

Taste Sensation 2010

FAQ's Food & beverage tasting stalls FAQ's

Q: How big are the stands?

A: Stands are 8ft x 4ft. Each restaurant will be provided with a double stand. A forward facing serving stall and an equivalent stall behind for preparation with a 4ft gap in between.

Q: What equipment must I supply?

A: You must supply all your own cooking equipment. All electrical equipment must have an up to date Portable Appliance Testing (PAT). See Health and Safety Act (1974). You must tell us about all electrical & gas equipment you will be using including the wattage of electrical equipment.

Q: What are Tesetas?

A: Restaurants are not permitted to accept cash in exchange for food or drink. Our festival currency is The Teseta with a nominal value of £1 per Teseta. We sell Tesetas in advance of the festival which ensures customers whatever the weather and means you do not have to worry about cash handling or change floats.

Q: How and when will I be reimbursed for the Tesetas?

A: After the festival you must invoice us for the number of Tesetas you have taken, returning the Tesetas in bundles of 50 with your invoice. Your invoice must show a deduction of 10% commission, plus the value of any advance Tesetas you have sold in advance. We will pay you by bacs transfer directly into your bank account this may take up to 21 days. We can provide you with a sample invoice.

Q: Where can Tesetas be purchased?

A: Advance tickets can be purchased from most participating restaurants, from the Tourist Information Centre in Altrincham, Sale Waterside Box office.

Q: How much do Tesetas cost?

A: To encourage advance sales Tesetas are available in sets of 5 for £4.

Q: How many different tastes should I offer?

A: We would suggest around 3. Why not allow visitors to sample from across your restaurants menu by offering a taste of a starter, main and dessert.

Q: How much food will I need?

A: Our 2009 event was extremely well attended. To help avoid any visitor disappointment and ensure a flow of visitors throughout the day it is **mandatory for you to have an extra dish that is brought out at 3pm.**

Q: How should I price my food?

A: Please price your food at between 1 and 5 Tesetas. Remember the idea of the festival is to allow visitors to sample a wide range of tastes, please size and price tastings accordingly. If they like it they can always come back for more!

Q: Will anyone be offering free samples?

A: Tasting stalls are not permitted to offer free samples however retailers may offer very small tastes. If restaurateurs have any food left at 4pm it is up to them if they then give it away.

Q: Can I serve alcohol & other beverages?

A: Yes you may serve a range of drinks including alcohol. Like food this must be priced in Tesetas. As this is a family event we would prefer you to offer small measures of alcohol and to offer at least one non-alcoholic choice.

NB A Taste of Trafford will provide each restaurant with a fire blanket when they arrive on site, these must be returned to the festival organisers at the end of the event.

Aims

- To establish a significant annual event for the local community & visitors to the area.
- To raise awareness of the quality and range of the food and drink offer in Trafford in order to increase spend with hospitality businesses, retailers, suppliers and producers.
- To support food & drink businesses who aspire to excellence in their field, and those who strive for ethical and sustainable business practices.
- To increase linkages in the local supply chain and encourage business networking.
- To promote food and drink opportunities linked to healthy lifestyles.

Terms & Conditions for Exhibitors

1. Exhibitors must ensure that they are adequately insured. **Copies of public liability certificates must be returned with your booking form.**
2. Exhibitors must carry out a risk assessment for their stalls and provide a copy to the organisers by 25th June 2010. Guidance can be provided.
3. Exhibitors must ensure that all relevant electrical equipment has had updated Portable Appliance Testing (PAT). See Health and Safety Act (1974).
4. Exhibitors must comply with legislation regarding health and safety.
5. Exhibitors selling consumable goods must comply with legislation regarding food hygiene.
6. No vehicle movements will be allowed on the site from 60 minutes before opening time and 15 minutes after closing time.
7. Exhibitor stands must not exceed the area booked.
8. All stalls and pitches must be staffed, stocked and open during the festival's opening hours. The festival will be open between 11am & 4.30pm, with tastings finishing at 4pm.
9. Exhibitors must regularly clear all rubbish and debris from the vicinity of their stalls. *Containers for this will be provided. The exception to this is used cooking oil which must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the day.*
10. It is the responsibility of exhibitors to safeguard their property. The festival's office does not accept any responsibility whatsoever for any losses.
11. Any exhibitor who fails to attend, or any restaurant seen to accept cash payment will be prohibited from participating in future.
12. **Retailers** are required to bring a cloth to cover their stall which will hide items stored underneath.
13. Where possible the festival office will place stalls offering similar produce apart.
14. All **restaurateurs** are required to discuss their menu with Trafford environmental health officers who will notify festival organizers that this has been done.
15. All **restaurants** are required to provide one dish that is only on sale between 3pm-4pm. From 4pm restaurants are permitted to give away any leftover tastings if they so choose.
16. Restaurants are not permitted to take cash in exchange for food and drink. Restaurants are required to invoice TMBC for reimbursement of Tesetas by 15th October 2010 or risk forfeiting takings.
17. The organisers reserve the right to amend booking information and rules and regulations. Updated amendments will be sent to exhibitors.
18. Further exhibitor information will be sent out prior to the event.
19. Any Stall cancelling will be subject to a 100% cancellation fee.

Cancellation Policy

We're sorry we are not able to refund your booking fee if you cancel.

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