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Ashleigh Arnott and Morgan Hayden-Kent's edit of this month's best buys



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HOW TO EAT IN

TOULOUSE



Straddling the Garonne river in the south of France, 'The Pink City' gets its nickname from the terracotta bricks that make up much of its elegant architecture. A priority for food lovers is a morning spent revelling in fresh chocolatines and choux pastries in the historic Victor Hugo market, ideally with guidance from a Taste of Toulouse food tour (tasteoftoulouse.com). The museum of modern art, Les Abattoirs (lesabattoirs.org), is home to a huge stage backdrop created by Luis Fernandez and Pablo Picasso. Admire the river from the Pont Neuf on your way to the Hôtel des Beaux-Arts (hoteldesbeauxarts.com), a gorgeous building that's traditional on the outside but full of contemporary twists in every room.

EAT at Restaurant Emile (restaurant-emile.com; top left) where you can sample the regional speciality, cassoulet, while admiring the historic Place Saint-Georges.

de La Machine

(halledelamachine.fr/en) to
see The Minotaur, a 14mhigh mechanical sculpture
built specifically for
Toulouse. Be sure to try out
the bread catapult while
you're there.

VISIT La Halle

DRINK at the award-winning **No 5 Wine Bar** (<u>n5winebar.com/en</u>; *above*), where the automatic wine preservation system means you can choose from about 500 bottles by the glass.