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AL BUSTAN PALACE, A RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL GOES RUSSIAN WITH NOVIKOV GUEST CHEF

Muscat, Oman – December 31 2019: Enjoy an experience fit for a Tsar as Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel pulls out all the stops for the “Russian Week”. From 7th January 2020, special guest chef Alexey Belikov, from international restaurant group Novikov, will be hosting a range of unique culinary events to give guests an authentic taste of a cuisine steeped in culture and history. The resort is putting on a trio of exclusive dinners as well as an unmissable Friday brunch, offering world-class dishes with a distinctively Russian twist amongst the usual spread. To top it off, guests can join in a very special cooking class with the chef himself, learning how to prepare his signature creations at home, before indulging in a charming three-course lunch. With the glorious beachfront and majestic mountains of Muscat setting the scene, Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel is the ideal place to delve into Russian gastronomy.

“Russian cuisine is extremely interesting and creative, reflecting the tapestry of people and cultures from which it originates, and it is sought out by millions of tourists every year,” said Eric Meloche, Director of Food & Beverage and Culinary at Al Bustan, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel. “We’re excited to be bringing Chef Alexey to our resort, who will be transporting us to Moscow with all the sophistication, flair, and of course amazing food, of one of the most prestigious restaurant empires in the world. It is definitely an unmissable opportunity for those who already love Russian cuisine, and those who are just curious.”

Though Russian cuisine is as diverse as the land itself, there are certain names that are synonymous with the suggestion, and Chef Alexey will be bringing to life classics such as gravlax, pavlova, tartar and caviar, all imbued with a sense of Russia’s modern identity. At the exclusive cooking class, guests can also try their hand at showstopping dishes such as beef tartar with seaweed and tomato sauce with jalapeno, perlotto with sweet potatoes and squid, and savoy cabbage rolls with halibut and tiger prawns. With a decade of experience in restaurants throughout the country’s chic capital, Chef Alexey infuses his delightful menus with a flair for food chemistry, using the finest seasonal ingredients.

Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel is always trying to find new ways to excite its guests with a variety of spectacular and unique experiences throughout the year. Complemented by the resort’s stunning location, world-class facilities to suit the whole family, and tantalizing dining options, guests are sure to make wonderful memories that last a lifetime.

For additional information and reservations email restaurant.reservation.albustanpalace@ritzcarlton.com, call 24764444 or WhatsApp 98559333.

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Novikov Exclusive Dinners

Where: Beach Pavilion Bar & Grill

When: Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th January, 8pm

Price: OMR 32 net per person for four-course menu, soft beverages included

Novikov Brunch

Where: Beach Pavilion Bar & Grill

When: Friday 10th January, 1.30pm-5pm

Price: Brunch Packages Apply

Cooking Classes with Chef Alexey Belikov

Where: Beach Pavilion Bar & Grill

When: Saturday 11th January, 12.30pm

Price: OMR 35 net per person, three-course lunch with beverages included

About Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Tucked away between the rugged Al Hajar mountain range and the Sea of Oman, Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel is a hidden jewel amongst luxury hotels in Muscat, Oman, a beachfront retreat that welcomes guests with customs steeped in ancient traditions and contemporary comfort. From each of our 250 newly renovated luxury guest rooms and suites' private balconies, guests can gaze upon magnificent mountain, sea or garden views. They can relax on the pristine stretch of private beach or dine on its sandy carpet under the stars, in one of the hotel's three distinctive restaurants. Perfect for couples, business guests and families alike, Al Bustan Palace provides all the ingredients that will stir memories for a lifetime. For more information or reservations, please visit ritzcarlton.com/albustanpalace, join us on www.facebook.com/albustanpalace.muscat or call +968 24 799 666.

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