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350+ tips, ideas, and social media templates for restaurants and local businesses to reach more customers







# PLAN AHEAD AND DRIVE MORE BUSINESS WITH HOLIDAY MARKETING

Welcome to the **2025 Social Media Holiday Calendar for Restaurants**! This guide will help Canadian businesses entertain and entice new and existing customers in creative new ways this calendar year.

On these pages, we highlight 350+ holidays that are perfect for engaging customers on social media, building buzzworthy promotions, and driving revenue. Think:

- National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- . Eat What You Want Day
- National Picnic Day
- National Dessert Day
- National Selfie Day

- National Croissant Day
- National Eat Your Vegetables Day
- International Day of Charity
- National Scavenger Hunt Day
- And many more

Inside, you'll find key dates for holidays and special occasions marketing, holiday-themed content samples from some of DoorDash's most marketing-savvy merchant partners in Canada, and themed social media caption templates for you to use throughout the year.

Let's dig in!



## JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			New Year's Day National Thank You Month National Soup Month	National Science Fiction Day		National Trivia Day National Spaghetti Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
National Whipped Cream Day	National Cuddle Day National Bean Day				National Bittersweet Chocolate Day National Oysters Rockefeller Day	National Hot Toddy Day National Milk Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Sunday Supper Day	National Gluten-Free Day	National Dress Up Your Pet Day National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day	National Bagel Day National Hat Day		Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day Customer Service Day	National Use Your Gift Card Day Gourmet Coffee Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	National Cheese Lover's Day	Thank Your Mentor Day	National Hot Sauce Day	National Pie Day	National Peanut Butter Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Meat Week National Spouse Day	National Chocolate Cake Day	National Blueberry Pancake Day	Chinese New Year Korean New Year	National Croissant Day	National Hot Chocolate Day Eat Brussels Sprouts Day National Fun at Work Day	

## FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						Black History Month National Dark Chocolate Day Poutine Week
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Groundhog Day National Tater Tot Day	National Carrot Cake Day Pride in Food Service Week	National Stuffed Mushroom Day	World Nutella Day	National Chopsticks Day National Frozen Yogurt Day	National Fettuccine Alfredo Day	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Game Day National Pizza Day National Bagel and Lox Day		National Latte Day		Galentine's Day National Cheddar Day National Tortellini Day	Valentine's Day Random Acts of Kindness Week	National Flag of Canada Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Family Day (AB, BC, NB, ON, SK) Nova Scotia Heritage Day (NS)					
	Louis Riel Day (MB) Islander Day (PE)	National Drink Wine Day		National Comfy Day National Muffin Day	Yukon Heritage Day (YT)	National Margarita Day
23	24	25	26	27	28	
				National Chili Day National Strawberry Day		
National Banana Bread Day	National Tortilla Chip Day		National Pistachio Day	National Toast Day	Ramadan begins	

## MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women's History Month National Peanut Butter Lover's Day
2 Chocolate Chip Cookie Week	3 Canadian Bacon Day Carnival Monday National Soup It Forward Day	4 Mardi Gras National Pound Cake Day	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7 National Employee Appreciation Day Fish Fry Day	8 International Women's Day
9 Daylight Savings National Crab Meat Day National Meatball Day	10 Commonwealth Day	<b>11</b> National Sofrito Day	12	13	14 Pi Day National Potato Chip Day	National Espresso Martini Day National Corn Dog Day Maple Syrup Saturday
16 National Artichoke Day	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Equinox National Ravioli Day	21  National Crunchy Taco Day  World Poetry Day	22
23  National Chip and Dip Day  National Puppy Day	24  National Cocktail Day  National Cheesesteak Day	25 National Waffle Day	26 National Spinach Day	27 International Whiskey Day	28 Something on a Stick Day	29
30 Eid al-Fitr Pretzel Sunday	31					

## APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		April Fool's Day National BLT Sandwich Month		National Burrito Day National Chocolate Mousse Day	National Cordon Bleu Day	National Deep Dish Pizza Day National Self Care Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
National Acai Bowl Day National Carbonara Day	National Beer Day National No Housework Day National Bake Week	National Empañada Day		National Siblings Day	National Pet Day	Passover begins National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
National Scrabble Day	National Pecan Day		National Eggs Benedict Day Wear Pajamas to Work Day	Malbec World Day National Crawfish Day	Good Friday	National Garlic Day National Husband Appreciation Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter	National Chickpea Day					
National Cheddar Fries Day	St. George's Day (NL)	Earth Day	National Picnic Day			National Pretzel Day
27	28	29	30			
National Prime Rib Day	National Blueberry Pie Day	International Dance Day National Shrimp Scampi Day	Oatmeal Cookie Day National Bubble Tea Day			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Asian Heritage Month National Barbecue Month National Hamburger Month National Salad Month	2  National Brothers and Sisters Day  National Truffle Day	3 Herb Day
4 Star Wars Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
National Orange Juice Day Teacher Appreciation Week	Cinco de Mayo National Hoagie Day			National Give Someone a Cupcake Day	National Moscato Day National Sleepover Day	National Shrimp Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day National Eat What You Want Day		National Apple Pie Day International Hummus Day	National Buttermilk Biscuit Day	National Chocolate Chip Day	National BBQ Day National Mimosa Day National Pizza Party Day	World Whiskey Day National Doughnut Week
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
National No Dirty Dishes Day	Victoria Day National Patriots' Day (QC) National Vegetarian Week		Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day National Waitstaff Day			National Italian Beef Day National Scavenger Hunt Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
National Wine Day			International Burger Day National Brisket Day	National Biscuit Day		National Macaroon Day

## JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LGBTQ Pride Month National Indigenous History Month	2	3	4	5	6	<b>7</b> National Chocolate
National Steakhouse Month	National Leave Work Early Day	National Egg Day	National Cheese Day	National Veggie Burger Day	Eid al-Adha	Ice Cream Day
8	9	National Egg Roll Day	11	12	13	National Bourbon Day National Rosé Day
National Best Friends Day	47	National Iced Tea Day	National Corn on the Cob Day	International Falafel Day	20	Global Wellness Day
Father's Day National Craft Spirits Week	16 National Fudge Day	National Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 International Sushi Day	<b>19</b> National Martini Day	20	National Indigenous Peoples Day National Smoothie Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
National Onion Rings Day		St. Jean Baptiste Day (QC)				
29	30					
National Waffle Iron Day						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Canada Day Memorial Day (NL) International Chicken Wing Day National Grilling Month	2	3	4 National Caesar Salad Day	5
National Fried Chicken Day National Hand Roll Day	<b>7</b> National Macaroni Day  World Chocolate Day	National Ice Cream Sundae Day	<b>9</b> Nunavut Day (NU)  National Sugar Cookie Day	10 National Piña Colada Day	11  National French Fry Day  National Mojito Day  World Kebab Day	<b>12</b> National Pecan Pie Day
13	14 Orangemen's Day (NL) National Mac and Cheese Day	15 Orange Chicken Day	16	<b>17</b> World Emoji Day	18	<b>19</b> National Daiquiri Day
National Fortune Cookie Day National Ice Cream Day	21	22	23  National Peanut Butter and Chocolate Day	24  National Drive-Thru Day  National Tequila Day	25 National Wine and Cheese Day	26  National Coffee Milkshake Day World Tofu Day
27  National Chicken Finger Day National Parents' Day	28	29  National Lasagna Day	30  National Cheesecake Day	31  National Avocado Day  National Chili Dog Day		

## AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Panini Month National Sandwich Month	<b>2</b> Food Day Canada National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
National Watermelon Day	4 Civic Holiday	5 National Oyster Day	6	7 National IPA Day	8 International Beer Day	9 National Book Lovers Day National Rice Pudding Day
10  National Lazy Day  National S'mores Day	11	12	13  National Filet Mignon Day  National Prosecco Day	14	National Acadian Day Gold Cup Parade (PE) National Relaxation Day	National Rum Day National Tell a Joke Day
17	18 Discovery Day (YT) National Fajita Day Pinot Noir Day	<b>19</b> National Potato Day	National Bacon Lovers Day	21 National Senior Citizens Day	22	23  National Cuban Sandwich Day
24  National Waffle Day	National Banana Split Day National Whiskey Sour Day	26 National Dog Day	27	28	29	30
31 Eat Outside Day						

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labour Day Better Breakfast Month			Eat an Extra Dessert Day	National Cheese Pizza Day International Day of Charity World Samosa Day	International Bacon Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
National Beer Lovers Day					National Chocolate Milkshake Day	National Peanut Day International Chocolate Day
14	15 National Linguine Day Hispanic Heritage Month National Double	16	17	18	19	20  National Fried Rice Day  National Queso Day
National Eat a Hoagie Day	Cheeseburger Day			National Cheeseburger Day		Oktoberfest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Wife Appreciation Day	Rosh Hashanah begins National Ice Cream Cone Day			National Food Service Employees Day National Quesadilla Day	National Dumpling Day National Pancake Day	
28	29	30				
International Poke Day	National Coffee Day	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				

## OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yom Kippur begins Women's History Month Latin American Heritage Month World Vegetarian Day	2	3	4  National Taco Day  National Cinnamon Roll Day  National Vodka Day
5	National Noodle Day National Curry Week	7	8	9	World Egg Day World Plant-Based Burger Day	<b>11</b> National Sausage Pizza Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Gumbo Day National Pulled Pork Day	Thanksgiving	National Dessert Day		National Boss' Day	National Pasta Day	Healthcare Aide Day (BC, MB)  National Chocolate  Cupcake Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	International Chefs Day	National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day			Global Champagne Day National Food Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
National Chicken Fried Steak Day National Pumpkin Day		National Chocolate Day	National Cat Day		Halloween	

## NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
						World Vegan Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Ends	National Sandwich Day		National Chinese Takeout Day	National Nachos Day	National Stout Day	National Cappuccino Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	National Vanilla Cupcake Day National Pupusa Day	Remembrance Day National Sundae Day		World Kindness Day	National Pickle Day	National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Grey Cup National Fast Food Day						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
National Espresso Day			National Cake Day		Black Friday	Small Business Saturday
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## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Cyber Monday	Bartender Appreciation Day		National Cookie Day	International Volunteer Day	National Gazpacho Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	National Brownie Day	National Pastry Day	National Lager Day	Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Hanukkah begins National Biscuits and Gravy Day	National Cupcake Day	National Chocolate Covered Anything Day	National Maple Syrup Day			National Sangria Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Fried Shrimp Day			Christmas Eve	Christmas	Boxing Day National Thank You Note Day	
28	29	30	31			
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		National Bacon Day	New Year's Eve National Champagne Day			

## HOLIDAY-THEMED SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING LOOKBOOK

So many holidays to celebrate, so much great content for your social media pages! Looking to get inspired for your own seasonal marketing campaigns? Let's see how DoorDash merchants across Canada use the holiday calendar to promote their businesses online.

#### TACOS FRIDA CELEBRATED FAMILY ON MOTHER'S DAY (FÊTE DES MÈRES)

Tacos Frida in Montreal is a family-owned Oaxacan restaurant founded by Enrique Chan Morales and his brother, uncle, and mother. For Mother's Day, they shared a photo of Enrique and his mom to celebrate family and their Mexican roots.

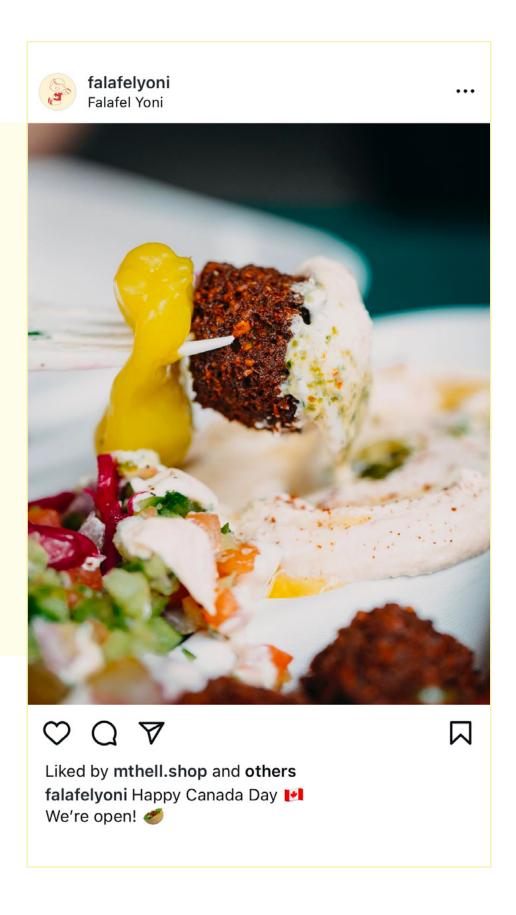
See the live post →



## FALAFEL YONI BROUGHT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR CANADA DAY

No better time to get out to a local restaurant than Canada Day! The team at <u>Falafel Yoni</u> shared a mouthwatering photo of their food with a caption about the national holiday to get folks thinking about their falafel.

See the live post →



## MY FAVE THAI TOOK CELEBRATED ESPRESSO MARTINI DAY WITH A SPECIAL THAI TWIST

At My Fave Thai in Toronto, the flavours of Thailand come alive, like in their Thai Tea Espresso Martini, perfect for National Espresso Day or National Espresso Martini Day.

#### See the live post →



## FOXIES BAKESHOP GOT IN ON THE HALLOWEEN FUN WITH SOME SPOOKY LIMITED TIME COOKIES

Foxies Bakeshop in Toronto put their creativity to the test with a Halloween-themed box of cookies available for a short time during the Fall.

#### See the live post →



#### BARBURRITO REMINDED THEIR AUDIENCE THAT THEY'RE NOT JUST A BURRITO SHOP ON NATIONAL QUESADILLA DAY

Canadian burrito shop <u>BarBurrito</u> celebrated National Quesadilla Day with a special promotion — buy one get one free for quesadillas. By using a promo code, they could track the success of their TikTok post.

See the live post →



## SOCIAL MEDIA TEMPLATES FOR BUSINESSES

#### **HOLIDAY PROMOTIONS**







Happy [insert holiday hashtag]! We're offering a [percentage] discount on all [your business name] delivery orders over [dollar amount] so you can celebrate in style.

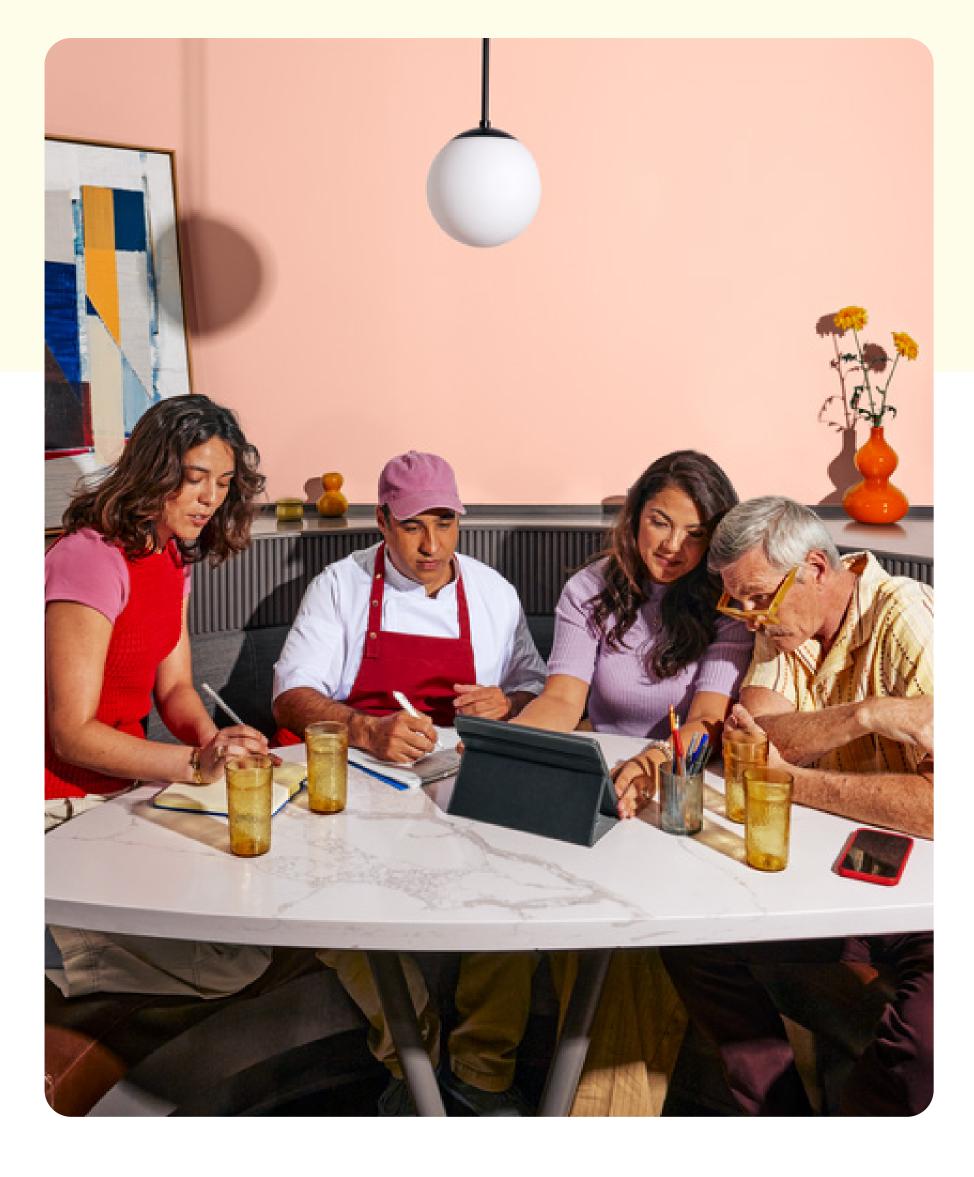








Happy [insert holiday hashtag]! The only thing better than celebrating [food] is celebrating with someone else. Tag a friend in the comments below – we'll be choosing [X] lucky winners to receive a discount on their next order!



#### **CUSTOMER OR EMPLOYEE SHOUT-OUTS**





Give it up for [insert employee name/ handle], our [insert job title] rockstar! **[Employee name]** consistently goes above and beyond, from [insert specific accomplishment or trait, e.g., "amazing customer service" or "bringing fresh ideas to the team"]. We're lucky to have you on board! 🦾 Drop a 👋 in the comments to show some love!

Photo credit: Santini's





Happy Thanksgiving! There's so much for [restaurant name] to be grateful for this year: our talented cooks, inspiring staff, incredible customers, and (of course) tasty dishes like this one. What are you thankful for today?

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES**



This is where the magic happens! 🐆 Here's a look behind the scenes at our kitchen crew creating your favourite [insert type of food] with love and precision ahead of [insert holiday hashtag]! What kind of special would you like to see next? Comment below to let them know!

Photo credit: Zalat Pizza



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A little sneak peek from behind the bar! We're mixing up some fresh ingredients, experimenting with flavours, and perfecting a new [insert cocktail or drink type] cocktail just in time for [insert holiday hashtag].

Curious to see what we're shaking up? We're open from [insert hours] today. 🤚 🍊

Photo credit: Steuben's

#### **HOLIDAY MENU ITEM SPOTLIGHTS**



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The holidays just got a little more delicious! Try our new [insert dish/drink name], made with [highlight ingredients]. Whether you're here to celebrate [insert holiday hashtag] or just need some festive cheer, this is one treat you can't miss. Available through [insert date]!



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Our holiday menu is here, and it's full of festive surprises! Introducing [insert dish/drink name]—a perfect blend of [highlight flavours or ingredients] that'll warm you up this winter. Cozy up with one at [your business name] before the season's over!

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**



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Looking for plans on [insert date]?
We've got you covered! Join us for
[event name] featuring [highlight
event details like "special happy
hour deals," "DJ/live band," or "a
tasting experience"]. It's the perfect
way to celebrate with friends—book
your table now!



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It's [insert holiday hashtag]! And we're celebrating with drink specials and [holiday themed event]! It's the perfect way to spend [holiday]. Tag the friend you want to come with you in the comments!

#### **CHEF'S TIPS AND RECIPES**



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Craving something delicious? Our chef is sharing the recipe for [insert dish name] so you can bring a taste of [your business name] to your kitchen!

Featuring [key ingredients], this dish is perfect for [occasion, e.g., "weeknight dinners" or "holiday gatherings"]. Give it a go and let us know how you did!

Photo credit: Baker's Daughter



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Ever wonder how our chefs make everything taste so incredible? We're sharing a behind-the-scenes tip today to celebrate [insert holiday hashtag]! Here's how to [insert cooking technique or trick, e.g., "get the perfect crispy skin on chicken" or "balance flavours in a dish"]. Try it out and tag us when you do!

Photo credit: Hiraya

#### **LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS OR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**



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We're excited to partner with [insert partner name]! Together, we're bringing [insert what the partnership brings, e.g., "fresh, local ingredients" or "exciting new events"] to our community. Supporting local has never tasted this good—come check it out at [your business name]!



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Markyour calendars! On [insert date], we're hosting [event name] in partnership with [local business/organization]. Come enjoy [highlight event activities, e.g., "live entertainment, special drinks, and local bites"] while supporting our amazing community. Let's come together and celebrate!

## GIVE YOUR HOLIDAY MARKETING A BOOST WITH DOORDASH

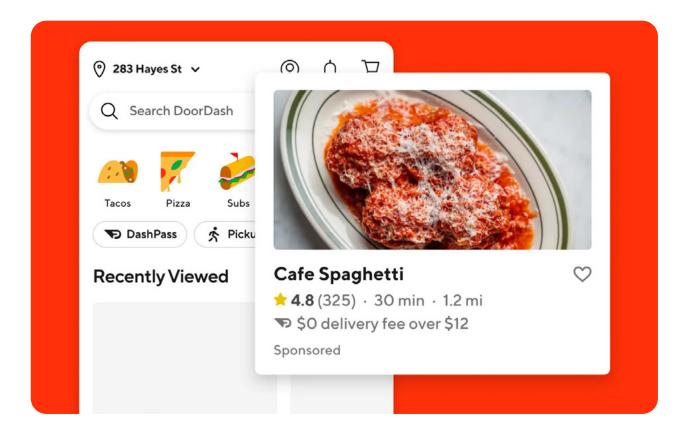
DoorDash partners get access to marketing tools that help them get noticed by new customers and drive more orders.

"Thanks to DoorDash we're able to extend our reach a lot further than we otherwise would've been able to. We're able to hit neighbourhoods that are not just adjacent but even a little bit further and attract new customers."



**Yoni Amir** Co-owner, Falafel Yoni

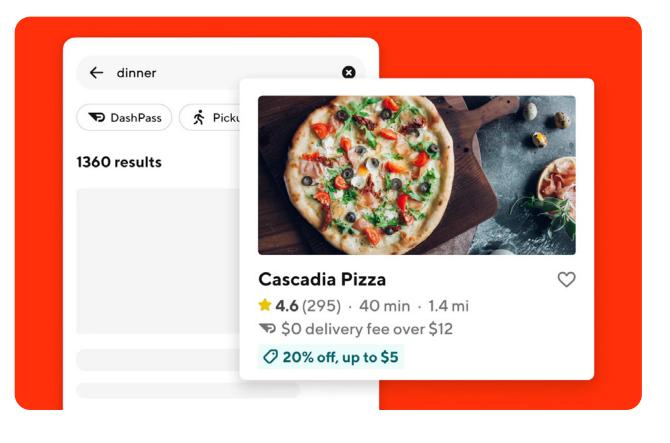
Read Falafel Yoni's DoorDash story →



#### **SPONSORED LISTINGS**

Sponsored Listings are targeted ads that are featured in highly visible places on the DoorDash app, like the homepage and search results. Sponsored Listings are pay-per-order, not per click — so you'll only pay for the ad when an order is placed through it.

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#### **PROMOTIONS**

Promotions enable you to incentivize customers to order more and spend more with a discount, free delivery, or a free item. When you run a promotion, your restaurant will be prominently featured in the Offers tab on the DoorDash app.

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# REACH NEW DINERS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Door Dash helps restaurants expand their business and drive more sales.

Join the thousands of restaurants growing with DoorDash.

**Get started** 



### DOORDASH for Merchants

#### **ABOUT DOORDASH**

DoorDash (NASDAQ: DASH) is a technology company that connects consumers with their favourite local businesses in more than 30 countries across the globe. Founded in 2013, DoorDash builds products and services to help businesses innovate, grow, and reach more customers. DoorDash is your door to more: the local commerce platform dedicated to enabling merchants to thrive in the convenience economy, giving consumers access to more of their communities, and providing work that empowers.





