



THE RITZ-CARLTON

ABAMA

# NEWS

Contact: Lorna Taaffe & Kate Alexander  
RCAbama@huecryagency.com  
Media & Content Consultants, Hue & Cry  
020 3829 5690

## THE RITZ-CARLTON, ABAMA OFFERS GOURMET DINING UNDER THE STARS

*Gastronomic stargazing experience in time for national astronomy week*

**Tenerife – August, 2020** – [The Ritz-Carlton, Abama](#) is offering guests the chance to see the night sky like never before. The Stargazing Experience at The Ritz-Carlton, Abama combines a luxury private picnic with an opportunity to gaze up at the clear night sky from Abama Beach. Guests will be accompanied by an expert stargazing guide to learn about astronomy and the constellations that are spectacularly visible in the inky dark sky above Tenerife.



Minimal light pollution due to the islands position allows for unparalleled views and routinely good weather means that the sky is often crystal clear with constellations such as The Great Bear and The Plough, and even planets Mars and Neptune clearly visible within minutes of the sun setting. One of the world's leading observatories situated on the island is testament to the ideal stargazing location, and with National Astronomy Week taking place from 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November it's the perfect time to experience the night sky magic with the added luxury of a gourmet picnic.

Celebrating Tenerife's long-standing history with astronomical observation, the world class chefs at The Ritz-Carlton, Abama have created an outdoor dining experience. The picnic will be curated by chefs who lead the exceptional gourmet offering at The Ritz-Carlton, Abama, either from Martín Berasategui's team at *Txoko*, or the team from the hotel's Japanese fusion restaurant.

Martín himself has been awarded a total of 12 Michelin stars throughout his career and *Txoko* offers exceptional culinary style and standards, characterised by inventiveness, a profound understanding of flavour and deep respect for ingredients, inspired by the roots of traditional Basque cuisine.

The Japanese fusion restaurant has a Michelin star of its own and a reputation for exquisite and creative Japanese gastronomy. Chef Ricardo Sanz launched the concept as a result of the chef's creative culinary

development of tapas combined with his training by Japanese culinary master Masao Kikuchi of the legendary Tokyo Taro Restaurant.

The gourmet picnic as part of the Stargazing Experience is created for couples or groups consisting of a selection of some of the finest Spanish fare and accompanied by sparkling Canarian wine.

The Ritz-Carlton, Abama is located on the slopes of Mount Teide volcano, the highest point in Spain and perfectly placed to reconnect with the outside world whether day or night. Offering year-round sun and temperate climates throughout the UK's winter, the observatory records nearly 300 days a year when the sky is cloud free. A luxury choice for winter getaways, The Ritz-Carlton, Abama is an oasis of verdant subtropical greenery, surrounded by banana plantations, with its own sheltered beach of golden sand. Set in a magnificent 400-acre estate fronting the crystal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, The Ritz-Carlton, Abama offers guests all the space they crave.

New for 2020, the timeless island retreat has unveiled a semi-private 'villa club' concept. When checking-in, contactlessly if preferred, guests will be assigned a sea or garden room or suite in a standalone, two-floor, terracotta hued 'villa' building – each with its own pool for exclusive use by the villa's limited number of residents. Lounging poolside in the perennial Tenerife sun is made all the more enjoyable with complimentary drinks, canapés, smoothies and juices served as part of the villa club package.

Rooms and suites are available in the adult-only villa section as well as the dedicated family villa section, so guests can escape and relax in a style that suits them best. Each villa comes with a dedicated team of ambassadors to look after all guest's needs. All Villa Club reservations include a la carte breakfast at the spectacular clifftop El Mirador Restaurant, complimentary wellness passes for The Ritz-Carlton Spa and El Mirador Lounge access.

Prices for the Stargazing experience are €650 (local tax included) per couple and are available on request.

Visit [ritzcarlton.com/abama](https://ritzcarlton.com/abama) for more information

###

### **About The Ritz-Carlton, Abama**

Located in Guía de Isora, a peaceful gem of a destination on the South West coast of Tenerife, this exclusive five-star resort is operated by The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company L.L.C., and exists in a stunning 'finca' setting of natural beauty, surrounded by lush and vibrant vegetation, volcanic landscapes and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Designed by Melvin Villarroel and with romantic Moorish references to an Arab citadel, the resort includes seven swimming pools, access to a secluded beach, waterfalls and exuberant subtropical vegetation, composed of 90,000 trees with 300 different species of palms and shrubs. The timeless retreat provides a wide choice of accommodation, all with The Ritz-Carlton seal. Guests staying in the new Villa Club will be treated to an exclusive and bespoke service in the luxuriously appointed rooms and suites, nestled amongst the lush tropical garden with access to a semi-private pool. An entire lane of villas is reserved exclusively for adults, where guests can truly enjoy a relaxing stay. Bespoke family villas include interconnecting deluxe rooms and one-bedroom suites, ideal for large family groups to stay together while enjoying an exclusive menu of amenities. A perfectly pampering spa of 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> offers an indulgent menu using Espa, Spanish brand Sepai, and native island ingredients. The Ritz-Carlton, Abama is also home to enviable facilities including Ritz Kids – an immersive children's club with a programme designed by the renowned Oceanographer, Jean-Michel Cousteau. A gourmet paradise and a culinary journey, restaurants include El Mirador by César González, Beach Club, Txoko by Martin Berasategui and a Japanese fusion restaurant, which has been awarded a Michelin star. Guests also enjoy close access to the Dave Thomas-designed championship golf course and Academy, one of the most challenging 18-hole golf courses in Spain, as well as seven tennis courts and four paddle tennis courts.

### **About The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, LLC**

The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C., of Chevy Chase, MD., part of Marriott International, Inc., currently operates more than 100 hotels and over 45 residential properties in 30 countries and territories. For more information or reservations, visit the company web site at [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com), for the latest company updates, visit [news.ritzcarlton.com](http://news.ritzcarlton.com) and to join the live conversation, use #RCMemories and follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, L.L.C. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ:MAR). The Ritz-Carlton is proud to participate in Marriott Bonvoy, the new name of Marriott's travel program replacing Marriott Rewards®, The Ritz-Carlton Rewards®, and Starwood Preferred Guest® (SPG). The program offers members an extraordinary portfolio of global brands, experiences on Marriott Bonvoy Moments and unparalleled benefits including earning points toward free hotel stays and nights toward Elite status recognition. To enroll for free or for more information about the program, visit [MarriottBonvoy.marriott.com](http://MarriottBonvoy.marriott.com).