

Top Destinations for Luxury Culinary Travel Right Now

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Love fine food and wine? Love to travel the world looking for wonderful luxurious experiences? Then you, dear reader, are a **culinary tourist**. And you're not alone. From visiting Michelin-starred restaurants in Paris to scoping out the local food truck scene in Bangkok; from sampling the offerings at the local wineries and craft breweries in the Hamptons to a glorious sojourn in Tuscany, **delicious experiences abound**.

You can always seek these out on your own of course – sometimes getting lost in a new location and discovering off-the-beaten-path marvels is the best experience of all. Or you could book a local travel guide to show you the ropes. But more and more now, **you can launch your foodie pilgrimage right from your 5-star hotel room**.

Around the world, luxury hotels have developed unique opportunities for guests to experience their local foodways. At the best properties, you'll find everything from cooking classes using local produce and heritage recipes to an on-location garden, farm or orchard (it might even be right over your head, on the roof). There are high-end exclusive dining experiences – and hard-to-score reservations at some of the best-rated restaurants on the planet. The best of them, though, invite you right into the kitchen.

If you enjoy feasting on Thai, the ***Kata Rocks*** Thai Cooking School is a great place to learn more about the variety of flavors, methods and ingredients that make up this cuisine, while also taking in the beautiful local surroundings. Here you can learn how to grind and blend the often spicy pastes that are the backbone of Thai cuisine directly from Head Chef Tu,

who learned these skills from his mother at the tender age of 8. After chopping market-fresh meat and vegetables, and refining your stir-fry and stewing techniques, you can tuck into a feast of warm, aromatic dishes before retreating to your luxury seaside villa.



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