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**Celebrity Chef Michael Bonacini Returns to Emerald Cruises  
for March 2024 Culinary Yacht Sailing in the Caribbean**

***Free round trip air and Platinum Drinks Package Included***

Vancouver, BC (July, 2022) – [Emerald Cruises](http://www.emeraldcruiises.ca) is pleased to announce they will once again partner with celebrated Canadian chef Michael Bonacini, this time for an eight-day Caribbean Culinary Journey aboard the newly launched, 100-passenger luxury yacht, *Emerald Sakara*. Sailing round trip out of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 30, 2024, this itinerary will call on small ports like Culebra, known for its active reef, and Vieques with its famed Bioluminescent Bay, in Puerto Rico; Gustavia in St. Barths with its French “joie de vivre” and historic wooden homes that dot the island; and tiny Jost Van Dyke in the BVI, with its ideal white sandy beaches.

During the sailing, guests will be treated to exclusive culinary experiences with Chef Bonacini, including a private onboard cocktail reception hosted by the celebrity chef; Caribbean inspired dishes created by Chef Bonacini and served during a special dinner in La Cucina dining room; a cooking demonstration and Q&A where guests can get up close and personal with the chef; and the opportunity to see the sights alongside the Chef Bonacini on select island excursions. A few lucky guests will have the opportunity to dine exclusively with Chef Bonacini.

“I cannot wait to embark on this enchanting adventure in paradise, and I look forward to savouring exquisite Caribbean cuisine in the company of fellow globetrotters,” said Chef Bonacini.

In addition to the slate of culinary programming on offer, guests who book this sailing will enjoy being one of less than 100 guests onboard the luxury yacht with Chef Bonacini.

Guests who pay in full within 30 days of booking their cabin on this special sailing will receive free, round-trip air to the Caribbean and a Platinum Drinks Package, which includes unlimited access to cocktails, mocktails, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Emerald Cruises urges guests who are interested to move quickly—with just 36 cabins left on the intimate *Emerald Sakara*, this special itinerary will sell out.

*Emerald Sakara* is a 100-guest luxury yachts featuring just 50 modern, luxe suites and staterooms range from 185 to 1,185 square feet—all but six of which feature large balconies. The open-air infinity pool is surrounded by lounge chairs and day beds ideal for relaxing and enjoying a cocktail from the

nearby Aqua Café. A wellness deck complete with spa, infrared sauna and gym allows guests to keep focused on their health goals, while the top deck Sky Bar offers the ideal spot to watch the sun set over the Caribbean Sea. Located at the yacht's stern, a marina platform boasts water toys galore—kayaks, standup paddleboards, snorkel equipment, SEABOBs and a giant trampoline are available to guests when the platform is deployed. The extra-spacious La Cucina dining room specializes in fresh, seasonal cuisine with seating indoors as well as on the adjacent terrace, while the warm and welcoming Amici Lounge is a friendly place to gather and enjoy live music in the evenings. Finally, with 76 crew members onboard, guests can count on receiving attentive, personalized service.

Celebrity chef Michael Bonacini is the co-founder of Oliver & Bonacini Hospitality, one of Canada's leading restaurant and event groups. With locations in Toronto, Montreal, Saskatoon, Calgary and beyond, O&B's diverse portfolio currently includes a collection of unique and innovative restaurants, event spaces, a bakery, and several strategic partnerships. Born and raised in Tenby, South Wales, his North Italian father and Welsh mother both had a huge impact on their children's culinary upbringing – his sister is also a chef. Bonacini spent his youth helping with the family-run hotel business, where he learned the ins and outs of the hospitality industry. Bonacini was among the first chefs to showcase regional Canadian cuisine with his groundbreaking restaurant Canoe, and in 1996, he was awarded the Ontario Hospitality Institute's first ever Gold Award in recognition of his significant contribution to culinary excellence in Ontario. He was the host of COOK LIKE A CHEF and has been a recurring guest chef on daytime talk shows including CTV's *The Marilyn Denis Show*. In 2010, Michael released his first cookbook, *3 Chefs: The Kitchen Men*, a collaborative effort with fellow television chefs Massimo Capra and Jason Parsons. Since 2014, Michael has served as a judge on CTV'S *MasterChef Canada*.

Emerald Cruises offers a diverse lineup of river and yacht cruises on three continents. *Emerald Azzurra*, the line's first ocean-going vessel which debuted in March 2022, is a 100-guest, luxury yacht sailing the warm waters of the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas, and new for the 2023/2024 season, the Caribbean and Central America. In November 2022, *Emerald Azzurra* was named Best New Luxury Ship in Cruise Critic's 2022 Editors' Picks Awards. *Emerald Sakara*, the brand's second luxury yacht, launched in August 2023. On the rivers, Emerald Cruises sails eight branded Star-Ships in Europe and one on the Mekong. The brand offers innovatively-designed ships, outstanding service and a focus on active shore excursions and onboard wellness offerings through their signature EmeraldACTIVE program. Emerald Cruises is part of Scenic Group, which includes Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, Mayflower Cruises & Tours and Evergreen Tours in Australia.

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Additional information can be found by contacting your local travel agent; on Emerald Cruises' website [www.emeraldcruiises.ca](http://www.emeraldcruiises.ca); or by calling the Canadian consumer/travel agent reservations line (855 444 0161). Brochures are available for order or download on the website.

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