

Diner's Paradise

Often hailed as a gourmet's paradise, come April, Singapore will throw in ambience and a fine cast of chefs and wine experts to complete the dining experience

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The World Gourmet Summit (WGS) is an extravaganza that positions Singapore as a world-class gastronomic destination with a fascinating culinary culture.

This odyssey will take place from 7 to 13 April 2002. Entering its sixth year, WGS 2002 will focus on the theme 'The Art of Dining', emphasizing the artistry of dining with wine.

In line with the theme, WGS 2002 will bring together chefs from the USA, France, Italy, Australia, Spain, China and India to display their culinary brilliance. Wineries from Spain, France, Germany, Italy and Australia have also been invited to present their fine wines and share their expertise on the art of winemaking.

As the terms 'eating' and 'dining' connote different experiences, the Masterclasses of WGS 2002 go beyond food to address what fine dining entails, including etiquette, tips on home entertaining, cooking demonstrations and more.

It will be a summit where past, present and future culinary achievements take centre stage. The summit will also cross cultural boundaries, because Singapore is a crossroads between the East

and West for gastronomy as well as geography. The summit seeks to highlight the logical and natural association between cuisine, great wines, excellent service and trends of modern lifestyle. Participants will witness how these complement one another through wine pairing, presentation and food. Bringing together the best of Asian, international and fusion haute cuisine, the series of gourmet activities will be hosted at some of Singapore's best restaurants and hotels.

Here are some selected programmes.

CULINARY MASTERCLASSES, 9 TO 12 APRIL 2002

Watch as world-class chefs whip up a storm, vintners present their notes on food and wine matching and learn tips on how to entertain at home in style. Held at The Singapore Cooking School and the Spice Garden restaurant.

MASTERCHEF SAFARIS, 9 TO 11 APRIL 2002

This gastronomic adventure is one of the most popular. Aptly called a 'safari', diners will

Connoisseurs and novices alike will find the shared and differing opinions, discussion of techniques and of course, the wines, a real eye-opener

