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GOURMET GALORE: TASTE OF THE MARIANAS INT'L FOOD FESTIVAL

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Twenty-eight booths await the hungry and thirsty at the 25th Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival set for every Saturday in May 2024 at American Memorial Park in Saipan, The Marianas.

Taste of The Marianas is a gourmet's delight, offering some of the destination's best cuisine and entertainment. The festival will feature affordable dishes from local hotels and restaurants, live entertainment, food eating competitions, cooking contests, arts and crafts sales, and more. Entry is free.

This year's eateries will include 38 Mitsubachi, Smokeout by Apu, Cup Bab Korean Restaurant, Benki, Yaya's Baked Goods, CK Smokehouse and Salad, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, Fork and Spoon, Great Harvest, Herman's Modern Bakery, Lanlan's Tea House, Island Grindz, Java Joe's, Kanto 10, Kinpachi, Loco & Taco, Tupu Cane Juice, New Matty's BBQ, Oh My Grill,

Surf Club, T-Bar, The Hut, Vi- Lyn's BBQ, Saipan World Resort, Ever Trust 123 Food, MARPAC, Napu Brewing, and Westco.

The Taste of The Marianas is organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and is a highlight of May Tourism Month.

“Our mouths are already watering just looking at the list of participants in this year’s Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival. It’s going to be a gourmet’s delight!” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “‘Taste’ is *the* event for anyone looking to enjoy delicious food, great entertainment, and a laidback island vibe in Saipan. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements about the event, and we’ll see you on May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2024 at American Memorial Park.”

Festival Gold Sponsor is Bridge Capital LLC and Silver Sponsors are Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan and Lanlan Tea House.

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FILE – An employee of Surf Club Saipan serves a classic hot plate of rice, corn on the cob, and ribs at the Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival on June 17, 2023, in Saipan. The 25th Annual Taste of The Marianas will be held by the Marianas Visitors Authority on May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2024, at American Memorial Park.

The Marianas is an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. Ancient latte stone limestone monoliths, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern

technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences found in The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are only a 3–4-hour flight from major Asian gateway cities. From South Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon. United Airlines flies three times a week from Tokyo-Narita, Japan, and daily from Guam. Interisland travel between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, Facebook/VisitTheMarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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