

Annual Food and Wine Festivals



No other destination offers such diversity in their Food & Wine Festivals as Florida! Indulge your senses and surround yourself with some of the world's best gourmet foods, celebrity chefs, wine dinners, cooking classes, wine tasting classes and more food and libations than you know what to do with!

The largest annual fundraiser for The Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science, Tallahassee, is the **Florida Wine Festival**. www.floridawinefestival.com

Apr. 23-26/09. Recognized as one of the top charity events of its kind in the U.S., **Sarasota's Winefest & Auction** features U.S. Vintners and winemakers from around the world. www.floridawinefest.com

Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival celebrates Amelia Island's status of being the only U.S. location to have been under eight different flags. The nationally recognized festival kicks off their annual celebration with a Pirate Parade, April 30, 2009 and continues the merriment through May 3, 2009. Festival highlights include a juried fine arts and crafts show, antiques, live entertainment, Southwest Airlines Kids Korner, contests, pirates, free admission and 25 booths featuring shrimp prepared every way possible by local non-profit organizations.

866-426-3542 | www.shrimpfestival.com

July 31 - August 8/09. Key Largo Food & Wine Festival. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy all of the tasty temptations, and some of your favorite wines, as Key Largo's culinary experts step up to the plate to show you what Key Largo has to offer. www.fkrm.com/foodandwine

Orlando's premier wine event series, **WineQuest**, features a selection of fine wine tastings, dinners, auctions and interactive seminars offering something for all tastes. Sample, sip and savor to discover the tastes that are right

for you. www.winequest.org

Sept. 26-28/09. Miami International Wine Fair, Florida's largest wine expo with more than 5,000 attendees. www.miamiwinefair.com

Sept. 25 - Nov. 8/09. Walt Disney World's **Epcot International Food & Wine Festival** is where visitors can savor the world's best while enjoying the flavor of the destination! www.waltdisneyworld.com

Ponte Vedra Beach Food & Wine Festival, is a wine lover's extravaganza and finds its home for most events at the Sawgrass Golf Resort & Spa, a Marriott Resort. www.pontevedrawinefest.com

Nov. 12-15/09. Stone Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival, The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort, Longboat Key. www.colonybeachresort.com

Jan 28-30/10. The **Naples Winter Wine Festival** is ranked among the top 10 arts and entertainment events for wealthy Americans. www.napleswinefestival.com

Feb. 25-28/10. The **Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival** is one of the largest and most well-known festivals of its kind in the country. www.sobefest.com

Feb. 26-28/10. Boca Bacchanal is a weekend of great wine matched with delectable culinary delights! www.bocabacchanal.com *