

# **MAJOR FIESTAS PROGRAMME 2019**

## **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**18:00 LIGHTING OF THE ARTISTIC ILLUMINATION**, by our Queens, at Martínez Alejos avenue and Opening of the "Porrat" (street market) at Emilio Ortuño avenue.

**19:00 INAUGURATION OF THE FAIRGROUND**, near the Bullring. Children's day: special prices.

**21:00 "PEÑAS" INFORMAL PARADE**. Meeting of the "Peñas" at Ruzafa street. Parade around the streets Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos.

## **SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10:00 MASS**, at the Church of San Jaime, in honour to the Virgin of the Suffrage, sung by "La Barqueta" and the Church Choir.

**11:45 OPENING OF THE DOORS AT SAINT JAMES AND SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH**, to sing the **VERSES IN HONOUR TO THE VIRGIN**.

**12:00 ANGELUS AND BELL RINGING** and spectacular **AIR BOMBING**, by the pyrotechnics company RICASA, from Plaza de la Señoría, to announce that...

### **THE MAJOR FIESTAS 2019 HAVE BEGUN!**

**12:15 BRASS BANDS PARADE**, starting from Plaza de San Jaime to finish at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España (Town Hall). Itinerary: Mayor, Alameda de D. Pedro Zaragoza, Herrerías and Plaza de SS.MM. Reyes de España.

**13:00 GATHERING OF BRASS BANDS**, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España, to perform the piece "FIESTA IN BENIDORM". Afterwards, **COLOURFUL AIR BOMBING**, by the pyrotechnics company RICASA.

**17:00** At Poniente Beach, **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE FOUNDING OF THE VIRGIN**, by the theatre group of "La Barqueta". Afterwards, **SALVOES OF HONOR**, by the pyrotechnics company RICASA, to announce the Founding of our patron saint, the Virgin of the Suffrage.

**18:30 SOLEMN PROCESSION**, leaving from Parque de Elche (Harbour) through the following streets: Paseo de la Carretera, Alameda D. Pedro Zaragoza, Mayor street and Plaza de San Jaime.

When the procession gets to the church, there will be a **FLOWER OFFERING TO THE VIRGIN**, followed by the **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIESTAS**. Afterwards, the Anthems of Benidorm and the Region of Valencia will be sung, to end with a **SUPERB FIREWORK DISPLAY**, at Plaza Castelar, done by the pyrotechnics company RICASA

**22:00** Dance and entertainment for everyone, done by "**LOCOS POR BAILAR**", at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street).

**23:00** Performance of "**ORQUESTA SHAKARA**" at Huerto de Colón.

**23:00** Performance of "**ORQUESTA LOS HAPPYS**", at Gambo street.

**23:00 GREAT SHOW**, at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España, of local bands: "**LOCOS DE ATAR**", "**DIRTY BONES**", "**ZAREY** (Reggaeton) & **VARIANCE DANCE STUDIO**" and "**ROAD VOLTA**".

**23:30** Informal parade of the brass bands "Ateneu de la Vila" and "La Pericana", leaving from Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

## **SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: VIRGIN OF THE SUFFRAGE'S DAY**

**11:00 until 14:00 HUGE CHILDREN PLAYPARK** at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**11:30 SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR PATRON SAINT, THE VIRGIN OF THE SUFFRAGE**, at the Church of Saint James and Saint Anne, sung by the "Polifónica de Polop Antonio Berenguer". Afterwards, **AIR BOMBING** and **PARADE**, around the streets of the Old Town.

**14:00 MARVELLOUS PYRO-DIGITAL "MASCLETA"** (super big banger) at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by pyrotechnics company RICASA. The "Destilería Tennis" will do a tasting of "Anís Tennis", until they run out of stock.

**17:00** Kid's "Batukada" (band of instruments of percussion that plays African-Brazilian music), by MARAKATA PERCUSIÓN, starting from Casa del Fester (C/ La Biga). Afterwards, there will be chocolate for all the kids at Casa del Fester.

**17:00** Children's wandering theatre "AVENTURA PREHISTÓRICA" starting at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street). Afterwards, there will be chocolate for all the kids, thanks to "Chocolates Marcos Tonda", at Huerto de Colón.

**19:30 SOLEMN PROCESSION IN HONOUR TO THE VIRGIN OF THE SUFFRAGE**. 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, traditional "**ESTAMPETA**" in honour to the Virgin of the Suffrage, at Plaza de San Jaime.

**22:30** Performance of the "**ORQUESTA SECRETS**", at Huerto de Colón (Tomás Ortuño street).

**23:00** Performance of the marvellous "**ORQUESTA TREGUA**", at Gambo street.

**23:00** The traditional "**COPLETES**" will be sung to the Virgin of the Suffrage, at Plaza de San Jaime.

**23:30** Informal parade of the brass bands "Bataclán" and "La Pericana", leaving from Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**00:00** Concert of the famous music band "**LA UNIÓN**", at Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

## **MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: SAINT JAMES´ DAY**

**07:30** CHOCOLATE FOR EVERYONE, thanks to “CHOCOLATES MARCOS TONDA” (Villajoyosa), at Casa del Fester (C/ La Biga).

**08:00** “DESPERTÀ” (awakening by the sound of firecrackers), starting from Casa del Fester (C/ La Biga), around the Old Town. And from now on...¡EVERY MORNING!

**11:00 until 14:00 HUGHE CHILDREN PLAYPARK** at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España.

**11:30** At the Church of San Jaime, **SOLEMN MASS IN HONOUR TO SAINT JAMES**, sung by the “Polifónica de Polop Antonio Berenguer”. Afterwards, **AIR BOMBING** and **PARADE**, around the streets of the Old Town.

**14:00 GREAT PYRO-DIGITAL MASCLETA** (super big firecrackers), at avenue Jaime I (Poniente Beach), done by pyrotechnics company RICASA.

**17:00** Children’s wandering theatre “AVENTURA PREHISTÓRICA” starting at Casa del Fester (La Biga street). Afterwards, there will be chocolate for all the kids, thanks to “Chocolates Marcos Tonda”, at Huerto de Colón.

**19:00 SOLEMN PROCESSION IN HONOUR TO SAINT JAMES** by the streets: Mayor, Alameda D. Pedro Zaragoza, Paseo de la Carretera, Santa Faz and Plaza San Jaime. Afterwards, traditional “**ESTAMPETA**”, in honour to Saint James. Inside the temple, the names of the members of the organizing committee (“Mayorales”) of the Fiestas 2020 will be revealed.

**23:15** Informal parade of the brass bands “Bataclán” and “La Pericana”, leaving from Plaza de SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**23:30 CHARITY CONCERT** organised by “**LOS 40 BENIDORM POP**”, at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España, with the performance of many famous recording artists: **Dani Fernández, Alba Reche, Ana Mena, Pol Granch, Xuso Jones Unique, Lemot, Maybe, Safree, Chico Malo, Samuel, Miki** and **Nil Moliner**. 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, Tomás Ortuño, La Biga, Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos to end at Gambo street.

## **TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10:30 SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS**, at San Jaime Church, sung by the Choir of the Church. Afterwards, OFFERING OF FLOWER GARLANDS to the Dead in the Sea, at Plaza de la Señoría, followed by a visit to the cemeteries.

**11:00 until 14:00 HUGE CHILDREN PLAYPARK** at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España.

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

**17:00** Children’s wandering theatre, starting at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España and ending at Plaza Triangular.

**19:00 FUNNY COSTUMES PARADE**. Itinerary: Venus, Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos.

**00:00 WONDERFUL NOCTURNAL PYRO-DIGITAL MASCLETÀ** (fireworks and bangers), done by the pyrotechnics company RICASA.

**00:30 TRIBUTE CONCERT** (MECANO, QUEEN and BRUNO MARS), at Plaza de SS. MM. los Reyes de España.

## **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**11:30 “FESTA DE LES FESTES”**. Informal parade of the different Fiestas Comitees, departing from Tomás Ortuño street / Pino street. Itinerary: Tomás Ortuño, La Biga, Ruzafa, Herrerías and Plaza de SS. MM Los Reyes de España.

**13:00 CHILDREN’S “MASCLETÀ”** and **CANDY FIRECRACKERS** at Plaza SS. MM. Reyes de España.

**18:00 FLOAT PARADE** through the following streets: Parque de Elche, Almendros, Marte, Venus, Ruzafa and Martínez Alejos.

Afterwards, **MARVELLOUS FIREWORK DISPLAY** at Poniente Beach (Harbour), done by the pyrotechnics company RICASA.

## **¡MERRY FIESTAS FOR EVERYONE!**

**IMPORTANT:** The Tourist Office is not responsible for any of the changes that may happen.