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Sen Lin



Chef Isaac Esparza

At age 26 Isaac Esparza is one of those chefs who have gone far due to their dedication and creativity. Through his veins runs passion, through his mind, ideas, and through his hands ingredients are transformed into delicate dishes that reveal his calling; which he exercises as Executive Chef of Sen Lin restaurant at Grand Velas Riviera Maya.

The dreams of this Mexican man led him to Cancun, where he began his adventure by studying the culinary arts at L'école des Chefs while working as a cook at restaurant Isne. He participated in the Gastrotourism Convention 'Les Toques Blanches' where he won first prize for Mexican cuisine; this challenge represented a new way of confronting gastronomy.

He continued his career at restaurant Dolcette where he established a menu of his own creation which was positively received by the people who frequented restaurant. The next challenge was faced in the Laguna Grill restaurant, where he served as Sous Chef; the restaurant was considered one of the best in Cancun, with a contemporary fusion menu of fresh seafood and fine cuts of meat. Later, he met with the flavors of the east when working at restaurant Iki with an Asian-influenced menu based on fusion and deconstruction techniques, incorporating Latin American ingredients. Here his work was in the view of a broader and more demanding public; he was then contracted as a chef on a private yacht for three months, taking numerous trips to the Caribbean.

The road was not simple but everything he learned contributed to Isaac finding himself, within a short time, at one of the most luxurious resorts in the Mexican Caribbean. Upon his arrival at Grand Velas, he began as Head Chef at international restaurant Azul and continued on to French restaurant Bistro. He is currently situated among the aromas of ginger, sake and curry as Executive Chef of gourmet restaurant Sen Lin where he originally began as Sous Chef.

His history can be seen as the promising future of cuisine in Mexico, built on enthusiasm, discipline and development of creativity.

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