Inside the Spice Islands Cocktail Competition 2026

Some experiences stay with us long after the last drink has been poured. The Spice Islands Cocktail Competition 2026 was one of them.

What began as a competition brought together passionate bartenders for a journey filled with creativity, discovery, and a shared love for the craft. But this was never just about creating the perfect cocktail. It was about pushing boundaries, learning from one another, and discovering just how much more there is to explore behind the bar.



From creative challenges and mystery hunts to pressure tests that put quick thinking and adaptability to the test, our finalists experienced more than they might have expected.

Each challenge brought something different, encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones, experiment with new ideas, and trust their instincts. Along the way, they had the opportunity to learn from experienced mentors, exchange perspectives, and develop new skills that go beyond the competition itself.











Every moment became another opportunity to grow, both as bartenders and as individuals. Of course, what made this experience truly memorable wasn't just the challenges or the skills gained along the way.

It was the laughter between rounds, the nerves before each challenge, the encouragement shared, and the conversations that carried on long after the rough and tiring day was done.

What started as a gathering of talented individuals gradually became something much closer to a family. Different backgrounds, different stories, but one thing in common: a genuine passion for cocktails and the craft behind them.

These were the moments that made the competition more than just an event.

New perspectives, lasting friendships, shared memories, and the inspiration to keep creating, experimenting, and pushing the boundaries of their craft. Because at the end of the day, great cocktails may bring people together, but it's the people themselves who make the experience unforgettable.

We came together with a shared passion for cocktails, and left with something far more meaningful — inspiration, memories, and a little family of our own.

For those who missed the live event, the full livestream replay is now available on our YouTube channel. Revisit the highlights and experience the Spice Islands Cocktail Competition 2026.

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