

Better Homes & Gardens

Chill Out

WARM WEATHER IS COMING. 117 WAYS TO GET READY



Celebrate Mom! BRUNCH IDEAS AND PRETTY HANDMADE GIFTS



HAPPY EATS

Bring your love of all things food to life when you visit one of these foodie cities, cooking schools, or working farms.

FOODIE CITIES

These small cities are quickly taking shape as the next culinary hot spots.

PITTSBURGH

visitpittsburgh.com
The booming food scene reflects the can-do spirit of this metro of skyscrapers. Bar Marco serves Italian in an old firehouse. The steaks at Whitfield, an Ace Hotel in a century-old YMCA, come from farms in western PA. Millie's Homemade Ice Cream scoops out unusual flavors like pear-port wine or parsnip sorbet.

ASHEVILLE, NC

exploreasheville.com
In the majesty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, nature and art fuse in the menus of this small city's restaurants. Spots like Buxton Hall showcase North Carolina's barbecue tradition, and a native son uses locally sourced ingredients in East Asian-inspired meals at Gan Shan Station.

MILWAUKEE

visitmilwaukee.org
With the nickname

Brew City, you know this town pours good beer. Go old-school with a Pabst at Best Place Tavern, or try craft brews at Milwaukee Brewing Co. Have a German-centric meal at Mader's surrounded by art and antiques. About 400 Wisconsin farmers supply seasonal ingredients for meals at Braise, and craft beers pair with the main dishes at Hinterland Erie Street Gastropub.

PORTLAND, ME

visitportland.com
Set on a peninsula, it's only natural Maine's largest city excels at seafood. Don't miss the lobster roll at Eventide Oyster Co. (also one of the best raw bars in town); a sweet treat at The Holy Donut, which uses unique ingredients like potatoes; or seafood and game roasted over hardwood at Fore Street.

- 1 BRAISE'S SEARED RAINBOW TROUT
- 2 BBQ SPREAD AT BUXTON HALL
- 3 HOLY RICOTTA DONUT
- 4 PATIO DINING AT GAN SHAN STATION
- 5 ROASTED DUCK AND LOCAL BEETS AT WHITFIELD
- 6 BAR MARCO'S COFFEE PANNA COTTA
- 7 EVENTIDE'S RAW BAR OFFERINGS



COOKING SCHOOLS

Learn from seasoned chefs in picturesque settings. Then show off your new skills back home.



NORTH CAROLINA BBQ SOCIETY BOOT CAMPS

VARIOUS LOCALES IN NC ncbbqsociety.com
Weekend courses in May, July, and September cover the state's distinctive BBQ, including secrets behind vinegar-based sauces and whole-hog grilling.

KA'ANA KUPBOARD COOKING CLASSES

THE ANDAZ MAUI AT WAILEA RESORT, HI

maui.andaz.hyatt.com
Even if you're not staying here, sign up for a crash course on preparing a luau (a traditional Hawaiian dinner celebration) or a barbecue with local ahi tuna.

COOK ACADEMY

ESSEX RESORT & SPA, ESSEX JUNCTION, VT essexresortspa.com
New and experienced cooks take year-round classes inspired by

local and global cuisine. Younger chefs can build their skills at Camp Cook, weeklong summer programs for 8- to 16-year-olds.

ONION CREEK KITCHENS

JUNIPER HILLS FARM, DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX juniperhillsfarm.com
Part of a sustainably minded farm between Austin and San Antonio, this getaway combines classes, like

Cooking with Lavender, and wellness activities like yoga. Families with kids will enjoy classes like cupcake decorating and doughnut baking.

JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB RESORT

JEKYLL ISLAND, GA jekyllclub.com
Returning to this family-friendly resort is the Cooking Camp for Kids (July 9-12), ideal for 8 to 14 year olds. Graduation dinner features dishes made by the students.



FARM STAYS

Lend a hand with the daily chores or just relax and enjoy the pastoral scene.

1 & 2 SIBBY BARRETT, OWNER OF ONION CREEK KITCHENS
3 & 4 THE ANDAZ AND ITS OPEN-AIR KITCHEN
5 GLAMPING TENTS AT WILLOW-WITT
6 THE MAIN HOUSE AT VALLEY FARMS

WILLOW-WITT RANCH

ASHLAND, OR willowwittranch.com
This 440-acre ranch is home to goats, chickens, and a range of wild birds (making it a top spot for bird watchers). Stay in one of the furnished wall tents or in the three-bedroom farmhouse.

INN AT VALLEY FARMS

WALPOLE, NH innatvalleyfarms.com
The centerpiece of this 105-acre organic farm is a 1774 Colonial

house. In it, you live—for a few nights—like a well-to-do 18th-century farmer. Collect eggs from the chicken coop, hike wooded trails, help with the sunrise chores in the barn, and eat produce from the vegetable garden.

BROTHERS FARM

LA GRANGE, NC brothersfarmexperience.squarespace.com
You'll stay in an 1853 farmhouse and get

a close look at how Warren and Jane Brothers grow 47 vegetables, much of it supplying Vivian Howard's (host of *A Chef's Life*) restaurant, Chef & the Farmer.

GLENDEVEN INN

MENDOCINO, CA glendeven.com
The 1867 main house overlooks the Pacific Ocean to take advantage of the 8-acre farm's spot on the rugged coast. Llamas graze near

a wine bar[n], where inn guests can sip Mendocino County varietals.

BUTTERMILK FALLS INN

MILTON, NY buttermilkfallsinn.com
Collect eggs in the morning; get a spa treatment in the afternoon. Alpacas, miniature donkeys, and heritage-breed chickens are your neighbors at the 1764 main house. ■