

# The South-West Becomes a Foodie Heaven This October with the Celebration of Food festival

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The UK's biggest food festival, Celebration of Food (<http://www.celebrationoffood.co.uk>), is taking place across the whole of the South-West for the entire month of October. In its eighth successful year now there are more than 230 foodie events to delight in, from celebrity chef cookery masterclasses and family-friendly events such as open farm days, to special 'Celebration of Food' local seasonal menus at the best restaurants. And this year for the first time, Devon and Cornwall are joined by Somerset, Bath and Bristol, so foodies across the South-West and the UK can go and find something to tickle their tastebuds.

"Events such as 'Celebration of Food' are crucial...they educate shoppers and broadcast the message that local is best so having Somerset, Devon and Cornwall food businesses putting on events during October this year is really exciting",

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

From 'Round the World by Chocolate' tutored single origin chocolate tasting at 'I Should Coco' in St Ives, and Willie Harcourt Cooze's onstage chocolate demonstration at the North Devon Foodfest, to a special Bouillabaisse month at Provodore, Falmouth you will be spoilt for choice when trying to decide what culinary delights to try.

There's a fabulous 'Fashion and Food' event at Il Tocco's, Bath, featuring a catwalk show of the latest looks from the city's leading independent fashion houses, and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's River Cottage store, Axminster will be giving visitors the chance to sample and learn about its speciality local produce. Antonio Carluccio is running a special cookery masterclass showcasing some of his bellissimo Italian dishes, plus a book-signing of his latest recipe collection, at Carluccio's, in Bristol's Cabot Circus, and Kilver Court in Shepton Mallet is holding a family 'Festival' with live music, farming displays and food tastings. With hundreds of events throughout Devon, Cornwall and Somerset there really is something going on for everyone whatever their tastes.

Many venues will also be running a festival special 'Eat Out for £10' offer, allowing visitors to sample fantastic food at a variety of venues, without breaking the bank!

The sheer size of the entire festival also makes a fantastic opportunity to explore the South-West on a foodie trail; taking a long-weekend break or a fantastic half-term holiday with the family, 'Celebration of Food' is the perfect excuse to really get out and about to discover what makes England's food so special, and discover exciting new local dishes and produce.

"This will be our third year taking part in the festival... and we'll be centring our special 'Celebration of Food' menu around produce such as late raspberries, good fish and spider crab",

Neil Haydock, Head Chef, Fifteen Cornwall

Fabulous events are constantly being added to the Celebration of Food's listings, so keep your eye on [www.celebrationoffood.co.uk](http://www.celebrationoffood.co.uk) for the most up-to-date information.

Notes to Editors:

- Press trips can be easily arranged
- Many different images are available – please ask for anything you would like!
- Interviews can be arranged with key people/chefs etc
- Celebration of Food logo must be used in conjunction with copy where possible
- All the most up-to-date event listings are on [www.celebrationoffood.co.uk](http://www.celebrationoffood.co.uk) website
- If you would like to pick up on any element of the festival please don't hesitate to get in touch for more information

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