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Tasting Culture

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Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans?

With Professor Jessica B. Harris

Wednesday 24 March 2010, 6:30pm

Brookes Restaurant - £45 per person

For anyone who loves jazz, or vibrant, colourful and complex foods and flavours, New Orleans has a very special meaning. Five years ago, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath caused dreadful devastation to the city; today, a visitor to New Orleans will find some wonderful food markets and excellent restaurants, and a city that still has its own "language of food". This tasting will explore the foods and food sources of New Orleans past and present, how they have been affected by the hurricane's damage and how they have contributed to the city's rebirth. Images of the beautiful city, and its markets and vendors, will be the backdrop to some of the sounds of culinary New Orleans while we are introduced to such classic and evocative New Orleans ingredients as file powder, Camellia red beans and hot sauces. New Orleans is no stranger to a good bar either so drinks, too, will take their place in this welcome introduction to a magnificent cultural tradition.

Price includes: Cultural seminar, cocktail on arrival, tastings, and a light supper: guinea hen gumbo with smoked andouille, four-generation file gumbo, old fashioned bread pudding

TASTING CULTURE UPCOMING SESSIONS

Wild weather, fierce flavours: the food and cooking of the Languedoc
With Caroline Conran

6:30pm - Wednesday 14 April 2010

The role of tapas in Spanish cultural life: from 19th century Seville to today's avant-garde

With Maria Jose Sevilla

6:30pm - Wednesday 21 April 2010

Irpinia: the mountainous interior of Campania: a place to appreciate food's role in the rhythm of life

With Carla Capalbo

6:30pm - Wednesday 19 May 2010

For further information or to book a place, please contact Razia Nabi on rnabi@brookes.ac.uk or call 01865 483813