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**23 La Fromagerie**

"There are few things more pleasurable – or pungent – than a trip to La Fromagerie's state-of-the-art Cheese Room in Marylebone," says Katy. But, if you can't get to Patricia Michelson's temple of cheese, the online version is a pretty slick alternative – without the odour too. The Cheese Room function on the site helps you to search for a cheese by country, animal or type, soft, blue, hard, and you can either order to be delivered or seek it out on your next visit.

Where 020-7935 0341;  
www.lafromagerie.co.uk



**26 Luigi's**

An old-style Italian deli that has been a popular Chelsea haunt since the Seventies is now online, selling olive oils, pasta sauces, cheese and charcuterie. They deliver nationwide and also have a selection of gift ideas, including rather lovely olive wood chopping boards and hand-painted dipping bowls. But it's the cheese and charcuterie that you should aim for.

Where 020-3051 9852;  
www.luigismailorder.com



**24 BBC Food Site**

We're so busy looking up specialist sites that it's easy to forget that the BBC has a large and well-researched site with all sorts of stuff other than the news and the telly schedule on it. Jane likes this because it's so user-friendly and there's lots of up-to-date information. "There really is something for everyone," she says.

Where www.bbc.co.uk/food



**27 Food Full Stop**

"I had to include these guys because they source England Preserves, which are a stand-out brand in this market," says Greg. "The jams are so fruity it feels like you are eating straight from the tree, but what takes them to next level is the fact that their preserves are not jammed, ha-ha, full of sugar or saccharine."

Where 0870 383 0122; www.foodfullstop.com



**25 The Garlic Farm**

"Not a lot of people know this, but the Isle of Wight is the home of garlic in the UK," says Greg. "And the Garlic Farm is the finest purveyor of this superfood, which is rich in vitamins A, B and C." He loves the site, which has dozens of recipes as well as a garlic blog for those who really can't stop talking about it and it gives you a real feel of the spirit of the farm with its downloadable clips featuring the owner, Colin Boswell, and his family. "As they say, if you've got a crush on garlic, it's worth a trip to their new Garlic Café," Greg adds.

Where 01983 865378; www.thegarlicfarm.co.uk



**28 Cookstr.com**

"This is an American site run by a few old mates of mine," says Jamie. "It's always good for seeing who's cooking what and it's also a great place to come for seasonal ideas if you're stuck for inspiration." So, if you get the veg boxes delivered and are facing cabbage for the 12th week in a row this winter, then this would be a good place to come.

Where www.cookstr.com