

## Miguel Maestre

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### *Celebrity Chef, TV Presenter & Host*

Miguel Maestre is an internationally awarded chef, co-host on Ten Network's Logie winning show *The Living Room*, author and corporate host.

The Australian-based Spaniard has worked for many years in kitchens around the world and at the age of just 27, was head chef of Number One - Tony Bilson's Bistro, working alongside Australia's leading French Chef Manu Feildel.

Born in Murcia in the south of Spain, Miguel Maestre's passion for food and life is infectious. He has a unique talent for incorporating Spanish ingredients and cooking styles into his Australian menus.

After meeting Ferran Adria at the number one restaurant in the world El Bulli, Miguel Maestre opened the biggest Spanish restaurant in Australia El Toro Loco in an outstanding waterfront location at Manly Beach. At the age of 29 he was the chef at the most prestigious event in Australia 'Emirates Melbourne Cup' building a strong reputation on the cooking scene.

Miguel Maestre was awarded The Order of Civil Merits by His Majesty The King of Spain, the highest award a citizen can receive, for his extraordinary service to the nation for the benefit of Spain in the Australian media.

Miguel's co-hosting role on Ten's Logie winning show *The Living Room*, catapulted him into the world of TV working alongside Amanda Keller, Dr Chris Brown and Barry DuBois. Other TV credits include *xi* (airing in more than 100 countries worldwide, along with fellow international chefs Gary Mehigan, Adrian Richardson and Manu Feildel), Miguel's *Tropical Kitchens* where he charms his way through the tropics of North Queensland, cooking with exotic ingredients in breathtaking locations, *Miguels Feasts* screened on Network 10 and internationally, and *Weekend Feasts* aired on Network Ten.

Miguel Maestre is the author of two best selling Spanish books *Miguel's Tapas* and *Spanish Cooking*.



An innovative thinker, Miguel became the first Australian chef to launch an application for the iPad. Miguel's Spanish Kitchen, featuring some of his most iconic recipes, was closely followed by an iPhone version in April 2011.

Miguel Maestre is a proud Brand Ambassador for Freixenet Australia the world's biggest selling sparkling wine, Moro Olive Oil a staple in every Australian home and Stockland Shopping Centres one of the largest retail property owners, developers and managers in Australia. Additionally, he works very closely with Cancer Council Australia and CARE Australia.

Miguel Maestre is the owner of Maestre Family Food.

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