

THE MAUNA LANI BAY

Hotel and Bungalows · Hawaii



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MAUNA LANI BAY HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL CELEBRITY CHEF TOUR

Featuring Jonathan Waxman, Ming Tsai, Tyler Florence, Sam Choy & Manny Hinojosa

January 20 & 21, 2012

The second annual **Celebrity Chef Tour** benefiting the **James Beard Foundation** returns to the stunning Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows on January 20 & 21 2012 bringing an impressive line-up of superstar chefs including Jonathan Waxman, Ming Tsai, Tyler Florence, Sam Choy and celebrity cocktail mixologist, Manny Hinojosa.

This not-to-be-missed culinary showcase is a celebration of all things Hawaii - the bounty of locally grown seasonal produce available on Hawaii Island, the long-held Hawaii tradition of gathering friends and family to share good food and good times, and of course, delighting in Hawaii's warm climate and spectacular scenery.

The two-day event opens with a relaxed oceanfront evening cocktail reception with live Hawaiian entertainment on Friday, January 20, 2012 from 6-8pm. World-renown Hawaiian chef, Sam Choy, will prepare passed hor's oeuvres reflecting his signature Pacific Rim style.

International award-winning cocktail mixologist, Manny Hinojosa, also personal cocktail consultant to Guy Fieri, will prepare a selection of exclusively designed Grey Goose cocktails with distinct island flair. Hinojosa, who was a chef first before turning to cocktail mixology, creates his own syrups, juices and garnishes and pours each drink as if they are liquid gold.

On Saturday January 21 from 6pm at Mauna Lani Bay's famous CanoeHouse restaurant, chefs Waxman, Tsai and Florence, along with Mauna Lani's Executive Chef, Sandy Tuason, will prepare an unforgettable six-course dinner centered around the best and freshest local island ingredients. Each course will be matched with exquisite wines and Hinojosa's flavorful cocktails for select courses.

The exact menu for Saturday's dinner will not be decided until the chefs visit local Hawaii Island farms to select their ingredients. The chefs however have collaboratively agreed that the food will be bold and imaginative at one level, yet simple and focused at another and are encouraging a family-style, communal experience.

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Food-lovers are invited to make a weekend of it and take advantage of Mauna Lani Bay's special Celebrity Chef Tour room rates with rooms starting from \$230 per night (plus tax).

Attending this event goes well beyond an amazing culinary experience. The Celebrity Chef Tour benefits the James Beard Foundation, whose mission is to "celebrate, preserve and nurture America's diverse culinary heritage and future." To date, the Celebrity Chef Tour has raised more than \$950,000 for the James Beard Foundation.

For more information and for tickets to the 2012 Celebrity Chef Tour in Hawaii visit www.celebritycheftour.com

WHEN: Friday, January 20, 2012

WHERE: Oceanfront at The Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Kohala Coast, Hawaii

TIME: 6pm – 8pm

COST: \$50

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2012

WHERE: CanoeHouse at Mauna Lani Bay

TIME: 6pm

COST: \$250 (inclusive of tax and tip)

SPECIAL OFFER: As part of Visa Signature's sponsorship of the nationwide Celebrity Chef Tour Visa Signature card holders can enjoy an exclusive special offer to attend both events for \$250.

TICKETS: www.celebritycheftour.com

STAY: Take advantage of Mauna Lani Bay's Celebrity Chef Tour room rates starting from \$230 per night. Contact (800) 367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com

About the Celebrity Chef Tour:

Since its inception in 2004 the Celebrity Chef Tour dinner series has become a favorite event for both chefs and guests and has raised more than \$950,000 for the James Beard Foundation. The Celebrity Chef Tour brings James Beard Award winners and other celebrity chefs to venues around the country for spectacular dining events. These events are designed to replicate the "once-in-a-lifetime" experience of dining at the famed James Beard House in New York City. The Tour was created to benefit the James Beard Foundation and to promote culinary arts across America.

The Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows is recognized as one of Travel + Leisure's "World's Best Hotels" for 2011 and is also on the Conde Nast Traveler 2011 "Gold List". It is the only independently-operated resort on the Kohala Coast of Hawaii and has maintained its original owners since its opening in 1983. Mauna Lani Bay is also one of the smaller resorts on the coast giving guests an intimate, timeless Hawaiian experience that is personalized and pleasantly unscripted. It is Mauna Lani Bay's cultural and environmental programs that make it truly stand out from others and which has earned it the reputation of one of the "World's Top Earth-Friendly Getaways". Mauna Lani Bay is committed to delivering aloha in everything it does and as such takes a stand against hidden resort fees. It is home to the famous CanoeHouse restaurant, the Hawaiian inspired Mauna Lani Spa and the championship Francis H. I'i Brown Golf Courses. Mauna Lani Bay has formed a partnership with a group of pro triathletes and stand up paddlers who help the hotel spread the message of enjoying a healthy and active lifestyle. The resort is a member of the Preferred Hotel Group recognizing the world's best independent luxury hotels and resorts. For reservations call (800) 367-2323 or visit www.maunalani.com