

Pirate Landing this Saturday in San Cristóbal

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Las Palmas de Gran Canaria celebrates on Saturday October 21 a day dedicated to pirates and pirate attacks on the city. A complete agenda of activities in the San Cristóbal fishing district, next to one of the castles that were part of the city's defense network before the assaults of those navigators, recalls the historic connection of the capital of Gran Canaria with pirates. Thus, Torreón de San Pedro Mártir will be a witness and reference of the educational workshops, storytelling, shows and exhibitions to be held in the neighborhood.

Francis Drake, John Hawkins, Pieter Van der Does ... famous sailors, corsairs who also stopped in their incursions in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria at different times in history. The story of his assaults, and of different pirates who also attacked other islands of the Archipelago, is the protagonist of this day baptized as Pirates of the Atlantic, scheduled between 11:00 and 17:00 hours, and organized by Council of Sea City of capital of Gran Canaria.

A technological Gymkhana, designed by Javier Romera and his team of artistic, cultural and technological professionals, will emulate a journey through time until 1595, in an immersive virtual reality game that will take the participants through different tracks through the streets of the neighborhood sailor of San Cristóbal. There will be five passes scheduled from 12:00 to 16:00 hours. 'Drake 1595' recalls how the most important enemy of the Spanish empire was England. Sir Francis Drake, a famous sailor in the service of the English crown, aims to land next to the San Cristobal Keep: participants in the game must resolve the clues, so that history "remains as it is", and the city does not be assaulted

Beginning at 12:30 pm, Professor of Modern History at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Germán Santana Pérez, will lead a historic walk through San Cristóbal, to learn about the role played by the constant presence of pirates and corsairs in the Canary Islands, in general, and in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, in particular. Santana Pérez the historical role assigned to the nearby Torre de San Pedro. For this trip, those who wish to just have to meet with the teacher on the stage located in the area.

Germán Santana says that "corsarism has conditioned our daily lives." The action of the pirates in the Islands, will point in his walk, included "attacks, defenses, kidnappings, heroic characters, skull flags, club legs, hooks and even treasures buried in the sand." Anecdotes about ships captured next to the tower of San Cristóbal or the importance of the civil defenses of the city complete an essential narration to enjoy the day.

From 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., the Cancionero Islandño will take part in a children's activity with songs, puppets and audiovisual contents, this time around the legendary pirates and buccaneers who passed through the Island. "We will count the incredible stories of our Archipelago and everything that happened here hundreds of years ago, history that paraded great pirates like Pieter Van der Does, Francis Drake or 'Pata de Palo' François Le Clerc ", advances the founder of Cancionero Islandño, Víctor de the nut.

At 13:00 hours has been programmed narration of versoist Aniba: the improvisation of a story with the collaboration of the public, in this pirate environment. Illustrators Mélani Garzón and Francis Montesdeoca will spontaneously paint what is happening. As a closing, Anibal Faycan (Aniba Versoterista) will again act as poet rapper and singer-songwriter. Music to animate the performance, by an author who is the winner of the Young Authors Contest of Las Palmas and the contest The most crisp, in Tenerife. The public can enjoy their incursions into reggae, flamenco, boleros and rap.

This day also includes, until 17:00 hours, a theatrical exhibition, dedicated to the cambulloneros; pirate characterization workshops, an exhibition of pirate ships and a workshop for the construction of these miniature boats; a didactic workshop on cetaceans in the Canaries; an activity to orient us like the old pirates, looking at the stars; responsible fishing workshops; and the creative workshop 'My little pirate ship', aimed at the little ones.