

St. Moritz Gourmet Festival 2020: 31st January - 8th February

Festival halfway point - international top female chefs are rocking the Upper Engadine

This evening, at the halfway point of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival, the Kitchen Party will be a culinary summit meeting with scarcity value: ten top international female chefs together with the local chefs from the festival's partner hotels will provide us with the finest cuisine. Since last Friday, concentrated culinary women power from the international fine dining scene has been rocking the Upper Engadine. For anybody who has not yet had the opportunity to visit: the newly arrived second crew of top female chefs mean that the nine-day festival will continue up to and including next Saturday, 8th February. Whether its Gourmet Diners, Gourmet Safaris or top-class wine events - there will be one exciting pleasure experience after the other. Just a few coveted event tickets are still available, among them tickets for the sparkling Porsche Gourmet Finale at Suvretta House on Saturday night.

"At its midpoint, the 2020 St. Moritz Gourmet Festival is already exceeding our expectations. Fabrizio Zanetti, in his capacity as culinary director of the festival is responsible for chef selection and he has succeeded in recruiting an exceptionally varied group of guest chefs. We are overjoyed at the collaborations, the high class dishes and the excellent feedback from the guests about the Gourmet Diners and Official Events", says Martin Scherer, President of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival Association.

Today, on the Corviglia, the local mountain of St. Moritz, we saw all ten international female guest chefs gathered together enjoying the unique qualities that have made the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival such an attractive event to the same extent for its participants and the guests - it has uniquely combined diversified culinary pleasure experiences for over a quarter of a century. After the joint staging of the Chef's Table at the Trutz mountain restaurant, all the guest lady chefs took a timeout on the ski slopes with their Executive Chef hosts from the festival partner hotels. Among them was also Indian star chef [Asma Khan from London](#), who ahead of the event had been looking forward tremendously to her first ever experience of snow in her life. Thai star-chef [Bee Satongun from Bangkok](#), also visibly enjoyed the winter fun. The two top female chefs - together with [Emma Bengtsson from New York](#), [Kamilla Seidler from Copenhagen](#) and [Cristina Bowerman from Rome](#) - make up the second crew of guest chefs, who from tonight will be enthralling everyone with their cookery skills at the festival in the Upper Engadine up to and including next Saturday.

Since last Friday, the first five top female chefs, [Judy Joo from London](#), [Bel Coelho from São Paulo](#), [Renu Homsombat from Bangkok](#), [Lanshu Chen from Taichung](#) and [Carolina Bazán from Santiago de Chile](#), have already been providing for exceptional taste experiences. It all started with the glittering **Grand Julius Baer Opening** at the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz, followed by **Gourmet Diners** and **Gourmet Safaris**. The special events, such as The elegant **Fascination Champagne** and the **Top of Piemonte** event for wine aficionados at the Suvretta House, **The Tasting** at the Carlton Hotel, as well as the first ever **Culinary H³** events at the Grand Hotel Kronenhof and the Hotel Saratz in Pontresina, the **Mountain Brunch** at Reto Mathis' CheCha Restaurant & Club and the afternoons at the **Chocolate Cult** at the Badrutt's Palace Hotel, were completely booked out too, and have already delighted a large foodie audience from near and far. "The festival is very exciting", says Carolina Bazán from Chile - Best Latin Female Chef 2019, commenting on her personal impressions as a guest chef. "The place is amazing, the people are very joyful and it's been a wonderful experience!". The Korean star chef Judy Joo from London hits the nail on the head in saying, "Besides my personal highlight of skiing, cooking alongside all of these fantastic colleagues has really been a true honour. Bringing such an international and diverse group of female chefs to St. Moritz is absolutely phenomenal."

Round two of the festival begins

Tonight, at the **Kitchen Party**, all ten female guest chefs and the Executive Chefs from the partner hotels, will all be at the stoves in the canteen kitchen of the luxury hotel, serving guests their delicacies straight up after prep. All the guests wear an apron over their elegant outfits and stroll from stove to stove and from one station to the next - armed with a spoon, a fork and a glass - sampling and savouring the food while chatting with the top female chefs. The evening is framed with live music, the food accompanied by fine wines, champagnes and spirits, the mood and



atmosphere exuberant. At the After Party in the luxury hotel's exclusive nightclub "King's Social House", the celebrations continue into the wee small hours with DJ Joe T Vannelli on the turntables.

As from tomorrow, the second round of the festival starts. One exciting gourmet event follows the next: three further evenings with **Gourmet Diners** and **Gourmet Safaris**, as well as the **Ecco Tavolatas with two-star chef Rolf Fliegau** at the Giardino Mountain and the events **Celestial Tasting** at Hotel Waldhaus Sils and the **Wine & Cheese Celebrations** in the Cava Bar at Hotel Steffani in St. Moritz, where noble wines matching culinary delicacies play the starring roles.

An exceptional culinary constellation as the finale

On Saturday evening, 8th February, the nine-day festival finally comes to an end with the crowning gala event. At the **Porsche Gourmet Finale** in the glamorous Suvretta House, five local chefs will spoil the guests with delicious starters at the champagne reception and the guest female chefs will prepare a spectacular gala menu. Especially for this event, the five international top female chefs Emma Bengtsson, Cristina Bowerman, Kamilla Seidler, Bee Satongun and Asma Khan will each prepare one course of the menu that reflects their very personal culinary signature and philosophy. This unique constellation of contrasting delights will be accompanied by perfectly matching wines. The gala night will be charmingly presented by Annina Campell and the live band Walter Ricci Quartet will guarantee atmospheric musical accompaniment.

Admission tickets for spur-of-the-moment guests

Tickets are still available for the **Porsche Gourmet Finale**. It is still possible to book a last-minute place for other festival events over the next three days, such as **Ecco Tavolata** or one of the various **Gourmet Diners** at the festival partner hotels.

Event tickets are available online on the website www.stmoritz-gourmetfestival.ch. Gourmet Diners can be booked directly via the partner hotels, which are also offering their own special deals with attractive extras.

Current news can be found on the website www.stmoritz-gourmetfestival.ch and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmoritzgourmetfestival).

The following festival partners look forward to welcoming gourmet fans from all over the world at the festival:

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