

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

The festival begins - ten top international female chefs in the Upper Engadine

This evening marks the start of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival - with an exciting international line-up of intense girl power. This time, the cult festival has exclusively invited top female chefs from the fine dining scene. Together with the Executive Chefs at the festival's partner hotels, they will transform the Upper Engadine into a hotspot of passionate culinary skills from four continents. The nine-day festival programme will offer around 40 events for culinary pleasure. Admission tickets are still available for gourmet visitors making a spur of the moment decision to come.

Guest chefs [Lanshu Chen from Taichung](#), [Bel Coelho from São Paulo](#), [Carolina Bazán from Santiago de Chile](#), [Renu Homsombat](#) and [Bee Satongun](#) from Bangkok, [Emma Bengtsson from New York](#), [Cristina Bowerman from Rome](#), [Kamilla Seidler from Copenhagen](#), as well as [Asma Khan](#) and [Judy Joo](#) from London, are all fascinating ladies. Thanks to their culinary skills, their philosophy and their personal commitment, they are really stirring things up in the male-dominated fine dining scene. Starting this evening, their very individual delicacies can be sampled and enjoyed at the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival for nine days at more than 40 foodie events.

A little foretaste of what lies in store for festival guests can be gleaned from the accounts of three of the guest chefs: For instance, star chef Judy Joo happily says, "I can't wait to bring a big taste of Korea to the festival guests". "My philosophy is that my food hugs and cheers, I like to cause smiles and happiness, and that is achieved through taste. There is nothing better", is how Carolina Bazán describes her intension. "Every single menu developed has its own narrative, its own story to be told", is how Brazil's shooting star Bel Coelho defines her style, "some very distinctive attributes of my cooking style are my research on native Brazilian products, the study of the Afro-Brazilian culture and the study of Indigenous Brazilian Tribes traditions."

Large programme variety

The glittering **Grand Julius Baer Opening** at the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz, has been completely sold out for quite some time. Tonight, at the kick-off, it offers fantastic opportunities to get in the mood for the nine-day festival. The female guest chefs Renu Homsombat, Judy Joo, Bel Coelho, Carolina Bazán and Lanshu Chen, along with the multi-award winning Executive Chefs from the partner hotels, accompanied by Claudia Canessa and Tim Raue from the fine dining experience cuisines of the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz, will all be pampering the guests at various 'gourmet islands' with initial samples of their culinary skills. The event will offer many possibilities for personal chat and much sought-after selfies. The celebrations into the festival week will continue at an afterparty with live music. For the coming days of the festival, the programme features **Gourmet Diners** and **Gourmet Safaris**, as well as the **Kitchen Party**, famous as the summit meeting held at the Badrutt's Palace Hotel at the mid-point of the festival. Furthermore, legendary and new special events, such as the **Culinary H³**, the **Mountain Brunch**, **The Tasting**, **Fascination Champagne** and the **Ecco Tavolata**, the **Celestial Tasting** or the **Chocolate Cult**, are all there to be discovered. The crowning glory on Saturday evening, 8th February 2020, the **Porsche Gourmet Finale** to be held at the Hotel Suvretta House, will be celebrated with a spectacular five-course dinner. Beforehand, at the champagne reception, exquisite appetizers prepared by the multi-award-winning local chefs from our five partner hotels, will provide a fitting atmosphere. This will be followed by a gala menu created - course after course - by the five international female chefs Cristina Bowerman, Kamilla Seidler, Asma Khan, Emma Bengtsson and Bee Satongun. A unique culinary experience.

"The fact that our nine-day festival format is more popular than ever is shown by the high number of bookings made well ahead of this event", explains Martin Scherer, President of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival Association. However, last-minute gourmet event visitors are also very welcome to the festival. Event tickets are available online on the website www.stmoritz-gourmetfestival.ch. "Gourmet Diners" can be booked directly at the partner hotels, which are also offering their own special deals with attractive extras.

“Young Engadine Talents” Competition 2020 - the festival also encourages young local talent

The encouragement of up-and-coming local talent is also of great importance to the festival organisers. This past week, the competition “Young Engadine Talents” took place for the ninth time already. It was held at the Suvretta House hosted by Executive Chef Fabrizio Zanetti and, for the first time this year, in association with the Swiss Hotel & Gastro Union. This time, seven out of a total of nine Engadine trainees in their third year of apprenticeship took on the ambitious challenge of conjuring two gourmet dishes with a given basket of produce. The expert jury was extremely impressed by the creative culinary ideas of the young contestants. The first three winners of the competition will be formally announced and presented with their awards at the **Porsche Gourmet Finale** on 8th February.

Current news can be found on the website www.stmoritz-gourmetfestival.ch and on [Facebook](#).

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

The **partner hotels** Badrutt's Palace Hotel***** Superior, St. Moritz; Carlton Hotel***** Superior, St. Moritz; Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski***** Superior, St. Moritz; Grand Hotel Kronenhof***** Superior, Pontresina; Hotel Saratz**** Superior, Pontresina; Hotel Giardino Mountain***** Superior, Champfèr/St. Moritz; Nira Alpina**** Superior, Silvaplana-Surlej; Hotel Waldhaus Sils*****, Sils-Maria; Kulm Hotel St. Moritz***** Superior, St. Moritz, and Suvretta House***** Superior, St. Moritz, as well as the **event locations** Cava Bar, Hotel Steffani****, St. Moritz; CheCha Restaurant & Club by Reto Mathis, St. Moritz.

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