



## **Ninth Annual Tofino Food and Wine Festival Showcases West Coast Vancouver Island Cuisine and British Columbia Wineries June 2-5, 2011**

*Tofino British Columbia, May 24, 2011* – Tourism Tofino [www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com) today unveiled the details of the ninth annual [Food and Wine Festival](#) to be held in Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island from June 2-5, 2011. With eleven events showcasing acclaimed local chefs, farm-to-table cuisine and more than 75 regional wineries, the Festival supports a number of Tofino community initiatives including the Botanical Gardens Foundation, the Community Children’s Centre, the Community Garden, the Lighthouse Trail and the Multi Use Path (MUP).

In addition to the popular “[Grazing in the Gardens](#)” main event on Saturday, June 4, Tofino Food and Wine Festival events with tickets available include:

### **Epicurean Showcase**

Thursday, June 2, 7:00 PM, [Long Beach Lodge Resort](#)  
Tickets: \$59.00 plus tax and gratuity  
An evening of canapés and wine overlooking Cox Bay.

### **Rainforest Harvest Luncheon**

Friday, June 3, 1:00 PM, [Black Rock Ocean Front Resort](#)  
Tickets: \$50.00 including tax  
Featuring Mission Hill Winery.

### **Bienvenue! A Taste of BC Bubbles**

Friday, June 3, 7:00 PM, Darwin’s Café at the [Tofino Botanical Gardens](#)  
Tickets: \$48.00 including tax  
Sparkling wines and ciders from [Elephant Island](#), [Coastal Black](#), [Summerhill](#), [Sumac Ridge](#), [Sea Cider](#), [See Ya Later Ranch](#), [Blue Mountain](#) and [Rocky Creek](#) paired with fresh oysters from [Outlandish Shellfish](#) shucked by Robert Steinbach of Salt Spring Island’s [Moby’s Oyster Bar](#). Live music with Dinah D.

### **The Cocktail Show**

Friday, June 3, 7:00 PM, [Schooner Restaurant](#)  
Tickets: \$25.00 all inclusive  
Some of BC’s best bartenders celebrate the art of the cocktail. Live music with Tyler Harvey.

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### **Sips and Seafood**

Saturday, June 4, 6:00 PM, [The Shore](#)

Tickets: \$50 plus service charge

BC wines paired with oysters, halibut, scallops and salmon provided by [Trilogy Fish Company](#) and prepared by Chef Vincent Fraissange of [Spotted Bear Bistro](#).

### **Sunset Barbeque**

Saturday, June 4, 6:00 PM, [Schooner Restaurant](#)

Tickets: \$15.00 including tax

Featuring Phillips Brewery and Tofino Brewing Co.

### **An Intimate Cooking Event with Chef Caren McSherry**

Sunday, June 5, 11:00 AM, Secret Location on Chesterman Beach

Tickets: \$95.00 or \$120.00 with a copy of McSherry's cookbook "In A Pinch"

Hosted by [Tofino Sea Kayaking/Wildside Booksellers](#)

### **About Tofino Food and Wine Festival** <http://www.tofinofoodandwinefestival.com>

In its 9<sup>th</sup> year, the Tofino Food and Wine Festival promotes and supports culinary tourism, professional culinary and sommelier educational programs, and Slow Food -- a non-profit, eco-gastronomic member-supported organization dedicated to recognizing the importance of pleasure connected to food in conjunction with agricultural biodiversity. The event's fundraisers benefit Botanical Gardens Foundation, the Community Children's Centre, the Community Garden, the Lighthouse Trail and the Multi Use Path (MUP).

Tofino Food and Wine Festival partners include:

Media Partners: [A\ News Vancouver Island](#), [EAT Magazine](#), [Georgia Straight](#)

Vintage Partners: [Long Beach Lodge Resort](#), [Tofino Botanical Gardens](#), [Tourism Tofino](#)

Reserve Partners: [shelter restaurant](#), [The Shore](#), [Tofino Vacation Rentals](#), [Wickaninnish Inn](#)

Select Partners: [Blackrock Resort](#), [Middle Beach Lodge](#), [Pacific Sands Beach Resort](#), [Tofino Bus](#), [Weigh West Marine Resort](#)

### **About Tourism Tofino** [www.tourismtofino.com](http://www.tourismtofino.com)

Tourism Tofino is a destination marketing organization (DMO) promoting Tofino's extensive destination attributes, local events and hospitality industry businesses. Tourism Tofino also partners with other tourism organizations to create awareness of regional tourism initiatives for visitors worldwide.

### **About Tofino**

Tofino is a year-round travel destination on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada. Bounded by the open Pacific Ocean, [Pacific Rim National Park Reserve](#) and the [Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve](#), Tofino is known for its miles of pristine beaches and unparalleled adventures including whale and wildlife watching, saltwater and freshwater fishing, surfing, kayaking, boating, hiking, and winter storm watching.

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