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Fine Cuisine, Great Wines, Unique Dining At World Gourmet Summit 2007



For the month of April, Singapore is going to be thrown into a gastronomic frenzy. Eighteen world-renowned chefs with a total of 12 Michelin-stars among them are coming to Singapore for the World Gourmet Summit (WGS) 2007, the greatest fine dining extravaganza in Asia. Co-organised by the Singapore Tourism Board and Peter Knipp Holdings and presented by American Express, the WGS will be held from 9 to 28 April 2007.

Now into its eleventh year, the WGS is presenting a three-week calendar boasting of 70 activities that range from wine-pairing dinners to gourmet safaris to **culinary masterclasses**. Not to be missed is the foie gras dinner on 11 April, **'A taste of luxury from the Old World and New World'**, where a five-course dinner will be prepared by five prominent local chefs. Top chefs like Emmanuel Stroobant from Saint Pierre, Eric Teo from Orchard Hotel and Chan Kwok from Hua Ting, will tantalise your taste buds with their culinary talents, serving up foie gras prepared in different ways, from being braised in the Chinese style to duck pastilla and foie gras terrine.

With **ten culinary masterclasses** to be held throughout the summit, be sure to pick up cooking tips from the world-class masterchefs. The chefs conducting the classes include the likes of two-Michelin-starred Alain Llorca from Le Moulin de Mougins in France, two-Michelin-starred Reto Lampart from Lampart's Art of Dining in Switzerland and one-Michelin-starred Carles Gaig from Gaig Restaurant in Spain. Not only can you learn to make three dishes from these famous chefs, discover more culinary secrets while dining with the chefs during the after-class luncheon! As an added bonus, food and beverage industry professionals and students will have a 40 percent discount off the price of the masterclasses.

To add more star factor to the event, the organisers have also invited celebrities like Bobby Chinn, Kevin Brauch and Keith Floyd to grace the celebrity dinners. Viewers of the Discovery Travel & Living Channel will definitely find these names familiar. Catch Keith Floyd, the presenter of 19 world television series and author of 25 bestselling books, on 10 April at the **'Uncorking Keith Floyd'** celebrity dinner where you can enjoy a five-course dinner of his favourite dishes and hear him share his experiences of travelling and cooking around the world.

What is a gourmet food festival without good wines? For wine-lovers, the WGS has invited six internationally renowned wineries like Château Pichon Lalande, Château Angéus and Château Palmer to present **wine masterclasses**. Each winery will bring their premium wines for tasting and **vintner dinners** will be held where the wines are paired with dishes of the visiting masterchefs. Wines that will be tasted include the 2003 Château Pichon Lalande, 2004 Alter Ego, 2003 Château Angéus and 2003 Domaine de Montille, Pommard 1er Cru Pezerolles.

The popular **gourmet safaris** are back this year at the exotic locations of the Singapore River and Singapore Night Safari. Highlighting local culinary excellence, 14 leading restaurants in Singapore will also be holding special celebratory events and menus for the WGS. With so many activities to choose from, it is little wonder that the WGS 2007 has one of its strongest line-up of chefs ever, prompting Peter A Knipp, co-organiser of the WGS, to say, "We have the classical trained chefs and the contemporary-experimental chefs. World Gourmet Summit could be said to be at the new peak of gastronomy!"

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