

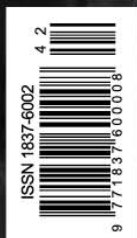
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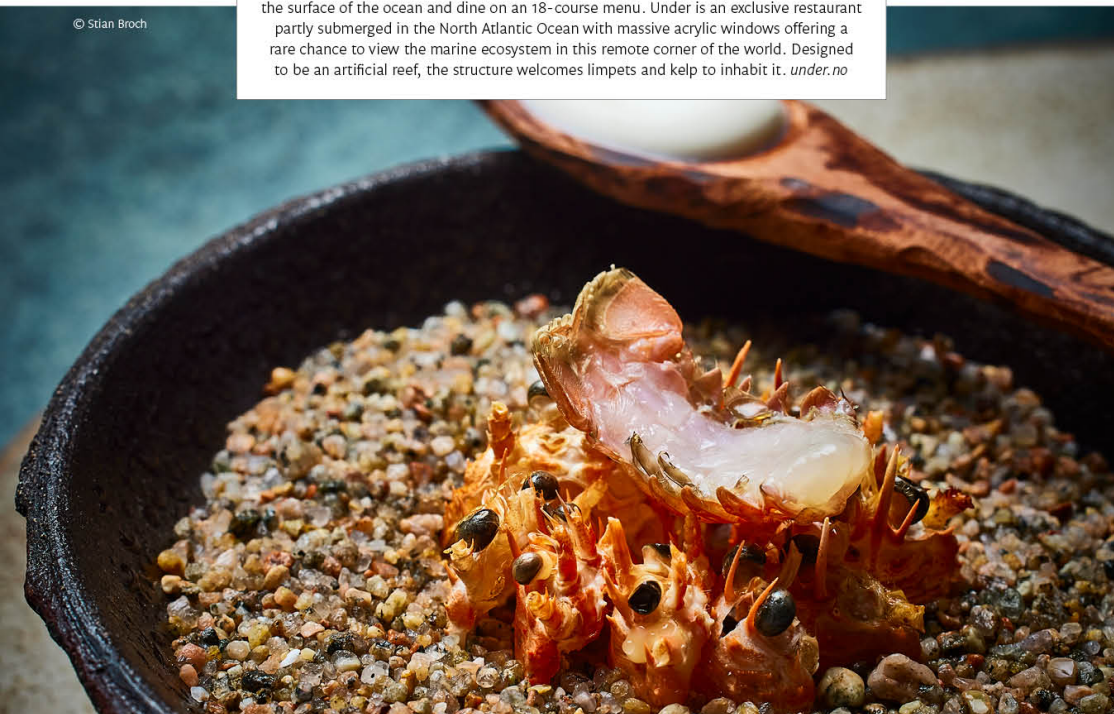
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A DEEP DIVE

In Lindesnes, in the southernmost district in Norway, you can plunge five metres below the surface of the ocean and dine on an 18-course menu. Under is an exclusive restaurant partly submerged in the North Atlantic Ocean with massive acrylic windows offering a rare chance to view the marine ecosystem in this remote corner of the world. Designed to be an artificial reef, the structure welcomes limpets and kelp to inhabit it. [under.no](#)

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LUNCH WITH LAURA

On the sleepy Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, meet Laura, a two-hat fine-dining restaurant where nothing is hurried. One of only a handful of Australian members to join the Relais & Châteaux fold, Laura at Pt. Leo Estate seats just 40. Named after a seven-metre-tall, cast-iron sculpture that overlooks the dining space, the eatery's artistic theme is translated on the plate. You can also select from 750 wines from around the globe. After all, it's all about slow dining here. [ptleoestate.com.au](#)



6. CHAUFFERS AND CHAMPAGNE

Sit back in style while you're chauffeured to some of France's best Champagne houses. Expect personal engagements with winemakers and festive tastings with passionate artisans – all reserved exclusively for those staying at Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa. If you want to get your heart racing, the hotel can also arrange to fly you over the Champagne vineyards at 700 kilometres an hour in a fighter jet, piloted by former military personnel. When your feet are back on *terra firma*, wind down with dinner at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, Le Royal. [royalchampagne.com](#)



5. WHERE THE WILDLIFE ROAM

In Australia's capital you can dine underground while wildlife roam just metres away. Jamala Wildlife Lodge is a safari-style, five-star hotel within the National Zoo and Aquarium in Canberra. Savour a four-course African-themed meal in a stone wall cave adjacent to the dens of white lions and hyenas. While animal sightings aren't guaranteed, you'll know when one of these graceful creatures appears from the gaps in the room. Afterwards, relax in one of 18 African-themed rooms where you can sip on a glass of shiraz while feeding a giraffe from the balcony, or soak in a deep tub while bears laze behind thick glass windows. [jamalawildlifelodge.com.au](#)

