

**KEY WEST  
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Key West Food and Wine Fest to Star Savory Flavors and Spirited Fun

**KEY WEST, Florida Keys** — Food and wine enthusiasts can enjoy stellar vintages and standout cuisine during the annual Key West Food and Wine Festival, set for Wednesday through Sunday, Jan. 25-29, 2017.

Nearly 30 events are planned for culinary explorers, including some staged on beaches and in outdoor locales suited to Key West's typically balmy January climate.

The festival spotlights local chefs' flair, indigenous Florida Keys ingredients, premium spirits and "foodie" fun that pairs adventures in flavor with adventures in the continental United State's southernmost city.

The enticing "first courses" set for Wednesday include Henry Flagler's Welcome Party planned from 5-7 p.m on January 25, on the Atlantic Ocean beach of Casa Marina, A Waldorf Astoria Resort, at 1500 Reynolds St. Featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres, the gala recalls the early 1900s when railroad tyconn Henry Flagler built the Florida Keys Over-Sea Railroad and conceived the luxury hotel.

Thursday afternoon the neighborhood strolls are back, once again with new appetizing stops and old favorites.

Friday's schedule stars the Grand Tasting at The Reach on the Beach, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Attendees can enjoy a Key West sunset while savoring unique wines and spirits paired with casually sophisticated fusion cuisine from Spencer's by the Sea.

Key West's renowned Old Town is to become an appealing avenue for wine lovers Saturday afternoon during "Old Town Uncorked" POP the CORK. The 2-5 p.m. event combines a tasting stroll featuring vintages from famous wine regions in famous Old Town Key West neighborhoods at appetizing forays, enticing boutiques, shops and galleries.

Other festival attractions include, the popular Key West Kitchen Tour turned to the Key West Hidden Garden Tour, specialty wine dinners and brunches.

Festival information and tickets: [www.kwfoodwinefest.com](http://www.kwfoodwinefest.com)