

CANARY ISLANDS AT THE SPANISH PAVILION

30th MAY to 5nd JUNE 2005

From the 30th of May until the 5th of June, the Spanish Pavilion will celebrate the CANARY ISLANDS region week. On the 4th of June, the Canary Islands will be celebrating its official day. For this special occasion the Spanish Pavilion is honoured to receive the Official Delegation from this region headed by their President Adan Martín.

Spain is divided into seventeen autonomous regions, each of them with its own government. During EXPO Aichi 2005 the Spanish Pavilion will have the participation of its regional governments and autonomous cities to show Spain's natural diversity and cultural pluralism. Each Spanish autonomic region will have the use of the Pavilion for an entire week in order to display its cultural roots as well as the most outstanding features of its land and peoples, through dance, musicians, theater, exhibitions, and an audiovisual projection in the Plaza.

Spain's regions will use this opportunity to show typical products and objects of their cuisine, customs, and craft traditions. The flag of each region will fly alongside the Spanish, Japanese and European flags over the main gate for a week. During its featured week, each region will have a special day.

The Canary Islands, a paradisiac group of islands with a preferred climate and constant temperature through out the year, and splendid beaches of fine sand, consists of 7 large islands (Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura, Lanzarote, Tenerife, La Palma, Gomera, Hierro) and a few smaller ones (Alegranza, Graciosa, Montaña Clara, Roque del Este, Roque del Oeste and Lobos). Surprisingly, the landscape of each island is different to the others.

Greeks and Romans reported on this archipelago of volcanic origins, and called it the Happy Islands, Garden of the Hesperides, Atlantida,...The islands original population are called Guanches and in 1496 the islands became part of the Spanish kingdom, and the ships of Christopher Columbus stopped here on their travel to discover the New World.

SCHEDULE FOR THE CANARY ISLANDS

"CANARIAN WRESTLING"

Wrestling practiced by the indigenous people of the Canary Islands. Contestants may only rest on their feet and the aim is to put your opponent off balance so that some other part of his body touches the ground. To this end the wrestlers use a variety of moves or holds with either their hands or feet or both.

The Canarian wrestling is one of the most noble sports known. After the fight, the winner holds the beaten's person hand and helps him to stand up. Then, the person beaten raises the winners hand in front of the referee admitting his defeat.

During the Canarian Week visitors to the Spanish Pavilion will be able to see performances of the Canarian wrestling as well as Sumo demonstrations. This way, the public will be able to see the resemblance and differences between these two kind of fights.

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

11:15 – 11:45 Exhibition of Canary Wrestling
16:00 – 16:30 Exhibition of Canary Wrestling

Saturday 4th June – Canary Islands Day – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

11:15 – 11:45 Exhibition of Canary Wrestling
18:30 – 19:00 Exhibition of Canary Wrestling

Sunday 5th June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

16:00 – 16:30 Exhibition of Canary Wrestling



MUSIC PERFORMANCE: "BENITO CABRERA ´S BAND"

During the show, the visitors to the Spanish Pavilion will listen to Benito Cabrera´s band playing the traditional Canary instrument called "The Timple".

The most characteristic instrument of the Canary Islands traditional music is the Timple. This instrument is a small guitar with five strings. Benito Cabrera is a known performer and composer of the Islands which will be playing his special Canary music at the Spanish Pavilion.

Benito Cabrera will be accompanied on the guitar by Ramón Cabrera, on the accordion by Jeremías Martín and on percussion and vocals by Sergio García

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

10:05 – 10:35 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band
18:30 – 19:00 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band

Saturday 4th June – Canary Islands Day – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

10:05 – 10:35 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band
16:00 – 16:30 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band

Sunday 5th June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

12:15 – 12:45 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band
18:30 – 12:45 Music performance: Benito Cabrera´s Band

"CHEESE AND WINE TASTINGS"

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

12:00 – 13:00 Tasting of Products of the Canary Islands
17:00 – 18:00 Tasting of Products of the Canary Islands

Saturday 4th June – Canary Islands Day – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

12:00 – 13:00 Tasting of Products of the Canary Islands
17:00 – 18:00 Tasting of Products of the Canary Islands

Sunday 5th June – The Plaza at the Spanish Pavilion

17:00 – 18:00 Tasting of Products of the Canary Islands

MAP OF THE CANARY ISLANDS



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