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## chef's table

Alain Ducasse, chef,

Le Louis XV, Monte Carlo

**What's Louis XV known for?**

My food interprets the changing seasons. It's always a concentration of flavours, aromas and colours.

**Describe the dining experience?**

Every detail makes the experience perfect, from the Belle Epoque-style dining room to the service.

**What's your favourite ingredient to cook with?** Love.

**Describe your signature dish?**

For our 25th anniversary, we served San Remo prawns from Liguria with a delicate rockfish gel and caviar.

**What's your favourite restaurant nearby?** My best addresses in

Monaco and on the French Riviera are in my book *J'aime Monaco*.

Visit: [alain-ducasse.com](http://alain-ducasse.com).



## TRAVEL NOTES

- Featuring pool villas and river views, Bangkok's new luxury retreat, The Siam Hotel (above), is a plush base for a stay in Thailand's bustling capital. Visit: [thesiamhotel.com](http://thesiamhotel.com).
- Melbourne's Gramercy Bistro is dishing up Manhattan bistro chic at breakfast, lunch and dinner in the form of a cafe, restaurant and bar. Try their New York-style Reuben sandwich or baked cheesecake. Visit: [gramercybistro.com.au](http://gramercybistro.com.au).
- Make a trip to Bay St, Port Melbourne for a moreish pie – think free-range butter chicken – from ABC *delicious*. Produce Awards 2012 winner The Little Pie Shop's outlet. Visit: [purepie.com.au](http://purepie.com.au).

## SMALL MERCIES

The daintily named 1 Week Ailleurs Autrement Undergarment Bag is a chic way to store your intimates when you're away from home. \$120. Visit: [plumevoyage.fr](http://plumevoyage.fr).



## FAR AND AWAY

With recipes, tips and destination info, you can take a culinary tour around the globe with Lonely Planet's new hardback, *Food Lover's Guide to the World*. \$49.99. Visit: [lonelyplanet.com](http://lonelyplanet.com).

## DON'T MISS

- Plan ahead for Christine Manfield's culinary adventure to India in 2013. Visit: [epicurioustravel.com.au](http://epicurioustravel.com.au).
- Head to the Brisbane Good Food & Wine Show (Nov 9-11) with guest chefs, such as Maggie Beer and Ainsley Harriott. Visit: [goodfoodshow.com.au](http://goodfoodshow.com.au).
- WA's Margaret River Gourmet Escape (Nov 22-25) has local produce and guest chefs, including Heston Blumenthal. Visit: [gourmetescape.com.au](http://gourmetescape.com.au).
- Annabel Crabb returns to ABC2 (Wed, 9.30pm) to dine with politicians in a second season of *Kitchen Cabinet*. Visit: [abc.net.au/tv/kitchencabinet](http://abc.net.au/tv/kitchencabinet).

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