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23rd TASTE OF THE MARIANAS INT'L FOOD FESTIVAL IN JUNE 2022

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The 23rd Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held in June 2022 on the island of Saipan, featuring two weekends of some the destination's best cuisine and entertainment

The Taste of The Marianas is organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and is usually held during May Tourism Month. However, overall low visitor arrivals this year are expected to receive a boost in June during the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games, prompting the MVA to schedule this year's festival over two consecutive weekends, on June 17, 18, 19, 25, & 26.

"Taste of The Marianas is one of the most highly anticipated festivals of the year, and our team is working diligently to make this year another great success for visitors, residents, and vendors," said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. "In cooperation with the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee, we have agreed to hold the festival during the Games to give the athletes and their entourages a true taste of the best The Marianas has to offer in terms of taste, entertainment, and island hospitality."

The annual signature event of the MVA will feature affordable dishes from local hotels and restaurants, live entertainment, and arts and crafts sales. The venue, vendor registration information, and other details will be announced once confirmed.

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The MVA will also host the 20th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Tinian on March 11-13, 2022.



FILE_Chow Time was one of 20 food and drink vendors at the Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on August 27-29, 2021, in Saipan. The 23rd Annual Taste of The Marianas will be held by the Marianas Visitors Authority on June 17, 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2022.

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.

The Marianas is the first destination with a travel bubble agreement with South Korea, where Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon and Air Busan is operating weekly flights in February 2022 from Busan. United Airlines flies daily from Guam. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian 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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