

Tenerife chosen to host launch of 2018 Michelin Guide to Spain & Portugal

Tenerife's gastronomy makes it the perfect location to unveil the new Michelin Guide



From left to right: Sea lettuce pasties filled with shrimp, crunchy biscuit of shrimp legs and broth of shrimp head (El Rincon de Juan Carlos); cheese, honey and "gofio", three of Tenerife's most popular products; Honeyed and crunchy suckling lamb over a lentil stew, seasoned with raz el hanout, and pumpkin ravioli (M.B.).

1st August 2017 – Tenerife has been chosen to host the launch of the 2018 edition of the respected 'Michelin Guide to Spain and Portugal'. The coveted ceremony will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at the [The Ritz-Carlton, Abama](#), home to two of the island's Michelin-starred restaurants. The celebration of this prestigious event in Tenerife reinforces the island's growing reputation as a paradise for fine food lovers.

Guests attending the launch event will have the chance to try the delicacies of four of Tenerife's Michelin-starred restaurants: [El Rincón de Juan Carlos](#) (Canarian cuisine with a twist), [Abama Kabuki](#) (Japanese influences with modern western techniques), [Kazan](#) (nikkei cuisine) and [M.B.](#) (Spanish cuisine from master Martín Berasategui). Michelin-starred Chef Erlantz Gorostiza – M.B.'s head chef and the 'designer' of the menu of Tenerife's [Sunset and Stars](#) experience – will be the chef in charge of the culinary event.

Mr. Carlos Alonso, President of the Tenerife Island Government, said after the announcement: "We have no words to describe how excited we are to host the launch event of the 2018 Michelin Guide. This is the result of years of hard work to place our gastronomy firmly on the map as a great foodie destination in Europe. Tenerife boasts delicious produce, amazing wines and great chefs."

Tenerife, the only Canary Island with Michelin-starred restaurants, offers an authentic cuisine blessed with an array of intoxicating flavours, made possible by the island's year-round spring climate and fertile land. Local products and ingredients including fish, bananas, potatoes, cheese and honey are used with traditional cooking methods to create innovative culinary creations to delight locals and visitors alike. Not to mention the island's characterful wines, whose singularity lies in the barren volcanic soils on which the vines grow.

Some of Tenerife's culinary highlights include:

- **The Market Nuestra Señora de África** (Santa Cruz): opened in 1943, the market offers a great selection of the island's delicacies, including fresh fish, meat, fruit and vegetables.
- **Fresh fish:** with a vast coastline, rich marine life and a long fishing tradition, it is very easy to try tasty fresh fish in Tenerife's coastal towns. The villages of Los Abrigos (south) and San Andrés (close to Santa Cruz) are both worth visiting as they have lots of fresh fish on offer.
- **Tapas at La Noria** (Santa Cruz): This street is one of the coolest parts of town, packed with *tascas* and eateries serving endless varieties of tapas prepared with the freshest ingredients. When the sun goes down, these bars turn into clubs to liven up the night at this central old street.
- **The Wine Museum** (El Sauzal): a true wine haven, the museum features a wine cellar, a wine shop, a wine tasting room, a restaurant, exhibitions and an old wine-press. Additionally, guests can visit one of Tenerife's 100+ operational vineyards to get a real flavour of the island's wines.
- **"Guachinches"** (available across the island): these are seasonal, family-run establishments serving wine from their own harvest and traditional dishes at very affordable prices – they are not signposted but visitors can ask islanders how to find them.

For further information on things to do in Tenerife, then please visit www.webtenerife.co.uk

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About Tenerife

Tenerife is the largest of the Canary Islands and one of the most popular and easily accessible holiday destinations for UK travellers. Guaranteed sunshine, diverse landscapes, idyllic beaches and charming villages make the island an ideal holiday choice all year round, while its vast array of fantastic activities, from year-round whale watching and stargazing on Spain's tallest peak to caving adventures inside Europe's largest lava tubes, ensure that the island's variety of experiences are as unforgettable as its flavours and friendly people.

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