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Constance Festival Culinaire 2023

The iconic gastronomic competition is back for its 16th edition!

The Constance Festival Culinaire, the annual gastronomic highlight in the Indian Ocean is back from 11th to 19th March. Created in 2006, this hugely popular event on the international gastronomic calendar attracts epicureans from all over the world. During the week of the festival, world renowned Michelin starred chefs and pastry chefs, in partnership with chefs from Constance Hotels & Resorts, share their passion for cuisine and pastry.

Two great names of the French gastronomy and patisserie, Bernard Loiseau and Pierre Hermé, are once again linked to the festival in this special 16th edition. As in previous years, the programme includes an exciting series of contests and events, but it is really the very essence of Constance Festival Culinaire which comes first and makes this event so unique. A total of four competitions will be held:



- [Deutz trophy](#)
- [Bernard Loiseau Trophy](#)
- [Pierre Hermé Trophy](#)
- [Art of the table Trophy](#)

The festival encompasses the spirit of sharing and friendship - a true moment of conviviality and bonding between passionate professionals and enthusiasts united by, and for, their love of fine dining and exquisite patisserie.

The Deutz trophy and the Bernard Loiseau Trophy

For this 16th edition, six Chefs – all holders of one Michelin star – will travel from all over Europe to participate in the event from Saturday 11th to Saturday 19th of March 2023.

- [Alain Bianchin, Maison Alain Bianchin \(Belgium\)](#)
- [Christopher Haatuft, Lysverket restaurant, Bergen \(Norway\)](#)
- [Mark Kempson, Kitchen W8, London, \(United Kingdom\)](#)
- [Riccardo Gaspari, Restaurant SanBrite, Cortina d'Ampezzo \(Italy\)](#)
- [Romuald Fassenet, Château Mont Joly, Jura \(France\)](#)
- [Thomas Wohlfeld, Handwerk restaurant, Hannover \(Germany\)](#)

Put into pairs, they will cook alongside six **"Constance Chefs"** from our different properties in Mauritius, Maldives and the Seychelles. Together, they will create culinary masterpieces and compete for the prestigious winning title through a week of learning, partnership and once in a lifetime experiences. It is also an opportunity for each of them to showcase their respective skills, savoir-faire, and passion while highlighting the warm local culture and culinary traditions of Mauritius.



The jury for both trophies will be made up of, among others; Bérangère Loiseau (Vice President of Bernard Loiseau), Patrick Bertron (Chef at the 2-star Relais Bernard Loiseau restaurant), Olivier Poussier (World Best Sommelier 2000), Liora Levi (Best Sommelier of Norway), Orjan Johanessen (Bocuse D'or winner of 2015), Shelina Permalloo (British TV chef, cookery author and winner of BBC's MasterChef in 2012), Laurent Petit (Chef at the 3-star Clos des Sens in France) and Chef Sascha Kemmerer (Winner of the CFC 2019 and 2022 editions).



Constance Pastry Competition: Pierre Hermé Trophy

Over the years, this patisserie trophy has become as important as the main culinary competition. Year after year, the desserts presented have been more and more creative and innovative. Along with the culinary competition, patisserie will also be the focus of the festival this year.

Constance Hotels and Resorts will collaborate with the world's finest chocolate French brand, **Valrhona**, for the Constance Pastry competition - chaired by **Pierre Hermé** (one of the great masters of sophisticated French patisserie & World's Best Pastry Chef in 2016). The participants will use the leading gastronomic brand of chocolate Valrhona for their creations and will compete for the **Pierre Hermé Trophy**.

For the 2023 edition, six top pastry chefs have been selected - great masters of French high-end pastry who will work in partnership with patisserie chefs from six Constance properties to create some sweet, mouthwatering innovations.

- **Jérémy Aspa – Pâtissier trainer at Valrhona school**
- **Jérôme de Oliveira - Maison Jerome de Oliveira – 2009 World Pastry Champion**
- **Mathieu Kamm - Pâtisserie Kamm**
- **Pascal Lac - Pâtisseries Lac**
- **Sébastien Bouillet - Chocolatier Bouillet**
- **Cédric Pernot - Au Fidel BERGER - Chambéry**

The jury will be made up of patisserie chefs **Pierre Hermé**, **Frédéric Cassel** (President of the prestigious Relais Desserts Association), as well as **Mercotte** (the famous TV host and culinary blogger).

This year's festival will include four main competitions, eight special dinners and three masterclasses which will be held at Constance Belle Mare Plage and Constance Prince Maurice over a week. New this edition, we are inviting all Constance fans and culinary lovers to be part of the decisions! The master-pieces of the four main competitions will be available on our [website](#) and we invite everyone to vote for the winning dishes. Winners of the different competitions will be announced at the awards ceremony on the 18th.

Jean Jacques Vallet - CEO of Constance Hotels, Resorts & Golf, for his part is looking forward to this 16th edition and the success of this special culinary week. *“Over the years, Constance Festival Culinaire has become a reference point for fine dining in the Indian Ocean where the level of each of the events continues to excel every year. The 2023 edition promises even more thrilling surprises and opportunities for sharing. I wish good luck to all candidates and I am sure that each of them will show the very best of themselves to make this a truly memorable week.”*

As in the previous years, the sharing, know-how, creativity and respect for local products will be the main ingredients for the success of this high flying gourmet week. Epicureans and wine lovers, a flavorful voyage and a programme rich in competitions and emotions awaits you at this edition! On the agenda: gastronomy, patisserie and many more delectable adventures...

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Constance Hotels & Resorts, an Indian Ocean expert

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