



## Stop What You're Doing and Book a Trip to These Super-Indulgent Food Festivals Now!

Eat like you've never eaten before, and rub elbows with celebs from the food world and beyond.

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What's not to love about the words "food festival"? If you want to give us fabulous food and a huge party all in one, we'll take it. But food fests don't always live up to the hype. These five here totally do, and they're happening all around North America and the Caribbean this fall—so if you live stateside there's one within a few hours by car or plane. Many combine great hotel packages with superstar chefs and celebs, and each destination has something spectacular to offer beyond the food, from natural wonders to historic sites to super-cool local hangouts.

## The Barbados Food & Rum Festival



**November 17 – 20**

The Culinary Capital of the Caribbean is set to celebrate its newly re-branded [Barbados Food & Rum Festival](#), the 7<sup>th</sup> installment of the food and beverage extravaganza. This year celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten will preside over the culinary celebration, joining a star-studded list of chefs that have put their mark on the festival, such as Marcus Samuelsson and Tom Colicchio. Last year's featured chef Samuelsson (pictured above, right, at the 2015 festival) says he's excited about the food scene in Barbados: "I watch how the culinary scene on the island keeps evolving," he says. "And it's still centered around the local experience, but it's also getting to a higher-end level. As a great island, you need both."

The official weekend includes a Thursday Festival Opening with the Oistins Cook Off. The Saturday and Sunday dinner series features fine-dining events pairing international chefs with local top chefs, and giant rum events where you'll sip the best of the barrel. We're most intrigued by a Sunday event in which the Hilton Beach club will offer up a Black Belly Lamb sampling tent.

This November also might be the best month in the century to venture to Barbados. The island is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence this fall with a multi-faceted museum exhibition of the island's history, as well as gala events and live theater acts all month long.

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