

necessary, 'just the wish to have a good time'

BOARD GAMES

Monthly: Board game afternoon in English at the Hogar del Pensionista (pensioners home) and starts at 16.30. Although there is no age restriction the initiative is aimed at adults. Free, although prior registration by telephone on 629 816 197, is essential

KLEIN SCHREUDER GARDEN MUSEUM GUIDED VISITS

The visits are by appointment only and organised by the patrons of the Klein-Schreuder foundation. To make an appointment telephone 96 686 02 30. Admission is €5, which is used as a contribution to the maintenance of the gardens. Further information is available from: www.klein-schreuder.com

ALICANTE

SANTA MARÍA BASILICA GUIDED VISITS

Until further notice: Santa María basilica is open for guided visits. Built over the remains of a mosque between the 14th and 16th centuries, the Valencian Gothic style construction has been declared as being a Bien de Interés Cultural (of cultural interest).

The visits take place Monday-Saturday 10.00-19.00, Sundays 14.00-19.00. Visits may be adapted to fit around religious services. General admission is €6. For further information visit www.basilicaalicante.com

ALICANTE PROVINCE

WALKING EXCURSIONS

Until October 22: Provincial government-organised series of walking excursions in different parks and natural spaces throughout the province.

It is recommended that participants bring a backpack, long trousers, a t-shirt and change, a coat appropriate for the forecast weather, walking shoes/boots, sun protection, sun glasses, mobile telephone with a charged battery, and food and drink.

A coach will take participants from and to the Plaza de los Luceros in Alicante city, to the walk start and finish points. Further information and registration is available at www.femecv.com - follow the 'Programa Senderismo' link and then the 'Diputación Alicante' link.

October 22: Walk through the Sierra de Orihuela

BENIDORM

TOSSAL DE LA CALA

The archaeological site is now open to the public seven days a week. The audio-guide in English is available at <https://benidorm-org.insuit.net/en/>

Amata craft fair in Onil

THE ARTS and crafts fair that Amata is organising in Onil on October 6-8 will be only one of many other activities that are taking place in the town over the same weekend - reason enough to visit this picturesque mountain village.

Apart from the craft fair, there will be local products on sale, workshops and art exhibitions, local bars and restaurants offering special tapas and regional dishes, folk dancing, eat (or just looking at) a gigantic paella, a museum 'open day', sports activities and late night concerts... in short, there is something for everybody.

This is the eighth edition of 'Onil es Mostra' (Onil on show) which aims to attract visitors to the area, especially foreign tourists who usually stay near the sea but would like to explore inland.

The arts and craft fair will be set up around the Palacio del Marqués de Dos Aguas, an impressive 16th century fortress palace right in the heart of the old town.

In addition to the 25 stalls



Stall offer all kinds of unique crafts

Photo: Amata

offering goods made by the stallholders, there will be workshops for children and several craft people working.

Every stall will offer something different: pottery, glass animals made with a blowtorch and boxes decorated with resin, leather bags, juggling toys and puppets, jewellery in different materials, macramé, silver, ceramics, wood, leather and blown glass, amongst other things.

In the inner court of the palace visitors will find local businesses and associations, and people can visit the entire palace, where several exhibitions and lectures will be held.

The craft fair opens at 18.00 on Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday it is open from 11.00-14.00 and 18.00-22.00 or 23.00.

The programme of events is available at www.puebloartesano.es/onil

content/tos sal-de-la-cala Open Monday to Friday 08.00-20.30 and weekends 09.00-18.00. Guided tours take place weekdays from 16.00-18.00 and weekends from 10.00-13.00. Prior registration for the tours is essential and can be done through patrimonihistoric@benidorm.org

CARTAGENA

ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE

Every Saturday: The Roman amphitheatre is opening to the public every Saturday of the year from 10.00-14.00. There are two guided tours each Saturday, one starting at 11.00 and the other at 12.30. Prior registration is essential on www.cartagena.es/agenda_ciudad_detalle.asp?id=2409 is essential. Each tour can accommodate up to 25 people

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Full information and booking is available through the Puerto de Culturas website at www.cartagenapuertodeculturas.es All activities are in Spanish

THE RETURN OF THE ROMANS

Cartagena's Roman forum district - which includes the archaeological remains of the thermal baths, the banquet hall and the temple of the goddess Isis - is open again to visits. City hall noted that the site has been chosen as it stands in the open air and two-metre social distancing can easily be observed. The Roman forum district will be open from Friday to Sunday. Tickets cost €4 -

or €8 including the museum of the Roman theatre

ELCHE

CLOT DE GALVANY ANNUAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Until December 17: Clot de Galvany municipal nature reserve, situated behind Carabassí beach on the border of Gran Alacant and Arenales del Sol, free activities and events. Unless stated all activities are suitable for people aged 10 years and over.

Prior registration through the park website at <https://clotdegalyany.es/> is essential. All activities are in Spanish.

October 15 and 22: 'Cultural and historic heritage of the Clot', guided visits

October 29: 'Halloween at the Clot', Halloween fauna workshops. Suitable for people of all ages

November 5, 12, 19 and 26: Voluntary re-vegetation work. Suitable for people of all ages

December 17: 'Christmas at the Clot', festive craft and decoration workshops. Suitable for people of all ages

LOS VAILLO TOWER

Until further notice: Visits to this important piece of local heritage are free of charge, and take place every weekend from 10.00-14.00

FINESTRAT

OUTDOOR SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Until further notice: Sporting activities at La Foia sports centre and Cala de Finestrat.

Offering free fitness activities without prior registration. To participate people are required to turn up wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the particular activity.

Monday and Wednesday from 10.00-11.00: Maintenance gymnastics for adults at the Cruz Roja area on Cala de Finestrat

Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00-11.00: Gymnastics for pensioners at the Cruz Roja area on Cala de Finestrat

Monday and Wednesday from 10.00-11.00: Pilates on the football pitch at La Foia sports centre

Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00-11.00: Zumba on the football pitch at La Foia sports centre

GUARDAMAR DEL SEGURA

VIRGEN DEL ROSARIO FIESTAS

Until October 7: Here is the programme of main events.

October 6 at 11.00: Lacework exhibition, on the lower floor of the town hall

11.30: Children's games in Plaza de la Constitución

13.00: Rocket launching and bell ringing

After the Mass at 20.00 there will be a floral offering to Virgen del Rosario. Gathering on Avenida País Valenciano, at the junction of Calle Mediodía.

Followed by firework display

22.30: Evening picnic supper and live music with Hornet Band, in the Plaza de la Constitución

October 7 - Virgen del Rosario feast day

08.00: Dawn Rosary

09.00: Saint's Mass

12.00: Parades

13.00: Rocket launching and bell ringing

20.00: Solemn Eucharist, sung by the Aromas de Guardamar choir, in the Plaza de la Constitución

21.00: Solemn procession with the image of the Virgen del Rosario. Leaving from Calle Ingeniero Mira and passing through Calle San Pedro, Calle Mediodía, Calle Vicente Ramos, before entering the church

Following the procession there will be a grand firework display in honour of the Virgen del Rosario, at Plaza de la Constitución

HIKING AND TREKKING; BRING LIFE TO THE YEARS

Until December 19: New series of walking routes aimed at the town's senior residents taking participants through the municipality, 'discovering places and natural areas of special interest'. From 08.30-10.00 every Tuesday and Thursday. Participants must be on the municipal register (padrón). Further information and registration visit the department of social services and equality at the town hall, telephone 96 572 90 14, or email bienestarsocial@guardamar-delsegura.es

JÁVEA

AMATA CRAFT FAIR

Every Sunday: Amata craft fair from 11.00-14.00 at the Paseo Marítimo. 'Small but select' fair, guaranteeing everything is handmade by the stallholders themselves. Last minute changes and other information about the fair are available at www.facebook.com/feriaartesaniajavea

CRISTO DEL CALVARIO HERMITAGE

Artistic images in the interior of the dome of the Cristo del Calvario hermitage painted by prestigious Madrid artist Luis Javier Gayá. The images represent the Four Evangelists and are described as being of 'great beauty', and follow the chronological order as they appear in the canonical gospels

MUCHAMIEL

DOWNLOADABLE VISITOR BROCHURES

To enable people to get the most out of a visit to the municipality, the town hall website contains a total of 12 downloadable brochures and documents - in English, Spanish and Valencian - containing general details about the town, its gastronomy, heritage, natural environment and walking, fiestas, outdoor activities, street map, and historic gardens, amongst other things. Visit <https://turisme.mutxamel.org> and follow the 'Folleto' link on the far right of the page

MURCIA

EXPLORE THE COUNTRYSIDE

Eight walking and cycling routes throughout the region.