





## SOCIAL MEDIA HOLIDAY CALENDAR FORRESTAURANTS



350+ tips, ideas, and social media templates for restaurants and local businesses to reach more customers

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# PLAN AHEAD AND DRIVE MORE BUSINESS WITH HOLIDAY MARKETING

Welcome to the **2025 Social Media Holiday Calendar for Restaurants**! This guide will help your business entertain and entice new and existing customers in creative ways this calendar year.

On these pages, we highlight 350+ holidays that are perfect for engaging customers on social media, building buzzworthy promotions, and driving business revenue. Think:

- National Tim Tam Day
- Eat What You Want Day
- National Picnic Day
- World Vegan Day
- . World Emoji Day

- National Selfie Day
- . International Day of the Nacho
- . International Bacon Day
- Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- And many more

Inside, you'll find key dates for holidays and special occasions marketing, holiday-themed content samples from some of DoorDash's most marketing-savvy merchant partners in Australia, and themed social media caption templates for you to use throughout the year.

Let's dig in!



#### JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		3	<b>1</b> New Year's Day National Thank You Month National Soup Month	2 National Science Fiction Day	3	A  National Trivia Day  National Spaghetti Day
5  National Whipped Cream Day	6 National Cuddle Day	7	8	9	National Bittersweet Chocolate Day National Oysters Rockefeller Day	11
12 Australian Open Begins	13 National Gluten-Free Day	14  National Dress Up Your Pet Day  National Hot Pastrami  Sandwich Day	National Bagel Day National Hat Day	16	17 Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day	18 National Use Your Gift Card Day
19	20 National Cheese Lover's Day	<b>21</b> Thank Your Mentor Day	<b>22</b> National Hot Sauce Day	National Pie Day	24 National Peanut Butter Day	25
26  Australia Day  Meat Week  National Spouse Day	27  National Chocolate Cake Day	National Blueberry Pancake Day	29 Chinese New Year Korean New Year	30 National Croissant Day	31  National Hot Chocolate Day Eat Brussels Sprouts Day National Fun at Work Day	

#### FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						National Ice Cream for
						Breakfast Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	National Carrot Cake Day	National Stuffed Mushroom Day	World Nutella Day	National Chopsticks Day National Frozen Yoghurt Day	National Fettuccine Alfredo Day	
9	10	11	12	13	Valentine's Day	15
National Pizza Day	Royal Hobart Regatta (TS)			Galentine's Day	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival begins	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
National Tim Tam Day		National Drink Wine Day		National Muffin Day		National Margarita Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	
National Banana Bread Day	National Tortilla Chip Day		National Pistachio Day	National Strawberry Day National Chili Day	Ramadan begins	

#### MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women's History Month National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
2	3 Labour Day (WA)	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	<b>7</b> National Employee Appreciation Day	8 International Women's Day
9 National Meatball Day	10 Canberra Day (ACT) Adelaide Cup (SA) Eight Hours Day (TAS) Labour Day (VIC)	<b>11</b> National Sofrito Day	12	13	Pi Day National Potato Chip Day	15
National Close the Gap Day National Artichoke Day	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	International Day of Happiness National Ravioli Day	21 World Poetry Day Harmony Day	22
National Chip and Dip Day National Puppy Day	24  National Cocktail Day  National Cheesesteak Day	25	26 National Spinach Day	27 International Whiskey Day	28 Something on a Stick Day	29
30  Eid al-Fitr  Pretzel Sunday	31					

#### APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		April Fool's Day National BLT Sandwich Month		National Burrito Day National Chocolate Mousse Day	National Cordon Bleu Day	National Deep Dish Pizza Day National Self Care Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings National Acai Bowl Day National Carbonara Day	National Beer Day National No Housework Day	National Empañada Day		National Siblings Day	National Pet Day	National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
National Scrabble Day			National Eggs Benedict Day		Good Friday	National Garlic Day National Husband Appreciation Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter		Earth Day	National Picnic Day		Anzac Day	National Pretzel Day
27	28	29	30			
National Prime Rib Day		International Dance Day National Shrimp Scampi Day	Oatmeal Cookie Day National Bubble Tea Day			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				National Barbecue Month National Hamburger Month		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cto v) A / o vo Dovo	Labour Day (QLD)					
Star Wars Day National Orange Juice Day	May Day (NT) Cinco De Mayo					National Shrimp Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day National Eat What You Want Day		National Apple Pie Day International Hummus Day	National Buttermilk Biscuit Day	National Chocolate Chip Day	National Mimosa Day National Pizza Party Day	World Whiskey Day National Doughnut Week
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
National No Dirty Dishes Day						National Scavenger Hunt Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
National Wine Day		National Reconciliation Week	International Burger Day National Brisket Day	National Biscuit Day		National Macaroon Day

## JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Western Australia Day Reconciliation Day (ACT) National Fish and Chips Day	3	4	5	Queensland Day Eid al-Adha	7 National Chocolate
LGBTQ Pride Month	National Leave Work Early Day	National Egg Day	National Cheese Day		National Donut Day	Ice Cream Day
8  National Best Friends Day	<b>9</b> King's Birthday	10 National Iced Tea Day	11	12 International Falafel Day	13	National Rosé Day Global Wellness Day
15	16 National Vegemite Day	National Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 International Sushi Day	19 National Martini Day	20	21  National Selfie Day  National Smoothie Day
22 National Onion Rings Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Black History Month		*	National Caesar Salad Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NAIDOC Week National Fried Chicken Day National Hand Roll Day	World Chocolate Day	National Ice Cream Sundae Day	National Sugar Cookie Day	National Piña Colada Day	National French Fry Day National Mojito Day National Blueberry Muffin Day	National Pecan Pie Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	National Mac and Cheese Day			World Emoji Day		National Daiquiri Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
National Fortune Cookie Day	National Lamington Day		National Vanilla Ice Cream Day	National Tequila Day	National Wine and Cheese Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
National Parents' Day	National Milk Chocolate Day	National Chicken Wing Day National Lasagna Day	National Cheesecake Day	National Avocado Day		

## AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					National Panini Month	National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
National Watermelon Day	Picnic Day (NT)  National Chocolate  Chip Cookie Day	National Oyster Day		National IPA Day	International Beer Day	National Book Lovers Day National Rice Pudding Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
National Lazy Day National S'mores Day			National Filet Mignon Day National Prosecco Day		National Relaxation Day	National Rum Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	International Fajita Day	National Potato Day National Soft Ice Cream Day	National Bacon Lovers Day	National Senior Citizens Day		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
National Waffle Day		National Dog Day	Banana Lover's Day	National Red Wine Day		
31						
Eat Outside Day						

#### SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Flag Day		National Cheese Pizza Day International Day of Charity	International Bacon Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Father's Day National Beer Lovers Day					National Chocolate Milkshake Day	National Peanut Day International Chocolate Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	National Linguine Day	National Guacamole Day Negroni Week		National Cheeseburger Day		National Pepperoni Pizza Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Wife Appreciation Day	National Ice Cream Cone Day			National Food Service Employees Day	National Pancake Day	AFL Grand Final
28	29	30				
	King's Birthday (WA) National Coffee Day					

#### OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			National Pizza Month World Vegetarian Day International Coffee Day	National Kale Day		National Taco Day National Cinnamon Roll Day National Vodka Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NRL Grand Final Daylight Savings	King's Birthday (QLD) Labour Day (ACT, NSW, SA) National Noodle Day					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		National Dessert Day		World Food Day National Boss' Day	National Pasta Day	National Chocolate Cupcake Day National Meatloaf Appreciation Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	International Chefs Day	Diwali International Day of the Nacho National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day			Global Champagne Day National Kangaroo Awareness Day	National Breadstick Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
National Pumpkin Day		National Chocolate Day			Halloween	

#### NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						World Vegan Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
World Sandwich Day		Melbourne Cup Day (VIC)	National Chinese Takeout Day	National Nachos Day		National Cappuccino Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	National Vanilla Cupcake Day	National Sundae Day			National Pickle Day	National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
National Fast Food Day						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
National Espresso Day	National Fairy Bread Day		National Cake Day		Black Friday	Small Business Saturday
30						

#### DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Cyber Monday			National Cookie Day	International Volunteer Day	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	National Brownie Day	National Pastry Day				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Hanukkah begins National Biscuits and Gravy Day	National Cupcake Day	National Chocolate Covered Anything Day	National Maple Syrup Day			National Sangria Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Boxing Day Proclamation Day (SA)	
National Fried Shrimp Day			Christmas Eve	Christmas	National Thank You Note Day	
28	29	30	31			
		National Bacon Day	New Year's Eve National Champagne Day			

## HOLIDAY-THEMED SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING LOOKBOOK

So many holidays to celebrate, so much great content for your social media pages! Looking to get inspired for your own seasonal marketing campaigns? Let's see how DoorDash merchants across Australia use the holiday calendar to promote their businesses online.

## RED ROOSTER REMINDS CUSTOMERS THAT CHIPS ARE THE ULTIMATE FORM OF ROMANCE ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Red Rooster toasts to true love with a comedic Valentine's Day post, posting a picture of chips so good that they're only worth sharing on Valentine's Day.

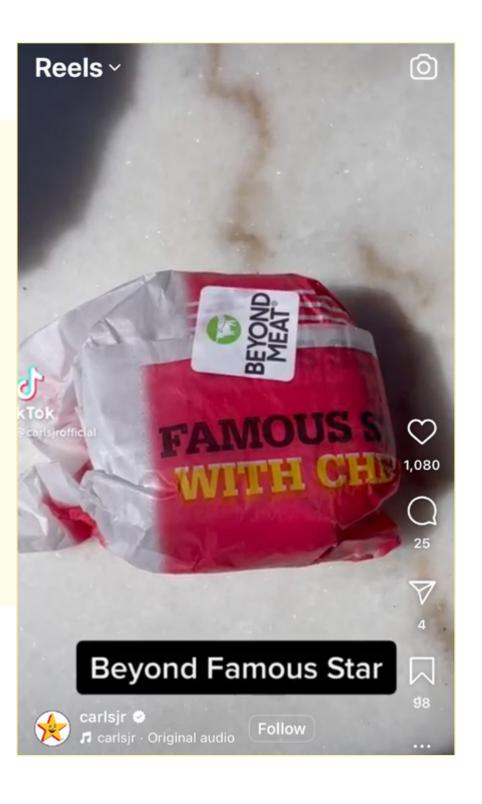
See the live post →



## CARL'S JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS ALTERNATIVE MEAT OPTIONS DURING LENT

Carl's Jr. encouraged followers to keep their Lent resolutions by showcasing alternative dishes for those who have given up meat.

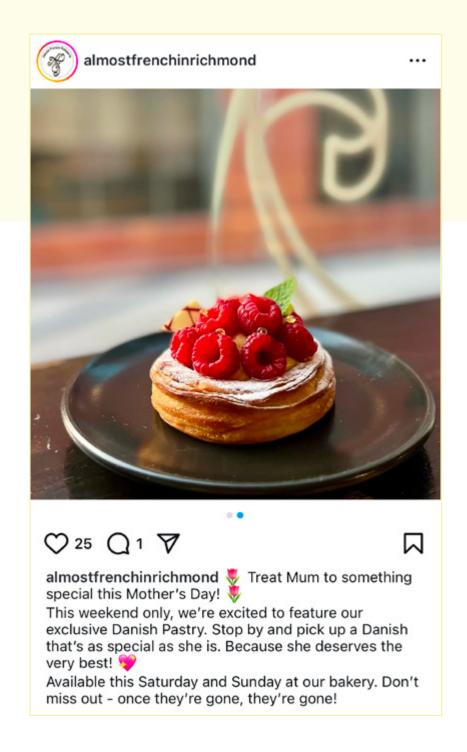
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## ALMOST FRENCH PATISSERIE SHOWCASES AN EXCLUSIVE MOTHER'S DAY TREAT

Almost French highlights a Mother's Day weekend special, encouraging customers to take advantage of this limited time treat over the holiday weekend.

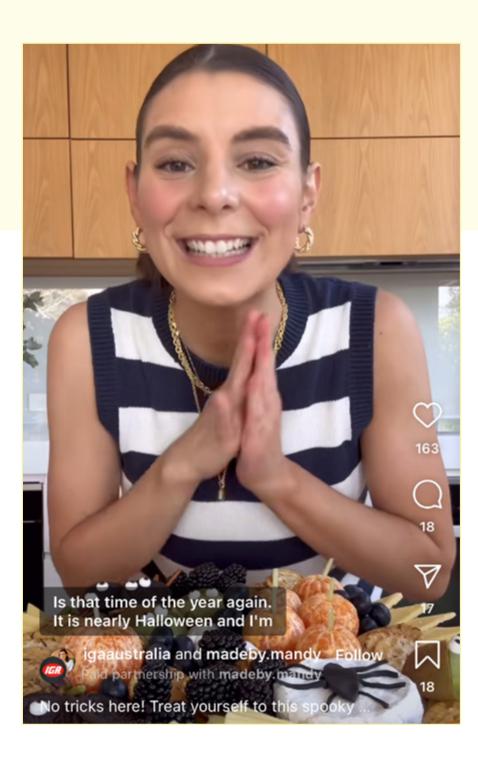
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## IGA SHARES THE INGREDIENTS FOR A FUN HALLOWEEN-INSPIRED RECIPE

<u>IGA</u> shows customers how to make the perfect platter for their Halloween festivities using ingredients shoppers can find in their stores.

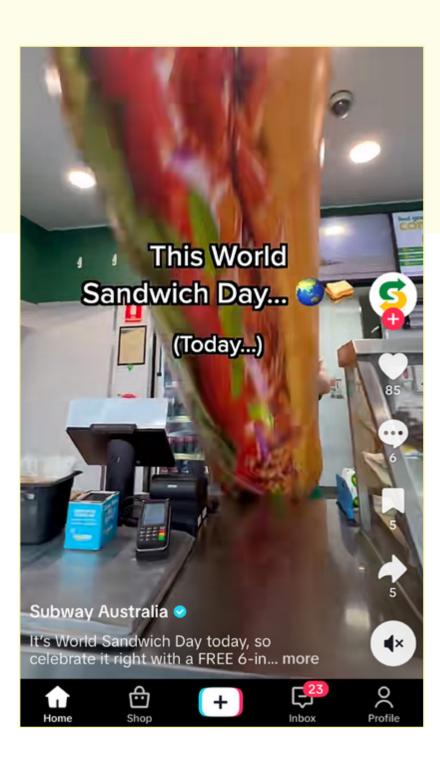
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## SUBWAY ENCOURAGES FOLLOWERS TO CELEBRATE WORLD SANDWICH DAY

<u>Subway</u> celebrates World Sandwich Day with a funny TikTok promoting a buy one, get one deal on 6-inch subs.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA TEMPLATES FOR BUSINESSES

#### **HOLIDAY PROMOTIONS**







Happy [insert holiday hashtag]! We're offering a [percentage] discount on all [your business name] delivery orders over [dollar amount] so you can celebrate in style.

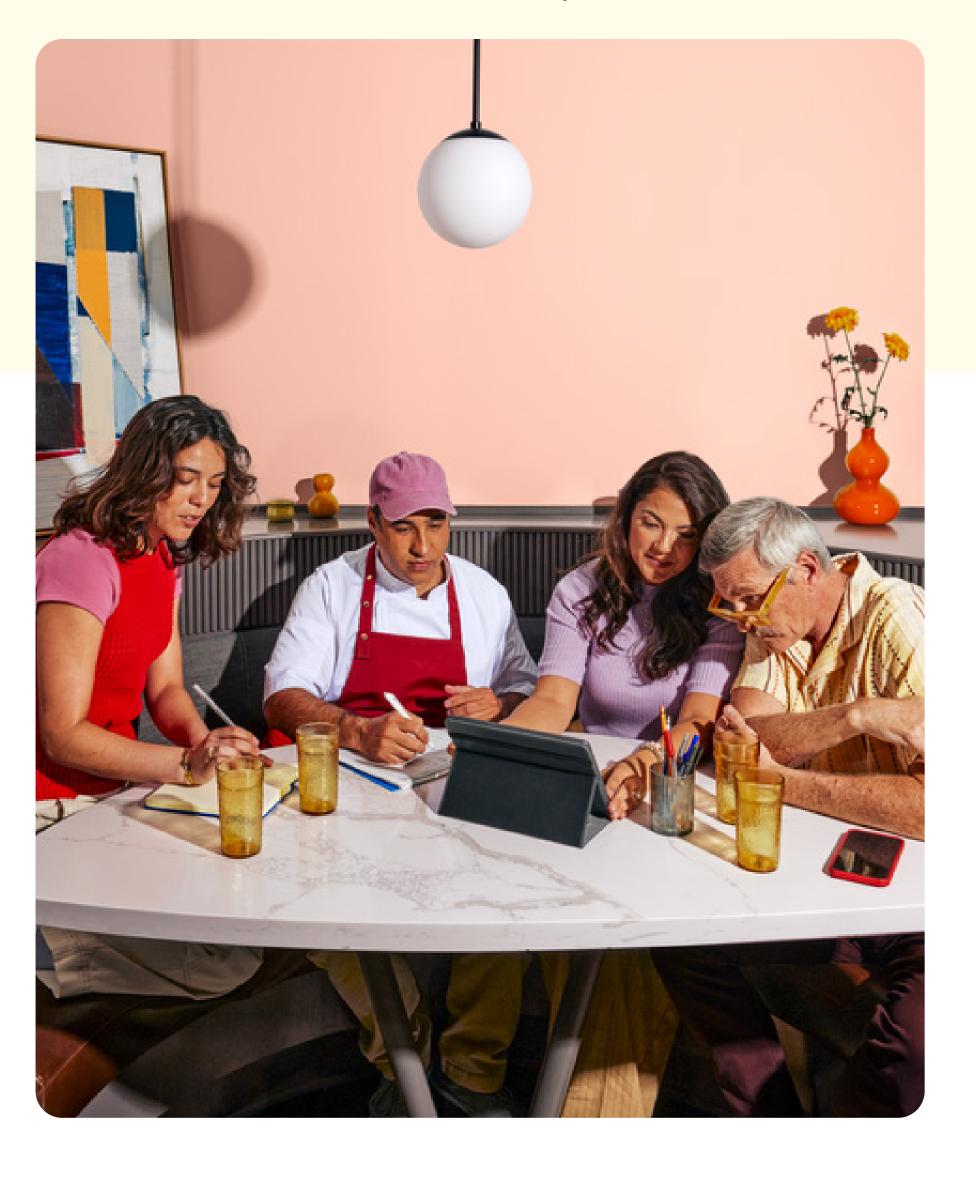








Happy [insert holiday hashtag]! The only thing better than celebrating [food] is celebrating with someone else. Tag a friend in the comments below — we'll be choosing [X] lucky winners to receive a discount on their next order!



#### **CUSTOMER OR EMPLOYEE SHOUT-OUTS**





handle], our [insert employee name/handle], our [insert job title] rockstar!

[Employee name] consistently
goes above and beyond, from [insert
specific accomplishment or trait,
e.g., "amazing customer service" or
"bringing fresh ideas to the team"].

We're lucky to have you on board! L

Drop a in the comments to show
some love!

Photo credit: Santini's





Appreciation Day! [Restaurant name] is so grateful for our talented cooks and awesome staff! Without them, we couldn't keep serving amazing dishes like this one! Let them know how much you appreciate them in the comments.

Photo credit: Hiraya

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES**





This is where the magic happens!

Here's a look behind the scenes
at our kitchen crew creating your
favourite [insert type of food] with
love and precision ahead of [insert
holiday hashtag]! What kind of
special would you like to see next?
Comment below to let them know!

Photo credit: Zalat Pizza





A little sneak peek from behind the bar!
We're mixing up some fresh ingredients,
experimenting with flavours, and
perfecting a new [insert cocktail or
drink type] cocktail just in time for
[insert holiday hashtag]. Urious to
see what we're shaking up? We're open
from [insert hours] today.

Photo credit: Steuben's

#### **HOLIDAY MENU ITEM SPOTLIGHTS**



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The holidays just got a little more delicious! Try our new [insert dish/drink name], made with [highlight ingredients]. Whether you're here to celebrate [insert holiday hashtag] or just need some festive cheer, this is one treat you can't miss. Available through [insert date]!



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Our holiday menu is here, and it's full of festive surprises! Introducing [insert dish/drink name] — a perfect blend of [highlight flavours or ingredients] that'll warm you up this winter. Cosy up with one at [your business name] before the season's over!

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**



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Looking for plans on [insert date]?
We've got you covered! Join us for
[event name] featuring [highlight
event details like "special happy
hour deals," "DJ/live band," or "a
tasting experience"]. It's the perfect
way to celebrate with friends — book
your table now!



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It's [insert holiday name]! And we're celebrating with drink specials and [holiday themed event]! It's the perfect way to spend [holiday].
Tag the friend you want to come with you in the comments!

#### **CHEF'S TIPS AND RECIPES**



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Craving something delicious? Our chef is sharing the recipe for [insert dish name] so you can bring a taste of [your business name] to your kitchen!

Featuring [key ingredients], this dish is perfect for [occasion, e.g., "weeknight dinners" or "holiday gatherings"]. Give it a go and let us know how you did!

Photo credit: Baker's Daughter



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Ever wonder how our chefs make everything taste so incredible? We're sharing a behind-the-scenes tip today to celebrate [insert holiday hashtag]!

Here's how to [insert cooking technique or trick, e.g., "get the perfect crispy skin on chicken" or "balance flavours in a dish"]. Try it out and tag us when you do!

Photo credit: Hiraya

#### **LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS OR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**



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We're excited to partner with [insert partner name]! Together, we're bringing [insert what the partnership brings, e.g., "fresh, local ingredients" or "exciting new events"] to our community. Supporting local has never tasted this good — come check it out at [your business name]!



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Mark your calendars! On [insert date], we're hosting [event name] in partnership with [local business/organisation]. Come enjoy [highlight event activities, e.g., "live entertainment, special drinks, and local bites"] while supporting our amazing community. Let's come together and celebrate!

# GIVE YOUR HOLIDAY MARKETING A BOOST WITH DOORDASH

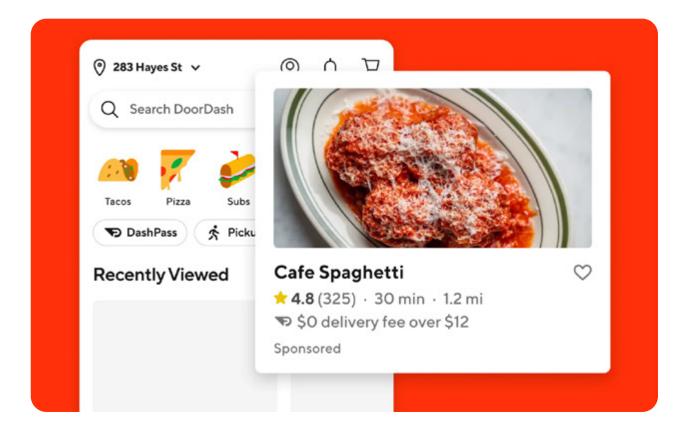
DoorDash partners get access to marketing tools that help them get noticed by new customers and drive more orders.

"Tech helps us run every aspect of our lives—and platforms like DoorDash are crucial for helping us run our business."



Maggie Dango, General Manager RoyAl's Chicken and Burgers

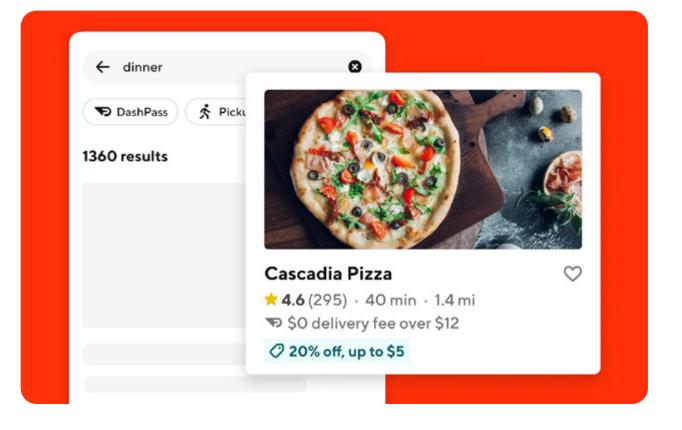
Read the RoyAL's Chicken and Burgers DoorDash story →



#### **SPONSORED LISTINGS**

Sponsored Listings are targeted ads that are featured in highly visible places on the DoorDash app, like the homepage and search results. Sponsored Listings are pay-per-order, not per click — so you'll only pay for the ad when an order is placed through it.

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#### **PROMOTIONS**

Promotions enable you to incentivise customers to order more and spend more with a discount, free delivery, or a free item. When you run a promotion, your restaurant will be prominently featured in the Offers tab on the DoorDash app.

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\*This is a limited-time offer for select merchants in the US valid until terminated by DoorDash; DoorDash may end this offer at any time. Eligible merchants will see the offer available in the Marketing tab in DoorDash's Merchant Portal. Stores that have previously participated in Promotions are not eligible for the credit. After the \$100 credit is consumed per store, merchants will be automatically charged for the remainder of the campaigns per store. No cash value. Non-transferable.



# REACH NEW DINERS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Door Dash helps restaurants expand their business and drive more sales.

Join the thousands of restaurants growing with DoorDash.

**Get started** 



#### DOORDASH for Merchants

#### **ABOUT DOORDASH**

DoorDash (NASDAQ: DASH) is a technology company that connects consumers with their favourite local businesses in more than 30 countries across the globe. Founded in 2013, DoorDash builds products and services to help businesses innovate, grow, and reach more customers. DoorDash is your door to more: the local commerce platform dedicated to enabling merchants to thrive in the convenience economy, giving consumers access to more of their communities, and providing work that empowers.





