



embark on a gastronomic trail that takes them to different restaurants in one evening, each serving a course matched with the wines of guest vintners. Get ready to cruise the highways in luxurious and spirited vehicles (last year, it was Harley Davidsons and vintage cars) to reach your gourmet destinations. Highly organised, just sit back, relax and expect a special evening.

**WINE MASTERCLASSES,
9 TO 12 APRIL 2002**

Presented by the Tasting Room, the four themed Wine Masterclasses will gather key individuals from the four major wine-producing regions—Spain, Australia, France and Germany—in one location. Connoisseurs and novices alike will find



the shared and differing opinions, discussion of techniques and of course, wines, an eye-opener. The classes will be held at The Gallery Evason Hotel.

**GRAND FINALE DINNER,
13 APRIL 2002**

This evening will be a spectacular showcase of signature dishes from the chefs, accompanied by fine wines from guest vintners. The banquet will unfold amid glitzy entertainment to bring the week-long gastronomic adventure in Singapore to a befitting climax. The gala dinner will be hosted at the Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore.

For more information, logon to www.worldgourmetsummit.com ♦

**SINGAPORE'S RIVER
TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

Singapore's first-ever integrated river transport system is ready to set sail with the appointment of two operators, Singapore River Cruises & Leisure Pte Ltd and Singapore Explorer Pte Ltd.

Slated to be ready in the middle of 2002, the river transport system will offer an alternative way to journey along the Singapore River. This represents part of the larger plan to enhance and revitalise the river district. Said Singapore Tourism Board's Chief Executive Yeo Khee Leng: "... The increased mobility and accessibility, coupled with an exciting events calendar, are expected to increase human traffic and revive businesses along the river. We hope to inject vibrancy to this historical waterway and make the Singapore River a world-class waterfront destination."

The river transport services will operate along the length of the Singapore River from Kim Seng to the New Merlion Park, servicing both banks.

The operators will also introduce custom-made air-conditioned boats with glass ceilings. These vessels will be an addition to the existing bumboats and sampans

which will all be refurbished.

Embarkation points dot the entire waterway, allowing passengers flexibility to visit key attractions and name landing points of their choice. The new glass ceiling boats will be used for the loop services.

The operating hours will be from 8am until 11.30pm, with prices starting from S\$2.00. Additionally, special river sightseeing cruises will be conducted, and these can be combined with walking tours.

