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Peterborough's Cathedral Square will be transformed into 'little-Portugal' as the city hosts its second Portuguese Festival on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July.

The two-day festival promises to entertain both young and old, with activities ranging from plays to music and dance. The event will be an opportunity for thousands of the city's Portuguese community to demonstrate their food, heritage and culture to an appreciative audience.

Annette Joyce, service director city services and communications at Peterborough City Council, said: "I'm really pleased the Portuguese Festival is returning for a second year. It shows just how interested our residents are to learn about different cultures and ways of life.

"We work hard to support as many community events in the city centre as possible. Events like the Portuguese Festival always do our city proud so I do hope you take the opportunity to come and join in with the festivities."

Paulo Batista, one of the organisers, said: "This is a great chance for all city residents to come and find out more about Portuguese culture as well as sample some traditional food and drink. We're very happy to be working with the council to put on the festival for its second year and I hope even more people come down to enjoy themselves."

For more information visit www.festivalportuguese.co.uk (<http://www.festivalportuguese.co.uk/>) or call 07766 584535.

The programme of events over the two day event includes:

Saturday 18 July

- > 10am - Festival opens
- > 1pm - Children's play with Lina Jordao
- > 2:30pm - Music and dancing with Rancho Folclorico Traditions
- > 4pm - Music from Jose Ribeiro and Isabel Santos
- > 5pm - Music from Fernando Correia Marques
- > 7pm - Stalls close

Sunday 19 July

- > 10am - Stalls open
- > 1pm - Performance from Grupo Tipico Portugues
- > 2:30pm - Music from SD Brothers
- > 4pm - Music from Alexys
- > 5:30pm - Music from Toy
- > 7pm - Festival closes