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by Jennifer Wanninger



Matter at hand

Although the food here is generally top-notch, ordering one of the local specialties can be disappointing—overcooked, underspiced *patates braves*, for instance, or lumpy *crema catalana* can be a keenly felt let-down. Perhaps that is why new restaurant, gourmet shop and 'gastro-nomic space', Matamala, is so eager to embrace the concept of quality. Matamala cares about the difference in flavour between new and one-year old olive oil, and the effect that the shape of a glass can have on the taste of cava. And they want their clients to be as appreciative. They have included a Slow Food zone to enable people to savour what's on offer (and an Express zone, for those without time to savour but just want to eat). Other zones include a delicatessen and take-away, so there seems to be no excuse not to try Matamala's food.

Matamala, Rbla Catalunya 13, Tel. 93 323 0251



X and Y

In a hurry to meet that 'special' someone? Keen to cut through the small talk and get down to business? Well, how about some 'sex in a can'? Yes, it does sound like some kind of S&M arrangement (sex in a watering-can?), but actually it's the first pheromone-based drink. In the world. Ever. Do we need such a thing? Who knows, but Yxaiio is definitely out there, although currently only available for purchase on the internet or at special Yxaiio (try saying that in a hurry, or indeed slowly) nights at lounge clubs both here and abroad—Barcelona was chosen as the launch pad for this product, and Yxaiio events are now also being staged across Europe. The product is described by its proud creators as not an energy drink, but "stimulating, aphrodisiac, hot!". Try it, if you must.

Yxaiio, www.yxaiio.com



Capital idea

High-end Scandinavian fashion boutique Å Copenhågen has various reasons to feel pretty proud of itself; firstly, its unique selection of clothes from top Danish and Swedish designers for men and women; secondly, the way the lines they stock complement each other in an 'urban chic' style. Also in their favour is that, although prices are mid-high range, they do carry low-cost brands for those watching their budget, such as Papfa, with nothing costs over €22, and Cheap Monday, who offer the perfect pair of skinny jeans for just under €50. And surely, the temptation to wear something not from one of the ubiquitous Spanish/European/international chains is reason enough to put this shop on your purchasing 'to do' list.

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