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S.PELLEGRINO SAPORI TICINO 2019: THE HAUTE CUISINE DINNER SERIES RETURNS!

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S.Pellegrino Sapori Ticino, the annual gourmet festival with an illustrious line-up of lakeside dinners and star-studded chef events returns on 8 April, closing in spectacular style on 16 June.

This year, for the 13th edition, haute cuisine is coming home to Switzerland and partnering with **Les Grandes Tables de Suisse** and chef of the year **Heiko Nieder**, highlighting the strength of the Swiss gastronomic scene in the small country with a growing number of Michelin starred restaurants (see this year's [Michelin guide](#)) plus some of the world's finest chefs.

Dany Stauffacher, patron of the festival, explains, "it is often said that Switzerland, a country with four different languages and influenced by many different cultures does not have its own culinary identity. After travelling all over Switzerland and its restaurants, I assure you that our nation is truly one of a kind, starting with its cuisine. Eclectic, experimental but with solid foundations, rich in talents and passion: Swiss cuisine deserved a stage of excellence to tell itself to the public in all its wonder and we are proud to offer it to them".

The spectacular Swiss Canton of Ticino Switzerland will host most of the 19 dinners unfolding in stunning locations around the glistening lake, with an opening gala dinner on the 8 and 9 April and successive dinner dates right up to 16 June.

Twenty chefs with 22 Michelin stars between them, including culinary giants like **Andre Jaeger**, **Franck Giovannini** and **Martin Dalsass** will be cooking formal dinners in a number of luxury venues, while a trio of lounge nights will appeal to a younger or more relaxed audience of gourmets.

RESERVATIONS

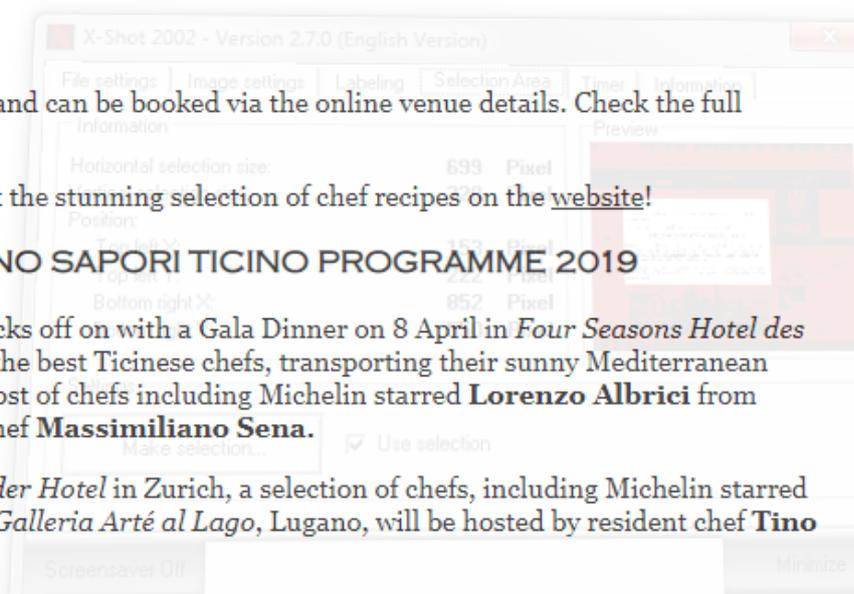
All dinners are open to the public and can be booked via the online venue details. Check the full [programme here](#).

If you're already hungry, check out the stunning selection of chef recipes on the [website](#)!

S.PELLEGRINO SAPORI TICINO PROGRAMME 2019

S.Pellegrino Sapori Ticino 2019 kicks off on with a Gala Dinner on 8 April in *Four Seasons Hotel des Boregues* in Geneva with some of the best Ticinese chefs, transporting their sunny Mediterranean cuisine over the Gottardo with a host of chefs including Michelin starred **Lorenzo Albrici** from Locanda Oricoin Bellinzona and chef **Massimiliano Sena**.

The following evening, at the *Widder Hotel* in Zurich, a selection of chefs, including Michelin starred **Frank Oerthle** from *Ristorante Galleria Arté al Lago*, Lugano, will be hosted by resident chef **Tino Roberto Staub**.





DINNER APPOINTMENTS

On 28 April the festival arrives in its Ticino home for the forthcoming weeks, with the Grand Opening night at the *Hotel Splendide Royal* in Lugano.

A spread of dinners will follow at luxury locations like *Castello del Sole* and *Hotel Splendide Royal* around the Canton supported by a stellar line up of international chefs including **Martin Dalsass** (5 May), **Franck Giovannini** (12 May), **Andre Jaeger** (19 May), **Peter Knogl** (20 May), **Heido Nieder** (26 May) and **Encrico Barolini** (11 June).

FOUR HANDS DINNER

When two accomplished chefs combine forces in the kitchen great things can happen. If you fancy dinner with a difference try the four hands dinner when chef **Bernadette Lisibach** from Michelin starred *Neue Blumenau* in Lömmenschwil will cook a special four hands dinner with Michelin starred **Lorenzo Albrici** from *Locanda Orico* in the panoramic restaurant of *Villa Orselina* in Locarno-Orselina, hosted by **Riccardo Scamarcio** on **2 June**.

SALUTE CON SAPORE (HEALTH WITH TASTE) EVENING

Food for health will be explored in this new addition for 2019 "Salute con Sapore" evening, in collaboration with EOC, the Cantonal Hospital Authority. Five chefs from Ticino hospitals will cook for the festival audience, showcasing their version of healthy and gourmet dishes. The project will be ongoing after the event, bringing the concept of healthy food among the houses of the Ticino population.

LOUNGE NIGHTS

Young diners or those looking for a more "informal gourmet experience" will enjoy the trio of relaxed lounge evenings and 'food-sharing' experiences, with an open bar and finger foods.

The first Lounge Night takes place in Zurich on 9 May at *La Bottega di Mario*, on 23 May it moves to Seven Lugano and on 6 June the closing final Lounge Night will be at the *BLU Restaurant & Lounge* in Locarno.

FINAL PARTY

S.Pellegrino Sapori Ticino will close with the Final Party at the Hotel Splendide Royal in Lugano, where a team of great Ticino chefs will seal the thirteenth edition of S.Pellegrino Sapori Ticino in style!

Stay tuned as we bring you more details on each of the dinners!

When: From 8 April to 16 June 2019

Where: Canton Ticino, Various locations, Switzerland

Web: saporiticino.ch