

## MOORS AND CHRISTIANS, LA VILA JOIOSA 2024

### Wednesday 24 Th July.

At 9 PM. Opening of the Artistic lighting followed by the ringing of the bells. After that, OFFICIAL PARADE OF MUSIC BANDS starting at Association Santa Marta's Headquarters and ending at "La Finca La Barbera dels Aragonés" where the Comunitat Valenciana Anthem will be played. The activity will end by an spectacular mascletá (firecrackers, popularly known like "masclets", thats why it is called mascletá)

### Thursday, 25 Th July.

At 9.00 PM. MOORS' PARADE. . The parade will start from C/Colón (Edificio L'Anouer) and will continue through Avenida del País Valencià to Generalitat Square (where it will end). The moorish troops will march in the following order, Association's Flag, Negres, Islam, Capetes, Mercaders, Moorish Artillery, Pak.kos, Guàrdia Negra, Beduïns, Berbers, Tuaregs, Riff and Moorish King with his escora.

### Friday, 26 Th July.

At 9.00 PM. MOORS' PARADE. The parade will start from C/Colón (Edificio L'Anouer) and will continue through Avenida del País Valencià to Generalitat Square (where it will end). The Christian Troops will march in the following order: Association's Flag, Destralers, Llauradors Almogavers, Sailors, Hunters, Volunteers, Fishermen, Catalans, Christian Artillery Contrabandists (Smugglers), Pirates, and Christian King with his escort.

### Saturday, 27th July

At 6 PM. Marching of the Smugglers (Contrabandistes), Sailors (Marinos), Fishermen (Pescadores) and Pirates, from Avenida Varadero to the port, where they will land.



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At 7 PM. Marching of the Christian Army from Calle Pizarro/Parque Censal to Centro Beach, where they will defend the castle.

At 8 PM. In Centro Beach; disembarkment of the Smugglers and Pirates Corsair, who in spite of the intense battle and the Christian troops resistance, get to reach the Castle where the Smugglers Parley will take place.

At 9 PM. PRESENTATION OF THE MOORISH TROOPS TO THEIR KING starting from the crossroad between C/Pizarro and Avda. del País Valencià to the Castle (Centro Beach) where the Bedouins Parley will take place.

### **Sunday, 28th July.**

At 3:00 AM, the Moorish Companies will march down Varadero Avenue to the Port. From 5:00 AM, the CHRISTIAN ARMY DESCENT will proceed via La Costera del Mar to the Christian camp.

At 6:00 AM, there will be a general alarm sounded on the beach, the arrival of the messenger at the castle, the reading of the plea, followed by **the MOORISH DISEMBARKMENT** and embassy.

At 8:00 PM, the Moorish troops will gather in the Generalitat square, and at 8:30 PM, the Christian troops will gather to proceed to the **Reconquista** event, with the Moors descending through the Old Town and the Christians via Costa El Mar.

At 9:00 PM, the **CHRISTIAN EMBASSY** and **CHRISTIAN RECONQUEST OF THE CASTLE** will take place. Afterward, a **TWENTY ONE CANON SHOTS BY THE CHRISTIAN ARTILLERY**, in the presence of the Moorish King and the Christian King, along with other civil and festive authorities, to ANNOUNCE THE DAY OF SANTA MARTA. Following this, there will be a THANKSGIVING MASS at the church of Our Lady of the Assumption.



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## **Monday, 29th of July**

At 11.30 AM. The procession will start from the Association's Headquarters, attended by the Captains, Banner-Bearer, Moorish and Christian kings as well as the Santa Marta Association's Management Committee, authorities, party-men and neighbours who are willing to attend the ceremony.

At 12 AM. CHURCH SERVICE in honour of our Patron Saint, in the Ntra.Sra.de la Asunción Parish Church.

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At 8 PM. SOLEMN PROCESSION through the streets of the old town (Casco Antiguo), during which our Patron Saint, Santa Marta, will be held on the shoulders of the party-men of the Negres and Destralers Companies. Saint Marta will be accompanied by the authorities and followed by all the devotees willing to accompany her.

At 00.30 AM. On the beach (Playa Centro), the traditional fireworks "CASTILLO DE FUEGOS ARTIFICIALES DE SANTA MARTA"

**Tuesday, 30th July.** At 1 PM. Benidorm Avenue, PAELLAS CONTEST, in which the different companies, accompanied by music bands will participate.

**Wednesday, 31st July.** At 8.30 PM. Children's COACH PARADE through the streets of the city centre.

*Information obtained from the website: <https://associaciosantamarta.org/>*

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