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Turks and Caicos: 4th Annual Caribbean Food & Wine Festival

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Description

Grace Bay Resorts, in partnership with the Turks and Caicos Tourist Board and The Wine Cellar, has announced the official schedule for the **Fourth Annual Caribbean Food & Wine Festival**. The weekend-long festival brings together international chefs and winemakers who partner with local chefs to create a truly memorable, and always sold-out, event focused on the local food and flavors of the island.

This year the event takes place from November 6 through November 8, 2014, and welcomes all-star chefs from around the world, including **Leah Cohen**, **David Lefevre**, **Hans Peter Haider**, as well as renowned vintners from **Benzinger Family Winery**, **Cuvaison Estate**, **Weingut Salzl Seewinkelhof** and **Duck Pond Cellars & Desert Wind Winery**. The not-for-profit event will raise funds for **The Department of Youth Affairs** and the islands' 'Little Chefs' mentor program that supports and encourages young local chefs to pursue careers in hospitality, a vital industry of Turks and Caicos.

Schedule of Events

This year festivities commence on Thursday, November 6, with a starlit Welcome Dinner at Blue Haven Resort's Fire & Ice restaurant. Featuring a five-course dinner and carefully selected wine pairings this event typically garners more than 100 guests.

On Friday, November 7, the festival will host the second annual Women of Wine luncheon with distinctive dishes and carefully selected wine pairings. This event was first introduced two years ago to give guests and locals an opportunity to meet the festival's' incredible female chefs while learning about new wines in a fun and casual atmosphere.

Later on Friday evening, the most highly anticipated event of the festival weekend, the 'Gourmet Safari' will lead guests on a progressive dinner party around Providenciales. Now in its eighth year, the Gourmet Safari was the original event that served as a catalyst for the festival and continues to be a guest favorite today. Guests will whet their appetite with innovative cocktails at Krave courtesy of Grace Bay Club and then proceed to the appetizer course at Coyaba. From there, guests will enjoy their dinner at Seven Stars and The Regent Palms, before concluding with dessert at The Gansevoort. This interactive 'dine around' is a completely local experience that gives festival guests an opportunity to discover the incredible restaurants and meet the talented chefs.



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On Saturday, November 8, guests are invited to attend the annual Food & Wine Pairing event at West Bay Club a Grace Bay Resorts Managed property, featuring four 20-person introductory food and wine pairing seminars, highlighting meat, seafood, cheese, and dessert/chocolate. Each of the tasting rooms showcase the guest chefs and winemakers with support from the young local talent of the 'Little Chefs' mentor program.

Following the Food & Wine Pairing, the third annual 'Island Street Food Fair' focuses on the expert grilling and barbeque techniques of local chefs around the island. With the growing trend of food trucks in major cities around the world, the founders of the festival created its own street food fair for Turks and Caicos, and this event continues to receive rave reviews year after year, as it gives guests an inside look at the many cultures and cuisines of the island.

The epicurean journey concludes on Saturday evening at 'Dinner with the Stars,' an intimate, five-course dinner served under the stars directly on Grace Bay Beach. For their final menu, the festival's award-winning guest chefs pair prized, signature recipes with the winemakers' rarest vintages for a lavish dinner experience, all expertly prepared and creatively presented by the local chefs. Selling out year after year, the elegant 70-person dinner offers guests another unique opportunity to interact directly with the featured chefs and winemakers in an intimate beachfront environment.