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*The Definitive(ly) Good Guide To Restaurants*

**CHEF OF THE MONTH**

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# Definitive(Ly) Good Guide returns with 16th annual restaurant survey

Malta Today 30.8.2015

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A weekend break at  
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from  
Dical  
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**3**



€100  
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Diners are encouraged to vote and send in their funny and informative comments and be in with a chance to win one of three fantastic prizes: A weekend break at the fabulous Trabuxu Boutique Living, a lavish gourmet hamper worth €200 from Dical House, Fine

Foods & Wellbeing, Mosta, a €100 voucher to spend in a Myoka Spa.

Ten runners-up will receive a free copy of The Definitive(Ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo 2016.

Restaurants visited in the last 12 months can be rated on the quality of their Food, Service and Ambience on a scale of 1-10. Voting on additional questions in the survey will determine the Restaurant Awards presented at the Annual Gala Dinner in December, including best Maltese restaurant, best restaurant for business entertainment, best value for money restaurant, most romantic restaurant, most child-friendly restaurant and the best restaurant restroom, as well as favourite wine lists together with any additional comments. So log onto [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com) to get voting and make your opinion count – your voice is important to us!



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# Annual online restaurant survey

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*The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants* is carrying out an online survey in September to determine which 150 restaurants are to be included in the next issue of the guide.

Participants have to log on to [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com) to rate restaurants they visited over the previous 12 months. Food, service and ambience can be rated on a scale of one to 10. There are additional questions to determine the winners of the restaurant awards in September.

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The results of the Restaurant Survey can be found in the 2016 edition of The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo and is now available to purchase online for €8 at [www.restaurantsmalta.com](http://www.restaurantsmalta.com), which will also entitle you to the Guide online and a free hard copy in the post. It is also available at leading stationers and bookshops in Malta & Gozo.

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List - La Mere, The Best Fine Wine List - Patrick's Lounge & Restaurant, The Best Designed Wine List - Del Borgo, The Best Assortment & Diversity Wine List - Pintonino, The Wine Experience of the Year - Patrick's Lounge & Restaurant, Wine List

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Additional awards were made to: Best Food (sponsored by Mc Cain represented by Ali Mizzi & Sons) - Ristorante La Vela; Best Service (sponsored by Lurpak represented by Applecore Foods) - Oceana; Best Maltese Food (sponsored by The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co) - Ta'

Marija Restaurant; Best Business Entertainment (sponsored by The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co) - Caviar & Bull; Most Romantic Restaurant (sponsored by The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co) - Caviar & Bull; Most Children-Friendly (sponsored by the Malta Baby & Kids Directory) - ilPlace; Best Restaurant offering Vegetarian options (sponsored by Good Earth Ltd) - The Blue Elephant; Best Value for Money (sponsored by The Definitive(y) Good Guide Co) - ilPlace; Most Lively Atmosphere (sponsored by Route 66 Limousine Services) - Caviar & Bull; Best Newcomer (sponsored by Mibass Charcoal Ovens) - Buddhama; And in memory of Colin Best - co-founder of the Restaurant Guide, - The Collin Best Award for the Most Consistently Outstanding Restaurant in Malta & Gozo for 2014/2015 - Oceana; The Best Chef Award (sponsored by The Catering Centre) - Marvin Gaudi, Most Mentioned Restaurant in Survey (sponsored by [placebooking.com](http://placebooking.com)) - ilPlace.

The Definitive(y) Good Guide to Restaurants in association with Riedel, The Wine Glass Company Wine Awards were as follows: The People's Choice Wine List taken from the results of the returned surveys - Tarragon, The Best Maltese Wine

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The event was sponsored by HSBC and was held at the InterContinental Arena Conference Centre on 8 December.



Andre Ferdinand & Nicholai Grech representing Riedel, the Wine Glass Co, presenting the award for commended wine list to Ramona Farrugia Preca & Jan Farrugia

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L'orage  
Sepia  
Waterbiscuit  
Giuseppe's  
La Buona Trattoria del Nonno  
Zen's  
Venus  
Okurama Japanese Dining  
Country Terrace  
Wija  
The Harbour Club  
The Harbour Club  
Il-Horza  
Trattoria AD1530  
Da Luigi  
Rebekah's  
Luna  
Palazzo Preca  
Patrick's  
Vinatouque  
Beppe's  
Pintonino  
San Andrea  
Portovechio  
Trattoria, San Lawrence  
Zest  
The Villa Brasserie  
Fra Martino

Additional Awards were made to:

- Best Food (sponsored by McCain represented by Alf Mizzi & Sons) - *Ristorante La Vela*
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- Best Maltese Food (sponsored by The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co) - *Ta' Marija Restaurant*
- Best Business Entertainment (sponsored by The Definitive(ly) Good Guide Co) - *Caviar & Bull*
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Award Plates

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• Commended Wine Lists were: Caviar & Bull, de Mordion Restaurant - *Xara Palace and Palazzo Preca*

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK Euro Foreign Exchange Reference Rates 15/12/15	
US dollar (USD)	1.0983
Japanese yen (JPY)	132.54
Bulgarian lev (BGN)	1.9558
Czech koruna (CZK)	27.024
Danish krone (DKK)	7.4610
Pound sterling (GBP)	0.72600
Hungarian forint (HUF)	337.12
Polish zloty (PLN)	4.3658
Romanian leu (RON)	4.5191
Swedish krona (SEK)	9.3630
Swiss franc (CHF)	1.0771
Norwegian krone (NOK)	9.5695
Croatian kuna (HRK)	7.6330
Russian ruble (RUB)	77.9268
Turkish lira (TRY)	9.2417
Australian dollar (AUD)	1.5211
Brazilian real (BRL)	4.2883
Canadian dollar (CAD)	1.5106
Chinese yuan renminbi (CNY)	7.0929
Hong Kong dollar (HKD)	8.5125
Indonesian rupiah (IDR)	15526.48
Israeli shekel (ILS)	4.2379
Indian rupee (INR)	73.7454
South Korean won (KRW)	1304.72
Mexican peso (MXN)	19.1214
Malaysian ringgit (MYR)	4.8000
New Zealand dollar (NZD)	1.6270
Philippine peso (PHP)	52.127
Singapore dollar (SGD)	1.5490
Thai baht (THB)	38.454
South African rand (ZAR)	15.8045



Hon Roderick Galdes, Mr Andrew Forbes (HSBC) & Mr Alfred Cuschieri (Continental Purchasing) presenting the Overall Best Restaurant Award to Noel Debono of Medina with Christine Attard & Matthew Schembri



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## 2015 RESTAURANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

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Additional awards were given to Ristorante La Vela for best food, Oceana for best service, Ta' Marija Restaurant for Best Maltese Food, Caviar & Bull for best business entertainment, most lively atmosphere and most romantic, iPlace for most children friendly and most mentioned restaurant in the survey, The Blue Elephant for best vegetarian options, Buddhamann for best newcomer, Marvin Gauci for best chef, while Oceana was given The Colin Best Award for the most consistently outstanding Restaurant (in memory of the co-founder of the Restaurant Guide).

Wine awards were given to Tarragon for the people's choice and wine list of the year, La Mere for the best Maltese wine list, Patrick's Lounge & Restaurant for best fine wine and the wine experi-



ence of the year, Del Borgo for best designed wine list, Pintonino for best assortment and diversity and Caviar & Bull, de Mondion and Palazzo Preca for commended wine lists.

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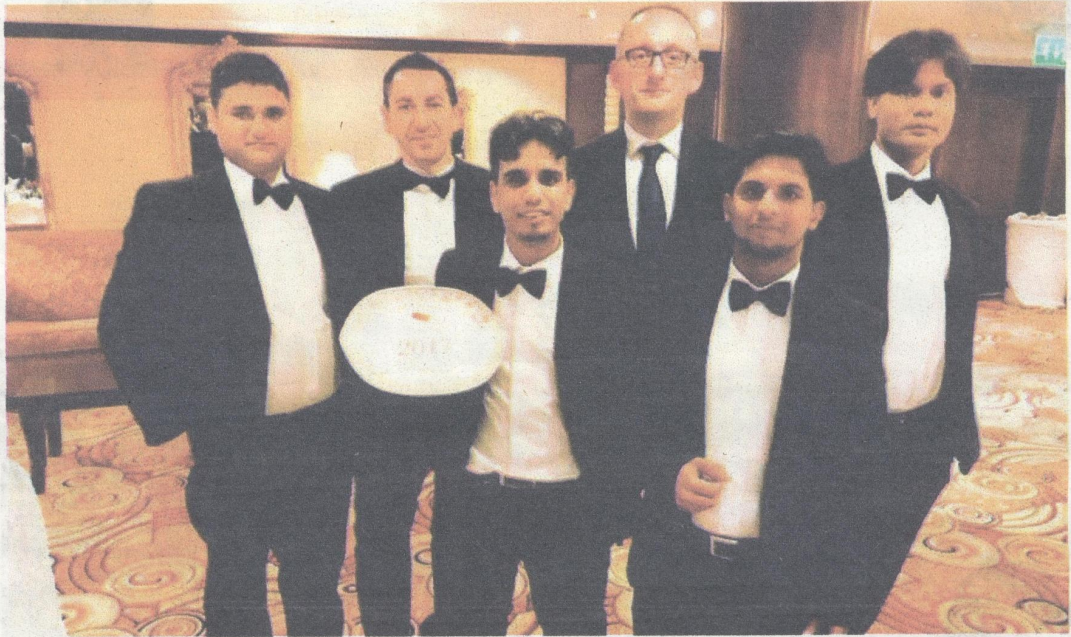
## Gozo Channel on Wednesday

Gozo Channel would like to inform its clientele that on Wednesday 14th December the morning

trips shall be every 30 minutes i.e. at 6am, 6:30am, 7am and 7:30am from Mgarr and at 6:30am, 7am

and 7:30am from Cirkewwa.

Other trips will be performed according to the published schedule.



## Awarded

The Suruchi Indian Restaurant was awarded the 17th best highly rated restaurant in Malta & Gozo in the Defini-

tive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants Award annual ceremony.

Another prestigious achieve-

ment was a second within all restaurants on the 2017 guide. Suruchi Is only Indian Restaurant awarded for 2017



# Ristorante La Vela wins BEST OVERALL Restaurant in Malta

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Katy Mercieca, Amanda Cassar Torregiani and Penny Dix



Robert Galea, Nicole Saliba,  
Carol Saliba and Nicky Saliba



DGG Team: Denise Briffa, Lisa Grech, her father Philip  
and Crysta Darmanin



## Lifestyle & Culture

# Ristorante La Vela wins Best Overall Restaurant in Malta

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Recently launched in the heart of St Julian's, Suruchi restaurant offers Indian cuisine at reasonable prices.

Authentic flavours and dining experience have won Suruchi several awards, including Best Restaurant Award 2015/2017 and Trip Advisor's Certification of Excellence 2016 and Quality assured by the Malta Tourism Authority.

Owner and manager Alan Kawsar, from Bangladesh, provides the freshest ingredients from his native land to give diners a truly traditional taste of Indian food. Patrons can adjust the strength of spices of all Indian dishes at their preferred level for an exquisite flavour.

Suruchi restaurant offers vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes to suit diners' needs.

At Suruchi diners can experience a colourful and exotic feast of Halal and Indian cuisine at a semi-private dining in curtained areas, a romantic dinner or a quick lunch. The restaurant accommodates 40 people.

Diners can also enjoy Suruchi's award-winning curry and get a two-hour free parking at Portomaso. One can also pick up his food on his way home and benefit from a 10 per cent discount or order food and be delivered all over Malta.

For more information visit Suruchi's online delivery and takeaway section.



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## News

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Most Mentioned Restaurant in Survey – iPlace.

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**From L to R - Tonio Mallia(HSBC), Paul Caruana(HSBC), Denise Briffa(DGG), Noel Caruana(HSBC)**



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