

# Waitrose *Kitchen*

**Comfort food  
to cheer up  
winter days**

**47** RECIPES  
TO COOK  
THIS MONTH

THE BEST  
CHEAP EATS  
IN BRITAIN

WEEKDAY  
MEALS FOR  
UNDER A FIVER



FIVE FOODIE DESTINATIONS TO VISIT IN 2011

Caseus fromagerie in the pretty town of Montreuil-sur-Mer: perfect for planning a gourmet picnic



# Five great gourmet getaways

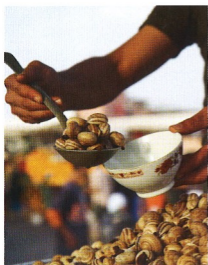
*Knife and fork at the ready, Gillian Rhys explores a selection of irresistible destinations for food lovers*

## Pas de Calais

**Why go?** If you've ever caught the ferry to Calais and then driven straight on, you've been missing out. The Pas de Calais has picture-perfect countryside and excellent produce, from cheeses to micro-brewed beer, making it perfect for a gourmet weekend just across the Channel. Head for the Sept Vallées area and base yourself at the pretty hillside town of Montreuil-sur-Mer, with its cobbled streets and lovely squares.

**Where to eat** Just outside the old town walls of Montreuil is La Grenouillère ([lagrenouillere.fr](http://lagrenouillere.fr)), a beamed restaurant with a Michelin star (reopens in April 2011). At the other end of the scale, just off the town's main square, is Froggy's

Food stalls fill Djemaa el Fna square at the night market in the old town, Marrakech



## Marrakech

**Why go?** The exotic north African city has become even more glamorous following a clutch of luxury hotel openings and a starring role in *Sex and the City 2*.

**Where to eat** La Mamounia ([mamounia.com](http://mamounia.com)) is where Sarah Jessica Parker stayed during filming. This grande-dame hotel has undergone a major revamp and features an opulent Moroccan restaurant serving sophisticated couscous and tagine dishes. Inside the medina, or old town, Al Fassia ([alfassia.com](http://alfassia.com)) is popular with locals, serving the best pigeon *pastilla* (pastries) and roast leg of lamb in town. Le Tobsil (+212 524 444052), which is housed in a converted palace, is ultra-romantic, decorated with rose

petals and candelabras. Expect a banquet of vegetable and meat pastries, followed by tagine, fruit and sweet pastries.

**Where to stay** Carrie et al stayed at the new Amanjena ([amanresorts.com](http://amanresorts.com)). Filming also took place at the Mandarin Oriental Jnan Rahma Hotel ([mandarinoriental.com](http://mandarinoriental.com)), due to open this year.

If your budget is a little smaller, try one of Marrakech's many riads, or traditional houses. Dar Les Cigognes ([lescigognes.com](http://lescigognes.com)) is a stylishly renovated 16th-century house with great traditional home cooking. You may even be inspired to sign up for a cookery lesson. Doubles from £140.

**How to get there** EasyJet ([easyjet.com](http://easyjet.com)) has flights from London Gatwick and Manchester to Marrakech. From March, British Airways ([ba.com](http://ba.com)) will fly from London Gatwick.