

V NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE ARTICHOKE

P R O G R A M

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

From 10.00 am. Opening of the Congress in the Plaza de la Constitución with 10.000 m2 of the best gastronomy, exhibitions, sale of fresh and canned products, competitions, workshops, lectures, free tastings and live performances.

During the morning. Weekly Market around the Plaza, declared Provincial Tourist Interest Event. Wide area with fresh products of proximity, and of course, artichokes from the Vega Baja.

During the morning. Artichoke Blog Trip organized by Carlos Corredor from the Gastronomic Guide of Alicante with the best gastronomic bloggers.

At the Sociedad Casino. "Almoradí, Corazón de la Vega Alcachofa". Exhibition with pictures and documents during the weekend.

At 10.30 am and 12.00 pm. Discover Almoradí. Guided free tour showing our history and historic buildings (limited places). Registrations will take place up to 15 minutes before the beginning of the tour in the Information Point or the Tourist Info Office.

From 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Exhibition of the traditional production process of the artichoke by Peña Huertana Los Santicos de la Piedra. At the end, free tasting of artichoke rice.

From 11.00 am. The finalists of the 2nd Cooking Competition in Family with Artichoke will be in the kitchen of ComeRB preparing the final (C/ Ramón y Cajal, 23).

From 11.00 am and during all morning. Preparation and Tasting of the Artichoke Artisanal Ice-cream by Antonio José Martínez Tovar, Gemma María Martínez Muñoz and Alicia Dobón Suárez from the University Miguel Hernández of Elche (UMH)

11.00 am. Workshop and competition of the students from the CDT of Torrevieja (Tourism Centre). Prize for the fastest peeling artichokes.

11.30 am. Official welcome of the Mayor of Almoradí, María Gómez García, to the participants of the 2nd Meeting of Caravans of the ACAV (Asociación Cultural Autocaravanista Valenciana).

From 12.00 pm. Tapa with Artichoke in the Plaza de la Constitución (Price: 2€ - tapa).

Bars and restaurants: Restaurante El Buey, Restaurante Los Infantes, Restaurante Angelín, Restaurante El Cruce, Restaurante Silvino, Vega Bodas, Cervecería Ángel, Bar Casino, Pastelería La Roja, Tasca Txema, Restaurante La Alcachofa, Ene's, Bar Murciano, Kiosko La Plaza Almoradí.

12.00 pm. SHOWCOOKINGS.

- Moisés Martínez, Chef Restaurante El Buey (Almoradí).
- The Mixologist Miguel Ángel Vargas, the Bartender Víctor Arias and the Chef David Martínez from the innovative project "Tótem" in Guardamar.
- José Francisco Gómez, Chef Restaurante Los Infantes (Almoradí).
- Aurora Torres. Chef Restaurante La Herradura (Los Montesinos).

2.30 pm. Live performance of Hornet's Band.

5.00 pm. FOR CHILDREN. Final of the 2nd Cooking Competition in Family with Artichoke, with the collaboration of ComeRB Dietitian-Nutritionist.

Rules and registrations: ComeRB and Tourist Info Office or the e-mail alcachofaalmoradi@gmail.com.

Prize: Nintendo Switch and the Asterix Obelix XXL2 Limited Edition game.

From 5.00 pm. Preparations of the "Torrà Popular" with the Peña Huertana and the Association "Alcachofa Vega Baja del Segura".

6.30 pm. FOR CHILDREN. Cooking workshop for children (5 – 11 years old) "Con las manos en la masa" with the MasterChef Mireia Ruiz from TVE (limited places).

Registrations: Tourist Info Office; phone number 966783442 or email turismo@almordi.es.

From 7.00 pm. Tapea with Artichokes in the Plaza de la Constitución (Price: 2 € - tapa).

8.00 pm. Guinness World Record. Help us achieve the world record for the largest artichoke for Almoradí to appear in the next edition of the Guinness Book.

8.30 pm. Live performance by Hornet's Band.

8.30 pm. Free tasting of more than 1000 kg of artichokes during the "Torrà Popular". Organized with the collaboration of the Association "Alcachofa Vega Baja.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

From 10.00 am. Opening of the Congress in the Plaza de la Constitución with 10.000 m2 of the best gastronomy, exhibitions, sale of fresh and canned products, competitions, workshops, lectures, free tastings and live performances.

From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. 2nd Meeting and Exhibition of Traditional Associations. Organized by "Agrupación Huertana del Bajo Segura". At the end, free tasting of tortilla of artichoke.

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From 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. FOR CHILDREN. Macro-workshop of healthy cooking with artichoke for children (4 - 11 years old) by Mireia Ruiz, educator and competitor of MasterChef (TVE).

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11.30 am. 5th Popular Competition of Tortilla of Artichoke from the Vega Baja, opened to Associations, Peñas and individuals. Organized by Peña Huertana los Santicos de la Piedra.

Prizes from Caja Rural Central and Gin Premium Mattiana.

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From 12.00 pm. Tapea with Artichoke in the Plaza de la Constitución (Price: 2 € - tapa).

12.00 pm. SHOWCOOKINGS

- Davinia Martínez Chef Restaurante "El Divino de Davinia Martínez" (Orihuela).
- Pascual Gómez, Chef of the Finca Villa Vera (Vega Bodas).
- Pablo Montoro, Chef Semifinalist in Top Chef on Antena 3.
- FOR CHILDREN. Mara Serrano, competitor of the 5th season of MasterChef JUNIOR on TVE.

1.15 pm. Recognition to the Peñas and Associations participating on the 2nd Meeting.

From 1.30 pm.

- HOMAGE to Ángeles Berná, founder of Restaurante Angelín, in recognition of her gastronomic career in Almoradí.
- Delivery of the "Jeweler of the Artichoke" to Chef Pablo González from Restaurante Cabaña Buenavista, with two Michelin Stars and the best creative restaurant of the Region of Murcia on 2018.

CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS by the Mayor of Almoradí, María Gómez García.