

**Save the date:
St. Moritz Gourmet Festival 2023 - 20th to 28th January 2023
“Middle Eastern Cuisine”**

Food lovers should make a note of these dates in their diaries now: from 20th to 28th January 2023, the 29th edition of the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival has the pleasure of inviting them to the Upper Engadine for a culinary excursion through “Middle Eastern Cuisine”. Ten top chefs from the world’s most renowned fine-dining restaurants offering the diverse cuisine of the Middle East will delight festival guests at more than 40 different culinary events, with their exceptional culinary skills.

In line with its philosophy of offering gourmet fans new culinary discoveries in the Upper Engadine that can be experienced nowhere else in such an intense manner, all set against its magnificent winter backdrop, the St. Moritz Gourmet Festival is dedicating its 29th outing from 20th to 28th January 2023 to the trendsetting “Middle Eastern Cuisine”. The ten invited guest chefs (both male and female) are established and highly talented protagonists. With their culinary skills, they are ensuring an impressive food renaissance of the so-called MENA region (MENA stands for “Middle East and North Africa”), i.e., Arabic, Israeli, Lebanese, Syrian, Moroccan, Iranian or Turkish cuisine.

In their creations, they document, expand and refine the influences of different culinary cultures. On the one hand, their dishes represent history or tradition - both experienced and cooked. On the other, they are a highly exciting fusion of traditional ingredients and preparation methods from the Orient and North Africa incorporating classic and new cooking techniques of the Western world. Moreover, the multicultural family background of these next-generation chefs and their sensational international professional careers also play an important role. Like hardly any other, “Middle Eastern Cuisine” is a strongly plant-based cuisine that meets the increasing desire for vegan or vegetarian nutrition. Traditionally, however, fish and meat lovers are not neglected either.

One of the guest chefs will be **Musa Dağdeviren**. The Turkish-born chef will be revealing his oriental culinary skills at the upcoming St. Moritz Gourmet Festival. He opened the first of his three restaurants, “Çiya”, in Istanbul back in 1987, and in 2018 he was featured in the award-winning series “Chef’s Table”. His regional Turkish cuisine and unique traditional cooking techniques were influenced in his early childhood in his uncle’s bakery. Musa Dağdeviren is also known as a culinary archaeologist, as he serves a variety of the country’s cuisine using techniques from the past, preventing them from being forgotten.

All the guest chefs will be presented in detail in the coming weeks. We can already say this much about them: With their culinary concepts, the ten “Middle Eastern” star chefs have successfully established roots in home countries such as Bahrain, Israel, Syria, Turkey or Lebanon or they run excellent fine dining restaurants in metropolises such as Berlin, London and Paris.

The St. Moritz Gourmet Festival 2023 will feature the usual diverse programme of events, including glamorous and social elements of the oriental philosophy of life and host culture. The Porsche Grand Opening at the Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski in St. Moritz will provide a delightful kick-off, followed by the individual Gourmet Diners and Gourmet Safaris, the legendary Kitchen Party at the Badrutt’s Palace Hotel and special events at the partner hotels. The St. Moritz Gourmet Finale at the Kulm Hotel St. Moritz will be the crowning conclusion.

Advance sales of event tickets will commence at the beginning of November 2022.



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