

All class

Make your post-trip slideshow more interesting by offering a few authentic recipes you've picked up while on the road. Here are Lonely Planet's top 10 places to learn how to cook the local cuisine in 2011, from **Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2011**, out now.



Banks Peninsula, New Zealand

With hiking, swimming with dolphins, and kayaking all on offer, you could visit New Zealand's picturesque Banks Peninsula and easily overlook the region's growing foodie credentials. Visit raffish Lyttelton on a Saturday morning for one of New Zealand's best farmers' markets, or ask about cooking classes and buy Kiwi craft beers at the **Ground Culinary Centre** (www.ground.co.nz). Come back on a Sunday to attend the She Chocolate School (www.shechocolat.com) at neighbouring Governor's Bay. Around nearby Akaroa Harbour, the emphasis is on self-exploration, with excellent boutique cheese and wine waiting to be discovered. Located in the former French colony of Akaroa, the Akaroa Cooking School (www.akaroacooking.co.nz) focuses on local, organic ingredients including lots of fresh New Zealand seafood.