

VANTAGE POINT

Dine on top of the world at the Banyan Tree Bangkok's Vertigo Grill & Moon Bar, the highest rooftop restaurant and bar in Asia Pacific. Choose between seafood and wagyu steak as you sip Vertigo Sunset cocktails and look out upon the city's endless rooftops.

✦ banyantree.com



SUN SEEKER

For those in the know, Auberge Du Soleil is the place to stay, and eat, in Nappa Valley. The venue first began as a restaurant opened by restaurateur Claude Rousa. The food must have been so good that the guests never wanted to leave, as soon an inn was built around the venue. 30 years and a Michelin-star later, Auberge Du Soleil is still flourishing. Each of the inn's rooms are positioned to optimise views of the surrounding valleys and gardens, and this creates a beautiful backdrop for gentle days spent touring vineyards and heady nights passed dining on word-class, but locally-sourced, food.

✦ aubergedusoleil.com

ESCAPE

From long-haul retreats and weekend breaks, to chic city stopovers and tropical hideaways, these are some of the world's top foodie breaks

RUSTIC FARE

Keen to promote Florence's rich dining-heritage, luxury hotel Il Salviatino has launched 'Dine Around', a full and half-day board option that encourages guests to visit at a number of local and region-wide restaurants and cafés. Experience a rustic trattoria-style restaurant, which traditionally has no menus and where diners eat simple, local dishes and wine is served by decanter.

✦ salviatino.com



AN EDUCATION

Head to France for a five day cookery course at Walnut Grove. Unlike other stop-and-start cookery schools, Walnut Grove combines chef-prepared gourmet feasts with advanced cooking sessions. Book in for a day, or up to five, and learn how to create complex dishes from scratch, and the tricks behind the art of presentation. The tutors are chefs Maynard Harvey and Benedict Haines, both talented, professional chefs with a deep understanding of food. With a maximum of four guests to one chef, whether you are making barbe à papa ('papa's beard', or 'candyfloss' as it's known in England) or one of their multitude of Asian-inspired recipes, this is a fantastic excuse to eat and be merry.

✦ walnutgrovecookery.com