



# the Table

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## The Best Food and Wine Experiences In the World

Pack your bags for these eclectic eating and drinking destinations.



While sightseeing is a perfectly valid reason to travel, unique culinary experiences — such as sampling beef that's been smoked over different types of wood in Texas or sipping buttery, crisp and citrus-tinged [chardonnay](#) in California wine country — are an equally compelling incentive.

From Mexican cuisine to candy and breakfast fare, we've rounded up some of the world's top food and drink experiences to add to your foodie bucket list.

## Pancakes



*"There has to be an easier way to make pancakes," said every Olney Pancake Race contestant.*

No one is exactly sure why the [Olney Pancake Race](#) was first run in 1445, but it's since become a tradition on the day before Lent starts in the U.K. village, 90 minutes north of London. Entry is limited to female residents 18 and over, who are required to bring their own skirt and pancake; the pan they toss it in at the start and end of the 415-yard race is provided, though, along with an apron and headscarf. Naturally, [buttery stacks of pancakes](#) are served after the event. At the 2022 race, celebrity chef Lesley Waters cooked up a version containing bacon, tomato, and basil ragout; and another with bananas, butterscotch sauce, and pecans.

A magazine photo of the race inspired officials in Liberal, Kansas, in 1950 to suggest women in their town begin competing against Olney in a parallel race. Liberal has since turned its annual event into a [full-day affair](#), including a pancake breakfast and age-based eating contests that involve simply consuming one five-inch pancake.