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THE BEST EGGS & TREATS

Easter feasts

The long lunch: old-school desserts, rich braises, a chic Asian banquet
Plus seriously tasty hot cross buns

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EASTER FEATURE

Dark arts

Whichever way you like to play your Easter cocoa overdose, the nation's chocolatiers and importers have you covered with a bumper crop of exotica.

Are you a hoover or a hoarder? Were you the kid surrounded by shreds of coloured tinsel and cocoa crumbs mere moments into Easter Sunday morning, the youngster who tore through the egg hunt in the backyard like a starving sow rooting for truffles? Or did you prefer to prolong the pleasure to exquisitely drawn-out lengths, expatiating your siblings as your chocolate bloomed and waned before your seemingly oblivious eyes? (Kids are strange, no?) It seems that today there's a whole lot more on the market to tempt the grown-up (and cashed-up) fancier of Easter chocolate. Certainly this haul we've assembled, each piece carefully taste-tested by the *G7* team for quality control, would scream the affirmative. We've pulled together eggs from Valrhona and from Melbourne's Cioccolato Lombardo, chocolatier to Attila no less. We've got fish and chickens, rabbits and autumn leaves, along with chocolate bars from the hills of Peru and the exotic streets of Collingwood. Heck, we've even found grown-up chocolate freckles. We can vouch for the quality of what you see here before you; how you choose to enjoy it is entirely up to you.

MORE ONLINE

We've got more of our picks of this Easter's treats online, from chocolate bars to conversation-driving bunnies (yes, really): gourmettraveller.com.au

- 1 Handmade Valrhona chocolate, \$27.80 for 300g, from Simon Johnson, 2 Caffarelli mini fish, \$9.95 for 20g crate, from Simon Johnson, 3 Chocolate, \$14.50 for box of sardine, \$14.50 for box of eagle, from Monsieur Truffe, 4 Handpainted dark chocolate, from Kakawa Chocolate, 5 Hazelnut glazed dark chocolate, \$4.50 for 30g block, from Monsieur Truffe, 6 Metallic eggs, \$20.50 for carton of six, from Cioccolato Lombardo, 7 Dark chocolate Easter bunny with carrot, \$21 from Kakawa Chocolate, 8 Kakawa Chocolate leaf \$4, from Kakawa Chocolate, 9 Luscious chocolate with caramel specks \$11.50, from Monsieur Truffe, 10 Luscious milk chocolate block, \$15.50, from Anneset Confectionery, 11 Love You, 12 Handpainted white chocolate leaf \$4, from Kakawa Chocolate, 13 Fortunato No 4, \$18.50, 14 Milk chocolate freckles, \$11.50 per 150g jar, from Cioccolato Lombardo, 15 Chocolate leather, \$10.50, from Cioccolato Lombardo, 16 Hand-dipped chocolate praline, \$11 for 200g assorted pack, from Enoteca Sileno, 17 Luscious Hazelnut Crunch chocolate block, \$35 for mixed box of three, from Sorry That's I Love You Stockists p191

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BAKE OFF
Chocolate doughnuts, BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER, HAZELNUT MERINGUES, Alice Waters' walnut & date galette

