

TASTE OF ABU DHABI RETURNS NEXT WEEKEND

DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST LINE UP OF MICHELIN STARRED CHEFS FOR THE CAPITAL'S LEADING FOOD, DRINK AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

1st November 2017, Abu Dhabi - Taste of Abu Dhabi presented by Emirates NBD, a leading banking group in the region returns to Du Arena on Yas Island next weekend from November 9-11, 2017 and is set to be the biggest celebration of food, drink, and music yet. New to Taste of Abu Dhabi 2017, the three-day festival will host the biggest line-up of Michelin starred chefs; The Carriage Premier lounge, an exclusive VIP family area; the extraordinary Italian Pavilion and a brand new lineup of international chefs flying in exclusively via Etihad Airways for the weekend.

The event kicks off on Thursday, November 9th, from 4pm onwards, so families can enjoy the relaxed vibes of the festival as the sun goes down before the main stage kicks into life with opening acts from local bands before the headline act, Tony Hadley, former Spandau Ballet singer hits the stage. He will be performing classic hits 'Gold,' 'Only When You Leave' and 'True' setting the stage for a weekend of gastronomic fun with family and friends. Also, new this year, exclusively for VIP ticket holders, on the Thursday evening guests can enter the 'Golden Circle' right in front of the stage when Tony Hadley performs.

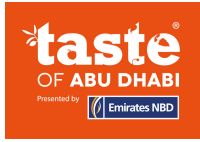
Suvo Sarkar, Senior Executive Vice President – Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Emirates NBD said, "Our partnership with Taste of Abu Dhabi is aligned with our ongoing commitment to offer customers solutions and services that enhance their lifestyle. Our association complements our Bon Appetit loyalty dining program where we enable our card customers to create happy experiences by availing special offers and discounts."

As always, all weekend long visitors will be able to experience the city's most loved restaurants and cafes, as their chefs serve up gourmet dishes while they enjoy the musical talent, masterclasses and plenty of entertainment. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet Taste of Abu Dhabi celebrity chefs Sanjeev Kapoor, Reza Mahammad, Jenny Morris, and Shelina Permalloo and put their creative cooking skills to the test as they take on the celebrity chefs in the Al Ain Dairy and IKEA cooking challenge. Those looking for gourmet inspiration should not miss the talented chefs from across the world showcasing their talents 'live' as they compete in the finals of the Etihad Airways Taste of the World cooking competition.

With over 1,000 free parking spaces available close to du Arena on Yas Island, a dedicated family area and kids zone, and online ticket option to get fast-track entry into the festival with unlimited access to the VIP lounge, everyone is catered for at Taste of Abu Dhabi. Book your tickets now at www.tasteabudhabi.com.

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YOUR GUIDE TO TASTE OF ABU DHABI presented by Emirates NBD

Here's your ultimate guide to planning your weekend at Taste of Abu Dhabi.

Doors open:

Thursday 9th November 4 pm — 11 pm

Friday 10th November 12 pm — 11 pm

Saturday 11th November 12 pm — 10 pm

TASTE THE WORLD WITH ETIHAD AIRWAYS - SHOWCASING THE VERY BEST INTERNATIONAL TALENT IN THE CHEF'S THEATRE

Etihad Airways is flying in a brand new international lineup of the world's finest chefs who will be showcasing their talents 'live' as they compete in the finals of the Taste of the World cooking competition.

The stellar group of talent from London to Sydney includes Dean Parker from London restaurant The Manor, Hong Kong eatery Café Gray Deluxe Eric Raty, Gregory Marchand from Paris' Frenchie restaurant and Nathan Sasi from Sydney's Mercado who will be serving up culinary delights for Taste visitors to sample.

Open Daily:

Thursday 4pm - 9.30pm

Friday 12.30pm - 10pm

Saturday 12.30pm - 9pm

TAKE ON CELEBRITY CHEFS IN THE AL AIN DAIRY AND IKEA COOKING CHALLENGE

Put your creative cooking skills to the test as you compete with other contestants to win prizes throughout the weekend with your chance to cook alongside Taste of Abu Dhabi Celebrity Chefs including Sanjeev Kapoor, Reza Mahammad, Jenny Morris, Shelina Permalloo and chefs from the Taste of Abu Dhabi Restaurants.

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THE EXTRAORDINARY ITALIAN TASTE PAVILION - NEW!

This year Taste of Abu Dhabi will have a dedicated section to the best of Italian Cuisine hosted not by 1, but 6 Michelin Star chefs from Italy. Learn from the masters Tony Lo Coco, Luca Facchini, Errico Recanati, Paolo Gramaglia, William Zonfa and Nicola Fossaceca will be showcasing their culinary skills as they cook live in the chef's theatres. It doesn't stop there with live demonstrations from Italian food artisans including fresh pasta makers, an acrobatic pizza chef, burrata making, lemon sorbet production and much more!

SAMPLE THE LATEST DISHES FROM ABU DHABI'S LATEST, GREATEST AND MOST EXCITING RESTAURANTS

Sample a delectable array of over 75 signature dishes from the city's latest and greatest restaurants including Toro Toro, Roberto's, Sho Cho, Flooka, Desert Lotus, The Grill, Bu!, Melius, Tamba, Hickory's, Loca, Leopold's of London, Original Fusion, Cafe Sushi and many more.

THE HUB EXCLUSIVE VIP AREA

For those looking for the ultimate Taste of Abu Dhabi experience then make sure you get your hands on VIP tickets before the event which provides you with fast-track entry into the festival and unlimited access to the VIP lounge. You'll be able to relax in style in lounge-style seating, while you each enjoy two complimentary drinks and three food vouchers to sample your favorite dishes from any of the restaurants participating at Taste of Dubai, all part of the VIP ticket experience.

THE LITTLE ONES ARE CATERED FOR AT LES FANFANS NURSERY & CRECHE KID'S ZONE

Kid's have been catered for with a dedicated zone at Taste of Abu Dhabi which will include arts & crafts, inflatables, zip line, bungee jump, face painting, pizza making and lots more.

CARRIAGE PREMIER LOUNGE

The Carrier Premier Lounge a family friendly area which is alcohol-free.

MEET GOLДИEROCKS - NEW!

Goldierocks, AKA Sam Hall, international DJ, and broadcaster will join the team of presenters at Taste of Abu Dhabi - sure to get the party started she will be sharing her love of all things music as host of weekly global radio 'The Selector' which has 4.3 million dedicated weekly listeners.

CHECK OUT THE SHOPPING VILLAGE

Shop for all things culinary in the Taste of Abu Dhabi shopping village where you'll find the latest kitchen products, homeware, and food goods on offer.

FREE CAR PARKING SPACES

This year there are over 1000 free parking spaces available with a few minutes walk from the venue.

HOW TO GET YOUR TICKETS

Tickets are available online at www.tasteabudhabi.com