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INT'L FESTIVAL OF CULTURES IN MARIANAS ON SEPT. 20-21, 2019

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) –The 5th Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held on Sept. 20-21, 2019, in celebration of the cultural diversity of The Marianas, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

The festival returns to Paseo de Marianas in the main tourist district on Saipan. A soft opening will be held on Sept. 20 from 5-10 p.m. with an ethnic parade, food sales, and demonstration and sales of arts and crafts. On Sept. 21 from 5-10 p.m., the festival will also feature live ethnic performances on-stage.

“In partnership with our various ethnic communities in The Marianas, we are looking forward to another great international Festival of Cultures in September,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Priscilla Iakopo. “The weekend of Sept. 20-21 is not only the mid-autumn festival travel holiday in China, but also a weekend when summer charter flights will be arriving from Japan, and we are looking forward to sharing our multi-cultural celebration with all our visitors.”

The MVA invites interested cultural groups to participate in the upcoming festival meeting scheduled for Aug. 9, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the MVA conference room. Participation forms are available at the MVA office in San Jose, Saipan, or interested participants may contact MVA

Community Projects Coordinator Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or 670.664.3219 for more information.



Chamorros perform at the Annual International Festival of Cultures in The Marianas on Sept. 13, 2014. The 5th Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held on Sept. 20-21, 2019, at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, Saipan.

The Marianas are an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. Latte stone limestone monoliths from the time of the pyramids, 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 awaiting visitors to The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are just three to four hours by plane from major Asian gateway cities. 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. From South Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon or Busan. Direct charter flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou, while HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines fly from Hong Kong. Flights from Japan operate seasonally. United Airlines has daily flight connections from four cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop via Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com, [Facebook/mymarianas](https://www.facebook.com/mymarianas), or [Instagram @themarianas](https://www.instagram.com/themarianas).

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