



Top 5 Unmissable Events at the London Restaurant Festival

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This month sees the return of the London Restaurant Festival (8-27 October) for its sixth year, a celebration of the most innovative, unique, and diverse food that London's gastronomic scene has to offer. Events are happening across the capital in a wide range of different restaurants showcasing a vast array of cuisines, techniques, and disciplines. So with that in mind, and stomach, we present you with a list of the Top 5 London Restaurant Festival events that you shouldn't miss out on.

1. Eat Film (Friday 17th October)

For second year the festival is collaborating with BAFTA for a one-off special event boasting the best that both food and film has to offer. Curated by one of the world's most renowned photographers Rankin, you are invited to a three-course meal prepared by BAFTA 195 Piccadilly's Head Chef Anton Managnaro and inspired by the Italian cinematic masterpiece Giuseppe Tornatore's *Cinema Paradiso*. The event includes complimentary cocktails and gourmet popcorn as well as a screening of the film in the elegant Princess Anne Theatre with introductions from both Rankin and CEO of Bafta Amanda Berry. Only a few tickets remain for this exclusive event so get in quick if you do not want to miss out on this delectable marriage of food, film, and photography.

2. Tapas Tour (11th, 18th, 25th October)

The hugely successful Tapas Tour returns for a fourth year at the Festival, where the vibrant spirit of Spanish cuisine is brought to the streets of London. Festival-goers are encouraged to go at their own



pace, via a specially designed route, and stroll the streets of London and savouring the best Tapas the city has to offer. There are 6 participating restaurants: Barrica, Drakes Tobanco, Camino, Bar

Pepito, Iberica and Copita. At each venue you will be invited to try a different tapas dish as well as given a complimentary drink. With tours starting at 12 noon and continuing until 6pm, you can spend the whole afternoon imagining you are exploring some Catalan backstreets in search of delicious authentic Spanish cuisine.

3. Chinatown Tour (11th, 12th, 18th, 19th October)

This year the London Restaurant Festival debuts a brand new event inviting you to spend one day discovering the best Chinese food by taking a tour round London's enchanting Chinatown. Like the Tapas Tour, festival-goers are encouraged to explore the specially designed restaurant route at their own pace whilst sampling some of the best food that this rich and diverse part London has to offer. The restaurants that are so far confirmed for the event are: Maotai Kitchen, Baiwei, Rasa Sayang, C&R Café, Plum Valley, with more to be finalised. You will be invited to sample food that draws inspiration from not just regions of China but also draws on cooking styles and recipes from Malaysia and Singapore also.

4. Champagne Laurent-Perrier Gourmet Odyssey (11th, 18th, 25th October)

2015 also sees the return of undoubtedly the most exclusive event of the London Restaurant Festival calendar, The Laurent-Perrier Gourmet Odyssey. This year there are three gourmet odysseys to choose from, each themed around the most new and innovative restaurants located in certain parts of London. This year's events are: Discover Hotels, Discover East London, and Discover America. Guests will travel across London aboard one of a fleet of gold London Restaurant Festival Routemaster buses stopping at a different top restaurant for each course of a three course meal. It goes without saying that at each of the restaurants you will be greeted with a glass of Laurent-Perrier champagne, who has been a proud sponsor of the festival for the last six years. The gourmet odysseys have become an unforgettable part of the festival since its inception, so make sure you get your ticket and find a seat for a totally unique tasting event.

5. Food with Friends dining experiences (Various dates and venues across the festival)

The Food with Friends events offer a unique opportunity for anyone who truly enjoys great food and great company, by inviting influential figures in the British restaurant scene to host a series of one-off exclusive dining experiences inspired by their own personal relationships with food. At each event you will be treated to champagne on arrival followed by a three-course meal created especially for the festival, as well as your chance to meet some of the most influential figures in the UK restaurant industry. This year's Food with Friends Event curators include: prolific restaurateur and star of BBC2's Restaurant Man Russell Norman, Michelin Star award winning chef and Claridge's



Head Chef Simon Rogan, and Head Chef and 'MasterChef: The Professionals' finalist Adam Handling. The Food with Friends events are a series of unmissable and unique chances to enjoy some first-class food and discover what inspires some of the UK's top chefs and restaurateurs.