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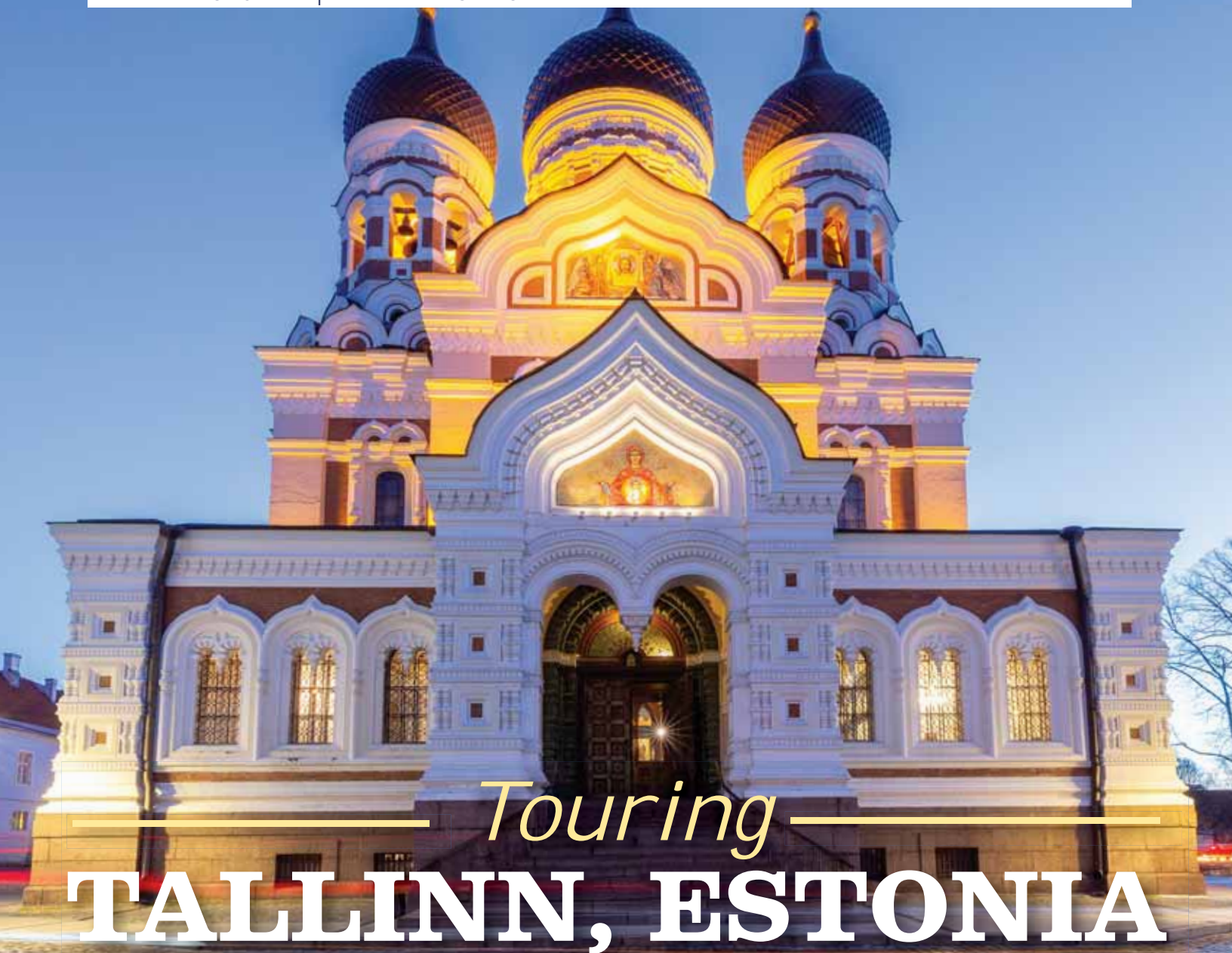
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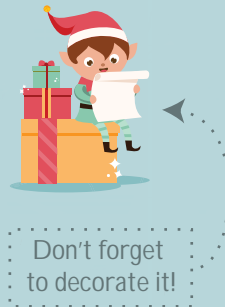
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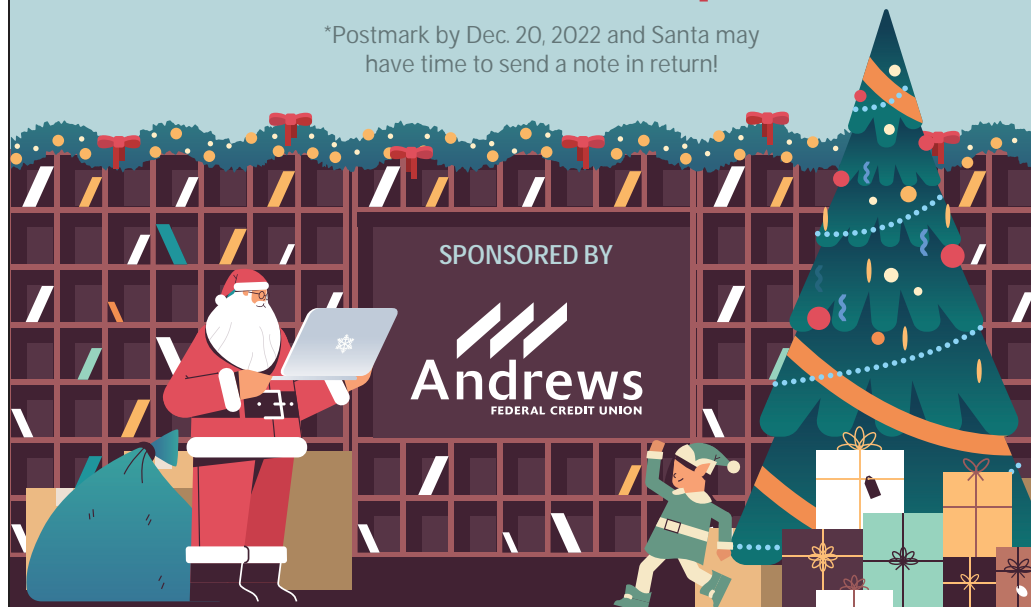


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November Events

By Tamala Malerk

EDITOR'S PICKS

November is here and before you get consumed with holiday shopping, planning and all that comes with the end of the year, here are events for everyone, from those who want to keep warm indoors or to those who yearn to venture outside and enjoy the brisk, cool air.



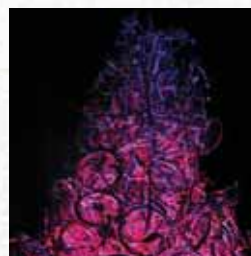
Jazzfest Nov. 3 to 6, Berlin

In existence since 1964 and winner of the 2021 Europe Jazz Network Award for Adventurous Programming, Jazzfest includes the sounds of jazz icons and talented up-and-comers from a variety of genres.



KREATIV Autumn 2022 Nov. 17 to 20, Stuttgart

One of the largest DIY fairs in the area, this is the place to pick up everything from home decorations, yarn, doll-making materials, handicrafts and jewelry-making supplies. Also, learn new techniques at one of the daily workshops.



Tollwood Winter Festival Nov. 24 to Dec. 31, Munich

Go catch a theater show and shop at the market (until Dec. 23rd) at this winter festival with over 200 stalls, where 90% of the shows and entertainment is free. The event ends with a New Year's Eve fireworks show.



Discovery Art Fair Nov. 4 to 6, Frankfurt

This is an art fair for seasoned art lovers and novices alike. Revel in paintings, sculptures, drawings, graphic prints, photographs and mixed-media pieces and purchase your favorite works.



The Harlem Globetrotters Nov. 24, Frankfurt

Watch these basketball players in action as they perform awe-inspiring tricks with all-new characters guaranteed to make you laugh out loud in the stands. Go to harlemglobetrotters.com for more shows in different German cities.



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Japan Light Festival Nov. 5 to 6, Dortmund

Enjoy all things Japan: Matcha, mochi, ramen and more. Sing karaoke and enjoy sushi delights such as donuts, burgers and burritos at the "longest running sushi bar in Europe."



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Evanescence: Worlds Collide Tour Nov. 25, Düsseldorf

Enjoy the sultry sound of Amy Lee's voice as she brings you to life with the band performing some of their greatest hits such as "My Immortal" and "Call Me When You're Sober." Visit evanescence.com for more shows in different German cities.



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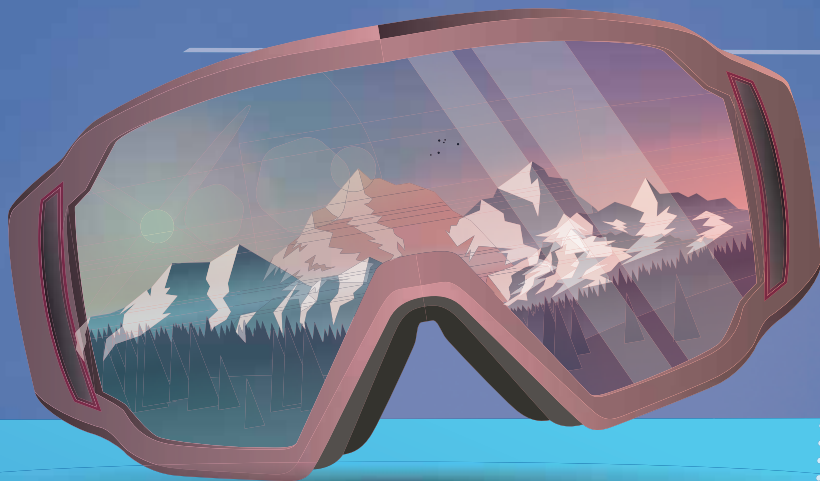
Leonhardifahrt Nov. 7, Bad Tölz

Considered the most important holiday in the area, this pilgrimage leading through Marktstraße to Kalvarienberg has been around since 1855. Horses and horse-drawn carriages are lavishly and elegantly decorated.

PLAN AHEAD

German Comic Con: Winter Edition Dec. 3 to 4, Dortmund

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PHOTO of the month

The Sava Valley is home to St. Thomas's Church, which is less than an hour away from Slovenia's capital Ljubljana. The hilltop church seems perfectly juxtaposed against the mighty backdrop of the Alps, almost as if the builders knew it would lie in timeless beauty. Since the 14th century, the Romanesque features have been reimagined several times, and it now has a gothic sanctuary.

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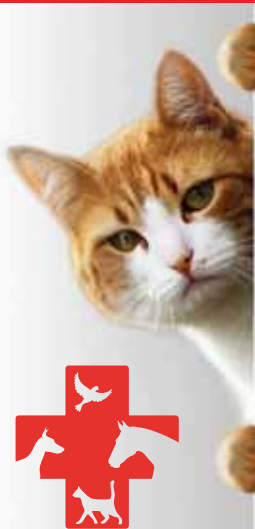
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a day at

Berchtesgaden Salt Mine

By Anna Leigh Bagiackas

Do you ever play the “What if” game? “What if we lived in Europe or Germany? Where would we live or where would we vacation in the summertime?” My answer to the last question would undoubtedly be Berchtesgaden, Germany.

While you could spend a weekend, a week or many weeks exploring the city and surrounding area of Berchtesgaden, you can also get a taste of this Bavarian city in just a day. For a particularly unique experience, head to Berchtesgaden Salt Mine, an underground world that has been mining salt, or “white gold,” for over 500 years. While it is a worthy destination any time, this is a great option for a rainy day if the hike in the Alps you had planned is no longer in the cards.



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The Berchtesgaden Salt Mine was officially founded in 1517 and has only been under the rule of Bavaria in 1816. Having celebrated its 500th anniversary in 2017, the mine continues to be active today and utilizes the same “wet mining” method it has been using since its founding.

This is truly a tour unlike any other, and because photography and filming are prohibited, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The tour begins with a lovely view of the salt mine's full operation and the landscape of Berchtesgaden. From there, you will take a train 650 meters into the mountain. You will then encounter the first of two slides (with a non-slide option), to travel 34 meters down into the Salt Cathedral, built over 250 years ago.

From there, you will discover the beautiful Salt Grotto, built in honor of King Ludwig II. Then, you will get your brief lesson in salt and an illustration of how the current mine functions. See the blind elevator

shaft used by workers today, imagining what it would be like traveling underground each day for work. You will also get to view the tunnels, impressive machinery used in the mining process and a light-show that teaches the importance of salt in our daily life. Go down the second slide and into one of the deepest points of the mine—Mirror Lake. Experience this wondrous place deep in the mountain before seeing the 14-ton bronze pump used for 110 years in the mine. When you finally make your way back up to ground level, all the places you just visited may feel rather otherworldly.

Once you experience the beauty of the Alps, the turquoise blue lakes and rivers, the charming Bavarian old town and the wondrous world of the Berchtesgaden Salt Mine maybe you will have the same answer as I do to the “What if” game.

THINGS TO KNOW

Visitors are given protective overalls to protect their clothing and stay warm in the mine, which is consistently at 12°C. Tickets are 21 euro for adults and 10.90 euro for children, with discounted deals on families and groups. You can also purchase a combination ticket with the Old Salt Works attraction in Bad Reichenhall. All tickets should be purchased online, in order to choose a time for the guided tour and ensure capacity. The Bergschänke Restaurant on-site provides tasty Bavarian cuisine in the mine's old engine house, as well as an outdoor terrace. You can also get your fill of salt, seasonings and other salt-related gifts at the Salt Shop. ■

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Touring **TALLINN, ESTONIA**

By Jessica Zen

The streets of Tallinn are the place to go for a taste of a new and different culture, architecture and history. From the medieval Old Town to the stunning beach front, there is a rich cultural scene in this northern European country. Located on the Baltic Sea, the capital of Estonia boasts winding cobblestone streets, imposing church towers and a fascinating mix of modernity and history that create the perfect vacation destination.

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Located on the Baltic Sea, the capital of Estonia boasts winding cobblestone streets, imposing church towers and a fascinating mix of modernity and history that create the perfect vacation destination.

Old Town Charm

Start your adventure in the Old Town. The 13th-century city plan is still intact, as are various churches, merchant houses, barns and warehouses from the Middle Ages. Start at the Kiek in de K  k Fortifications Museum, which was once a 15th-century defensive tower. The museum includes the namesake tower, Maiden's Tower (Neitsitorn), Stable Tower (Tallitorn), Gate Tower (V  ravatorn), the bastion passages and the Carved Stone Museum. The Kiek in de K  k tower was built in the 15th century, but today there are six floors of history that chronicle the city's defense system. Don't miss touring the bastion passages, which once concealed soldiers and their equipment. These passages were built in the 17th and 18th centuries and helped to monitor enemy mine activity.

Next up in the Old Town is St. Olaf's Church, the city's biggest medieval structure. It was named after a sainted Norwegian king, Olaf II Haraldsson. It dates back to 1267 and is where the reformation started in Tallinn in the early 1500s. Its beautiful Gothic spire towers over the city at 406 feet. Fun fact: the spire was used as a radio tower for the Soviet KGB from 1944 to 1991! This is a great place to look out over the city, but first you have to climb up the 232 steps to the viewing platform.

Another beautiful religious structure in the area is the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. This stunning piece of architecture is an Orthodox cathedral that was built in 1900 in the Russian Revival style on Toompea Hill. It is amazingly well kept and features four minor golden, onion-shaped domes and a grand cupola, as well as 11 bells, all of which were cast in St. Petersburg. The largest bell in the city is here and weighs 15 tons. Wander inside to experience a calming peace and quiet while you look at various mosaics and icons.



This charming city is the perfect place to learn about northern Europe's culture, both past and present.

Futuristic Fun

Tallinn stretches much further than just the Old Town. Head to PROTO Invention Factory for a unique experience. This was a former submarine factory that is now a place to see amazing inventions come to life. This fantasy world will allow you to discover your inner scientist while experimenting with physical phenomena. Launch a space shuttle or use air cannons to keep a ball afloat. Both children and adults will love this interactive factory.

After enjoying the invention factory, head to Fotografiska, the museum of photography. Here you'll find the perfect blend of art, music, food and design. Linger over some of the world's best photography, then grab a bite to eat at the restaurant on the sixth floor, which offers great views of the city. Discuss your favorite pieces while savoring food made by one of Estonia's top chefs, Peeter Pihel. He utilizes his experience from Estonia, Sweden and France to create delicious, "honest" food.

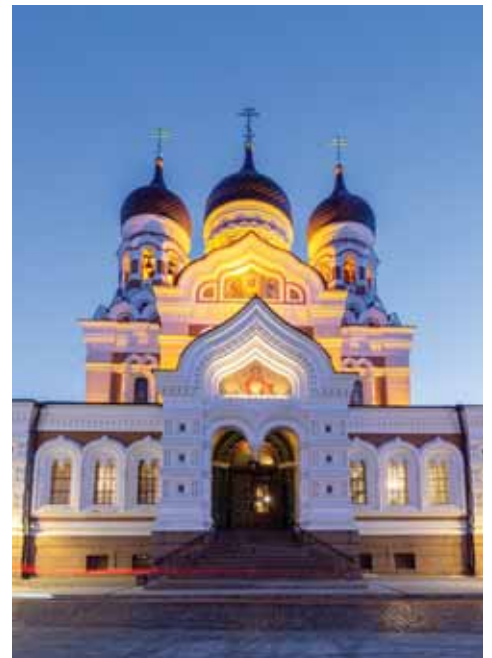
Outdoor Entertainment

After enjoying the museum, it's time to head outside. Kadriorg Park is a lovely palace and

park with 173 acres that makes you feel like the bustling city is miles away. This beautiful palace was built in 1718 on orders of Tsar Peter I for his summer home. It features a lovely swan pond, lower and upper gardens, fountains and various museums on site, including the Estonian Art Museum. Interestingly enough, the architectural and design styles for the palace and grounds pull from various countries. Here you'll see Italian terraces, Dutch canals, French-style road networks and Russian-inspired flowers, all in one location.

From royals to farmers, get the full scope of what Tallinn used to look like. Go from the palace to the Estonian Open Air Museum, located just outside of the city, for a stark comparison of what the commoners lived like. This outdoor museum has 14 farms displaying the 18th through 20th century rural way of life. Take a horse and cart ride and go inside the school building from 1887. Once you've worked up an appetite, stop at the Kolu Inn. It was originally built in the 1840s and now serves up local dishes.

This charming city is the perfect place to learn about northern Europe's culture, both past and present. Get lost in the winding streets of the Old Town, or rocket into the future at the invention factory. Whatever you decide to do with



your time in Tallinn, make sure you're learning and loving life. That's what a good adventure is all about! ■

YOUR Barcelona BUCKET LIST

By Erica Fowler

Want a trip that will stave off the cold of the coming months? Head to the Mediterranean coast of Spain, where Barcelona is waiting.

1

Experience the unique and colorful Gaudí architecture of several prominent buildings throughout the city, but especially on a stroll through Park Güell.

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Grab a cold beer and tapas at **La Boqueria** market, before or after you have ventured through the city's massive central street, La Rambla.

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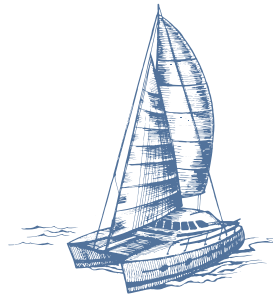
Delight in an evening fountain show at the Fountain of Montjuïc amid a garden and museum-filled area of the city.

Practice Catalan phrases to mingle with the locals, such as the greeting, "**Bon Dia!**" or market shop with the ability to ask, "**Què és això?**" or "What is this?" Marvel at the beautiful blend of French, Spanish and Italian languages that have merged to create one of Spain's four official languages.



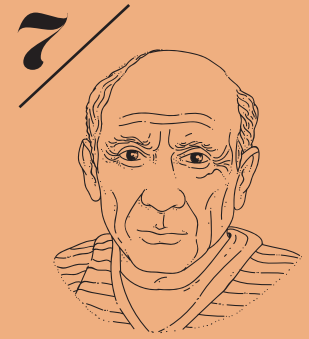
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Take a shared or private **catamaran** ride and relax on the Balearic Sea.



Take in the view from **Montserrat**, a mountain range jutting inland from Barcelona, with a historic abbey, terraces, and interesting sites tucked throughout. You can even take a cable car to the top!

6



The **Picasso Museum** pays homage to the artist's many years in this city. If you are an art lover, the display of over 3,000 of his works is a must-do, which is housed in five medieval mansions.

8

Find your favorite rooms at the **Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site**, which was once a hospital, if you can believe it, when you're looking at intricately tiled murals and palatial, sunny arched rooms.



9

Wind through the beautiful Parc de la Ciutadella for its many green spaces, a zoo, and their indoor palm house and winter garden, which is perfect for days with less than perfect weather.



10

La Sagrada Familia, the largest unfinished church in the world, is a popular site on many bucket lists, and worth seeing it in all its magnificence, despite the crowds. ■



Mulgipuder

Estonia's Potato Porridge

..... By Anna Leigh Bagiackas



"Mulgipuder," or mashed potatoes with barley, may just be the recipe you've been looking for as autumn grows colder and darker and we all yearn for a bowl of warmth and deliciousness. This description characterizes many of the foods that have become popular in Estonia. With its proximity to the sea, fish is an important of the Estonian culinary culture, as are roasted meats, sausages and a variety of preserved foods. These are necessary to have different ingredients throughout the winter in this colder climate. Be sure to also try some Estonian desserts such as "kohuke" and "kohupiimakreem," which showcase the sweet side of cheese curd.

Mashed potatoes are a common dish around the world, but the combination of potatoes and barley is what makes mulgipuder unique. With almost 4,000 years of history, barley is a staple ingredient in Estonian recipes, as it has been grown in the country longer than other crops. This particular recipe comes from southern Estonia, but is popular all over the country today.

This porridge can be served as a cozy, lighter main course or as a side to go with roasted meat dishes. It is somewhat of an open palette in terms of what the porridge can be topped with. It is traditionally served with cooked onions and bacon on top, plus sour cream and rye bread, but you could add other preserves, sauces or different vegetables. You can also easily make it vegetarian or vegan, substituting the bacon for pan-fried eggplant or sour cream with a vegan alternative.

Mulgipuder

Serves: 4

Start to finish: 1 hour

3 1/3 pounds potatoes
1/2 cup pearl barley, rinsed
2 onions, chopped
2 teaspoons fine sea salt
2 to 3 bay leaves
6 1/3 cups water

Peel the potatoes and cut into halves. Place potatoes in pot with barley, onions, salt and bay leaves. Cover everything with water and bring to a boil. Once boiling, cover the pot with a lid and let it cook on medium heat for at least an hour.

Meanwhile, prepare onions, bacon or other toppings while potatoes cook.

Check on the potatoes and if there is a lot of water left, let it boil an additional 5 minutes without a lid. Then, remove the bay leaves, drain and return potato-barley mixture to pot to mash (using a traditional masher, not a ricer). Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with prepared toppings and enjoy!

(This recipe was adapted from "Vegansandra.")

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