

Devour!: The nomadic film and food festival comes to Fogo Island

On Fogo Island, Newfoundland

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Fogo Island, NL., Tuesday, October 24, 2017—Devour! The Food Film Fest, the largest film festival in the world devoted to all things culinary, comes to Fogo Island. Chef Michael Howell, festival founder, will collaborate with the Fogo Island Inn Kitchen Collective to create an unforgettable six-course dinner menu pairing six award-winning films with ingredients sourced from the lands and waters of Fogo Island. Bringing true meaning to the phrase “watch what you eat,” guests will take in the award-winning short films that inspire each course and explore Fogo Island over three days and two nights, beginning Friday, November 3 to Sunday, November 5, 2017.

It’s only fitting that **Devour! The Food Film Fest** travels to Fogo Island, which has a time-honoured connection to film. It was this tiny island off the north coast of Newfoundland that hosted the legendary 1960s filmmaking project known around the world as the Fogo Process. Capturing the stories and challenges of cod-fishing Fogo Islanders and their changing way of life, the Fogo Process films are credited with helping to establish the Fogo Island Co-operative Society, which still owns the Island’s fishery to this day. Community Hosts will recall for guests their own experiences with the Fogo Process filmmaking project and the collaborative spirit it engendered. Other films on the weekend roster celebrate food stories from around the world, touching on sustainability, unique culinary traditions, and the colourful characters who have devoted their lives to the art of cooking. The Devour! Food & Film Weekend, with films curated by Lia Rinaldo, Managing Director of **Devour! The Food Film Fest**, includes a Friday evening film reception accompanied by a

chowder cook-off, Saturday hikes and foraging walks along coastal trails capped off with an epic film-inspired supper, and concludes with a foraged Sunday breakfast and farewell film reel.

Just as Devour! The Food Film Fest has thrived on its movability—transplanting itself from one Canadian city to another—so too will characterize the **Devour! Food & Film Weekend** on Fogo Island. The films (running 2 to 13 minutes) that inspire each course served in several locations throughout the Inn include: **From Milpa to Mesa** (a 2-minute film about heirloom corn in Mexico); **In A Nutshell** (an inspirational 6-minute animation); **Bacon & Greens** (a lovely, lyrical take on the staples of Irish cooking – boiled meat, potatoes and greens); **Cod-Pot Fishing Fogo** (featuring life-long Fogo Islanders Aubrey and Marie Payne and their sustainable method of fishing); **Why This Road: Dan Portelance** (a tear-inducing glimpse into the life of a Massachusetts cook who encounters one obstacle after another); **Fruit** (a thoughtful and quirky piece by Croatian director Ivan Mirko Senjanović); and, appropriately for the end of the meal, **Cheese** (by Canadian film director Hannah Cheesman).

Sunday morning screenings begin in the Dining Room over a special parting breakfast. This farewell screening of yet more film gems includes: **The Ovens of Cappoquin**, about a small bakery in County Waterford, Ireland; **Mr. Salty**, showcasing Newfoundlander Peter Burt's salt production technique; **The Land, The Sea** focused on longtime deep sea fisherman turned goat farmer, Gabriel Flaherty of Aran Islands Goats Cheese; and finally, Fogo Island's own story of **Hand. Line. Cod**, Justin Simms' NFB film that follows the reversal of a 20-year moratorium on North Atlantic cod fishing and the fishermen leading the sustainable revolution in this remote place. Like all of the amazing films in the **Devour! The Food Film Fest** line-up, the subject always comes back to food, which is at the very heart of Fogo Island.

The **DEVOUR! FOOD & FILM WEEKEND (Friday, November 3 to Sunday, November 5, 2017)** experience includes a two-night stay at Fogo Island Inn, all meals, Friday evening reception, film and food pairings, and a half-day Community Host Island orientation.

To book, please call 709-658-3444, toll-free in North America at 855-268-9 277, or email reservations@fogoislandinn.ca

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers recently voted Fogo Island Inn *Best Resort Hotel, Canada*, and was further named 12th on T+L's Best List for 2017. Fogo Island Inn made the Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List 2016 and 2017—the editors' choice list spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US magazine comes on the heels of a place on the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, Condé Nast Traveller. Fogo Island Inn sits on an Island, off an Island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Every one of the Inn's 29 guest suites has dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet. Built on the principles of sustainability and respect for nature and culture, the award-winning Inn was designed by architect Todd Saunders. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travelers to

Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land- and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander for \$800 (1–4 person capacity). Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn’s reservations team at: **855-268-9277**.

More information on Fogo Island Inn’s **DEVOUR! FOOD & FILM WEEKEND** itinerary can be found [here](#) or by calling **855-268-9277** (toll free) or direct at **709-658-3444**.

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