



Still longing to travel? Now luxury hotels will come to you

You used to have to be a paying guest to get the five-star hotel experience.

That rule — at least for the moment — has changed.

With millions of travelers confined to their homes due to the coronavirus pandemic, luxury hotels are reaching beyond their property walls to entertain from afar. If guests can't come to them, the hotels will have to go to the travelers instead.

From cooking to craft cocktails

Silvia Grossi is the executive chef of [Il Salviatino](#), a 15th-century villa in Tuscany, Italy. While the hotel is closed, Grossi is teaching Italian [cooking lessons](#) twice a week from her home kitchen.

Using easy-to-locate ingredients, Grossi creates short videos — many are under five minutes — on how to prepare dishes like gnocchi, chickpea velouté and homemade pizza. Some videos are in Italian and others are in English, but recipes are provided in both languages.

To master the art of the craft cocktail, The Artesian at The Langham London is teaching armchair travelers the tricks behind the staff's favorite mixed drinks with [cocktail demos](#) from the hotel's bar.

Those with young kids can watch how the pastry chef at The Langham Chicago makes [Lucky Charms cereal bars](#). You can also learn how to [shuck an oyster](#) or [prepare an Easter ham](#) from the chefs at Rhode Island's Ocean House as part of the hotel's new "how-to" video series.