DINEOUT VANCOUVER FESTIVAL Jan 17 - Feb 2, 2020

DINE OUT VANCOUVER FESTIVAL DISHES UP TASTY NEW EVENTS FOR 2020

Event tickets now available for Canada's largest food and drink festival, January 17-February 2, 2020

Vancouver, BC, Canada (November 21, 2019): Tis the season to taste! <u>Dine Out Vancouver</u> <u>Festival</u>'s event tickets are now available for purchase. In addition to prix fixe menus at a recordbreaking number of participating restaurants across the city, foodies can choose from a range of unique culinary events happening between January 16 and February 2, 2020.

Kicking off the festival is **The Great Big Taste** at the Rocky Mountaineer Station, on Thursday, January 16. This grazing-style tasting event celebrates the local culinary and beverage scene featuring top Metro Vancouver restaurants, BC craft breweries, distilleries, cideries and BC VQA wines. Proceeds will benefit the <u>BC Hospitality Foundation</u>, *Dine Out Vancouver*'s official charitable partner.

Brand new in 2020 is **The Punch Brunch**, presented by The Alchemist magazine. A multi-course gourmet brunch at Botanist paired with cocktails created by Vancouver's most celebrated bartenders, it's an event unlike any other in the city. Expect lively cocktail demonstrations, jazzy live music and an exclusive sneak peek at 2021's Vancouver Cocktail Week.

Also new is the **Chinatown Dumpling Masterclass**, presented by Historical Chinatown Tours daily from January 19 to February 2. Learn the secrets to making perfect authentic Chinese dumplings with creative ingredients and leave with a recipe to make at home. The class will include a 1-hour educational tour of Chinatown while shopping for fresh local ingredients, followed by 2-hours of hands-on preparation.

Learn more about sustainable seafood from the experts while visiting some of the most delicious and sustainable seafood restaurants in downtown Vancouver, on the **Sustainable Seafood Walking Tour**, presented by Oceanwise. At each of the 4-5 Oceanwise partner restaurants, guests will sample a seafood dish while the chef shares their story and talks about their own commitment to sustainability.

Throw on a cowboy hat and boots for a fun themed pop up, **Farm in the City: BC Farm to Table**, presented by Gaia Kitchen and Sweetery Café. Taste some of the finest produce that B.C. has to offer including organic grass-fed beef, duck raised without antibiotics, Fraser Valley pork, wild caught salmon, organic vegetables and BC berries, all served up family style.

Returning favourites include **Taste of the Market at Lonsdale Quay**, a tasting tour through North Vancouver's public market including craft beer, fresh salmon, artisan cheese and more; Fanny Bay Oyster Bar's **Shucking Class**, where guests will learn to shuck oysters from the experts; **Medina Down Under: An Australia Day Wine Dinner,** featuring Mediterranean-inspired, multi-course dinner, complete with wine pairings from Australia's most famous wine-producing regions; and back by popular demand, don't miss the opportunity to grab tickets for the **Hawksworth Long Table Dinner Series** in the luxurious private dining space, The York Room. Be sure to check the Culinary Events calendar for even more exciting events, including a range of unique culinary tours, and the return of **Street Food City**, for a 9th annual run, from January 17-19 and January 31 to February 6, 2020.

Not to be missed is the ever-popular **Vancouver World Chef Exchange**, welcoming star chefs from international culinary hubs for a series of four collaborative dinners. This year's chefs hail from Monterrey, Auckland, Edmonton, Toronto, and Cork.

Event tickets are on sale now starting at \$25.75, so please your palate and purchase your tickets at <u>dineoutvancouver.com/events</u>.

Travelling to *Dine Out Vancouver Festival* from near or far? Take advantage of <u>Air Canada</u>'s 15 percent off discount code on Air Canada and Air Canada Rouge flights for all Canadian and select U.S. cities to Vancouver (use promo code A6XNJKK1). And stay tuned for information about *Dine Out Vancouver Festival*'s exclusive hotel offers.

Key Dine Out Vancouver Festival Dates:

November 21, 2019 – Event tickets on sale at dineoutvancouver.com January 9, 2020 – Reservations open and menus available at dineoutvancouver.com January 16, 2020 – Preview festival offerings at the Great Big Taste at the Rocky Mountaineer Station, open to the public. Early-bird tickets are \$89.00. January 17, 2020 – Dine Out Vancouver Festival begins – dig in!

January 17-19 and January 31-February 6, 2020 – Check out Vancouver's favourite food trucks at Street Food City.

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About Dine Out Vancouver Festival

Produced by Tourism Vancouver, *Dine Out Vancouver Festival* is Canada's largest annual celebration of food and drink. Attracting more than 100,000 locals and visitors, the festival takes over the city with 17 days of culinary events, prix fixe menus at 300-plus restaurants (at \$15, \$35, \$25 or \$45 price points), as well as "Dine and Stay" packages and special hotel rates. The festival promotes local and regional ingredients, BC VQA wines, and the city's exceptional culinary talent. *Dine Out*'s festival partner is the Wines of British Columbia; and preferred partners include Lyft, OpenTable, Evo, Kubera Payments, Air Canada, The Westin Bayshore, *The Georgia Straight*, and *Vancouver Is Awesome. Dine Out Vancouver*'s official charitable partner is the BC Hospitality Foundation. *Dine Out Vancouver Festival* 2020 runs from January 17 to February 2.

About Tourism Vancouver

Tourism Vancouver is the official destination marketing organization for Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The not-for-profit, member-based organization represents over 1,000 tourism businesses in Metro Vancouver and beyond. Tourism Vancouver markets Vancouver as a premier leisure, business, meetings and group travel destination in strategic markets around the world. <u>www.tourismvancouver.com</u>

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