

FOOD

and

TRAVEL

The British revolution begins
Street food



CITY BREAKS
Valencia, Kaunas
and Sorrento

Gourmet travels

**VANCOUVER
STAFFORDSHIRE**

**SUMMER
CHILL OUT**
*With sorbets, sherbets and
frozen yoghurts*

**A TASTE
OF JAPAN**
in Dorset

AUG/SEPT 2011 £3.95



LAKES OF THE WORLD

FIVE OF THE BEST: PERU USA SWITZERLAND SLOVENIA ENGLAND

Istanbul Seasonal recipes Bread making Cookery schools Golf Bordeaux

Under covers

Keya Modessa goes jungle style in Peru and high-tech in England, as she rounds up openings across the world



New HOTEL OPENINGS

HOLLAND

PERU

ENGLAND

MAURITIUS

HACIENDA CONCEPCION



ECCLESTON SQUARE HOTEL



THE SPA HOTEL



HOTEL CONSERVATORIUM



There's a high-tech playground hidden within the Georgian townhouse that is London's Eccleston Square Hotel. Bedrooms come with all the latest state-of-the-art technology – think televisions with 3D channels, marble bathrooms with wall-mounted massagers, and remote controls for closing the curtains and turning off the lights. Kick off your shoes and relax on your adjustable Hästens bed while playing around on a shiny new iPad 2 (ecclestonsquarehotel.com).

Escape the city to The Spa Hotel, set in 100 acres of rolling Lancashire countryside. It has a hydrotherapy pool, mud chamber, aqua thermal spa and herbal sauna. Complete your pampering with an Indian head massage or a facial before afternoon tea in the leafy grounds (ribbyhall.co.uk).

New to Amsterdam is Hotel Conservatorium, housed in a former music academy. Beneath vaulted ceilings and exposed structural beams, designer Piero Lissoni has decorated the

interior with Italian furniture and vintage Asian rugs. In the restaurant, try *bitterballen*, deep-fried meatballs, and the scrumptious pancakes (conservatoriumhotel.com).

Hidden in the heart of Peru's Tambopata National Reserve you'll find Hacienda Concepción – a small wilderness lodge. The property has been inspired by the local tribes of the region, so expect thatched roofing, hand-woven rugs and locally crafted furnishings. Head onto the river to spot local wildlife including turtles and giant river otters. Back at the lodge, be sure to try Peruvian dishes such as *seco*, a spicy, braised meat dish, washed down with a glass of *pisco*, local grape brandy (inkaterra.com).

Heritage The Villa is a five-star resort in Mauritius, with 40 villas that have large gardens, infinity pools, barbecues and views of the Indian Ocean. More villas are being built as you read, and there's a spa, golf course and boathouse to keep everyone entertained (villasvalricheexperience.com).

Diary dates



MAKE A DATE FOR CHILLIS, SCOTTISH FOOD AND WHALES



JAPAN

The Yamaga Lantern Festival from 15-16 August has been going for 800 years. Each year the town is illuminated by 3,000 paper lanterns inscribed with people's wishes. jnto.go.jp

SOUTH AFRICA

Head to the coastal town of Hermanus for the start of the whale-watching season. Spot a variety of these mammals, including humpback whales and orcas, from 30 September. whalefestival.co.za

ENGLAND

Enjoy all things chilli related in Dorset on 13-14 August. Watch chilli-eating competitions and feast on food that makes the most of the spicy pepper. greatdorsetchillifestival.co.uk

USA

Immerse yourself in global flavours at the San Francisco Street Food Festival from 20-21 August, which hosts stalls inspired by the hawker stands of the world, from Mexico to Malaysia. sfstreetfoodfest.com

SCOTLAND

Over 100 events have been planned, from farmers' markets and barbecues to wild food walks, to celebrate the best of Scottish food and drink from 3-18 September. scottishfoodanddrinkfortnight.co.uk