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The Pepper Mill Café at the Penn Museum Offers *MAYA 2012: Lords of Time* Inspired Specials Throughout the Run of the World Premiere Exhibition

What foods have Maya people, from ancient times to the present day, enjoyed?

Chefs at the Penn Museum's **Pepper Mill Café** researched Maya foods to come up with a distinctive variety of themed menus for weekends, as well as daily specials, happy hour and summer night drink specials—even a *MAYA 2012* children's meal complete with coloring page and crayons—so that visitors can opt to include a Maya culinary experience when visiting *MAYA 2012*.

Cuisine curiosity is encouraged: every guest who purchases a Maya-related menu item during the weekends may enter a monthly raffle drawing for a chance to win Maya food prizes, from Maya Gold chocolate to Maya cookbooks.

MAYA 2012 Daily Specials

Tuesday through Sunday

Café guests can expect to find some distinctly Maya treats, including Corn and Green Chile Soup (Spring/Summer), Pumpkin Soup (Fall/Winter), fresh fried tortilla chips or plantains with traditional salsa, salsa verde and guacamole, and Yucatan Hot Chocolate (Fall/Winter). Expect Mexican beers, a monthly-featured, non-alcoholic beverage, and a monthly-featured cocktail for P.M. at Penn Museum Wednesday nights!

Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Fridays through Sundays, the Pepper Mill Café goes into Maya festival mode—with a Maya menu that changes monthly and centers around a different featured theme food, fresh and in season when possible:

May is the Chocolate Festival, where the menu options include entrées like Chili and Chocolate Crusted Flank Steak with Ancho Chili Sauce, Fried Tortilla Strips and Corn Relish or Cornmeal Crusted Chiles Rellenos with Spicy Black Bean and Bittersweet Chocolate, with optional sides and salad specials. The menu includes specialty desserts like Dark Chocolate and Banana

Empanadas with Cinnamon Sugar Dust. Meal prices are affordable, with entrées and special salads at \$6 to \$7, and drinks and desserts between \$2 and \$5.

The Maya Food Festivals continue June through January with featured food items such as Tropical Fruits, Corn, Tomatoes, Avocado, Peppers, Herbs and Spices, Squash, and Beans and Legumes.

Just for Kids

Children's meals are also available Fridays through Sundays. Meals include a "child" friendly version of the adult entrée along with crayons and a Maya-themed coloring page.

The full schedule of monthly festivals and menu options will be available to download from the Museum's *MAYA 2012* website beginning in April. Visit the "[Eat at Penn Museum](#)" web page for daily updates on menus in the Pepper Mill Café.

The Pepper Mill Café is open Monday (when the Museum is closed) from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Wednesday, 8:30 am to 7:30 pm (with happy hour drink and light menu items); and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The glass-enclosed café overlooks the Museum's inner gardens.

The Pepper Mill Café is located in the Penn Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (on Penn's campus, across from Franklin Field). Public transportation to the Museum is available via SEPTA's Regional Rail Line at University City Station; the Market-Frankford Subway Line at 34th Street Station; trolley routes 11, 13, 34, and 36; and bus routes 12, 21, 30, 40, and 42. Museum hours are Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, with P.M. @ PENN MUSEUM evening programs offered select Wednesdays. Closed Mondays and holidays. General admission donation (*MAYA 2012* is a specially ticketed exhibition) is \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens (65 and above); \$8 for U.S. Military; \$8 for children (6 to 17) and full-time students with ID; free to Members, PennCard holders, and children 5 and younger; "pay-what-you-want" the last hour before closing. The Museum Shop and Pyramid Shop for Children offer a wide selection of gifts, books, games, clothing and jewelry. Penn Museum can be found on the web at www.penn.museum. For general information call 215.898.4000. For group tour information call 215.746.8183.