



## **Chef Michael Smith, Canada's Best-Known Chef, Returns to Muskoka to "Cook The Book" at Deerhurst Resort**

*Interactive weekend at the Ontario resort will showcase simple and speedy recipes*

**HUNTSVILLE, ON, September 17, 2012** – Ontario's [Deerhurst Resort](#) will have mouths watering again this fall with the return of [Michael Smith, Canada's best-known chef](#), for the second annual [Chef Michael Smith Culinary Weekend](#), October 26-28.

The two-night inclusive gourmet getaway will be a showcase of Chef Michael's newest cookbook *Fast Flavours: 110 Simple Speedy Recipes* and gives guests a chance to meet and interact with the celebrated chef, author and television personality.

"Last year's weekend of food and fun at Deerhurst Resort was so great, I look forward to doing it again!" said Chef Michael.

[Deerhurst's weekend getaway](#) includes the signature Saturday night "cook the book" dinner party event where guests will sample a four-course menu featuring several of the recipes from Chef Michael's new cookbook. Served family style, each table's dishes will be different from the next, so guests are encouraged to share and compare.

"We look forward to welcoming Chef Michael Smith to Deerhurst for another weekend of good food and fun," says Rory Golden, Deerhurst Executive Chef. "Chef Michael is a talented chef and advocate for using local and regional ingredients, a culinary philosophy in-line with that of Deerhurst and Savour Muskoka. This is definitely a weekend not to be missed!"

In addition to his success as an award-winning cookbook author and culinary activist, Chef Michael is best known to millions as the host of numerous Food Network Canada hit shows including his new series *Chef Michael's Kitchen*, *Chef at Home*, *Chef Abroad*, *Chef at Large* and *The Inn Chef*. He has also competed with top stars on *Iron Chef America*.

*Fast Flavours* is a collection of 110 simple and speedy mouth-watering recipes designed to save time in the kitchen.

From \$404 per night\*, Deerhurst's "Chef Michael Smith Culinary Weekend" package includes accommodation; a signed copy of *Fast Flavours – 110 Simple Speedy Recipes* (one per couple); daily breakfast; Friday night marché dinner and meet and greet, featuring a PEI oyster station and Savour Muskoka recipes; and Saturday night "Cook the Book" interactive dinner party hosted by Chef Michael Smith.

For more information or to book the culinary getaway visit [www.deerhurstresort.com](http://www.deerhurstresort.com) or call 1-855- 843-0230.

\*Package rate is per room, per night, based on two nights' stay and double occupancy (two adults per room). Tax and resort amenity fee additional. Some conditions apply.

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**About Chef Michael Smith:**

*Chef Michael Smith, Canada's best-known chef, is a passionate advocate for simple, sustainable home cooking and an inspiration for families creating their own healthy food lifestyle. He's the host of Chef Michael's Kitchen, Chef Abroad, Chef at Home and Chef at Large seen on Food Network Canada and in more than 100 other countries. Michael is Prince Edward Island's honorary food ambassador, an award winning cookbook author, newspaper columnist, professional chef and home cook. At the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, he led the team of chefs that cooked for the world's Olympians in the Whistler Athlete's Village. His cookbooks are smash hits across Canada, and his latest from Penguin, Fast Flavours, hits the stands in September. His web video production company is breaking new ground online and his Twitter feed is Canada's top choice for food fun. Although Michael is a true chef at large, his favourite role is dad, home on Prince Edward Island with his partner, Chastity, Gabe, Ariella and their newest arrival Camille. Michael is an avid map collector, long-time windsurfer and novice kite sailor.*

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**About Deerhurst Resort:**

*Although Deerhurst Resort emerged on the world stage when it welcomed leaders like Obama, Sarkozy, and Merkel as host venue for the 2010 Group of Eight Summit, the lakeside retreat has been evolving into an Ontario landmark throughout its storied 116 year history. The 400-room Muskoka hotel also encompasses 45,000 sq. ft. of meeting venues, two 18-hole golf courses, a spa, an extensive waterfront, a live stage show, a private airstrip, Adventures in Excellence teambuilding and the most on-site activities of any resort in Eastern Canada. A founding member of the Savour Muskoka culinary trail, Deerhurst is the only resort in North America to produce both its own maple syrup and wildflower honey, as well as shiitake mushrooms, herbs and other foraged produce on property, one hallmark of its commitment to local sustainability.*

**About Skyline Hotels & Resorts:**

*Skyline Hotels & Resorts is a distinctive collection of retreats focused on providing true lifestyle enhancing experiences to leisure and business guests, as well as local residents. Offerings include top-level golf and ski, its own Shizen Spa brand and a complete range of year-round activities including adventure parks and corporate teambuilding. Skyline destinations include the Cosmopolitan Hotel and Pantages Hotel in downtown Toronto, Barrie's Horseshoe Resort and Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka. In July 2012, Skyline Hotels & Resorts added Toronto's historic King Edward Hotel to its collection. Skyline Hotels & Resorts is owned and operated by Skyline International Developments Inc., a real estate and development company that also includes unique communities like Port McNicoll. Visit [www.skylinehotelsandresorts.com](http://www.skylinehotelsandresorts.com).*

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