

National Geographic Traveller (UK) Food Festival Announces Line-up for 2023

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National Geographic Traveller (UK) has unveiled the first wave of chefs and writers scheduled to appear at its flagship National Geographic Traveller (UK) Food Festival (<https://foodfestival.natgeotraveller.co.uk/>) this summer, with MasterChef judges John Torode and Anna Haugh at the head of a high-profile line-up.

Torode, who first appeared at the inaugural event in 2019, will return with a chef demonstration on the Saturday of the two-day festival, while Irish restaurateur Haugh, who joined the cast of MasterChef: The Professionals in 2022, will appear on the Sunday.

The event, which returns to London's Business Design Centre this summer from Saturday 15 July to Sunday 16 July, will also feature Main Stage demonstrations by restaurateur Asma Khan, food and drink writer Melissa Thompson and writer and restaurateur Thomasina Miers. They'll be joined by cookbook author Ixta Belfrage and writer and restaurateur Ravinder Bhogal, as well as Sarit Packer and Itamar Srulovich, the husband-and-wife team behind the Honey & Co restaurants.

Meanwhile, the first few names have also been announced for the Speakers' Corner stage, including Irina Georgescu, Mandy Yin and Karan Gokani, with more to be revealed for both stages over the coming weeks.

Glen Mutel, editor of Food by National Geographic Traveller (UK), comments: "With only four months to go until our third Food Festival, it's great to see the line-up taking shape with our trademark mix of established names and exciting new talent, representing a mixture of different approaches, cooking styles and culinary influences. What's more, there's plenty still to come."

Hosted by award-winning magazines National Geographic Traveller (UK) and Food by National Geographic Traveller (UK), the event invites visitors to taste the world and broaden their palates, with tasting opportunities on the festival floor, culinary masterclasses showcasing specific cuisines, wine tutorials, live demonstrations from big-name chefs and interviews with acclaimed cookbook authors.

Tickets are priced at £16 per person, including booking fee. All tickets include entry to the festival, with access to all interviews, Q&As, panel sessions and chef demonstrations. A limited number of tickets to the Wine & Spirit Theatre are available at the price of £6 per session, with up to two drinks tastings included.

What's on

Main Stage: Demonstrations and interviews with the culinary world's leading lights, from top chefs and broadcasters to leading writers and restaurant critics.

Speakers' Corner: Our second stage represents a more intimate setting, in which visitors can hear from the authors of some of the most exciting recent cookbook releases. The programme will take a deep dive

into the culinary destinations that inspired these works, with visitors invited to ask questions before being able to purchase their favourite cookbook and get it signed.

Wine & Spirits Theatre: This is where attendees can book sessions to find out about more about their favourite tipples before visiting the Drinks Showcase to try and buy wine, spirits, beer and non-alcoholic beverages from across the globe, too.

Masterclasses: When it comes to food, there's nothing better than seeing the masters in action. The two Masterclass Theatres will showcase some of the world's most fascinating cuisines, via a series of live cooking demonstrations and tastings.

Exhibitors: Some of the planet's best chefs will put a spin on classic dishes, with tourist boards on hand to tell you more about the culinary destinations that inspired them. Meanwhile, in partnership with Brand USA, Travel South USA is hosting the Travel South Pavilion, offering visitors a homespun way to discover the flavours of the Southern states. Highlights include demonstrations by renowned Southern chefs and drink aficionados serving as Travel South Ambassadors, who will prepare tasty samples and share stories behind the region's food and drink, along with inspirational travel information.

Whether it's Greece, Grenada, Italy, Montenegro and beyond, a ticket to the National Geographic Traveller (UK) Food Festival offers visitors an immersive experience, giving them the inspiration to plan their next trip and get better acquainted with a local cuisine.

Thousands of food-lovers poured into the Business Design Centre in 2022, and with this year's event promising to be even bigger and better, tickets are expected to sell fast.

For more information and to book, visit foodfestival.natgeotraveller.co.uk
(<https://foodfestival.natgeotraveller.co.uk/>)

Notes to editors

About the National Geographic Traveller (UK) Food Festival

- Organised by APL Media, publisher of the magazines National Geographic Traveller (UK) and Food by National Geographic Traveller (UK), the first National Geographic Traveller (UK) Food Festival took place in July 2019. The event was held over two days (19-20 July 2019) at Islington's Business Design Centre and attracted 5,500 attendees, 45 exhibitors and 59 performers (chefs, speakers and authors).
- Following on from the success of the inaugural event in 2019, and after a two-year break due to Covid-19, the Food Festival returned to the Business Design Centre in 2022, with more than 6,000 food-lovers, mainly from London and the South East, visiting over the two days (16-17 July).
- 78 exhibitors offered food, drink and expertise, with major sponsors including the Greece National Tourism Organisation, Food & Drink Wales, the Italian National Tourist Board, Parmigiano Reggiano and the Azerbaijan Tourism Board. In the two Masterclass Theatres, some of the world's top chefs recreated dishes from as far afield as Louisiana, the Seychelles, Ecuador and Montenegro.

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