

# AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 SLIDES

Polin takes us on a journey around the globe to eight waterparks that opened or expanded in 2014 with their slides and water features in place. We will visit three continents and six countries, some of whom are new to the waterpark market.

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## **CN Amazone, Thailand**

Opened on October 3, 2014, Cartoon Network AMAZONE is a nod to the lush Amazon Rainforest while infusing the world's most popular animated series and toon heroes including Ben 10, The Power Puff Girls, Johnny Bravo and The Amazing World of Gumball.

This one-of-a-kind waterpark features 30 breath-taking state of the art water rides and slides, live Cartoon Network entertainment shows, mascot meet and greets, thrill attractions and interactive water play fun for the entire family.





### **Aqualand Maspalomas, Gran Canaria, Spain**

Aqualand Maspalomas kicked off its second season in a colossal way with the installation of one of the biggest waterslides in Europe—and the first of its kind in Spain: a Racer Twin Turbolance.

The waterpark in Las Palmas, a beach-resort city on the southernmost tip of Gran Canaria in the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago, is part of the Aqualand waterpark chain, the largest in Europe. Owned by Aspro Group, the park is among 20 located across the continent in France, Portugal, Finland, Switzerland and Spain.



### **Cowabunga Bay Water Park, Las Vegas, USA**

Opened July 4 and sitting on 23 acres, the park features eight waterslides, three pools, three restaurants, cabanas and a family area just for children. Among its many attractions is the world's first Surf Safari waterslide. Cowabunga Bay is marketing the ride under the name Wild Surf. Polin designed and created the attraction exclusively for Cowabunga Bay. The giant slide features a four-person raft that begins with a long, rushing trip through the dark followed by a dizzying 55-foot drop into the world's largest manmade parabolic "wave." Riders twist and turn along the ride's path, speeding through unexpected changes in momentum until they shoot through the wave's crest, get drenched by a water shower spilling from the lip of the wave and slide from side to side, forwards and backwards, before splashing into the pool below.





**H2O Waterpark,  
Rostov-on-don, Russia**

The waterpark is a part of the Horizon Megacentr Mall (also known as the Gorizont) after only five months of construction. The waterpark addition to the mall - the largest mall in Southern Russia - covers more than 24,000 square meters (78,740 square feet) with more than 6,000 square meters (64,583 square feet) devoted to the waterpark. While the mall offers a wide variety of amenities to patrons-including a multiplex cinema, a family entertainment complex, a bowling alley and a fitness center-owner NGO Gorizont LLC believed the new addition would be an important addition to the mall's success. They invested 1.393 billion rubles (US\$45 million) into the all-season complex, which accommodates up to 2,500 people and employs 160 people. Polin manufactured and supplied all waterslides in the park.



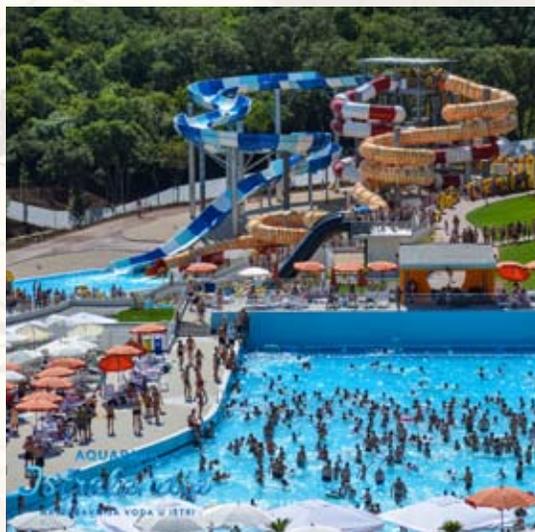
**Pirates of the Cactus,  
Bodrum, Turkey**

Owned by the Cactus Hotels Group, Pirates of Cactus Waterpark opened in Bodrum, Turkey in June 2014. Located on 4,500 square meters (48,437 square feet), Pirates of the Cactus provides a range of aquatic attractions for all ages of family members. The waterpark features nine different slides, a children's pool, a swimming pool, a wave pool, pool games, aerobics, competitions and terraces for relaxing. All food and beverage is included in the park's entry fee.

**Istralandia Waterpark, Istria, Croatia**

Owned by the construction firm Istrakop Ltd., a Poreč, Croatia-based company, the ground-breaking waterpark is located about an hour's drive north of the city of Pula, near Brtonigla and Novigrad. It covers more than 8.1 hectares (20 acres) and exclusively features the award-winning waterslides of Polin Waterparks.

Istrakop spent €10 million (US\$13.13 million) to build Istralandia and installed more than 1.2 kilometers (0.75 miles) of pipe beneath the park's extensive grounds to supply the water that feeds the park's 27-meter-high (88.6-foot-high) waterslide and 2,500-square-meter (26,910-square-foot) wave pool, the largest in the Mediterranean. The facility pulls its water from local groundwater wells and recycles 90 percent of it. The additional 10 percent goes through a biological purifier.





### Santorini Water Fantasy, Cha-am, Thailand

Santorini Water Fantasy is the new waterpark add-on to the existing Santorini theme park. The waterpark, as well as the existing amusement park and retail center, is located in the southern part of the Phetchaburi Province in central Thailand. Sitting on about 4 acres (12 rai), the new waterpark has attracted increased numbers of guests to the area, which already drew up to 10,000 visitors a day before the waterpark opened. The aquatic options of Santorini Water Fantasy include a mix of rides. Designed by Polin Waterparks, the park features 12 water-play areas and can accommodate up to 3,500 guests. The park's main attraction is its King Cobra waterslide. Featuring bold red, black and white scales, the King Cobra's impressive veneer extends along its massive 50-foot (15.24-meter) height and 260-foot (790-meter) length.



### Serra Palace, Antalya, Turkey

The exclusive Club Calimera Serra Palace is located directly on the beach of Kizilot in Antalya. Spanning 1500 square meters, the hotel includes the largest water play structure (Pirate of the Ocean) in Turkey that is designed and manufactured by Polin.

