

Check Out Viva La Comida!, the Latin American Food and Culture Festival Coming September 21st

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Patacon from Patacon Pisao. [Photograph: Max Falkowitz]

There's no shortage of cool food events happening this fall, but we recently got wind of a brand new one that has us pretty excited. It's [Viva La Comida!](#), a festival put on by the Queens [82nd Street Partnership](#), and it's gathering some of the best homespun Latin American food the borough—and the city—has to offer. All those Queens taco vendors and arepa makers you keep meaning to see? Some of our favorites will be here.

That includes new [Vendy Cup finalist Tortas Neza](#) (home of the monolithic, crazy delicious, bigger-than-your-head-no-really [Torta Pumas sandwich](#)); Venezuelan plantain sandwich stars [Patacon Pisao](#) (former Vendy finalists themselves); and the original [Arepa Lady](#), whose late night arepas are the stuff of legend.



The Arepa Lady's cart at Governor's Island. [Photograph: Robyn Lee]

You'll also find Union Square Peruvian cart **Morocho** (we loved their [veal heart](#)), New York's only late night Irish food truck, the **Chipper Truck**, bites from [Taqueria Coatzingo](#) and **El Coyote Dormilon**, food from brick and mortars **Louie's** and **Tacos La Familia** and more. These are vendors from all over the borough, many of which don't come out until late night, all gathered in one place. Also look out for live music special craft pop-ups from locals and artists around the city.

Viva La Comida! hits the streets Friday, September 21st from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dunningham Triangle at 82nd Street and Baxter Avenue in Queens ([map](#)). It's free to attend, pay-per-dish from the vendors. More info on the event's [Facebook page](#).

Torta Pumas Giveaway!



Torta Pumas from Tortas Neza. [Photograph: James Boo]

Tortas Neza is giving away one of their monster [Torta Pumas](#) sandwiches at the event. It feeds three to four people and comes stuffed with sausages, fried chicken, a chorizo omelet; head cheese and ham, refried beans, pickled jalapeños, lettuce, tomato, avocado, and cheese. Want one? Tell us in the comments below about your favorite Latin American dish in New York by **Wednesday, September 12th at noon**. [The standard Serious Eats contest rules apply.](#)