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LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER NEW YORK - GLOBAL CUISINE SERIES EXPLORING PORTUGAL AT ALFAMA RESTAURANT

New York, NY, April 13, 2012— Les Dames d'Escoffier New York ([LDNY](#))—founding and largest chapter of [Les Dames d'Escoffier International](#)—a philanthropic organization whose members encompass women of achievement in the fine food, beverage and hospitality industry, will host a luncheon exploring the history and culinary attributes of southern Portugal on April 24th, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, at Alfama's new midtown location, 214 East 52nd Street.

The prix fixe menu will feature Collard Green and Chourico Soup, an entrée choice of either Bachalau Spiritual (codfish gratin with shrimps, carrots and potatoes) or Carne de Porto a Alentejana (sauteed pork loin and manila clams in white wine and bell pepper reduction), and for dessert, paiseis de nata—traditional custard tarts sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar—baked fresh on Alfama's premises.

Portuguese wines will be served with each course and Aileen Robbins—a respected authority on Portugal's food and wine—will share her knowledge of the culture throughout. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn while enjoying authentic southern Portuguese cuisine, given fresh interpretation by Alfama's executive chef, Francisco Rosa, in a beautifully brilliant modern setting.

Tickets for the general public are \$60 and may be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/234066. For further information, contact Dame Shirley Alpert at alperthob@aol.com.

Les Dames d'Escoffier New York is committed to education, advocacy, and philanthropy within the culinary arts and hospitality fields. These endeavors are primarily achieved through corporate, academic, private and membership funding of its Make A Difference scholarship and mentoring programs to help empower talented and deserving women pursue and achieve leadership roles in their chosen careers. For more information, visit www.ldny.org; follow LDNY on [Facebook/Les-Dames-dEscoffier-New-York](https://www.facebook.com/Les-Dames-dEscoffier-New-York) and [Twitter@LesDamesNY](https://twitter.com/LesDamesNY). Dame Melanie Young, President, LDNY/NY melanie@theconnectedtable.com