



BRAGGING RIGHTS UP FOR GRABS AS ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA'S FIRST EVER 'BEST PEPPERPOT AND FUNGEE COMPETITION' ANNOUNCED



Photo Caption: Foodies on an Eat Like a Local food tour sample Antigua and Barbuda's National Dish, Pepperpot and Fungee (Photos Courtesy, The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority)

ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA (April 30, 2024) – Prepare for the throwdown, as local cuisine takes centre stage with the introduction of the highly anticipated Antigua and Barbuda 'Best Pepperpot and Fungee' Competition, for [Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week](#). Foodies and fans of the country's National Dish, Pepperpot and Fungee, will discover this May, the very best dining spots from which they can savour this must-have local delicacy.

In collaboration with the Department of Culture, the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, The Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority proudly presents this inaugural competition in support of the ['Eat Like A Local' programme](#).

"Our 'Eat Like A Local' initiative celebrates our fascinating cuisine and authentic local dishes prepared by passionate chefs and cooks, using traditional methods and with a unique mix of herbs and spices", said the driving force behind Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week, Shermain Jeremy. Pepperpot and Fungee is our national dish. It is a key part of Antigua and Barbuda's cultural heritage, and we are thrilled to showcase it, and uncover the very best of the best, to feature within our Eat Like A Local experience".

Residents of Antigua and Barbuda are invited to join the quest to uncover the top dining establishment—whether busy restaurant or laid-back food stall—recognized for their mastery of this iconic dish for Antigua and Barbuda. "The winning establishment and the locations favoured by our community will be part of our tourism marketing efforts, promoting the richness of our local fare," added Jeremy.

Whether you have a favourite cookshop, food stall or restaurant in mind or are eager to nominate your own establishment, now is the time to step up to the plate, by nominating your favourite spot. Complete the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority sign-up form here: [ENTER BEST PEPPERPOT AND FUNGEE COMPETITION](https://form.jotform.com/AntiguaBarbudaTourism/best-pepperpot-and-fungee-contest) (<https://form.jotform.com/AntiguaBarbudaTourism/best-pepperpot-and-fungee-contest>) or give us a call on 1-268-562-7600 **by 2:00 p.m. on May 7, 2024**, letting us know the name of your nominated restaurant, their contact details and address. To participate in the competition, Pepperpot and Fungee **MUST** appear on the establishment's weekly menu.

The nominated establishments, once they accept the challenge will navigate through the preliminary judging stage of the competition, impressing a discerning panel of international and nationally recognised chefs and cultural food experts with their Pepperpot and Fungee in a blind-tasting showdown. The judges will be looking for an Antigua and Barbuda flavour profile, taste, texture, technique and creativity in presentation.

The top four establishments will then face the ultimate test as they welcome the judging panel to their establishment for a second round of tastings. The pressure will be on as the contenders prepare to showcase their culinary finesse once more, vying for the prestigious title of Antigua and Barbuda's Best Pepperpot and Fungee.

To explore a range of local food spots across Antigua and Barbuda, browse our ['Eat Like A Local' digital map](#).

For more information on Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week go to: www.antiguabarbudarestaurantweek.com/

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ABOUT ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Antigua (pronounced An-tee'ga) and Barbuda (Bar-byew'da) is in the heart of the Caribbean Sea. The twin-island paradise offers visitors two uniquely distinct experiences, ideal

temperatures year-round, a rich history, vibrant culture, exhilarating excursions, award-winning resorts, mouth-watering cuisine and 365 stunning pink and white-sand beaches - one for every day of the year. The largest of the English-speaking Leeward Islands, Antigua comprises 108-square miles with rich history and spectacular topography that provides a variety of popular sightseeing opportunities. Nelson's Dockyard, the only remaining example of a Georgian fort a listed UNESCO World Heritage site, is perhaps the most renowned landmark. Antigua's tourism events calendar includes the Antigua and Barbuda Wellness Month, Run in Paradise, prestigious Antigua Sailing Week, Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week, Antigua and Barbuda Art Week and the annual Antigua Carnival; known as the Caribbean's Greatest Summer Festival. Barbuda, Antigua's smaller sister island, is the ultimate celebrity hideaway. The island lies 27 miles north-east of Antigua and is just a 15-minute plane ride away. Barbuda is known for its untouched 11-mile stretch of pink sand beach and as the home of the largest Frigate Bird Sanctuary in the Western Hemisphere.

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