

FOOD *and* TRAVEL

CHRISTMAS MARKETS
10 of the best

Tom Kerridge
unwraps the big day

Rick Stein's
fabulous fish dishes

Dream islands
Polynesia

SAFARI so good
Season's eatings...
Yotam Ottolenghi and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

WEEKEND ESCAPES
Muscat, Mons & Manchester
from £100 per night

FESTIVE FEASTS AROUND THE WORLD
Angela Hartnett, José Pizarro, Eric Chivot, Nathan Outlaw, Karan Sethi, Anna Hansen

Entertaining Port Cheese Puddings Getaways Restaurants Hotels

SPICE ISLAND
Treat your taste buds and enjoy some cosy tuck-in on a new culinary tour of Sri Lanka by World Expeditions. Led by chef and TV presenter Peter Kuruvita, the 13-day tour samples traditional street food, with a lesson on making egg hoppers (a delicious breakfast consisting of a fried egg encased by pancake) and a meal of island curries, cooked over an open fire. From £3,250 per adult, worldexpeditions.com

Arrivals TRAVEL

ALBANIAN 4x4 ADVENTURES
Looking for some New Year adventures? Try off-roading in Albania on a journey of rural roads through UNESCO-recognised Gërrë. New British tour operator Ulina Albania offers one-day tours from Tirana. The culture has strong Ottoman and Italian influences. You'll sample traditional lamb slow-cooked in yoghurt and grilled sides from the local season. The guide drives the main (broken) road one, while you take the wheel through the hills. Your Land Rover Discovery covers completely unspoiled landscapes, where you're as likely to happen upon an unspoiled Ottoman relic as you are another road. From £180, ulina.co.uk

Travelnews

Farmstays: THE NEXT GENERATION
Foraging for passion fruit and pineapples around your own front door is one of the novel guest experiences at a new resort on St Kitts. Belle Mare Farm's 84 chalets, with private infinity pools and seven four-bed houses, located across 160 acres in Mount Lebanon, are the first stage of KIRKMAN Hill's \$370 million development. Claiming to be both sustainable and authentic, it has traditional-style architecture, interaction with locals and food sourced on site. We're fans of its 'red dirt' golf course, which boasts fruit-tree-lined fairways. Chalets from £480 per night for groups of five, kirkmanhill.com

Diary dates

GERMANY
Germany's biggest festival, to all 11 light coats, **Chocofest** is a 2-7 December and takes place in Tübingen, four Stuttgart. Get into the chocolate world, chocolate and chocolate being chocolate.

ENGLAND
London's Top End Like Festival 2014 (December) includes a 2-7 December. Includes winter board only, the 1000 local scene. There are 200 acts and a morning musical show. The festival has a well-organised site.

USA
San Diego's annual festival and parade, **the Vinton's Holiday No Festival** is a December 1-8. Includes a 2-7 December, with a parade, a 2-7 December, Sunday, December 1-8. vinton.com

FRANCE
The first weekend of the festival, **Festival de la Nuit** takes place in Paris, 5-6 December. Expect dramatic projections, sounds, lights and Christmas decorations. Also, all the lights, festivalnuit.com

BAHAMAS
Join the 10th of the biggest, **10th of the World** festival, a few weeks in the month, **Nassau**, on 20 December. One of up to 10,000 people in Nassau, Bahamas meet and in Nassau Hill to Nassau Hill Light.