



Patrizia Di Benedetto

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Bye Bye Blues, Palermo



Antonio Totaro
Hosting Chef

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Patrizia Di Benedetto was born in 1960 in Palermo Sicily. Her mother is very keen on sicilian old food, and conveyed in her the love and knowledge of cookery. At first she become an accountant and worked in a computer shop. But when in 1988 she meets Antonio (her husband) who was a sommelier in a restaurant she left the office and together they decided to open a little restaurant. They travelled around Europe and work in different places to gain experience. In 1991 they open "bye bye blues". The restaurant was an immediate success. Her dishes are very fresh and full of mediterranean aromas. Specially appreciated are the desserts, in that Patricia is very skilful and in 1997, win a prize as the best pastry-chef from a culinary guide.

For all his life, Executive Chef Antonio Totaro has had an undeniable passion for the culinary arts. He worked at the famous Michelin-starred restaurant Don Alfonso 1890 in Italy and opened their first abroad challenge restaurant; the second of the well-known name, with Don Alfonso himself in Macau. Chef Antonio's strong personality and temper took him all the way to Hollywood stars. He cooked, for years, for international celebrities. Chef Totaro extended his experience to being a private Chef to billionaires in the Maldives, Monte-Carlo, Moscow and Geneva but also cooked as Executive Chef of the Private Yacht the "Cristina O." where politicians and actors acclaimed his creativity and "savoir-faire". "Cooking is my life, not only a job" emphasizes Chef Antonio. All the ingredients he uses are strictly picked. "Presentation cannot be trifling because when it surprises guests, it can elevate the flavors of a dish to a new level". The choice of products, the visual aspect, colors, flavors and the cooking style are the 5 essential elements for his cooking style.