

Villajoyosa paradise



Playa Paraiso

Photo: Town hall

By Barry Wright

AUGUST 12 is International Youth Day (IYD), and in recognition of this United Nations-designated event Villajoyosa town hall has arranged live music performances by local groups and kayak outings.

From 19.00-24.00 tomorrow (Saturday), local musical acts Sinestesia, Jaelo, Rosted and Miguel Sánchez will be performing live in the parking area of Paraiso beach.

The featured artists all rehearse at the Punt de Trobada Jove municipal youth centre.

Prior to this, at 09.00 and 16.00, the town hall is collaborating with Alicante Aventura to organise two kayak outings entitled 'the bays of Villajoyosa', which will leave from Playa Paraiso. The activity is aimed at young people aged from 12-30, and costs €20 per person. The price of this activity has been partially subsidised.

Registration for the kayak outings is taking place at the Casa de la Juventud, which is situated at Calle Fray Posidonio 30.

Further information is available by telephone on 96 681 03 38.

In addition to being part of the IYD schedule, the live music also appears in the programme for the Paraiso district's Virgen de la Asunción fiestas, which run from today until Tuesday, August 15.

Friday, August 11

21.00: Fiesta bar opens
23.00-04.00: DJ Eugeniet

Saturday, August 12

12.00: Parades
14.00: Aperitif offered by the fiesta committee
19.00: Music festival – see above
00.00-04.00: La Contraria Band and mechanical bull

Sunday, August 13

12.00: Foam party
14.00: Paella offered by the fiesta committee
Followed by 'grand Paraiso bingo'
17.00-19.00: Water inflatables
20.00: Football in the Era Stadium
23.00-04.00: White Party with DJ

Monday, August 14

19.00-21.00: Family games
22.00: Tapas at the bar, and raffle. Don't forget your sangria, offered by the fiesta committee
22.30: Fancy dress party
23.00-04.00: Tuento Hits fiesta

Tuesday, August 15

10.30: Mass in honour of Nuestra Virgen de la Asunción
12.00: Gran Prix Paraiso (team games)
21.00: Procession
23.30: Chocolate, offered by Chocolates Valor
00.00: Firework display

Craft fair in Hondón

THE ANNUAL arts and crafts fair returns to Hondón de las Nieves on Friday and Saturday, August 11-12, with many demonstrations and workshops.

The biggest novelty of this year's eighth edition is that the organiser, craft association Amata, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a contest of unique pieces, made by the participants. During the fair, the pieces in the contest will be on display at the stalls of the corresponding makers, and visitors are invited to vote for the piece they like best.

Like other years, everything that is sold at this fair is made by the craftsman or craftswoman who attends you. More than 20 artisans are expected, and each stall offers something different and original: pieces of silver, glass, wood, leather, ceramics and fabric, all carefully worked to satisfy the taste of the most demanding visitor.

In addition, there will be artificial stone carving demonstrations and socarrat (fired clay tiles covered with a white base, normally painted in red and black, which are traditional in the Manises and Paterna area of Valencia) painting. The potter will also bring his wheel to offer visitors the chance to make their own bowl or cup.

There will be workshops for children, board games and a merry-go-round.

On both days a magician will walk through the fair entertaining the public with his tricks and pranks.

On the Friday evening, a juggler closes the fair with a fire show and the magician will put on a great magic show on Saturday night, just before



Get in there!

Photo: Amata

the famous correfocs - a parade with lots of fireworks and noise - which attracts many people from all over the area.

The fair is on open both days from 19.00 until midnight or later.

The complete programme can be found at www.puebloartesanero.es/hondodelasnieves

Orihuela Costa on foot



Cala Cerrada: One of Orihuela Costa's many quality beaches

Photo: Town hall

By Barry Wright

ORIHUELA town hall tourism department has released details of its August series of guided tours, which this time around focuses predominantly on the municipality's nature and beaches.

All walks start at 19.30 and, with the exception of the August 18 outing, are free.

Prior registration through www.ori-huelaturistica.es is essential. All activities are in Spanish.

Friday, August 11: Walk through the landscape of the Colinas de Campoamor. Leaving from the car park next to Pardo Mini Market at Las Colinas urbanisation

Wednesday, August 16: Walk through

El Palmeral palm grove and the mining furnace. Leaving from El Palmeral interpretation centre

Friday, August 18: Walk along the 'blue path' which crosses the bays of Orihuela Costa. At the end of the walk there is the opportunity to watch a 'summer cinema' outdoor film screening at Cabo Roig. There will be an admission fee to watch the film. Leaving from La Zenia beach

Wednesday, August 23: Hike to the cabins in the San Cristóbal recreation area. Leaving from Santa Ana Franciscan convent

Friday, August 25: Walk to Cala Mosca from Punta Prima. Leaving from the car park at Punta Prima beach

A 'mayor for change'

By Barry Wright

THE CENTRAL library in Benidorm is hosting an exhibition about Pedro Zaragoza Orts - 'the mayor of change'.

The exhibition brings together various panels related to the personal and political life of the Benidorm-born politician.

'Pedro Zaragoza Orts: el alcalde del cambio (1950-1967)' also contains related images, texts and works from the library's archive, and is divided into eight sections.

The sections cover aspects such as Sr Zaragoza's political biography, his trajectory at the town hall, his role as a civil governor in Guadalajara and his life after retiring from politics.

Another section contains images and texts relating to the water problems experienced in the municipality, the time when a water well was acquired in Polop to supply the town, and the pipe-

line project.

It also looks at the development of the 'vertical city', starting with the 1956 Town Plan (PGOU) and the changes until 1963, the song festival, allowing women to wear bikinis in the town, and much more.

The exhibition is open Monday to Friday from 09.00-20.00 until further notice.

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