



MADRID WEEK AT THE SPANISH PAVILION

27th June – 3rd July 2005

From the 27th of June until the 3rd of July, the Spanish Pavilion will celebrate the MADRID region week. Madrid will be the ninth autonomous region present at EXPO Aichi 2005 and all throughout this week will be organizing different events and activities.

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.

On the 2nd of July, Madrid will be celebrating its official day. For this special occasion the Spanish Pavilion is honoured to receive the Official Delegation from this autonomous region headed by the President of the Autonomous region, Esperanza Aguirre.

Madrid, capital of Spain, is located in the center of the country. It covers an area of 8,000 square kilometers (1.6% of the Spanish landmass) and approximately 5,800,000 inhabitants, (13.7% of the country's population). Madrid is the center of economic, political, administrative and technological activity in Spain and acts as a bridge connecting Europe, Africa and Latin America.

The cuisine in the Region of Madrid is a melting pot of different cooking traditions. It has been enriched by the contributions of different national and international regions and the result is an excellent local cuisine. Apart from typical dishes such as *cocido* (stew made with meat and chick-peas) or Madrid-style red bream, there are several delicious wines produced in the Region.

In Madrid there are wonderful places worth visiting: historical sites, churches and palaces are found everywhere in the old parts, together with avant-garde buildings and large green open spaces in the more modern areas. Beyond the capital city of Madrid, there are marvelous places that cannot be missed such as the Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, one of the eight wonders of the world, the Royal Palace of Aranjuez, declared World Heritage by UNESCO and the city of Alcalá de Henares, a Renaissance spot also declared World Heritage by UNESCO.

All through out the week, Madrid will be organizing different events like dancing performances from the companies Ibérica de Danza, Antonio Márquez, Larrumbe Danza, María Pagés, tasting of products from the region as well as music shows from the Alcalá de Henares Tuna band.

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ACTIVITIES PROGRAM FOR THE MADRID WEEK AT THE SPANISH PAVILION

MONDAY 27TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 1ST JULY, SUNDAY 3RD JULY

- 10:00 – 10:30** Alcalá de Henares Tuna band performance
- 11:45 – 12:30** Tasting of products from the Region of Madrid
- 12:30 – 13:00** Dance Performances from the Region of Madrid
- 15:00 – 15:30** Alcalá de Henares Tuna band performance
- 16:30 – 17:00** Dance Performance from the Region of Madrid
- 17:00 – 17:45** Tasting of products from the Region of Madrid

SATURDAY 2ND JULY (MADRID DAY)

- 12:00 – 12:40** Dance Performance from the Region of Madrid
- 15:00 – 15:30** Alcalá de Henares Tuna band performance
- 16:00 – 16:40** Dance Performance from the Region of Madrid
- 17:00 – 17:45** Tasting of products from the Region of Madrid
- 17:45 – 18:15** Alcalá de Henares Tuna band performance



ACTIVITIES INFORMATION FOR THE MADRID WEEK AT THE SPANISH PAVILION

Tuna Band from Alcalá de Henares

At the Spanish Pavilion, the visitors will enjoy the music of the Tuna, a university student music band that date as far back as the 1215. Mainly, the Tuna was begun by students in order to generate money for their studies. Today, these bands, the Tunas, provide entertainment and overall fun to parties wearing a traditional costume.



Ibérica de Danza Company

Is a themed, music and dance-show, which will introduce dance from Spain in all its cultural variety and regional differences -the first one in the world.

Traditional and contemporary music and dance will take you on a journey through the Celtic Northwest, the central regions with their wonderful dance sound and romantic songs and medieval music with dances. There will be fiery Flamenco from Andalusia with Arabic influenced and songs the south-side near from Portugal



María Pagés Company

María Pagés, world famous for her personal conception of the art of flamenco, was born in the neighborhood of Triana in Seville in 1963, where she began her education under maestros such as Matilde Coral and Manolo Marín when she was still just a child. The bailaora began her professional career as a soloist with Antonio Gades' companies, Mario Maya, the Rafael Aguilar Ballet and that of María Rosa. She founded the María Pagés Company in 1990, which debuted with the show 'Sol y Sombra'.

María Pagés is acknowledged in Spain and abroad as one of the leading innovators in the development of modern flamenco.



Antonio Márquez Company

The Antonio Marquez Company was founded in 1995 with the intention of recuperating strengthening and deepening the authentic roots of Spanish dance. Jose Granero is the artistic director and among the cast are names like Eva Leyva, Africa Morena and Javier Palacios.



Larrumbe Company

Since its foundation, the Larrumbe Dancing Company has promoted, spreaded and investigated the dancing World. Juan de Torres, founder of the company, has been a dancer and is actually a choreographer and has obtained many prizes in France and Brussels.

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