

Excite the Senses



CORPORATE EXECUTIVE CHEF

Rufino Rengifo

Celebrity Cruises Corporate Executive Chef Rufino Rengifo received his American Culinary Federation, Executive Chef Certification in 2002. An award-winning chef, Rengifo's decorated culinary career includes a wide variety of well-known restaurants and hospitality establishments in New York, Miami, Boca Raton, Caracas and Milan.

In 2004, Chef Rengifo partnered with Merchants Restaurants of New York and created the critically acclaimed STEELE, where his menu focused on creative, boundary-pushing combinations of taste, temperature and texture. A previous representative of Latin Fusion Gastronomy at the World Food Festival in Europe, Chef Rengifo notably opened Oriente in the Cardozo Hotel on South Beach, owned by international stars Gloria and Emilio Estefan.

As Celebrity's Corporate Executive Chef, Rengifo oversees the hiring, training and development of the culinary team fleetwide, as well as the supervision of onboard culinary operations. His creativity and unique approach to the culinary arts has earned him worldwide acclaim, including "Best Fusion Chef" from Ocean Drive magazine. Chef Rengifo's philosophy throughout his culinary career has been the belief that a successful dining experience is an emotional experience; "Dining should be a journey of pleasure that one has never witnessed before."