

Executive Chef Xavier Deshayes



The Executive Chef at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center since 2001, Xavier Deshayes, is clearly a chef with a calling. The Ronald Reagan Building, located in Washington, DC, just blocks from the White House and Capitol, hosts some of the city's most notable meetings and special events and is often recognized for its distinguished catering services.

Overseeing the kitchens of one of the nation's largest buildings, catapults Chef Deshayes into an arena of high-profile and socially responsible chefs leading large scale catering operations. Chef Deshayes is on the forefront of developing sustainable and environmentally conscious menus by thoroughly researching his product sources.

A native of Beziers, France, Chef Deshayes was born into the restaurant business. He received formal culinary training in Catering Services and Advanced Restaurant Operation for Hotel Management from Lycée Hotelier Jeanne D'Arc in Aulnoye Aymarie, France.

Xavier has been cooking up magic in the U.S. and Canada since 1989, delighting patrons of Soho Restaurant in Santa Barbara, San Ysidro Ranch's Stonehouse Restaurant, the Four Seasons and Citrus in Los Angeles, before moving East. At the Four Seasons in Toronto, he became the restaurant chef at the award-winning, Truffles. During Xavier's tenure, Truffles captivated critics, making it the only restaurant in Canada to receive the coveted AAA/CAA five-diamond designation. For this achievement he received accolades in *Bon Appétit*, *Gourmet* and *Esquire* magazines.

Xavier left the Four Seasons to open Senses in Georgetown, which became an overnight sensation. In January 2000, *Gourmet* called it the best new restaurant. Before accepting the position at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Xavier became Executive Chef at the venerable Capitol Hill restaurant, La Colline.



The Chef takes pride in his volunteer endeavors including his service as a member of The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation's Advisory Committee.

Chef Deshayes is the father of two boys and makes his home in Northern Virginia where he enjoys developing a state of the art home kitchen. Xavier loves to travel and is an avid snorkeler.