

João Couto^(PT)

10 Fest Barman

EFTH/ Anfiteatro Restaurant Lounge, Ponta Delgada

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Born in Marco de Canavezes, João Couto graduated in Restaurant/Bar Service in 2005 at the School of Hospitality and Tourism of Santa Maria da Feira, having pursued studies at the School of Hospitality and Tourism of Porto where he concluded in 2007 the course of Hotel Management. While studying he trained in hotels such as Vila Baleira 4* (Porto Santo), Cliff Bay 5* (Funchal) and Vila Lara 5* (Algarve).

As a student he was awarded in 2005 as Young Sommelier by the Schools of Hospitality and Tourism of Portugal.

In 2007 he headed to London to work at The Halkin, a five star hotel that includes a Michelin star restaurant.

In 2009 he came to the Azores to be part of the project of the School of Tourism and Hospitality Training (EFTH) where he remains as Maitre D and Head Barman of Anfiteatro Restaurant/Lounge, as well as responsible for the training in that areas.

During the past five years, together with his team, he has taught many students, some of whom have won awards in international competitions, including two gold medals, one silver and two bronze in Bar and Restaurant Service contests.

He represented Portugal in the 2012 at the Coupe Georges Batiste, in Tokyo, one of the most complete and demanding international competitions for Restaurant and Bar Service.