

Maeve O'Meara

Award-winning SBS TV food presenter and author

Much-loved SBS food presenter Maeve O'Meara's whole life revolves around food. She is an award-winning food and cooking author, journalist, broadcaster and television producer who has spent over 20 years travelling the world discovering food. In 2015 she celebrated an impressive 25 years with SBS.



Maeve is the presenter of *Food Safari*, SBS's longest running locally produced food show, which first aired in 2006. The show features the many cuisines brought to Australia by its immigrants. Its fifth series, provisionally titled *Food Safari Fire*, will be on screen in 2015 after a two-year break. Maeve also presented *Italian Food Safari* with chef Guy Grossi and *French Food Safari* with chef Guillaume Brahimi.

She is the co-author of 12 books on food, including the best-selling *Food Safari - Glorious Adventures Across a World of Cuisines* and *SBS Eating Guides To Sydney* and she co-created, presented and produced all five series of the acclaimed program *The Food Lovers' Guide to Australia*, winner of the coveted Gold Ladle in the World Food Media Awards for Best Food Television Program.

Previously Maeve was the Food Presenter on *Better Homes and Gardens* for five years and won major international awards for her television work.

Maeve O'Meara has worked as the Food Editor on major Australian magazines including *Family Circle* and *New Woman*. She also spent many years writing for the *Sydney Morning Herald's* Good Living section and other food publications. She can be heard regularly on radio talking about her favourite subject.

In 1999 she created a successful food adventure company *Gourmet Food Safaris* which runs a range of culinary tours in Sydney, Australia and the most exotic parts of the world. In 2007, it was voted Best Tour Operator by the prestigious *Australian Newspaper's Travel and Indulgence* awards.

Maeve is also an ambassador for the Sydney charity *OzHarvest* which collects unused food from restaurants, cafes and caterers and distributes it free of charge to organisations that feed needy men, women and children.

Maeve O'Mara's absolute passion for different cultures, their food and the people who create it, combined with her expertise as food editor in major magazines, television food presenter and

cookbook author make her an engaging and knowledgeable host for any food-related event.

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