

LAST  
BUT NOT  
LEAST

# MARIO BATALI

## TRAVEL Q&A

Join us as we find out what one of the world's top chefs simply can't do without on his globe-trotting journeys...

**Q:** What do you consider the one item that you cannot leave home without when you travel?

**A:** My iPod.

**Q:** Do you travel with any pet cooking utensils or other "tools of the trade"?

**A:** None. I do not check bags ever.

**Q:** What reading material do you have with you when you travel? Do you have or believe in electronic books?

**A:** I like paperback books, usually modern fiction.

**Q:** This seems like a moot question, but what do you consider your favorite destination?

**A:** Bachelors Gulch, Colorado; Venice, Italy; and Traverse City, Michigan.

**Q:** What part of Italy do you enjoy most?

**A:** I love Venice and the Adriatic Coast...and I love Amalfi.

**Q:** Where would you like to visit, assuming you had to make a decision to go to a place that you have never seen?

**A:** I would love to see Victoria Falls and then go on a safari.

**Q:** Aside from your own restaurants, what cuisine do you search out when you travel?

**A:** Unique geospecific cooking that celebrates tradition and the local treasures.

**Q:** With your vast restaurant empire, with whom do you allocate your travel time?

**A:** Family first, then work that is fun, then work that pays.

**Q:** What single food item would you consider to be your comfort food when you travel?

**A:** I like a nice espresso with a touch of sambuca in it.