

# Salón de Gourmets

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When:

Mar - Apr 2010 (annual)

Where:

Parque Ferial Juan Carlos 1 (IFEMA)



Alberto Corbacho Aguilar, winner of the 2007 National Ham Carving Contest at Madrid's International Gourmet Fair. © Grupo Gourmets

Madrid's IFEMA exhibition centre hosts Salón de Gourmets, a forum of food and drink exhibitors and home to Spain's restaurant awards. Wander the stalls, sampling olives and chorizo, and watch deft hands compete in the National Ham Carving Contest.

One of the things that makes Spanish cuisine special is the sheer unbending dedication and discipline that goes into every morsel on your plate. There is no better place to bear witness to this than at the Salón.

The National Ham Carving Contest marks the opening day of the fair. The best carvers from the Iberian Peninsula are scrutinised on everything from cutting style, speed and agility, thickness of cut and appearance as a tapa to resourcefulness. The winner walks away with a decent cash prize, a trophy diploma, and hopefully his fingers intact.

Take a wander around the fair, which features over 35,000 different delicatessen products, and you will find every type of Spanish olive under the sun, from water-cured to dry-cured and lye-cured, *manzanilla*, and all styles of chorizo (sausage). The combination of the expertise of Spain's top chefs with a fine selection of fresh ingredients and local delicacies should make this an event to remember for anyone who enjoys their food.

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