





Catalan Food Academy: Culinary Masterclasses 2024 conclude with a partnership between Catalan Food US and the Metropolitan State University of Denver

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The Metropolitan State University of Denver, in partnership with the Catalan Food US, hosted the last Masterclass of the 2024 Catalan Food Academy: <u>Taste of Catalonia – Culinary Masterclass</u> on Wednesday, November 20. This masterclass marked the conclusion of a successful series in 2024 designed to introduce culinary students across the U.S. to the rich flavors and techniques of Catalonia.

About the Collaboration

The collaboration between Catalan Food US and the Metropolitan State University of Denver represents a significant effort to integrate Catalan culinary traditions into academic programs. This initiative is part of Catalonia's broader mission to share its gastronomic heritage globally while inspiring future chefs with its unique culinary identity.

Event Highlights

The event began with a hands-on *Pa Amb Tomàquet* workshop, where Chef Alba Sunyer guided students through every detail, from choosing fresh ingredients to perfecting the balance of flavors in this classic dish. The masterclass followed, featuring traditional Catalan recipes that provided participants with both practical skills and a deeper appreciation for Catalan gastronomy.

As the final event of the *Catalan Food Academy: Culinary Masterclasses* series of 2024, this day celebrated a year of successful culinary exploration and education, leaving participants inspired to incorporate Catalan traditions into their own culinary journeys.

About Chef Alba Sunyer

Born in Súria, Barcelona, Chef Alba Sunyer is dedicated to sharing the richness of Catalan culinary heritage. Founder of *The Mediterranean Corner* in South Carolina and author of *The Catalan Table*, Chef Alba's work embodies her passion for preserving and promoting Catalonia's gastronomic culture.

More About Catalan Food US

#CatalanFoodUS, an initiative by Prodeca, aims to introduce and integrate Catalan gastronomy and products into the U.S. market. As part of Catalonia's designation as the World Region of Gastronomy for 2025, this program includes a comprehensive catalog of products and activities designed to build a professional network and community for culinary enthusiasts in the United States.

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