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# Cooking Class

Learn some fusion magic in the African bushveld – or set the rug rats on the road to riches

Becoming a celebrity chef has taken over from golf as the pushy parent's No.1 way to foist fame and fortune on their children. The Little Cooks Club (pictured) is the ideal place to start. With branches in Joburg, Pretoria and Cape Town, it caters for all aspirant chefs – from toddlers banging wooden spoons to teen whiz kids. There's an in-house dietician to ensure health and taste are served up. 083-556-3434, [littlecooksclub.co.za](http://littlecooksclub.co.za)

- And for grown-ups, Francoise Anthony at Thula Thula Private Game Reserve, near Empangeni in KZN, is the chef to turn to for kitchen tips. Francoise, who trained at the Le Nôtre Culinary Institute in Paris, describes her cooking style as 'Franco-Zulu' and her menu includes creative interpretations of traditional dishes, such as oxtail bourguignon and bouillabaisse creole and a nougat glacé that's become the stuff of local legend. Under Francoise's guidance, cooking-course participants will learn the techniques of a pro.

The two-night course costs R5 000pps full board (that is, lots of Francoise's fabulous food). It's not all stirring of pots – the package includes two game drives and a champagne bush picnic. 035-792-8322, [thulathula.com](http://thulathula.com)

