



May Mediterranean Food Festival in Croatia

Combine a holiday with a celebration of Mediterranean food in Croatia this May

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Great chefs of the Mediterranean cuisine are coming to Šibenik, Croatia!

For the first time in Croatia, one gastronomic festival brings together many world's chefs crowned Michelin stars and the highest culinary titles.

On the last weekend in May 2016, the old town of Šibenik, one of the most beautiful venues on the Croatian coast and well known for its UNESCO listed Cathedral, will host the 3rd edition of the International Festival Taste the Mediterranean. This unique gourmet and cultural event aims to promote the Mediterranean Diet, in particular food, culture, traditions, products and lifestyle developed during the course of the centuries along the coasts of the magic Mediterranean Sea.

The Festival, attracting many visitors and tourists, is becoming the annual meeting point for international F&B professionals, chefs, producers, nutritionists, journalists, foodies from all the Mediterranean regions. It is a perfect place to exchange experiences and to present and promote a common destination through the different identities of the Mediterranean countries.

The official opening of the festival will start with Pidočijada – The Night of the Mussels, and the celebration of the 950th birthday of the town of Šibenik. Chefs guests of the Festival and the students of the „Tourism and Catering School Šibenik „, will prepare 200 kg of the mussels for the visitors. The portions will be sold for a symbolic amount of 10 kunas (1.5 EUR), and the entire amount is intended for the education of the most talented students in the school, the future master chefs. The main program of the festival will be held at the Mediterranean market, the market Paul Subic, in the city centre. The program intended for the education of the professionals will be held at the newly opened Barone Fortress, which will become a stage

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for the experts of the traditional Mediterranean cuisine interpreted through the prism of modern cooking. Chef Lionel Levy from France (Michelin *), Chef Marco Stabile, Italy (Michelin*), Chef Isaam Rhachi, Morocco, chef Ippei Uemura France/Japan are just some of the big names coming to the Taste the Mediterranean festival!

Small producers presenting and selling their local products, while the caterers will offer Mediterranean snacks and fine wines will accompany opening of the Mediterranean market. The daily program of cooking shows by both foreign and Croatian chefs, culinary workshops for children and grandmothers, various presentations, lectures and wine tastings will continue until the evening hours.

There will be an interesting wine workshops in The City Hall lead by the team from the "Vinska citaonica". In The City Library two exhibitions will be presented: an exhibition VAL, ceramic pots by an artist from Zagreb, Marina Tadjina Badurina, and Belgian design exhibition titled "Belgian food mood" which brings us the Belgian designer Kuntj Moureau. As a part of the exhibition, the project "Ecco Freddo" will be presented, for the preservation and processing of raw food. Italian designer Anna Cellamare will hold a workshop with visitors who will eventually taste the prepared dishes.

Within the Taste the Mediterranean festival, exclusive dinners will be prepared on the islands in the archipelago. Unique "four handed" dinner prepared by chef Vjeko Bašić from Konoba Boba and chef Fabricio Vežnaver from Restaurant Pergola (Zambratija/Savudrija) Istria. Two young chefs will prepare a unique dinner and fuse the best from Istria and Dalmatia. (Price: 300 HRK/40 EUR (VAT included))

On the terrace of the Hotel Maestral, will be the uniform Mediterranean dinner, which will be prepared by head chef of the hotel and the French chef Olivier Grouard. It will be a truly unique evening that is worth experiencing.

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This year KRKA National Park will host an exclusive cooking show. One famous foreign and Croatian chef will hold a culinary demonstration at the beautiful waterfalls on Skradinski buk.

In the city centre, at the Mediterranean market, the program will last from morning to evening. Do not miss a unique culinary competition four-host teams, with a musical finale on Saturday evening! Workshops on old recipes from Šibenik, on the healthy Mediterranean food, indigenous wines and local products will complete the program of the third festival Taste the Mediterranean.

Sunday morning is reserved for the story of the „KONOBA“(tavern) and „MARENDA“(a kind of a brunch), the Mediterranean style of life, accompanied by a lot of delicious food.

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