Taste Of Galle 2011

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The lighthouse at Galle Fort

Taste of Galle, a food festival and a street carnival, will be held in Galle city from September 2 to 4, 2011. The event will coincide with the test matches to be played between Australia and Sri Lanka in Galle.

Chefs in the south are preparing to present visitors and tourists with traditional dishes originating in Galle as well as an assortment of other local and international cuisine. There will also be exhibition stalls at the carnival, which will give visitors the opportunity to learn about the various arts and crafts that the people of Galle depend on for their livelihoods. Sightseers will be able to see ladies dressed in traditional long-sleeved blouses weaving Beeralu at some stalls. Beeralu is a type of lace traditionally woven in Galle and these stalls will give visitors the option of having their own designs woven on the spot.

The event will also see traditional dancers performing at street parades. Groups of actors will bring to life the historical story of the city of Galle and characters from Sri Lankan folklore, like Andare and Gajaman Nona.

Fishing Competitions have also been organised as part of the festival. Tourists and visitors are welcome to take part.