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DIFAS 2024

Events and activities

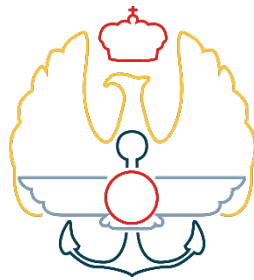


Land parade



Air parade

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This year, the main events and activities to celebrate Armed Forces Day will take place in the cities of Oviedo and Gijón. They are as follows:

OVIEDO

- Main event of the Armed Forces Day in Oviedo: Land parade presided over by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain.
- Static display of material and personnel.
- Aerial presence (fly-over the city).
- Parade and Military Music Meeting.

GIJÓN

- Naval Parade.
 - Dynamic display of personnel and equipment.
 - Air Parade
- (these three events chaired by His Majesty the King).**
- Naval presence and static exhibition of equipment.
 - Display of equipment and personnel.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

GIJÓN

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

- **Naval Presence and static display of material**

Port of 'El Musel'

10:00 h: Inauguration

The vessels can be visited until Sunday 26 May during the following opening hours:

- Wednesday: 10:00 to 20:00; Thursday 10:00 to 20:00; Saturday 10:00 to 20:00 and Sunday 10:00 to 13:00.
(on Friday it will not be possible to visit them because the ships are taking part in the Naval Parade).

Thursday, 23 May 2024

- **Display of material and personnel**

Las Mestas Complex

19:00 h

The **Royal Guard** will take part in the demonstration with the Floured Movement Section, the Royal Escort Squadron and the Hypomobile Section of the Royal Battery. The Spanish **Army** will give an exhibition on the use of the Teodor-EOD robot and a dynamic demonstration of NBC sampling and decontamination. The **Navy** will demonstrate its capabilities with material, vehicles and personnel from the Marine Corps Protection Force (FUPRO in Spanish). The **Air and Space Force's** Parachute Patrol (PAPEA in Spanish) will perform a parachute jumping display. The **Military Emergency Unit** (UME in Spanish) will take part with a canine demonstration as well as a zip-line descent and casualty evacuation. The **Civil Guard** will participate with the Cavalry Squadron and the Clarinet and Timpani Band. They will also carry out a coordinated rescue between units

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of the air service and the mountain service, and an exhibition of personnel and material from the Cynological Service and the Groups of Specialists in Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Nuclear, Radioactive, Biological and Chemical (NRBC). And finally, the **Defence Assistance Directorate** participates with horse-drawn carriage evolutions, classical dressage exercises and cobra handling (exhibition and harmonic movements with horses).

Friday, 24 May 2024

The following events will be chaired by H.M. the King:

- **Naval Parade**

"San Lorenzo" Beach

- 15:00 h

Navy and Civil Guard ships will take part.

- **Dynamic Exhibition**

"San Lorenzo" Beach

- 16:30 h

At the end of the Naval Parade, there will be an exhibition of means and personnel from the Marine Corps, the Army, the Air and Space Force, the Military Emergency Unit and the Civil Guard.

- **Aerial Parade**

"San Lorenzo" Beach

- 17:45 h

The closing event of the celebration will be, weather permitting, the parade in which aircraft from the Army, the Navy, the Air and Space Force and the Civil Guard will take part and where the Eagle Patrol, closing the show, will perform a display.

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OVIEDO

Wednesday, 22 May 2024

- **Flag Hoisting**

12:30h in Escandalera Square

- **Dynamic display of personnel and equipment.**

- **Paseo del Bombé (San Francisco field)**

13:00 h: Opening of the exhibition.

- The exhibition can be visited until Sunday 26th May at the following opening hours:

Wednesday from 13:00 to 20:00 h; Thursday from 10:00 to 20:00 h ;

Friday from 10:00 to 19:00 h; Saturday from 14:00 to 20:00 h and Sunday

- from 10:00 to 14:00 h.

to 19:00 h; Saturday from 14:00 to 20:00 h and Sunday from 10:00 to 14:00 hours.

Friday, 24 May 2024

- **Aerial Presence over Oviedo.**

- Between 17:50 to 18:40 h.

At the end of the aerial parade in San Lorenzo Beach, in Gijón, some of the participating aircraft will fly over Oviedo city, allowing the citizens of Oviedo to enjoy these aircrafts.

- **Parades and Military Music Meeting.**

Before the Military Music meeting, at **18:45h**, there will be a **parade** where each of the participating Units as well as the Municipal Band of Oviedo will start their performances in the following squares until they arrive at the Cathedral Square:

- ✓ **Feijoo Square:** Music Unit and War Band of the Royal Guard.
- ✓ **Gascona Square:** Civil Guard Music Unit.

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- ✓ **Campoamor Theatre:** Madrid Group Music Unit (AGRUMAD in Spanish).
- ✓ **Fresno Square:** Music Unit of the "La Legión" Brigade (BRILEG in Spanish).
- ✓ **Longoria Carbajal Square:** Maneuver Support Command Music Unit.
- ✓ **Fontán Square:** Basic Academy of the Air and Space Force Music Unit.
- ✓ **Constitución Square:** Municipal Band of Oviedo.

- **Meeting of Military Music.**

- **Catedral Square in Oviedo**

- **20:00h**

After the parade, the meeting will begin with each Music Unit performing a piece and concluding with a joint performance. The Music Unit of the **Royal Guard Band**, the Maneuver Support Command Music Unit and the Music Unit and War band of the "La Legión" Brigade (**Army**); the Madrid Group Music Unit (**Navy**); the Basic Academy of the **Air and Space Force** Music Unit; the **Civil Guard** Music Unit and finally the Municipal Band of **Oviedo**.

Saturday, 25 May 2024

- **Armed Forces Day Main Event.**

- **12:00h**

- Honours Group formed
- Incorporation of the National Flag

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- Military Honours to Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain
- Review of HM the King to the Honours Grouping
- Greetings from Their Majesties the King and Queen to the Authorities
- Hoisting and Homage to the National Flag
- Homage to the fallen for Spain
- Land Parade.
- Farewell from Their Majesties the King and Queen
- Lowering of the National Flag

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22 - 25 DE MAYO
OVIEDO / GIJÓN

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https://emad.defensa.gob.es/Galerias/emad/files/CARTEL_DIFAS24.pdf

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PLAYLIST AIR AND LAND PARADE

This year, for the first time, we are making available to the public two audio playlists available on the YouTube channel of the Defence Staff ([EMAD FUERZAS ARMADAS ESPAÑOLAS - YouTube](#)) to follow both the air and land parades.

These lists provide a description of the aircraft that will participate in the **air parade** on Friday **24 May** at **18:00h** at San Lorenzo Beach in **Gijón** and also of the units that will participate in the **land parade** on Saturday **25 May** at **12:00h** in **Oviedo**.

A brief overview to follow the parades in detail in the videos that will be available to the public starting from May 20th. The videos from each of the lists can be viewed one after the other by activating the autoplay function or by selecting them in the order of preference.

The QR codes are printed on the 'Armed Forces Day 2024' posters, newsletter and EMAD website. In addition, it will be distributed on the Defence Staff's social networks.



[AIR PARADE](#)



[LAND PARADE](#)