



'I KNOW A LOVELY LITTLE PLACE'

Michelin stars are all very good, but the best meals are the ones in those unheralded restaurants you find as if by magic. Here are our writers' top 20

10 ABBAYE DE LA BUSSIÈRE Burgundy

When exactly does gastronomy cede to gluttony? It's a question you'll ponder while seated in the restaurant at the heart of this old abbey in La Bussière-sur-Ouche, surrounded by cloister arches, vaults, carved stone and stained glass. It could be a cathedral, except it's warmer, chirpier and with better wine — and monastic standards here have slipped lethally towards luxury since the British Cummings family (once of

Amberley Castle) took over in this lost valley southwest of Dijon. While you fork your Bresse chicken with wild mushrooms you'll worry about sin. Don't. If God hadn't wanted us to eat like this, he wouldn't have given us taste buds.

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