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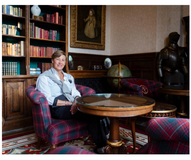
A Christmas taste of new food discoveries

Looking back on an amazing year and looking forward to the holidays!

Reflecting on the past year fills us with incredible memories and brimming with newfound inspiration. 2023 took us to captivating destinations like London, New York, Las Vegas, Paris, Scotland, Bath, and the Cotswolds. We can't wait for the adventures that 2024 have in store for us!

As we approach the holidays, it's time to unwind and enjoy the company of friends and family. To enhance the festive spirit, I've curated a festive selection of my favorite holiday dishes, ranging from starters to main courses and desserts. Seeking inspiration for your holiday menu? Keep reading!



Holiday recipes

What pairs better with great company than delicious food? If you're still looking for a holiday menu to treat your friends and family, take a dive in the recipes below! I've meticulously curated a selection of my favorite recipes from the past year, ready to add a touch of culinary magic to your festive celebrations.

Three festive recipes with scallops

Grilled scallops, creamy watercress and crumble of hazelnuts

The peppery note of watercress and the sweet, rich flavor of scallops complement each other perfectly.

Grilled scallops

Scallops au gratin with white wine sauce

A classic from my childhood, with my own modern twist.

Scallops au gratin

Carpaccio of scallops with apple and jalapeño

In this recipe, three varieties of apple together with spicy jalapeño complement the sweet, smooth flavor of scallops.

Carpaccio of scallops

Risotto

Pumpkin risotto with taleggio, pear and chestnuts

You don't have to be a seasoned chef to prepare this wonderful meal. Just work step by step.

Pumpkin risotto

Risotto with fontina and truffle according to Nono Riso

A delicious risotto from the chefs at Da Vittorio in Bergamo, one of my favorite restaurants.

Risotto with fontina and truffle

Risotto and osobuco alla Milanese

Two popular Milanese dishes brought together in one amazing meal.

Risotto and osobuco

Main dishes

Beef tenderloin with juniper sauce

This effortless yet delectable dish is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser.

Beef tenderloin

Duck breast with roasted figs

In this recipe, I prepare savory roasted figs. Perfect for the holidays!

Duck breast

Gratin dauphinois

This side dish fits perfectly with the beef tenderloin and the duck breast.

Gratin dauphinois

Save some room for dessert!

Pastel de nata

A small but oh-so-delicious custard tartlet from Portugal. A great addition on the coffee table.

Pastel de nata

Basque cheesecake

With this simple recipe, make your own burnt cheesecake and transport yourself to the warm Basque Country!

Basque cheesecake

Apple butter

Apple butter is amazing with cinnamon ice cream. A great alternative to the classic viennetta.

Apple butter

Travel articles

After our visit to Scotland, our adventure seamlessly flowed into the picturesque landscapes of England. The Cotswolds and Bath left us in awe with their stunning natural beauty and rich historic architecture. Take a sneak peek of your next romantic getaway in my new blogs!

A romantic weekend getaway in the Cotswolds

If you love road trips and exploring charming villages, the Cotswolds are the perfect destination. Join us as we wander through quaint shops, historic mansions, and archaeological sites in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and romance.

Discover the Cotswolds

Bath, the most beautiful city in England

Bath, a World Heritage Site, hosts one of the best-preserved Ancient Roman archaeological sites and boasts stunning architectural gems like the Royal Crescent and Pulteney Bridge.

Take a tour of Bath

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