

EASTER, TARRAGONA 2018

Since the beginning of Christianity, year after year the Church of Tarragona has celebrated Easter. At the height of the Middle Ages, in 1150, the ancient associations and brotherhoods of the city shaped Easter (or Easter Week) in Tarragona with their religious ceremonies, especially the Burial Procession. Since then, the city has seen the birth of up to 12 associations and brotherhoods. Now, in the 21st century, they are coordinated by the Union of Easter Week Associations, which continues to consolidate these important Christian dates as a tradition of national and international interest, under the city's eternal spring sun.

EASTER WEEK PROGRAMME

FROM 24th MARCH TO 1ST APRIL

Tarragona Easter Week artistic heritage display, opening at the following times: Churches of Sant Agustí, Natzalet, San tLlorenç and Sant Miquel del Pla: from 11a.m. to 1p.m. & from 5p.m. to 8.30p.m.; Church of Sant Nicolau de Bari: Holy Tues-day and Holy Thursday from 5p.m. to 7p.m. N.B.: Religious places cannot be visited during liturgical celebrations.

SATURDAY, 17th MARCH

8p.m. El Serrallo. "Gremi de Marejants" procession through the streets of the fishermen's quarter. Route: Bisbe Bonet Sq., Salou, Sant Joan, Sant Pere, Trafalgar and Bisbe Bonet Sq.

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH

8 p.m. From Arc de Sant Llorenç (old town). "Divendres de Dolors" by the "Gremi de Pagesos" (Farmers' Guild) procession. Route: Arc de Sant Llorenç, Coques, Pare Iglesias, Merceria, Major, Baixada de la Misericòrdia, Cos del Bou, Baixada de la Peixateria, Rei Sq., Santa Anna, Fòrum Sq., Merceria, Peixateries Velles Sq., Oli Sq., Mare de Déu de la Mercè, Descalços and Pagesia Sq.

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH

7.30 p.m. From the Church of Sant Nicolàs de Bari. The Pas-sion of Christ procession. Procession of the float called CHRIST OF GOOD LOVE. This float will go through the streets of the lower part of Tarragona. Route: Pau del Protectorat, Barcelona, Sant Miquel, Nou de Santa Tecla, Smith, Infants Sq., Reial, Carros Sq., Apodaca, Barcelona and Pau del Protectorat.

8 p.m. Church of Sant Llorenç. 32nd Easter Sacred Music Concert by the Ancora Chorus.

PALM SUNDAY, 25th MARCH

11a.m. In Coques St. Blessing of palms and olive tree and bay tree branches followed by the Palm and Branch Procession.

5p.m. From the Church of Sant Joan in Plaça Prim (Prim Sq.). Palm Sunday Procession. Route: Church of Sant Joan Baptista, General Prim Sq., Gasòmetre St., Soler St., Corsini Sq., Canyelles St., Rambla Nova, Unió St. and General Prim Sq.

7p.m. The "Via Crucis" (Stations of the Cross Procession) will leave the Church of Natzalet in Plaça del Rei, fol-lowing along the "Passeig Arqueòlogic" (around the city walls), the old town and ending at the Cathedral. Route: Rei Sq., Portella, Granada, Portal de Sant Antoni, Passeig de Sant Antoni, Roman walls, Portal del Roser, Pallol Sq., Cavallers, Major, Merceria, Pare Iglesias, Pla de la Seu, Cathedral, Pare Iglesias, Merce-ria, Major, Nau & Rei Sq.



HOLY MONDAY, 26th MARCH

8p.m. The "Via Crucis" (Stations of the Cross Procession) from the Ermita de Sant Magí (Portal del Carro) through the streets of the old town. Route: Portal del Carro, Arc de Sant Llorenç, Sant Pau, Pla de Palau, Mare de Déu del Claustre, Es-crivanies Velles, Pla de la Seu, Nou del Patriarcat, Pescateries Velles Sq., Mercè, Sant Antoni Sq., Des-calços, Arc de Sant Llorenç and Portal del Carro.

9.30p.m. At the Cathedral. Cycle of Sacred Music Concerts: Bach: "Passió segons Sant Joan". (St John's Pas-sion). Price: €20. Ticket sales on line: www.tarra-coticket.cat. Ticket office in Teatre Tarragona (Rambla Nova): Wednesday from 11am to 1pm. Thursday and Fri-day: from 11 am to 1pm/ 5pm-7pm. At the Cathe-dral: one hour before the concert.

HOLY TUESDAY, 27th MARCH

At 8p.m. From the Church of Sant Francesc d'Assís (Rambla Vella): Procession through the streets of the old town. Route: Rambla Vella, Portalet St., Font Sq., Cos del Bou, baixada de la Peixateria, Rei Sq., Santa Anna St., Fòrum Sq., Merceria St., Major St., baixada de la Misericòrdia, la Font Sq., Portalet St., Rambla Vel-la until the Church of Sant Francesc.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH

7.30p.m. From Sant Joan Baptista Sq. "Processó del Dolor" (Procession of the Suffering of the Virgin Mary for the Passion of Jesus Christ). Route: Church of Sant Joan Baptista Sq., General Prim Sq., Gasòmetre St., Soler St., Canyelles St., Rambla Nova, Unió St. and General Prim Sqr and the Church of Sant Joan Baptista.

10.30p.m. Church of the Trinity in Rei Sq. "Via Crucis" of the Trinity or Gypsies' "Via Crucis", (Stations of the Cross) that will go through the streets of the old town.

HOLY THURSDAY, 29th MARCH

From 6.45p.m. At the Church of Natzalet, Rei Sq., Guard Duty by the "Armats de la Sang al Santíssim Sagrament" (group of Roman soldiers).

9p.m. At the Church of Sant Pere del Serrallo. The Vigil and the Holy Hour. The "Armats del Gremi de Mare-jants" will hold a Guard of Honour before the Holy Sacrament.

11.45p.m. From Maria Cristina Av. / Camp de Mart to Loreto Sanctuary, "Via Crucis Sant Ecce-Homo". Procession, expressing the different stages or moments of the life of Jesus Christ from the time he was arrested to his crucifixion and burial.

GOOD FRIDAY, 30th MARCH

Tarragona Biblical Museum (Coques St.) is holding an open morning on Good Friday, 30th March from 10a.m. to 1p.m. (entrance free of charge).

4p.m. The "Armats de la Reial Venerable Congregació de la Puríssima Sang" (Roman soldiers) leave the Church of Natzalet in Rei Sq. to start collecting the floats (images and religious sculptures that interpret the Bible) in Rambla Vella, Verdaguer Sq., Rambla Nova, Unió St. and the in the old town. Returning with them to the Rei Sq.

7.30p.m. From the Church of Natzalet in Rei Sq. The Proce-sion of the Holy Burial. Route: Rei Sq., Portella St., passeig de Sant Antoni, portal de Sant Antoni, Sant Antoni Sq., Descalços St., Pagesia Sq., Arc de Sant Llorenç St., Sant Pau St., Pla de Palau Sq., Mare de Déu del Claustre St., Es-crivanies Velles St., Pla de la Seu Sq., Les Coques St., Pare Iglesias St., Merceria St., Plaça Santiago Russinyol Sq., Major St., baixada de la Misericòrdia, la Font Sq., Sant Fructuós St., Comte de Rius St., Rambla Nova, Sant Agustí St., Rambla Vella, Sant Oleguer St., baixada de la Peixateria, Sant Hermenegild St. and Rei Sq.

CHAIR RENTAL 2018 Place of sale: Church of Sant Agustí (Rambla Vella). Wednesday:5pm-8pm. Thursday: 11am-2pm / 5pm-9pm. Fri-day: from 11am to the beginning of the procession.

CHAIRS CAN NOT BE RESERVED

PRICE OF CHAIRS €5

HOLY SATURDAY, 31st MARCH

6p.m. From the Church of Natzalet (Rei Sq.). Procession of Solitude through the streets of the old town. Route: Rei Sq., Nau St., Major St., Merceria St., Pare Iglesias St., Pla de la Seu Sq., Cathedral, Pla de la Seu Sq., Pare Iglesias St., Merceria St., Major St., baixada de la Misericòrdia, Cos del Bou St., baixa-da de la Peixateria, and Rei Sq.

7p.m., Major St. Start of the traditional "Caramelles" sing-ing all over the city (religious songs).

SUNDAY, 1st APRIL

9.30 p.m. Teatre Tarragona, Rambla Nova. Cycle of Sacred Music Concerts: "JOIC: Jove Orquestra Intercomar-cal". Price: €12. Ticket sales on line: www.tarra-coticket.cat.

Ticket office in Teatre Tarragona: Wednesday from 11am to 1pm. Thursday and Friday: from 11 am to 1pm/ 5pm-7pm. At the Cathedral: one hour before the concert.

More information:

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