

# FESTES MAJORS PATRONALS DE BENIDORM

del 11 al 15 de novembre 2023



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# PATRON SAINTS' FESTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2023

## FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

**18:00 h. – LIGHTING OF THE ARTISTIC ILLUMINATION**, by our Queens, Angélica Morenilla Such and Daniela Talavera Ventura and their Courts of Honour at Martínez Alejos avenue.

Afterwards Opening of the "PORRAT" (street market) at Emilio Ortuño avenue.

**19:00 h. - INAUGURATION OF THE FAIRGROUND**, near the Bullring, by our Queens and their Courts of Honour.

FOOTNOTE: Children's day, reduced fares for the different rides.

**19:00 h. - EMBELLISHMENT CONTEST OF STREETS AND "PEÑAS"**, sponsored by the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities 2023 and the "Peñas" Association. The jury will visit the participating quarters, streets and "peñas" to evaluate them and choose the best ones. The winners will be known Saturday at midnight, during the concert intermission.

### AWARDS STREET "PEÑAS"

1º Award 300€ y trophy

2º Award 200€ y trophy

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**22:00 h. - "PEÑAS" INFORMAL PARADE.** All the members of the "Associació de Penyes Verge del Sofratge" will participate in this informal parade. Meeting of the "Peñas" at Ruzafa street. Parade around the streets Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos.

Once the parade ends, at the official tribune, the "Peñas" Association will confer a tie to all the flags and standards.

## SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

**10:00 h. - MASS**, at the Church of San Jaime, in honour to our Patron Saint the Virgin of the Suffrage, officiated by the parish priest Mr. Juan Antonio González Magaña and the vicar Mr. Carlos Daniel Mejías, sung by the Cultural Association "La Barqueta" and the Church Choir, with the attendance of our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities, the Flag Bearer, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the Authorities, the "Peñas" Association and all the neighbours who wish to attend.

**11:45 h. - OPENING OF THE DOORS AT SAINT JAMES AND SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH** (Old Town), to sing the Couplets in honour to the Virgin of the Suffrage.

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**12:00 h. - ANGELUS AND GENERAL BELL RINGING** to announce the official start of the Patron Saints' Festivities 2023 and also Air Bombing (firecrackers), from Plaza de la Señoría, by the pyrotechnics company del MEDITERRÁNEO.

## **THE MAJOR FIESTAS 2023 HAVE BEGUN!**

**12:05 h. - BRASS BANDS PARADE**, starting from Plaza de San Jaime and going down the main streets in the town centre with the attendance of our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities, the Flag Bearer, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the Authorities, the "Peñas" Association and the locals. The prestigious bands that will take part are:

Colla de Xirimiters de la Marina  
Associació Musical Jalonense  
Unió Musical de Confrides Aitana  
Unión Musical La Primitiva de Castell de Castells.  
Associació d'Amics de la Música de Callosa d'en Sarrià  
Societat Musical El Verger  
Societat Musical La Lira Relleuense.  
Unión Musical de La Nucia  
Societat Musical la Lira de l'Alfàs del Pi  
Unión Musical de Polop de La Marina  
Societat Musical La Nova de Benidorm  
Societat Musical L'illa de Benidorm  
Unión Musical de Benidorm

**13:00 h. - GATHERING OF BRASS BANDS**, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España, where each band will arrive playing different paso dobles to welcome the Festivities. The Queens, Angélica Morenilla Such and Daniela Talavera Ventura, will confer a tie to the standards of the various entities. Once the bands are all gathered at the square, they will perform together the Paso Doble "FIESTA IN BENIDORM" declared as Anthem of the Patron Saints' Festival, directed by Mr. Rafael Domenech Pardo, songwriter of this piece.



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**17:00 h.** - At Poniente Beach, **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE FINDING OF THE VIRGIN, FESTIVITY OF THE VALENCIAN COMMUNITY DECLARED OF TOURIST INTEREST**, by the theatre group of the ACR "La Barqueta". The performance, based on historical facts and following the text of Pere Maria Orts i Bosch, will take us to the middle of march 1740 to recall all the events that happened then, which started when three sailors found a boat, without crew, sailing adrift and ended with the proclamation of the Virgin of the Suffrage as Our Patron Saint.

Afterwards, **SALVOES OF HONOR AND A MAGNIFICENT AIR BOMBING**, by the pyrotechnics company Mediterráneo, announcing the Finding of the statue of our patron saint, the Virgin of the Suffrage.

**18:30 h.** - **SOLEMN PROCESSION**, with the participation of the Authorities, our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Flag Bearer, the Herald, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the "Mayorales" and "Mayoralas", the ACR "La Barqueta", the "Peñas", all the Festivities, Cultural, Social and Religious Entities, the Traditional Festivities, Regional Associations and Benidorm's People, with the following itinerary: Parque de Elche (Harbour) through the following streets: Paseo de la Carretera, Alameda del Alcalde D. Pedro Zaragoza Orts, Mayor street and Plaza de San Jaime.

When the procession gets to the church, there will be a **FLOWER OFFERING** to the Virgin of the Suffrage, Patron Saint and Perpetual Mayoress of Benidorm.

Afterwards, our Infant Queen, Daniela Talavera Ventura, will recite a Verse to Our Patron Saint, written by Vicenta Pérez Bayona, also known as "Cuqui". Then the Queen, Angélica Morenilla Such, will address a few words to Benidorm's People.

Immediately, the **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** of Benidorm's Patron Saints Festivities 2023, by **Dña. María Magdalena Simarro Cantos**.

Then the Chairman of the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities, Vicente Solaz Gimeno, will address a few words to the audience, and the ceremony will conclude with the words of Benidorm's Mayor and his Excellency the Chairman of the Provincial Government Mr. Antonio Pérez Pérez.

Lastly, the Anthems of Benidorm and the Region of Valencia will be sung, to end with a **SMALL FIREWORK DISPLAY**, at Plaza de la Señoría, done by the pyrotechnics company del Mediterráneo.

**23:00 h. - ORCHESTRA CONECTA2** at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street)

**23:30 h. - GREAT TRIBUTE TO MECANO**, at plaza de SS.MM. los Reyes de España.

**00:15 h. - MUSIC BAND AROUND THE CITY** leaving from Plaza de SS. MM. Los Reyes de España to wander through the city centre and visit the "peñas", with the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities.

**01:00 h. – Broom Football** tournament at Auditorium Oscar Esplà organised by the Peña "I DEMÀ QUÉ" and sponsored by the "ASSOCIACIÓ DE PENYES VERGE DEL SOFRATGE". The winners will be responsible of organising the broom football tournament 2024.

Remember that it is forbidden to get into any of the concerts or events with glass containers.

## **SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: VIRGIN OF THE SUFFRAGE'S DAY**

**8:00 h. - "Despertà" (awakening with firecrackers)** in honour to the VIRGIN OF THE SUFFRAGE.

**9:00 h. - Chocolate for everyone**, in the Committee's marquee located at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España (Town Hall), thanks to the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities.

**10:30 h. -** Picking up of the Queens and their Courts of Honour, by the "Mayorales" of the Committee, and music bands, to go parading to the "Casa del Fester" (La Biga street).

Once there, parade with Benidorm's Authorities towards the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne.

**11:00h. – Huge Playpark for the Children** at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**11:30 h. - Solemn Mass in honour of our Patron Saint, the Virgin of the Suffrage and Perpetual Mayoress of Benidorm**, at the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne, officiated by Mr. Miguel Ángel Cerezo Saura, priest of de Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer in San Vicente del Raspeig, with the attendance of our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Committee of the Patron Saints Festivities, the Flag Bearer, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the Authorities, the "Peñas" Association and locals. The ceremony will be sung by the "Camerata Ars Cántica de Benidorm" and directed by its Conductor.

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**14:00 h. – Marvellous Pyro-Digital "Mascleta"** (super big banger) in **honour of our Patron Saint, the Virgin of the Suffrage**, at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by the pyrotechnics company del MEDITERRÁNEO. The "Destilería Tennis" will do a tasting of "Anís Tennis", until they run out of stock.

**17:00 h. – CHILDREN'S THEATRE** "Mundo mágico" at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street). Afterwards, there will be an afternoon snack for all the kids, thanks to Mc Donald's

**19:30 h. - SOLEMN PROCESSION** in honour to the Virgin of the Suffrage with the attendance of the Civil and Ecclesiastical Authorities, our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Flag Bearer, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the "Mayorales" and "Mayoralas", the "Peñas" Association and Benidorm's People.

Itinerary: Mayor street, Alameda de D. Pedro Zaragoza, Los Ángeles, Metge Pérez Martorell, Martínez Alejos, Paseo de la Carretera, Santa Faz, Mal Pas and Plaza de San Jaime.

Afterwards, lightning of the traditional "Estampeta" to the Virgin of the Suffrage, at Plaza de San Jaime.

**23:00 h. -** The touching and traditional singing of the **"COPLETES"** to the Virgin of the Suffrage, to the rhythm of the "xirimita i tabalet" (shawm and drum) will take place at Plaza de San Jaime.

**23:30 h. - ORCHESTRA MISSISIPI** at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street)

**00:00 h. – GREAT CONCERT FROM THE "LOS MOJINOS ESCOZIOS"** at plaza de SS.MM. los Reyes de España.

**00:30 h. - MUSIC BAND AROUND** the city centre sponsored by the "peñas" association.

Afterwards, spectacular "CORREFOCS" (moving fire and sound show), by "Colla de Dimonis Polopins", leaving from Plaza de SS. MM. Los Reyes de España and through the streets: Hondo, Ruzafa and Herrerías to end at Plaza de SS. MM. Los Reyes de España.

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## **MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER: SAINT JAMES' DAY**

**08:00 h. – “Despertà” (awakening with firecrackers)**

**9:00 h. - Chocolate for everyone**, in the Committee's marquee located at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España (Town Hall), thanks to the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities

**10:30 h. -** Picking up of the Queens and their Courts of Honour, by the “Mayorales” of the Committee, and music bands, to go parading to the “Casa del Fester” (La Biga street). Once there, parade with Benidorm's Authorities towards the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne.

**11:00 h. - HUGE PLAYPARK FOR THE CHILDREN**, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España

**11:30 h. - At the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne, SOLEMN MASS in honour to Saint James**, officiated by Mr. Miguel Ángel Schiller Villalba, priest of de Church of Saint Joseph in Alfaz del Pi, with the attendance the Authorities, our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Flag Bearer, the Herald, the “Mayorales” of Honour, the “Mayorales” and “Mayoralas”, all the Festivities and Cultural Entities, the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities, the “Peñas” Association and Benidorm's People, and sung by the parochial choir accompanied with organ by their conductor Mr. Juan Antonio Espinosa.

**14:00 h. - Marvellous Pyro-Digital “Mascleta” (super big banger)** in honour of our Patron Saint, Saint James, at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by the pyrotechnics company del MEDITERRÁNEO

**16:30 h. - II TOURNAMENT OF “PILOTA VALENCIANA” (GAME OF PELOTA) “PENYA GANDULS-FIESTAS MAYORES PATRONALES”**, with Young local players. Organised by the “Penya Ganduls” on the street Puríssima Concepció with the collaboration of the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities 2023 and the attendance of the Queens and their Courts of Honour and some important players such as Genovés II, Pere Roc II and Santi from Finestrat.

**17:00 h. – Children's wandering theatre** at Huerto de Colón. Afterwards, there will be chocolate for all the kids, thanks to “Chocolates Marcos Tonda”.



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**19:30 h. - SOLEMN PROCESSION in honour to Saint James** with the attendance of the Civil and Ecclesiastical Authorities, our Queens and their Courts of Honor, the Flag Bearer, the "Mayorales" of Honour, the "Mayorales" and "Mayoralas", the "Peñas" Association and Benidorm's People.

Itinerary Mayor, Alameda D. Pedro Zaragoza, Paseo de la Carretera, Santa Faz and Plaza San Jaime.

Afterwards, lightning of the traditional "Estampeta" to Saint James, at Plaza de San Jaime.

Inside the temple, the parish priest Mr. Juan Antonio González, will reveal the names of the members of the organizing committee ("Mayorales") of the Fiestas 2024.

**22:00 h. - CONCERT OF THE LOCAL BAND "LOCOS DE ATAR"**, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España (Town Hall).

**23:30 h. - SPECTACULAR NOCTURNAL MASCLETÀ** at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by the pyrotechnics company del MEDITERRÁNEO

**00:00 h. – ORCHESTRA SHAKARA** at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street)

**00:00 h. – MUSIC BAND AROUND** the city centre sponsored by the "peñas" association.

**00:30 h. - CONCERT OF "BOMBAL"** at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España,

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## TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

**08:00 h. – "Despertà" (awakening with firecrackers)**

**9:00 h. - Chocolate for everyone**, in the Committee's marquee located at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España (Town Hall), thanks to the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities

**9:30 h. - Picking up of the Queens and their Courts of Honour**, by the "Mayorales" of the Committee, and music bands, to go parading to the Committee's marquee (Plaza SS.MM Los Reyes de España).

Once there, parade with Benidorm's Authorities towards the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne.



**10:30 h. - SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS**, at San Jaime Church, dedicated to all the deceased of Benidorm officiated by the parish priest Mr. Juan Antonio González, with the attendance of the Authorities, our Queens and their Courts of Honor and the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities, and sung by the Parochial Choir.

Afterwards, offering of a laurel garland to the Dead in the Sea, at Plaza de la Señoría.

Immediately the attendants will visit both cemeteries, to leave flower garlands in memory of all the deceased and a prayer will be said for all the Benidorm citizens who are not among us anymore.

**11:00 h. – HUGE PLAYPARK** for the children, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**14:00 h. - HUGE MASCLETÀ**, at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by the pyrotechnics company MEDITERRÁNEO.

**17:45 h. – MUSICAL THE REVOLUTION** at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**19:00 h. – FUNNY COSTUMES PARADE** organised by the Associació de Penyes Verge del Sofratge and sponsored by the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities 2023.

Itinerary: Venus, Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos.

**23:00 h. - BIG CONCERT "DJ'S KALENDA Y MISS DEEP IN"** sponsored by the associació de penyes verge del sofratge and main artist **"HENRY MENDEZ"** sponsored by the committee of the patron saints' festivities 2023 .

During the concert the prizes from the Funny Costume Parade will be handed over.

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## **WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

**10:00 h. - CHOCOLATE FOR EVERYONE**, in the Committee's marquee located at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España (Town Hall), thanks to the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities

**11:00 h. - "FESTA DE LES FESTES"** gathering of all the Benidorm's festivities entities. Meeting at Plaza Neptuno where the parade will start. Itinerary: Almendros avenue, Limones street, Ruzafa avenue, Herrerías street and Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España,

Where they will be welcomed by the Queens and their Courts of Honour and the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities.

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**13:00 h. – CHILDREN'S "MASCLETÀ" AND CANDY FIRECRACKERS** at Plaza SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**14:00 h. - DEAFENING PYRO-DIGITAL MASCLETÀ**, sponsored by the "Peñas" Association, at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by the pyrotechnics company Hermanos Sirvent.

**18:00 h. - FLOAT PARADE** starting at Alcoy avenue and going through the following streets: Martínez Alejos. Ruzafa, Venus, Marte, Almendros ending at Parque de Elche.

Afterwards, noisy and original Firework Display at Poniente Beach (Harbour), done by the pyrotechnics company Mediterráneo to illuminate the sky of Benidorm and put a spectacular end to our Patron Saints' Festivities.

**23:30 h. – Prize-giving ceremony from the Float Parade**, at the Committee's marquee (Plaza SS. MM. Reyes de España). The prizes are sponsored by the Committee of the Patron Saints' Festivities.2023 .

## **FROM THURSDAY 16th TO FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER**

**19:00 h. – Solemn Mass and Novena** in honour to our Patron Saint the Virgin of the Suffrage at the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**TO THE TOWN OF BENIDORM AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE, BUSINESSES AND ENTITIES FOR YOUR COLLABORATION THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR TO MAKE OUR PATRON SAINTS' FESTIVITIES EVEN GREATER.**

### **NOTES:**

- THE PATRON SAINTS' FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE thanks Benidorm's locals for their collaboration embellishing the streets, squares and balconies which contributes to their splendour.
- THE PATRON SAINTS' FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE reserves the right to modify or cancel any event due to the circumstances.
- THE PATRON SAINTS' FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE reminds you that it is strictly prohibited to use firecrackers, fireworks or any other type of noisy device, out of the special places and hours set up to that effect.





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