

May 3 fireworks in Los Realejos



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Día de la Cruz and May Festivities in Los Realejos

May is also the biggest festival month of the year in Los Realejos, and since March 2015 it has been recognised as a Fiesta of National Tourist Interest. This could even be the year it's elevated to 'inter-

national' level. A relevant festival gains recognition when international media report on it for five consecutive years, and press representatives have already pledged support for this fifth time. The festival has a deeply rooted religious character, and all crosses in the town centre area are adorned with lavish floral decorations,

setting the scene. Small decorated crosses can also be seen in private houses. Over 300 crosses give the town a particularly festive character on May 3. The highlight of the festival is a competition between the two streets El Medio and Calle El Sol, dating back to the 18th century. Calle El Sol

was inhabited mainly by farm workers and day labourers, while Calle El Medio, on the other side of the barranco, was home to the nobles and middle-class families. Both sides decorated the crosses in their street particularly beautifully. Later, bonfires were added and everyone wanted the biggest one. Nowadays the competi-

tion culminates in a huge fireworks display, which is created by the two local fireworks factories Hermanos Toste and Hermanos Caballer. As soon as it gets dark, the two pyrotechnic companies, each representing one street, deliver a huge fireworks spectacle, which conjures up the most beautiful coloured formations

in the night sky for over two hours. Those who want to be there should be there in good time, because Los Realejos will be full to the brim on this day. There is also a good view from La Montañeta or from the outskirts of Puerto de La Cruz, and the fireworks are transmitted online via www.losrealejos.travel.

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