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# Welcome

Pieter Elbers

## CONNECTING THE WORLD



### Cover Story

*When one door closes, another one opens:* in this case, it's the aircraft door that opened once the office door had closed. The 'new normal' of working from home has given rise to a new phenomenon: the digital nomad, a remote worker who can live anywhere. Our cover depicts Tulum in Mexico, which is one of the dream destinations for digital nomads in our Happy Places article (p. 52).

It's a constant source of amazement for me that something KLM's first director, Albert Plesman, said so many decades ago remains just as relevant today: "The ocean of the air unites all people." This statement expresses an ideal held not just by Plesman, but by so many people around the world. Citizens across the globe board aircraft to connect with others, for business or leisure. This, for me, is what makes civil aviation so beautiful. We make it possible for people to travel swiftly and safely – and increasingly sustainably – across the world to see one another, and to get to know and understand each other's cultures.

Connecting has always been at the heart of KLM's global route network. After WWII, when it became possible for aircraft to cover larger distances between stops, KLM was able to massively expand its intercontinental network. We started with New York, which was followed rapidly by destinations in Africa and South America. The ideal became reality. Fortunately, we're still able to offer our customers a vast number of destinations, connecting the world through our hub at Schiphol. KLM's network mentality – that the value of a journey lies not only in passengers being able to travel from A to B, but also from B to C – has guided us from the beginning.

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This is how we help you to find new connections, which is key to increasing our understanding of, and respect for, one another.

The theme of this edition of *Holland Herald* is 'dream and ambition'. Ambition helps you make your dreams come true. I like this theme because this is how ideals are transformed into

reality. KLM was made to build the future, and we work towards that goal every single day.

Never giving up is a key theme in André Kuipers' column (p. 22). Perseverance, positive thinking and pursuing dreams are qualities that have brought humanity beautiful things. Let's not forget this as we look for new connections.

I wish you a comfortable and safe journey. Perhaps you'll have an interesting conversation with your neighbour. After all, connections occur not only at destinations, but also on journeys to them.

### Pieter Elbers

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**Your Next Destination**

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## MEET THE TEAM



## Anouk De Kleermacker

Anouk is a photographer with a passion for travel and people. She works for various companies and magazines, both nationally and internationally. Her specialities are: portrait, interior, food, travel and lifestyle photography. Anouk photographed baker Carl Siegert for this issue's Fly Responsibly story (p. 64).

**Anouk's travel tip:** "If you travel to Marrakech, don't miss the Majorelle Garden. Meticulously restored by the late fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent and his business partner, the late Pierre Bergé, it honours Moorish traditions in an intriguing tropical setting. It's an oasis of peace."



## Alexandra de Jong

"There's nothing more inspiring than discovering new places on this Earth, getting to know other cultures and enjoying exciting local cuisine," says Content Director Alexandra. "For me, it's always a pleasure to compile *Holland Herald*. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do, and that it gives you plenty of travel inspiration!"

**Alexandra's travel tip:** "Eco Hotel Plantage Rococo in Velsen-Zuid, the Netherlands, is a lovely place to stay in summer. For dinner at this old country house, you can either enjoy a tasty meal surrounded by vintage design elements inside, or order a picnic basket of homemade organic delicacies and eat in the gardens."



## Suzanne Stougie

Whether it's a yummy recipe for a celebrity chef, a snappy tagline for a top-notch brand or an engaging article for a magazine, freelance writer Suzanne makes words work their magic wherever she goes.

With lockdowns lifting, she's started dreaming of a life away from her home office, as a digital nomad. Discover her top destinations for remote workers in our Happy Places article (p. 52).

**Suzanne's travel tip:** "There are dozens of lovely, lively lidos dotted around Berlin. My favourite is Wannsee Beach. With its beautiful lake, old-fashioned feel and surrounding forest, it has all the essentials for a grand day out."

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## IDYLIC COTTAGE IN STOCKHOLM

PHOTOGRAPHER MAURO ANGELANTONI WAS VISITING HIS PARENTS-IN-LAW WHEN THEIR COTTAGE BECAME BATHED IN A WARM GLOW.



One of the things I really love about Stockholm, and Scandinavia in general, is the light. It's very different from the light in Italy and it has an unusual quality about it, especially in autumn, which is when I took this picture. I was visiting my parents-in-law who live in a residential area on the outskirts of Stockholm called Lännersta. Their cottage is next to a body of water that had partly frozen over, creating a smooth surface that enhanced the building's warm reflection.

Stockholm is an amazing place to be. Even though I moved here from Milan 14 years ago, I keep falling in love with it. While Stockholm has beautiful museums, bars and people, it's not your typical city. For one thing, it's part of an archipelago that comprises 30,000 islands, which is something that not a lot of people know about. Sweden's capital is, therefore, known for its water sports, such as sailing and canoeing. But it's also popular due to its

abundance of flora and fauna. It has beautiful forests where you can see animals such as deer and elk, for instance.

One of my favourite things about living up here is the vast emptiness of the Swedish countryside. When you drive out of Stockholm, you reach the middle of nowhere quite quickly and it can seem like you're on another planet. It's both frightening and amazing at the same time.

### Your Photo

If you'd like to have your travel photo featured in this section, email a landscape (300dpi) image to: [hollandheraldhome@hearst.nl](mailto:hollandheraldhome@hearst.nl).

### Monthly Prize

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# The SELECTION

Holland Herald presents a global selection of things to see, do, taste, meet & wish for.



Ballet

## SHOOTING STARS

It's the dream of many young dancers around the world to be selected to join the Dutch National Ballet's Junior Company. The lucky selected dancers are now touring the Netherlands with the *Shooting Stars* programme and will be performing various pieces including *In the Future*, a jazzy performance originally created in 1986 by Hans van Manen, who's celebrating his 90th birthday this year.

5-25 May; [operaballet.nl](http://operaballet.nl)

# TO *see*

Amsterdam

## BISOU FOR YOU

LOOKING FOR AN ART SPACE THAT FEELS LIKE A LIVING ROOM? AMSTERDAM'S BISOU GALLERY IS THE PLACE TO GO.



Located right on the waterfront of Amsterdam's Eastern Docklands, Bisou Gallery is a great space for art lovers who are looking to be inspired by both young, upcoming and established artists. The owners like to mix and match the artworks and make the space feel like home. [bisougallery.com](http://bisougallery.com)

Bath Mat Eye

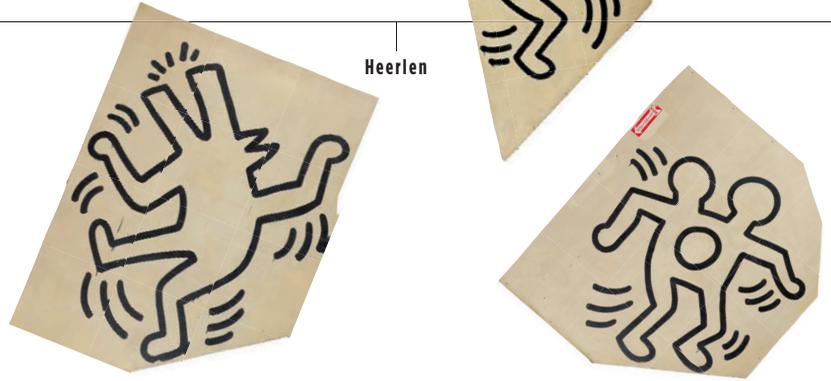


### Good-looker

Take a look in the bathroom mirror while standing on this eye-catching baby pink mat for instant good vibes.

€42.95; [kitschkitchen.nl](http://kitschkitchen.nl)

Heerlen



## KEITH HARING'S MURAL ART

Between 1982 and 1989, American artist Keith Haring painted more than 40 public murals all over the world. Many of them were made for charities, hospitals, nurseries and orphanages. The *Grace House Mural*, created in a Catholic youth centre in New York circa 1983/1984, is a striking example. The 13 wall pieces, which were meticulously removed when the centre shut down, are now being showcased in Europe for the first time ever at the SCHUNCK Museum in the Dutch city of Heerlen. There are also various other paintings and drawings by Haring on display, plus background information from his friends and colleagues. Until 25 Sept; [schunck.nl](http://schunck.nl)

San Francisco

## COUTURE FANTASY



From China's imperial past and the grandeur of European court life to architecture and the botanical world: Chinese fashion designer Guo Pei draws inspiration from many sources for her dazzling creations. The Legion of Honor (one of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco) is celebrating her extraordinary designs with *Guo Pei: Couture Fantasy*, the first comprehensive exhibition of her groundbreaking work. The exhibition includes more than 80 items from the past 20 years, including singer Rihanna's spectacular gown from the 2015 Met Gala.

Until 5 Sept; [famsf.org](http://famsf.org)

When temperatures rise in summer, **the Eiffel Tower** becomes a few centimetres taller due to thermal expansion



*Blue Dancer*  
Gino Severini, 1912

The Hague

## MONDRIAN MOVES

This year marks 150 years since the birth of Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (1872-1944) and to celebrate, Kunstmuseum Den Haag has put together an exhibition exploring, among others, Mondrian's inspiring relationships with friends and fellow artists of his time, such as Italian artist Gino Severini, who painted this mosaic-style *Blue Dancer* in 1912.

Until 25 Sept; [kunstmuseum.nl](http://kunstmuseum.nl)



# Take a dive

AT MUSEUM VOORLINDEN



**Suzanne Swarts,**  
**director at Museum**  
**Voorlinden, explains**  
**Swimming Pool by**  
**Leandro Erlich.**

Swimming Pool is fascinating and truly immersive. You can walk around in the life-sized pool (don't worry, you won't get wet) and gaze up at

the people above you. Or you can look down at it from the edge. The piece is playful and keeps changing depending on the light and who's 'under water'. Maybe that's why it's a favourite with visitors of all ages, especially for Insta photos. Argentinian conceptual artist Leandro Erlich (1973), who likes to play with new perspectives on familiar objects,

made it specially for the museum. It's part of our permanent collection, so it's always on view.

#### Where and when?

Address: Buurtweg 90, 2244AG Wassenaar  
 Opening times: museum (11am-5pm);  
 restaurant (10.30am-6pm)  
 From Wassenaar by car: The Hague (20 mins);  
 Schiphol (25 mins); Amsterdam (45 mins)  
 Buy your ticket at the museum or online:  
[tickets.voorlinden.nl/en](https://tickets.voorlinden.nl/en)

# TO wish for

Q&A Debora Leeser



## SPARKLE INNOVATION

ARE THERE TRENDS IN JEWELLERY? WE ASK GASSAN DIAMONDS' CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER DEBORA LEESER.

**How have the past two years been for Gassan?** We had to make a lot of changes seeing as many international visitors couldn't make it to us in Amsterdam. So we used the time to focus on the local market, online sales, redesigning our building and investing in our younger lines, such as Choices by DL and Trophy by Gassan.

**What trends do you see in jewellery?** We've seen an increased interest in timeless statement pieces, such as a beautiful diamond ring or a pearl necklace. Exclusivity is also a trend, from limited-release collections to watches that are collector's items, and custom-made pieces. And lastly, we've also seen a bigger demand in colour and variation, which is what the Choices by DL collection is all about.

**What advice do you have for first-time jewellery buyers?** Invest in diamonds, not gold; it's a safer investment. But primarily, buy something that means something to YOU. [gassan.com](http://gassan.com); [choicesbydl.nl](http://choicesbydl.nl)



Soap

## DO NOT EAT

Based on this object's shape and appearance, your first instinct might be to take a bite. But don't be fooled: this sweet-looking thing is the Halo Soap bar by conscious brand Kinfill, and it even has its own classy dish. €19.95; [kinfill.com](http://kinfill.com)

Several companies are working on **smart glasses**, which could eventually replace mobile phones

Gadget

## Hermès x Apple

What do you get when you bring a luxury brand and a technology giant together? A very smart (not to mention stylish, beautiful and cutting-edge) watch. [apple.com](http://apple.com)



Headphones

## LISTEN UP!

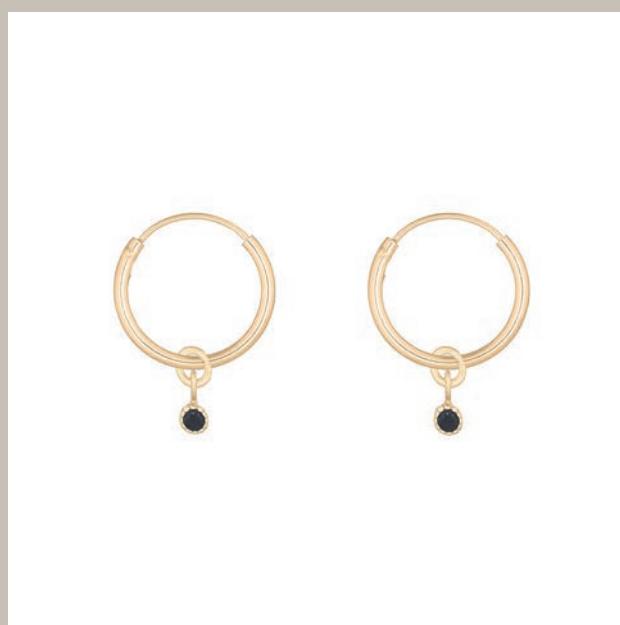
Whether you like to listen to music while on the go, watch films on board or cancel out the background chat in the office, look no further than the Beoplay HX headphones by Bang & Olufsen, which are of the highest quality. With leather and memory foam ear cushions, the Beoplay HX envelops you in luxurious cocoon-like comfort for an impressive 35 hours with active noise cancellation enabled.

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# TO meet

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Q&A Mohammad Semhani

## MASTER OF SCENTS

DO COUNTRIES HAVE SMELLS? AND CAN ONE LEARN HOW TO DISTINGUISH A PERFUME'S INGREDIENTS? SYRIAN-BORN MOHAMMAD SEMHANI OF DUTCH PERFUME EXPLAINS.

### How did you become a perfumer?

I grew up in the harbour city of Latakia in Syria. When I was a young boy, my grandfather imported essential oils and he would let me smell them. It turned out that I had a talent for smelling and distinguishing scents. But he taught me a lot of skills too, such as knowing which combinations do and don't work. Coffee aroma, for example, does not go with woody ones, but it's excellent with something sweet, grapefruit or orange. In 2008, I decided to open my own perfume shop in Latakia and quickly became known as 'The Nose of Latakia' because I was making customised perfumes for people on the spot. Unfortunately, when the war broke out, I decided to flee the country with my family and had to leave my shop.

**Now you run a shop called Dutch Perfume in The Hague. How did that come about?** I always knew that I wanted to come to the Netherlands and continue my business here because a lot of ingredients for perfume, such as flower extracts and alcohol, are produced here. Partly thanks to Stichting De Stadscoalitie of The Hague, a foundation that helps refugees put their expertise back into practice, I was able to start Dutch Perfume and open a shop in the city centre. I don't sell perfumes by any big brands; I make original perfumes for customers on the spot instead, and I use the wide array of pure ingredients I have here. First, people can tell me about one or two of their favourite perfumes, and then I put together a scent and let them smell it. Or I make something from scratch for them, which is actually even more fun and challenging.

### Do countries have different smells?

Definitely. Two scents that always take me back to Syria, and that I miss, are those of jasmine and freesia. You can find them at any market there. I'm planning to make a series of perfumes for all the provinces of the Netherlands, but I have to explore them all first.

### Lastly, do you have a favourite smell

**and, if so, what is it?** I don't have a favourite smell, but I love the smell of history; old scents that have been around since the beginning of time, such as geranium, with its lemony aroma and potent warm green scent.

[dutchperfume.eu](http://dutchperfume.eu)



# Growing Green Almere

**Almere is the host of the Floriade Expo 2022, themed 'Growing Green Cities'. Almere was designed as a 'Garden City'; a landscape consisting of urban elements, with focus on green areas and water. The city is the perfect host for the Floriade, one of the world's biggest horticultural expos. But there's much more to the city of Almere!**

## Explore a young city

Contrary to many Dutch cities, Almere is half a century old and only a twenty-minute drive from Amsterdam. The city is rich in modern architecture, created by the world-famous Herman Hertzberger and Rem Koolhaas. No wonder Almere is considered a must-visit for architecture aficionados.

## Shop till you drop

Located near the Floriade Expo 2022, Almere Centrum is the perfect destination for a fun day of shopping. You'll find a great blend of international brands and boutiques here, and the main market square (Grote Markt) and Belfort square are packed with restaurants and bars. If you prefer a movie or

a performance, you can head over to the cinema and theatre at the Weerwater. What is also good to know, is that Almere Centrum is car-free. The train stops in the middle of the city centre.

## Take a bike safari

Looking for an adventure? Just rent a bicycle at the Almere Tourist Office and get ready to explore the green gems in and around Almere. Since you're on the soil of the former inner sea Zuiderzee, the area now called Oostvaardersplassen is a unique nature destination with some beautiful flora and fauna.

## Stay the night

If you want to experience a city, both during the day and at night, it's best to stay over. From luxury 4-star hotels to campsites in the middle of nature – Almere has many different options for every budget. What about booking a beach lodge overlooking the IJmeer, or sleeping in a lighthouse? Or you can spend the night at a local bed & breakfast; one that's located at a wine estate, for example. There are plenty of options!



## FLORIAD E X P O 2 0 2 2 : G R O W I N G G R E E N C I T I E S

Every ten years, one city in The Netherlands forms the stage of the international horticultural Expo Floriade. For this year's edition, themed 'Growing Green Cities', Almere is the place to get inspired on everything green. From 14 April till 9 October 2022, Floriade shows you the best green innovations. Like the hyper modern 'The Green House' where the Dutch horticultural industry shows you the effects of green on your happiness and the Natural Pavilion, where you can see over 100 bio-based materials. Get ready to for a greener future at [Floriade.com/en](https://www.floriade.com/en)



Curious to learn more about a visit to Almere during Floriade Expo 2022? Scan this QR-code or go to [visitalmere.com/en](https://www.visitalmere.com/en)

# TO *taste*

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Gadget

## DIVE IN

Focusing on functionality, aesthetics and humour, PELEG DESIGN creates some pretty original kitchen and home products. This Dip Sea dipping dish for olive oil and balsamic vinegar is a great example. It's perfect for plunging your bread into. €15; [peleg-design.com](http://peleg-design.com)



Restaurants

## ASIAN IN THE LOW LANDS

ARE YOU IN THE NETHERLANDS AND CRAVING SOME ASIAN CUISINE? TRY THESE THREE TOP-NOTCH RESTAURANTS.



### Aji

During his many travels through Asia and Latin America, Dutch chef Pelle Swinkels fell in love with the aji chilli and he's now serving this and other exciting flavours at his Rotterdam restaurant. [restaurantaji.nl](http://restaurantaji.nl)



### Red Chilli

The Dutch countryside might not be the first place you'd expect to find top Chinese-Vietnamese cuisine, but at Red Chilli restaurant in Nieuwe Niedorp, this is exactly what you'll get. [redchilli.nl](http://redchilli.nl)



### UMAMI by Han

UMAMI by Han is all about social dining. The kitchen here is modern Chinese fusion and can be enjoyed in The Hague, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Maastricht and Rotterdam. [umami-restaurant.com](http://umami-restaurant.com)

Afternoon tea

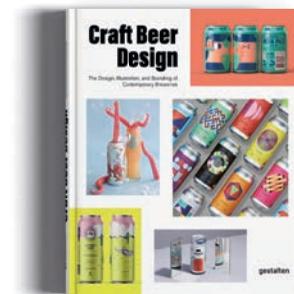
## BEAUTIFUL BITES



While the term 'high tea' is often used when referring to the fancy midafternoon affair of tea and sweet and savoury snacks, the correct term is actually 'afternoon tea', and the concept was introduced circa 1840 by Anna Russell, the British Duchess of Bedford, who had a rather healthy appetite. Inspired by a Guerlain fragrance, The Beauty & The Bee Afternoon Tea served at Amsterdam's Waldorf Astoria hotel is almost too beautiful to eat. [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

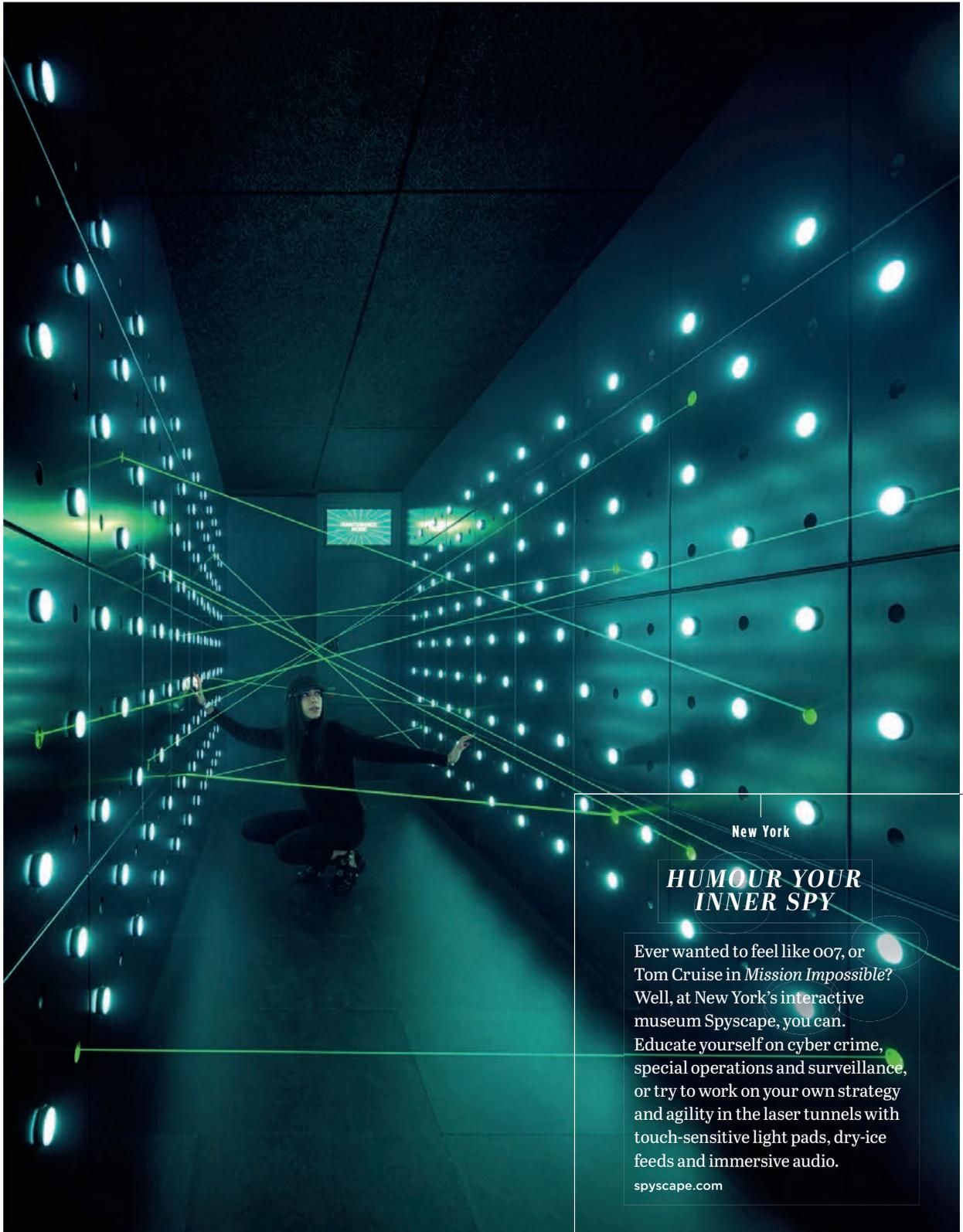
Book

## CREATIVE CRAFT BEER



The craft beer market has exploded over the past decade, and it has not only led to new creative flavours, but also to some beautiful packaging design. In this new publication by Gestalten, Danish designer Peter Monrad shares his favourites. [gestalten.com](http://gestalten.com)

# TO do



New York

## HUMOUR YOUR INNER SPY

Ever wanted to feel like 007, or Tom Cruise in *Mission Impossible*? Well, at New York's interactive museum Spyscape, you can. Educate yourself on cyber crime, special operations and surveillance, or try to work on your own strategy and agility in the laser tunnels with touch-sensitive light pads, dry-ice feeds and immersive audio.

[spyscape.com](http://spyscape.com)

Leonardo da Vinci's **Mona Lisa** was stolen from the Louvre Museum in 1911

Den Bosch

## STEP UP YOUR SNEAKER GAME

Once only worn when practising sports, sneakers have become a multibillion-dollar industry, and the preferred daily footwear choice for many. But sneakers have also become a design object, and limited releases are as desirable for collectors and traders as rare art pieces. The *Sneakers Unboxed* exhibition at the Design Museum in Den Bosch dives into the history and magic of exclusive kicks.

3 May-2 Oct; [designmuseum.nl](http://designmuseum.nl)



Eindhoven

## SEW IT YOURSELF

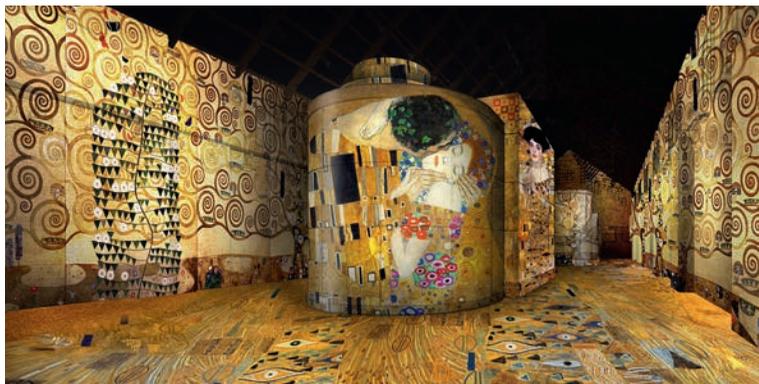
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Amsterdam

## GUSTAV KLIMT ALL AROUND



Looking at an artwork in a museum is great, but what if you could surround yourself with it and completely immerse yourself in the artist's world? Step into Fabrique des Lumières, a new digital art centre in Amsterdam's Westergasfabriek, and find out for yourself. In its opening exhibition, *Gustav Klimt, Gold in Motion*, it takes visitors back to the Imperial Vienna of the late 19th century and offers a unique look at the work of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and his successors.

Until 31 Dec; [fabrique-lumieres.com](http://fabrique-lumieres.com)

# Column

André Kuipers

## NEVER GIVE UP

AT AN EARLY AGE, DUTCH ASTRONAUT ANDRÉ KUIPERS LEARNT AN IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON FROM HIS FATHER, AND IT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO HIS LIFE THEREAFTER.

**“I always had my father’s simple life advice to help me”**



In the beginning, it was a childhood dream. I was 12 years old when my grandmother gave me three sci-fi novellas – from the Perry Rhodan series – that she had bought for one guilder (about one euro) at her local tobacco shop. It was the spark that set my mind on outer space. I was hooked. While my friends dreamt of being Batman or another superhero, I fantasised about seeing the Earth from space.

Later, in high school, my dream turned into a real aspiration when I saw stunning pictures taken from a space shuttle. Raised eyebrows were to be expected when I expressed my wish to see this view with my own eyes. I could sense my friends thinking ‘sure, dream on’, but I couldn’t blame them for not taking me seriously. So, while I accepted their compassionate smiles, I was determined to chase my dream anyway.

My parents had known for a long time that I was serious about wanting to become an astronaut. I don’t think they considered my interest in space to be a realistic career goal, but their attitude was very important: they never ridiculed my dream, nor did they tell me that it was impossible to achieve.

My father was keen to see his three sons maximise their intellectual potential at school so they could go to university. This was due to the fact that he hadn’t had that opportunity himself because he’d started working at an early age, which was expected of him.

My father was convinced that a good education would make life easier for his sons.

But the question still remained: How could I realise my dream? There’s no such thing as astronaut school. Aspiring astronauts are pilots, engineers, scientists or physicians first. They have several years of work experience and they’re healthy, responsible and adventurous team players, among other things. Even if they fit the profile, they must be patient and they may only get one opportunity to apply in their lifetime. Astronaut selections in Europe take place every 10 years or so, and substantial numbers of people apply. In the current selection, no less than 23,000 people applied for 6 positions. This can be all too discouraging for a lot of people, but I always had my father’s simple life advice to help me face even the biggest challenge: Be motivated, investigate possibilities, seize opportunities and take the plunge for one simple reason, so you never have to blame yourself for not having tried.

A space mission is not everyone’s cup of tea, of course. I use my experience to teach youngsters what my father taught me: find your passion and go for it. As long as there are chances or alternative roads, don’t give up. Some of my American colleagues tried three or four times before they got into NASA. So, whatever your goal is in life, never let anybody convince you that you can’t do it. Find out for yourself. «

# EAT *out*



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## CRISPY SURPRISE

Berlin's Kin Dee restaurant doesn't serve your usual Thai fare. This tapioca cracker with preserved fennel, Aurora chilli and smoked trout on top – called Nam Prig Pla – is just one of the many tasty dishes on its unique menu. Self-taught chef Dalad Kambhu only uses locally sourced fish, meat and seasonal vegetables to create her Thai dishes with a twist. Kambhu and Kin Dee, which means 'eat well' in Thai, were awarded a Michelin star in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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# BOSTON

AS THE OWNER OF BOSTON-BASED PRAISE SHADOWS ART GALLERY, YNG-RU CHEN HAS THE INSIDE SCOOP ON BOSTON'S ART, CULTURE, FOOD, SHOPPING AND MUST-DOS. HERE ARE HER TOP RECOMMENDATIONS.



**What makes you proud to be a Bostonian?** I moved back to Boston from New York with my husband and kids in 2019, and we don't regret the decision one bit. The cultural institutions are world-class, the food is great, the people are smart and Boston's full of history. It's also international, and one of the most diverse cities in the US.

**What are the must-dos?** Given that Boston sports teams are legendary, I recommend seeing a Boston Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park (4 Jersey St). I also recommend visiting the gorgeous Boston Public Garden (1) (4 Charles St). Afterwards, walk through the nearby Beacon Hill area and see the bar (84 Beacon St) that inspired the TV show *Cheers*.

**Favourite restaurants?** The pastas at Pammy's (2) (928 Massachusetts Ave) are perfect, and the interior is warm and festive. Chef Chris Willis serves beautifully

crafted Italian favourites with unexpected flavours, such as the Lumache with Bolognese sauce and Gochujang. For lunch, try the *kaiseki* dishes at the authentic Japanese restaurant, Shiki (9 Babcock St). All of our artists from out of town have been there and adore the owner Misako and her food.

**Best cultural hotspot?** The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (25 Evans Way) is always on my list. The idiosyncratic palazzo design, the art heist that continues to confound the FBI and the exquisite masterpieces make it truly unique.

**What about hidden gems?** Bodega (3) (6 Clearway St), which is a literal hidden experience. It appears to be a small convenience store, but a cleverly disguised entrance leads to a large clothing/shoe shop with a worldwide following. If you're into streetwear, put this on your list. Furthermore, Clear

Flour Bread & Bakery (178 Thorndike St), which is the best bakery in the world, is so charming and discreet, you'd think you'd wandered into a boulangerie in a French village.

**Great place to escape the hustle and bustle?** Mount Auburn Cemetery (4) (580 Mt Auburn St) is where I go for a mental and spiritual reset. It's the first 'garden' cemetery in the US, and it's a designated National Historic Landmark.

**How to get around the city?** The "T" (the MBTA subway) runs to nearly all of the spots I recommended. With so many universities and students, many people rely on public transportation in Boston. You can also rent bicycles from Bluebikes, which has kiosks all over the city.

**Best places for shopping?** The Coolidge Corner area has great shopping and focuses on independent businesses. I recommend the beloved

Brookline Booksmith (5) (279 Harvard St), which recently celebrated its 60th birthday; Buffalo Exchange (312 Harvard St) for vintage clothes; Maruichi Japanese Food & Deli (306 Harvard St) for tasty snacks, cute home goods and stationery; the music shop Village Vinyl & Hi-Fi (307 Harvard St) for records; and Praise Shadows Art Shop (313A Harvard St), the section of our gallery that carries artist-made items and art books.

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*Chris Willis serves Italian favourites*



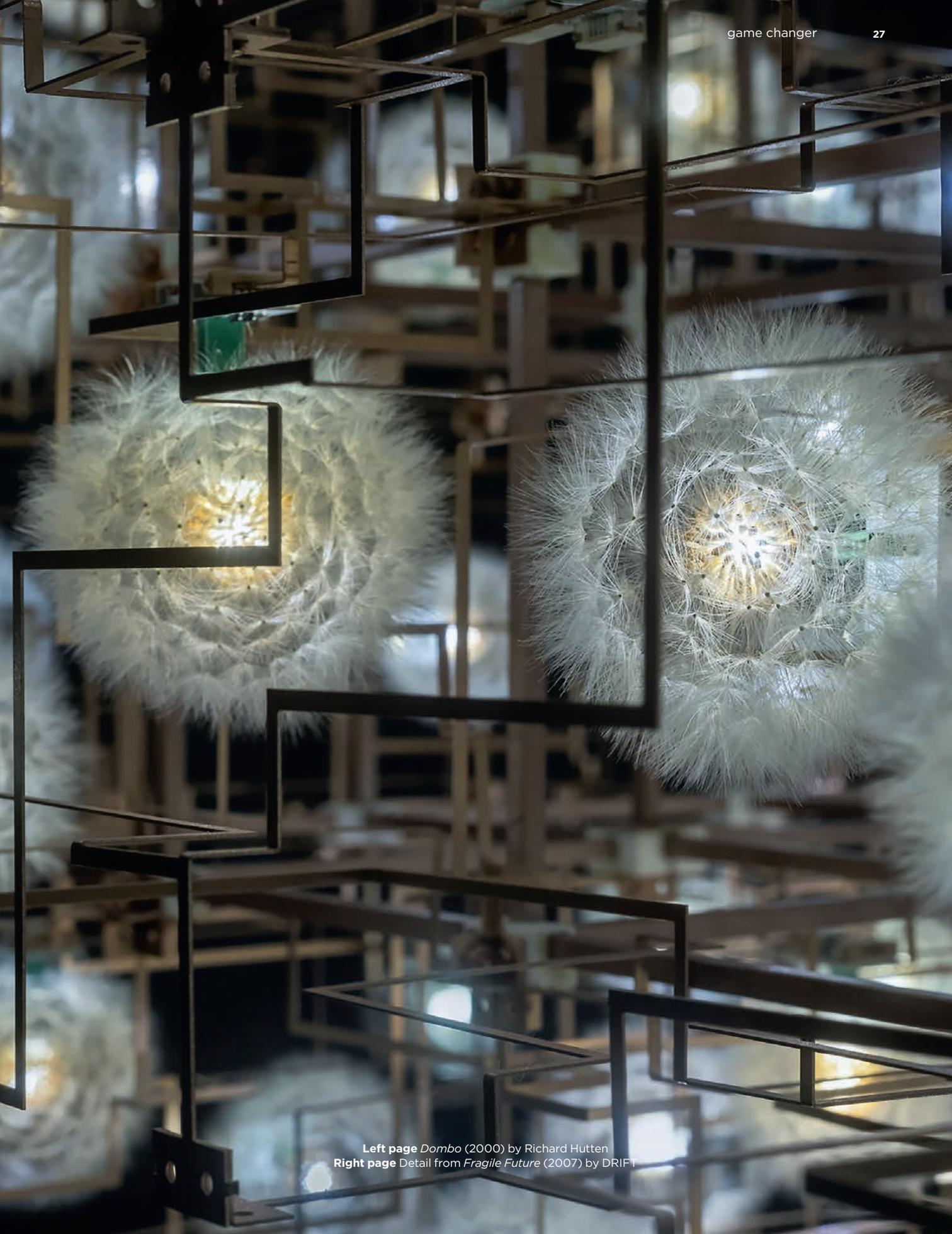
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**Dutch Design**

# *G O T* *I T* *M A D E*

With their refreshing and unconventional aesthetics, Dutch designers have been causing a stir on the international art and design scene since the early 1990s. Remarkably, Dutch Design solutions are now pushing the boundaries to help meet urgent planetary challenges.

Text Marieke Verhoeven



**Left page** *Dombo* (2000) by Richard Hutten  
**Right page** Detail from *Fragile Future* (2007) by DRIFT

**D**roog, a collective of young and bold designers from the Netherlands, captivated visitors at the 1993 edition of the world's biggest design fair Salone del Mobile in Milan. A lamp consisting of 85 light bulbs hanging upside down by Rody Graumans, a cabinet made of scrap wood by Piet Hein Eek and a stack of drawers held together with a strap by Tejo Remy were just a few of the standout designs that made the collection an instant success. Where Scandinavian design was praised for its minimalism and harmony, and Italian design for its elegance and craftsmanship, these Dutch designers were bringing something new to the table (pardon the pun). Their works were such an overwhelming success that two members of the Droog delegation, Gijs Bakker and Renny Ramakers, decided to turn the collection into an official company under the same name. The goal was to promote the Dutch Design movement internationally, while working together with knowledge institutes, such as Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), on product innovation. The result was a wave of fresh and bold designs by a new generation of young designers that marked the start of Dutch Design as an internationally recognised phenomenon.

The annual Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven, due to take place in October, will offer a platform on which upcoming talent and established designers can showcase their new creations. As Head of the Dutch Design Foundation, Martijn Paulen has been keeping a close eye on developments in the Dutch and international design worlds for years. "If you consider the way in which the Netherlands was constructed, in an ongoing battle against water, it was actually designed on the drawing table," he says. "Looking at the country from above, you can see the man-made straight lines of our landscape. So, it's no wonder that this innovative and hands-on approach is part of our DNA." Another common thread, which is linked to this urgency for practicality, is the use of existing materials. "Nowadays, sustainability has to be an essential element of any new design, but for many Dutch designers, this has always been a starting point," adds Paulen. "Take Piet Hein Eek, who works with waste materials, or Tejo Remy's *Chest of Drawers* [1991], which only consists of existing drawers. Dutch designers have always had a naturally sustainable way of working."

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#### **Design with a message**

Over the past 30 years, Dutch Design has evolved and reinvented itself in line with the global digital and sustainable revolution. "I definitely see a shift in Dutch Design from being funny, smart and aesthetically pleasing to focusing on interactive design with a deeper message," Paulen explains. "It's more socially and environmentally driven, aiming to contribute to solutions to real-life issues in our society. That's not to say that beauty, ergonomics and imagination are not important any more; they're still very important tools with which to encourage people to use certain products or services." Paulen points out that this is not just a local trend, it's also a global movement. And he's seeing a shift towards more teamwork in the design world. There seems to be more collaboration and crossover between different disciplines. It's less about the autonomous designer and more about team effort in search of smart solutions. "Dutch designers who are working for international clients or partners like to be critical and vocal about their vision because they come from a traditionally non-hierarchical society," Paulen says. »



**Left** Renny Ramakers of Droog **Right** 85 Lamps (1992) by Rody Graumans **Bottom** Marcel Wanders with versions of his Knotted Chair (1996)





**Top** *Smog Free Tower* (2015), by Daan Roosegaarde, in South Korea **Left** *Chest of Drawers* (1991) by Tejo Remy **Right** Cofounder of Droog Gijs Bakker



“We don’t just accept things at face value, which makes us a bit rebellious while, at the same time, more thorough in our research.”

Another pioneer of the Dutch Design movement is Marcel Wanders who first caught the public eye in 1996 with his *Knotted Chair*. Combining an old knotting technique with high-tech materials, he created a sleek design. Wanders made this mix his unique selling point when he started his own brand Moooi in 2001, together with cofounder Casper Visser. Two decades later, Moooi is a leading product and interior design studio with more than 50 designers, and clients ranging from Alessi to Louis Vuitton. Wanders’ *Knotted Chair* is now permanently on display at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam.

Art historian and lecturer Barry Heinrichs has been following the development of Dutch designers since the 1990s. “Just like the iconic *Red Blue Chair* [1918-1923] by Gerrit Rietveld, Wanders’ *Knotted Chair* was immediately considered art by international institutions,” he says. “The same goes for Richard Hutten’s *Table Chair* [1990], which was also part of the memorable 1993 Droog collection, and was bought by MoMA. While there was still a discussion going on in the Netherlands about the artistic value of these products, they were already recognised internationally as art.” According to Heinrichs, a different common denominator in Dutch Design is a sense of humour and a dash of rebellion. “Take Hutten’s *Dombo* [2000], a simple mug with giant handles resembling elephant ears,” he says. “The design is a bit childlike, but it’s brilliant in its simplicity. And the nice thing is that it became popular in care homes for the elderly, so there’s that functionality again.”

### The next generation

Maria Porro, the Italian President of Salone del Mobile, explains that a high level of education has contributed to the success of Dutch Design. “The Netherlands has a lot of great design schools such as the Design Academy Eindhoven and HKU University of the Arts Utrecht, which don’t just focus on design, but also on technology, research and entrepreneurship,” she says. “I also believe that the Dutch Design movement has become one

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of the most active in Northern Europe due to its applications to many fields, ranging from graphics and textiles to fashion and food. The fact that designers such as Indian Satyendra Pakhalé, or Australians Joel and Kate Booy of Truly Truly, have their offices in the Netherlands is indicative of it being a hub for design innovation on various fronts.” Heinrichs thinks that the links with industry are significant. “The fact that a lot of academies are interdisciplinary and work together with knowledge institutes such as TU Delft and companies such as Philips, means that students in the Netherlands also acquire business acumen.”

The internationally acclaimed DRIFT, run by Lonneke Gordijn and Ralph Nauta, is a great example of a Dutch Design studio that uses an interdisciplinary research approach. The intersection of nature and technology serves as a source for ongoing inspiration in their work. Installations such as *Flylight* (2007) and *Fragile Future* (2007), and drone performance *Franchise Freedom* (2017), use light technology to enlighten our understanding of our existence on Earth, and encourage us to think about the way we treat our planet and each other. »



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**Above** Ingmar Nieuweboer with his creation *Pupa* (2019)  
**Right page** Piet Hein Eek with his armchairs made of scrap wood





**Top** Coloured Vases (*series 3*) (2010) by Hella Jongerius  
**Left** Table Chair (1990) by Richard Hutten  
**Right** Lonneke Gordijn and Ralph Nauta of DRIFT



Another Dutch crossover designer who's often looking for solutions to real-life issues in our society is Daan Roosegaarde. With his installations, he also invites users to think about the way they interact with nature and each other. One of his projects, *Smog Free Tower* (2015), which Roosegaarde initially had built in the Netherlands, and then later in China, South Korea, Mexico and Poland, produces clean air using environmentally friendly technology. Roosegaarde makes a salient point about design in the age of environmental challenges while describing this project on his website: "True beauty is not a Louis Vuitton bag or a Ferrari, but clean air and clean energy." Heinrichs sees Roosegaarde as the perfect example of the new generation of Dutch designers. "He proves that the lines between art, design and technology have blurred," he says. "Is it an art installation, architecture or also big industry?"

Roosegaarde is good at generating media exposure for his vision of the future and paving the way for yet another generation of designers, such as Ingmar Nieuweboer, who created *Pupa* (2019) as a way to bring 'the wild' into the workplace, and 'bio-designer' Bob Hendrikx, who created *Living Coffin* (2020), a coffin made of biodegradable mycelium, a network of fungal threads. According to Heinrichs, the next generation of Dutch designers can take advantage of the success of the current crop. "Take Nienke van de Pol who does great innovative experiments with ceramics," he says. "If it hadn't been for Hella Jongerius, who's considered the queen of ceramics, Van de Pol might not have been interested in, or able to focus on, ceramic innovation. Each generation of Dutch designers is inspiring the next."

During the past two years, Paulen noticed that designers in the Netherlands were met with new challenges. "Because of the pandemic, designers had to work remotely, and more independently than ever. The design world and cultural sector have suffered greatly, but it has also come up with some amazing new ideas. Even our government has recognised that it needs to invite designers to think about innovations for the future. We need to reinvent the way we interact with nature and with each other, and who better to contribute to offering solutions than designers with knowledge of technology and a pragmatic approach?" «

## Dutch Design in the spotlight

### To see

#### Salone del Mobile

The Italian fair Salone del Mobile in Milan is the hub of the global design world and it's celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The 2022 edition will focus on the sustainability theme, acting as a showcase for the progress made in this regard by designers and companies.  
7-12 Jun;  
salonemilano.it

#### Dutch Design Week

Focusing on smart and sustainable solutions for the future this year, Dutch Design Week in Eindhoven has been a place of inspiration for design professionals and the general public for the past 20 years. In October, the city will again be taken over by designers from across the globe.  
22-30 Oct; ddw.nl

#### Stedelijk Museum

Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum houses a large permanent collection of Dutch Design works, such as Marcel Wanders' *Knotted Chair* (1996) and Wieki Somers' *High Tea Pot* (2003).  
stedelijk.nl

### To shop

#### Moool

The first Moool Brand Store opened in Amsterdam in

2001. Over the years, the design studio has expanded and now has Brand Stores in The Hague, Stockholm and London. Moool also has a large number of partners and dealers worldwide.  
moool.com

#### Droog

While igniting the Dutch Design movement in 1993, Droog opened a creative space – in the centre of Amsterdam – where you can not only shop for modern design products, clothing and jewellery, but you can also enjoy a healthy meal, visit an exhibition or join a seminar.  
droog.com

#### Dutch Museum Gift Shop

If you forget to exit through the gift shop when visiting a Dutch museum, you can always go to the Dutch Museum Gift Shop website, which offers a wide selection of products from the Netherlands' many top museums.  
dutchmuseumgiftshop.nl

#### The Maker Store

Looking to find the next big Dutch designer? At The Maker Store, next to Amsterdam's Foodhallen, young designers are making and selling their original works on the spot.  
themakerstore.nl

# SINGAPORE *by day*

## Singapore



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Sultan Mosque ❹

### Green dream

With an abundance of gardens and parks, Singapore is one of the world's greenest cities. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Singapore Botanic Gardens (1 Cluny Rd) is home to plenty of plant species, but the majestic Gardens by the Bay (18 Marina Gardens Dr) shouldn't be missed. Whether it's the Supertrees Observatory (with more than 162,000 plants that help offset some of the city's carbon emissions), the Flower Dome ❶ (with the world's largest glass greenhouse), or the Cloud Forest (that has a 35m-tall indoor waterfall and mimics the cool-moist ecology of the tropical highlands), it's all wildly impressive.

### Day at the museum

With the largest collection of modern art in Southeast Asia, you could easily spend half a

day (or more) in the National Gallery Singapore ❷ (1 St Andrew's Rd). But if you prefer experimental art by young and upcoming artists, check out Singapore Art Museum (39 Keppel Rd). And if you want to learn about Singapore's nature and biodiversity (as well as see some impressive skeletons), then Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum (2 Conservatory Dr) is the place to go.

### Brunch trio

PS.Cafe ❸ has many locations around Singapore, but the one at Harding Road (28B) is considered a local favourite. The panoramic windows offer views of the surrounding lush jungle, classical music fills the air, and the menu offers up sweet and savoury delights, such as truffle shoestring

fries, and indulgent cakes, puddings and tarts. The all-day breakfast menu at Wild Honey Mandarin Gallery (333A Orchard Rd) has great options such as buttermilk pancakes or spicy shakshuka, and Common Man Coffee Roasters (22 Martin Rd) has an award-winning brunch and the best coffee in town (be sure to book in advance).

### Old and new

Back in the 1800s, Kampong Glam was the Muslim Quarter and the area, which includes the Sultan Mosque ❹ and shops selling traditional handicrafts, is still important to the Muslim community. Nowadays, the historical and religious landmarks blend well with modern times; the district is even considered a hipster's paradise, especially around Haji Lane, a street

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lined with colourful Art Deco buildings, street art, cosy cafés and independent boutiques. If you take the Makan Makan Food Tour ([woknstroll.com.sg](http://woknstroll.com.sg)), you'll get to see it all.

### Take the high road

Connecting five parks, the 10km Southern Ridges recreational trail is amazing. If you're on the clock, just walk the Henderson Waves pedestrian bridge, which links Mount Faber Park to Telok Blangah Hill Park. The distinctive wave-like structure is magnificent.

# SINGAPORE *by night*

DINING OUTDOORS, UP HIGH OR IN A FRUIT-LIKE STRUCTURE; TAKING IN A SHOW OR SIPPING ON A RARE WHISKY; AND SLEEPING IN A DREAMY ROOM... YOU'LL NEVER WANT THE NIGHT TO END.



Marina Bay Sands and ArtScience Museum 6



Shangri-La 7



Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay 6



The Sultan 8

## Food glorious food

Singapore has more than a hundred 'hawker centres' (food courts), all offering a wide variety of cuisine. Lau Pa Sat (18 Raffles Quay) is considered a national monument and is famous for its Satay Street. Amoy Street Food Centre (7 Maxwell Rd), in the business district, is more low-key, less touristy and a good place to go after office hours. Tekka Centre (665 Buffalo Rd), in Little India, is the place to be if you love a good biryani (spiced Indian rice with meats or vegetables). If you can't choose, opt for the stall with the longest queue. You won't be disappointed.

## A green resort

Singapore is paving the way when it comes to sustainable buildings. One of the most

iconic places is Marina Bay Sands 6 (10 Bayfront Ave), a huge resort with three glass towers connected by an observation deck in the shape of a ship. Green initiatives include harvesting rainwater for reuse, lifts that generate energy on their descent for the next ascent, and a 'green roof' that helps to absorb and reduce the ambient temperature of their SkyPark. Choose one of the resort's seven Michelin-starred restaurants for a fancy meal, or have a drink at the Spago Bar & Lounge on the 57th floor while looking out over the skyline (you might even see the lights of Sumatra).

## What a performance

Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay 6 (1 Esplanade Dr), Singapore's performing arts centre, is shaped like a

durian, a local fruit so foul-smelling it's actually banned from public places (but it tastes way better than it smells, so give it a try). Architecturally, the building is easily as impressive as the Sydney Opera House, and as it houses a concert hall, theatre, food centre and performing arts library, there's always something exciting to do.

## Sweet dreams

Singapore has no shortage of large luxury hotels, such as The Ritz-Carlton's Millenia Singapore (7 Raffles Ave) or Shangri-La 7 (22 Orange Grove Rd), but if you're after a small-scale alternative, there are also lots of options. The Vagabond Club (39 Syed Alwi Rd) is a Parisian-chic hotel with cosy rooms and The Whiskey Library: a

jazzy bar that serves rare whiskies. Housed in a unique building in Little India, The Great Madras by Hotel Calmo (28 Madras St) is photogenic with its tropical plants, retro furniture and neon lights. And The Sultan 8 (101 Jalan Sultan), in Kampong Glam, is a grand tribute to Singapore's glorious and colourful past.

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# SUMMER IN THE CITY

Zürich is the perfect summer city. An abundance of water, its very own mountain and a surprising taste for Latin pop all add up to a glorious picture of fun, health and prosperity.

Text & photography Jurriaan Teulings





**L**ife's good on the banks of the Limmat River. On a hot summer afternoon in Zürich, it's hard to think of a better place to be. The Swiss have come out en masse to do Swiss things such as look healthy and leap off a bridge, and jumping into the fast-flowing river is the perfect way to take the edge off the heat. Everyone's doing it: the young, the old, groups of friends and entire families. Granted, the water does look incredibly inviting, but I'm hopelessly unprepared. From where I stand, dozens of bobbing heads are carried away by the currents, like sushi on a conveyor belt, to Flussbad Unterer Letten, one of Zürich's many public baths.

I don't think I've ever seen a city so much in love with its bodies of water in summer. And indeed, there's much to like. Upriver, Lake Zürich stretches towards the silhouettes of the Swiss Alps. It's a picture of tranquillity, of people sunbathing on pontoons, stand-up paddleboarders, kayakers, all embraced by the city's quays, boulevards and parks. There are public bathing areas here too, some dating back to the 19th century. As simple as they are – squared-off, organised pieces of lake, essentially – some offer restaurants, saunas, yoga classes and massage treatments, while others turn into clubs and concert venues after dark. There are beaches, barbecue areas and diving towers on the lake, but today, the Limmat River is the place to be. The local authorities consider the river safe to swim in, yet the currents are strong enough to make for an exhilarating ride.

I should have brought a dry bag. Most of the swimmers are trailing one – containing their belongings – behind them, though some have made their trip downriver into something more elaborate: a group of friends just passed by on a raft fashioned out of inflatable unicorns. As people emerge from the water, they look refreshed and ready to join the crowds on the riverbanks; for a drink, maybe, a little nap, a game of volleyball, or simply a leisurely stroll back to the bridge where they started, to do it all over again. Safe places to exit the water, and areas to avoid, are carefully indicated. Leave it to the Swiss to find a way to move along with the forces of nature.

## The flip-flop side

That said, the summer ambiance is not what you might expect from a banking city. For one thing, this is a weekday afternoon and nobody seems to be working. Fair enough, this part of the river flows through Zürich West, the creative side of town where the hours are presumably more flexible. The groups of friends who have gathered around their Bluetooth speakers on the grassy riverbanks, are surprisingly often listening to, or even dancing to, Latin pop. For some reason, reggaeton is in the air today, and it adds an unexpected dose of South American vibes to the scene. It's as if the Swiss become a more playful version of themselves when kissed by the sun.

Who knew Zürich was so keen on Latin culture? There are dozens of salsa dance studios and milongas here. In February 2020, just before the pandemic hit, there was a Brazilian carnival at the airport presenting unsuspecting, but presumably delighted, travellers with caipirinhas and live bossa nova. This year, Caliente!, the biggest Latin festival in Europe, will return to the streets of Zürich. Although the city isn't that big, it's anything but provincial, and non-nationals make up for about a third of its population, so the Mediterranean and South American contingents might account for at least some of this. But if you allow me to make an entirely unscientific guess: if you live in a city that takes to the slopes in winter, it pays to have well-oiled hips.

I'm now at Zürich Giesshübel, a small train station serving a residential neighbourhood just west of Lake Zürich. At first sight, the area doesn't look like much, with everyone just going about their daily lives far from the sights of the Old Town, but it quickly grows on me. It's the kind of friendly, off-the-beaten-track place that helps a visitor understand what really makes the locals tick. And, here, exercising outdoors is clearly popular. Next to the station, people are jogging and doing burpees around a running track. Just beyond, along the Sihl River, pedestrians and cyclists share a shaded trail, and I even spot a couple jogging with their baby in a pushchair. Lesser-fit pedestrians and those arriving with luggage can take a lift up the hill that runs »

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Umbrellas in Zürich West

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Tram stop in Zürich West; daredevils diving into the Limmat River; food truck at Landesmuseum Zürich

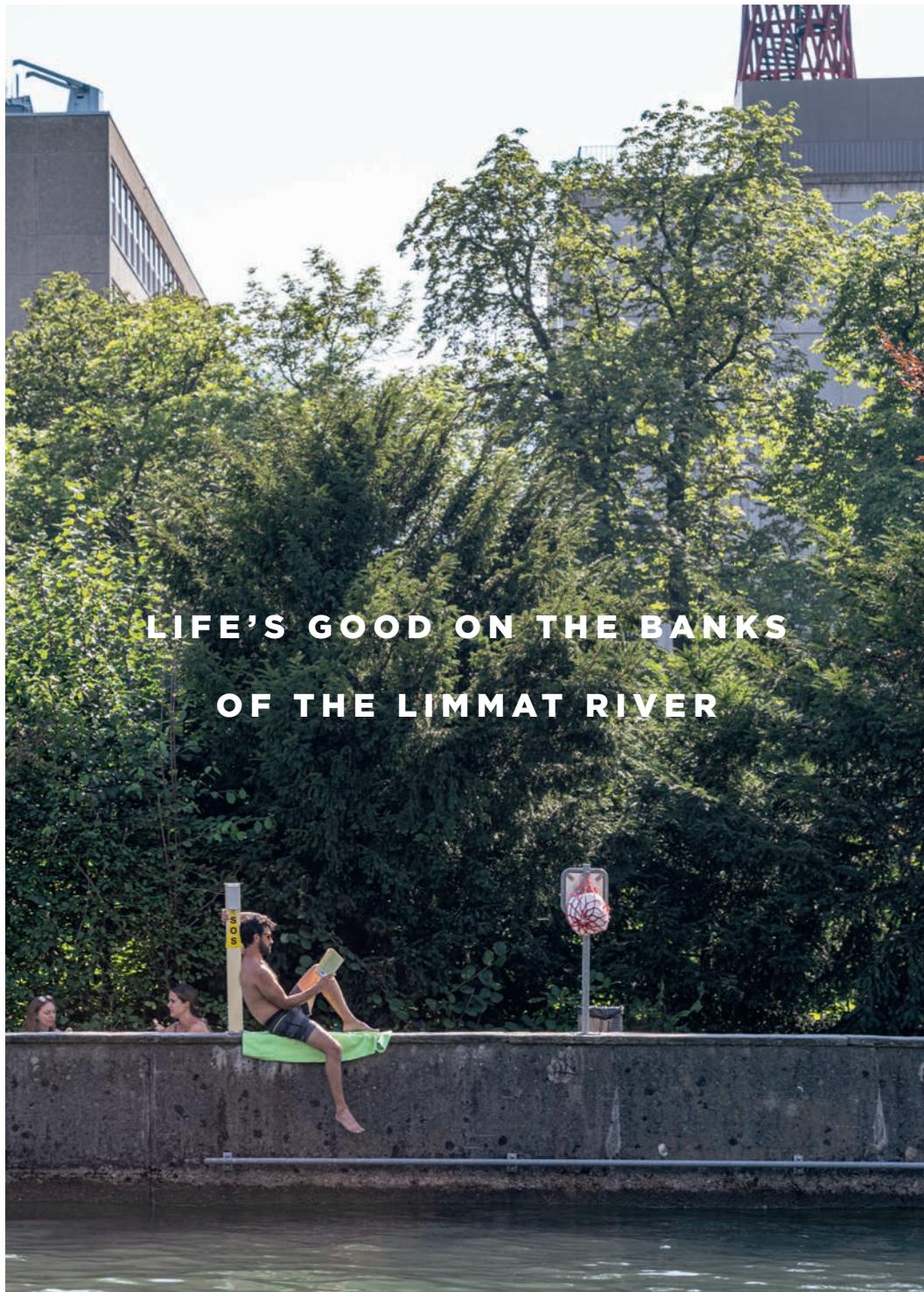
**Bottom** Park at Lake Zürich



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**LIFE'S GOOD ON THE BANKS  
OF THE LIMMAT RIVER**

**Above** People sunbathing along the Limmat River  
**Left page** Landesmuseum Zürich

# LAKE ZÜRICH STRETCHES TOWARDS THE SILHOUETTES OF THE SWISS ALPS



along the river. On the way up, I'm joined by an elderly man who glances at my suitcase and guesses where I'm going. "You must be on your way to the B2 Hotel," he says. "Did you know it used to be the Hürliemann brewery? They made a notoriously potent beer. The brewery was built on top of a spring because good beer requires good water." When we exit the lift, he points west towards the nearest mountain. "That's the Uetliberg," the man adds. "You should hike up sometime during your stay."

The brewery that's now B2 Boutique Hotel + Spa Zürich is indeed my destination. Since its transformation, the B2 has epitomised a victory of abs over beer bellies. The former machine room is now the hotel gym, the vaulted cellars are home to a Roman spa, and the spring that once made for that hearty beer now feeds a rooftop swimming pool overlooking the city. After checking in, I have a quick lunch at the library-themed hotel restaurant, while sitting under a chandelier of beer bottles. It's an odd but stylish juxtaposition, though the most striking thing about the hotel is the car park where a Ferrari and a Lamborghini make the rest of the posh cars – mostly Porsches – look dull. Only in Zürich will you find such casual ostentation outside a four-star hotel.

### A bus named desire

A local city guide named Luciola picks me up from the hotel to take me on a tour of Zürich West. We're going by bus. With the efficient public transport in the city, it's as good as any race car. Luciola originally hails from a city in southern Brazil, but she's lived in Switzerland long enough to adopt the Swiss fondness for precise numbers. "We have 19,000 sports clubs," she says as we pass various scenes of people working themselves into a sweat. "Eighty percent of the population exercises regularly. On average, people practise 4.5 different sports." I let that information sink in for a moment and wonder how many sports I might practise if I were living here. In a city where the incentives to be outdoorsy are everywhere, these things add up. Hiking, skiing, swimming... that's three. "Does dancing count?" I ask. Luciola agrees that it does and adds that she practises no less than eight sports

herself, including the tango. The latter, of course, is neither Brazilian nor Swiss, but as you'll know by now, a very Zürich thing to do.

Over the past few decades, Zürich West, just like other crumbling industrial city districts around the world, has experienced a fast transformation. As production moved to Asia, disused warehouses became the new home of art galleries and creative start-ups, and independent shops, eateries and galleries moved under the defunct railway viaduct. A brewery complex was repurposed nearby. The Löwenbräu-Areal now houses two art museums: the Migros Museum of Contemporary Art and the Kunsthalle Zürich. Like the art exhibited here, the district presents the young and dynamic face of the city and is as much worthy of a visit as the stately and picturesque Old Town. A few landmarks stand out. First, next to the Löwenbräu-Areal, is Swissmill Tower, the world's tallest grain silo. It's known as '118 Metres of Concrete Poetry' by lovers of all things bold and brutalist, and '118 Metres of Ugliness' by everyone else. Whichever opinion you share, Swissmill Tower provides no less than 30% of the national grain requirements and, in the home of muesli, that's nothing to shake a stick at. Next on the horizon, the gleaming Prime Tower catches the eye as the city's tallest office tower, but the nearby Freitag Tower – made of 17 stacked shipping containers – is surely the most beloved. It was built as the flagship store of the eponymous Freitag, the mother of Swiss sustainable brands, and still contains several floors' worth of stylish bags from recycled materials. The viewing platform offers a fantastic opportunity to get one's bearings in the neighbourhood. Most of the fun, though, is found at Freitag Tower's base, where summer days like these make Frau Gerolds Garten one of the busiest places in town. Entering this bohemian collection of bars, galleries and vegetable gardens, I feel like I've stumbled into a summer festival. Luciola's tour ends here with an order of *Apfelschorle*, the popular apple spritzer. As we find a rooftop patio at the back of the compound, she points out some places for me to check out: the shopping street and the restaurant with mussels on the menu. In a venue next door, I spot people surfing an artificial wave. »

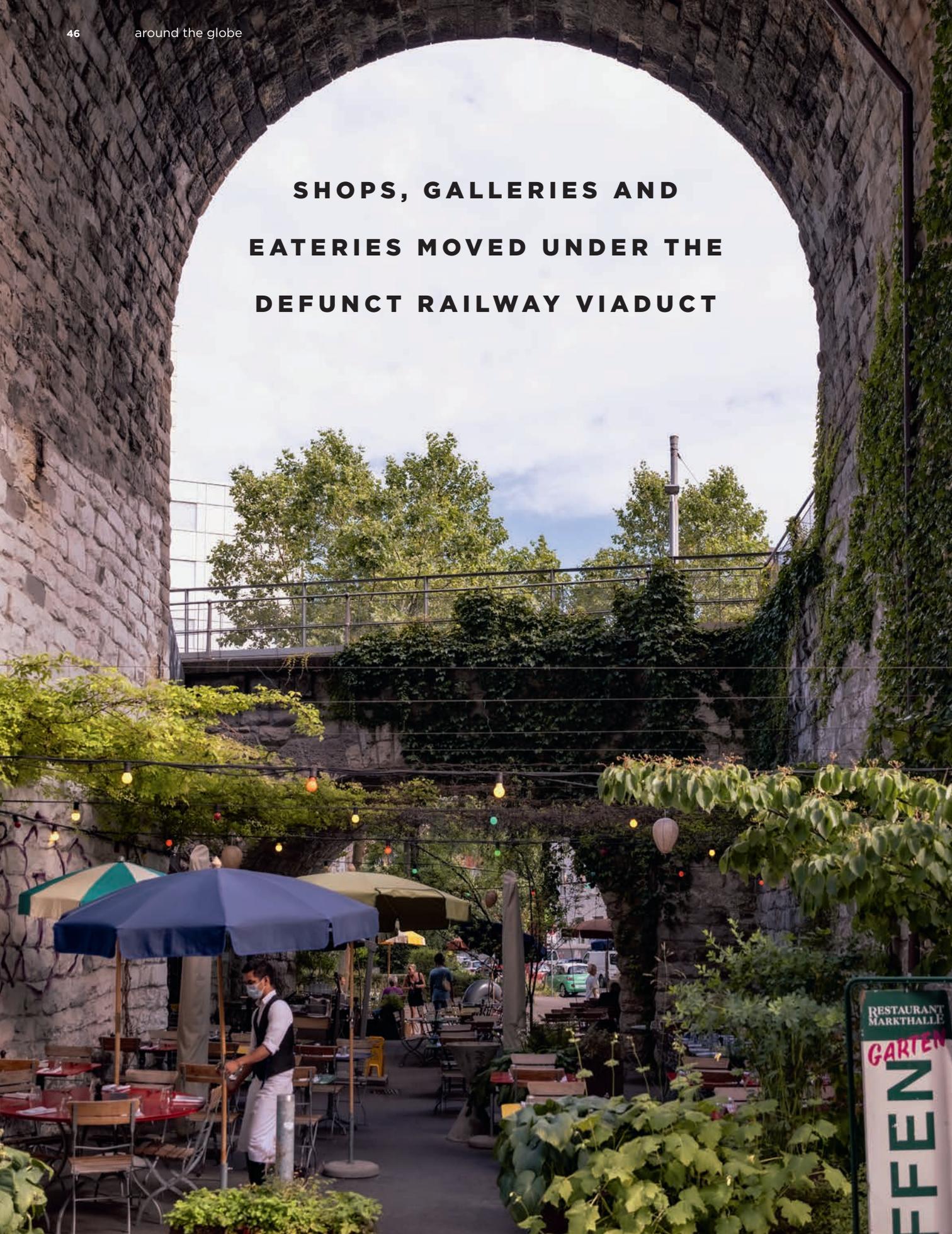
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A cyclist rides along Lake Zürich

#### Bottom (from left to right)

Frau Gerolds Garten, next to the Freitag Tower; a dish at Haus Hiltl; Old Town, Zürich

**SHOPS, GALLERIES AND  
EATERIES MOVED UNDER THE  
DEFUNCT RAILWAY VIADUCT**



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Outdoor patio of  
Im Viadukt in  
Zürich West

**Foodstuff of legends**

My somewhat clichéd view of Swiss cuisine is that it's all about sausages and various kinds of melted cheese. While these things make my heart sing, this summer day calls for a light meal. When I finally make it to the city centre, it's to visit Haus Hiltl, which is billed as the oldest vegetarian restaurant in the world. I'm sure there might be a few restaurants in India to challenge that title, but if you thought a plant-based lifestyle was a fad, Haus Hiltl is here to set you straight: it has been in business since 1898. Its opening marked another era of great interest in health, vegetarianism and all things organic; the so-called *Lebensreform* ('life reform') era in this part of the world that also produced muesli. The latter was introduced by Swiss physician Maximilian Bircher-Benner, who had been served a 'strange meal' on a hike in the Swiss Alps. Ironically, Haus Hiltl's most popular dish turns out to be one that mimics beef, a tasty signature tartare of okra and aubergine. For a more purist approach, I'm combining it with orders of Korean-style cauliflower and saffron gnocchi. It all comes paired with a turmeric latte, which I had previously dismissed as an abomination invented by someone on Instagram, but as it turns out, Haus Hiltl got there first. All those yellow phytochemicals add up to something oddly fortifying that I'll be coming back for.

When I emerge from Haus Hiltl energised and fully fed, I decide to follow the advice of the old man in the lift and take on the Uetliberg. All right, I'm not exactly hiking all the way up. Like everywhere else in Zürich, there's a train going there. From the station, it's only a short walk to the busy lookout at the summit. After taking in the views for a while, I find some metal stairs that lead to a trail down the mountain's forested slopes. It's quiet and pretty here, and I have the sweeping views of the city all to myself. It takes about an hour to hike all the way down to the lake. To fit in with the fit locals even more, I decide to have a refreshing swim. «



JURRIAAN TEULINGS IS A WIDELY PUBLISHED TRAVEL WRITER AND PHOTOGRAPHER. HERE ARE HIS HOT TIPS FOR ZÜRICH.

*To eat & drink***Coffee at the headquarters of style**

While the editors of *Monocle* magazine cover the latest world trends in their office next door, the rest of the neighbourhood gets to enjoy coffees and aperitifs at The Monocle Shop, where the ambiance feels cosmopolitan and local. I suggest you browse the selection of design objects on offer.

**Dufourstrasse 90**  
[monocle.com](http://monocle.com)

**Sustainable fine dining**

The sustainability-conscious Maison Manesse sources local meats from Alpine meadows and presents them in small quantities. My favourite from the tasting menu of Zürich's quirkiest Michelin-starred restaurant is the wild broccoli, smoked bone marrow and fermented veggies rolled in carpaccio.

**Hopfenstrasse 2**  
[maisonmanesse.ch](http://maisonmanesse.ch)

**Grill and BBQ**

As delicious as they were, after three plant-based meals, I was happy to get my meat fix at Metz, a restaurant whose menu reflects Swiss

and American butchery traditions, of which chef Marlene Halter is an ardent student.

**Langstrasse 31**  
[metzg-grill.ch](http://metzg-grill.ch)

*To stay***Bubbles on top**

You don't have to stay at the B2 Boutique Hotel + Spa Zürich to enjoy its bubbling rooftop pool, but if you do, you get early morning access. I suggest going around sunset to sip champagne under a pink sky and gaze over the lake towards the Alps.

**Brandschenkestr. 152**  
[b2boutiquehotels.com](http://b2boutiquehotels.com)

**Old-fashioned luxury**

In the heart of the city, yet wonderfully quiet, the Baur au Lac hotel boasts 175 years of history and an aristocratic ambiance. For non-guests, the Sunday brunch is well worth a little detour.

**Glärnischstrasse 18**  
[bauraulac.ch](http://bauraulac.ch)

*To do***Read, eat, paddle**

There are many ways to enjoy Lake Zürich, and Strandbad Mythenquai's beach offers attractions found nowhere else:

its own branch of Haus Hiltl, an outdoor library, and the world's first automated stand-up paddleboard dispenser.

**Mythenquai 95**

**Hurry sustainably**

Although I enjoyed walking around the city, whenever I was tired or in a hurry, my Zürich Card came in handy. All public transport is included, and you can use it to visit 43 museums in the city for free (or at a reduced price). The Zürich Card is valid for 24 or 72 hours, and it can be ordered through the Zürich City Guide App.

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Lex Hoefsloot

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In 2013, Lex Hoefsloot (31) won a race across the Australian outback in a solar car. He's now the CEO and cofounder of Lightyear, a solar car company with 350 employees. Their first car, Lightyear One, will launch this summer. Text Jurriaan Teulings Photography Ester Gebuis

**H**ow did you travel here today? I came here on my e-bike, which is how I travel in Eindhoven; even to work. Elsewhere, I drive a Tesla Model 3, for two reasons: first, I want to drive an electric vehicle, and second, this is the kind of car that Lightyear will be competing with.

**What made you think that building solar cars could be a viable business?** When we were students preparing for the 3,000km World Solar Challenge race in Australia, we realised quickly that regular electric cars wouldn't be able to cover the distances – up to 600km – between villages and they had nowhere to charge them. A solar car could just keep on going. That's not only more sustainable, it's also more

convenient. Even if people are not interested in sustainability, convenience will usually attract them.

**Would Lightyear exist today if your team hadn't won?** No way. Nobody in their right mind would start a car company straight out of university. But because we won, we thought: 'If we're not going to do it, who will?' We had our first meeting with investors right here at Kazerne restaurant, precisely where we're sitting now. Looking back, we were just five friends in our mid-20s talking about building a car company from scratch. I'm not sure that I'd have believed in us back then, but the investors did. With the money we raised here, we made a design that helped us to attract a lot more investment.

**With Lightyear growing fast, you must be under a lot of pressure. Are you and the other cofounders still friends?** Despite starting this company as friends in my living room only five years ago, we're still on good terms. We often joke about the fact that we're now colleagues, but the collaborative effort keeps us grounded. We've been clear to everyone that, although we're giving it 110% in terms of effort, there will always be things beyond our control. We're under a lot of pressure in this market, so setting boundaries has given us peace of mind.

**What's the next important milestone you're excited about?** I'm excited about taking journalists for a test drive in a Lightyear One because a lot of people »



still think it's impossible to build such a car. That will be the moment when they realise that it's actually happening.

#### **Why do you think your own Tesla Model 3 didn't come with a solar roof?**

We actually know why because Elon Musk has talked about this a few times. A Tesla Model 3 could only accommodate a 2m<sup>2</sup> solar panel on its roof, and that isn't enough for the energy it needs. So, it would just be a gimmick.

#### **The world's biggest electric car brand didn't think it was viable, but a start-up from Eindhoven found a way to make it work...**

People know us as a solar car company, but it would be more accurate to call us an efficient car company. Efficiency is where 80% of our effort goes. We built Lightyear One to accommodate a 5m<sup>2</sup> solar panel, and it only uses half of the energy that a Tesla Model 3 uses. If you combine those two factors, you get a car that gets most of the energy it needs directly from the sun.

**Enough for a daily commute?** Yes, you'll get enough energy from the sun for your day-to-day needs. You'll only



need a charger if you're going on a long road trip. I have to find a charger for my Tesla somewhere in my neighbourhood a couple of times per week. That's quite a hassle. Getting all that energy directly from the sun is a huge convenience and it enables a lot more people to start driving electric cars.

**The current price of a Lightyear One is a hefty €150k...** Yes, we realise that that's not affordable for everyone. But this car is basically a demonstration of what's possible, and it proves that the concept is feasible. This technology is expensive now but it will become cheaper. We're only making 946 Lightyear Ones. The number is a reference to the 9.46 trillion kilometres in a light year. For the next model, we're aiming for a price of €30k. So, we're going straight from expensive and exclusive to affordable and mass market.

#### **That's quite a difference. Does making the next model affordable mean you'll have to make a lot of compromises?**

Very few. In essence, the car that we're building right now is remarkably like the car that we're going to build in high volume. The only compromise is that it will have to be a bit smaller. There will be less space for the solar panels, so to keep the range similar, we'll have to make up for that size reduction with technology improvements in the next two to three years.

**What makes Eindhoven such a hub of technological innovation?** Starting with Philips 130+ years ago, people have been building complex things in this region. I think Dutch culture lends itself to innovation because we're used to flat hierarchies, and when you build something complex, you need everyone to feel free to chip in. I think that students at the university here are good at building these cars because they have fresh ideas about what's important.

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**Lightyear's mission is to create clean mobility for everyone. What about planes?** We're focusing on cars because they account for 15% of all emissions, while air travel accounts for something like 2-3%. So, air traffic is not the biggest problem, and it's harder to build an electric plane because the batteries are too heavy. I'm not saying we're going to do this next year, or even in the next five years, but at some point, it might make sense to start thinking about planes as well.

**Who would you like to sit next to on a long flight?** JB Straubel, one of Tesla's cofounders. We could learn so much from all the challenges they went through, and he's doing some cool things in the battery-recycling space. «





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# WORKING FROM ROAM

Remote working isn't going anywhere, but you can. Why not set up shop in one of these delightful digital nomad destinations?

Text Suzanne Stougie





Barbados, the Caribbean

### CARIBBEAN CALLING

Barbados' brand-new digital nomad visa has put the tiny Caribbean island, renowned for its relaxing resorts, celebrity hangouts and sensational surf, on the remote working map. Digital nomads can now stay for a full year, happily hammering away at their laptops while sipping a signature planter's punch rum cocktail. The Internet connection can be a bit unreliable, so do a speed test before you commit to rental accommodation, or head to the coworking spots popping up in Bridgetown and Oistins.

**Average cost of living for one:** €1,800 per month. **Don't miss:** Take time out for a fantastic fish lunch with sweeping Caribbean Sea views at The Fish Pot in St. Lucy.



Tulum, Mexico

### EASY LIVING

Tulum's ancient Mayan ruins, stunning beaches and laid-back lifestyle are unparalleled. Furthermore, easy-going visa requirements for some countries and an open-border policy during the pandemic has encouraged visitors to flock here in droves; tourists and digital nomads alike. The latter head straight to Digital Jungle, an Instagram-worthy coworking venue with free filter coffee and fantastic Internet speeds. Tulum life gets pricier the closer you live to the beach, so choose your accommodation accordingly.

**Average cost of living for one:** €1,200-1,800 per month (varies per season).

**Top tip:** Tulum's plentiful cenotes (natural pools) are great for diving into after a hot day.



Lisbon, Portugal

### EUROPE'S TOP SPOT

With 300 days of sunshine a year, reasonable living costs and the Atlantic Ocean on its doorstep, life's well worth living in mainland Europe's westernmost capital. No wonder Lisbon has become the go-to place for wandering workers: a decent day's work can be done in creative spaces all around town, from cute little cafés to modern, luxurious coworking hubs;

Internet speeds range from fast to flying; and the coffee is excellent wherever you go.

**Average cost of living for one:** €1,500 per month. **Don't miss:** These days, Lisbon's vibrant nightlife is one of the city's main attractions. Night owls should check out cosy Café Klandestino, breathtaking rooftop bar Park or ultra-cool club LuxFrágil.



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### Hoi An, Vietnam

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Arguably the most charming city in South-East Asia, Hoi An comes with an abundance of feel-good vibes. Lovely locals and colourful lanterns grace the streets, while rickety bikes are used to get around town and through rolling paddy fields to An Bang Beach, a mere 5km away. The number of coworking spaces and connected cafés is on the rise thanks to the increasing influx of nomadic colleagues.

**Average cost of living for one:** €1,000 per month.

**Top tip:** With the occasional power cut being part of life, having a Vietnamese SIM card as a backup personal hotspot can be a lifesaver.



Budapest, Hungary

### HUNGARY FOR CULTURE?

A tropical paradise it is not, but Budapest is an excellent choice if you'd like to keep your costs low while living in a beautiful major city, which is almost impossible to do these days. A growing selection of coworking spaces make Budapest ideal for networking. And, there are more than 100 healing thermal baths to choose from as you wind down from the work week. Budapest also has the Danube River – the inspiration for the *The Blue Danube* waltz by Johann Strauss II – running through it, which makes a simple evening walk sublime. **Average cost of living for one:** €1,000 per month. **Top tip:** The Meetup app is used widely in Budapest, so if you want to be kept up to date on gatherings and events, be sure to use it.



Ubud, Indonesia

## ISLAND LIVING

Going to beautiful Bali is like hitting the digital nomad jackpot. Working travellers head straight to the town of Ubud, where coworking spaces have swimming pools, long-term rental accommodation looks out onto rolling paddy fields and fibre-optic Internet is becoming the norm. What's more, Ubud is the unofficial capital of self-care, with dozens of daily yoga classes, as well as sound healing sessions and cacao ceremonies. Work and wellness go hand in hand here.

**Average cost of living for one:** €1,300 per month. **Don't miss:** After a hard day's work, unwind at Goa Gajah, a ninth-century Hindu temple that's surrounded by pristine rainforest.

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# KLM NEWS

KLM House

## NO 100: HUIS TEN BOSCH



Designed by Pieter Post and Jacob van Campen, this royal palace was built in the mid-17th century as a summer house for Prince Frederick

Henry and his wife, Princess Amalia. After the prince's death, Amalia dedicated the building to him. In 1815, when Willem was proclaimed the first king of the Netherlands, he made Huis ten Bosch one of his official residences. Today, the palace is home to the current king of the Netherlands, Willem-Alexander. His royal highness lives there together with his wife, Queen Máxima and their three daughters: Catharina-Amalia, Alexia and Ariane. The palace also has a ceremonial function: every so often, it's used for audiences and receptions with the king.

Mark Wagtendonk (left page), Shutterstock (Huis ten Bosch)



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## EATING À LA CARTE

The popular à la carte options have returned to all intercontinental flights departing from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. By paying an additional fee, you can choose from five excellent dishes. The options are Italian, Indonesian, Veggie, Ocean and Celebration. The latter includes a glass of cava and some festive elements for special occasions on board. Make sure you book them in advance (no later than 24 hours before departure) during the booking process at klm.com.

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## What's in the nose of a plane



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BURNING TECHNICAL QUESTION

The first KLM flight took place in 1920 with a *De Havilland DH.16*. This plane's nose housed a propeller engine. These days, the engines on most aircraft are located just beneath its wings. This doesn't mean that the space in the nose is redundant; on the contrary. "An aircraft's nose, which is called the radome, is now home to one of the most important tools," explains ground engineer Martijn Smorenburg. "It houses our dish antenna, which tells us everything we need to know about the weather, and the Ground Proximity Warning System, which alerts the pilots if the aircraft is flying too close to the ground."

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## Memorable flight

### “KLM brought me to my new life in America”

‘SPECIAL FLIGHT’ DOESN’T BEGIN TO COVER LINDA CAROL TROTTER’S FIRST FLIGHT. SHE WAS A BABY WHEN SHE WAS FLOWN FROM GREECE TO THE US.



On 9 October 1958, KLM flight 681 touched down at William P. Hobby Airport in Houston, Texas carrying me to my new parents. I was an eight-month-old adoptee from Greece; two more Greek adoptees were on the same flight. No one from our orphanage accompanied us, but we were cared for by the wonderful KLM cabin crew. I'll always be grateful to the young flight attendant who cared for me and took me through Immigration Services before handing me over to my waiting

parents. Long story short, I had a wonderful life with the most loving parents any child could wish for. But I was an only child, and after losing both parents two years apart, I was overcome by the desire to search for my birth family in Greece. Although the scant documentation I had declared that I was of unknown parents, I found my birth mother and extended Greek family four years ago. Since then, I've more than over 30 trips from Franklin, Tennessee to Greece, often flying with KLM. Two

years ago, I founded a nonprofit organisation called The Eftychia Project that assists and supports Greek-born adoptees searching for their biological families, and Greek families searching for their children lost to adoption. KLM will forever hold a special place in my heart for bringing me to my new life. [theeftychiaproject.org](http://theeftychiaproject.org)

**Have you had a special flight? Share it at [hollandheraldhome@hearst.nl](mailto:hollandheraldhome@hearst.nl) and your story might be featured in the next issue of *Holland Herald!***

## COVID-19 restrictions

### WHERE CAN I FLY TO?



Travel requirements linked to COVID-19 are constantly evolving and differ from country to country, so KLM has created a tool to help customers find the right information. The ‘COVID-19: Where can I fly to?’ interactive map displays the current travel requirements for all countries served by KLM. [klm.nl/en/travel-guide/where-can-i-fly-to](http://klm.nl/en/travel-guide/where-can-i-fly-to)



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## A SUSTAINABLE SANDWICH

SIXTH-GENERATION BAKER CARL SIEGERT - WHO RUNS HIS EPONYMOUS BAKERY - HAS BEEN THE CONSCIOUS MASTERMIND BEHIND THE ORGANIC, FLUFFY BREAD USED FOR KLM SANDWICHES FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS NOW. SO, WHAT'S THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS?

**T**he familiar smell of bread penetrates the nostrils as soon as visitors enter the building of Carl Siegert Bakery, located in the small village of Harmelen, just west of Utrecht. The building has been home to the bakery for 18 years now and hosts much more than ovens and flour. The attic is covered in memorabilia such as old black-and-white photographs, antique baker's equipment and much more. "This equipment was collected by my father, and his father before him," Siegert, dressed in his white baker's outfit, explains. "It seemed to be enough to fill an entire museum. So, that's what we did. We created our own museum." Being the sixth-generation Carl Siegert (yes, there have been five Carls before him) comes with its perks.

At 131 years old, Carl Siegert isn't just your average, run-of-the-mill, bread-making business. The company has been baking since 1891 and strives to make our daily piece of bread 'into an experience' for customers. "Our bread has a different mouthfeel. We pride ourselves on its texture." And thus, the partnership with KLM was born. "Fortunately, for the past eight years, we have always received positive responses from KLM customers. Our secret? I think we both value quality and sustainability. That last one in particular is what attracted KLM to our organic bread."

### Sourced locally

Sustainability is an important part of Siegert's vision as an entrepreneur. "We use as many locally sourced ingredients as possible. Our butter, for example, comes from the Weerribben, a nature reserve

in the Netherlands. Even our energy – with help from almost a thousand solar panels on the roof – is sourced locally, in a sustainable manner. They supply 35% of our power."

### Dough wellness centre

With such a keen eye towards the future, it's no surprise to hear Siegert's bread is subjected to some innovation too. "I always say, our bread is as good as our latest delivery – so we keep checking our quality. People often say that our bread has a different kind of texture and taste, and they are correct." To achieve this special consistency, Siegert's tasty bread spends some time in the dough wellness centre. Picturing a sauna area for bread? That isn't too far off. "Our heated rooms allow the dough to rise comfortably. This gives the bread its special aroma, and a longer shelf life."

Because of his business abroad, Siegert used to fly occasionally and is no stranger to aeroplane meals. His most memorable flight? The one where he sat next to chef Jacob Jan Boerma who develops the KLM Business Class menus and, at one point, was the proud recipient of three Michelin stars. "When the time came to eat my bread, luckily, he liked it." Of course, we posted a photo to social media." A scroll through Siegert's Twitter page reveals lots of fans, including his daughters. Are they following in Siegert's footsteps? "I don't think so. They're very creative and have different ambitions. I was talking to a fellow baker who's also a friend – his son studied baking and business administration in Japan; maybe I should introduce him to my daughters."



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# KLM FLEET

## Specifications

### KLM'S SUNFLOWER



KLM is one big family and, as with family members, KLM's aircraft have names. Its 13-strong fleet of 787-9 Dreamliners was named after flowers and plants. The first 787-9 is called *Sunflower*, and the rest have names such as *Lavender*, *Dahlia*, *Jasmine* and *Lily*.



#### Boeing 747-400ER Freighter

Number of aircraft: 3  
Cruising speed (km/h): 920  
Range (km): 11,500  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 412,800  
Max. freight (kg): 112,000  
Total length (m): 70.67  
Wingspan (m): 64.44



#### Airbus A330-300/200

Number of aircraft: 5/6  
Cruising speed (km/h): 880/880  
Range (km): 8,200/8,800  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 233,000/233,000  
Maximum passengers: 292/264  
Total length (m): 63.69/58.37  
Wingspan (m): 60.30/60.30  
Personal inflight entertainment  
Wi-Fi on board



#### Boeing 777-300 ER/200ER

Number of aircraft: 16/15  
Cruising speed (km/h): 920/900  
Range (km): 12,000/11,800  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 351,543/297,500  
Maximum passengers: 408/320  
Total length (m): 73.86/63.80  
Wingspan (m): 64.80/60.90  
Personal inflight entertainment

#### Boeing 787-10/9 Dreamliner

Number of aircraft: 5/13  
Cruising speed (km/h): 920/920  
Range (km): 9,900/11,500  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 254,000/252,650  
Maximum passengers: 344/294  
Total length (m): 68.30/62.80  
Wingspan (m): 60.10/60.10  
Personal inflight entertainment  
Wi-Fi on board



#### Boeing 737-900

Number of aircraft: 5  
Cruising speed (km/h): 850  
Range (km): 4,300  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 76,900  
Maximum passengers: 188  
Total length (m): 42.12  
Wingspan (m): 35.80



#### Boeing 737-800/700

Number of aircraft: 31/10  
Cruising speed (km/h): 850/850  
Range (km): 4,200/3,500  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 73,700/65,317  
Maximum passengers: 186/142  
Total length (m): 39.47/33.62  
Wingspan (m): 35.80/35.80



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#### Embraer 190/175

Number of aircraft: 30/17  
Cruising speed (km/h): 850/850  
Range (km): 3,300/3,180  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 45,000/36,500  
Maximum passengers: 100/88  
Total length (m): 36.25/31.68  
Wingspan (m): 28.72/28.65



#### Embraer 195-E2

Number of aircraft: 11  
Cruising speed (km/h): 876  
Range (km): 4,815  
Max. take-off weight (kg): 56,700  
Maximum passengers: 132  
Total length (m): 41.5  
Wingspan (m): 35.12



Flight simulator

## GREEN MACHINE

Becoming an airline pilot isn't an easy thing to do. It requires two years of initial training, about three weeks in this sophisticated machine and two months in an aircraft. "This is a flight simulator for an Embraer 190-E2," Director of Flight Crew Training Arnoud Wellhüner (49) explains. "Using the simulator, trainees experience the feeling of flying an aircraft without being in one, which is, with special manoeuvres and malfunctions that must be learnt, safer than practising in an actual aircraft, not to mention better for the environment. This simulator moves to simulate actual flight as closely as possible and has an actual cockpit with a realistic projection of the sky and terrain on the windows. We practise everything from storms to turbulence, and even passengers falling ill, so that our future pilots are fully prepared for KLM flights."

# TRAVELLERS



Augustin  
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## “I can’t wait to be inspired again”

AUGUSTIN BOWN (28),  
TRAVELLING FROM  
AMSTERDAM TO NEW YORK  
ON FLIGHT KL641

**Reason for travel?** “I’m going to New York to see a designer’s show and to discover new brands. I’m the cofounder of AFC Collection, a Belgian start-up in interiors. We sell interiors based on leasing programmes, and we opened our first showroom in Brussels last year. Because of the travel ban it’s been three years since I last visited New York. I can’t wait to be inspired again.”

**Still on your travel bucket list?**

“It all depends on the purpose of my travels. For work, I’d love to visit booming cities across the world to check out new brands and designers. But for holidays, I’d pick destinations with beautiful nature, like Mozambique and Australia.”

**Who’s your dream passenger to sit next to?** “Alexandre de Betak, of Bureau Betak, a production company for the luxury, fashion, beauty and art industries. He’s a design visionary.”

Rein &amp; Kees

REIN BOON (65) & KEES SLOP  
(65), TRAVELLING FROM  
AMSTERDAM TO CAPE TOWN  
ON FLIGHT KL597

**Reason for travel?** Rein: “We’re on our way to Cape Town for a holiday. Kees and I have been best friends for over 30 years. We’ve been on holidays together before, but this will be our first time exploring Cape Town together. It’s a place close to my heart, as I have a second home there, but Kees has never been to South Africa. I can’t wait to show him around.”

**Still on your travel bucket list?**

Rein: “To me, there’s no better place than South Africa. I love the nature, the freedom and the friendliness of the locals. Since there’s no time difference with the Netherlands, travelling there is also convenient. And last but not least: there’s a lot of wind, which is great for kitesurfing, my favourite pastime.”

**Who’s your dream passenger to sit next to?**

Rein: “If I’m honest I can’t think of anyone else but my wife. And Kees of course.”



Katherine

KATHERINE SONDEREGGER  
(71), TRAVELLING FROM  
AMSTERDAM TO NEW YORK  
ON FLIGHT KL641

**Reason for travel?** “I was at a theology conference at the VU Amsterdam university. I teach theology at an Episcopal seminary in Virginia, but I frequently visit conferences abroad. Because of COVID-19, a lot of the conferences were taking place online. This was the first one I travelled for in a long time.”

**Still on your travel bucket list?**

“I love the UK. It’s a part of the world I read a lot about, and I know its history. The religious ties are important to me there. And I love the cathedrals and the villages. Whenever I travel, I’m conscious of my impact so I often compensate for the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during my flight. It’s a small and easy contribution to make.”

**Who’s your dream passenger to sit next to?**

“I’ve written essays on the late Swiss theologian Karl Barth. I’d like to sit next to him and ask him about parts of his work that puzzle me.”



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Flying Blue News

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As of mid-December, Blue, the de luxe bar on the second floor of the KLM non-Schengen Crown Lounge, has widened its offering with a selection of premium cocktails (and mocktails) and exquisite wines – plus other high-end



drinks – that can be enjoyed inside or on its terrace, which offers great views of the runways. Whether you want to kick-start your day or relax in between flights, Blue is the place to be.

### Payment at Blue

Blue offers a great selection of complimentary drinks, plus this premium range for a fee. Various payment options are accepted, and they include: credit cards, debit cards, cash and Flying Blue Miles.

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## “Flying Business Class was a great experience”

TECH-SAVVY DANIEL VISCHJAGER (21) WENT ON THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME WITH HIS MOTHER THANKS TO HIS MILES. THEY FLEW TO SAN FRANCISCO IN BUSINESS CLASS.

I've always been passionate about technology. I collect Apple products, and wanted to visit Silicon Valley. When I graduated from secondary school, I finally got the chance to go. Flying Business Class was a great experience. The way you are greeted and looked after is amazing. When we arrived, we rented a car and I finally got to see

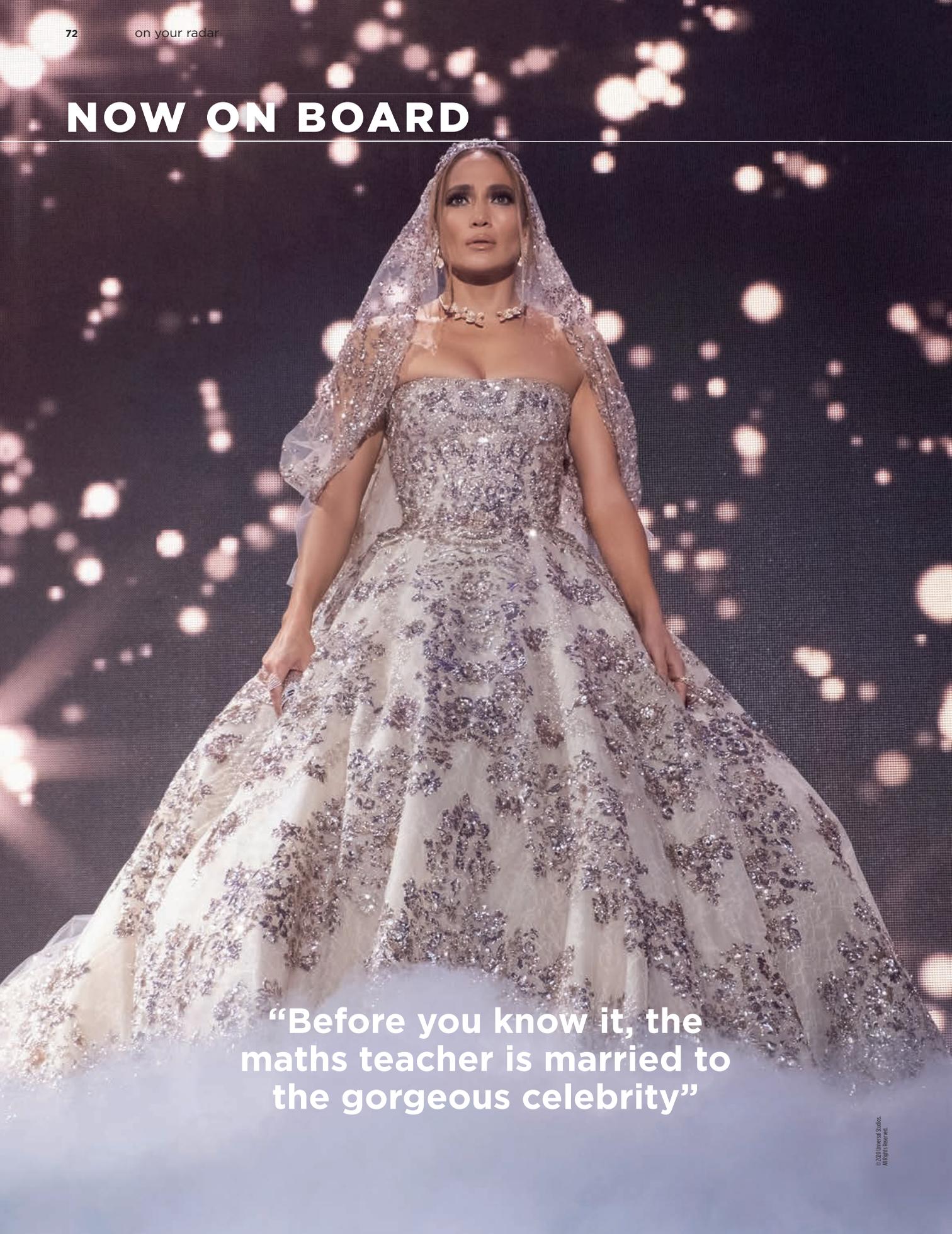


where Apple, Tesla and even Google are located. After that we travelled by road to Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park and the Grand Canyon, which we explored by helicopter. My most memorable experience must be the drive through the mountains. The roads were incredibly narrow and steep. We were terrified every time

we ran into traffic coming the other way. Luckily, we made it. And I'll never forget that friendly attitude. The 'How are you?' question you get asked all the time. It's such a funny thing.

**Do you have a Miles-related story to tell? Send it to [hollandheraldhome@hearthst.nl](mailto:hollandheraldhome@hearthst.nl) and your story might be featured in the next issue of *Holland Herald*.**

# NOW ON BOARD

A full-page photograph of Jennifer Lopez in a white, strapless, floor-length wedding gown heavily embellished with silver sequins and crystals. She is wearing a matching lace veil and a matching necklace. The background is dark with numerous out-of-focus light spots, creating a bokeh effect. The text is overlaid on the bottom portion of the image.

**“Before you know it, the  
maths teacher is married to  
the gorgeous celebrity”**

Our pick



## FILM OF THE MONTH

MARRYING A BEAUTIFUL  
SUPERSTAR TO FINANCE YOUR  
MATHEMATICS HOBBY?  
LIFE COULD BE WORSE...

*Marry Me* tells the tale of the recently single maths teacher Charlie Gilbert (Owen Wilson), who accompanies his friend Parker (Sarah Silverman) and his daughter Lou (Chloe Coleman) to the concert of popstar Kat Valdez (Jennifer Lopez). Valdez is planning to get married to her fiancé Bastian right there on the stage, but things take a turn for the worse. Just as the show is starting, Valdez sees a video of her latin hunk fiancé cheating on her with another girl. Traumatized, Valdez decides to make the most of a bad situation – besides, she's already wearing a white dress – and picks Gilbert from the crowd, eventually asking him to marry her. The slightly stunned Gilbert says yes, and before you know it, he's married to the gorgeous celebrity. The two make a deal to stay married for a few months and do a promotional tour, as long as Valdez donates a certain amount to Gilbert's 'mathletes'. What ensues is a romantic tale of unlikely soulmates who must decide if they want to stay together or be driven apart by several other parties.

*Marry Me*, 1h53min

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Films

### WATCH IT NOW



#### Irresistible

Comedy, 1h41min

When Democratic Party campaign consultant Gary Zimmer (Steve Carell) sees a video of retired Marine colonel Jack Hastings (Chris Cooper), he decides to do everything in his power to get him elected as mayor of a town called Deerlaken.



#### Spider-Man: No Way Home Adventure, 2h28min

After his identity is revealed, Spiderman (Tom Holland) asks Dr. Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) for a spell to reverse his newfound publicity. Of course, things go quickly awry for Spiderman and Dr. Strange.



#### Sing 2

Animation, 1h50min

Koala Buster Moon (voice: Matthew McConaughey) and his band of merry animals are challenged to create the most lavish performance ever. To do so, they must convince rock star Clay Calloway (voice: Bono), a lion, to join them, which proves to be a complex task.

Games

### CHOOSE YOUR PLAYER

#### Angry Birds World Tour

The birds are back! Much of the new gameplay is based on the Angry Birds Classic game. There are 30 available levels, which are split into five episodes of six.

#### Trivia Tournament

Test your general knowledge by answering questions from a wide range of topics. You can play alone or compete against other players. Challenge yourself and learn something new.

#### Golf Open

Live all the excitement of a professional golf game. With its accurate physics and stunning 3D graphics, this golf version will give you all the thrills of the game in the comfort of your own seat!

TV

### IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM...



#### Jay Leno's Garage Season 5, 55min

In this season of *Jay Leno's Garage*, the US chat show host visits celebrities, such as Martha Stewart, Charlie Sheen, Jeff Dunham, Elon Musk and Matt Damon, to talk about their favourite cars and take a drive down memory lane.



#### Making It Season 1, 43min

Presented by none other than Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman, this series follows eight craftspeople who have to complete two weekly assignments (a 'faster craft' and a 'master craft') for the race to win \$100,000. Fun fact: *Making It* was nominated for an Emmy Award twice.



#### Young Sheldon Season 5, 21min

A look at the life of Sheldon Cooper (seen as an adult in *The Big Bang Theory*). After spending some time at Brenda's home, George has a mild heart attack. Unaware of what happened, Mary invites Brenda to dinner. Sheldon finds comfort in *Star Trek*.

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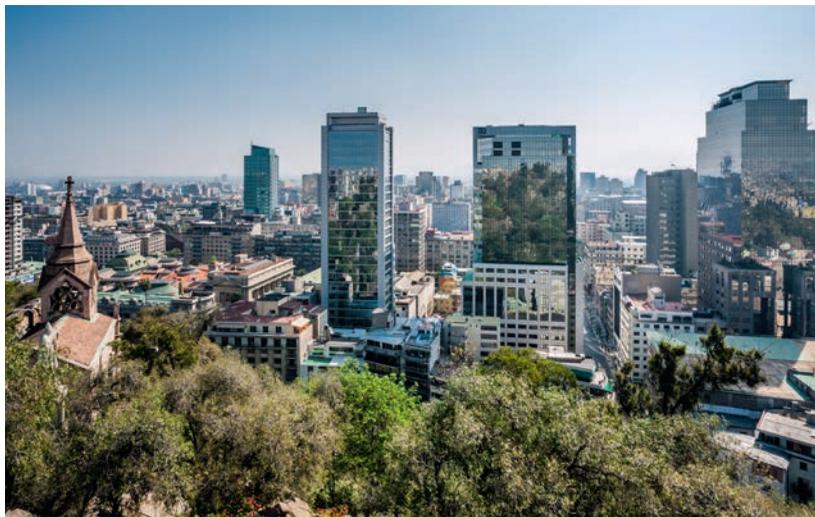


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## DISCOVER SKYTEAM'S NEW AIRPORT LOUNGE IN SANTIAGO

SKYTEAM HAS OPENED ITS LATEST LOUNGE IN CHILE'S CAPITAL, SANTIAGO. SO, IF YOU'RE HEADING TO SOUTH AMERICA, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAMPLE THE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY OF THIS VIBRANT COUNTRY WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING THE AIRPORT.



Set on the first floor of Santiago de Chile Airport, the 757m<sup>2</sup> facility offers showers, authentic Chilean snacks and drinks\*, free Wi-Fi and other amenities designed to help you relax and recharge.

### Cool interiors

The lounge has an eye-catching feature wall that pays tribute to Chile's copper industry. It also has custom-made furniture that you can unwind on while gazing at mountain views.

### Fine food

If you've never tried Chilean food, now's the time. Look out for the 'live cooking' empanada station, which serves three

types of empanada (savory pastries). Lounge visitors can also sample freshly made ceviche, which is prepared in a different regional style every day. Whenever you land, whether it's at breakfast time, lunchtime or dinnertime, there'll also be fresh buffets on hand so that you can refuel. If you visit from 2.30pm – 6.00pm, don't miss the afternoon tea, which comes with a delicious Chilean twist.

### Delicious drinks

Chile is among the world's best wine producers, and the lounge offers the perfect selection of the nation's grapes. Find red, white and sparkling wines that offer a tasty snapshot of the

country's rich vineyards. Fruit juices, soft drinks, beer, teas and coffees are also on the menu.

### Facilities

Reset with a hot shower or enjoy the refuge of the 154-seat rest area, where you can relax away from the bustle of the main terminal. Catch up with loved ones via complimentary Wi-Fi or just sit back and relax.

### Safety first

To keep guests safer, we've put various health safety measures in place. These include self-scanning of boarding passes, enhanced cleanliness measures, a face covering requirement and frequent access to hand sanitiser stations. We've also arranged the furniture to give you plenty of space.

### Network

Santiago de Chile Airport is served by many airlines from the SkyTeam family, including Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeromexico, Air France, Delta Air Lines and KLM.

\*Food and beverage offerings, 'live cooking' stations and self-service are subject to current COVID-19 regulations.

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# HOUSE RULES

## Electronics on board

On board the aircraft, electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets and e-readers, may be used at all times. If they include wireless functionality, they must be set to **airplane mode** before the aircraft doors are closed and remain so throughout the flight. You may use an electronic device's Bluetooth mode (e.g. a Bluetooth headset) at all times as long as you enable **airplane mode** before you switch on Bluetooth. If the aircraft offers Internet on board, Wi-Fi mode may be used at all times as long as **airplane mode** is enabled first. Larger electronic devices (e.g. laptops) must be stowed during taxiing, take-off and landing. If in doubt, check with the cabin crew. **Cabin crew may request that all electronic devices are switched off completely if it is deemed necessary.**

## Drinks and smoking

**Alcoholic drinks** are served **one at a time** to passengers seated in their assigned seats. For safety reasons, the purser may close the bar. Passengers are not permitted to drink alcoholic beverages brought on board with them, or purchased

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To increase passenger safety, security rules for hand luggage are in place for all flights in accordance with European Union regulations. When passing through security control, you are required to present liquids, gels, pastes, lotions and aerosols separately, and in individual containers of no more than 100ml

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## Animal products

To prevent the spread of animal diseases, you are prohibited from entering the EU with meat, meat products, milk and milk products. Small quantities for personal use are permitted on arrival from Andorra, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino and Switzerland. For further information, visit [europa.eu](http://europa.eu).

## Airport shopping

**In the EU:** Within Europe, you can travel with your tax-free liquid purchases. They will be packed and sealed for you. The seal is valid for 24 hours. You may not break the seal until you have reached your final destination, even if your journey includes a transfer.

**Outside the EU:** Transfer at an EU airport? You may bring liquids and gels from non-EU airports. They will be checked at Schiphol. Travelling to the US? Only bring liquids on board bought and sealed at Schiphol. Transfer in the US or Canada? Pack your liquids in your check-in luggage.

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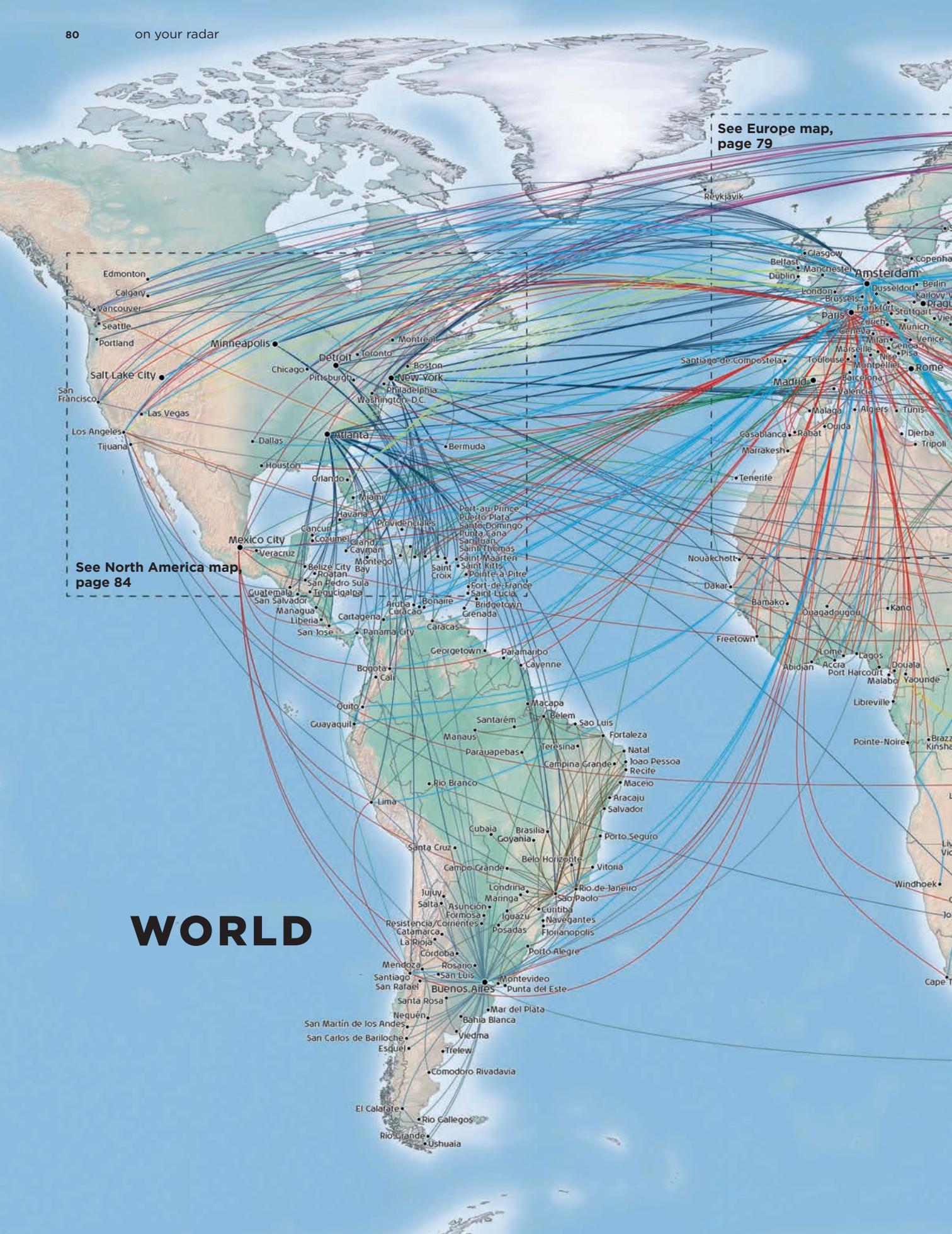
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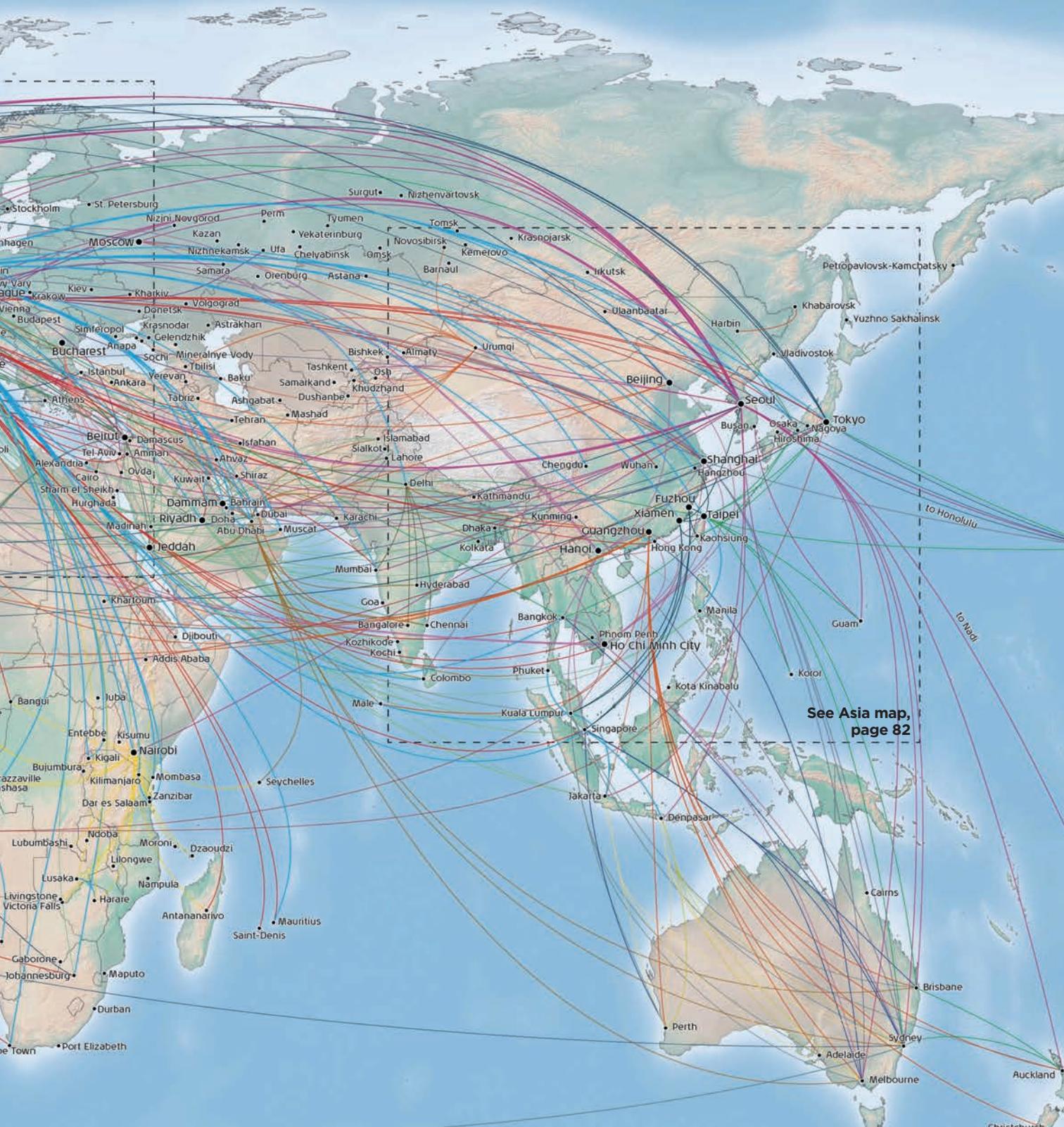
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**KLM routes, KLM code-share routes and other SkyTeam in Asia.**

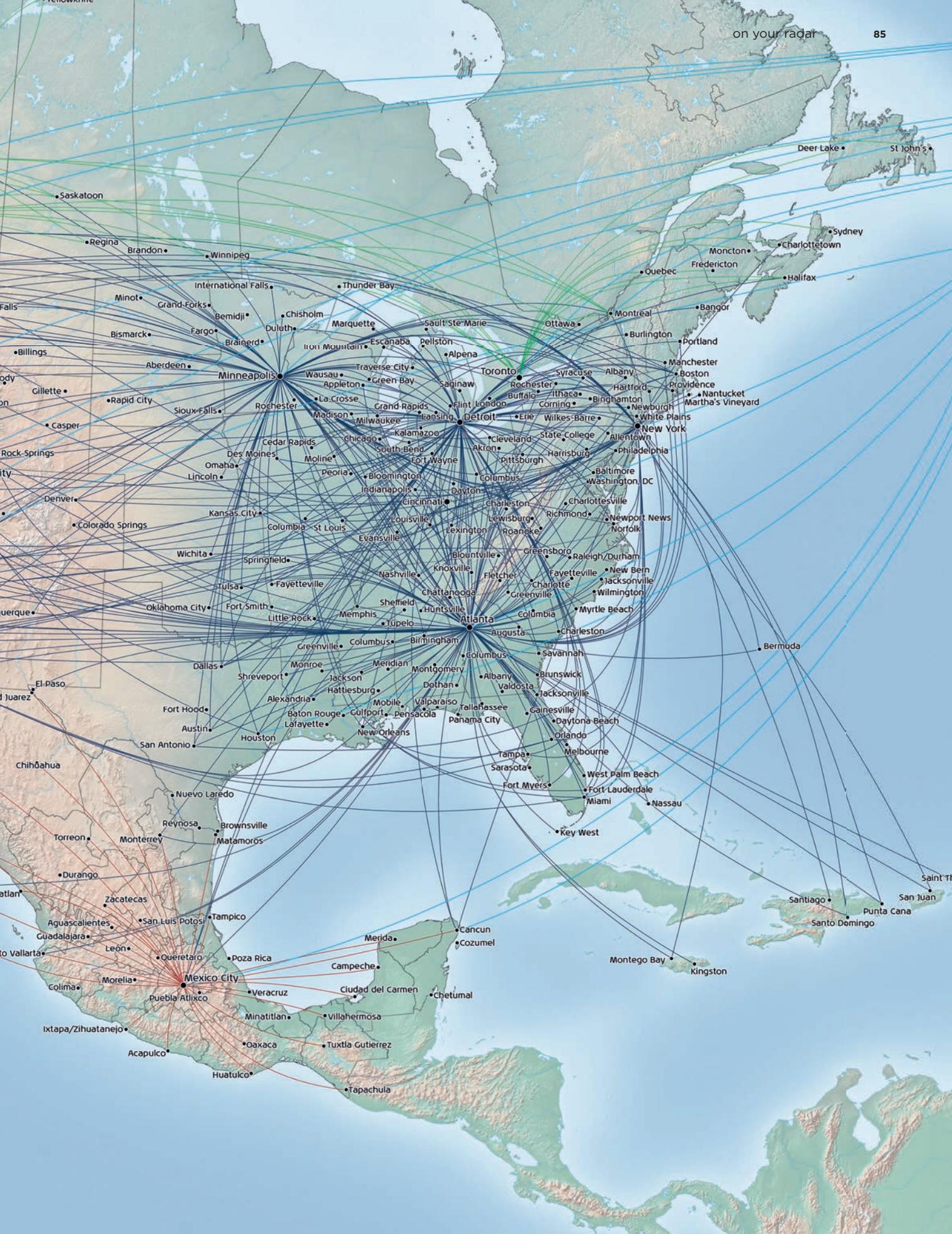
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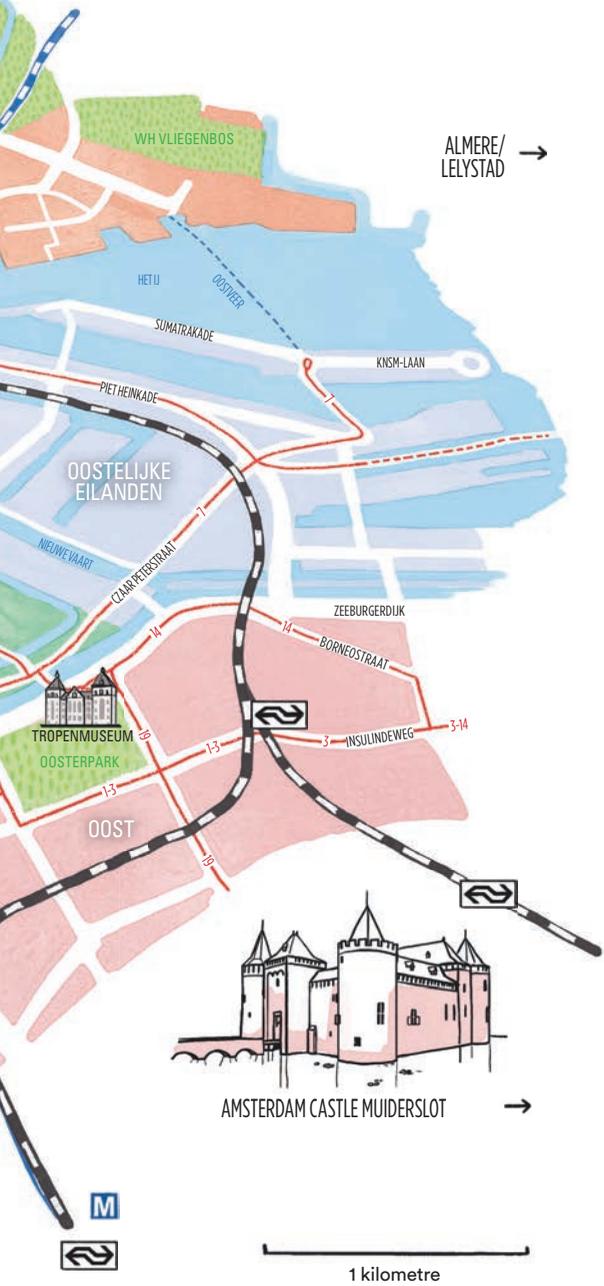
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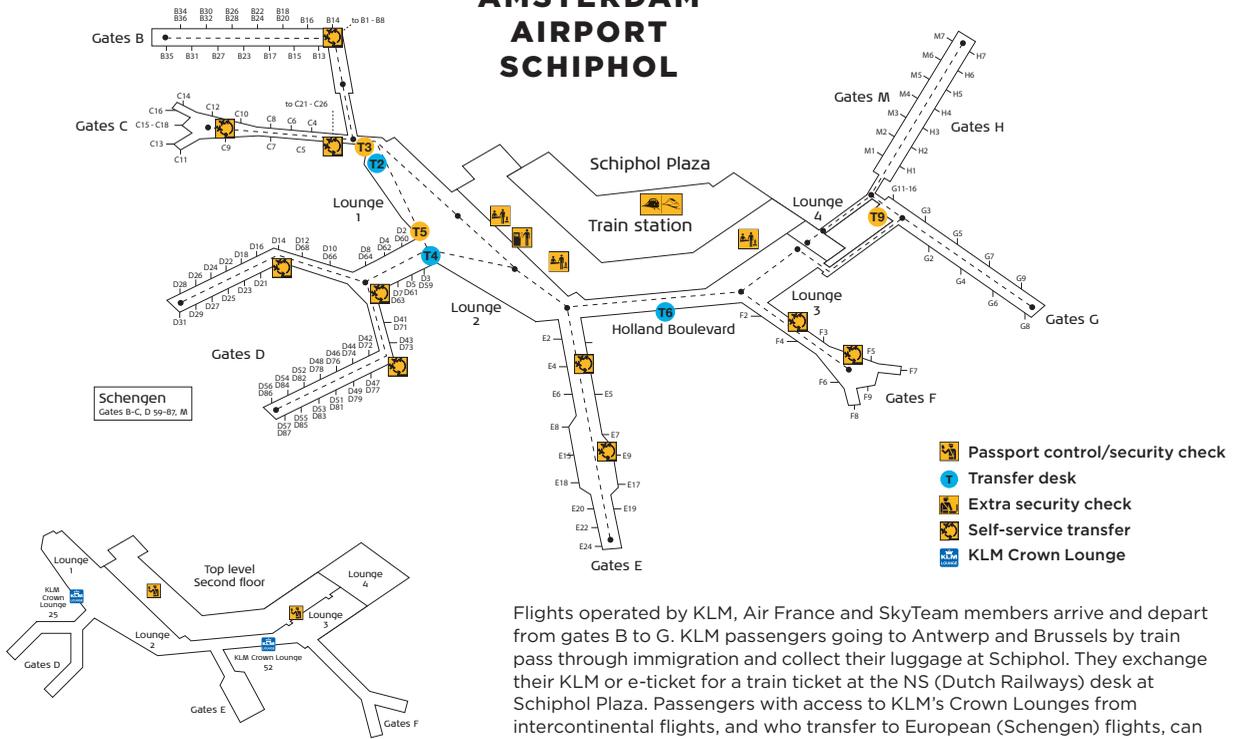
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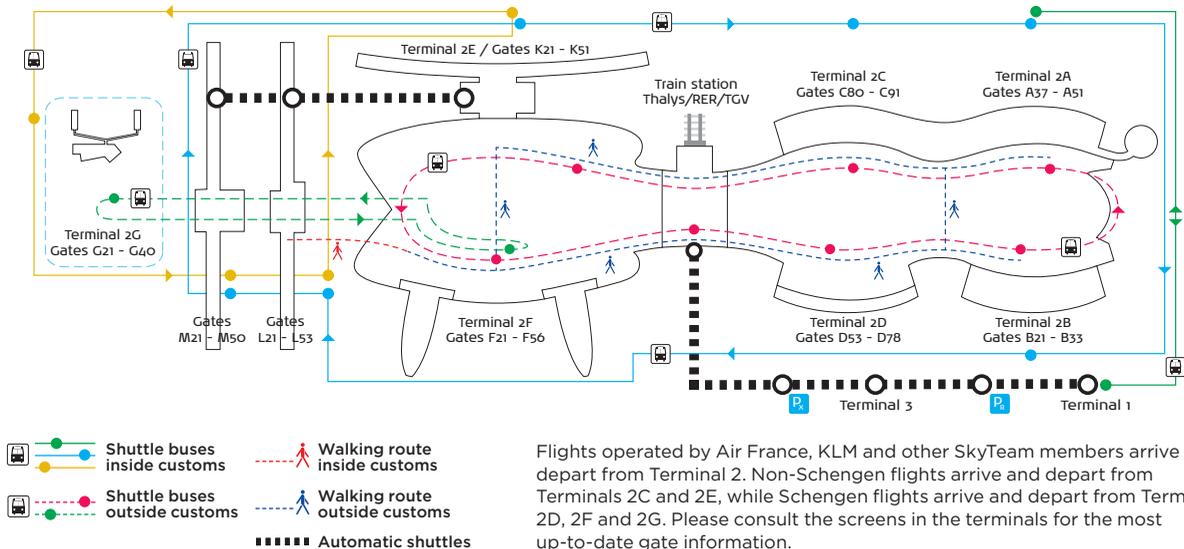
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France

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# OUT OF THE BLUE



Marcel Bakker (52)

**MARCEL IS PLANT LEADER LINE MAINTENANCE AT KLM. TOGETHER WITH HIS TEAM, HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING KLM'S FLEET AT SCHIPHOL.**

**Tell us about your team.** We're a group of 237 people who are mostly ground engineers and mechanics. We check planes after each flight and, if necessary, we repair them. Once we've declared a plane 'fit', it can take off again.

**Best part of your job?** I get to work with experienced and skilled people – from all walks of life – who take pride in what they do. Interacting with such a diverse group every day is what I love most about my job.

**What role does sustainability play?** Sustainability goes beyond taking care of the planet; it's also about sustainable employability: creating a work environment in which people can prosper. As Plant Leader, the most crucial part of my job is listening to my employees and making them feel empowered, recognised and appreciated, while helping them to do their work as efficiently and as easily as possible. To me, that's what sustainable employability is all about.

**What does travelling mean to you?** Life is about making memories, and travelling is an essential part of that. We're only here for a brief time and, in that time, I'd like to see as much of our planet as possible.

**“Best part of my job? The people I work with”**

# HELSINKI

Finland



## 28°C

For a real Scandinavian summer, try Helsinki. Despite being one of the world's coldest capitals, the city warms up nicely during the summer, even hitting temperatures of 28°C in June.

## Northern lights

Helsinki is one of the few cities in the world where you can see the northern lights. The best months to see them here are February, March, September and October. The best vantage point is Observatory Hill, or one of the city's parks.

## Bridge of Love

The Rakkauden Silta, Helsinki's 'Bridge of Love', is covered in 'love locks' because couples declare their eternal love for each other by attaching a padlock to it. This bridge crosses Katajanokan canal near Tove Jansson Park.

## 90m

The highest point in Helsinki is actually man-made. The roughly 90m-high Malminkartano Hill is home to all sorts of flora and fauna. Those who have climbed the 400+ steps are rewarded with a 360° view of the city.

## Saunas

In a country of 5.5 million people, Finland has a whopping 3.3 million saunas, and the Finnish capital has its fair share of them. Try the traditional combination of a sauna and a cold-water swim.

## Herring hurrah

Get ready fish lovers! Fish is hugely popular throughout Finland. The Baltic herring is the most well-regarded, locally caught fish in Helsinki. There's even a Baltic herring festival in October every year.

## 1952

Even though Helsinki is known mostly as a winter destination, it held the Summer Olympics in 1952. Most of the events took place in the Helsinki Olympic Stadium, which now hosts sporting events and big concerts.

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