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**NMI INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURES BEGINS AUG. 20,  
2015**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures will be held for six consecutive Saturday evenings in Saipan beginning on Aug. 20, 2016.

The festival will be held Aug. 20 & 27 and September 3, 10, 17, & 24 at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is seeking representative groups of different cultures to participate in planning for the event. Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at [rcalvo@mymarianas.com](mailto:rcalvo@mymarianas.com) or 1.670.664.3210 for more information.

“We are once again inviting all cultural groups represented in the Northern Marianas, whether big or small, to be a part of this year’s International Festival of Cultures, one of the newest and most exciting cultural celebrations of the year,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We know there is a lot of residual enthusiasm from the Festival of Pacific Arts held this summer, and we expect some of that enthusiasm is going to spill over and make this year’s International Festival of Cultures even richer than the first time. Please call us to participate.”

The festival will include cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and food sales beginning at 5 p.m. and live cultural entertainment from 6-10 p.m. Admission is free.



The Chamorro community performs at the inaugural International Festival of Cultures in Saipan in September 2014. All cultural groups represented in the Northern Mariana Islands are invited to contact the Marianas Visitors Authority to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Festival of Cultures beginning Aug. 20, 2016.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West 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 from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct daily flights from Seoul and Busan and Jeju Air provides daily service from Seoul. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul. For more information, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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