



## SPRING FESTIVAL, CELEBRATIONS AND DECORATED CROSSES

# May Fiestas 2019



A walk between decorated crosses in the Ramblas of Santa Cruz

In May, the traditional **Rome-rías**, which resemble **thanksgiving parades**, really kick off. Each town and borough pays homage to its own patron saints throughout the year with a big festival and parades which are rich in folklore. On May 3, Día de la Cruz (the Day of the Cross), there is a local

Holy Cross was first planted on the island's soil during the initial stages of the conquest. Particularly known for their extensive cross and May celebrations in Tenerife, are the capital Santa Cruz and Los Realejos in the north, which is involved in the holiday via its district called Cruz Santa

tive programme provides some great entertainment.

### Fiesta de Mayo in Santa Cruz

In Tenerife's capital, this year's May celebrations coincide with the city's 525th anniversary. More than 100 different events are planned including exhibitions, concerts, flower and cross shows, sporting events and the traditional Baile de Magos, for which everyone taking part must be dressed in traditional Canarian costume. The month begins in the city with a bank holiday on May 3 when colourful floral decorations conjure up a particularly spring-like atmosphere, and ends with the Canarian holiday, Día de Canarias, when the traditional dishes contest makes it particularly tasty. On May 29 and 30, the Gastronomy and Wine Festival is another highlight that gives you another good reason to visit Tenerife's capital.

Traditional Canarian costume is obligatory at Bailes de Magos



holiday in all places that have Cruz (the cross) in their name. Crosses all over the Islands are decorated for this special day that, in particular in Tenerife, celebrates the day that the

and was also the place which housed the church where the Guanche leaders were baptised. Both locations are worth a visit during these celebrations, and an extensive fes-

## PROGRAMME EXCERPTS

### Fiesta de Mayo Santa Cruz

#### May 1 - May 5

**10am to 9pm:** XLIII Regional flower show with flowers, plants and Canarian crafts in the Parque García Sanabria.

#### May 1

**12.30pm:** Paseo Romero de Tincer, a traditional parade of folklore groups.

#### May 2

**11am:** Free tasting of fried sardines with wrinkly potatoes and mojo sauce. Nuestra Señora de África market.

**9pm:** Baile de Magos in the city centre with typical food, traditional costumes and dancing.

#### May 3

**From 11am:** Vive La Rambla with an arts and crafts show, decorated flower crosses and lots of fun and games. Centred around the Ramblas and Parque García Sanabria.

**7.30pm:** Festive mass for the 525th anniversary of the city, followed by a procession with political, military and social dignitaries and representatives of the Royal family, at the church of Nuestra Señora de La Concepción.

**9.40pm:** Concert by Mestisay in the Plaza de La Candelaria.

#### May 4

**7.30pm:** Festival Los Aceviños with different folklore groups, Parque García Sanabria.

**8.30pm:** Concert by Benito Cabrera, Plaza de La Candelaria.

#### May 5

**8pm:** Concert for Spanish Mother's Day with Josefina Alemán, Plaza de La Candelaria.

#### May 10

**9.30pm:** Bolero concert by Rafael Basurto, Plaza de la Candelaria.

#### May 11

**From 6pm:** International competition of student music groups with a parade through the city centre.

**6.30pm:** Spring concert by the city choir Voces Jóvenes, Capilla San Jorge.

#### May 12

**9am:** Spring Lifeguard Cup, Piscina Acidalio Lorenzo and Playa de Las Teresitas.

#### May 17

**7pm:** Festival Santa Cruz Joven with various artists, Plaza de La Candelaria.

#### May 18

**8.30pm:** XIII Festival Son 21, Plaza de La Candelaria.

**9pm:** Start of the Binter Night Run through the city centre.

#### May 29-30

Festival of gastronomy and wines of Tenerife in the district of La Noria. 29th - 6pm to 12am, 30th - 11am to 6pm.

#### May 29

**7pm:** On the eve of the Día de Canarias holiday the Nuestra Señora de África market opens with live music.

**9.30pm:** Concert by young songwriters, Plaza de La Candelaria.

#### May 30

**12pm:** Día de Canarias concerts with famous folklore groups such as Los Sabanderos, Los Gofiones and Kike Pérez in the Plaza de la Iglesia de la Concepción, Plaza de La Candelaria and Calle La Noria.

**1pm:** Traditional Canarian dish contest with fish, stews, rabbit, goat, desserts and liqueurs at the Alameda del Duque de Santa Elena.

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### Fiesta de Mayo Los Realejos

#### May 3

**10am to 7pm:** Holiday of the Holy Cross, guided tours of the crosses in the town centre area.

**12pm to 7pm:** Atrácate, a gastro and cocktail show, Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

**5pm:** Parade of the Fanfare Groups.

**6pm:** Parade of the 101 Brass Band with giants and big-head mock-ups.

**10pm:** Festive procession with fireworks lasting about two hours.

#### May 4

**10am:** Feria del Día de la Madre (Mother's Day fair) in La Cruz Santa.

**8pm:** Classical music at the Casa de la Cultura.

**9pm:** II Festival Los Dóniz with several folklore groups in the Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

#### May 10

**5pm:** XLI Competition of Local White Wines 'Manuel Grillo Oliva', Círculo Viera y Clavijo.

**8pm:** Classical music at the Casa de la Cultura.

#### May 11

**10am:** Handicraft fair, Avenida de los Remedios.

**10.30am:** XXX. Competition of Regional Bottled White Wines 'Manuel Grillo Oliva' at the Círculo Viera y Clavijo.

**9pm:** Gala for the election of the festival queen at the Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

#### May 12

**10am:** Handicraft fair, Avenida de los Remedios.

**1pm:** Fiesta Canaria Los Realejeros cantan a su pueblo (the people of Los Realejos singing to their town) with different folklore groups from the borough - Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

#### May 17

**9pm:** Festival Acorán in the Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

#### May 18

**10pm:** Baile de Magos, dance in traditional costumes around the Plaza Viera y Clavijo, with folklore groups and the orchestras Johny Maquinaria and Arguayo Band.

#### May 28

**8:30pm:** Folklore concert for Día de Canarias at the Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

#### May 30

**10am:** Horse show at the Finca El Llano.

**3pm:** Horse race, Carretera de La Cruz Santa.

**8pm:** Concert by the choir Cantares at the Casa de la Cultura.

#### May 31

**9pm:** XI Festival El Chirato with Kike Pérez, La Vendimia and El Chirato, Finca El Llano.

#### June 2

**12pm:** Festive service in honour of San Isidro Labrador followed by a large Romería, Apóstol Santiago parish church.

**5pm:** After the parade, dancing in the street to the music of the orchestras Malibú Band and Tropín in the Plaza Viera y Clavijo.

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