



Food and Travel Reader Awards 2018, The Winners

The Royal Automobile Club on London's Pall Mall was the setting for the seventh annual Food and Travel Reader Awards last night. A glamorous black-tie ceremony was attended by the leading lights of the food, drink and travel industries. Esteemed guests included Tommy Banks, Andrew Fairlie, Simon Rogan, Tom Brown, Adam Handling, Francesco Mazzei, Mark Sargeant, Ben Marks, José Pizarro, James Sommerin, Paul Wedgwood and Gizzi Erskine.

From tens of thousands of votes, readers selected their favourites in food, drink and travel. Notable winners included:

- Hampshire's **Chewton Glen** scooped the award for both Rural Hotel of the Year and Hotel of the Year
- The Restaurant of the Year gong was awarded to Yorkshire's **The Black Swan**, which also picked up the award for Restaurant of the Year, Outside London
- Simon Rogan collected the Timeless Classic Restaurant of the Year for his two-star Cumbria restaurant **L'Enclume**
- After winning last year's Restaurant of the Year gong, Adam Handling scooped Newcomer Restaurant of the Year for **Frog by Adam Handling**
- Rising star **Tom Brown** won the only industry-voted award of the night – Breakthrough Chef of the Year – for the innovative approach he brings to his new Hackney Wick restaurant Cornerstone
- **Italy** won Destination of the Year after stealing the crown from Spain, which has won the award for the past two years
- Two-star Michelin chef **Andrew Fairlie** was crowned **Chef of the Year** in the final award of the evening

Dinner was curated by four award-winning chefs. Alyn Williams (The Westbury) began the evening with sockeye salmon 'Big Mac' canapés, Gary Usher (Sticky Walnut, Hispi and Wreckfish) served a charred mackerel, salt-baked turnip, bacon and horseradish broth, Gary Lee (The Ivy) paired a Glencoe venison loin with buttered autumn greens and barolo jus, while Ben Marks (Perilla) whipped up a seasonal Eton Mess tart.

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Full list of winners:

Tour Operator of the Year: Trailfinders
Short-Haul Airline of the Year: Norwegian
Long-Haul Airline of the Year: Emirates
Cruise Line of the Year, Boutique: Hebridean Island Cruises
Cruise Line of the Year, Ocean: Oceania Cruises and Celebrity Cruises
Cruise Line of the Year, River: Viking River Cruises
Cruise Line of the Year, Overall Winner: Viking River Cruises
Specialist Retailer of the Year: The Cheese Box, Whitstable
Cookery School of the Year: WhitePepper
Book of the Year: *The Road to Mexico* by Rick Stein
Hotel of the Year, City: The Balmoral
Hotel of the Year, Rural: Chewton Glen
Hotel of the Year, B&B: Trevoise Harbour House
Hotel of the Year, Gourmet Bolthole: Paul Kitching 21212
Hotel of the Year, International: Castello di Vicarello
Hotel of the Year, Overall Winner: Chewton Glen
Restaurant of the Year, Newcomer: Frog by Adam Handling, Covent Garden
Restaurant of the Year, Outside London: The Black Swan
Restaurant of the Year, London: Wild Honey
Restaurant of the Year, Timeless Classic: L'Enclume
Restaurant of the Year, Overall Winner: The Black Swan
Breakthrough Chef of the Year: Tom Brown
Bar of the Year: Bramble Bar
City of the Year: Lisbon
Destination of the Year: Italy
Chef of the Year: Andrew Fairlie

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