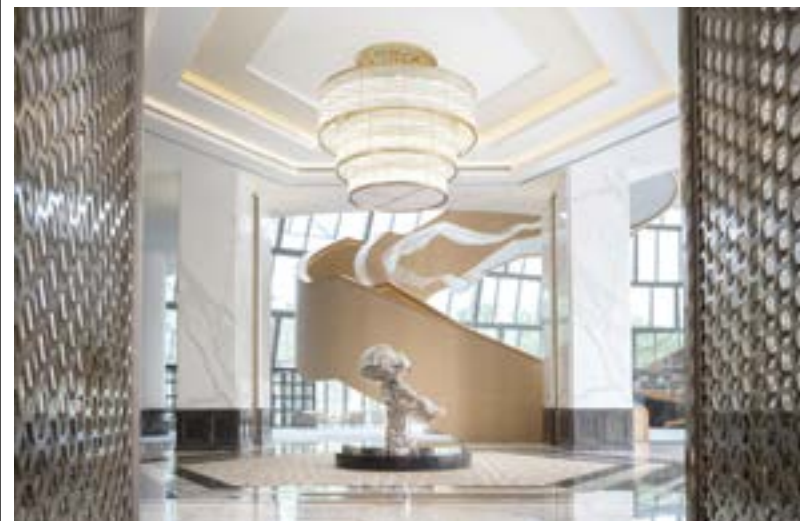
The Hari Hong Kong; Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh; Fairmont Ambassador Seoul; Langham Place Changsha; W Osaka

W OSAKA, JAPAN

If you're sitting on a stash of Marriott Bonvoy points, the new W Osaka is the perfect excuse to use them. The dramatic black façade on Midosuji Boulevard was designed by celebrated Osaka-born architect Tadao Ando, who took inspiration from the Edo period when outward ostentation was forbidden. But W fans will be delighted with the classic explosion of colour, design and personality waiting on the inside – from the metallic origami entrance corridor to neon pink and blue lighting in the 337 guestrooms and suites. Two bars and four restaurants offer a mix of gourmet Japanese and international flavours, with an eclectic line-up of entertainment in the Living Room social lobby area. A spa, indoor pool and fitness centre cater to leisure needs, while four event and meeting spaces handle the business end of things.

Opened: March 2021**Best for:** “Work hard, play hard” mindsets, and the nearby eclectic Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori districts marriott.com**LANGHAM PLACE CHANGSHA, CHINA**

Switch boardrooms for theme parks and meetings for indoor ski slopes at the Langham Place Chan-



gsha's fun-filled resort experience. Situated in the expansive Da Wang Shan Resort, a 30-minute drive from the city centre and 45 minutes from Changsha Huanghua International airport, guests have access to world-class entertainment on the doorstep. The futuristic hotel design, courtesy of renowned architect Wolf D Prix, is evident in 295 stunning rooms and suites. There are three dining concepts, plus afternoon tea in the Salon, the renowned Chuan spa and 2,000 sqm of event space.

Opened: April 2021**Best for:** An urban retreat with extravagant entertainment options langhamhotels.com

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FAIRMONT AMBASSADOR SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Seoul's finance and banking district has been given a splash of glamour with the opening of the Fairmont Ambassador Seoul. Located in Yeouido's premium Parc 1 complex, the hotel is connected to metro lines 5 and 9, which provide easy access across the city. The property offers 326 guestrooms and suites, with marble bathrooms and Le Labo products, plus a selection of catered event spaces. Modern European fare can be enjoyed in the sultry Mariposa restaurant, with panoramic views of the Han river from the terrace, while international bites are served at the open kitchens in Spectrum. Activity options include an indoor swimming pool and fitness centre.

Opened: February 2021**Best for:** Finance execs wanting to be close to the action fairmont.com/seoul**OVOLO SOUTH YARRA, AUSTRALIA**

Ovolo's sixth designer hotel in Australia ups the ante with a disco and retro-glamour design aesthetic. Think vibrant pop art, an arcade-inspired light wall and four “rockstar” suites: John and

Yoko, and Sonny and Cher. Ovolo South Yarra's 123 high-tech rooms offer seamless integration with Chromecast and Bose Bluetooth speakers (except the Go Go rooms), bold designs accented by chrome features, and water dispensers to encourage plastic waste reduction. Vegan, plant-based and vegetarian options reign supreme at Lona Misa restaurant and bar, while basement meeting rooms come with a subtle glam rock vibe and pool table where you can kick back. Enjoy sundowners at social hour (first drink on them), all-day snacks, a 24-hour gym and a complimentary “loot bag” of goodies.

Opened: April 2021**Best for:** Thoughtful service, quirky designs and contemporary facilities ovolohotels.com**THE LONDONER MACAO**

Opening in phases throughout 2021, the Londoner presents an extravagant tribute to British heritage, with a Houses of Parliament exterior – complete with a Big Ben replica; gardens modelled on Kensington Palace; a Claridge's-style atrium; daily changing of the guards displays; and 14 suites designed by David Beckham, the

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ABOVE, FROM LEFT:
Ovolo South Yarra;
Niccolo Suzhou

BELOW:
The Londoner
Macao

hotel's official ambassador. The complex comprises two all-suite hotels, the Londoner Hotel and Londoner Court, plus a host of entertainment options worthy of the Cotai Strip. When fully opened, these will include an opulent casino with more than 450 tables and 2,000 slot machines; a luxury mall with iconic British brands; ten-plus dining options, including a Gordon Ramsay gastropub; immersive virtual reality experiences; and the Londoner Arena, an amphitheatre with 6,000 seats and VIP amenities. **Opened:** February 2021 – ongoing **Best for:** Unbearable entertainment options and outlandish architecture londonermacao.com

NICCOLO SUZHOU, CHINA

Perched on the top of Suzhou's soaring new International Finance Square, Niccolo Suzhou has ushered in a new level of business luxury to the Chinese city known as the "Venice of the East" – a 25-minute, high-speed train ride from Shanghai. The 233 spacious rooms and suites offer spectacular views over Jinji Lake and the city skyline – as do two floors of modern event spaces. Experience the culinary theatre of Niccolo Kitchen's open-plan international cooking stations, and join a cosmopolitan crowd to enjoy international DJs and artisan cocktails at Bar 115. Sky-high rela-

xation and fitness options include an indoor pool, jacuzzi and gym on the 117th floor.

Opened: April 2021

Best for: Luxury accommodation and a chance to visit Suzhou's famous Unesco-listed waterways, bridges and gardens niccolohotels.com

THE WEST BUND HOTEL SHANGHAI, CHINA

Shanghai's once-forgotten West Bund has evolved into a leisure and cultural hotspot – so it was only a matter of time before a luxury hotel moved in. The West Bund Hotel, a Rocco Forte Hotel, is scheduled to open any time now and features inspiring interiors by Olga Polizzi and Inge Moore. The 161 stylish guestrooms and 58 suites are decked with soothing neutral tones and subtle Chinese design elements. Spanning two floors, the spa is a wellness destination in itself, with eight treatment rooms, vegan cuisine, a modern gym, and infinity pool with river views. Four premium dining outlets culminate in the 59th-floor rooftop terrace, offering craft cocktails and spectacular views over the Huangpu river.

Opening: TBC 2021

Best for: Sophisticated glamour with a chic setting for sundowners roccofortehotels.com



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HILTON GARDEN INN JAKARTA TAMAN PALEM, INDONESIA

The Hilton Garden Inn Jakarta Taman Palem is a solid new business choice in the Indonesian capital. The upscale brand covers all modern work needs, with 168 light, colourful guestrooms and suites featuring ergonomic desks and chairs, and fast wifi. A business centre and meeting room are available, while leisure options include a restaurant, fitness centre and outdoor pool. The hotel is less than 20km from central Jakarta and Soekarno-Hatta International airport, with plenty of shopping and restaurants nearby, plus a water park and golf course.

Opened: August 2021

Best for: Straightforward business facilities close to town
hilton.com

WINK HOTEL SAIGON CENTRE, VIETNAM

New Vietnamese hospitality brand Wink launched its debut 237-room property in the vibrant Dakao Ward of Ho Chi Minh City's central District 1. The hotel offers affordable luxury for the modern tech-savvy traveller – its hallmarks include digital check-in, con-

tactless payment options and rideshare partnerships. Expect bright colours, grab-and-go street food concepts for breakfast and lunch, and space-efficient rooms featuring intuitive in-room controls, smart TVs and locally sourced amenities. Guests will enjoy a full 24-hour stay, no matter what time they

**CLOCKWISE FROM
TOP LEFT:**
The West Bund
Hotel Shanghai;
Hilton Garden Inn
Jakarta Taman
Palem; Wink Hotel
Saigon Centre

check-in, and get a free pass to any To-ong co-working space in the city – including the hotel's own.

Opened: March 2021

Best for: Tech-savvy Gen Z and Millennial travellers looking for modern business luxury
wink-hotels.com

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25 Years of Sheraton Warsaw Hotel

Sheraton Warsaw was officially opened 25 years ago. Over that time the hotel has hosted many prominent guests, undergone several renovations, and launched Warsaw's best Asian restaurant according to the ranking by Tripadvisor.

The launch was attended by many high-profile figures, including the city's mayor.

A PLACE WITH HISTORY

That is how Sheraton brand, which was established in 1937 in the city of Springfield, Massachusetts, USA, became present in Poland. The so-called soft opening, when the hotel received its first guests, took place on 7 May

1996. Since then, for the last 25 years the property has hosted a number of distinguished guests from all around the world. Those included the Dalai Lama, Lech Wałęsa, Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, the US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and many other politicians, artists and actors, such as Catherine Deneuve, Sophia Loren, Morgan Freeman or Moby.

In its 25-year life, the hotel has undergone several revamps. In 2017, under the guidance of London-based interior designer Alex Kravetz, the guest rooms were extensively renovated. Today, each of the 350 bright and spacious interiors features an elegant and modern décor. Some of them have access to the stylish club lounge - a space

designed for the most loyal members of the Marriott Bonvoy programme.

The year 2019 saw the renovation of the public spaces, and the sublime design of the lobby and three restaurants was done by an award-winning duo of London architects Goddard and Littlefair. Following the renovation, the hotel launched a new Italian restaurant Cucina Mia, featuring a so-called Gathering Table, where guests can meet in their free time, but can also work.

At the grand reopening event held on 4 December 2019, it was announced that the hotel had been rebranded as Sheraton Grand Warsaw, reflecting the high level of service and hospitality, as well as the newly refurbished property.

IN PHOTOS:
The 25th anniversary
of Sheraton Grand
Warsaw

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

This year the hotel, now officially named Sheraton Grand Warsaw, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its launch. The event held on 26 October, gathered the hotel's key customers (the top members of the Marriott Bonvoy programme), the media, representatives of the owner companies - Patron Capital and Schroders - as well as Marriott International Group (which manages the property and owns the entire Sheraton brand belong), including MI vice president for Eastern Europe Pankaj Birla and COO MI Europe Gonzalo Aguilar. The evening's highlights included cars that were manufactured exactly 25 years ago, including the iconic Fiat Coupe, BMW Z3 or Polonez, as well as an exhibition of photographs by Tomek Sikora, which the artist took as part of an advertising campaign for the Sheraton brand in Asia in the 1980s. The event was documented thanks to the hotel's partner Fujifilm instax, while the culinary feast for the guests was provided by Sheraton Grand Warsaw's head chef Marcin Sasin, who composed dishes from each of the five restaurants.

Sheraton Warsaw has always been well-known for its exquisite Asian cuisine. Initially, it was served in The Oriental restaurant, which underwent renovation in 2013 (and then in 2019), changing its name into inAsia. Today it's the best Asian restaurant in the Polish capital according to Tripadvisor. Since 2016, inAsia is headed by chef Marcin Sasin, also responsible for other culinary operations throughout the hotel. The hotel is also known for its excellent Italian cuisine. Cucina Mia is the restaurant that will take you straight to the heart of Tuscany.

For 25 years, the hotel has been consistently praised for its prestigious location, the highest standards of hospitality, comfortable rooms, excellent cuisine, as well as vast experience in hosting various events. "We are delighted to continue the tradition of great cuisine and hospitality, as well as being a prime venue for corporate guests and leisure visitors to Warsaw," said Angela Saliba, the General Manager of Sheraton Grand Warsaw. ■



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Winter Chillout at a Luxury SPA

Amidst nature immersed in winter sleep and covered in white fluff, you will find a place full of warmth and a unique atmosphere that guarantee special moments.

LEISURE AND HARMONY

If you are looking for a magical, charming place that has "that something", you might want to try the luxurious Dr Irena Eris SPA Wzgórza Dylewskie Hotel located in the buffer zone of the local landscape park. Many of us dream of being able to move quickly into a world of relaxation and to enjoy every moment spent in harmony with our surroundings. The nature surrounding the Masurian hotel and the ubiquitous tranquillity have ear-

Surprise your loved ones with a great gift packed with lots of relaxation options.

ned the status of an invaluable asset of this place. With comfortable conditions and atmospheric interiors of the hotel, guests immediately experience the sense of tranquillity. Add to this the excellent service and individual attention to each guest, and you need no further encouragement to put yourself in the hands of the local experts in organizing your leisure time.

HOLIDAY PACKAGE

You can discover this wonderful atmosphere of peace and relaxation in a picturesque winter scenery, opting for a special "Longer=Cheaper" holiday package. In this way, you can enjoy the local climate, as well as the plethora of the on-site attractions. What can you do there? Well, everything or nothing. There is, of course, an extensive children's entertainment programme for each day of their stay, providing the young guests with lots of fun activities.

FOR THE BODY AND SOUL

For adult guests the hotel has designed a wide range of interesting activities,

including popular fitness and body-building classes. And for those who need to get into slow mode, the hotel recommends the SPA centre with swimming pools, jacuzzi, sauna complex and cardio studio. Or... Alternately, you can opt for a visit to the Cosmetic Institute with a wide range of beauty, high-tech treatments and massages enriched with aromatherapy elements. A visit to the restaurant, where every meal is a celebration of flavours, will also be a unique feast for the soul and body. The hotel staff's professional, attentive and genuine care makes every stay truly special.

EXCLUSIVE RELAXATION AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

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Royal retreat

Located in the Masovian Voivodship, the Mała Wieś Palace lies only 50 km south of Warsaw. The property offers accommodation in 54 rooms and luxury suites. On-site, there is the Hidden Wellness & SPA Chamber offering professional face and body treatments, massages and rituals based on products by exclusive brands. All spa treatments are inspired by the palace's picturesque garden. A dry sauna and 2 outdoor jacuzzis are also available.

JOURNEY INTO THE PAST

The Mała Wieś Palace represents over 235 years of history. Basil Walicki, a friend and advisor to King Stanisław August Poniatowski, commissioned building this family house in 1786, which was given a stylish form of a classicist palace. This is how the story of this place began, which, regardless of the history of the country and the fate of the owners, continues to this day. For 159 years the palace remained in the hands of the same family. After the war the Morawski family were deprived of their rights to the estate. It was not until 50 years later that the palace was finally returned to its legal owners, and then underwent thorough renovation between 2014 and 2016.

AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE

The four-star hotel is the perfect destination for a weekend break, whether for a couple, a group of friends or families. In 2021, Mała Wieś Palace hotel won the contest for the most romantic hotel in Poland. Undoubtedly, it owes its unique character and atmosphere to the picturesque park and gardens with a total area of 30 hectares. Each guest can enjoy here the silence, nature adapting to every season, birds singing and clean air. During your stay, you can enjoy activities such as a boat trip on the Great Pond, a bike ride on the surrounding cycling paths or a picnic on the grass with a basket full of delicacies and a bottle of excellent wine.

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The four-star hotel is the perfect destination for a weekend break.



Guests can also stay active by playing golf, tennis or volleyball and work out in the gym. The rose and French gardens are great for morning yoga, meditation or a fitness session amidst nature.

ROYAL FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Stara Wozownia restaurant is located in the old building of the palace complex. Its guests are taken aback by the elegantly arranged rooms with Pompeii frescoes as the main theme. Headed by chef Sebastian Olma - one of the most

talented chefs of the young generation and the winner of TOP Chef TV competition, the restaurant's focus is mainly on dishes prepared with locally-sourced ingredients from Grójec orchard region. The restaurant has also been awarded the prestigious Slow Food Polska recommendation, the Grand Award - 3 forks - in the 100 Poland Best Restaurant contest, as well as two chef's toques and 14 points from the Gault & Millau culinary guide; malawies.pl

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Radisson Blu Wrocław

Opened in 2002, Radisson Blu Hotel boasts an excellent location and a five-star standard quality. In 2016, the five conference rooms along with the corridors and rooms were renovated, followed by the entire wellness area revamped three years ago. In 2020, the hotel's restaurant was completely rebuilt, giving the building, which was put into use nine years ago, a new lease of life.

WHERE IS IT?

Radisson Blu Hotel is located right by the Oder River and Xawery Dunikowski Boulevards. Across the street and

right opposite the property there is the famous Raclawice Panorama. Wrocław's Old Town is less than a kilometre away. It's a great choice for an evening stroll while admiring the historic town hall. The National Museum and the Dominican Gallery are also within walking distance.

ROOMS

The hotel offers 162 rooms and suites across six categories: standard, superior, business, premium, Junior Suite and Executive Suite. To rooms are adapted to the need of disabled guests. The highest category consists of five 90 sqm Executive Suites, each with a large living room with a conference table,



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desk, sideboard, sofa and armchairs. There is also a separate bedroom and a spacious bathroom. The amenities in each room include free high-speed wi-fi access, iron and ironing board, adjustable air conditioning and a minibar. Note that even the standard room offers quite a lot of space with its 28 sqm of floor area.

DINING

The hotel has two dining options. Aquarelle restaurant overlooks the patio and offers guests both local Polish and international dishes. The restaurant is all about fresh seasonal dishes, and it's also the site where the breakfast buffet is served. Another on-site culinary option is the Squiggles bar located in the lobby, which offers drinks and light meals such as sandwiches, salads and cakes. It's the perfect place to meet up with friends or unwind alone with your favourite cocktail. The bar is open between 1.00 pm and 1.00 am. Room service is available 24 hours a day.

SPA AND LEISURE

The hotel has an excellent on-site spa, which comprises a sauna, gym and fitness room, which is free for all hotel guests. There are also 3 treatment rooms, including one providing hydro massage for couples.

BUSINESS FACILITIES

The 430-sqm meeting space comprises 9 conference rooms with video-conferencing. The largest of them can accommodate up to 160 delegates. Each room

can be arranged in any configuration depending on the event. One of the highlights of the building is its spacious 900-sqm courtyard, which can host outdoor events, ac-

With unique atmosphere, professional service and delicious menu are a guarantee of a memorable experience.



commodating up to 300 people. Using the event space for both business or private events, you can always compose your own menu, which will then be prepared by a team of experienced chefs. The rooms come equipped with the innovative DigiChart technology. The hotel's additional advantage is its large, two-storey underground car park.

HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Radisson Blu Wrocław's comprehensive offer includes hosting corporate Christmas events. With unique atmosphere, professional service and delicious menu by chef Piotr Lisiewski, each such an event is a truly memorable experience. Note that starting 19 November, Wrocław market square will host the Christmas Market, which will last until 31 December. Be sure to visit Wrocław at that time to admire its lights and decorations.

VERDICT

Radisson Blu Wrocław is a perfect choice both for business and private events, such as weddings and first communion parties, especially thanks to its excellent location and a large car park. The hotel is also SGS certified, which means that it's proactive in protecting the health of both its guests and employees against the COVID-19 pandemic. It's simply a great choice for a stay in Wrocław. ■



The unique climate of the seaside resort helps you recharge your batteries after even the most exhausting day.



Radisson Blu Hotel Sopot New Approach to Events

If you are looking for a place to organize an event in an inspiring environment and in a unique setting, then the largest hotel conference centre in the Tri-City - Radisson Meetings - located in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Sopot, will be the best choice.

It offers as many as 2,000 square metres of multifunctional space, more than 30 variants of room configuration, an originally designed pavilion with concert hall characteristics, as well as an area surrounded by greenery where outdoor events can be organised. The facility's infrastructure, combined with its state-of-the-art equipment, provides a new dimension to meetings and the potential to host unique events for up to 2,000 participants.

GRAND PAVILION

The Grand Pavilion offers the impressive 694 square metres of elegant and originally designed space that can host a range of events for up to 1,200 people. With two separate rooms (and the option to combine them into one), a foyer, a dressing room, as well as technical equipment and sound characteristics of a concert hall, the Grand Pavilion is a bold new vision that perfectly complements the ambitious offer of the Tri-City.



THE ATRIUM

The Atrium space offers the possibility of creating one large conference area for about a thousand delegates. However, it's possible to quickly divide the space into several smaller rooms, where independent meetings or industry workshops can be held. A spacious foyer of 385 square metres provides additional exhibition space or a venue for backstage talks. The centre has free access to the gardens, as well as a covered walkway to the neighbouring Grand Pavilion.



A NEW DIMENSION OF BUSINESS TRAVEL

The location of Radisson Blu Hotel, Sopot in an cosy part of Sopot, but also in the very heart of the busy metropolis, allows for quick and efficient access to all major business areas of Gdańsk and Gdynia. Meanwhile, the unique climate of the seaside resort helps you recharge your batteries after even the most exhausting day. Whether you use the pool area, the sauna complex or choose to jog on the nearby beach, you can be sure to return to your duties as rested and relaxed as ever.



CUISINE WITH A MEDITERRANEAN TWIST

Every meeting needs an appropriate setting. The individually designed menu takes the hotel guests to the world of culinary sensations, dominated by the flavours of Mediterranean cuisine, enriched with aromatic herbs and vegetables from the hotel's own garden. At the Radisson Blu Hotel, Sopot you will experience both Italian atmosphere and hospitality, and French aromas from the hotel's own Château Isolette vineyard, located in the Rhone Valley; [radissonblusopot.pl](https://www.radissonblusopot.pl)



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Today, more than ever, we need what lies at the heart of Club Med's values: the peace of mind, a stress-free break from the hustle and bustle of civilisation, enjoying scenic locations that act as a balm for our senses, body, mind and soul. We also yearn to deepen the bonds with our loved ones, spending quality time with them, not next to them browsing their phones.

Our expectations regarding the room quality and the service, as well as the quality and décor of the restaurant, are much higher today than just a few years ago. And for many of us, top notch kids' attractions are on the top of our list. After all, we go on holiday, taking many different roles and for different reasons. Sometimes we want to enjoy it with our friends, other times we feel like vacationing with all three generations of our family. Yet another time we fancy a romantic getaway just for two. Unfortunately, most focused hotels don't work in practice. On the other hand, guests staying at properties that cater to all traveller demographics, end up getting in each other's way. And once again, Club Med was the first to create a simple yet ingenious solution - a resort that subtly combines and divides different needs, separate oases where everyone can find their own hideaway. One where they are comfortable, but can, at any time, transcend its boundaries and find themselves in another world of the same fairy tale.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This very popular island is not just about crowded Punta Cana or La Romana. Until recently, it was just full of pristine beaches of powdery white sand, magnificent tall palm trees and intensely blue water. There were no roads leading to the beaches and getting there by boat was difficult because of the reef. That is why, Dominican beaches were inhabited solely by crabs and birds. One of such inaccessible spots was chosen by Club Med for its new Michès resort together with a state-of-the-art road cutting through the jungle to ensure an 80-minute transfer from the airport. You can view the resort on Google Maps, but you'd better go and check it out yourself, because like all freshly-discovered gems on Earth, it won't be lonely for long, with other hotel chains wanting to be its neighbours.

At first glance, the club surprises with its modern architecture and new solutions,

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Our expectations regarding the quality are much higher today than just a few years ago.



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Club Med Michès
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which may be simple, but provide maximum comfort, are practical, coherent and downright beautiful. A unique combination of Club Med atmosphere and the highest standard, Club Med Michès Playa Esmeralda is the first Exclusive Collection resort in America. On top of that, the club is eco chic (solar energy, recycling, no single-use plastic items, nature related activities).

By calling dibs on the most scenic spot in this part of the island, Club Med claimed a lovely headland by white Playa Esmeralda beach and surrounded by tropical forest. Within this vast area four separate zones were created, each one dedicated for a different type of guest, featuring different architectural solutions and character. All share the access to the reception area, performances and fun together. Those four "zones" refer to different needs and preferences of the resort's guests.

The Explorer Cove is a family zone with mini clubs - simply a fairy-tale land for kids, divided into smaller zones by age, from 4-month-old toddlers to quite adult 17-year-olds, who are the most discerning guests. Part of the zone, is the La Perla seafront area with luxurious, spacious suites for families, with an exclusive pool.

The Caribbean Paradise - located in the very heart of the resort, this zone is dedicated mostly for guests feeling young at heart. It's a place teeming with life, fun and Caribbean atmosphere. It comprises convenient, colourful rooms housed in two-storey bungalows with large terraces. The Emerald Jungle is a quiet and relaxing ZEN zone amidst lush tropical nature, away from loud music, and with a dedicated spot in tree branches for yoga and gymnastics. The Archipelago is an exclusive oasis for couples only, which consists of seafront villas, each with its own pool.

It's just one resort, but it caters to so many different needs - to families with children, couples looking for romantic tranquillity, as well as young guests seeking fun, dancing and feasting together. They all can stay in their own respective zones, but, for example, couples can join in boisterous fun, while party lovers can opt for some quiet time in the ZEN zone or in the tranquil Archipelago.

Like all Club Med resorts, also Michès Playa Esmeralda offers its guest a number of complimentary sports activities. These include kayak, stand up paddle and kitesurfing, tennis, fitness classes, tree top yoga, gym, snorkelling, flying trapeze, archery, rock climbing and many more. There are also excursions available, such as horse rides on the beach or kite-surfing. The resort caters for groups too, with conference facilities and 4 meeting rooms.

The 55-metre-long swimming pool dazzles with its range of colours in the evening, and during the day you can enjoy the view of the sea on one side, and the spectacular reception area resembling a comfortable lounge on the other side. There are five different pools, each dedicated to a different zone. Then there is the excellent Cinq Mondes Spa and hydrotherapy.

Club Med is a unique place where people of different cultures and customs come together, but all looking for the same thing: sheer enjoyment. Each of them understand it in a different way. For some, it's an exotic spot with a beautiful beach, swimming pool and warm sea. For others, it's a luxury hotel with fine dining and an open bar. Others still want to take it easy, spend some quality time, practising different sports or relaxing in the spa. Club Med is the kind of place where everyone will find something for themselves, whatever their age. It's a wonderful freedom of enjoyable activities.

Let me just mention the evening ritual with elegant or barefoot parties on the beach, large performances or mini-shows with your children, themed dinners (different every night), or the opportunity to dine at your favourite spots (for example serving Asian, Italian or French cuisine, healthy food, etc.) on the beach with a terrace, or in a traditional steak house (for adults only). Three fantastic all inclusive restaurants and within each, many sections that guarantee privacy, but are open to other zones if there is a bigger group of friends. Then there is the secret "caramel room" with sweets, its hidden and locked. How does one get into this sanctuary?—well, its insiders knowledge. Than there is always life around the four bars, (including a 24-hour bar on the beach serving fresh juices and smoothies), three wine cellars and a café. Even if you come on your own, in Club Med no one needs to feel lonely.

SEYCHELLES

Club Med Seychelles is the latest gem in the Club Med Exclusive Collection. Set as the only hotel on the island of St. Anne, which is exclusively occupied by the Club Med resort, it's just 5 minutes by boat from Mahe International Airport. The island is large enough to offer a sense of space and room for long walks or even buggy rides.



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At the same time, it's small enough to ensure that another hotel or resort won't be built here, which would cancel out the charm of its beautiful white and empty beaches. Seychelles is one of the world's most expensive, but also most scenic tourist spots. It's never crowded and the hotels are exclusively for the wealthier set of guest, as almost everything has to be brought here from distant continents. As a result, every meal, bottle of wine or service costs much more than in Europe, which is why the luxury Club

Med facility, similarly to other all-inclusive resorts, is something new and very special here, guaranteeing guests peace of mind and no unforeseen extra costs.

The comfortable and spacious cottages that once belonged to Kempinski Hotel were given a new lease of life by Club Med. The French tour operator added new facilities and attractions that underpin the Club Med holiday concept, such as sports: catamarans, trekking, diving, yoga, stand up paddle or transparent bottomed kayaks. There is also a dedicated area for dancing and beach parties, a theatre where regular performances are held, a bar with comfortable chairs, as well as a kids' area. On top of this, there is a new beachfront hotel with spacious rooms with balconies. Built mainly for families with

children, it's a considerably cheaper option than the detached villas. Prices for the stay there are more than reasonable as for an all-inclusive resort.

Seychelles, like Maldives are an ultra-romantic couple destination and all hotel chains and boutique hotels play by these unwritten rules. Hotels for families are usually for less wealthy, young people meaning they are big, noisy and... unbearable for the more demanding ones. In both of these expensive destinations, Club Med managed to weave in a discreet children's world (dedicated playgrounds, pool with water attractions, Mini Club facilities, children's restaurant) which do not interfere with clubs relaxed, high standard atmosphere for couples. You can actually feel like on another honeymoon while your children are having a good time and care in their Club Med Mini world.

Club Med is all about modern luxury and smart solutions: beauty, tranquillity, space and choice. The choice of pleasures. The one thing I know for sure is that in 10 years' time the world of travel and our needs will be completely different from today. I'm also confident that, as always, Club Med will be the first to show us those spots and create them for us.

LIKE IN PARADISE

It's the land of giant, nearly hundred-year-old tortoises and the world's most magical plant dubbed 'Coco de Mer'. It's also the place renowned for perfect beaches, coral reefs throbbing with colourful and fanciful wildlife, the shimmering blue ocean, the ideal climate and unique huge granite boulders on white-sand beaches, arranged as if by divine hand to provide shade to the few visitors here. You could write endless articles extolling the beauty and magic of these islands, but the best ideas is just go there and see for yourself. Thanks to wise environmental policies, the place still boasts prehistoric tropical forests that are home to many endemic species of flora and fauna. Generous nature graced the islands and their surrounding waters with a rich and distinct world of numerous fauna species, not only for lovers of diving and viewing those colourful natural wonders, whose names are non-existent in most languages, but also for connoisseurs of fish and seafood, including such delicacies, as lobsters, crabs, tuna and barracuda. With its favourable, warm climate, consistent temperature and day length throughout the year, as well as numerous small and cosy beaches that rank among the most beautiful in the world.



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Club Med Seychelles



ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE ALPS

In Carinthia, Austria's southernmost state, skiers are spoilt for choice with sunny days and a mild winter climate.



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The region's ski resorts are neatly organized, boast stable snow conditions and, most importantly, are easily accessible and comfortably equipped. From Gerlitzen, where skiers are guaranteed a sufficient snow cover, there is a wonderful view far to the south as far as the Karawanka mountain range. Meanwhile, Bad Kleinkirchheim is the ideal spot to combine skiing and enjoying thermal baths. Spectacular views of numerous three-thousanders can also be enjoyed from the area around Heiligenblut in the Hohe Tauern National Park and from the Mölltaler Glacier.

SKIERS' WHIMS

In Nassfeld, located on the Italian border, you can already feel the southern climate. What's more, the resort has numerous attractions up its sleeve. At Turracher Höhe in the nature reserve of the Gurkha Alps, a ski butler takes care of the skiers' well-being and their every desire. There is also the vast XXL Funpark, which is one of the largest indoor skateparks in Austria. Several smaller, family-friendly ski resorts complete the offer of the region. The Kärnten-Osttirol Topskipass is a good choice for anyone wishing to try several different types of runs. It's valid in as many as 31 ski centres.

MAGIC MOMENTS

A winter holiday in Carinthia is best combined with attractions that have a beneficial effect on your body and soul. But don't forget about your palate, either! Those looking for winter activities away from regular ski slopes, are also offered plenty of options. Those include various touring ski trips, hiking on one of many region's winter hiking trails, ice-skating on Lake Weissensee on Europe's largest natural ice sheet, as well as cross-country skiing or tobogganing - for example on the long, floodlit toboggan run at Kartschberg. And a visit to one of the thermal baths: the Kärnten Therme in Villach or the two thermal baths in Bad Kleinkirchheim, is a guarantee of memorable moments in cosy warmth with winter landscape outside. Add to this modern bathing areas at Millstätter See, Wörthersee and Klopeiner See lakes, which are also open throughout winter.

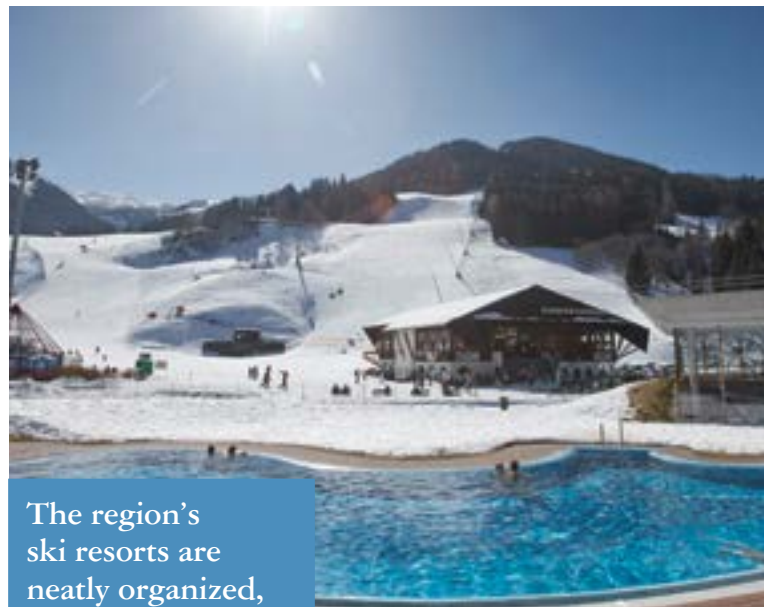
CULINARY DELIGHTS

When the fresh winter air whets your appetite, there is always a suitable place nearby to have a snack or something more substantial. Carinthian cuisine, which is a combination of Alpine flavours and aromas from the coast of the Adriatic Sea, is at the same time a reflection of the best of

DESTINATIONS



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Austrian, Slovenian and Friulian cuisines. In addition, Carinthia is the only state in Austria to place a significant emphasis on Slow Food movement. The concept is especially prominent in two Slow Food regions in the Lavant-tal valley, as well as in the valleys of Lesachtal, Gailtal and Gitschtal with Lake Weissensee. In addition, the idea is promoted in eight Slow-Food-Village locations, including Millstatt and Bad Kleinkirchheim. ■

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POLANKI AQUA Inwestycja poza schematami

Kiedy inne nadmorskie apartamentowce rosną na ciasnych parcelach wśród niemal wielkomiejskiej zabudowy, kompleks Polanki Aqua powstaje na 2,5-hektarowej działce gwarantującej komfort przestrzenny oraz niezakłócony widok na zieleń. A mowa o miejscu oddalonym od centrum Kołobrzegu zaledwie o dwa kilometry, od plaży oddzielnym tylko pasem nadmorskiego lasu i łąki będącej obszarem przyrodniczo chronionym.

Inwestycja Polanki Park składa się z sześciu części oznaczonych w planach literami A-F. Rozpoczęty wiosną br. pierwszy etap (budynki A-B, czyli 110 lokali o powierzchni od 36 do ponad 80 m kw.) zostanie oddany do użytku w ciągu najbliższych miesięcy. Sprzedaż lokali etapu drugiego (C-D) ruszy niebawem. Cała budowa zamknie się w okresie trzech lat.

Nabywcy apartamentów w Polanki Aqua mogą być pewni, że od strony morza nikt nigdy niczego nie wybuduje. Jak i tego, że sąsiedzi nie będą zaglądać im w okna. Wielkość działki pozwoli na ukształtowanie terenu nie jako jednej płaskiej powierzchni, ale wielu mniejszych i większych wzniesień, co umożliwi wyraźne oddzielenie od siebie pewnych stref. Dla przechodnia patrzącego z perspektywy ulicy bryła obiektu ułoży się w kształt litery L. Nie domyśli się on jednak, jak rozległy jest teren od strony wewnętrznej. Tym bardziej nie dowie się, jak oryginalnie został on rozplanowany. Zagospodarowanie przestrzeni rekreacyjnej i części wspólnych

obiektu ma budzić jak najwięcej skojarzeń z wydmami i morzem poprzez maksymalne wykorzystanie piasku i roślinności nadmorskiej.

Łacińskie słowo „aqua” w nazwie kompleksu wskazuje na główny jego wyróżnik, którym jest rekreacja z wykorzystaniem wody. Pod dachem, w części czynnej przez cały rok, powstanie 25-metrowy basen sportowy. Nieco dalej - strefa relaksu otoczona zielenią, z jacuzzi, masażami wodnymi i saunami. W najbardziej nasłonecznionym miejscu, w lekkim obniżeniu, przeznaczoną dla siebie strefę odnajdą dzieci. Można ją nazwać wodnym placem zabaw.

Wypełniony podgrzewaną wodą basen zewnętrzny charakteryzuje nieregularny kształt. Ulokowany w lekkim obniżeniu terenu, otoczony budynkami, stanowi miejsce zaciszne i nasłonecznione. Dotrzeć do niego będzie można wprost ze strefy saunowej lub z dowolnego punktu dziedzińca.

Plany inwestycji - oprócz apartamentów, garaży i miejsc postojowych - uwzględniają m.in. salę fitness dostępną dla wszystkich właścicieli i gości wynajmujących apartamenty. Przewidziano również lokal przeznaczony na usługi typu SPA - masaże i odnowę biologiczną, fizjoterapię, kosmologię, czyli wszystko co służy dbałości o dobre samopoczucie, urodę i ciało.

Na estetyczny wygląd kompleksu Polanki Aqua największy wpływ będą miały balkony (każdy na całą szerokość mieszkania). Wzór na ich szklanych osłonach nazwać można znakiem szczególnym, jednoznacznie identyfikującym inwestycję, a kojarzącym się z falami lub wydmami. Kiedy ktoś popatrzy na obiekt z zewnątrz, odniesie nieodparte wrażenie, że balkony układają się w płynną linię.

Deweloper wszystkie mieszkania oferuje w standardzie pełnego wykończenia i wyposażenia (kompletne umeblowanie, zaopatrzenie w sprzęt AGD, ale również w drobne elementy jak naczynia kuchenne, talerze, sztućce). Nie oznacza to jednak, że w obrębie dostępnych trzech standardów wykończenia wszystkie mieszkania będą zupełnie jednakowe.

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Since Polish mountains deter skier because of huge crowds, while other popular European ski destinations are closed, more and more people start posting their reports from fabulous ski breaks they had in Switzerland. Now, those used to Italian, French or Austrian super-convenient slopes naturally started wondering, which Swiss region would be the best choice for their dream winter holiday packed with good fun and skiing opportunities. But if you are still in a pickle, not knowing, which option to go for, don't despair, because we have for you a perfect solution - a stay at the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen.

All you have to do I fly in there from Zurich. Then it takes a 1,5-hour drive to reach the peaceful town of Andermatt. Situated in the very heart of the Swiss Alps, halfway between Zurich and Milan, the Radisson Blu Reussen boasts a beautiful location in the centre of Andermatt that sits between famous ski slopes.

ANDERMATT

Conveniently located in the central part of the Swiss Alps, the Andermatt-Sedrun-Disentis ski area is a unique region offering a plethora of attractions for everyone, especially for true winter sports lovers. Apart from the great choice of excellent slopes, the area's biggest highlights are state-of-the-art ski lifts and amazing nature.

Notably, it's also one of Switzerland's snowiest areas, offering a great choice of slopes designed to cater to all levels of skiers from novice to expert. Half of them are red runs, while the other ones are marked blue or black. Overall, the Skiarena offers skiers a total of 37 ski runs with a total length of 120 km. Not far (approx. 500 m) from the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen there is a gondola lift taking guests straight to the best slopes. Due to its high location, the Andermatt ski area opens as early as October and you can enjoy skiing there until the end of April.

FREERIDE

The tall, 3000-metre Gemsstock mountain, as well as the whole of Disentis area are a perfect choice for fans of the off-piste (freeride) runs. From Gemstock there are numerous runs going in all directions and leading



back to the valley. Off-piste aficionado are guaranteed to fall in love with the area's pristine slopes with lots of fluffy snow, while natural elevation drops will pose a real challenge for fans of deeper snow layers. If you still find yourself lacking in adrenaline, you can try out the largest halfpipe in central Switzerland, which is 120-metre long, 15-metre wide and 4.5-metre high.

WINTER ATTRACTIONS

The region is well-known for its hospitality and a large number of non-skiing attractions. It's a perfect starting point for mountain lovers. Those eager to enjoy winter hikes will find here a number of picturesque hiking trails. There are literally several dozen kilometres of well-maintained paths and trails leading from Andermatt to Disentis. Tobogganing is also a popular pastime here. Choose from a gentle run from Oberalp to Andermatt, an exhilarating descent from Milez into the valley or a dedicated toboggan run with breath-taking views of Disentis. There is also an ice rink located directly by the hotel. Whatever your tastes, the region offers attractions for all ages, being a great option for families with children.

CUISINE

But Switzerland isn't only about winter sports. The country is also well-known



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for its excellent cuisine. Using the finest regional produce, chef Gerd Rentz translates Andermatt's cultural complexity into the culinary realm, providing a unique taste experience with Rhaeto-Roman, Italian and French influences. The hotel's restaurant serves buffet, à la carte and American breakfast. After a long day of exploring Andermatt, the atmospheric Bärbar, situated around the fireplace, is the perfect place to relax. Rooms and suites



The hotel is made up of two interconnected wings. One of them contains 244 elegant and spacious rooms and suites, while the other one is occupied by residences.

All sport large windows offering unique views of the Alpine landscape. Warm and cosy atmosphere of the place was created using natural materials: wooden floors, natural fabrics and original pieces of furniture. It's an example of successful blend of Swiss highland style and Scandinavian design. You can only imagine how rewarding it is to wake up in the morning to the view of picturesque valleys and enjoy the crisp air, while sipping freshly brewed coffee on the terrace! The hotel is also known for its well-equipped conference facilities. The 466 sq m conference room can accommodate up to 700 people.

UELA SPA & POOL

After a mountain hike it's a good idea to warm up your muscles at the Uela Spa. You can also relax here swimming in a 25-metre pool overlooking the mountains, or opt for a massage with products based on Alpine herbs, honey and water from an Alpine spring. Then fully rejuvenated you will be ready to spend another great day in beautiful Switzerland. radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-andermatt-reussen



Paris in Winter

Winter in Paris is second to none. You can stroll along Boulevard Saint Germain, visit the Luxembourg Garden with its colourful lights, or enjoy an evening at one of Paris' theatres and cabarets. With the Louvre and all the major museums open, there are no crowds and you can finally visit those places at your own pace, without rushing.

Also, restaurants are not too overcrowded and in most of them you don't have to order a table well in advance. Cafe de Flore, Deux Magots, Le Dome, The Bar Hemingway at the Ritz - are all ready for guests. There is one condition, though. When crossing the border into France you must have a valid COVID pass, which must also be presented in restaurants and some museums.

Air France offers two direct flights a day to Paris from Warsaw, and up to four flights a week from Cracow. Those intending to purchase tickets on an Air France or KLM flight can continue to plan their trip without any worries, as they will be able to change their flight or cancel their trip if their plans change unexpectedly, at no extra cost or reason. Both airlines have decided to extend the flexible rules on ticket changes and refunds. They will be valid until 31 March 2022; airfrance.pl

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AMENITIES

A new luxury business lounge has opened at Paris airport (CDG). The facility is available for Air France passengers travelling on short- and medium-haul Schengen flights, including from Po-



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land. The lounge is situated in 2F terminal, and is one of the airline's largest with a surface area of 3,000 sqm and 570 seats spread over two levels. The work of Canadian architects and French designers is intended to imitate the sensation of floating and invite passengers to a relaxing, French-style journey before they even get on the plane. This unique space, away from the hustle and bustle of the airport, is dedicated to Air France business passengers and members of the Flying Blue Elite Plus programme. Those who aren't Flying Blue Elite Plus members can use the lounge within availability for a fee. In collaboration with teams from Air France and the Group ADP, the entire space and most of the furniture were designed by the Jouin Manku agency, founded by Canadian architect Sanjit Manku and French designer Patrick Jouin. It's a real haven of peace and quiet in the heart of the Paris airport. You can enjoy here French specialties and start your journey - while still on the ground - with a glass of champagne. ■

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GASTEIN VALLEY

This unique Austrian region is a dream destination for a unique ski break.

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In addition to hundreds of kilometers of ski runs in three outstanding ski resorts, the Gasteinertal also boasts magnificent historical buildings dating back to the time of Emperor Franz Josef, as well as unique radon water springs.

The main resort of the valley - Bad Gastein - is charmingly situated in a narrow valley, and interlaced by picturesque waterfalls. This cosy little town of just over 5,000 people lies at 1,000 metres above sea level in the state of Salzburger Land, on the edge of the Hohe Tauern National Park.

RADIOACTIVE SECRET

This alpine valley owes its history and fame on a European scale to nature, specifically to radon. The noble and slightly radioactive gas can work wonders. Diluted in thermal water from deep springs and mining tunnels, it has a positive effect on our immune system, improves circulation, and has a good effect on the skin. The healing powers of Gastein springs were reported as early as in the Middle Ages, and the first mention of hot springs in the valley dates back to the Roman Empire.

Originally the baths were used in a rather primitive way, and it wasn't until the 19th century that a full-scale spa was established in Bad Gastein. Among many honorable guests were members of the Habsburg family, Emperor Franz Jo-

seph, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck and the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Those remarkable hotels and true architectural gems are now reminders of the bygone era. Take a look at Grand Park Hotel in Bad Hofgastein with its classicist architecture or the enormous 10-storey Grand Hotel de l'Europe in Bad Gastein, to truly appreciate their style. Interestingly, the local waters were tested for their element and mineral content by Poland's double Nobel Prize winner Maria Skłodowska-Curie.

Today, almost 20 springs of thermal water with temperatures from 44 to 47 degrees Celsius feed many pools in the surrounding hotels. However, the main thermal resorts in the area are the Felsen-therme in Bad Gastein (thermal pools, saunas, massage and beauty treatments), the Alpen-therme in Bad Hofgastein and the Gasteiner Heilstollen, which are old mining adits (tunnels) excavated in one of the nearby mountains. It's a good idea to go there for an inhalation treatment, but also to see how gold was mined here in the past, before the health properties of radon filling the tunnels were discovered.

FOR EVERY SKIER

The Gastein Valley is probably Salzburger Land's most attractive and largest ski region included in the special Ski Amade ski pass, which conveniently enables you to practise your favourite winter sport in almost all the resorts in the Salzburger Land. Ski aficionado may want to know



The whole coming season in Gastein Valley will be packed with interesting events.

that the site hosted the World Alpine Skiing Championships in 1958. The region's main ski centres are Dorfgastein, Bad Hofgastein, Bad Gastein and Sport Gastein. In total, they offer almost 210 kilometres of well-groomed ski slopes suited for all ty-

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pes of skiers - from families with novice children to seasoned skiers looking for a serious challenge.

The largest region is the combined area of Bad Gastein and Bad Hofgastein ski resorts with almost 100 kilometres of pistes of varying degrees of difficulty, located at altitudes from 900 metres to even 2300 metres (Hohe Scharke peak). It's from here that you can ski down a beautiful slope, which leads to Bad Hofgastein and is one of the longest pistes in the Alps. Both ski resorts are connected by the Angertal valley with its slopes guaranteeing to satisfy the needs of the most advanced skiers. In turn, the sunniest sections are those surrounding Stubnerkogel (2251 m), which towers over Bad Gastein. From the town itself you can also go up to the very demanding Graukogel peak (2492 m).

The other two resorts in the Gastein valley can be reached by ski bus. Dorfgastein offers slightly easier pistes and is more suited to the needs of families with children. The icing on the cake is the highest resort in the Gastein valley called Sport Gastein. Its valley (lower) station

is at an altitude of 1590 metres, while its upper station is at the top of the Kreuzkogel mountain at 2686 metres above sea level. Here that the season lasts longest and you can use the lifts until the first weekend of May.

NOT ONLY SKIING

The whole coming season in Gastein Valley will be packed with interesting events, not necessarily ski-related. The season will kick off with a regular event that every snowboard aficionado can't miss - the FIS Snowboard World Cup, which will be held here on 11-12 January 2022.

Throughout the whole season the Gastein Valley will host the unique Art on Snow Gastein winter art festival, where artists create amazing works made from snow and ice. There are also photo exhibitions, paintings, sculptures and innovative multimedia installations accompanying the main event.

Fans of local culinary delights can take part in a Full Moon Dinner, which is a one-of-a-kind open-air dinner held high in the mountains. ■



THE LAND OF LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

WORDS MARZENA MRÓZ

Upper Austria is a picturesque region with Linz as its capital and so much to offer to tourists. With its charming towns, ski slopes and unique tourist attractions, such as the home of the famous Austrian writer Thomas Bernhard, a ski break in this remarkable region is a guarantee of memorable and authentic experiences.

The offer of Upper Austria is aimed at all types of tourists. Those looking for spacious slopes, child-friendly infrastructure and fair value for money will certainly be pleased. No wonder, Upper Austria is one of the most favourite ski destinations for families. The region is, however, also a great choice for all adrenaline rush lovers, as well as those longing for unspoilt nature and unlimited freedom provided by off-piste skiing. In other words, Upper Austria's tourist offer is as diverse as the needs of winter sports enthusiasts. If you're not a single sport devotee, you may want to buy the innovative Snow&Surf pass, which gives you access to ski and snowboard runs on Feuerkogel, as well as to Europe's largest artificial river wave THE.RIVERWAVE.

SLOPES AND BATHS

Snow is crunching underfoot as your gaze runs towards mountains and lakes. You can experience the winter silence in Upper Austria in many ways: on cross-country skis at the Nordic Sports Centre in Böhmerwald, on a touring ski expedition or a snowshoe hike on the Feuerkogel, the Kasberg and Pyhrn-Priel. Unforgettable experiences are also guaranteed with ranger-guided tours of the Limestone Alps National Park or guided excursions for beginners on tour skis. Upper Austria features more than 180 cross-country skiing trails and over 80 winter hiking trails. There are also five excellent thermal baths to choose from:

from Caribbean-style at Therme Geinberg, to the Lebensquell Bad Zell spa on the Mühlviertel hills, to EurothermenResorts in Bad Schallerbach, Bad Ischl and Bad Hall. Spa hotels such as Kurhaus in Schärding, Marienschwestern vom Karmel in Bad Kreuzen and Spa Hotel Bründl in Bad Leonfelden rely on the effective power of the forest to offer naturotherapy, Waldness® and forest air baths.

THOMAS BERNHARD'S HOUSE

Be sure to visit the town of Gmunden on Lake Traunsee, the former resort of the Austrian emperors, where the towering Traunberg peak - a sort of prelude to the majestic Alps - turns red and pink in the evening. With its beautiful views, clean air and good hotels, this is the place to choose for your stay. Just five kilometres from Gmunden, in Ohlsdorf, you will find the house that once belonged to the prominent Austrian writer Thomas Bernhard - an eccentric genius whose prose and internationally staged dramas are often referred to as "the greatest literary achievement since the Second World War."

Bernhard bought the house in the early spring of 1965. He read an ad in a newspaper and without giving it much thought, simply went to Ohlsdorf. Upper Austria is about 220 kilometres away from Vienna and roughly the same from Munich. The estate, standing on foundations dating back to the 14th century, was dilapidated but had potential. Today Bernhard's house in Ohlsdorf resembles a theatre. Every room, hallway or bathroom is perfectly decorated, ready, waiting - but waiting for whom? For the owner or guests? In the room/gallery, where the walls are decorated with theatre posters of Bernhard's plays staged all over the world, there is also his bicycle and even a photograph of the writer pedalling in this very interior. Next to a poster of "Kalkwerk", directed by Krystian Lupa, hangs another one from his play "Heroes' Square", recently staged in Beijing. The stable, cowshed and pigsty were converted into stylish rooms by Bernhard himself, who liked to call himself "the farmer from Obernathal" - and had it even inscribed on his tractor. He spent long years arranging and furnishing the house to his taste. He changed the function of



Visitors to Upper Austria can also enjoy here many diverse facets of culture.

the rooms, bought furniture, numerous items, built tiled cookers, chose individual colours for the rooms. He was clearly interested in the act of creation itself, the all-powerful making process. Many of Bernhard's personal belongings are still present at his home, as is the mood of his unique novels.

WINTER MOOD

Visitors to Upper Austria can also enjoy here many diverse facets of culture - from

ancient to modern art, from nature exhibitions and media art at the Museum of the Future to performances at the Musiktheater in Linz. In addition, the local Christmas markets are so unique that it's best to visit each of them - the famous Wolfgangsee Advent market, the new Advent am Domplatz market in Linz, as well as the Christkindl-Postamt in Steyr. ■

Houses on Water



MARZENA MRÓZ talks to WITOLD WITKOWSKI, the CEO at La Mare houseboat manufacturer.

Having a houseboat is a dream of many. I've seen such constructions in Asia, but now it turns out you can buy them in Poland, too.

Houseboats have been trendy and popular in Western Europe, especially Germany, the Netherlands and Scandinavia, for many years. We have become part of this growing trend and we manufacture houseboats that are on a par with 4-star hotel standards.

Where did the idea for such a business come from?

It was a pure accident. When I visited Sweden 25 years ago, I saw there many houseboats. However, they were very basic constructions, without any comforts. I started to explore this trend and decided to offer something better, more comfortable. In 2009, La Mare houseboats were introduced at a trade show and we soon sold our first units to So-

uth Korea. So far we have manufactured over 200 houseboats and I hope to reach 400 next year.

Where do you send your houseboats?

You can come across them in every European country. Our units are distinguished by the fact that they can be stationed all year round on water and even on ice. Because of this, they work well in Norway or Finland, as well as in the Mediterranean.

Who buys such constructions?

They are bought by people keen to make a capital investment. Instead of another apartment for rent they choose a houseboat, which gives a chance to return the investment after just 4-5 years.

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This is possible by offering charter of several vessels on different waters, in different marinas. They don't have to be sailable, as they can be moored at the shore. They are also purchased by owners of waterside plots of land. Others arrange in them their floating offices. No doubt, such a unique office set on the banks of the river overlooking the cityscape, can make a great impression on the company's customers.

How large are La Mare houseboats?

There are 7 models in our offer, ranging from 20 to 60 square metres plus large front, rear or even up deck terraces. Some houseboats come with a sauna, saline gra-

duction tower, jacuzzi, a hammock hook and the option of attaching a jet ski.

What is the cost of a houseboat?

Prices range from €60,000 to €120,000 for the stationary (non-sailable) version. If the vessel is supposed to sail, a special package must be added, which costs between €20,000 and €60,000 extra. With this additional equipment the houseboat is completely self-sufficient in terms of energy. There are a few houseboats moored at the Marina Park in Gdynia, you can rent them and try them out. This will help you shed any doubts if this is what you are really looking for. You can sail and enjoy freedom! It's really worth trying.

Do you need any license to sails a houseboat?

For vessels that are up to 12 metres long and don't sail faster than 15 km/h you don't need any special licenses.

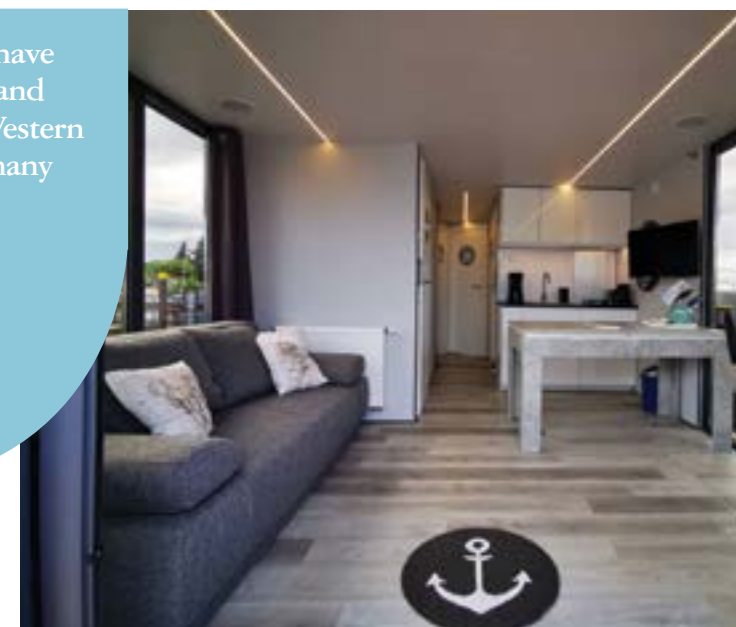
What amenities are the inside La Mare houseboats?

You will find there - among others - a bathroom with toilet, shower, fully equipped kitchen with electric or gas stove, as well as a fridge. The houseboat has central heating and you can also order floor heating. Many customers opt for air-conditioning. It's a real comfort! There is no difference between a houseboat and a hotel suite. I'd even say that the former is better, because it comes with an additional advantage of scenic views.

Thank you.



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LUXURY VILLAS FOR STYLISH STAYS

After the last 18 months of lockdowns and staycations, we're all overdue a holiday abroad – so treat yourself, and the more lavishly the better

SANTORINI, GREECE

With the Andronis Arcadia resort in Santorini, five minutes' walk from the village of Oia, you have the privacy of a villa with all the benefits of a hotel. Spanning over 600 sqm, the three-storey Eden Villa has direct sunset views and a colour palette of white, sand and turquoise. It has six bedrooms, two private pools, its own fitness centre and spa room, and a fully equipped modern kitchen. If you want something smaller, the resort also includes suites through to four-bedroom villas. The hotel has an Evexia Spa, developed in partnership

with Denise Leicester, founder of organic skincare brand Ila Spa.

DETAILS: Price per week from £21,000, sleeps 12.
Andronis Arcadia;
andronis.com/hotels/andronis-arcadia

TUSCANY, ITALY

Podere Celli is an historic Tuscan home ideal for large groups. Surrounded by extensive grounds and gardens, it has a 16 metre-long swimming pool built in travertine stone, with a pergola facing it furnished with sofas and sun loungers – the perfect spot for watching

ABOVE: Sunset views from Eden Villa at the Andronis Arcadia resort in Greece

the Tuscan sunset. At the heart of the property is an open-plan living room, divided by archways into sitting and dining areas, with two large fireplaces. The highlight is the kitchen which has a wood oven, designed for avid cooks, though there is the option of renting the villa complete with cook and staff which might be advisable given it has 13 bedrooms. Plus, Siena is located under one hour's drive away.

DETAILS: Price per week from €11,400, sleeps 26.
Tuscany Now and More;
tuscanynowandmore.com

DESTINATIONS

FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

With views over the sea and Cannes, Villa Lizzie is a Provençal-style bastide with seven bedrooms and plenty of outside space for children to explore. This is a country house with a homely feel to it, featuring a living room with a fireplace, a wine cellar (though you will have to source and pay for the wine), an office, a playroom for younger children and a swimming pool. Five of the bedrooms are in the main villa and each has its own en suite, while the remaining two bedrooms are in a guest house, one with a double bed and the other with twin beds.

DETAILS: Price per week from £23,000, sleeps 14.

One Fine Stay; onefinestay.com

PROVENCE, FRANCE

A former retreat of French royalty, Le Château Aubenas is a 16th-century residence in the rural landscape of the Luberon. The five-bedroom château is sheltered by tall trees, yet elevated enough to enjoy views of nearby hills. Located in gated grounds, it offers complete privacy. Outdoor areas include an olive grove, sun terrace, a barbecue and table-tennis table. There is also a heatable swimming pool in a pine-scented setting, which is

THIS PAGE: Villa Lizzie, Cannes; Podere Celli, Tuscany

open from May to September (and beyond for an additional cost). Inside, high ceilings and old-world artefacts are complemented by stylish contemporary décor. A chef can be pre-booked and Forcalquier's shops, restaurants and market are 10km away.

DETAILS: Price per week from £2,746, sleeps up to eight adults and four children.

CV Villas; cvillas.com

ANDALUCIA, SPAIN

Many villa rentals have the advantage of having a hotel as part of the complex. Located on the Andalusian coast, close to the village of Casares, the resort of Finca Cortesin has a collection of 16 five-bedroom, all en suite villas with

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fully-equipped kitchens and private pools. They overlook a championship golf course, with views of the Sierra Bermeja mountain range. Breakfast is available in the hotel restaurant and the resort also offers complimentary parking and babysitting, freshly cut local flowers, Penhaligon's toiletries and twice daily housekeeping.

DETAILS: Price per week from €40,500, sleeps 10. Preferred Hotels and Resorts; preferredhotels.com

CORFU, GREECE

The grand six-bedroom Villa Doria is ideally located for enjoying Corfu's north-east coast. It's a short drive from Avlaki beach and the waterfront restaurants and cafés in St Stephano, while Kassio-pi's harbour, restaurants and beaches are also within easy reach. The 12-metre long infinity pool is a real draw, while views down the hillside toward the Ionian Sea and across to Albania allow you to watch the sunrise in the morning as you look east, and see the lights along Albania's coastline at night.

DETAILS: Price per week from £2,136, sleeps 12.

CV Villas; cvvillas.com



FROM TOP:
Finca Cortesin,
Spain; Villa Erakle,
Sicily

SICILY, ITALY

The newly built Villa Erakle, located in Eraclea Minoa on the southern coast of Sicily, benefits from a secluded beach nearby and plenty of al fresco dining venues. The villa is set over three floors with five bedrooms, and a main living area with a beautiful fireplace and large windows offering sea views. Outdoor facilities include a swimming pool with sunloungers, a hammock, a barbecue and ping pong table. Meanwhile, the local area offers a great variety of water sport activities.

DETAILS: Price per week from €4,050, sleeps 10.

Villa Travellers; villatravellers.com

TUSCANY, ITALY

Situated in the Chianti region, south of Siena, Villa Vercenni is a large former farmhouse accessed via a cypress-lined drive in a wooded private estate. The six-bedroom villa has been tastefully and artistically restored. The heavily beamed sitting room has a huge inglenook complete with a wood-burning stove, along with ample chairs and sofas, and a wall-wide mural of the estate. Occupying much of the lower floor, the kitchen/breakfast room features a stepped stone floor which opens onto the terrace, offering panoramic views of hills and valleys. The grounds also have a pool that is sunk into lawned surrounds, and a pergola for lunches. A chef can be pre-booked, and there are cafés and small shops in Radda, 3km from the villa, while Siena's attractions are located 33km away.

DETAILS: Price per week from £2,539, sleeps 11.

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The Guardsman, London

BACKGROUND This new-build hotel is part of Preferred Hotels' upscale luxury LVX collection and is owned and operated by Shiva Hotels. The Guardsman opened in May following a soft launch in October, and has 53 rooms and six residences that range from one- to three-bed apartments.

WHAT'S IT LIKE? Guests get a taste of the design from street level, with gold touches and the grey façade mirrored in the colour palette inside. The reception is concierge-like, with just one member of staff on duty, creating a sense of exclusivity. This is reflected in the members club-style interiors, where a geometric golden pattern across the floor-to-ceiling windows prevents people from peeking in.

Design is courtesy of Dexter Moren Associates and Tonik Associates, with lighting provided by Tom Dixon. The ground floor has a bright contemporary drawing room featuring bespoke furniture including Napoleonic armchairs and a replica of Jackie Kennedy's deep-buttoned sofa from the White House, and a Library on the left-hand side for reflective moments. A sleek, winding staircase takes you down to the restaurant, which is only open to hotel residents and their guests.

The Guardsman uses 100 per cent renewable energy sourced from its rooftop solar panels and is BREEAM-certified.



WHERE IS IT? On quiet Vandon Street, just off Buckingham Gate. It's close to the palace itself, as well as the Houses of Parliament. St James's Park Underground station is a three-minute walk away.

ROOMS All rooms and residences have sumptuous queen-sized beds, Nespresso machines and tea facilities, a minibar, a safe, Noble Isle toiletries, and an HD TV with Chromecast. Rooms come in four categories and range in size from 13 sqm to 28 sqm, with bathrooms clad in black and white marble. Each has a walk-in shower, and some have underfloor heating.

The six residences are all named after former female politicians, including my Astor penthouse, named after the first female MP in Britain to take a seat in parliament in 1919. All have an open-plan layout, full kitchens, a work area and views of Westminster. Additional options include a private chef and valet. The Astor Residence is an expansive 117 sqm space that includes three bedrooms and a wraparound terrace offering views of Buckingham Gate and St James's Park.

The hotel uses 100 per cent renewable energy sourced from its rooftop solar panels

The interior design is contemporary, with a neutral colour scheme, splashes of brass, herringbone parquet flooring and large windows that flood the space with natural light. As you enter, there's a vast living and dining space, and a well-equipped galley kitchen with a wine fridge (a nice touch). A leather-topped desk made for a lovely workspace, although I was tempted to use the luxe study down the hall, which also converts into a bedroom.

To the left of the entrance are two bedrooms, each of which has its own USP. The master features an en-suite and access to the terrace, while the other has a Japanese soaking tub in the bathroom.

It's a bit too reliant on technology. The touchscreen panel for lighting and air-con stopped working during my stay, but I in-



formed reception and staff were friendly and eager to help.

FOOD AND DRINK The Dining Room and Bar is open all day and offers a menu of seasonal dishes based on modern British cuisine and a drinks menu with 250 whiskies. Highlights include the Cornish crab on toasted sourdough with guacamole and lemon vinaigrette.

MEETINGS The Library and residences can be privatised.

LEISURE None.

VERDICT The Guardsman offers stylish stays, and a design that pays homage to its political milieu. What it lacks in leisure facilities, it makes up for in luxury, with inviting public areas and ultra-plush residences that have ample space for work and entertainment.

Hannah Brandler

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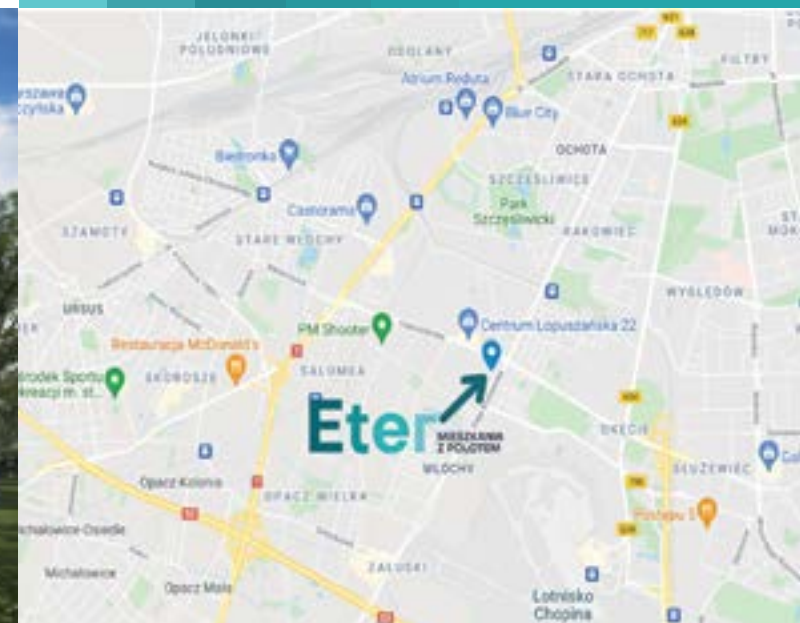
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Bangkok

Enjoy
a leisurely
tour of the
Thai capital

1 Wat Suthat

Take advantage of the relatively calm mid-morning traffic with a cab ride to Bangkok's old city (THB100/£2.20 from Sukhumvit or Silom), where you can explore the myriad royal and religious highlights. Kick off your stroll at the astoundingly beautiful Wat Suthat Thepwararam, home of Thailand's biggest wi-hahn (main chapel), and the Giant Swing, a towering landmark formerly used for Brahman ceremonies. From there, it is an easy walk (or short tuk-tuk journey) to other big-hitting sights, including Wat Saket (Golden Mount), the Grand Palace and temple complex Wat Pho – famous for its giant reclining Buddha.

2 Karim Roti Mataba

Missing an opportunity to eat in Bangkok is woeful – so it's time for lunch. Hip, upscale options near the royal sights include Nusara, an intimate Thai dining room presided over by Michelin-starred chef Thitid "Ton" Tassanakajohn. Alternatively, Phra Athit Road is a brisk walk (or THB50/£1.10 cab ride) away – where old-school dining can be found at Karim Roti Mataba, a Thai Muslim restaurant that has been dishing out crispy roti with curry for about seven decades. Undoubtedly, the star dish is the mataba, with spicy fillings stuffed into a roti before being pan-fried, but the mutton curry and oxtail soup are dishes to look out for. Choose to dine in the shabby but

atmospheric restaurant, or order take-away and devour the flaky, spicy goodness by the banks of the Chao Phraya river. roti-mataba.net

3 Chao Phraya

From Karim Roti Mataba, walk to Pra Athit Pier and catch the Chao Phraya Express Boat downriver to Si Phraya Pier (THB15/30p). The journey along Bangkok's so-called "River of Kings" is a memorable excursion. Take a prime vantage point at the side of the boat and observe the passing cargo barges, riverside communities and landmarks. These include Wat Arun, one of Bangkok's most striking temples, the legendary pile of the Mandarin Oriental hotel, and



the Old Customs House dating back to 1888 – one of the many European-style buildings commissioned by King Chulalongkorn. Designed by Italian architect Joachim Grassi, its dilapidated Palladian grandeur has made it a favourite setting for photo and movie shoots.

4 Warehouse 30

Back on dry land, it's a short walk from the pier to Warehouse 30, a hub for Bangkok's creative community, designed by leading Thai architect Duangrit Bunnag. Transforming a cluster of Second World War-era warehouses, Bunnag and his collaborators have established a creative hub teeming with galleries, dining venues, boutiques and pop-up shops. The revolving cast of vendors at the complex changes regularly. Recent highlights include Aurum Gallery, vintage retailer Horse Unit, and the DAG, a hip communal dining venue. Across the road, be sure to stop by P Tendercool for a browse. Reclaimed colonial-era

hardwood, Burmese teak and gleaming brass add a distinctive flair to the distinctive bespoke tables handcrafted by this design company.

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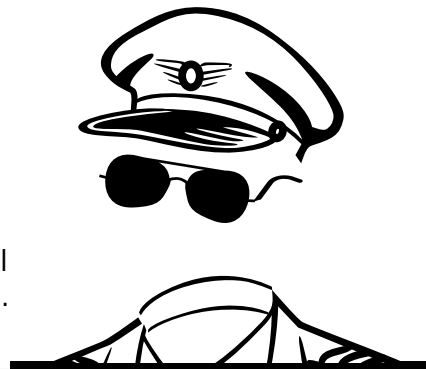
5 Sky Bar

Even its biggest fans would agree that Bangkok's heat and traffic can drain a visitor's energy. Thankfully there's plenty of scope for liquid replenishment at the end of a busy afternoon. The distinctive gold dome at Sky Bar in Lebua at State Tower – a ten-minute walk along Charoen Krung Road from Warehouse 30 – acts as a beacon for thirsty wanderers. As one of the highest rooftop bars in the world (and famous for its starring role in *The Hangover: Part II*), the venue is reliably packed. But the views over the Chao Phraya river are worth sharpening up your elbows for. It's a gilded way to end an action-packed itinerary in Thailand's charismatic capital.

lebua.com

Aye aye captain!

Tipsy passengers, unruly revellers, a cheeky smoke in the loo – it all seems like a bit of fun until somebody gets hurt. Enter the captain...



I am sure that many of you, at some point, will have read media articles about how well paid pilots are. I can neither confirm nor deny this as it depends on who you fly for, what you fly and where you are based. However, as background, I thought you might be interested to know more about the responsibilities and authority of the captain.

First and foremost, the captain is legally responsible for the safety and security of the aircraft and all persons on board. Safety throughout the aviation world is paramount, which is why air travel has earned the reputation of being one of the safest forms of transport. If, at any point, the captain has any concerns in this regard, their decision is final and cannot be overridden.

Before a flight departs, the captain must be satisfied that the aircraft is technically fit to fly, the weather is suitable for the flight and there is sufficient fuel to get to the intended destination. Additionally, the captain has to ensure that air traffic control knows which route is being flown, that the aircraft has been loaded correctly, that security has been checked and that all the customs procedures have been complied with. Once these tasks are complete, the captain will sign two pieces of paper to confirm they are happy to operate the flight.

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THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

Another area of responsibility is to ensure that no person's

behaviour while on board endangers the flight or any other person. In this regard, both verbal and physical abuse are wholly unacceptable and against the law. This includes anyone who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

While on a British-registered aircraft, UK law applies, even when in flight over other countries. Whenever such situations arise, the captain has the authority to act in order to bring the situation under control. This could involve a verbal warning, asking the police or security services to attend the aircraft on arrival, or, if all else fails, to order the crew to physically restrain the person until the appropriate authorities arrive.

Regarding alcohol, it is actually illegal to be drunk on board an aircraft, and in this regard the captain can refuse boarding or stop the serving of further alcohol to a passenger who, in the crew's judgement, has had sufficient. Indeed, the captain can refuse boarding to anyone they deem to be a risk to the safety of the flight.

A common situation I have dealt with several times is a passenger refusing to fasten their seatbelt, or to cease using their mobile phone when asked to do so. Again, it is illegal to disobey an order from the crew that relates to the safety of the flight and a warning to that effect, in my experience, resolves the situation very quickly.

There have been occasions where a passenger has, for instance, been smoking in the toilet, or has behaved inappropriately, where a warning has not sufficed and I have called ahead for the police to meet

the aircraft. I am pleased to say that, on every occasion, the police have been most supportive and used the full force of the law to deal with the seriousness of the situation.

IN SAFE HANDS

There are too many responsibilities to detail in this article, but it goes without saying that throughout the flight, the captain is ultimately responsible for any actions or decisions that are taken. It is in an emergency situation where this is most relevant. In these circumstances, the captain must use their skills, and those of the crew, to ensure the outcome is never in doubt. As you might expect, these situations can be highly pressurised and for the captain carry enormous responsibility.

Returning to my comments at the start of this article referring to pay, we say we are not paid for the 99 per cent of the time when everything goes to plan but for the 1 per cent when something unexpected or challenging occurs and you are safely returned to Mother Earth to live another day.

I am often asked, "Do you ever feel the weight of all that responsibility on your shoulders when you are flying?" The answer I give is, "No, we are so well trained that it's just another day in the office."

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