

What's on at the 2019 Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Fest

The second edition of the Standard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle Festival will be held at the House on Fire Sculpture Garden in Swaziland from 2 to 3 August 2019. Luju is an African-vintage styled event celebrating the local, the wholesome, the creative and the delicious.

The 2019 Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival promises to be a sensory experience unlike any other under the theme: A return to the African future. To that end, all elements of the Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival – including food vendors and curators – must be ethical and sustainable in their approach to farming and food. The festival will continue to encourage conversations about our consumption habits and our role in conserving nature and the sustainability of our planet through various thematic activations.



Culinary programme

The House on Fire Amphitheatre will host a specially-designed culinary programme that will be an interactive showcase headlined by one of Africa's hottest and most loved culinary exports and experts Siba Mtongana from the internationally acclaimed TV show *Cooking with Siba*.

The culinary experiences will include intimate cooking demonstrations and masterclasses with celebrity chefs; participants will get to experience and sample the world-famous cuisine of our celebrity chefs and hopefully learn a thing or two from the experts themselves in the process.



To accompany the various food activations, Luju will be offering an array of drinks spaces and activations. The Drinks Promenade will allow guests to journey through the Luju gardens while experiencing exclusive wines, whiskeys, craft beers and gins from a selection of our new beverage partners.

For the more sophisticated palate, the Wine Saloon presents an array of wines and demonstrations from seasoned masters, relaying the art and history of winemaking. The Craft Gin and Beer Garden will offer an expansive selection of quality craft beers including special brews from the finest breweries in Africa, while The Top Deck Lounge will provide festival goers an all-inclusive quality whisky tasting experience complete, waiter service and a farm-style *a la carte* menu. The Standard Bank Premium Lounge will, this year, include an additional selection of speciality cuisine traders.

Music from the continent

In addition to the full array of food and lifestyle activities taking place across the Luju landscape, the Standard Bank Luju main stage will feature an inspired array of jazz, Afro-pop, blues, acapella and other high profile acts from the region and beyond. The Standard Bank Luju Festival is excited to confirm the legendary Bongo Maffin from South Africa as a headline act who will take to the stage on Saturday night.



Bongo Muffin

Additional confirmed acts include The Muses, the four glamorous and gorgeous classically trained musicians who transform popular and contemporary music through violin and cello.

Eswatini's Amanda Mo, MTN Swama Best Afro Pop Artist 2018, will perform her chart-topping hits, while Mozambique's Ghorwane, who continue to be one of the largest musical groups in the country with an international career that spans over 35 years, will bring their unique flavour to the Luju stage. South Africa's GrassRootz project is the musical embodiment of the Luju theme as it sets out to revive the history and re-connect us with our South African Musical Heritage.

Design Café

The 2019 Luju theme is also brought to life in the Design Café – a space that takes us on a journey of celebration though sculptural art and design work. All elements in the are designed and infused with simple materials that preserve our culture and embrace our environment. Offering focus on creating comforts within our homes and preserving our heritage. Simple pleasures like taking time to swing and discovering small histories is what we yearn at the Design Café.

Tickets for the Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival are on sale now. For more information visit <u>www.house-on-fire.com/luju</u>. Tickets may be purchased <u>here</u>.

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