



El Camino Cantina embraces the new normal with Gold Coast launch

Monday, 6 July 2020: El Camino Cantina is bringing its legendary Tex-Mex menu, frozen Margaritas and sombrero-splashed, fun-fuelled vibe to the Gold Coast, opening at Robina Town Centre shopping precinct on Wednesday, 22 July at 4pm.

Located on The Promenade waterfront dining destination (at the former Lord of the Wings site), the eclectic, colourful, 280-seat restaurant and bar is ablaze with neon lights and fluorescent signage, including a festively lit, 175-seat al fresco area for outdoor ambience.

Humming with trademark cool tunes and a sassy vibe, El Camino Cantina offers a value-packed, crowd-pleasing menu that is unashamedly Tex-Mex (short for Texan-Mexican cuisine and distinct from authentic Mexican). Dishes are rated by one to three chilli symbols, which denote the level of spiciness of each dish and tortillas are house-made daily. Guests can dig into bottomless baskets of complimentary tortilla chips with vibrant salsas, then cruise through a selection of soft-shelled tacos, sizzling fajitas, buffalo wings, nachos and other classic Tex-Mex dishes.

Signature margaritas are served shaken or frozen, and in five tempting flavours: classic, strawberry, mango, tropical and a limited-edition flavour that changes every month. Beer lovers can cruise through a range of Australian craft and flagship Mexican draught and bottled cervezas.

The launch date coincides with the weekly wingding that is Wing Wednesday, when sauced-up buffalo wings are 10-cents each with a drink purchase. Every Tuesday, El Camino's incredible tacos are \$2 each, and 'Cadillac' tacos are \$4 each, with a drink purchase.

El Camino Cantina Robina is Rockpool Dining Group's fourth Tex-Mex restaurant in Queensland, with others located at King Street in Bowen Hills, Westfield Chermside and Sunshine Plaza on the Sunshine Coast.

Rockpool Dining Group Chief Executive Officer Thomas Pash said the post-Covid dining landscape was a strong launch pad for a new restaurant on the Gold Coast.

"New openings are few and far between right now, but we are cautiously optimistic that the easing of Queensland restrictions and re-opening of the state border bodes well for our business," Mr Pash said.

"The Gold Coast is a fabulous destination for day trippers, interstate travellers and international visitors, and while the latter may not be able to visit the Coast any time soon, the region is certain to benefit from a boost in the number of Queenslanders exploring their own backyard, as well as from interstate visitors, while international travel is on hold."

El Camino Cantina features all the hallmarks of Texan meets Mexican interior design, including neon signage, lightning bolts, cacti, crosses, and colourful calavera, which mix with accents of rustic Mexican haciendas, including weathered wood and reclaimed timbers, rustic recycled bricks, polished concrete floors and decorative Mexican tiles. Large-screen TVs are scattered throughout the restaurant for music video viewing. A large feature wall boasts a whole-of-wall mural of surfer skeletons by Australian punk music and surf art icon Ben Brown.

Seating is a mix of El Camino Cantina's signature, colourful, group-sized, high-topped tables with retro stools, as well as lower dining tables and smaller seating arrangements, and private booths. Drinking ledges with bi-fold windows provide an outlook onto the al fresco area with colourful, festoon lighting zigzagging overhead and The Promenade's magical waterside backdrop.

Rockpool Dining Group also owns The Bavarian at Robina, which will re-open on Thursday, 8 July at midday, and The Bavarian restaurants at Coomera and Broadbeach which will re-open in coming months.

El Camino Cantina Robina: The Promenade, Robina Town Centre, Robina | elcaminocantina.com.au.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Thursday 4pm-10pm, Friday & Saturday 11.30am-10pm, Sunday 11.30am-7pm.

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