

Clarington residents are being invited to check out local eateries during an innovative promotion being put on by Durham Region.

Durham Tourism is introducing Savour the Season, a new culinary festival that bridges the gap between Durham Region farmers and chefs, taking place from Sept. 9 to 18.

Residents are invited to ttend any of the restaurants featured as a part of Savour the Season to enjoy prix fixe (fixed-price) lunch and dinner menus. These menus offer mouth-watering dishes, many of which are prepared using fresh-from-the-farm ingredients. This gives diners the chance to taste Durham Region's fall harvest, while at the same time supporting local restaurants and farms.

In its premier year, Savour the Season features 29 casual- and fine-dining restaurants, located across Durham Region. Chefs are preparing these multi-course lunch and dinner menus, starting at \$20. Many dishes are inspired by and created using fresh, local food-including meat, cheese, fruits, vegetables, and even maple syrup-from 35 different Durham Region farmers and producers.

"Savour the Season will show off Durham Region's diverse agriculture and hospitality industries, and is sure to be a great economic driver," says Kerri King, Tourism Manager for Durham Region. "This is a great way for residents of Durham Region to support local business while enjoying a savoury seasonal meal."

Visitors to the Savour the Season website at www.durhamsavourtheseason.ca, can sort restaurants by area municipality, view full menus, and learn about the farm-fresh products being used. An interactive map makes it easy to locate Savour the Season restaurants in each area.

Reservations for Savour the Season are recommended, and should be made directly with the participating restaurant. For more information, visit www.durhamsavourtheseason.ca or call Durham Tourism at 1-800-413-0017.

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