



Mexico Find flavours and flestas

Intrepid Travel's Real Food Adventure: Mexico was designed with help from Thomasina Miers, cookery writer and founder of 'market-eating' restaurant chain Wahaca, This means the trip is a true foodie treat, exploring some of Mexico's best culinary regions. Visit Oaxaca's aromatic markets, eat late-night tacos in Mexico City and learn to make Puebla's chilli-chocolate mole poblano. There's also time to see pre-Colombian ruins and take a foodie walk around the capital. Who: Intrepid Travel (0844 499 8487, www.intrepidtravel.com/food) When: selected Fridays, Apr-Dec 2013 Howlong: 8 days How much: from £820 (excl flights)

Thailand Combine culture and cooking

Discover the tastes of Thailand on Tell Tale Travel's Tamarind and Spice solo traveller orientated group trip. Explore four different regions as you travel from Bangkok to the Central Plains and Chiang Mai, ending on the Andaman coast. As well as learning to cook traditional dishes in each location, there's time to visit markets, see the sights and even learn some jungle survival skills.

Who: Tell Tale Travel (0800 011 2571, www.telltaletravel.co.uk)

When: 23 Nov 2013, 1 Feb 2014

How long: 15 days

How much: from £2,225 (incl flights)





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Japan Sample sushi

and then some inside Japan's Japanese Gastronomic Adventure packs more than just sushi into its mouthwatering itinerary. Highlights include breakfast at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market, dinner and drinks at a traditional izakaya (Japanese pub), a noodle-making class in the castle city of Matsumoto and a private tour of a sake brewery in Kyoto. The trip also includes stays in a Buddhist temple lodge (with authentic Buddhist Shojin cooking),

bright lights of Toyko's Shinjuku district. Who: Inside Japan (0117 370 9751, www.insidejapantours.com)

and in a ryokan (inn) in the rural craft town

of Takayama, before finishing amid the

When: tailormade departures

How long: 13 nights

How much: from £1,999 (excl flights)