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GOURMET TRAVELLER

SWEET TREATS
HOT CROSS BUNS
& CHOCOLATE EGGS

Time to indulge

Autumn comfort food: Easter baking, Turkish feasting, hip Italian flavours and meatballs (yes, meatballs!)

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Ginger-carrot cake with salted butterscotch frosting

OUR KITCHEN RULES

ROSE CREAM DOUGHNUTS, *walnut fudge*, SCOTCH EGGS, *oxtail dumplings*, TACOS WITH BLACK BEAN MOLE

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Basket case

We've been on a hunt for the best Easter eggs and we're chocker with the country's finest. Here are the greatest hits.

There's a lot of fun in a holiday that gives you a guilt-free pass to hit the cacao. The supermarket shelves have been stacked high with glittering pink, blue and green foils for weeks now. Combinations you never dreamed possible have crept out — some good (hello, Ma! Easter bunny) and some not so good.

But as welcome as that sight may be, there's also something to be said for the quality-over-quantity approach. Across the country, white-glove-wearing chocolatiers are keeping the Willy Wonka fantasy alive using some of the rarest and richest chocolate around. Eggs are hand-moulded, hand-painted, and packaged in ways that are almost too beautiful to rip into. (Almost.) From Cioccolato Lombardo's grown-up Kinder Surprise-style eggs to the Cadbury Creme

Egg-inspired salted caramel numbers from Burch & Purchase — here's our round-up of some of the best, and definitely the most thoughtful, eggs and bunnies on offer.

- 1** Fortunato No. 4 dark chocolate egg, \$49, from Anvers Confectionery.
- 2** Dark chocolate egg, \$23.55, from Haigh's Chocolates.
- 3** White chocolate rabbit by Mazet, \$16.95, from Simon Johnson.
- 4** Koko Black dark chocolate bunny, \$30, from Myer.
- 5** Hand-painted galaxy egg with confit fruit and nuts, \$36, from Kakawa Chocolate.
- 6** Handcrafted psychedelic eggs in milk and dark chocolate, \$34.49 for a dozen, from Chocolate Master Chocolatiers.
- 7** Dark chocolate (70% cocoa) rabbit in car with edible metallic powder, \$16, from Monseur Truffe.
- 8** Handcrafted medium milk chocolate egg, \$15.49, from Chocolate Master Chocolatiers.
- 9** Handcrafted medium dark chocolate egg, \$15.49, from Chocolate Master Chocolatiers.
- 10** Milk chocolate egg, \$12.10, from Haigh's Chocolates.
- 11** White chocolate ganache-filled dinosaur eggs in nest, \$23, from Kakawa Chocolate.
- 12** Dark chocolate pot with hand-painted mandarin and orange ganache-filled milk chocolate eggs, and dark chocolate pebbles, \$25, from Boon Chocolate.
- 13** Large milk chocolate egg filled with 20 assorted chocolates, \$76.50, from Belle Fleur Chocolate.
- 14** Single origin dark chocolate eggs from Peru, Costa Rica and Papua New Guinea, \$19.50 for six, from Belle Fleur Chocolate.
- 15** Mini bunny pops in dark and milk chocolate, \$6 each, from Kakawa Chocolate.
- 16** Hand-painted quail eggs (sea salted caramel, pop rocks, hazelnut praline, raspberry and mint, strawberry), \$16.50, from Kakawa Chocolate.
- 17** Dark chocolate nest with hazelnut ganache-filled gull eggs by Mazet, \$37.35, from Simon Johnson.
- 18** Handmade chocolate eggs in 38% milk or 60% dark chocolate, containing a chocolate surprise, \$15.50 each, from Cioccolato Lombardo.
- 19** Lindt Swiss white chocolate bunny, \$5.95, from David Jones.
- 20** Salted Caramel Eggs, \$8 for two, from Burch & Purchase.
- 21** Raw chocolate caramel "Lava" egg, \$6.90, from Pana Chocolate.
- 22** Raw chocolate bunny, \$5.90, from Pana Chocolate.
- 23** Bunnies and Lindor milk eggs from Lindt Easter Hunt pouch, \$19.95, from David Jones.
- 24** Milk chocolate Luxocolat eggs, \$15.90 for six, from Raw Materials.
- 25** Dark chocolate egg, \$7.55, from Haigh's Chocolates. Stockists p191. **39**

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