

ABANILLA FIESTAS 2022 PROGRAMME



FROM FRIDAY 22nd to SATURDAY 30th APRIL

19.30h: Celebrations of Mass in honour of the Holy Cross, Santísima Cruz, in San Jose's Church.

FRIDAY 22nd APRIL

21.00h: Coronation and Opening Speech of the Fiestas. In the sports centre, "Pascual Saurín Cutillas", Región de Murcia Avenue. Coronation of both Christian and Moorish Queens of the current year and opening speech of the fiestas.

23.30h: Open-air show (first "verbena" of fiestas) introduced by Moor and Christian Queens in the Paseo de la Ermita, by "Bahía". Then, **open-air show in campamento festero** (next to Paseo de la Ermita).

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL

23.00h: Open-air show, by "MISION G" group in Paseo de la Ermita. Then, **open-air dance in campamento festero**.

01.30h: Brass bands and Moors and Christians groups in the Town Hall Square. **Lights show** announcing the beginning of **FIESTAS OF ABANILLA**. Then, parade to **campamento festero**.

SUNDAY 24th APRIL

11.30h: Moorish and Christian children groups parade. Route: La Lonja Garden, Mayor st., Town Hall Square, San José st., Juan Carlos I avenue, and campamento festero.

13.30h: Moor and Christian Children Embassy in **campamento festero**.

17.00h: “Tardeo” (Afternoon fiesta), with “MDF” (POP concert)-campamento festero, activities for children.

THURSDAY 28th APRIL

17.30h: Happy hour for children at the fair. 2 tickets for the price of 1.

FRIDAY 29th APRIL

21.00h: Music bands concert in the auditorium, II Music Brass Festival “Abanilla, Tradición y Cultura”, united by Music. Free entry. A concert organized by “Los Veteranos” and “La Timba” conducted by José Francisco Pacheco Rico. The Folk Dance and Song group from Algueña: “Rondalla Coros y Danzas de Algueña” participates.

23:00h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “La Vendetta Project” group, and open-air dance in campamento festero.

SATURDAY 30rd APRIL

20.30h: EMBAJADA/ EMBASSY (performance representing the Moor and Christian conflict), in the Town Hall Square.

00:00h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “La Reina” group, follow by Open-air dance in campamento festero.

00:15h: Moorish and Christian Queens Presentation (Parade). Route: La Lonja Garden, Mayor st., Town Hall Square, San José St., Juan Carlos I avenue and campamento festero.

SUNDAY 1st MAY

10.00h: Celebration of Mass, San José’s Church.

12.30h: Free beer, in campamento festero (Ayuntamiento de Abanilla and



Federación de Moros y Cristianos Santa Cruz).

18.00h: Mass, San José's Church..

18.30h: Parade of Christian and Moorish groups.

Fireworks will announce the parade stars.

Federación de Moros y Cristianos "Santa Cruz" de Abanilla flag, Mesnada Damas y Caballeros de Castilla flag, ballet "Jaima" and Christian and Moorish groups:

MOORISH BAND (called "Kábilas"): Villa: Al'Jarea de Al'Margen, Tuareg Al'Sahués, Aljama, Muladíes de Al'Banyala, Alfaquíes de Al'Zulum, Almohades de Macitavera, Abbasíes de Al'Padul, Musulmanes del Chícamo, **Albayad'Allah (MOORISH QUEEN and GROUP)**, Jaira, Muzalé, Omeyas de Mahoya y Al'Bayada.

CHRISTIAN BAND (called "Mesnadas"): Villa de Favarella, Caballeros del Temple - Caballeros del Cid, Don Jaime I el Conquistador, **Almogávares (CHRISTIAN QUEEN and GROUP)**, Arqueros de Rocafull, Lanceros de Avellaneda, Cruzados de Cuyalbe, Huestes de Alfonso X, Caballeros y Damas de Calatrava, Santa Ana and Mudéjares del Zurca.

ROUTE: C/Villeurbanne and Región de Murcia Avenue, Francisco Salzillo St., Town Hall Square, Mayor St, la Lonja garden and Canalejas st.

When the parade finishes, everybody is invited to the "cuartelillos", headquarters of the kábilas and mesnadas, to have a snack.

23.00h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by "**Etiqueta Show**" group. Then, **open-air dance** in campamento festero.

MONDAY 2nd MAY

17.30h:The Folk Dance and Song group from Abanilla, **Asociación de Coros y Danzas "Santa Cruz"** perform, at the Town Hall Square.

18.00h: Flower Offering, starting at the Church. Religious procession around the village with the Holy Cross. Captains, Pages, members of Moor and Christian associations.

After a while, the procession will celebrate a religious ceremony in the Church, then the Captains will wave their flags in front of the Town Hall Square and then a procession to the Paseo de la Ermita.

23:00h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by "**Kalhima**" band.

TUESDAY 3rd MAY



06:00h: Reveille. Bands wake up the village with Pages and Captains finishing at the Church.

07:30h: Celebrations of **Holy Mass**. After the Mass, **Pilgrimage** from the local church to the Hermitage of Mahoya.

As the procession arrives in Mahoya, the Holy Cross is raised and presented from the balcony of the Hermitage Chapel of Mahoya under a paper ball called "Granada". The captains wave the flags and the people shoot their special guns in the Square of Mahoya. One or two boys pull a little string of the paper ball and liberate the doves contained within. A mechanism inside the cross, streams a jet of water that falls bathing the Cross. Then, a Holy Mass is celebrated in the Hermitage after which all the pilgrims can adore the Cross and then go to lunch.

After a while, the procession walks back to Abanilla and another waving of the flags is made near Santa Ana.

23.30h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by "**Shakara**" group.

WESNESDAY 4th MAY

Midday: Celebrations of Solemn Mass **in honour of the Captains and Pages**, then the Captains will wave their flags in front of the Town Hall Square and then a procession to the Paseo de la Ermita.

FRIDAY 6th MAY

23.30h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by "**Kacike Show**". Then, **open-air dance** in campamento festero.

SATURDAY 7th MAY

18.00h: “Tardeo” (Afternoon fiesta), with “superhits”, campamento festero.

22:30h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Extrem**” group, follow by **Open-air dance** in campamento festero.

23:30h: Fireworks, Paseo de la Ermita.

SUNDAY 8th MAY

Midday: Holy Mass, San José’s Church. Then, the patroness will be taken to **Corazón de Jesús** in order to **bless the fields**.

17.30h: “Octava” Procession, from the Church. This is the day when all of the religious ceremonies end with a procession of the of the Holy Cross. The Captains, perform for the last time, the waving of the flags and the people shoot “salvos” in different places around the village.



Fireworks, in the Town Hall Square.

SATURDAY 14th MAY

20.45h: IX Music Brass Festival “Villa de Abanilla” concert in the auditorium, free entry. A concert organized by **la Unión Musical Santa Cruz de Abanilla**, Ayuntamiento de Abanilla, Federación de Moros y Cristianos “Santa Cruz” and Hermandad de la Santísima Cruz.

The organizers of the Fiestas reserve the right to change any of the scheduled acts. We hope that this program will be liked by all.