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The Magic of Advent

Don't miss out on the Christmas festivities in Zagreb!

The warmest Christmas story is happening in Zagreb once again. Snowflakes, twinkle lights and Christmas carols make the city magical every December.

This year, the city of Zagreb prepared something new: across the whole town, Zagreb has hidden our favourite childhood friends: toys! These traditional toys, once made in Zagreb, were on every child's Christmas list—and now, thanks to an app, they're making their way back to our parks, yards, and homes, creating truly unique Christmas cards.

This experience is interesting and really easy to try: all you need is the Equinox XR app to open your "toy box". After that, just start walking through Zagreb's Advent to find surprise boxes and open them by tapping on the screen. You'll receive a

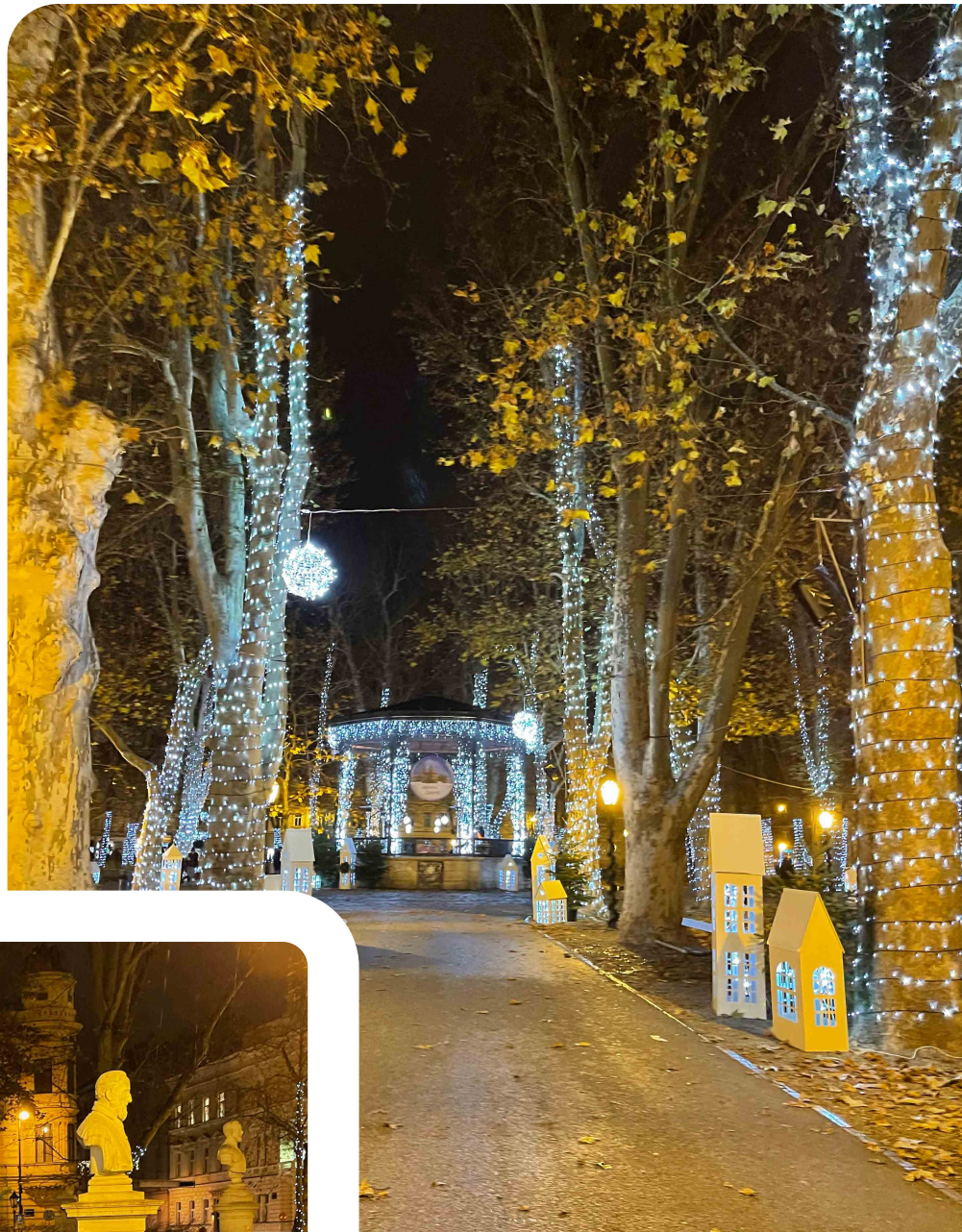
toy that can be stored in your toy box and placed in any other location, so you can take photos!

The Christmas market is full of magical activities, as it always is! With bands performing in the music pavilion, Zrinjevac will be illuminated by thousands of twinkle lights, while an ice skating fairytale is just a few blocks away. If you visit Strossmayer Square, you'll find mistletoe, ready for a kiss from your loved one!

There will be cute wooden houses set up all over the city, with the majority located on Ban Josip Jelačić Square and the European Square. Oversized toys and nutcrackers will keep

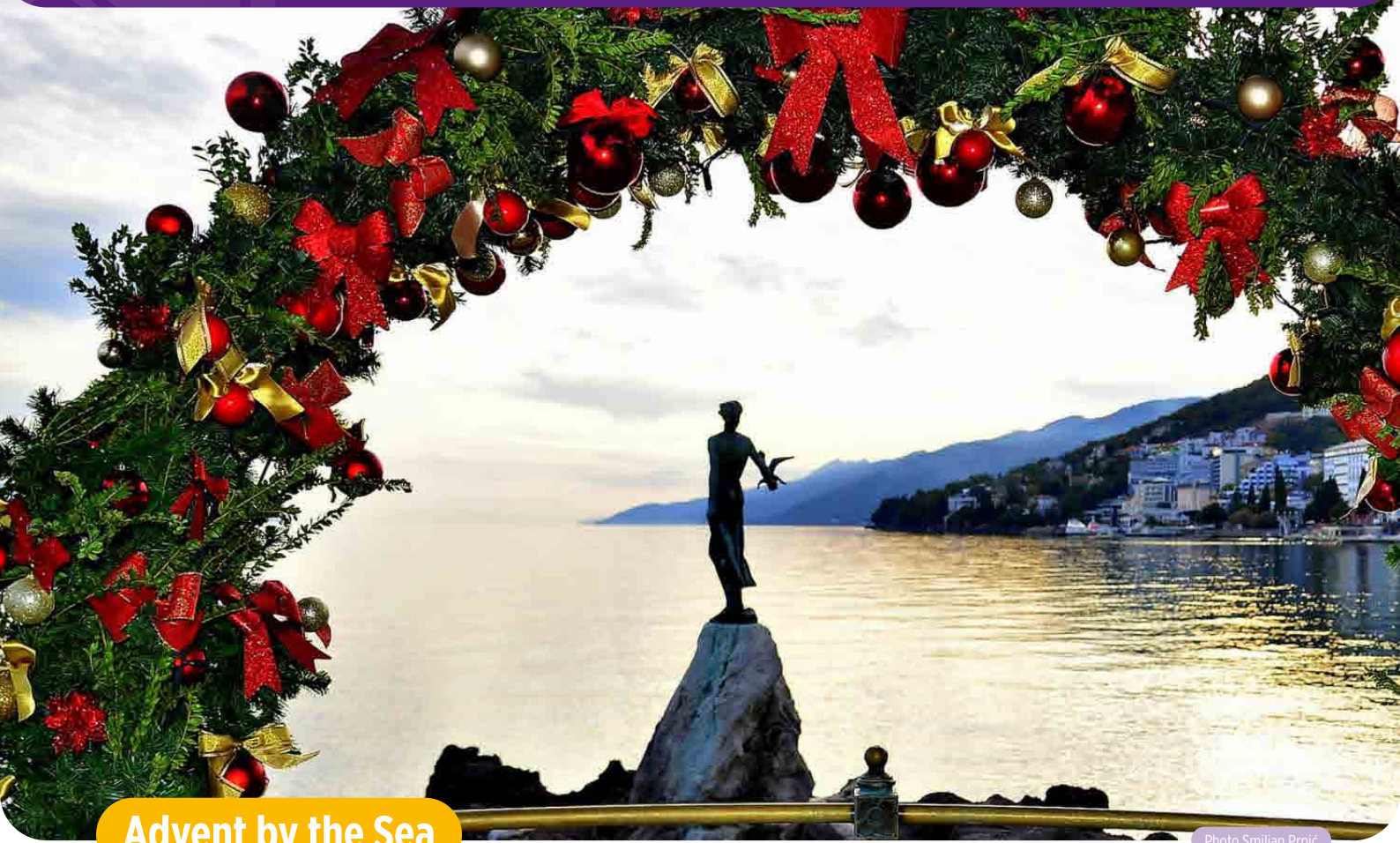
you company as you sip mulled wine and snack on fritters. Delicious food awaits in the Upper Town as well, bratwurst and germ dumplings are a perfect duo, especially when paired with the magical atmosphere of the “Stross” and Gradec plateau. Aside from the fantastic food, Zagreb’s Upper Town is also an ideal location for taking stunning photos.

This year, the Christmas spirit took over a brand new location in the city - the park of the Academy of Fine Arts, where this year’s Advent officially opened on Nov. 27th. Nipplepeople played at the opening, while throughout Advent there will be a rich and varied music program as well as delicious food on offer. There are also many other attractions here, such as the “Plati i nosi” painting exhibition and numerous culinary workshops that are sure to be entertaining.



The ambience will be adorned with thousands of twinkle lights, with sculptures by 12 great Croatian sculptors on permanent display.

Have a wonderful time and believe in the magic of Christmas in Zagreb, a magical, romantic, idyllic, and certainly magnificent story!



Advent by the Sea

Photo Smiljan Proić

Advent by the sea in Opatija's romantic atmosphere!

Opatija is a destination not to be missed, even in the winter. And this year, the city is decked out in its winter attire and ready to greet you with an array of Advent surprises.

Opatija will be a dream destination this winter as well, certainly due to its tourist tradition that stretches as far back as 200 years!

The Festival of Chocolate, which will feature the best domestic and international producers of original chocolate desserts, will kick off Advent festivities.

Thousands of twinkle lights and Christmas decorations are scattered throughout Opatija's famous locations, including St. Jacob's Park, Angiolina Park, Slatina, Lungomare, the Summer Stage, the town market, and Volosko.

As you walk through all of these locati-

ons, you can sip on the mulled wine and drink hot chocolate.

Angiolina Park, Opatija's most beautiful park, is located in the heart of this fairytale city. As you walk through the dwarf forest, giant nutcrackers and a candy house await you, while thousands of twinkle lights will delight almost everyone. The Maidel with the seagull, Opatija's most famous symbol, will also be dressed in holiday attire perfect for photos, so don't forget to snap a few with this magical symbol of Opatija. Take a break in front of the Juraj Porer Art Pavilion, also known as the town's winter garden, where you can enjoy the ex-

cellent food selection as well as the sea view.

Opatija's mild winter climate, proximity to the sea, and authentic Christmas atmosphere make it the ideal destination for this magical time of year; so head to Kvarner and spend unforgettable Christmas holidays by the sea!

Did you know?

The average temperature
in December in Opatija is 7.0 °C



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Advent

Varaždin's Fairytale Advent!

The Varaždin Advent is located in the heart of the historic centre and has a diverse, fun and magical atmosphere.

Christmas cookies and mulled wine will be available at several locations, to where a Santa Claus train will drive you. The Varaždin Cathedral will be decorated with a large Advent wreath, with one Advent candle lit each week.

Not far from the cathedral, "White Korzo" will be the hub of all events, with a diverse food and beverage offer and concert program on the weekends. Vanna opened the music program on November 27th, followed by the Dino Dvornik tribute band, Neno Belan & Fiumens with other performers, choirs and vocal-instrumental compositions performing on Saturday mornings.

On Thursday, December 23rd, young academic artists will create ice sculptures on Capuchin Square, providing a truly unique attraction. That's not all; don't forget about the already popular ice rink and ice slide, which have become Varaždin's Advent symbols. Try it out for yourself, at 15 kn per ticket and 15 kn for skates.

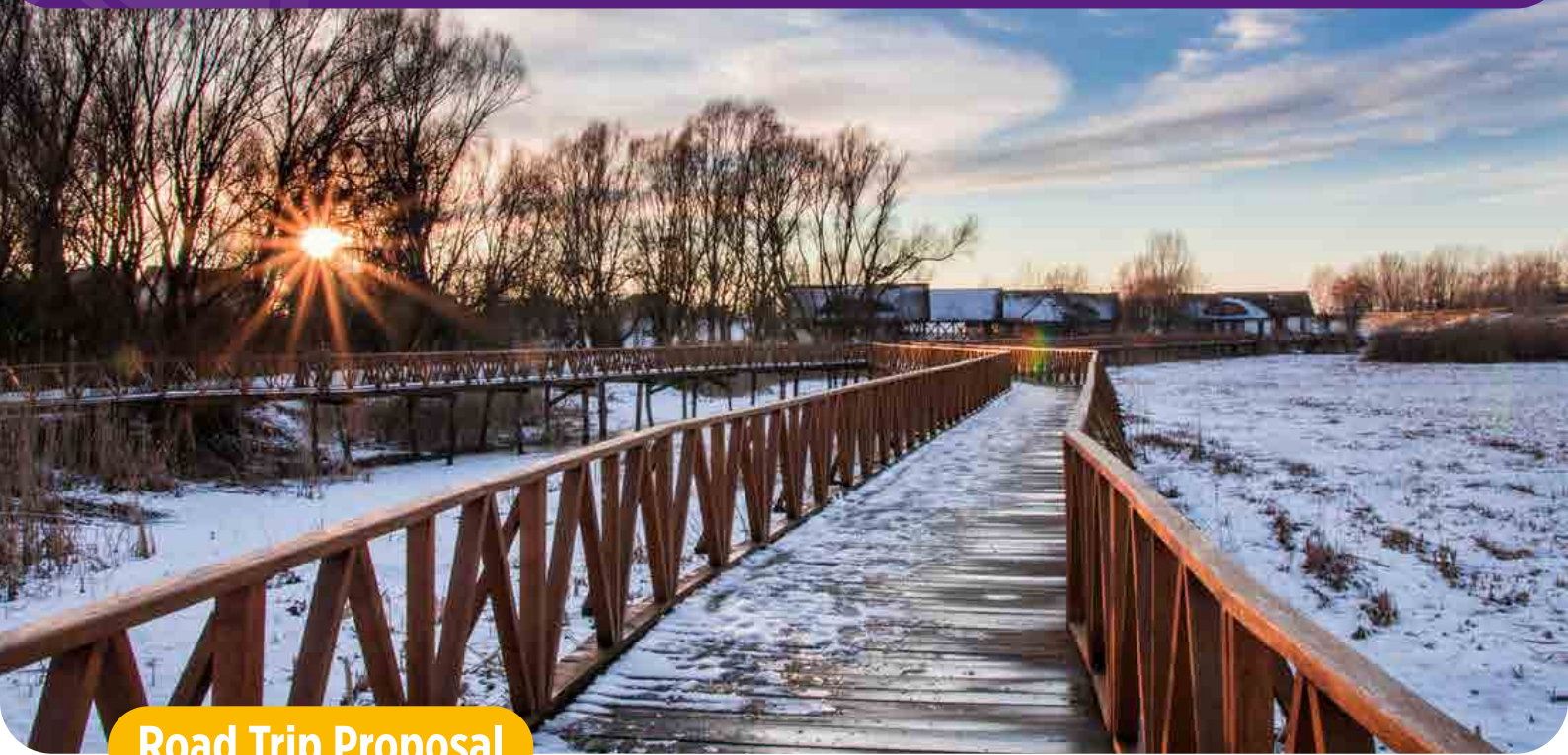
One of the largest Advent calendars ever created can be found in front of the Varaždin County Palace, while various craftsmen will make sure you don't leave empty-handed. The Christmas stands sell souvenirs, decorations, gifts and much more.

Bring your kids to Gajeva Street, where Santa Claus will be waiting with a special program in his magical house, which is also a great place to take pictures! If you haven't already been to this magical baroque town, now is the time! Have fun and enjoy the charms of this one-of-a-kind city during the festive season.



The nearest Carwiz branch is located in Zagreb, 85 km from Varaždin.





Road Trip Proposal

Winter delights in the beautiful Kopački rit Nature Park!

One of Europe's best-preserved floodplains and a special zoological reserve, as well as a habitat for numerous wetland birds, deer, and bald eagles, can be found in Baranja.

Kopački rit is home to breathtaking landscapes and diverse flora and fauna. A visit to this nature park will inspire your inner explorer, with many activities available, such as boating and canoe trips, in addition to walking and sight-seeing.

The entire park can be explored on rented bicycles, with stops along the way to listen to the roar of deer.

For those seeking a more peaceful environment, bird watching is a great choice and a relaxing activity.

So far, 295 bird species have been identified in Kopački rit, with 144 of them being permanent or occasional nesting birds. Approximately 70% of the birds inhabiting this area can be seen during a tour, which means that you can see between 35 and 63 species of birds every

day. The highest number of species recorded during a single one-day visit was 93. Furthermore, this nature park provides recreational fishing opportunities on natural and artificial canals, as well as on the Danube itself.

Kopački rit has a variety of educational programs and multimedia exhibitions where you can learn new and interesting things about nature and the Baranja region. In the park, there's also the beautiful Tikveš Castle Complex from the 19th century, but it's currently under renovation and sadly cannot be visited.

The fishing village of Kopačevo, on the outskirts of the nature park, is famous for its Kopačevo ground pepper, the best spice for fish stew and other Baranja specialties that you can sample in this small village.

Happy 2022

Magic of snow and ice

Spend time with your loved ones in this magical place to kick off the New Year right.

The winter idyll of Plitvice Lakes National Park is ideal for saying farewell to the old year and celebrating an unforgettable New Year's Eve. When the temperature falls below zero, the entire park transforms into a winter fairytale!

Nature's snow-covered roads and icy decorations, as well as large, magnificent frozen waterfalls, will not disappoint. Allow this ice fairytale to bring in the new year while you take in the most breathtaking winter scenes of waterfalls and lakes. Hotel Jezero offers one to three-night New Year's Eve packages that include a New Year's Eve celebration and dinner.



Did You Know?

The average temperature in December in Plitvice Lakes is 0.2 ° C.



The contents of these offers vary depending on the number of nights selected, but a few things are highlighted: a trip to Prvan Selo for a tasting of Lika brandies, homemade liqueurs and lunch, a tour of the Park with a guide, rich lunches and dinners in the hotel with live music, a gala dinner with a rich selection of dishes and an after-midnight buffet and a traditional New Year's picnic lunch at Kozjačka Draga, in the heart of the Park.

Depending on the number of days, prices range from 650kn to 2350kn per person.

Let the joys of winter, the snowy idyll of waterfalls, delicious food, and fun with your loved ones mark the start of a wonderful year!



National park Plitvice Lakes is 130 km away from the Carwiz branch in Zagreb and 175 km from the branch in Rijeka.



Discover the best places to enjoy winter!

As the first snowflakes slowly fall, we're getting excited about all the long-awaited winter activities!

Croatian ski resorts are becoming more and more popular, so why not take advantage of the cooler weather and enjoy the snow?



Sljeme

Sljeme has been providing visitors with joy for many years!

We expect the start of the new ski season on Sljeme at the beginning of the year so skiers and snowboarders will have access to five ski slopes, just like every year. White Meadow is a trail designed for children, while the White slope is a slightly more difficult descent 1,110m long that drifts all the way to the bottom of the chairlift. Then there are the slightly more difficult Blue and Green slopes, but the Red slope is a real challenge, a 975 m long, fully maintained trail for skiing competitions. A

s with every season, we can expect well-lit night skiing and fun snowy night adventures again this year. If you get hungry while skiing, homemade baked buns, sausages, various sandwiches, and drinks are available in the surrounding wooden houses every year.

Head to Sljeme for a unique winter adventure and enjoy the mountain views. Your vehicle is waiting for you at our Carwiz office, at Savska 106, Zagreb!

Platak

A ski resort with a sea view is always a good idea!

The Platak ski resort, located near Rijeka, is a small family-owned ski resort that offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

There are four trails available each year: Radeševo 1, Baby trail, Tourist trail, and Radeševo. Aside from skiing, the Platak ski resort provides a number of other winter activities.

A long trail for sledges and snowmobiles is available in the Pribeniš valley, and ski equipment can be rented on the spot. On Tuesdays and Fridays, from 19:00 to 22:00, you can enjoy night skiing on the well-lit Radeševo 1 trail.

If you want to ski, snowboard, sled, or simply walk the magical white trails this year, come to Platak!



The nearest Carwiz branch is located in Rijeka, 35 km from Platak.

Petehovac

Delnice, with their snowy landscape and romantic atmosphere, are so much more than just a pit stop on the way to the coast.

For a breathtaking view of the Slovenian Alps and Delnice, go to the mountain lodge Petehovac, which is close to the ski resort. In addition to day skiing, night skiing will be available every Wednesday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., as well as organised and guided groups of 5 with a full day in the snow!

This entails walking through the most beautiful snow trails that lead from Petehovac Mountaineering Centre to a small standpoint where you can enjoy snowboarding, sledding, and take part in various competitions. The Jezerka spring will be visited during the day, where you can enjoy descending the rope along the icy slope and climbing along the edge of Jagoda's rock. The day concludes with a brief return to the Mountaineering Centre. Visit Petehovac and create memories you'll cherish forever!

Mukinje

Winter has its own special magic! The dense forests blanketed in snow and combined with the blue-green color of the water create a magical experience.

If you're headed to Plitvice Lakes, don't forget to also visit the small Ski resort Mukinje.

There are three ski slopes and a perfect sledding area only 800 meters away from the National Park's central zone. Ski kits and equipment can be rented at the ski center, and after enjoying skiing and sledding, you are welcome to stay in one of the many holiday houses available!

Bjelolasica

Ski center Bjelolasica is an ideal place for a winter vacation! Skiing, snowboarding, and sledding are all available in the beautiful natural surroundings of Gorski Kotar.

This year, one of Croatia's largest ski resorts will offer programs of basic, advanced, and specialised ski and snowboard instruction.

There are always many winter activities and peaks to conquer for all mountaineering enthusiasts, including a visit to the top of Bjelolasica, Gorski Kotar's highest peak, while people of all ages can enjoy the forest trails and roads.

Bjelolasica is filled with beautiful trails covered in white snowflakes all winter.

Did You Know?

The highest snowfall in Gorski kotar since measurements began was recorded on March 2, 2018 and amounted to an impressive 205 cm.

During the last five years, the average snow height in Gorski kotar in January and February was 90 cm.



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Gifts from Carwiz! The countdown to Christmas has already begun, and nothing beats celebrating with gifts! That's why we've decided to give away 5 surprise gift packages every Sunday on our Facebook page!! If you win, you'll receive a purple gift package, so hurry up and play with us!



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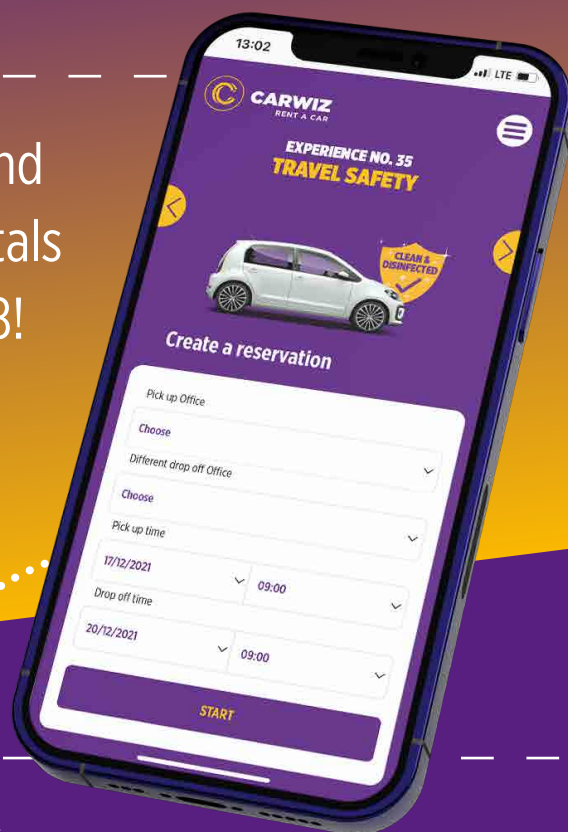
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