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Key West Food and Wine Festival to Celebrate España, this year we celebrate the Art, Culture, Food and Wine of Spain. Jan. 23-28

KEY WEST, Florida Keys — Fans of fine food and vino can indulge their appetites for both at the 15th annual Key West Food and Wine Festival. The experiencia is scheduled Tuesday through Sunday, Jan. 23-28, with many events held outdoors at historical landmarks to take advantage of Key West's typically balmy winter weather.

Attendees can expect gourmet galas and tastings, art and wine experiences, wine dinners, lunch seminars and activities that spotlight the Florida Keys' culinary scene and talented chefs. Every event will be represented by a Spanish Artista.

The event's enticing "Primer Curso" is the welcome reception planned for 5-7pm. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Historic Custom House Sculpture Garden, located at 281 Front St. Celebrating Joan Miró's, The Harlequin's Carnival, the reception includes an authentic Pintxo bar, a Valencia Bowl, Spanish Organic Caviar shots, music and dancing.

Thursday's attractions include "Calatrava's Ysios Wine Lunch" celebrating the Architecture for Ysios winery in La Guardia Spain. Siesta is mandatory each day, today we rest from 3pm - 6pm. Next up the Picasso wine stroll with a nod to "Violin and Grapes". Stroll the tropical beauty of The Garden Club at West Martello, a fort that was used during the Spanish American war. Great Events Catering has created a stellar tapa menu sure to please.

Attendees Friday can explore and learn about how to make sherry casks at our "Cooperage and Cocktails" lunch, presented by Andrew McNamara, Papa's Pilar Master Sommelier and Cooperage Consultant Bahama Bob, Key West Rum Maker & Innovation Consultant. This event is part of our "Hemingway in Spain Series", at the Hemingway Social Club.

"Wines of Gala Wine Dinner" featuring the DALINIAN GASTRO ESTHETICS of Dalí's unfamiliar cook book & wine book dedicated to his wife, Gala. A multi-course dinner of artfully prepared surreal specialties. Beginning at 6:00 - 9:00pm in the Surreal Garden located at 1105 Simonton Street at the Garden Cafe. The culinary mastery of Chef Eniko Bancs will be on hand.

Saturdays lunch is an homage to Francisco de Goya "The Harvest" 1746. Presented by Chef Layla Barr Culinary Creative at Gather & Nourish.

The festival's highlight event, "Antoni Gaudí - Bodegas Güell - Grand Tasting" located at Fort East Martello Tower at the Citadel, 3501 S. Roosevelt Blvd. 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Chef Martin Liz proprietor of Key West Personal Chef is presenting a stunning menu of passed tapa's, roast suckling pig and a first ever "olive oil tasting bar".

Festivities are to conclude Sunday with "Diego Velázquez ~ Old Woman Cooking Eggs 1618" at the Hyatt Centric's beach featuring gazpacho Sevilla, a Spanish omelette bar with chorizo more delicious wine, located at 601 Front Street.

Other events on the official schedule of events are on Tuesday 23.

Our official original painting by Carlos Guzmán Presented by Studio Fine Cuban Art to Collect, Hosted by Ocean Sotheby's International Realty, 1075 Duval Street, Suite 15C, 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

“Hemingway in Spain Series” at the Hemingway Social Club at 201 Simonton Street on Tuesday evening, a Rum Dinner with Papa’s rum sherry casks.

A Vermouth, Sherry and Brandy lunch at The Audubon House and Tropical Garden on Wednesday 24 prepared by Small Chef at Large.

A lunch with Andrew McCarthy at Ocean’s Edge Resort, on Thursday 25. Chef Yeni Mendoza.

The Festival is proud to have been named twice as the Best Food & Wine Fest 2022 in the USA, from LUXlife, a division of AI Global Media & USA Today top 10 readers choice awards, as well as #2 in 2023 by USA Today top 10 readers choice awards.

Festival information and ticketing: keywestfoodandwinefestival.com or 1-800-474-4319

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