

**7TH
BEIRUT
COOKING
FESTIVAL**

16 - 18 November 2017



BEIRUT COOKING FESTIVAL AND SALON DU CHOCOLAT BEIRUT ROUND OFF AN EXCEPTIONAL GOURMET WEEK FOR LEBANON

Beirut proved once again that it is a capital of taste by celebrating two fantastic food events. The Beirut Cooking Festival and Salon du Chocolat Beirut, held concurrently from 16-18 November at BIEL, brought the tastiest flavors to the city to the delight of 15,000 visitors. The public exhibitions, which spread over an area of 2,000 square meters, hosted more than 130 exhibitors and over 40 chefs and experts who shared their know-how during countless cooking workshops and demonstrations.

Marking their seventh and fourth editions respectively, the Beirut Cooking Festival and Salon du Chocolat Beirut events were held under the theme "Winter Wonderland," to highlight the magic of the festive season.

Besides the extensive exhibition space, a number of exciting activities took place during the three-day event. At the Salon du Chocolat Beirut the chocolate

Fashion Show showcased 13 dresses created by Lebanese designers who worked hand in hand with renowned pastry chefs. The Fashion Show's special guest was designer to the stars Jean Louis Sabaji, who collaborated with the Lebanese pastry chef and consultant Charles Azar.

Another highlight included a chocolate sculpture by acclaimed Lebanese artist Rudy Rahme and chef Charles Azar. Made from a 350kg block of chocolate, the intricate "Fire Dance" sculpture was a real talking point for visitors.

At the Beirut Cooking Festival, the Chefs' Theater brought together a number of celebrity chefs who prepared inspiring dishes in front of an enthusiastic audience.

The Librairie Gourmande also invited visitors to browse a vast selection of cookbooks and attend book signings with well-known authors.



"The success of this festival, despite the current circumstances, is a testament to the trust placed in Hospitality Services and to the spirit of our people who love such events celebrating our food culture"

Joumana Dammous-Salame,
Managing Director of
Hospitality Services

EVENTS HELD ALONGSIDE THE SHOW

Chefs' Theater

In addition, 20 of the finest chefs were present to share with the public their passion for food through a series of live demonstrations and workshops at the Chefs' Theater. The chefs prepared an assortment of exciting dishes, from Lebanese favorites to international dishes.

Librairie Gourmande

A wide selection of cookbooks were available for visitors to buy at Librairie Gourmande. There were also book signings by famous authors during the event.

Taste Lebanon food court

Festivalgoers were able to enjoy a bite from around 20 vendors serving international and Lebanese fare.

Taste & Flavors Pop-Up Bar

Exciting sessions with mixologists and wine and whisky experts took place on the Taste & Flavors stand.





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THE NOT-TO-BE-MISSED GATHERING of foodies

- **4,000 sqm** of exhibition space, packed with vibrant stands and live culinary and lifestyle events
- **130** exhibitors showcasing unique food and beverage items, cooking equipment and festive product
- **42** celebrity chefs and experts
- **58** workshops offering visitors the chance to learn new recipes and the latest lifestyle tips
- **16,000** visitors passionate about food and drink
- **23,000+** Facebook fans and **2,300+** followers on Instagram

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**See you next year!
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