



Let there be light
From below:
the colourful terrace
at Casaluz: Ruca Bar
serves ten different
gin cocktails

Considered the 'Brooklyn of Santiago', Barrio Italia is the city's most vibrant neighbourhood

DINE

Ask a Santiaguino where to eat in Barrio Italia and chances are they'll point to the standard-bearer, Casaluz (casaluzrestaurant.cl). This classy institution is equally enjoyable whether you sit in the plush leather booths inside or on the chequered terrace out back. The tempting list of tapas includes dishes such as *pulpo a la panilla* (grilled octopus) with smoked *panc* peppers. If you want something a bit more avant-garde, try chef Patricio Pichuante's foraged finds in the plant-filled patio of Silvestre Bistró (facebook.com/silvestrebistro) or the reinvented Chilean comfort food and homemade digestifs at Silabario (cocinalocal.cl)



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SHOP

Estacion Italia (estacionitalia.cl) is the neighbourhood's hub of commerce, with around 30 independently owned boutiques, such as Pánico Ediciones (for graphic novels) and Blasko (for handcrafted leather shoes). Then visit Despensa 1893 (despensa1893.com) for beers from Patagonia, Carménère wines from the Central Valley and olive oils from the arid north.

DRINK

Start your day off with a bit of latte art at Café Rendebu (facebook.com/rendebu) and progress to afternoon teatime (or *la once*, as they call it in Chile) in the leafy courtyard of Café de la Candelaria (facebook.com/CafedeLaCandelaria), where you can cap off some light bites with a pisco sour. When nighttime rolls around, make a beeline for expat favourite Ruca Bar (rucabar.com) and try La República Andina, a Bolivian gin infused with 16 Andean botanicals. *BA launches flights to Santiago from London Heathrow on 3 January.*

ON THE ROAD WITH... SINGER DUA LIPA

What's the story behind your thumb tattoos? I was with my friend, the photographer Nicole Nodland, in LA and she suggested we do a video for my song *New Love* together. Everything was so last minute –

I just thought I'd get a tattoo, and we filmed it and used it in the video. I went to Tattoo Mania on Sunset Boulevard and got two Keith Haring dancing people on my thumbs.

Best live experience? I'm from Kosovo but hadn't been back in years, so returning in August to perform was really special. I decided to surprise my dad [Kosovan rock singer Dukagjin Lipa], and during my encore I sang one of his songs and asked him to join me on stage.

Best holiday? I recently went to Mexico and ate lots of tacos and drank lots of margaritas. I went to this restaurant in Baja California Sur, called Flora Farm, where they grow everything on site.

What's on your rider? Tea and Tabasco are at the top of my list – I have a mini keyring of Tabasco, which I take on flights.

What about on-stage disasters?

I was performing at Lollapalooza in Chicago last summer and I had to put my microphone pack in my pants. Mid-set I could feel them slipping. I kept thinking I was going to lose my knickers. It could have been a serious wardrobe malfunction.

Dua Lipa's self-titled debut album is out 10 February (Warner Bros Records).



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Listen to a bespoke playlist of Dua Lipa's singles on board (selected flights).