

**CULINARY
DIPLOMACY**
with
ICDLA

The Idea

We are excited to launch a new initiative: Culinary Diplomacy.



This project invites our international visitors, members, and friends to share and celebrate their heritage through their favorite national dishes.



About the project

By showcasing the traditional culinary delights, we aim not only to enrich our community's dining experiences but also to broaden their culinary horizons.

It's a unique opportunity to explore and learn about international cuisines that may be unfamiliar, highlighting the diversity of the global culinary landscape.



Bring *people together*

We are excited to introduce dishes that some may have never heard of or tasted, fostering a deeper appreciation of the rich culinary traditions from around the world. We believe that through sharing food, we can build understanding and bring our community closer together, especially in Los Angeles, a city renowned for its diverse culinary scene.

Learn More

Think of culinary diplomacy as using food to do what words sometimes cannot. It's about reaching out to other cultures through our universal love of food, which can open doors to conversations that might otherwise never happen.





Examples of Gastrodiplomacy

Countries like Thailand and South Korea have leveraged their cuisines globally through "Gastrodiplomacy" campaigns, promoting dishes like Pad Thai and Korean BBQ not just as meals but as invitations to explore and engage with their cultures.



How food *shapes cultural identity*

Food is so much more than just sustenance. It's a profound expression of cultural identity, embedded with stories of the past and present. Each dish provides insights into the geography, climate, and history of its people.

Richness of *Food*

Take Italian pasta, for instance. While quintessentially Italian, it also carries Arab influences, a testament to centuries of Mediterranean trade and cultural exchanges.





Global Flavors

Exploring other cultures through their food is about understanding the land, the people, and their ways of life. From the spices they use to the methods of cooking, food can be a window into a culture's soul. If you want to learn about the world without needing a passport ICDLA is the ticket!

Diplomacy *at home*

You don't need to be an ambassador to engage in culinary diplomacy.

Start small: attend an ICDLA mixer, host international visitors for dinner or take them to your favorite restaurant.



Cultural Understanding

Food can soften boundaries, helping people see beyond their differences and appreciate their similarities.



JOIN US

*in exploring the flavors of the world and
expanding our horizons, one dish at a time.*

