

A close-up photograph of a hand sprinkling salt over a vibrant salad. The hand is positioned at the top, with fingers slightly curled, releasing a fine stream of white salt crystals. The salad below is a mix of fresh ingredients, including bright red tomato chunks, green leafy vegetables, and sprigs of fresh rosemary. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the textures of the food and the hand. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the central action of seasoning the dish.

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Meal by meal. Spice by spice.  
Moment by moment.





There are endless reasons why we travel, but the thrill of delving into a new culture is one many of us share. While landmarks and historic sites offer a glimpse into a place, food is the main ingredient that unites us all.

With Collette, you'll savour authentic regional cuisine while connecting with locals who keep culinary traditions alive and create new ones for the next generation. Set forth on a culinary quest with us as we make our way across the world, one dish at a time. From the floating food markets of Ho Chi Minh City and vineyards of Bordeaux, to the *estancias* of Buenos Aires and lavender fields of Barossa Valley, a tour of global flavours awaits.



# OUR RECIPE

## for creating a memorable travel experience

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### A RICH, 100+ YEAR HISTORY

Our family-owned company has a passion for travel, taking travellers to all seven continents on over 160 tours. With more than a century of experience, we know how to cover every detail and focus on making every moment memorable.

### APPETIZING JOURNEYS

Every tour features an appealing variety of immersive cultural experiences, unique culinary highlights, local must-see destinations and quality accommodations.

### A SEASONED TEAM

Our Tour Managers live and breathe their destinations and love sharing their local knowledge. From the best coffee in town to off-the-beaten-path bistros, our Tour Managers will reveal a destination's authentic culinary scene.

### A FOCUS ON LOCAL FLAVOUR

From dining with a local family and trying your hand at traditional recipes, to savouring authentic regional fare, you'll truly eat like the locals do.





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# collette's culinary experiences

## So Much More Than a Meal

Walking through a bustling marketplace – the smell of freshly baked bread filling the air. Sharing a romantic evening with a loved one as you sip wine and gaze up at the night sky. Stepping out of your comfort zone to try an unexpected regional delicacy. These are just some of the unforgettable culinary moments you'll savour with Collette. Read on to learn more about the epicurean experiences you're sure to remember long after the meal is done.

### home-hosted meals

There's something truly special about the comfort, care, and authenticity of a home-cooked meal. Dine, discuss, and discover what everyday life is really like in another part of the world as you're invited into a local's home to sit down and share a meal.

### interactive classes

Roll up your sleeves and grab an apron to create regional specialties during an interactive cooking class. Learn the secrets behind favourite local dishes, sharpen your culinary skills, and sample the delicious fruits of your labour.

### exclusive experiences

From setting off on a hunt for truffles in Southern France to sampling fresh seafood aboard a luxury junk boat in Vietnam, our designers travel the world in search of extraordinary culinary adventures. Sink your teeth into a new destination and enjoy unexpected and hard-to-replicate epicurean experiences.

### regional specialties

Whether it's navigating a street food market in Southeast Asia, dinner accompanied by a traditional fado performance, or sipping a piping hot cup of Irish coffee in its birthplace, you'll savour many regional specialties while on tour. Bring an appetite as you relish a range of local gastronomical offerings.

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# FRANCE

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**in france, cooking is a serious  
art form and a national sport.**

– Julia Child

French cuisine is often misunderstood. While elegance and glamour are certainly present at many 5-star establishments, the best meals are often found in charming brasseries, low-lit cafes and family-owned bistros. **Dispel your misconceptions about France and discover how the locals *mangent* (eat).**



# A FORAY INTO france's local culinary scene

## FOODIE WALKING TOUR

There's no better way to step into Paris' true culture than by having a local take you through the city's *arrondissements*, or districts. Around these *arrondissements* you'll find charming cobblestone *rues* (streets), where Parisians can be found shopping, drinking, and most importantly: **eating**.



On **Spotlight on Paris**, you'll follow a local foodie through these well-loved, lively streets, indulging in specialties at family-owned restaurants and cozy cafes. Here are some of the mouthwatering stops you'll make:



### **Saveur (Savour) Some Crêpes**

Crêpes can be found all over France. These thin, cooked pancakes are typically made from wheat flour and filled with sweet (jams, chocolate, fruits) or savoury (cheese, vegetables, minced meats) ingredients. On your tour, you'll visit a delicious crêperie and get to enjoy this satisfying snack.



### **Fantastique Fromage**

The French take great pride in being purveyors of some of the best cheese in all of Europe. Like their wine, each region of France boasts their own, distinct variety of cheese, or *fromage*, made from cow, goat, or sheep's milk. From decadent, soft Brie to the delightful crumble of Roquefort, you'll want to sink your teeth into these savoury selections.



### **Charcuterie Français**

Sample a traditional charcuterie and savour the regional cured meats and cheeses that have made France an epicurean powerhouse. Charcuterie is a culinary custom that dates back to the 15th century. France is credited with elevating charcuterie into an art form of preparation and presentation. Taste this Parisian delicacy as you delve deeper into France's *histoire culinaire* (culinary history).



### **Something Sweet**

Finish your gastronomic tour by sampling a classic éclair or opéra – a pastry that blends chocolate and coffee in the most enticing way. While on your walk, you'll also learn about the different rules and laws that French bakers must adhere to when baking bread and other pastry products.



# A SHRINE TO WINE in bordeaux

The “Guggenheim of Wine” lives – expectedly – in one of France’s most elite wine regions. La Cité du Vin in Bordeaux takes its visitors through the world’s wines in a full-sensory experience.

La Cité du Vin invites visitors from around the world to learn about the cultural heritage of wine – from 6000 BC to today and across more than 40 countries.

You can’t miss the museum from any roadway leading in – it curves like the swirl of an elegant wine glass and towers over its neighbours.

Philippe Massol, General Director of La Cité du Vin, said that wine tastings, like the museum, are meant to be immersive experiences that engage all five senses.

Enter, “the Belvedere.” On the 8th floor of the museum, the Belvedere is an observation

deck and wine tasting room combined. Check it out on the right-hand side of the page. Tickets to the museum come with a wine tasting in the Belvedere, which combines panoramic views of gorgeous Bordeaux with the world’s finest wines.

The museum partnered with over 40 wine regions around the world to craft each exhibit. They host workshops on wine pairings for the cheeses and chocolates of the world, local Bordeaux wines, and more.

Delve deeper into the history, variety, and culture of wine when you visit La Cité du Vin on the **Journey through Southern France** tour.



## CHAMPAGNE

Producing sparkling wines since the 17th century, the region of Champagne is a delightful place to experience this celebratory bubbly drink. Note: sparkling white wines made outside of this region cannot be called champagne. In France, they’re called *crémant*. In Spain, they’re called *cava*. In Germany, it’s *sekt*. In Italy, *spumante*.





# surprising PAIRS

Red wine and cheese have long been a complementary duo – with the acidity of the red blends being offset by the saltiness and creaminess of cheese. The next time you're looking to pair some cheese and wine together, opt for a white wine instead. White varietals - like Prosecco or Chardonnay - cut through the saltiness of cheese and delight the palate.

## A FEW PAIRINGS TO TRY:

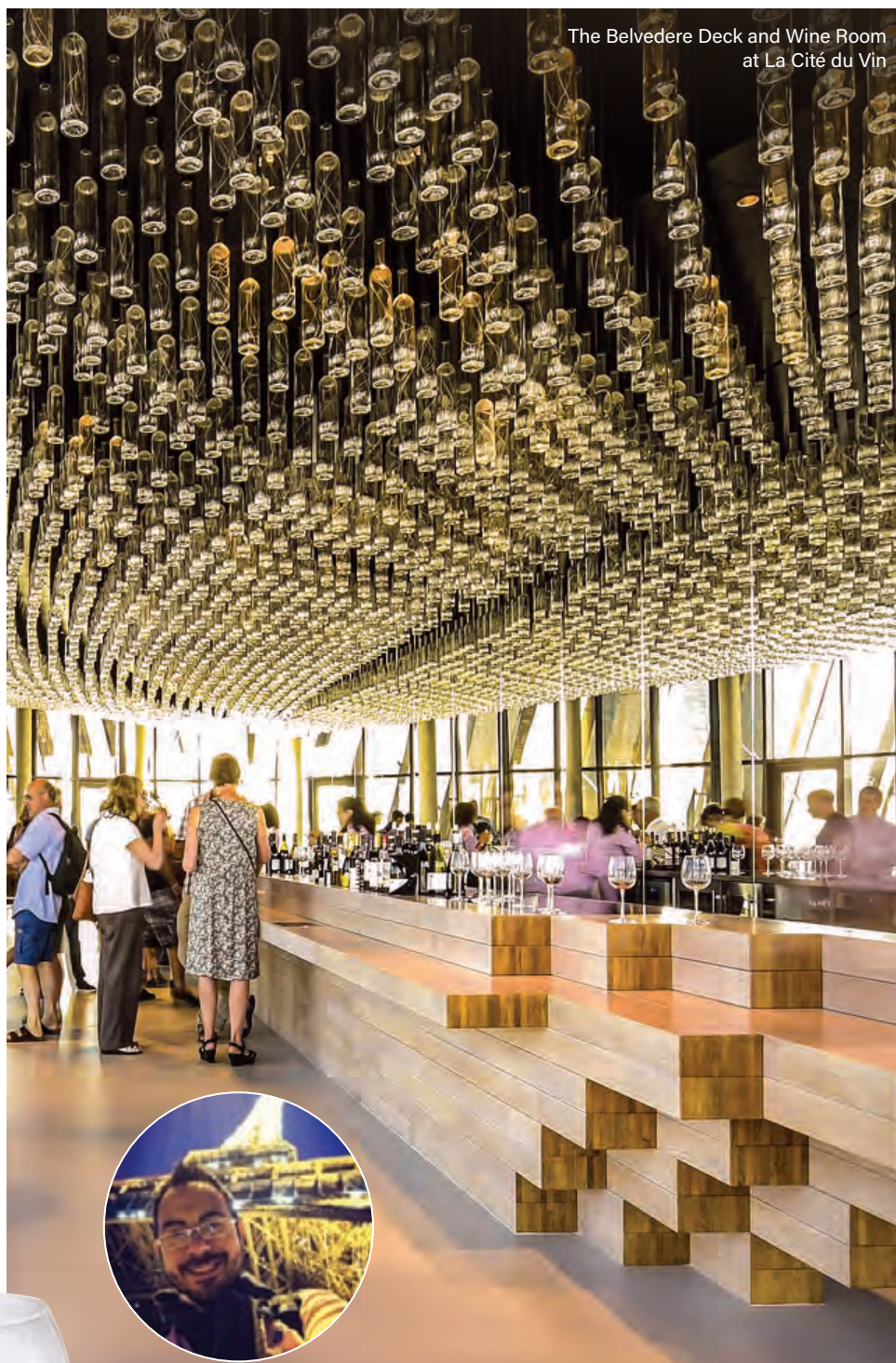
TRY • Gouda  
WITH • Champagne  
• Prosecco

TRY • Parmesan  
WITH • Champagne  
• Prosecco

TRY • Gruyere  
WITH • Chardonnay

TRY • Ricotta  
WITH • Riesling

TRY • Blue Cheese  
WITH • Crémant Brut



The Belvedere Deck and Wine Room  
at La Cité du Vin

**Mark Godin,**  
Regional Destination Manager, France, on  
how much wine the French actually drink:

"While there are special occasions which entail the consumption of many bottles of wine, the French usually opt to have one glass with lunch or dinner. The French are masters of portion control: ingredients in French cuisine often include cream, rich meats, and beautiful desserts, but the portions are regulated (the French have to fit in all of those form-fitting French fashions!). The same is true for alcohol consumption. Wine is meant to be an accompaniment to a meal, and one shouldn't overindulge."





# FRENCH

## • STREET FOOD •

France is renowned for its world-class, gourmet fare. Despite this reputation for haute cuisine, the French know how to make a snack or a meal for convenience, too.

**WHETHER YOU'RE ON THE GO OR IN NEED OF A QUICK REPAST, HERE ARE SOME TASTY STREET FOODS TO LOOK FOR IN FRANCE:**



**PAIN AU CHOCOLAT**



**HAM+BUTTER  
BAGUETTE**



**KEBAB/  
FALAFEL**



**CRÊPES**

### **Kebab/Falafel (*Rue des Rosiers*):**

Found in larger cities throughout Europe, kebab restaurants are now making their way to smaller towns, too. In France, a kebab is a sandwich (either in rolled up bread or a pita-type bread) containing chicken, lamb, or beef, often accompanied with vegetables and/or fries. It's a favourite savoury late-night treat for many.

### **Ham & Butter Baguette:**

If you want something quick, simple, and inexpensive, you cannot go wrong with a baguette sandwich. The long French loaf of bread, known as a baguette, has a crunchy exterior crust with a softer interior and rich taste. French ham packs just enough savoury flavour without being too salty. And creamy butter makes it a delicious trifecta.

***Pain au Chocolat:*** Usually consumed in the morning, the *pain au chocolat* is a perfect way to sweeten your day. Enjoyed with coffee or on its own, this chocolate-filled puff pastry is known for being flaky, buttery and delicious.

**Crêpes:** Crêpes are an omnipresent street food in France. Although they originated in Brittany (Bretagne), in northwestern France, they are popular both in sit-down restaurants & stand-alone food stands. As a snack, the French tend to go for the sweet variety, but the savoury types, called *galettes*, are just as delicious, too.



# savour france on these featured tours:



In Southern France, discover the virtue of time standing still as you discover the sun-soaked countryside, storybook villages, and incomparable wines.

## culinary highlights .....

- Indulge in the wines of Bordeaux, Saint-Émilion and the Dordogne Valley.
- Revel in a wine-paired, multi-course dinner featuring locally-sourced meats from the South of France.
- Savour fresh and local farm-to-table tastings throughout your travels across the French countryside.

## stays .....

3 Nights Saint-Rémy-de-Provence / 1 Night Carcassonne / 2 Nights Dordogne Valley / 2 Nights Bordeaux

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Be filled with *joie de vivre* as you soak in the romance and unparalleled charm of Paris.

## culinary highlights .....

- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower with unparalleled views of the "City of Light."
- Feel the hustle and bustle of the city with your personal foodie guide and sample French delicacies on a walking food tour.

## stays .....

5 Nights Paris

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# ITALY

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**life is a combination of  
magic and pasta.**

- Federico Fellini

In Italy, food isn't just nourishment, it's a way of life. The meal is meant to be an experience, and lingering around the table with *alcuni amici* (some friends) is encouraged. Italians believe that preparing a meal should be a labour of love, and as you savour handmade pastas, aged cheeses, and decadent desserts, you'll understand why. **Taste for yourself why Italy's cuisine is one of its most-prized cultural achievements.**



## STARTING IT OFF RIGHT

# the *tagliere*

Italians don't approach cuisine lightly, something you'll quickly experience upon ordering the popular starter course known as the *tagliere*. Translated to "cutting board," the *tagliere* is typically found in Florence. Served on an actual wooden cutting board, the *tagliere* is chock-full of sliced, cured meats along with aged cheeses, bread, and sometimes olives or preserves.

After your cultural tour through the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" – Florence – venture to a local restaurant and ask for their best *tagliere*.

Here's an in-depth look of what you'll find on a typical *tagliere*

### **SALUMI**

Cured meats such as pancetta, prosciutto, capocollo. *Note: All salami is salumi, but not all salumi is salami.*

### **CHEESE**

Aged cheeses like Montasio, Parmigiano Reggiano and Pecorino are perfect for pairing with meat.

### **PATÉ**

Chicken liver paté can often be found on a *tagliere*.

### **BREAD**

Crusty white bread is prime for stacking with meats, cheeses, and patés.

### **PICKLED VEGETABLES**

Pickles, cucumbers and tomatoes provide an additional savoury element to the *tagliere*.







# how pizza came to be

## **NAPLES' CROWNING CULINARY ACHIEVEMENT**

Pizza is a ubiquitous comfort food beloved around the world, and it's easy to see why. With its gooey cheese and savoury tomato sauce, warm dough and mouthwatering aroma, it's been scientifically proven to be highly addictive. To trace the pizza's humble beginnings, we look to the vast southern Italian city of Naples.



Most historians agree that Naples was the first to take a flatbread and top it with tomatoes, and later cheese. Initially, when tomatoes were brought to Europe from Peru in the 16th century, they were thought to be poisonous. Out of hunger and perhaps curiosity, Neapolitan peasants thought to take the tomatoes and place them atop their flatbread. Once word caught on around the 18th century that the flatbread was more delicious with a savoury topping, visitors from near and far began seeking out the local specialty for themselves.

Baker Raffaele Esposito is credited as the man to combine the dough, tomatoes and cheese into what we know as classic Neapolitan pizza. In 1889, it's reported that Esposito first baked this prototype pie to impress King Umberto I and Queen Margherita of Savoy, Italy. As a clever homage to the colours of the Italian flag, Esposito made the pizza red with tomatoes, white with mozzarella, and green with basil leaves. And from there, the Margherita pizza was born.

To this day, the Neapolitans continue to take their pizza making heritage seriously. In 1984, the Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana (VPN) was founded with the main goal of certifying pizzerias that use proper methods and traditions to produce true Neapolitan pizza.



## THE APEROL SPRITZ



**The Aperol Spritz is a wine-based cocktail commonly served in Italy.** It's citrusy, light and perfect for helping to create a lively dinner atmosphere. The orange-red liquor known as Aperol was invented by the Barbieri brothers in Padova in 1919. The Aperol Spritz has seen a resurgence in Italy where the bubbly drink is most enjoyed during the aperitivo hour. Enjoy a glass before a fantastic Italian meal.

### WHAT MAKES NEAPOLITAN PIZZA THE REAL DEAL:

- 1 Dough must be made with highly refined Italian type 0 or 00 wheat flour, Neapolitan or fresh brewer's yeast, water, and salt.
- 2 Dough must be kneaded by hand or with a slow-mixer and formed by hand. No rolling pins are allowed.
- 3 Dough must be topped with pureed San Marzano Italian tomatoes, *fior di latte* and *mozzarella di Bufala* mozzarella cheese, fresh basil, and extra virgin olive oil.
- 4 The pizza must be placed into a wood fired stone oven at a minimum of 425 degrees Celsius and the bake time must not exceed 90 seconds.



#### **WATCH** How to Make an Aperol Spritz

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smartphone camera  
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**“ Luciana Lyons,**  
Regional Destination Manager, on what she  
loves about her home country's cuisine:

“Our cuisine is special because of the quality of the ingredients. I can come home after a long day, and still be able to whip up something delicious and healthy with only a few ingredients. We also take our food seriously. We don't like to rush through, and when we prepare several courses, we cook them as we go.”



#### ENJOY LUCIANA'S FAMOUS AND HEARTY RECIPE:

### *pasta e patate* potato soup with pasta

#### INGREDIENTS

2 white potatoes, peeled and cubed

1/4 cup (or 50 ml) extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling

1 stick of celery, coarsely chopped

2 tbsp pasta sauce

2 cups chicken or vegetable stock

110 grams diced pancetta

280 grams spaghetti, broken into smaller pieces

Parmigiano cheese

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Dice potatoes and celery and add to a large pot. Add a little olive oil to the bottom, just enough to coat it, along with the diced pancetta. Sauté until soft.
- 2 Add pasta sauce and chicken or vegetable stock and stir. When potatoes are soft, and soup has a nice gold colour, you're ready to add the spaghetti.  
**Important:** Only add the pasta when you are ready to eat!
- 3 Grate fresh Parmigiano cheese on top. Any good Neapolitan also adds the rinds or whatever is left of the Parmigiano cheese. When cooked into the soup, it adds a delicious flavour!

## a savoury search

See how well you know your Italian fare with this Italian cuisine themed word search! Look on pg. 67 to see if you found all 10 delectable answers.



GELATO  
PROSCIUTTO  
LIMONCELLO

ESPRESSO  
CANNOLI  
TIRAMISU  
LASAGNA

PIZZA  
MOZZARELLA  
RISOTTO



# savour italy on these featured tours:



In the hill towns and cities of Tuscany and Umbria, discover another side of Italy, where time stands still across the painted countryside.

## culinary highlights

- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample Sagrantino, Umbria's most prized wine.

## stays

1 Night Rome  
4 Nights Umbria  
4 Nights Tuscany

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Discover sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns and enchanting cities steeped in history on this relaxing sojourn into the Italian countryside.

## culinary highlights

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.

## stays

7 Nights Montecatini Terme

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See *l'Italia* at its most iconic, where history mingles seamlessly with the present and romance comes alive under painted horizons.

## culinary highlights

- Journey via watercraft to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a cooking lesson with an expert chef.
- Indulge in local delicacies during a cocktail party in Stresa.

## stays

2 Nights Stresa  
2 Nights Italian Riviera  
4 Nights Tuscany  
2 Nights Venice

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# *The* **BALTICS**

**food is our common ground,  
a universal experience.**

– James Beard

The Baltic people have a harmonious working relationship with nature to procure the freshest fare. Wild game meats, hearty rye breads, foraged vegetables and aromatic herbs all deliciously round out this complex northeastern European region comprised of Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia. Through food and drink, influences of history reveal itself, too.

**Savour the stories the Baltics have to tell now.**





# dine like a lord or lady

## IN A MEDIEVAL MERCHANT'S ABODE

The Baltics is known for its distinct preservation of medieval architecture and history. From Gothic churches to fairy-tale castles, you'll find vestiges of the Middle Ages woven throughout each of the states.

Capturing the essence of this medieval past is the restaurant **Olde Hansa** in Tallin, Estonia. Set in a wealthy merchant's historic home from the 15th century, you'll feel like a lord or lady as you experience a medieval dinner complete with "servants" donning period-accurate garb, delicious wild game, and mugs brimming with mead.

### Game Meats

Emmanuel Wille is the head chef at Olde Hansa, and is well-versed in medieval ingredients and cooking techniques.

**"In Estonia, we say 'Our gold is in the forest,'" said Chef Emmanuel. "There's a lot of untouched nature with lots of animals living in it."**

Estonia, and Olde Hansa especially, is famous for its game meat dishes: game sausages made of bear, wild boar, and elk; dried elk meat, duck leg; and more. These are best cooked slow, to bring out the earthy flavour and tenderness, Chef Emmanuel says.

### Slow-Food Technique

Chef Emmanuel slow-cooks nearly everything on the menu, as medieval Estonians would have. The low heat and long hours of cooking preserves tenderness, flavour, and colour.

### Imported Spices

A merchant would have been able to import the rich spices of the world. In an upper-class medieval meal, spices like cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, black pepper, saffron, and cloves add colour to dishes.

### Authentic Flavours

Chef Emmanuel combines medieval ingredients and technology to create both traditional and new medieval-based dishes. While perfecting these recipes has taken some trial and error, he's passionate about creating an authentic dining experience capable of transporting diners back in time.



## HONEY MEAD

**Known as the oldest alcoholic beverage in the world, mead is a mainstay beverage in the Baltic states and most particularly, Lithuania.** Made from grain, honey, and water, mead was frequently referenced in Lithuanian folklore and song. In the 20th century it saw a revival and today, you can find bars and stores selling this historic beverage.



# a masterpiece of marzipan

## ESTONIA'S MULTI-PURPOSE TREAT

Marzipan is one of Estonia's oldest confectionery treats. Made of sugar or honey and almond powder, marzipan is often the secret ingredient used to turn a plain dessert into a work of saccharine art.

Marzipan was likely invented in Italy, but Germans take credit for its ancient recipes and the name itself. Nonetheless, marzipan has been an integral part of the Estonian dessert repertoire for centuries.

Almonds were believed to be a cure for illnesses as early as the 10th century. But it is believed that marzipan's first recorded use was in 1422 in an Estonian pharmacy, where it was thought to prevent sicknesses and even poisonings. By the 1800s, Estonian artisans realized how delicious

this "medicine" was, and began crafting delectable recipes and artful marzipan figures.

Marzipan is made of at least one-quarter almonds, and the quality of marzipan is judged by its almond content. Its consistency is grainier than fondant, a popular decorative addition to cakes made without almonds. Few ingredients are involved in making the paste, but it is the craft of sculpting it that makes the difference between a cook and an artisan.

### CRAFT YOUR OWN MARZIPAN MASTERPIECE WITH THIS EASY RECIPE:

#### estonian marzipan

##### INGREDIENTS

**140 grams** of almonds (blanched, sliced almonds work best)

**1** egg white

**¾** cup of powdered sugar

If desired, add **1** teaspoon of rosewater for flavouring.

##### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Crush almonds with a food processor, to as fine a powder as possible.
- 2 Combine almonds with egg white\* and mix into a uniform paste.
- 3 Gradually add sugar.
- 4 Mix until it has an elastic texture.
- 5 Form the dough into sweet decorations, or let set and cover in chocolate.

*\*Egg white is what is traditionally used. Pasteurized egg whites in the carton can be substituted if you are concerned about raw eggs.*



**Sam Pezza,**

**Tour Designer, on her love of the Baltics:**

"The Baltics are all about fresh, farm-to-table ingredients. Think rye bread alongside seasonal vegetables and the best cuts of meat. And the presentations are always as beautiful as they are delicious."







## DISCOVER EUROPE'S LARGEST MARKET IN RIGA

Who would have thought that a tiny Baltic country on the Russian border would lay claim to the largest market in all of Europe? Latvia's capital city Riga did just that – converting a sprawling airplane hangar from World War I into a place where neighbours and local communities can come together for produce, pastries, and pansies.



Centrālirtigus, or Riga's Central Market, is a manifestation of resilience and ingenuity. Latvians transformed this massive 57,000 square metre structure from a site of war and turmoil to one of community and fresh fare.

Today, the central market is a hot spot for locals and tourists alike. Fish mongers, flower carts, food courts, vendor stands, pizza ovens – the complex is a feast for the senses. The market offers an enticing mix of Latvian cuisine and international favourites, from local dairy products and delicious dumplings to Uzbekistani bread and spicy Thai food.

Want to warm up with a bowl of soup? Relax with a cocktail? Indulge in some caviar? Wake up with a fresh cappuccino? At Riga's Central Market you can savour it all – and then some.

Explore the overflowing array of fresh food and drink at Riga's Central Market on [The Baltics Revealed](#) tour.



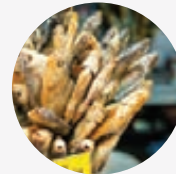
### FEELING ADVENTUROUS?

Here are some of the more unconventional market items that might test your taste buds:



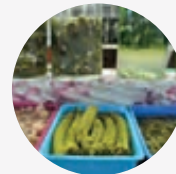
#### KEFIR

This is a fermented milk drink that is a favourite among locals for its health benefits. You can find it throughout eastern Europe.



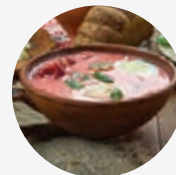
#### FRESHLY SMOKED FISH

Latvia is nestled against the Baltic Sea, so it should be no surprise that fish is a main export. Try eels and lampreys smoked for some extra tasty goodness.



#### PICKLED SNACKS

Pickled fish, pickled cabbage, pickled fruit, pickled vegetables, pickled garlic, pickled mushrooms, pickled everything!



#### AUKSTĀ ZUPA

Although this cold beet soup might look like an other-worldly concoction due to its bright pink hue, it is a summer comfort food that Latvians love.



#### JĀŅI CHEESE

This is Latvia's signature cheese. It is made from curd and milk, but eggs, butter, and Caraway seeds are added for a little extra flavour.



# RIGA BLACK BALSAM

## A LEGENDARY LIQUEUR

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For a true taste of Latvia, add Riga Black Balsam to your cocktail. Dating back over 250 years, this herbal liqueur lives up to its namesake that tips its hat to Latvia's capital city.

Riga Black Balsam contains an artful blend of all-natural ingredients, including valerian, wormwood, and balsamic oil. Honey, caramel, and natural juices are often added at the end. The balsam is slightly sweet, very herbal, and mildly oaky (it is made in oak barrels).

The natural ingredients of Riga Black Balsam showcase Latvia's culture of foraging. This legendary liqueur has a complex flavour that has made its way into cocktails, tea, soda, and more.

The balsam was created by a Latvian pharmacist in 1752 as a cold remedy and digestive aid. Legend has it that when Catherine the Great visited Riga and experienced a stomach ache,

she was given the balsam to aid her pains. The recipe was said to have been destroyed during World War II just before the Soviet occupation, but was restored and has remained essentially unchanged.

It's crucial that this balsam is sold in a darkened clay bottle, in order to preserve the formula. The flavour of the mixture continues to react with the clay bottle for months after it is packaged, adding to its depth.

### **BALSAM**

(bawl-suhm) *noun*

an aromatic resinous substance, such as balm, exuded by various trees and shrubs and used as a base for certain fragrances and medical and cosmetic preparations.







## espresso martini with riga black balsam

### INGREDIENTS

**28 grams** of riga black balsam

**14 grams** of coffee liqueur

**14 grams** of sugar syrup

**3-5** coffee beans

**1 shot** espresso

### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Fill a shaker with ice and all of the ingredients.
- 2 Shake and pour into a martini glass.
- 3 Garnish with a few coffee beans.

# savour the baltics on this featured tour:



From the Middle Ages to the height of the Russian Empire, experience the kaleidoscope of influences in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Russia.

### culinary highlights .....

- Prepare traditional ingredients with a modern twist at a Latvian cooking class.
- Dig into authentic medieval cuisine at a candlelit dinner in a merchant's home.
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# PORTUGAL & SPAIN

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**never restrict yourself to what's  
stereotypical. branch out and eat  
regional delicacies.**

- Chef José Pizzaro, Spanish chef


The beating heart of the Iberian Peninsula is its cuisine. In Spain and Portugal, you'll find farm-to-table dishes steeped in history, paired with the world's finest wines. Flavours blend together with influences from the Mediterranean, resulting in an unforgettable fusion of food and drink. **These regions have inspired the world culinary scene for centuries - it's time to delve in.**





# A DELICIOUS ACCIDENT

## MADEIRA WINE



While thought of today as the perfect accompaniment to a sweet dessert or as a light aperitif, Madeira wine was almost discarded by mariners as sour grapes.

The island of Madeira was a regular stop for various explorers making their way to the West Indies. While amassing their treasures, merchant ships would stock up on casks of the island's wine before resuming their journey. To keep the wine preserved, a high-proof spirit was added to fortify the liquid and retain its flavour.

While at sea, the wine barrels were exposed to heat and the motion of the ship as it crossed the Atlantic, causing the wine to transform. Though sailors were ordered to throw out the wine, others took to drinking the "spoiled" swill. Once word got around that the wine was actually better after being aboard the ship, producers quickly found ways to replicate the process that

the liquid endured on those long sea voyages.

In the 18th century, Madeira wine was the drink *du jour*, especially in Colonial America. Several famous American diplomats, including Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Alexander Hamilton were known to enjoy a glass or two. In fact, when the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, Madeira wine was their celebratory drink of choice.

Madeira wine is still made on the island, and four different grapes are used to produce various levels of sweetness. Passage on the open seas is no longer required to create Madeira's signature taste, but you'll want to make the journey to try this delicious fortified wine in its island of origin.

**Sample a glass or two on the  
Portugal & Its Islands tour.**



## VINHO VERDE

**Known for its effervescent, crisp taste and versatility, *vinho verde* is the most popular white wine variety you'll find in northern Portugal.** While it directly translates to "green wine," the name *vinho verde* refers to the wine's grapes being young – the wine is released 3-6 months after harvest. Try some *vinho verde* while exploring a family owned *quinta* in Ponte de Lima on the **Northern Portugal & Spain** tour.



# from branch to table

## OLIVES IN SPAIN & PORTUGAL

As you travel through the rolling hills of the Mediterranean countryside, grand mountain ranges open up to reveal endless olive groves, interrupted only by white pueblos.

Spain and Portugal are some of the world's top olive producers. The varieties of olives span much farther than green and black, and the culinary opportunities far wider than olive oil.

**On a journey through Spain and Portugal, these are some of the top olive varieties you'll find in the groves and in your meals.**

## spain

Spain is the top producer of olives in the world, with over 2.4 million hectares of land dedicated to groves. Olive trees have thrived in its rocky soil and even on rugged limestone cliffs since at least Roman times. Today, there are over 260 Spanish olive varieties; here are three of the most grown.



### Manzanilla

These are some of the most popular table olives in Spain. Its name translates to "little apple," referring to its rounded shape and fleshy texture similar to the fruit. Manzanilla are not too bitter, with a pleasant mild flavour. These are the most common olives used in the iconic tapa, stuffed with pimento cheese.



### Hojiblanca

This olive variety thrives in Andalusia. Its name translates to "white leaves," named for the chalky underside of the leaf. They have a thick, firm skin, with sharp and salty tasting notes. They pack a slight peppery kick and nutty undertones. Because of its mild flavour and piquant punch, it makes a nice addition to just about any dish.



### Picual

The Picual variety of olives is most commonly used in olive oil. They grow in the Andalusian province of Jaén, which borders the city of Córdoba. Picual trees make up 25% of olive production in the world, and are the most widely grown in Spain. The oil is known for being a strong oil, with a fruity taste and nutty undertones.





## what is a tapa?

A Spanish tapa is a small appetizer or snack, typically served before a meal or as a snack during a night out on the town. They vary widely by the local ingredients of each region, and are often paired with wine.

**Popular tapas range from a bowl of olives to skewered grilled seafood.**



## portugal

There are over 30 varieties of olives in Portugal, and some grow exclusively in the country. While Portugal's olives and oils might be lesser-known than those of Spain, Italy, and Greece, they're still just as delicious. Here are a few to keep an eye out for:



### Galega

This black olive is grown exclusively in Portugal, and is often known as "the Portuguese olive." This variety accounts for at least 80% of the country's olives. It is a characteristically small olive, mostly used in oil. It has a slightly fruity yet bitter flavour, with rich peppery undertones.



### Cobrançosa

This olive is indigenous to the Trás-os-Montes region, the second-largest area of olive oil production, but the olives are also grown throughout the country. This robust olive packs beautiful herby, tomato, and apple flavours, with a strong peppery kick.



### Verdeal Alentejana

This variety is named for the Alentejo region, Portugal's largest olive producer. More than 70% of domestic olive oil is produced in this region. Oils from there tend to be green or gold, fruity, and strong. Verdeal Alentejana oils are more often used to finish dishes – drizzled over salads, eggs, or over a full fish.







# pastéis de belém

## A MUST-TRY IN LISBON



**Lisbon's most loved pastry was born from trouble in the city's religious institutions.** In 1834, the convents and monasteries of Portugal faced an imminent closure by the state. So, one started baking pastries to save themselves.

During the early 19th century in Lisbon, the men and women of the cloth were quite resourceful, using egg whites to starch their garments, and the remaining egg yolks to create desserts.

The Jerónimos Monastery in Belém, Lisbon neighboured a sugar cane refinery and general store. In an attempt to raise funds and save their monastery, the monks started selling sweet egg tart pastries in the store. Once word spread about how delicious these treats were, locals and visitors flocked to the nearby store to try these divine desserts.

While the monastery didn't survive, the recipe did. By 1837, the pastries were being baked in mass amounts in parts of the refinery. Soon, "Pastéis de Belém" became a symbol of the city and the monastery.

The same factory that first produced the Portuguese egg tarts, Fábrica de Pastéis de Belém, is still a family business run today. Pastéis de Belém are a staple dessert sold at nearly every bakery in Lisbon and beyond. **Be sure to try one while venturing through the city!**



**Wesley Glass,**  
Tour Manager in Spain,  
on what cuisine travellers  
should try when in Spain

"There is a distinct food culture in each autonomous community in Spain. The best way to sample is to go to a bar and order *raciones* to share with your friends. *Raciones* are larger portions of tapas, which originated as pieces of bread put on top of glasses of wine to keep the flies out. By sharing these smaller portions, you can be a little more adventurous.

Try **Galician-style Octopus** from the Northwest, the **Serrano hams** of Madrid, the **fresh artichokes** from Murcia, or the **oxtail** of Andalucía. Finish your meal off with traditional Spanish **churros** and a cup of **melted chocolate** to dip them in."



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## culinary highlights

- Experience a truly unique *cozido das furnas* lunch in Furnas Valley.
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- Experience Azorean culinary traditions during an interactive cooking demonstration.

## stays

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1 Night Lisbon

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## culinary highlights

- Savour delicious wines from Northern Portugal, tasting *vinho verde*, port wine, and Douro River Valley grapes.
- Learn how to cook traditional Portuguese fare at a cooking class in Douro River Valley.

## stays

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## culinary highlights

- Savour a "paella experience" as you enjoy a paella cooking demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.

## stays

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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white dress, is seen in profile on the left side of the frame, looking towards a plate of food. The food is a beautifully plated dish featuring a large, golden-brown fried fish fillet, topped with a dark red sauce and garnished with fresh green herbs. The fish is served on a bed of white rice and green vegetables. The background is a blurred restaurant interior with a grid-like ceiling structure.

# IRELAND

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**laughter is brightest where food is best.**

– Irish Proverb

With millennia of agrarian history under their belts, a new generation of Irish chefs are serving up historic flavours with modern ideas and can't-miss culinary experiences. **Discover for yourself why the Emerald Isle has become a rising culinary destination worthy of your attention.**



# IRELAND'S FOODIE REVOLUTION IS HERE

and it's much more  
than potatoes

**Irish fare is often miscast as the culinary plain Jane of Europe. But over the past few years, Ireland has seen a food-focused renaissance.**

Meat and potatoes and hearty stews are making room for gourmet tapas, aperitifs, and sweet chili-coconut stir fry. And for one small town on the southern shore of the Emerald Isle, this revolution of cuisine has been brewing for years. It's time to eat your way through Kinsale.

Kinsale in County Cork was recently named the Top Foodie Town by the Restaurants Association of Ireland. At the heart of the small town's lively culinary scene is the Kinsale Good Food Circle (GFC). For over 40 years, the GFC has rallied restaurants to come together and up their culinary game.

"We've created a place where people are coming to us for a food experience, not just coming to Ireland and eating along the way," said Liam Edwards, owner of the Jim Edwards Restaurant and the former president of the Ireland Restaurant Association.

The picturesque fishing town of Kinsale is rich with history, charming cottages, and verdant fields that colour its landscape. But today, a new generation of chefs are breathing life into its dining scene. Kinsale restaurants thrive off the

abundant produce that Ireland's rolling green hills are known for. "If it's not local, it's not on the menu," Edwards said.

Ireland's long history of agriculture and high-quality produce is attracting chefs from all over the world. Think: international-fusion dishes ranging from Chinese to Indian, seasonal menus to showcase produce that's fresh, and plenty of healthy and vegetarian dishes.

"We let the main ingredients do the talking," Edwards said. "We were known for pints of Guinness, leprechauns, and good Irish music in the pubs. But we want people to be no longer surprised about how good our food is."

Dispel any preconceived notions you have about Ireland's food and drink and experience its culinary scene on **Countryside of the Emerald Isle**.



Tapas



Kinsale



Photos Courtesy of Tourism Ireland

Seafood Platter



## GUINNESS

**Created in Dublin's St. James's Gate Brewery by Arthur Guinness in 1759,** Guinness was based upon the porter-style beer that originated in London in the early 18th century. The true recipe for the beer remains a secret, but it's said that the brew receives its distinct, burnt flavour from the use of roasted un-malted barley.





# ireland's WAY WITH WHISKEY

## TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE “WATER OF LIFE”

Whiskey has long been known as Ireland's “*uisce beatha*,” the Gaelic phrase for “water of life.” Its production dates back centuries and is still ingrained in Irish culture today.



**W**hiskey is Europe's oldest distilled beverage. It came to Ireland first as a perfume, brought over by monks from the Mediterranean around 1000 A.D. The Irish then made it into a drinkable spirit, flavouring it with herbs like mint and thyme.

By the mid-16th century, whiskey was being enjoyed all over Ireland. So much so, that the English Parliament made it illegal to distill whiskey without a license. But this did not deter the Irish - illegal distilleries were commonplace so whiskey was still accessible to all.



Irish whiskeys are known for being blends of **malted** and **unmalted barley**, making for a smoother finish. Scotch whiskeys, on the other hand, are known for being **single-malt**. American bourbon is distilled from corn instead of barley.

Today, over 7 million cases of Irish whiskeys are produced in Ireland each year. Here are the four main types of Irish whiskey, defined. Try each type and find what you like while making your way across the Emerald Isle:

### **SINGLE MALT**

Malt whiskey that is from a single distillery and exclusively made with malted grain.

Popular brands include **Bushmills 21**, **Knappogue 16** and **Palace Bar 12**.

### **SINGLE GRAIN**

Whiskey that is made, at least partially, from grains other than malted barley. This would include whiskey made from maize (corn), wheat and/or rye. Look for **Teeling Single Grain** and **Kilbeggan 8 Year Old** to try single grain whiskey.

### **POT STILL**

A blend of malted and unmalted barley that's been distilled in a copper pot still. Try **Yellow Spot**, **Powers Johns Lane** and **Redbreast 21** if you want a sip of pot still whiskey.

### **BLENDED WHISKEY**

Generally, blended whiskey is the result of mixing one or more premium straight or single malt whiskeys with a less expensive spirit. Blended whiskey makes up about 90% of all Irish whiskey production, with **Jameson** and **Kilbeggan** being the most notable.

On the **Countryside of the Emerald Isle** tour, you'll taste the "water of life" at Jameson Distillery and discover the history behind the production.



# inside the irish farmhouse

Out in the Irish countryside of centuries past, an Irish matriarch would rise early in the morning to collect grains and milk the cows. In the evening, she'd enter her barley-thatched cottage and stand in front of a hot hearth for hours, preparing hearty batches of bread and stew.

Fast forward a few hundred years, and roofs are no longer made of grains. Many Irish folk are not out in the fields fetching fresh milk from cows. And labouring over the stove after a long day at work is a thing of the past. But even with changing times, interests, and technologies, "Irish farmhouse" meals are still a culinary staple beloved around the world.

The Irish Sunday Roast is a resilient social tradition resembling the everyday meal of Irish farmers of the past. Extended

“A lot of traditional Irish dishes are no longer being done, because they are labour-intensive. Modern working people are not coming in at 7 p.m. to start a stew. But the **Sunday Roast** brings everyone around the table for that big, hearty meal.”

**CHEF VINNY DONOHOE**  
Cooks Academy, Dublin

families today will get together once a week to prepare and enjoy an elaborate dinner, like a chicken or turkey roast, fortifying vegetables, desserts, and always fresh soda bread to start.

Irish soda bread recipes have been passed down for centuries through generations. This Sunday roast staple comes in two forms: white and brown. Since brown grains weren't always available to everyone, white soda bread was

associated with common folk, while brown soda bread tended to be an indicator of wealth. The original white soda bread was crafted by the peasants of Ireland using cheap white grains and repurposed sour milk. Today, Irish chefs recommend using buttermilk for a softer texture.





White soda bread works with most dishes, especially hearty ones. Brown soda bread pairs well with lighter dishes since the grains are heavier.

## white soda bread

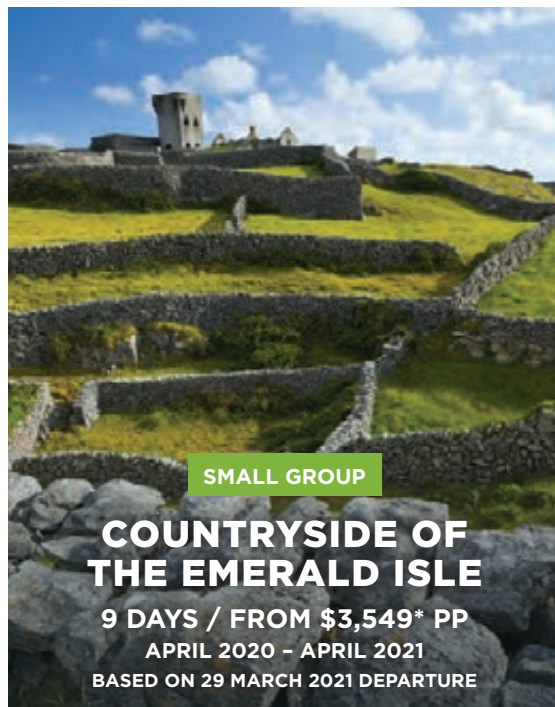
### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 3 tbsp butter, room temperature
- 1 tbsp sugar
- ½ tbsp salt
- 1 egg, separated
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 3 tbsp buttermilk

### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius.
- 2 Mix all but buttermilk and egg into a bowl.
- 3 Rub butter into all of the ingredients by hand.
- 4 Mix in buttermilk and egg, and leave a little to brush on top.
- 5 Score the top of the bread, and brush the egg and buttermilk mixture onto the exterior.
- 6 Bake for 22 minutes.
- 7 Enjoy warm with dinner.

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# NORTH AMERICA

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**you don't need a silver fork  
to eat good food.**

– Paul Prudhomme, American chef

North American cuisine never lacks in diversity: the fresh shellfish from Maine; the spicy gumbo from Louisiana; the smothered tamales from Santa Fe. With each signature meal you taste, you'll be introduced to the character of the region. **You could spend a lifetime experiencing North America's culinary traditions – why not start today?**



On your way to Bar Harbor, Maine, you'll make a stop at a traditional lobster shack for a taste of fresh lobster, caught just steps away.

Then, you'll discover what life is like for local lobstermen and see traps hauled out of the water as you cruise on a traditional Downeast-style lobster boat. Experience this New England foodie experience on Roaming Coastal Maine.

# A DEEPER DIVE INTO LOBSTER

## One of Maine's Most Appetising Industries

**When in Maine, indulging in lobster is a must.** This crimson-and-white-hued seafood is considered a delicacy of the Northeast, delighting diners with its succulent, slightly sweet taste. Lobster wasn't always an indulgent treat, though. Let's dive into a bit of its history.

During the colonial era, lobsters were a food of the poor man. Lobsters were incredibly plentiful and cheap, and during difficult times, they were a major source of protein. Easily plucked from tidal pools, they were often fed to indentured servants, children and prisoners.

Towards the middle of the 19th century, desires for new dishes increased among the well-to-do

communities of Boston and New York, and soon these clawed crustaceans began gracing the plates of elite restaurants.

Maine was the first state to develop a lobstering fishery, giving rise to a custom-made boat known as a well smack. The well smack was a small sea craft designed with an internal tank. This tank had holes drilled into it to allow sea water to circulate. Once lobsters were caught, they'd end up in tank, being able to be kept alive over long distances.

The Maine lobster fisheries revolutionised how fresh lobster was caught and transported, and today they remain one of the oldest continuously operated industries in North America.



**Marc Pascucci,**  
Regional Destination Manager  
for Northeastern US, on the  
versatility of lobster:

"How many ways can you prepare lobster? So many! You can have lobster salad in a lobster roll either with mayo or just butter, or mayo and butter (my favourite). Then there's steamed whole lobster, baked stuffed lobster, lobster pasta, lobster mac and cheese, lobster bisque, lobster cocktail (like shrimp cocktail). You get the idea! It's a succulent treat that's a must-have while in Maine."





# farming the sea

## MAINE'S FAMED OYSTERS

“there is something about oysters that is quintessentially new england

Oyster farmers weather storms and harsh winters. They rise early each morning to work hard all day in frigid waters. They are resilient, relentless, risk-takers, dexterous, and quick-witted. And at Maine's **Glidden Point Oyster Farms**, they're doing it all with a big smile on their face.

“Oysters are successful in New England because the experience of them is so unique – it feels like the full essence of the ocean in a single bite,” said Jonathan Turcotte, general manager at Glidden Point. “On the trade side of it, it's so quintessentially New England because people are working really, really hard in all elements, against all odds, to raise this tiny creature and bring it through all of the trials and hardships to the market.”

A premium oyster can be judged by its shell and the climate they were

grown in. Oysters will grow a hard, dense shell from Maine's idyllic waters with rocky bottoms and strong currents, which makes them easier to shuck and shelve.

Over 80% of Maine oysters are grown in the Damariscotta River. New England's cold winters force Maine's oysters to go into hibernation mode – they'll start storing fats and carbohydrates, which in turn will make their meat sweeter, plumper, and more flavourful. In the realm of flavour, oysters – especially Maine's – are particularly savoury.

On our Small Group Explorations **Roaming Coastal Maine** tour, you'll head to Glidden Point Oyster Farms and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking lesson.



### TO DRESS YOUR OYSTER, TURCOTTE RECOMMENDS:

- ☉ cocktail sauce for **sweetness**
- ☉ some type of vinegar for **acid**
- ☉ a simple squeeze of lemon or lime for **citrus**
- ☉ Tabasco or another hot sauce for **spice**
- ☉ Horseradish for another **spicy kick**

### HIS PERSONAL FAVOURITE IS THE FRENCH MIGNONETTE:

- ☉ **1 tbsp** black pepper
- ☉ **½ cup** red or white wine vinegar
- ☉ **2 tbsp** finely chopped shallots
- ☉ Salt to taste

Combine all of the ingredients and chill in fridge or on a platter of ice. Enjoy with cold oysters on the half shell.



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– JONATHAN TURCOTTE  
General Manager, Glidden Point



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## HOW TO shuck an oyster

- 1 Wrap a dish towel over one hand for a better grip on the oyster. Take an oyster-shucking knife in one hand, and place the tip at the base of the shell's hinge.



- 2 Twist the knife with pressure, then without pressure. Twist once more to pry the hinge open.



- 3 Slide the knife under the top shell (the more rounded one) to remove the bottom shell and the oyster's 'body.'



- + Add your dressing of choice. Perhaps a mignonette?

## CRAFT BEER

Maine is home to over 100 craft breweries. Several of these brewers use local hops and incorporate artful additions of fruits and vegetables from local farmers. Whether you're searching for a crisp pilsner, a dark coffee stout, or a strong and juicy IPA, you'll get your beer fix while in Maine.

*Perfect Pairings*





# UNCOVERING santa fe's CULINARY PALATE

The food in Santa Fe offers the perfect blend of influences from Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine. So how did this culinary merger come to be?







The Pueblo people were the first settlers of New Mexico, using staples like beans, corn, and squash in most of their meals. When the Spanish conquistadors came from Mexico in the 1500s, they brought along chile seeds, garlic, dairy and various spices. The Anglo settlers were the last to make their way Southwest, coming in after the 1800s. As cultures intertwined, so did food and drink, resulting in the fusion of flavours we know as modern day New Mexican cuisine.



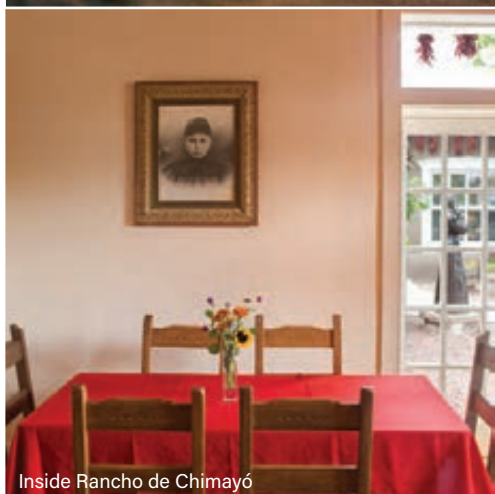
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Florence P. Jaramillo, known as "Mrs. J" and owner of **Rancho de Chimayó**, loves bringing the multicultural heritage of New Mexico to life through cuisine. She shared her recipe for **Carne Adovada** (pg. 44), a classic New Mexican dish. Try this at home, or make your way to Santa Fe to taste the real thing.





Rancho de Chimayó at night



Inside Rancho de Chimayó



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## carne adovada from The 50th Anniversary Rancho de Chimayó Cookbook

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp** canola/vegetable oil
- 4** garlic cloves, minced
- 225 grams** (about 25) whole, dried New Mexico red chile pods
- 4 cups** water
- 2 tbsp** diced yellow onion
- 1 tbsp** crushed chile pequin (dried, hot New Mexican chile flakes)
- 1 tsp** garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp** crumbled dried Mexican oregano
- 1.3 kilograms** thick, boneless, shoulder pork chops, trimmed of fat & cut into 1-2" cubes

### DIRECTIONS

- 1** Warm oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until just golden. Immediately remove from heat.
- 2** Break stems off chile pods and discard seeds. (It isn't necessary to remove every seed, but most should be removed.) Place chiles in a sink or large bowl, rinse carefully, and drain.
- 3** Place damp pods in one layer on a baking sheet and toast in oven for about 5 minutes, watching carefully to avoid burning. Chiles can have a little remaining moisture. Remove from oven and let cool.
- 4** Break each chile into 2 or 3 pieces. In a blender, purée half of pods with 2 cups water. (You will still be able to see tiny pieces of chile pulp.) Pour into saucepan with garlic. Repeat with remaining pods and water.
- 5** Stir remaining sauce ingredients into chile sauce and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sauce will thicken, but should remain a little soupy. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature. Stir pork into chile sauce and refrigerate overnight.
- 6** The next day, preheat oven to 150 degrees Celsius. Oil a large, covered baking dish. Spoon carne adovada into baking dish. Cover dish and bake until meat is completely tender and sauce has cooked down, about 3 hours. Stir once about halfway through. If sauce remains watery after 3 hours, stir well again and cook uncovered for about 15 minutes more. Serve hot.



# savour north america on these featured tours:



This is Maine, where rocky shores, infinite nature, and endless lobster forge a coastal New England classic.

## culinary highlights .....

- Enjoy lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Participate in an oyster shucking lesson before digging into local specialties.

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Discover why Santa Fe embraces "The City Different" moniker on this Southwestern getaway.

## culinary highlights .....

- Try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking.
- Delight in an authentic New Mexican lunch in Chimayo.
- Enjoy a choice visit to some of Santa Fe's famed chocolate shops.

## stays .....

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# SOUTH AMERICA

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**before picasso did cubism, he drew straight lines; whether it's drawing or cooking, you need the old to go into the new.**

– Argentinian chef Francis Mallmann

Every peak and valley in South America will bring new, unique experiences. Its food is no exception. From the internationally renowned fusion foods of Lima to the mouthwatering meats of Buenos Aires, you'll unearth the essence of each region with every bite.

**Start your culinary quest to South America now.**





# *THE AUTHENTIC ASADO*

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF BARBECUE IN BUENOS AIRES

In Buenos Aires, one of the best ways to experience the sprawling countryside is with a hearty *asado* lunch. This cookout is a popular feature of Argentinian cuisine, bringing together family and friends to nourish both body and soul. The word *asado* means both "barbecue" (the event) and a cut of meat (short and spare ribs). While *asado* can be found throughout the nation, one of the best places to experience it is at an *estancia*, or cattle estate, where the meat is fresh and roasted to perfection.

The *estancia* is a working farm where cattle roam and *gauchos*, or cowboys, can be found. Like the infamous cowboys of the Wild West, the *gauchos* of yesteryear were

rugged, mysterious men who herded cattle, trained horses and left a trail of broken hearts in their wake.

To make ends meet, the *gauchos* would often venture from *estancia* to *estancia* to find work. While the end of the 19th century saw a decline in these enigmatic figures, the *gauchos* have seen a resurgence thanks to local and international tourism.

On the **Journey Through South America** tour, you'll savour a delicious *asado* lunch comprised of slow roasted meats at a working *estancia*. While there, you'll get a chance to meet a few of these working *gauchos* and learn of their fascinating traditions.



WAKING UP IN ARGENTINA:

# yerba maté

the historic drink



South America is known for its coffee, but in Argentina, it's maté that has become part of the region's identity. This traditionally rooted drink tastes like tea and feels like coffee – though technically, it is neither.

The drink comes from dried yerba maté leaves and twigs, which are grown mainly in Argentina, southern Brazil, Uruguay, and Paraguay. In Brazil, it's called *chimarrão*. In Spanish-speaking countries, it's sometimes called *cimarrón*.

Maté is known for giving a similar burst of energy and mental focus as coffee, but the jolt comes from its unique pack of antioxidants and nutrients. It's taken hold as a popular wellness beverage, with a handful of possible health benefits.

First consumed by the indigenous Guaraní people of

Paraguay thousands of years ago, it is traditionally served in a container called a gourd and sipped with a metal straw with a filter on the end to strain out the bits of leaves. "Yerba maté" actually translates to "gourd herb," referencing this traditional process.

Today maté has become a part of modern social gatherings in South American countries, often drunk at family gatherings like an *apéritif*. You can even find it served hot in kiosks on Rio de Janeiro beaches. In other places, you can find industrially produced cans of the beverage sold at health food stores.

#### WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE HEALTH BENEFITS OF MATÉ?



Increased energy and mental focus



Weight loss aid



Increased physical performance



Reduced risk of heart disease



Reduced blood sugar levels

IF YOU CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN A TRADITIONAL MATÉ CIRCLE, HERE IS A QUICK GUIDE TO BREWING AT HOME:



- 1 Place **1 tbsp** of yerba maté in the strainer of a French press.
- 2 Slowly pour **1 cup** of hot water over the leaves. (Never boiling, or you risk burning the leaves)
- 3 Brew for **4 to 6 minutes**, depending on the strength you want.
- 4 Depress plunger into pot when it's ready.
- 5 Add lime juice or another sweetener to taste, if desired.





# cacao

## THE MOST DYNAMIC PLANT OF SOUTH AMERICA

Its beans can treat asthma, malaria, intestinal infections, loss of appetite, and cough. Turn it into a salve and you can heal burns. Its leaves can disinfect wounds, boost mood and energy, and fight altitude sickness. Read on to uncover the power of the cacao plant, one of South America's best natural remedies.

The cacao plant of South America has offered solutions for a wide variety of maladies, dating back at least 5 millennia ago to the pre-Columbian era of Mesoamerica. The Maya people had a patron saint of cacao, named *Chak ek Chuah*. It is the plant that gives us cocoa powder, chocolate, cocoa butter skin care products, medicine, and more.

The raw fruit is packed with antioxidants, iron, magnesium and other elements of a healthy body, many of which are lost after fruit is processed into cocoa. Raw cacao tastes bitter and nothing like 100% dark chocolate, but its sweet, citrusy, floral pulp is often sucked out as a sweet snack or made into jellies.

Cacao beans also contain caffeine and other chemicals that

stimulate your body and brain.

The energy jolt of cocoa is less than coffee, however. It's truly the antioxidants in cacao that boost the brain.

Cacao trees grow near the equator. African nations top the list of exporters, but Latin American countries including Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic trail close behind.

South American countries are believed to be the first to use cacao. In particular, archaeologists discovered traces of cocoa in pottery in the Ecuadorian Amazon that was over 5,000 years old. The most common genus of cacao, *Theobroma*, has been traced back to areas east of the Andes.





# Peru's NIKKEI CUISINE

Peru is a melting pot of fascinating cultures. While native Incans and settlers from Spain make up a considerable portion of the population, the country has seen a large influx of immigrants from Europe, Africa and Asia. Today, Peru has the second largest Japanese population in South America after Brazil.



Along with other cultural elements, the Japanese brought along their unique take on food and drink. While the Japanese began to use Peruvian produce, they still wanted to hold fast to their culinary traditions and techniques. Thus, Nikkei cuisine was born.

**This delicious fusion fare is a must-try when visiting Peru. Here are some typical Nikkei dishes to look for in restaurants throughout the country:**



## Ceviche Nikkei

A classic Peruvian meal consisting of marinated fish in fresh lime juice. In the Nikkei version, the fish is only soaked in the lime for a few minutes and ginger and soy sauce bring forth a different set of flavours.



## De La Selva Lo Nikkei

Incorporating *paiche*, a fish from the waters of the Amazon, this Nikkei dish uses a creative blend of Japanese sauces to pack a flavourful punch. The dish is sometimes served with chonta salad, which is made from shredded palm hearts.



## Tiradito

Akin to sashimi, tiradito consists of fresh, thinly sliced raw fish presented artfully on the plate. While ceviche is "cooked" by the citrus juice, the fish in tiradito is meant to be consumed raw, and citrus juice is only served atop as a final touch.

## Pancayaki

Octopus is a common feature in both Japanese and Peruvian cuisine. In *pancayaki*, the well-known Japanese Maki roll is given a twist by using octopus along with Andean potatoes, avocados, mushrooms and *anticuchera* sauce.



## PISCO SOUR

**This delightfully foamy, tart and sweet libation is Peru and Chile's national drink.** Consisting of simple syrup, lime (or lemon) juice, ice, an egg white, Angostura bitters and one special liquor – this cocktail is a refreshing way to soak in the fresh flavours of South America.



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- Dine at a typical Brazilian *churrascaria* (barbecue).

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# SOUTHEAST ASIA

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**anytime i'm eating spicy noodles  
in a bowl, i'm happy.**

– Anthony Bourdain

**Bold. Complex. Dynamic.** Those are just some of the ways to describe Southeast Asian cuisine. As soon as you bite into a fresh spring roll, savour a spoonful of bun cha, or sip a sweet (and highly caffeinated) Vietnamese coffee, **you'll see why Southeast Asia has an undeniable foodie allure.**



# HOW cuisine + religion INTERTWINE IN VIETNAM



Temple of Literature, Hanoi

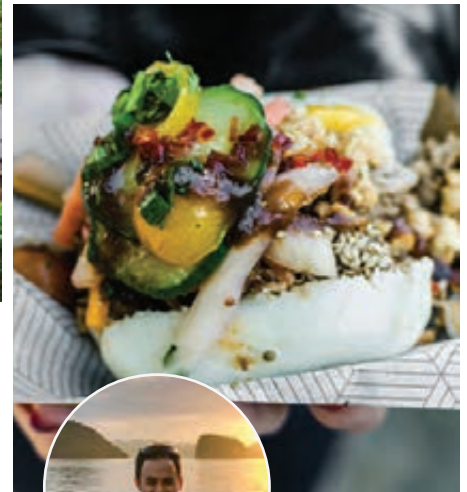
Where lush forests intermingle with ornate pagodas, a Buddhist nunnery in Vietnam welcomes travellers into its sacred convent to learn about the ancient religion of Buddhism over a delicious lunch.

Vietnamese Buddhist nuns and monks traditionally follow a strict diet that is centred on the principle of *chay truong*, a lifelong abstinence from animal products. It is believed that meat-eating invokes bad karma. Many practicing monks and nuns also avoid root vegetables in the onion family, and even herbs like coriander.

Approximately 70% of the Vietnamese population practices Buddhism. While the average Buddhist typically does

not follow such a strict diet, some sects do still practice what's known as *chat ky*, avoiding animal products on a few particular days each month. On these days and even year-round in some places, you'll find Vietnamese restaurants serving vegetarian dishes or meat-free buffets.

On the **Kingdoms of Southeast Asia** tour, you'll visit the the Dong Thien Nunnery. Here, you'll learn more about the ancient practice of Buddhism and life as a nun over a traditional vegetarian lunch. It's a delicious and nutritious introduction to Vietnam's culinary culture.



“ John Pham,  
Tour Manager for Vietnam,  
on what makes his country's  
cuisine so intriguing:

“I think our food is one of the most interesting elements of our culture. It's never boring just by the nature of spices and vegetables we use in our meals. Our street food is also some of the most delicious in the world. I think that is where the best food can often be found.”





# EXPLORING southeast asia's PRODUCE-FILLED MARKETS

In addition to exotic fruits, Southeast Asia is known for its vast array of delectable vegetables. Besides being delicious, many of these vegetables are extremely versatile, and can be steamed, grilled, stir-fried, or eaten raw.



Here are some vegetables you can expect to find at Southeast Asian markets:



#### CHOY SUM

Also known as bok choy sum, this leafy vegetable is staple vegetable in many dishes. It is closely related to bok choy, but its yellow flowers distinguish the two. Its leaves are slightly bitter, but the stems are less so. Choy sum is best enjoyed blanched and cooked in oyster sauce. Steam it, stir-fry, or sauté it.



#### OPO SQUASH

With mild taste like cucumbers or zucchini, this gourd, also known as calabash, has a dynamic taste that goes well in many dishes. It is a staple ingredient in the Vietnamese soup, canh bau tom, which contains diced shrimp and green onion with flavours of fish sauce and sesame oil.



#### JAPANESE EGGPLANT

This longer, thinner-skinned version of the traditional eggplant has a sweet and mild flavour. It is a great addition to stir-fried and grilled dishes, and also tastes great deep-fried. They are best used right away, as they turn bitter as they age.



#### GAJ LAN

Well-known as Chinese broccoli, this leafy green vegetable is a lesser-known favourite around the world. Slightly sweet and similar to other leafy greens like spinach, gai lan works in stir-fry dishes, or steamed on the side. Garlic or oyster sauce are great complements.



#### DAIKON RADISH

This Asian radish is white in colour with the shape of a large carrot. It is most often fermented to be used in kimchi, but can also be pickled for use in sashimi. It also works raw in a modestly flavoured salad.



#### LEMONGRASS

This citrusy vegetable, also called citronella grass, looks and acts similar to scallions but tastes completely different. Lemongrass can be used in a relaxing tea. It's also a key flavour in Tom Yum, the iconic Thai soup.



## VIETNAMESE COFFEE



#### The Vietnamese people love to drink coffee.

Their preferred method of brewing a cup is the "drip" method. Add in some condensed milk and pour it over ice or drink it hot and you've got a delicious beverage that'll keep you energized all day.



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## VIETNAMESE VEGETARIAN

# pho

Recipe by Emily Han of [thekitchn.com](http://thekitchn.com)

### FOR THE BROTH

- 1 large onion, peeled and halved
- 1 (5 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 1 (7 cm) cinnamon stick, preferably Vietnamese cassia-cinnamon
- 1 star anise
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 4 cups unsalted vegetable stock or broth
- 2 teaspoons tamari or soy sauce
- 4 medium carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped

### FOR THE NOODLES

**225 grams** dried flat rice noodles (known as *bánh phở*; use **1/16"**, **1/8"**, or **1/4"** width depending on availability and preference)

### FOR THE TOPPINGS choose a few

- Protein, such as fried or baked tofu, bean curd skin, or seitan
- Mushrooms
- Vegetables, such as bok choy, napa cabbage, or broccoli

### FOR THE GARNISHES choose a few


- ½ large onion, very thinly sliced
- 2 medium scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 chile pepper (Thai bird, serrano, or jalapeño), sliced
- 1 medium lime, cut into wedges
- 1/2 cup bean sprouts
- Large handful of herbs, such as cilantro or Thai basil
- Hoisin sauce, Sriracha (optional)

### DIRECTIONS

- 1 To make the broth, char the onion and ginger over an open flame (holding with tongs) or directly under a broiler until slightly blackened, about 5 minutes on each side. Rinse with water and set aside. Place the cinnamon, star anise, cloves, and coriander in a large pot over medium-low heat and dry-roast, stirring to prevent burning. When you can smell the aroma of the roasted spices, add the vegetable stock, tamari or soy sauce, carrots, and charred onion and ginger. Bring the broth to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 30 minutes. Strain out the solids and keep hot until ready to serve. Make the noodles while the broth simmers.



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- 2 Place the noodles in a large bowl and cover with hot water. Let stand for 20 to 30 minutes or until tender but still chewy. Drain. (If soaking does not soften the noodles enough, blanch them in a pot of boiling water for a few seconds.) Prepare the toppings as desired – slice and cook tofu, lightly steam or blanch vegetables, and so on. Toppings should be unseasoned or only lightly seasoned so as not to interfere with the flavour of the broth.
  - 3 To serve, divide the noodles between 2 bowls. Arrange toppings over noodles. Ladle the broth between the 2 bowls. Serve with garnishes on the side, which diners should add to taste.



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# SOUTH PACIFIC

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**food is not rational. food is culture,  
habit, craving and identity.**

– Jonathan Safran Foer

For quite some time now, a culinary rivalry has been brewing Down Under. From the freshest mussels to the tastiest indigenous fare, to origins of dessert dishes and claims over the finest wines, Australia and New Zealand compete heartily to be the foodie destination of the South Pacific.

**Sample the epicurean specialties in both island nations and let your taste buds decide where your allegiance lies.**



# DINE UNDER THE STARS

In Australia you'll have the chance to experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal where you'll soak in the sights and sounds of Uluru (Ayers Rock) as day turns to night.

Start off with some light canapes and chilled sparkling wine as you look out over the vast Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Listen to the intriguing sounds of the didgeridoo and watch as hues of brilliant blue and faded gold slip below the sienna-coloured rock formations.

At nightfall, you'll dine on a bush tucker inspired buffet. Don't be surprised to see some crocodile or kangaroo on the menu! After your meal, stargaze with the assistance of a nearby startalker who will point out a range of constellations, planets and far-off galaxies that illuminate the evening sky. As you settle in and contemplate the sheer magnitude of the Milky Way, you'll realize just how lucky you really are.

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# Lydoch Lavender Farm

## A DIFFERENT SIDE OF THE BAROSSA VALLEY

Australia's Barossa Valley offers an abundance of open countryside and rich soil prime for producing wine. While several vintners have taken to tending hectares of land to do just that, others have used the grounds a bit differently. **The Lydoch Lavender Farm** is the largest working lavender farm in South Australia. With close to 70 different varieties of lavender, the farm is a delightfully different way to experience the lushness of the Barossa Valley.



Mat Arlanson, manager of Lydoch Lavender Farm, shares a recipe that incorporates the subtle, sweet flavours of lavender:

### apple lavender pancakes

#### INGREDIENTS

½ **cup** self-rising flour, sifted  
2 **tbsp** superfine sugar  
½ **tsp** ground cinnamon  
1 egg lightly whisked  
⅓ **cup** milk  
2 granny smith apples, peeled, grated  
2 **tsp** L. angustifolia lavender seeds  
Low fat frozen yogurt or cream, to serve

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1 Combine flour, sugar and cinnamon and lavender seed in a bowl. Add egg and milk. Whisk until smooth. Stir in apples.
- 2 Heat a non-stick frying pan, lightly greased with butter, or spray with oil. Pour ¼ cup of mixture into pan. Gently spread out with the back of a spoon to a 10 cm round.
- 3 Cook pancakes in batches for 2 minutes or until bubbles form on surface. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until cooked through. (Keep pancakes warm in oven while finishing batch.) Serve with kiwi fruit or strawberry for decoration and frozen yogurt or cream.





# A WINE WORLD OF PURE *imagination*

## Inside the Cellar Door of the d'Arenberg Cube

**A**long the idyllic landscape of McLaren Vale's South Australian wine country, most people expect to find vine-gilded hills, sun-soaked valleys, and maybe an occasional kangaroo or two. But when you reach the d'Arenberg cellar door, you'll wonder if what you've come upon is a winery or an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

This five-story mirrored, cubic structure looks like it would blend in amongst the ultra-modern cityscapes of Tokyo or London. Instead, this avant-garde winery, known simply as the Cube, is an unexpected sight to see floating atop the vines of McLaren Vale's verdant wine country.

The brainchild of d'Argenberg's Cube was dreamed up by fourth-generation winemaker, Chester Osborn, known to many as the "Willy Wonka of Wines." Osborn modeled the space after a Rubik's Cube as a nod to the complexities that wine brings. Inside, the cellar door continues to disarm and beguile. From an Alternate Realities museum, to a 360-degree video room and panorama views throughout, the Cube is one of the most whimsical wineries around.

Of course, the main draw is the wine itself, and the d'Arenberg delivers on delicious varietals. The d'Arenberg family have produced wine since 1912, making them one of the first families of wine in South Australia. Today, they've perfected their craft to harvest over 30 different grapes to produce reds like Vermentino, Tempranillo, and Sangiovese as well as whites like Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier.

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**what's on the menu:**

# MĀORI CUISINE

Māori food is a delicious combination of the freshest *kaimoana* (food from the sea) and *kai whenua* (food from the land.) On our new Small Group Explorations tour, **Australia and New Zealand Uncovered**, you'll get to experience the traditional cuisine of the Māori people.

**Before you make your way to the South Pacific,  
learn about some of the traditional Māori fare you should try:**



**kumara**

Better known as the sweet potato in other parts of the world, kumara was brought to New Zealand by Māori ancestors from Polynesia. You'll see this sweet vegetable in traditional Māori and Kiwi cuisine.



**rewena paraoa**

This traditional Māori sourdough bread is typically served with a traditional hangi, but can also be found at specialty bake shops. Rewena paraoa is made from the juice of boiled potato, and tastes sweet and sour.

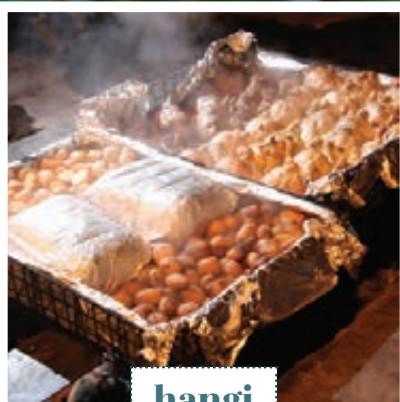


**īnanga (whitebait)**

This small freshwater fish is often found upstream in the rivers during New Zealand's spring season. Typically pan-fried into a fritter or cooked into an omelet, the īnanga is a perfect light repast.

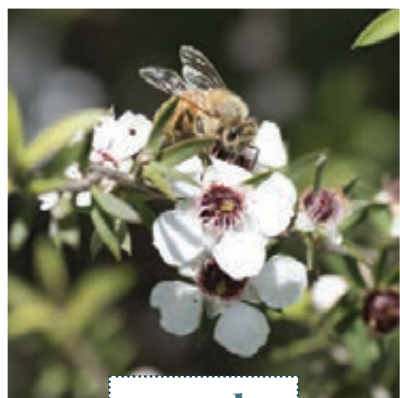


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**hangi**

Hangi is one of the oldest Māori traditional cooking methods in New Zealand. The meal is prepared by cooking starchy vegetables, along with meat or fish for hours in an underground pit oven. Cooking the hangi to perfection isn't just important for taste, it's also a means to protect a community's fate. Many Māori still believe that an improperly cooked hangi meal could bring forth destruction and misfortune.



**manuka**

The manuka tree is a treasured resource for the Māori locals and Kiwi natives. When smoking meals on the barbecue, the wood chips from a manuka tree impart a delicious flavour. And, the tree produces a honey that has natural antibacterial qualities.



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If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.



Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

## 6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy. Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the cancellation waiver fee (if chosen) must be received by us with your deposit. The cancellation waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only.

The prices below include waiver and on-tour insurance; based on a basic cover, for travellers below 69 years, with a \$250 excess, \$3000 cancellation cover (outside of Collette's waiver) and do not allow for any pre-existing medical condition cover or extra item cover. Contact Collette for a full quotation.

When purchasing pre and post night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your waiver fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$550 adult/child for Oberammergau (nonrefundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

### Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients

(Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$650 adult/child for Oberammergau (non-refundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

### Collette Waiver Only

#### Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$95      • \$195

#### For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours

#### Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$290      • \$390

#### For all Oberammergau tours

#### Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

- \$450      • \$550

On tour, travel protection benefits may be purchased and can provide coverage if you: must

interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason

## 7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. Cancellation charges to compensate us for estimated losses and expenses are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in the tables below (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). The cancellation charge detailed below is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full.

More than 60 days prior to departure: a non-refundable deposit will be retained

- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

### Exceptions:

Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Oberammergau

- More than 120 days prior to departure - a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 120 - 91 days prior to departure - 75% of total price
- 90 days - 0 days prior to departure -100% of total price

\* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

**Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.**

You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers.

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

## 8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will



advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

## 9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

## 10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office ([www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au)).

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check <http://canberra.usembassy.gov>.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) or [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au).

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

## 11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

## 12. Dealing With Complaints

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you.

If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, 09/46 Market Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

## 13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annoyance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodations manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

## 14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## 15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the



services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;

- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

## **16. Prompt Assistance In Resort**

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

## **17. Conditions Of Suppliers**

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

## **18. Delays And Other Travel Information**

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them.

Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

## **19. Special Requests**

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

## **20. Disabilities And Medical Problems**

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

## **21. Advance Passenger Information**

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for international flights.

## **22. DFAT Advice**

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

## **23. Law & Jurisdiction**

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales only.

## **24. Accuracy Of Prices & Information**

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate, however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

## **25. Insurance**

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available.

The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies).

We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

## **26. Baggage Disclaimer**

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low cost insurance to cover these risks.

## **27. Checked Baggage Charges**

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

## **28. Holiday & Museum Closures**

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

## **29. Motorcoach Washrooms**

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms (except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours). These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.



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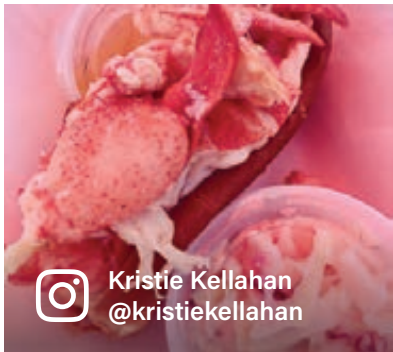


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