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MIAMI SPICE MASH-UP SERIES SERVES IT UP IN STYLE

Our mouths are watering, our taste buds dancing in delight and our wallets cheering because in just one month, starting on August 1st, Miami Spice returns! Yummy! Oh yes, those delish dinners and long, luxurious lunches at many of South Florida's best restaurants and get this—it won't break the bank!!! From August 1st through September 30th, participating restaurants will present their culinary creations for reduced prices. That's right, world-renowned chefs will serve up lunch for \$23 and Dinner for \$39 on certain days (different for each restaurant.)

Three of the city's waterfront delish destinations teamed up to serve it up and kicked off the 16th year of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB)'s *Miami Spice Restaurant Program* with its popular *Miami Spice Mash-Up* series. Decadent dinners prepared by a few of South Florida's most sensational chefs delivered a sneak peek to lucky patrons. Diners feasted on sumptuous recipes previewing their upcoming *Miami Spice* menus. What am I specifically describing? Oh just some Grilled Octopus, Vadouvan Carrots, Yogurt and Cilantro Sauce, Roasted and Raw Beets, Rocco's Burrata, Foraged Mushrooms, Pumpkin Oil, Crispy Seabass with Roasted Red Peppers and Lime Aioli to start; followed by Roasted Rack of Lamb, Creamy Farro, Sweet Corn, Mint Salsa Verde, Yellowfin Tuna with Pickled Shimeji, Compressed Cucumber, Heirloom Radish and Soy Cure, and Iberico Tenderloin with "Patata

Panadera" and Mojo Rojo Emulsion. And for dessert?? How about some Churros with Nutella and Coffee Ice Cream or Honey Rum Cake with Special Edition Mount Gay Rum and Toasted Coconut or Arroz con Leche Asturian Style?? I say yes to it all!!!! Love it!

The first installment of the *Miami Spice Mash-Up* series featured Chefs Raul A. Del Pozo of Lightkeepers at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami and Nicolas Mazler of TATEL at The Ritz-Carlton South Beach, and Paula DaSilva at her newly opened waterfront oasis, Artisan Beach House located at The Ritz-Carlton, Bal Harbour. These masters in the kitchen each crafted a three-course, family-style meal featuring selections from each restaurant's upcoming *Miami Spice* menus exclusively available August through September. This preview dinner also showcased complimentary pours from *Miami Spice* sponsors Chandon California, Stella Artois, Terrazas de los Andes and FIJI Water. For more information on the *Miami Spice Restaurant Program* please visit ILoveMiamiSpice.com.



Chefs Paula DaSilva, Raul A. Del Pozo and Nicolas Mazler hosted a Miami Spice Mash-Up Dinner. Photo credit Brett Hutziger.