

ABANILLA FIESTAS 2024



SATURDAY 13rd APRIL

20.45 h: XI “Villa de Abanilla” Music Band Festival, at **City Hall Square**. Dedicated to the Omeyas de Mahoya and Muzalé kábilas (Moors groups) for their 50th anniversary.

Organized by: Unión Musical “Santa Cruz” brass, Hermandad de la Santísima Cruz, Federación de Moros y Cristianos “Santa Cruz” and Ayuntamiento de Abanilla.

FROM MONDAY 22nd TO TUESDAY 30th APRIL

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

FRIDAY 26th APRIL

21.00 h: **Coronation and Opening Speech of Fiestas 2024.** In the sports centre, “Pascual Saurín”, Región de Murcia Avenue. Coronation of both Christian and Moorish Queens of the current year and opening speech of the fiestas.

23.30 h: **Open-air show (first “verbena” of fiestas)** introduced by Moor and Christian Queens in the **Paseo de la Ermita**, by “**Shadow**” group.

01.00 h: **Open-air Dj’s show** in **Campamento Festero** (next to Paseo de la Ermita- garden-).

SATURDAY 27th APRIL

00.30 h: **Open-air show**, by Orquesta “**Mission G**” group in Paseo de la Ermita.

01.00 h: **Open-air music “The Life Brothers Show”**, in **Campamento Festero**.

01.30 h: **Brass bands** and **Moors and Christians** groups in the Town City Square. **Lights show** announcing the beginning of **FIESTAS OF ABANILLA 2024**. Parade from the **City Hall Square** to Campamento Festero.

SUNDAY 28th APRIL

11.30 h: **Moorish and Christian Children groups parade.** Route: La Lonja Garden, Mayor st., City Hall Square, San José st., Juan Carlos I avenue and Campamento Festero.

13.30 h: Moor and Christian **Children Embassy** in **Campamento Festero**.

18.00 h: “Tardeo” (Afternoon fiesta) with “Alboroqueando” group, at **Campamento Festero**.

MONDAY 29th APRIL

17.30 h: **Happy hour** for children at the fair. **2 tickets for the price of 1**. The first hour will be adapted to children with hypersensitivity and ASD.

TUESDAY 30rd APRIL

20.30 h: **EMBAJADA/EMBASSY** (performance representing the Moor and Christian conflict), at **City hall Square**.

23:30 h: **Open-air dance** in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Etiqueta Show**” group.

00:15 h: **Christians and Moors and troops Presentation (Parade)**. Route: Lonja Garden, Mayor st., City Hall Square, San José St., Juan Carlos I avenue and Campamento Festero.

01.00 h: **Open-air “Texacolandia Party” show** , at **Campamento Festero**.

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY

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

18.30 h: **Parade of Christian and Moorish groups**.

Fireworks will announce the parade beginning.

ORDER: Federación de Moros y Cristianos “Santa Cruz” de Abanilla FLAG:

MOORISH BAND (called “Kábilas”): Ballet “Jaima”.

KÁBILAS: Aljama, Muladíes de Al'Banyala, Almohades de Macitavera, Abbasíes de Al'Padul, Musulmanes del Chícamo, Jaira, Tuareg Al'Sahués (**MOORISH QUEEN and GROUP**), Muzalé, Omeyas de Mahoya, Al'Bayada, Albayad'Allah and Al'Jarea Al-Margen.

CHRISTIAN BAND (called “Mesnadas”):

“El Timbaler” Group.

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

ROUTE: C/Villeurbanne, Región de Murcia Avenue, Francisco Salzillo St., City 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.

23.00 h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Pentagrama**” group.

01.00 h: Open-air with “**Fighters Night**” group, in **Campamento Festero**.

THURSDAY 2nd MAY

17.30 h: The **Folk Dance and Song group** from **Abanilla** performance, at the, **City hall Square**.

18.00 h: 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 City Hall Square, and then a procession to the Paseo de la Ermita.

23:00 h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Utopía**” group

FRIDAY 3rd MAY

05:00 h: Reveille. Bands wake up the village with Pages and Captains finishing at the Church.

07:30 h: 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.

23.00 h: Open-air dance in the Paseo de la Ermita by “**Amanecer**” group.

SATURDAY 4th MAY

18.00 h: Concert- afternoon and special remember music, in the Paseo de la Ermita.

23.00 h: Open-air dance in Paseo de la Ermita by “Vendetta Project” group.

SUNDAY 5th MAY

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

SATURDAY 11th MAY

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

23.30 h: Open-air dance in the **Paseo de la Ermita** by “La Reina” group. Then, **Dj’s music**.

01.30 h: A **fireworks** display can be enjoyed from **Paseo de la Ermita**.

SUNDAY 12th MAY

17.30 h: “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 celebrating end fiesta can be see from the City Hall Square.

More information: www.abanilla.es

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.