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TAKE 5 MACKEREL DISHES IN CORNWALL

WHILE Cornwall's centuries-old fishing industry may have been established on the small but mighty pilchard, today mackerel is a summer menu mainstay around the county. Here are five riffs on this famed oily fish.

The Gurnard's Head

At this celebrated coastal pub and former coaching inn near Zennor, head chef Max Wilson serves a thinly sliced mackerel ceviche starter with lime labneh, peanuts and rhubarb ketchup. gurnardshead.co.uk

Kota Restaurant

Chef-patron and Great British Menu alum Jude Kereama pairs pickled fennel, beets and horseradish with Cornish mackerel fingers at his award-winning restaurant in Porthleven. kotarestaurant.co.uk

The Kitchen

All ingredients are freshly grown, shot or foraged at chef Ben Coxhead's eclectic eatery in Falmouth. His latest mackerel dish comes pan-fried with eclectic components including candied beetroot, agretti and baby fennel. thekitchenfalmouth.co.uk

Rojano's in the Square

Pickled onion, chilli salsa, coriander and basil complement head chef Jack Clement's BBQ "mackerel on toast", served on char-grilled sourdough, at this lively Padstow restaurant from the Paul Ainsworth family. paul-ainsworth.co.uk

Outlaw's Fish Kitchen

At Michelin-decorated chef Nathan Outlaw's rustic harbourside bistro in Port Isaac, head chef Tim Barnes balances his grilled mackerel seafood plate with red onions, fennel and a piquant orange salad. nathan-outlaw.com

Keri Bridgewater



Vienna's modern masters

AUSTRIA

The grand capital is known for Klimt and Schiele but it has a burgeoning street-art scene too, says **Alia Akkam**

THIS was an extremely lifeless area. Nobody actually came down here," says Nychos, as we wander down by the Danube Canal, flanked by walls of concrete spattered with colour. It's hard to imagine it as "lifeless" as we pass a barrage of striking, complex images — wide-eyed cartoon faces, otherworldly creatures, hypnotic, interlocking letters.

Forget the baroque buildings and old world coffeehouses — this is the bright, gritty soul of Vienna expressed through street art. It's a compelling modern-day juxtaposition to the palatial majesty traditionally associated with Vienna.

Nychos, my guide, was one of the genre's pioneers in the Austrian capital. He first started painting along the canal in 2005, the same year that alfresco bars Adria and Strandbar Hermann opened, fast transforming the canal's promenade into a carefree summer oasis with loungers, DJ sessions and cocktails.

Street art was an imaginative, fitting backdrop to this burgeoning nightlife culture, and it was propelled by the Viennese Wall (Wienerwand) initiative, in which the city government makes walls available for artists to produce legal graffiti works.

There was much confusion over the location of the original Wienerwand walls and, in 2006, when President George W Bush was in town, Nychos saw a chance to give the street-art movement a push. Knowing police efforts would be concentrated elsewhere, he mobilised a dozen people to paint a huge wall by the canal.

"Within a year the number of visitors increased steadily. Instead of junkies you'd meet mums pushing their baby buggies," he recalls. "All of a sudden the colourful world we'd created down at the Danube Canal was attracting people. At our own risk — and with our own time and money — we created a new urban biosphere."

Today the canal remains a big surface provided by the city for people to develop their art. But popularity comes at a price: "The quality sank and the spots are overrun, but that's how it is," says Nychos. "The street is the street."

The saturation of the canal has led to street art manifesting itself in other parts of the city, and not just on the slowly increasing number of legitimate walls gifted by the government. Local venues such as Galerie Ernst Hilger, which presented the successful Cash, Cans & Candy exhibition for several

Art and soul: clockwise from main image, Portuguese artist Kruella D'Enfer's mural for the Calle Libre festival, WizardSkull with his Simpsons artwork and a mural by Lady Aiko at the Museums Quartier



years, featuring works from big names including Shepard Fairey and Faile, have significantly helped raise Vienna's street-art profile.

Rabbit Eye Movement is a good starting point for the street-art aficionado. Nychos's own venture in the 6th district — a nod to the rabbits he painted when he first started out — is devoted to street art and urban illustration exhibitions, along with a shop selling T-shirts and prints.

Street art is woven into the everyday in Vienna. A neighbourhood stroll might lead to the dreamy, romantic work of Frau Isa, or Boicutt's abstract, energetic pieces. Vienna Murals' Street Art Guide Vienna by Thomas Grötschnig is a good jumping-off point, as is signing up for one of the Urban Art Guided Tours organised by Calle Libre.

Founded by Jakob Kattner in 2014, Calle Libre is a week-long festival in August that showcases mainly Latin American street artists. Kattner says Western male artists typically steal the spotlight in the street-art realm — he wanted to shine a light on a different dimension.

"We think the city belongs to everyone and we want to show the possibilities of self-empowerment in using it for your own purposes, aside from advertisements, political campaigns or traffic regulations," he says. All year he scours the city seeking permission for firewalls — he's currently up to 40 — on which

NORTH KOREA HALTS VISA APPLICATIONS

NORTH Korea has frozen all visa applications until September 9. Koryo Tours, a travel company that arranges a variety of trips to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), announced on its website: "Koryo Tours was informed on August 13 by our partners in Pyongyang that they had been instructed from above that all tourist visa applications currently under way are to be frozen. This freeze applies to all tourist visas currently being processed."

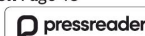
Tour operators have not been told the reason behind the temporary halt in processing but believe it could be due to a VIP delegation visiting Pyongyang in September.



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