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### A FLAVOUR OF WALES FOR ASHES VISITORS

**This year's Cardiff International Food and Drink Festival July 10-12, the annual favourite dish on the waterfront of Cardiff Bay, takes place against the backdrop of the first npower Ashes Test in the city, giving cricket fans from around the world a real flavour of Wales and a chance to see the city at its best.**

The **Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival**, part of the summer-long Cardiff Festival, has all the ingredients for a great event with delicious foods from Wales and the world, and a chance to chill out with a cool drink with views over the water. On the menu is a Food Piazza, Producers Fayre, Craft Market and Farmer's Market, with ticketed Ice-cream Workshops and Wine Master Classes supported by UWIC across the weekend. A Demonstration Area gives visitors the chance to create their own dishes using local produce.

The event has been blessed with fine weather for a number of years, creating a very cosmopolitan atmosphere on the waterfront with live music on the bandstand and street performers entertaining the many thousands of visitors across the weekend.

The festival also says *G'Day* to Australian fans arriving by water taxi from the home of Glamorgan Cricket, with wines from the country and some indigenous foods and themed props to make them feel at home in the special *Aussie Zone* in Gilby's restaurant in the Wales Millennium Centre.

Councillor Nigel Howells, Executive Member for Sport, Leisure and Culture said: "The Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival is always a popular event, with many thousands enjoying its delicacies on the waterfront of Cardiff Bay. This year with the npower Ashes in the city we expect even bigger crowds, and guests from around the world will have the chance to sample a wonderful cosmopolitan atmosphere, and really see the city at its best." **(more)**

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Amongst the delicacies will be farmhouse cheeses, handmade cakes, fresh meat and fish, mouth watering chocolates, speciality liqueurs and much, much more. They will be on offer to the world's media who will enjoy a special reception at the festival on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Funded and managed by Cardiff Council and the Cardiff Harbour Authority, the summer events programme has been enhanced through the support of over 20 sponsors and partners.

Information on all events is available on [www.cardiff-festival.com](http://www.cardiff-festival.com)



### Ends

### Editor's Notes

This year's Cardiff Festival events include:-

2 – 3 July	Cardiff Castle Open Air Theatre
8 July - 1 Aug	Everyman Open Air Theatre Festival
9-25 July	Welsh Proms Cardiff
10-12 July	Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival
17 – 26 July	Blysh
20 July	Wet Sounds, Splott Pool
24-25 Jul	WOW on the Waterfront
26 Jul – 29 Aug	The Sound of Music at Wales Millennium Centre
26 Jul	The Red Dragon Centre Family Festival
28-29 July	The Fringe @ Cardiff Festival
30 Jul-2 Aug	Horrid Henry at the New Theatre

31 Jul-2 Aug	Admiral Cardiff Big Weekend
1 Aug	MAS Carnival
16 Aug	Classic Motorboat and Car Rally
15 – 16 Aug	Grand Medieval Melee
29-31 Aug	Cardiff Harbour Festival

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