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Chef Soane Fakatava (Tonga)



Chef Soane Fakatava, born in Ma'ufanga, Tongatapu has traveled extensively, only to return to his home country to lead the culinary vision at Tonga's renowned Seaview Restaurant in Nuku'alofa.

Over the years, Chef Soane travelled to Germany to gain invaluable experience, spending several weeks and months at a time working in various high-end restaurants. A defining highlight of his career was the privilege of cooking under the guidance of the legendary, Michelin-star celebrity Chef Johann Lafer at Stromburg Castle, in Germany.

In Tonga, Chef Soane's menus are a passionate love letter to the Pacific Ocean, prioritising fresh local ingredients and supporting local suppliers. His deep sense of cultural pride and passion drives his commitment to mentoring the next generation of culinary talent, many who intern at Seaview Restaurant.

For his work, Chef Soane has been honoured as the South Pacific Tourism Culinary Award winner and Best Cook at the Royal Heilala Festival Culinary Competition.