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3 RISQUÉ RENDEZVOUS SPOTS IN BRUSSELS

1/ JARDIN SECRET

Hotel Le Berger (below) once rented rooms by the hour. It's now a swish hotel, sneakily accessed through a plant shop. 22 Rue de Berger

2/ AVENUE LOUISE MURAL

A saucy painting of a lady pleasuring herself is above a chic shop despite complaints. 66 Avenue Louise

3/ ATTITUDE BRUSSELS

The maker of film *The Sex Life of the Belgians* now sells celebs' pants and erotic Tintin posters at this gallery. 123 Rue Haute



1/ THE BATTLE OF THE ORANGES

For three days in the run up to Shrove Tuesday, participants in the lively annual Carnival of Ivrea (right) hilariously pelt each other with citrus projectiles, apparently celebrating a medieval peasant uprising. Ivrea

Area: north of Turin

2/ THE FRUIT MUSEUM

Over 1,000 plastic specimens of apples, pears and mushrooms (OK, not a fruit) are presented to educate punters about pomology: the science of fruit growing (now you know). 15 Via Pietro Giuria

Area: San Salvario

3/ 'TO EVERY FRUIT THERE IS A SEASON'

'Ogni Frutto ha la sua Stagione' must be the loveliest name for a market anywhere on Earth. Try local farmers' wares every third Sunday of the month. Piazza Carlo Alberto

Area: Centro

4/ NOSH ON A PANCAKE

Hang out with local bearded types at Pai Bikery, a busy workshop



5 FUN TIMES WITH FRUIT AROUND TURIN

and café, where they're happy to share saddle-sore stories over a fat stack of fruity pancakes. 18 Via Cagliari

Area: Aurora

5/ COCKTAILS O'CLOCK

Only the freshest

blackberries, lychees, lemons and more make the cut with the mixologists at Central Cocktail Bar. Definitely counts toward your five-a-day, we promise.

5/G Via Luigi Des Ambrois
Area: Centro

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