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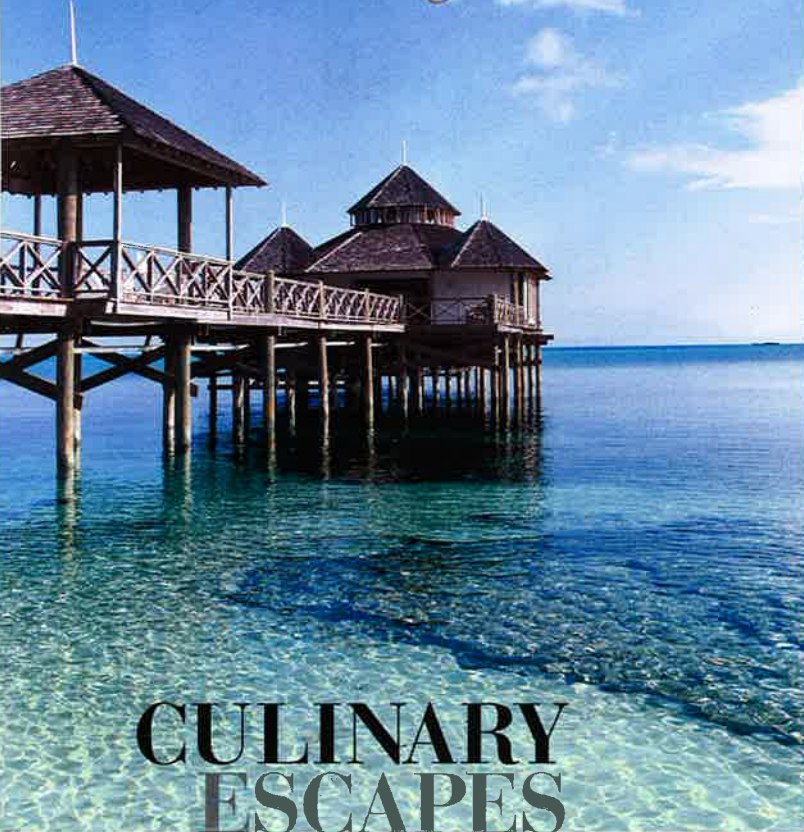
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CULINARY ESCAPES

LEARN SOMETHING NEW ON YOUR NEXT VACATION WITH A COOKING CLASS THAT TAPS YOUR CREATIVE SIDE AND ENGAGES ALL YOUR SENSES.

admit it: You can while away the hours on a beach for only so long. At some point, even the most indolent among us needs more excitement while on vacation. A hotel cooking class presents an ideal option: Drop into the kitchen, learn something new, then enjoy

the fruits of your labor in a beautiful setting. We've gathered our favorites here. *Kamalame Cay, The Bahamas* At this laid-back property on a private cay, the cooking class starts in a skiff among turquoise shallows, where you'll spear your supper with help from a guide. Back in the kitchen, prepare sevice or



AMANSARA / CAMBODIA



MIRAVAL / ARIZONA



L'OSTAU DE BAUMANIÈRE / FRANCE

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: LEFT: PETER FRANKEDWARDS/REDFUX; COURTESY OF BALLYFIN; JEAN-PIERRE GABRIEL; COURTESY OF MIRAVAL; COURTESY OF AMANSORIS



LA MIRANDE / FRANCE



LE MANOIR AUX QUATRE SAISONS / ENGLAND



BEAU-RIVAGE PALACE / SWITZERLAND

a Bahamian fish fry with the lobster, snapper, or grouper you've caught. *Doubles* from \$775; *excursion and class*, \$450; kamalame.com.

Ballyfin, Ireland

A weekend at Ballyfin—a refurbished Georgian pile with just 15 guest rooms, southwest of Dublin—feels like a house

party out of *Downton Abbey*. Among the class offerings is a seminar on the art of Irish soda farls, one of the traditional breads that the kitchen turns out fresh three times daily. *Doubles* from \$1,260, including meals; *classes* from \$58; ballyfin.com.

Amansara, Cambodia

Immersion is the emphasis at this luxe

outpost near Angkor Wat, where you'll begin your class at the local market before moving on to a traditional Khmer village house. There, you'll pound herbs and spices into a fragrant *kroeung*, a curry used to flavor dishes cooked over smoking charcoal braziers. *Doubles* from \$950; *class*, \$250 per couple; amansara.com.

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