

## 2019 Traveller Hot (Food) List: Our pick of the world's best restaurants, bars and dishes and more

Various writers



The bistro-style Point Leo Restaurant, on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, is a relaxed venue but there are no shortcuts taken with the food.

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A year of good food. Twelve months of tasty cuisine. It doesn't sound bad, does it? And that's the hardship our writers have suffered through as they've sought to take the world's gastronomic pulse once again.



Welcome to the Hot [Food] List, Traveller's annual summation of global food trends, of the restaurants, the bars, the wineries, the tours, the cruises, the hotels, the neighbourhoods, the cities and the countries that have delighted our senses and inspired joy over the past year.



Some of these entries are classics that continue to impress; others are up-and-comers that are bringing something new and exciting to the global scene. All, however, are contributing to the pleasure of travel for those of us who love to eat.



These inspiring entries don't have to be expensive, though some certainly fall into the luxury category. They don't have to be particularly stylish or innovative either – though again, there are plenty here that fit that bill. The key to a great gastronomic experience in any country, at any price-point is heart, soul, honesty and passion.

And that's what we've looked for. A simple plate of food can, after all, say so much about the person who cooked it, and so much about the place they've come from. Food is culture, it is history, it is pride and it is ambition. It is, in short, one of the world's great pleasures, and one of our great passions.

We've spent 12 months sampling the best of it. We hope you spend the next 12 sharing and enjoying our discoveries and making your own, too. - **Ben Groundwater**

## **RESTAURANT**

### **HAVEN, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

Food that tastes good and makes you feel great is the order of the day at this training restaurant for vulnerable and underprivileged young people from orphanages, shelters and poor rural areas. The service might be a tad slow, but it's heartfelt, as diners eat everything from chef's pork ribs to banana flower salad and banana crumble with mango sorbet at tables around a leafy courtyard basking in a beautiful ambience. See [havencambodia.com](http://havencambodia.com)