

St. Barts Kicks Off Season with Seventh Annual St. Bart's Gourmet Festival

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The seventh annual *St. Bart's Gourmet Festival*, to be held November 11-15, has announced this year's featured chefs which include some of France's very best culinary talent. These award-winning chefs will cook alongside local culinary teams at some of the island's finest hotels and restaurants, preparing one-of-a-kind multicourse tasting menus. A St. Barts signature event, the *Gourmet Festival* celebrates the long-standing tradition of culinary excellence on the island while paying tribute to French gastronomy.

- This year, Chef Pierre Gagnaire has been named patron of the festival and will deliver opening remarks as well as serve as president of the jury for select events.
- The Chefs' dinners will be held at *Hôtel Le Sereno*, *Hôtel Manapany*, *Cheval Blanc St Barth Isle de France*, *Hôtel Barrière Le Carl Gustaf*, *Le Tamarin St Barth*, *Restaurant L'Esprit Saline* and *Nikki Beach Saint Barth*.

The guest chefs attending the 2020 *St. Bart's Gourmet Festival* include:

Chef Pierre Gagnaire, **Pierre Gagnaire Restaurant**, Paris, France

Multi Michelin stars

Hosted by **Hôtel Barrière Le Carl Gustaf**

Chef Dimitri Droisneau, **La Villa Madie**, Cassis, France

Two Michelin stars

Hosted by **Restaurant L'Esprit Saline**

Chef Marcel Ravin, **Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort**, Monaco

One Michelin star

Hosted by **Hôtel Le Sereno**

Chef Jean-Remi Caillon, **Le Kintessence Le K2 Palace**, Courchevel, France

Two Michelin stars

Hosted by **Le Tamarin St Barth**

Chef Sebastien Vauxion, **Le Sarkara at Le K2 Palace**, Courchevel, France

Two Michelin stars

Hosted by **Hôtel Manapany**

Chef Cédric Grolet, Pastry Chef at **Restaurant le Meurice Alain Ducasse**, Paris, France

Hosted by **Cheval Blanc St Barth Isle de France**

Owner and Chef Juan Arbelaez, **Yaya, Vida, Plantxa, Levain**, Paris, France

Hosted by **Nikki Beach Saint Barth**

During each evening, each chef will prepare a four-course menu at a fixed price of 95 euros per person and an eight-course menu at a fixed price of 130 euros per person. Reservations for the festival dinners can be made by directly contacting the festival's partner hotels and restaurants.

In addition to the Chefs' dinners, the festival will include other activities to celebrate the many facets of French gastronomy. These events will be announced in a future release.

Established in 2014, the St. Bart's Gourmet Festival celebrates the art of fine cuisine around the world in the gastronomic capital of the Caribbean. During the four-day festival, Michelin-starred chefs from around the globe are paired with St. Barts most prestigious local chefs to create exclusive, gourmet dining experiences. This year's festival theme is French Gastronomy and will feature eight elite chefs from France. The festival is organized by The Territorial Tourism Committee of Saint Barthélemy.

St. Bart is one of the Caribbean's most varied and upscale islands that features a collection of world class villas, hotels, spas, fine dining and a wide choice of leisure activities including nautical sports and full calendar of cultural events. At eight square miles, the island is adorned with beautiful inlets and bays of soft white sand that provides a breathtaking backdrop for families, couples and adventure seekers. For more information, visit www.saintbarth-tourisme.com/en, or follow St. Bart's on **Twitter** and **Facebook**.