



El Camino Cantina brings the best of Tex-Mex to Brisbane Three-day fiesta kick-starts a summer of sombreros, music and margaritas

Tuesday, 20 November 2018: El Camino Cantina is bringing its legendary Tex-Mex, famous frozen margaritas and sombrero-splashed party vibe to Brisbane on Friday, 30 November with a festive, three-day fiesta to celebrate its launch.

Located at the Bowen Hills King Street Co-Op dining and entertainment precinct, the 300-seat restaurant and bar promises an unrivalled line-up of Tex-Mex treats, including complimentary and unlimited tortilla chips and vibrant salsas, soft shell tacos topped with piquant ingredients, sizzling chargrilled fajitas, burritos fat with fillings, and hot buffalo wings; classic and frozen margaritas, local, regional and Mexican draught and bottled beers and over 100 tequilas and mezcals; and jukeboxes loaded with music that will blow the mind.

The three-day launch fiesta kicks off at 6pm on Friday, 30 November with a ticketed, two-hour party package that includes Tex-Mex bites, margaritas, bubbles, wine and beer (\$69pp). Tickets are being snapped up and [can be purchased here](#).

Over the launch weekend guests can super-charge the start of summer with El Camino Cantina's famed \$2 tacos, 10¢ spicy buffalo wings, and refillable baskets of complimentary tortilla chips and salsas, paired with \$7.50 margaritas served frozen or on the rocks and in several irresistible flavours – classic, mango and strawberry. With free, colourful sombreros and DJs from 5pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it promises to be the best Tex-Mex bash that Brisbane has ever seen.

On Sunday, 2 December guests are invited to explore El Camino's very first weekend brunch from 11am to 2pm, which includes a \$19pp package of three tacos, or brunch dish, with a 15oz margarita, or 300ml tap beer or cider. The broader brunch menu includes *heuvos sopas* – poached eggs on fresh corn and chilli fritters with pork sausage and chipotle mayonnaise; breakfast burrito of scrambled eggs, chorizo, diced potatoes, bacon and Monterey Jack cheese; and breakfast tacos, including egg, steak and cheese, fried egg and smoky pozole, and avocado with salsa fresca and red cabbage.

Great deals continue after the launch weekend with 10¢ chicken wings every Tuesday, \$2 tacos every Wednesday, half price fajitas on Thursdays and a \$15 burrito and beer lunch special from Monday to Friday. 'La Fiesta Hour' will run Monday to Friday from 4pm to 6pm.

Guests can sign up to become an El Camino Amigo and enjoy rock-star benefits, including \$25 birthday voucher, invitations to monthly Amigos parties, and exclusive discounts and early bird deals to big ticket parties, such as New Year's eve.

Rockpool Dining Group Chief Executive Officer Thomas Pash said El Camino's Brisbane debut was perfectly timed for summer and was a fabulous addition to the Group's growing portfolio of Queensland restaurants.

"We're thrilled to be bringing our legendary Tex-Mex restaurant and bar to Brisbane," Mr Pash said. "Our two Sydney El Camino restaurants are booked out every weekend and are going off as we head into summer."

"We take a no holds barred approach to all things Tex-Mex: from the food and drinks, to the fitout and music and we're inviting all of our Brisbane fans to come and join us for a fabulous opening weekend fiesta."

Guests enter El Camino from King Street and arrive in the huge bar area where eight frozen margarita machines are in full swing. Bold furnishings, bright colours and neon and fluorescent lights flawlessly fuse with traditional Mexican finishes to create a fun, casual and unashamedly quirky space with a festive Tex-Mex vibe.

A large L-shaped bar and high-top tables accommodate around 180 guests. A separate dining zone accommodates another 80 guests at smaller group tables and booths. An al fresco entrance seats another 40 customers.

The late-night hangout features all the hallmarks of Texan meets Mexican interior design, including the signature touches of Tex-Mex flair that adorn its sister restaurants in The Rocks and Manly in Sydney.

The walls are a visual feast of neon lights and signage, custom-designed flame artwork, rock n'roll and muscle car inspired decorative touches, colourful, life-size wall motifs of Mexican caricatures, and original work by Australian artist Ben Brown.

The venue also features a tribute to seventies motorcycle stunt man Evel Knievel along with one of his favourite bikes, a Harley Davidson XR-750. Internal walls are a mix of recycled bare bricks and lime-wash paint, with breeze block and rustic timber panel detail.

Mexican accents include decorative tiled archways, hand-painted skull art and decorative crosses and mirrors. Other key features include a Corona and Jose Cuervo bottle feature wall, Mexican-inspired plants suspended above the bar, a juke box, a hot salsa station, and 12 large-screen televisions for sport and music channel viewing.

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