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### **MARIANAS BEER & BBQ FESTIVAL ON OCT. 6, 2018**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – It's round 2 for the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Oct. 6, 2018, in Saipan. The festival, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority, will pair Marianas brews with island-style barbecue and other appetizers beside the Saipan lagoon at Garapan Fishing Base.

"Following the success of last year, we're looking forward to the return of the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival in October," said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion, in announcing the event. "We learned a lot from our inaugural festival, and we're taking all of that feedback to make this year even better than the first. We're planning the same island vibe, along with a number of new ideas we'll be rolling out shortly, so mark your calendars for Oct. 6!"

The festival is scheduled from 5-11 p.m. and will feature a new 2018 signature beer glass that patrons can use throughout the event and keep as a souvenir. The event will be open to the public but only adults age 21 and older will be allowed to consume alcohol (21 is the legal drinking age in The Marianas). Slated to participate are Saipan Brewing Co, which manufactures the only locally brewed beer in The Marianas, and other companies are anticipated to join.

This year's festival will again include the participation of Taiwan's famous Fourplay Cuisine & Bar. Last year owners/bartenders Frankie Hong and Kenny Shih debuted exclusive beer

cocktails themed after each main island in The Marianas – Saipan Blue, Tinian Red and Rota Green. A new signature beer cocktail for the event is anticipated to debut at this year's festival, and a highlight of the night will be shots created by the bar owners based on personal inspiration provided by each consumer.

Live music, an island-style barbecue, appetizers, and non-alcoholic drinks will also be a part of the evening.

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The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Oct. 6, 2018, at Garapan Fishing Base in Saipan.



Co-owner Frankie Hong of Fourplay Bar in Taiwan mixes the original Saipan Blue cocktail created for the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Nov. 4, 2017, at Garapan Fishing Base in Saipan. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival will be held on Oct. 6, 2018.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served seasonal flights from Japan, with regular flights to begin in Winter 2018. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From mainland China, direct flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines provide service from Hong Kong. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Seoul-Incheon, Hong Kong, or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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