

he forests are crammed with shade-seeking crowds and the beaches are packed with sunloving sardines - but if you don't have access to woods or water, how do you stay cool as a cucumber when temperatures are soaring this summer? "Eating foods that have a high water content and are easy to digest will reduce your body heat," explains nutritionist Jo Coles, owner of Iberianbased website nutritionspain.com. But if it comes as no surprise that leafy salads and watermelon - and even that favourite Spanish street snack, corn on the cob – will help you keep your cool when it's sizzling outside, it's perhaps less obvious that fiery foods should also be high on your list. "Fresh ginger, chilli, black pepper and other spices in moderate amounts cause you to perspire, and the perspiration will reduce your body temperature," adds Coles. So avoid the flustered look this summer and follow us on a tour of the top places to chill out when the heat is on.

Melting in Marseille

Until recently, rosé was considered by some as a bit of a plebeian tipple, but the pink drink that was reserved for popes and kings during the middle ages is now a favourite with celeb royalty ranging from Jay-Z to Brangelina. "At one time, rosé was a bit of an afterthought," says Gaëtane Thurot of the locally based **Provence** Wine Tours (provencewinetours.com), "but knowledgeable consumers are now seeking this wine out, especially during the hot summer months."

Centre of the rosé grape-growing region, Marseille's legendary pink wines match well with ratatouille, salads and that summer-all-star, the barbecue. "To make it even cooler locals usually put an ice cube in their rosé; this doesn't make it ice-cold but just brings temperature down and adds that extra chill factor," says Jean Bouchet, bartender at La Part des Anges (33 Rue Sainte, tel. +33 (0)4 9133 5570), a chic wine bar-cum-art gallery where you can sip on the Domaine

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Right: Cool drinks like iced coffee frappe are ideal when summer temperatures soar

Rimbert's piquant, strawberry-toned petit cochon bronzé as you sup on soothing dishes such as soup glacée de pandelottes et moules (chilled mussel and pandelotte tomato soup).

For a more substantial slice of local gastronomy, wend your way to Le Crystal (148 Quai du Port, tel. +33 (0)4 9191 5796), where you can chill out on 1940s-style red vinyl sofas while enjoying bouillabaisse (Provençal fish stew) washed down with an iced carafe of the trendsetting rosé from Domaine Ott - and watch the steamy antics of the local in-crowd, too.

FR Jambon de pays

Et prendre la route des *jamón* est une facon exclusive de partir à l'exploration du pays. Heidi Fuller-love enfourche sa meilleure

Je démarre la journée au ranch de Montefrio (El Repilado, tél. +34-959 503251), à une heure de Séville dans le parc naturel de la Sierra de Aracena. Sa forêt de chênes constitue l'environnement pour l'élevage de porcs pata negra, qui produisent le jamón ibérico depellota (bellota signifie gland) – l'équivalent du caviar dans l'univers

de Jabugola, <mark>Sánchez Romero Carvajal (</mark>Carretera de San Juan del Puerto, tel. +34 959 121194) est un des plus grands producteurs de ambon de la région. C'est ici que les plus fins igmón ibériques sont

À Aracena, la plus grande ville de la région, je déjeune chez José Vicente (53 Avenida de Andalucía, tél. +34 959 128455). Au menu. des tranches ultra fines de "5 Intas" du producteur Sánchez Romero Carvajal. Ce jambon riche, affiné pendant 36 mois, est considéré comme le nec plus ultra. Buvez ensuite une liqueur locale de bellota.

Dans le village de Cortegana, également grand producteur de nbon, une visite à l'usine de Lazo (6 Avenida de Portugal, tél. +34 iusculaires, donne au iambon de la péninsule cet aspect m Venerables, tél. +34 954 228483), une cave d'où se dégage une lorsqu'il pleure, » nous confie le barman lavier, en m'apportant une assiette ornée de quelques fines tranches. Lorsque je prends mapremière bouchée, elle est si délicieusement fondante qu'à mon tour 'en ai les larmes aux yeux.

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Baking in Bilbao

A hip gourmet hangout par excellence, cool foodies will find plenty to whet their appetite amongst Bilbao's eclectic mélange of cider houses, outdoor txakoli wine bars and chic restaurants.

For a refreshing draught of cider in chilled surroundings you can't do better than Sidreria Arriaga (13 Santa Maria, tel. +34 944 165670), a rustic old-town bodega serving cold gazpacho soup and other gelid dishes. Another innovative dining venue is **Etxanobe** (4 Avenida de Abandoibarra, tel. +34 944 421071) where the creative twist on Basque cuisine includes sapid chilled anchovy lasagne in tomato soup and chocolaty iced oxtail *crépinettes* served with fridge-fresh, yoghurty cujada. And if you're still feeling hot under the collar head for Michelin-starred **Arzak** in San Sebastián (273 Avenida Alcalde Jose Elosegui, tel. +34 943 278465, arzak. info) to put out that fire with 'strawberry bubbles': a scrumptious dessert made with organic melon and other marketfresh fruit, topped with a juicy froth of







In het spoor van de ham

Dus: hoe beter het land te ontdekken dan door het volgen van het oor van zijn meest exclusieve *jamón*? **Heidi Fuller-love** zet haar

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iced strawberry purée.

Mooching in Moscow

Worlds removed from the Mad Hatter's tea party in Tim Burton's recent film of Alice in Wonderland, Russian tearooms are increasingly popular with the city's cool crowd. These are places where you can sip herbal drinks made with everything from mint and willowherb to St John's wort and nettles. "Herbal teas are an ideal way to lower body temperature because they have cooling and relaxing properties," says Coles.

A boho hangout for the local art crowd, Patriasrshy Purdy (Zdes i Seichas 18 Yuzhnoportovaya Ulitsa) serves an

eclectic range of tea accompanied with live music or lectures and is the hippest place to sip-and-be-seen in Moscow. Or for a more traditional take on what the city does best, head for Perlov Teahouse (19 Ulitsa Myasnitskaya), a chic salon in the city's ambiance-packed German quarter where you can sample some of the best tannic brews in town.

Languid in London

"Ice cream used to be just vanilla or chocolate for most Londoners, but now it's a real taste experience. And with loads of cutting-edge, continental-style parlours opening up, meeting your friends at the local ice cream parlour

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No sweat

Dress in white – pale colours deflect heat and light.

Cover up - protecting your skin from the sun will also help you to stay cool.

Buy a mini fan or a batteryoperated misting device great for getting an instant refreshing feeling.

Think cool - reading books about Norwegian fjords or penguins in the Antarctic is guaranteed to lower

> our body emperature. Rub yourself with mint - this strong-scented herb refreshes and cools the

London-based actor Daniel Philpott. For a chic place to find the chill factor, Dan recommends Fortnum & Mason's brandnew designer gelateria (181 Piccadilly, tel. +44 (0)20 7734 8040), where top sundaes include The Beekeeper: decadent rum-laced, honey-drizzled scoops of stem ginger, borage honey and vanilla bean-flavoured ice cream.

when it's hot is becoming pretty hip," says

If you're seeking a more organic experience, make a beeline for Hope & Greenwood (1 Russell Street, tel. +44 (0)20 7240 3314), an old-fashioned sweet shop at the heart of trendy Covent Garden areas, where frosty flavours include silky-smooth butter and natural vanilla, and crunchy apple and blackberry crumble. Nearby, the recently opened Gelupo (7 Archer Street, tel. +44 (0)20 7287 5555) is opposite star chef Jacob Kenedy's award-winning Italian restaurant Bocca di Lupo. A traditional <gelateria>, Gelupo mixes things up with pine nut and aniseed, rice grains with cinnamon, ricotta and coffee alongside

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Italian classics like pistachio and chocolate. The melon, peach and strawberry sorbets might be just the thing for cooling off after a night's barhopping in Soho; Gelupo is open until 1am from Thursday to Saturday.

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