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THE ALLURE OF INDOOR-OUTDOOR LIVING

From Sunny, Carefree Spaces To Gorgeous Garden Rooms
CULINARY ESCAPES

LEARN SOMETHING NEW ON YOUR NEXT VACATION WITH A COOKING CLASS THAT TAPS YOUR CREATIVE SIDE AND ENGAGES ALL YOUR SENSES.

Admit it: You can while away the hours on a beach for only so long. At some point, even the most indolent among us needs more excitement while on vacation. A hotel cooking class presents an ideal option. Drop into the kitchen, learn something new, then enjoy the fruits of your labor in a beautiful setting. We've gathered our favorites here.

Kamalame Cay, The Bahamas

At this laid-back property on a private cay, the cooking class starts in a skiff among turquoise shallows, where you'll spear your snapper with help from a guide. Back in the kitchen, prepare seviche or...
a Bahamian fish fry with the lobster, snapper, or grouper you've caught. Doubles from $775; excursion and class, $450; kamalame.com.

**Ballyfin, Ireland**
A weekend at Ballyfin—a refurbished Georgian pile with just 15 guest rooms, southwest of Dublin—feels like a house party out of *Downton Abbey*. Among the class offerings is a seminar on the art of Irish soda farls, one of the traditional breads that the kitchen turns out fresh three times daily. Doubles from $1,280, including meals; classes from $58; ballyfin.com.

**AmanSara, Cambodia**
Immersion is the emphasis at this luxe outpost near Angkor Wat, where you'll begin your class at the local market before moving on to a traditional Khmer village house. There, you'll pound herbs and spices into a fragrant *kroesng*, a curry used to flavor dishes cooked over smoking charcoal braziers. Doubles from $950; class, $250 per couple; amansara.com.