

SOVEREIGN INTRODUCE MADEIRA'S FIRST MICHELIN STAR!

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Sovereign Luxury Travel is proud to announce that Madeira (<http://www.sovereign.com/destinations/Portugal/Madeira>) has been awarded its first Michelin star, at the Il Gallo d'Or restaurant at The Cliff Bay Hotel (<http://www.sovereign.com/hotel/6632>). The restaurant will feature in the Portugal 2009 Michelin Guide.

The gourmet restaurant at the 5 star Cliff Bay Hotel in Funchal is run by Chef Benoît Sinthon. His experience comprises periods at leading French restaurants including Jean Michel Lorain's 3 Michelin starred Côte Saint Jacques.

The chef brought his expert training with him to take over the gourmet restaurant in Funchal.

Chef Benoit Sinthon moved to Funchal in 1994 and took over Il Gallo d'Oro in 1998. Commenting on the award of the star in the Portugal 2009 Michelin Guide, he says "It's a dream I have long chased and I'm going to celebrate appropriately with my exceptional team".

Steph Pritchard Managing Director of Sovereign says "It's great news to learn of the Michelin star recently awarded to the Hotel Cliff Bay.

The hotel, a flagship within our Sovereign programme, is a firm favourite with our customers, setting high standards and always looking to enhance its offering. The first and only Michelin star in Madeira is a real coup for them."

Some of the award winning dishes on offer include "baked carré de Borrego with vegetable moussaka, stuffed garlic and tuna taggiashi" and "Moelleux of chocolate with yoghurt sorbet and Suzette sauce for dessert."

The Cliff Bay Hotel forms part of Sovereign's luxury holiday collection and is a favourite among visitors to Madeira. The hotel's clifftop setting offers some of the finest views over Funchal's bay.

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More information on the Michelin Guide can be found on: <http://www.michelinguide.com/us/guide.html>

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