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# JOURNEY TO THE COAST OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

On **June 14**, after a long break, **Travellers Club Baku** returned with three peculiar directions: **Iceland, the Faroe Islands, the Isle of Skye**.

A regular meeting of Travellers Club Baku was held at Landmark's Cine Club, where diplomat and traveler **Denis Daniilidis** presented three incredible places full of secrets and legends to the guests of the meeting.

An experienced traveler, event guide - Denis Daniilidis attracted general attention with interesting stories, useful information, and facts related to the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. He also shared with the traveler's club fans his own photos and videos taken during the journey.

Handicrafts, maps, rare books describing the terrain were exhibited for the audience. During the event, a fantastic film about these places was also shown.



**Iceland** is an amazingly beautiful island. Nature has given this island wonders and beauty: geysers and hot springs, glaciers and icebergs, waterfalls and mountain lakes are among them. The unique geological origin of the island makes it a real research center. Also, Iceland is one of the most active regions of volcanic activity on Earth.

**The Faroe Islands** are a little-known archipelago located in the north of the Atlantic in the Norwegian Sea, approximately between Iceland and the Scottish Islands. The main thing for which people are going to these islands is the feeling that they were at the edge of the world. Amazing fantastic landscapes help to feel it. Each island of Faroe is unique and can be considered a separate natural landmark.

**The Isle of Skye**, connected by a bridge to the northwestern coast of Scotland, is known for its harsh landscapes, its nature, amazingly deserted landscapes of grassy hills, picturesque fishing villages and medieval castles.

## LEGENDARY MEXICAN MUSICIANS PERFORMED IN BAKU



The concert of the world-famous Mexican musicians **Javier Nandayapa** and **Mirna Yam** took place on the 22nd floor of Landmark on **June 24**.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the creative activity of the talented percussionist Javier Nandayapa, we have won the honor of hosting Mexican musicians in our country.

The concert was organized by the **Embassy of the United States of Mexico in the Republic of Azerbaijan** and **Landmark**. The night was attended by Mexican Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary **Juan Rodrigo Labardini Flores** who personally welcomed all the guests.

Before the concert, Ambassador Juan Rodrigo Labardini Flores said that he was honored to host such great

musicians and wished a pleasant night for all.

Javier Nandayapa began his musical career in the famous Marimba ensemble in 1989. He began his solo career in 1995, and since then he has been fascinated by the admiration of his audience.

Since 1993, Mirna Yam has played an important role in promoting drums and musical plays in educational institutions and at cultural forums.

Javier Nandayapa and Mirna Yam have participated in many stages and festivals around the world.

And on June 24, there was an opportunity to be drowned in the great musical night for the residents of our capital. The musicians delighted audience with spectacular performances.



# CONCERT "TAR-GUITAR DUO"



The famous French guitarist **Filigan** and Azerbaijani soloist **Ismayil Zulfugarov** performed a concert "**Tar-Guitar duo**".

OIC Prod continues its cultural cooperation in Azerbaijan in partnership with the French Embassy in Azerbaijan, the French Institute, UFAZ and Landmark.

As part of the musical cooperation between France and Azerbaijan, a magnificent concert was presented at the Rotunda Jazz Center in Landmark on June 27. French guitarist Filigan and Azerbaijani singer Ismail Zulfugarov captivated the audience with a concert called "Tar-Guitar duo".

Phenomenal guitarist Filigan and tar-player Ismail Zulfugarov performed an exclusive concert called "Tar-Guitar duo" for the second time.

The synthesis of Azerbaijani folk songs and modern French songs with tar, violin, saxophone and guitar at this concert gave the audience extraordinary and charming moments.

The concert, which is a continuation of the musical project "Tar-Guitar Festival" held in November 2018, will carry out its **next project in October of this year**.



## AN INCOMPARABLE, DYNAMIC, EMOTIONAL MUSICAL CONCERT

"Kerekes", double winner of the award "Phonogram", one of the most important folk music ensembles of Hungary in the last decade, made his first appearance in Azerbaijan.

On **June 29**, "Kerekes" performed a spectacular concert at the Landmark Rotunda Jazz Center in Baku. This ethno-funk band presented the Azerbaijani audience with Hungarian folk music tradition.

The musicians drowned the guests of the concert into fantastic music. Having synthesized traditional Hungarian music with funk, punk and dance music, they performed such traditional instruments as coboz, alt and flute.



# TRADITIONAL ROMANIAN MUSIC CONCERT

On **June 22**, Baku hosted an evening of traditional Romanian music on the **22nd floor of Landmark**. In 2003, the musical group "**Trei Parale**" (Three Dime), created in the city of Bucharest in Romania gave spectators an impressive concert program.

The group is characterized by a musical repertoire based on extensive research in the field of traditional music. Their style of interpretation was shaped and enriched by visits to Romanian villages and communication with various old musicians.

On stage, **Florin Jordan** (cobza, pipe), leader of the band is accompanied by **Daniel-Mircea Pop** (sound, pipe, blockbuster, percussion), **Beatrice Jordan** (voice, cobza) and **Mihai Balabas** (violin, violoncello).

The musicians made residents of our capital a truly ancient musical holiday and pleased the audience with their magnificent performances.

The concert was organized by the **Embassy of Romania in the Republic of Azerbaijan** and **Landmark**. The night



was visited by Romanian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Mr. Dan IANCU.

## "Trei Parale"

The group "Trei Parale" is very popular in Romania and has participated in various festivals: medieval festivals, festivals of ancient music, jazz festivals, the world music festival and classical music festivals.

## Traditional Romanian Music

Traditional Romanian music is very interesting and colorful. Early Romanian music was played on different kinds of flutes, accompanied by rhythm, and later the cobza was added.

Romanian folk music has several genres: muzică Populară, Muzică Tradițională and at Lăutărească, and regional differences in these musical styles. For example, Transylvanian music differs from the one, popular in Moldova.

Until 1900, the only musical genre in many Romanian regions was the style of improvised lyric poetry. In 2009, the doina was included in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

## TRADE TURNOVER BETWEEN MEXICO & AZERBAIJAN BREAKS A RECORD

On **July 2**, on the **22nd floor of the Landmark Hotel**, there was an event dedicated to tourism growth and economic relations between Azerbaijan and Mexico.

The event was attended by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico to Azerbaijan **Juan Rodrigo Labardini Flores**. During the event, he made a presentation on the trade and tourism turnover between Mexico and Azerbaijan.

"Trade between Mexico and Azerbaijan has increased significantly in recent years. In 2018, a record number of \$ 26.2 million was reached, which makes the growth of exchanges between the two countries obvious," said Mexican Ambassador Rodrigo Labardini.

The Ambassador also noted that Mexico is growing as an attractive destination for Azerbaijani tourism and the main places visited by Azerbaijani tourists are the **Riviera Maya** and **Mexico City**.

"The number of Mexican tourists visiting Azerbaijan also increased significantly during 2018," said Rodrigo Labardini.

At the end of the evening, famous Mexican musicians **Javier Nandayapa** and **Mirna Yam** showed a musical performance. The musicians pleased the guests with a great performance and showed them the grandiose world of Mexican music.



# MICAM

## "SHOES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD IN A UNIQUE SPACE"

On **July 9**, a presentation of the international exhibition «**MICAM 88-50th Anniversary, Italian footwear design: excellence in quality, style and innovation**» took place on the **22nd floor of the Landmark** in Baku.

Director of MICAM **Paolo Borghini**, Director of Italian Trade Agency in Baku **Maurizio Ferri**, Deputy Head of Mission **Mr. Umberto Boeri** and others spoke at the event and told about the upcoming anniversary exhibition.

**15th-18th September 2019 will be the 50th anniversary of this exhibition.**

MICAM is the world's leading international footwear exhibition. It is held twice a year, in February and September, in the Rho-Fiera trade-fair center in Milan. Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter collections for the following year are presented in the course of the two editions. Buyers are offered an extensive range of products to choose from since the fair showcases 2,000 shoe collections by top national and international brands.

MICAM Milano successfully combines business, fashion and communication, and represents an unmissable opportunity for establishing or consolidating business contacts.



## **BELGIAN NATIONAL DAY AT LANDMARK**



It was a great event in honor of the **Belgian National Day** on **July 18** on the **22nd floor of Landmark**.

**The Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Azerbaijan** organized a reception in honor of the main holiday of the Kingdom - Belgian National Day.

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Belgium to Azerbaijan, **Bert Shufs**, welcomed all the guests of the evening, spoke about the history of this holiday and wished everyone a great evening.

Heads of diplomatic missions, diplomats, cultural and scientific figures, as well as business and media representatives gathered to celebrate the main state holiday of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Reception guests were presented a delicious buffet consisting of dishes and snacks of the Belgian national cuisine, Belgian beer, as well as the world-famous Belgian chocolate.

**Belgian National Day is celebrated annually on July 21, starting in 1890.**

After the Belgian Revolution of 1830, which led Belgium to independence from the Netherlands, the newly formed National Congress decided that their country would be a kingdom and on June 4, 1831, called Leopold I for the reign. He accepted the offer, soon arrived in Brussels and officially received power on July 21, the same year.





Officially, the holiday was recognized by law on May 27, 1890.

Currently, celebrations in honor of the National Day are held throughout the country. Belgians are very honored on this calendar day. The most large-scale festivities take place in Brussels, among which the brightest is the grandiose military parade (Grand-Place), which takes place on Palace Square after the traditional solemn appeal to the people of the King of Belgium. In his speech, the monarch congratulates people on a memorable date and calls on them to unite to preserve the integrity and greatness of the state.

After the parade, the streets of the capital are filled with crowds of Belgians and tourists, music is heard everywhere and musical groups, dance and theater groups perform. Also on this day, many state museums and historical monuments can be visited for free, among them - the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, the Royal Museum of History and Art, and even the Royal Palace and the Parliament of Belgium. The holiday ends, according to tradition, with a grand firework.

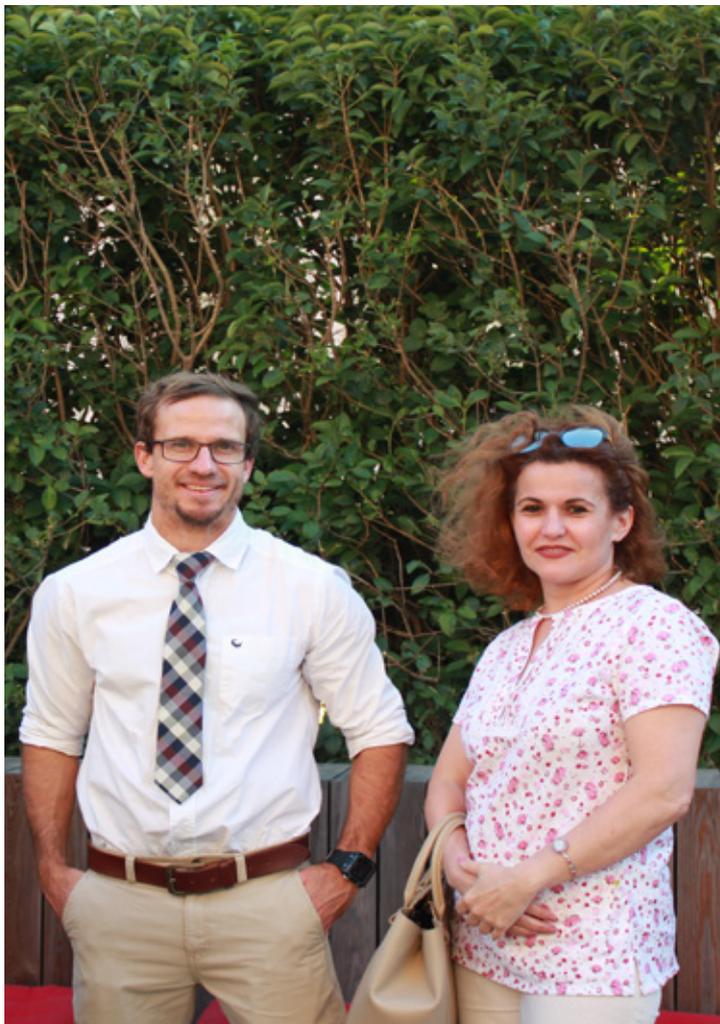


## THE BBG MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING

On **10th July**, the **BBG Monthly Members Meeting** took place on the **Rooftop of the Rotunda at the Landmark Hotel**.

The BBG Monthly Members had about 60 people at what was a pleasant and decent event. It was a relaxed meeting and conversation of businessmen, where new business people can meet other business people who are familiar with the workings of Azerbaijan, for information and advice on how business is carried out in the country.

Pre-dinner drinks from 7 pm took place on the Rooftop, the meeting started at 8 pm.



### British Business Group

A British Business Group (BBG) is an association of British businesspeople. The British Business Group in Azerbaijan was set up in the 1999 year to encourage the development of British business in Azerbaijan and now is the region's foremost business-to-business membership networking group, enabling like-minded professionals to further their business interests in Azerbaijan. The aims of the group are typically to encourage trade with the host country and to provide a social environment for business networking.

The BBG organizes the monthly meetings each month, for members and non-members providing an opportunity for those interested in UK and Azerbaijani business to meet regularly and to exchange information and ideas.

## SALÒ Ristorante Italiano

SALÒ welcomes guests in an elegant atmosphere with special Italian cuisine. Come and enjoy the dishes that made the place famous, while relaxing in a warm and friendly environment.

SALÒ offers a large array of daily updated Italian gastronomy during the business lunch starting from 11:30 to 15:00, from Monday to Friday.

The most delicious and popular dishes of Italian cuisine are prepared by experienced Chefs with fresh and selected ingredients.

SOLO located in the city center, on the ground floor of The Landmark Center II.



### CAESER SALAD WITH GRILLED SHRIMP

The Caesar salad's creation is generally attributed to restaurateur Caesar Cardini, an Italian immigrant who operated restaurants in Mexico and the United States. His daughter Rosa recounted that her father invented the salad at his restaurant Caesar's (at the Hotel Cesar) when a Fourth of July rush in 1924 depleted the kitchen's supplies. Cardini made do with what he had, adding the dramatic flair of the table-side tossing "by the chef."

#### Instructions:

In a small bowl, whisk together the egg product, garlic, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice. Slowly add the olive oil in a steady stream, whisking the whole time and season with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, toss the dressing with the lettuce until well coated. Add the croutons and toss to combine. Divide the salad onto 4 plates and top each plate with 5 or 6 shrimp, cherry tomatoes, black olives, and top it up with grated Parmesan.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup pasteurized egg
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup finely grated parmesan
- 8 cups coarsely torn romaine lettuce
- 2 cups garlic-scented croutons
- 20 to 24 lemon pepper grilled shrimp
- Cherry tomatoes
- Black olives

## GRAND THAI EVENT TOOK PLACE AT THE BAKU CONGRESS CENTER



From July 1 to July 10, meetings were held at the **Baku Congress Center** in the framework of the **43rd session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee**.

Up to 3 thousand representatives from over 180 countries took part in the session.

On **July 5**, a **Thai event** was held at the Baku Congress Center in the framework of the 43rd session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, in which the Princess of Thailand took part. Especially for this event, the Landmark Hotel provided the **catering** of the highest standards of impeccable service and style. Although Landmark does not provide catering for events held outside the Landmark Hotel, this large-scale event was a pleasant exception for us.

The session of the World Heritage Committee is one of the most prestigious events contributing to the preservation of world cultural heritage. The Committee makes decisions on samples of the material and natural heritage, the most valuable monuments that embody the identity and historical memory of the peoples of the world.





## **INTERVIEW WITH THE CHEF OF CASPIAN GRILL AND TERRACE**

**Q: Could you tell us a little about yourself, please?**

A: Being born and brought up in Bhubaneswar, a small city in India, and having had the early cooking lessons from my mom, I began cooking at home as a young boy. Growing up in India, food was at the center of everyday life. From festivals to wedding celebrations, huge feasts were commonplace and it was here that I fell in love with the sights, smells, and celebration of food.

I joined the Institute of Hotel Management, to pursue my dreams. I have had several opportunities to work with some of the leading star hotel chains. My other passions currently include Food, Travel, and History.

**Q: Why did you decide to become a chef?**

A: I love food. I get great pleasure from eating and enjoy flavorful meals, but more than that I love to cook for other people. I love sharing dishes and the feeling it gives me when someone enjoys the food I cook.

**Q: Who's been the greatest inspiration in your cooking?**

A: My mom was the greatest inspiration to me when I was a young boy. At home, I helped her cook and do grocery shopping.

**Q: Did you go to culinary school? What did you like best about the education experience?**

A: I graduated from the Institute of Hotel Management. The thing I liked the best about my education experience was completing my advanced chef training at star hotels and luxury restaurants.

**Q: How would you describe the food you serve at Caspian Grill and Terrace?**

A: It is a multi-cuisine restaurant, we serve Azerbaijani, Indian, and European food.

**Q: What are your favourite local ingredients to work with?**

A: There are some ingredients that I play with when I am cooking, such as aromatic green herbs, lamb and fish.

**Q: What is your favorite cuisine? How many different types of**

**cuisine are you capable of producing?**

A: My favorite cuisine is Indian. My favorite ingredients are seafood and all Asian and Mediterranean spices. I can cook Asian and European cuisine.

**Q: What foods do you like to pair together and why?**

A: Lamb chops with pomegranate is an excellent combination. It tastes sweet, sour and tangy. Cooking it in BBQ gives you delicious flavor.

**Q: What inspires you in the kitchen?**

A: Passion for food, new ingredients, art of cooking and creativity inspire me a lot.

**Q: Is there a chef you admire the most? Who and why?**

A: It is difficult to say that you admire this person or that one. Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, but the person with the most human qualities is undoubtedly Vikas Khanna.

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