



5 January

Cavalcade of the Three Wise Men

The Three Wise Men arrive to the city by boat, after a long journey to fulfil the dreams of young and old people

The kids wait impatiently for the Tree Wise Men who arrive at the Serrallo to tour the city accompanied by the pages and floats.



2-13 February

Tarragona Carnival 2024

Celebrate the great festival of the king of debauchery in Tarragona Carnival

During one week the streets are filled with colour and music to celebrate the great festival of the king of debauchery. The highlight of the festival is the float-filled parade on the Saturday, and of particular note are the concerts, the tasting of *botifarra d'ou* (egg sausage) and the *crema de la bota* (the burning of the Carnival King figure in an enormous barrel) at the festivities' end.



Program of the Carnival: download as a pdf



17 March

'Els tres tombs' 2024

The traditional tres tombs parade returns to Tarragona

Els tres tombs, held in many towns throughout Catalonia, gathers a wide number of riders, carts and horses who go round the streets of the city-centre and receive the blessing of Sant Antoni (Saint Anthony), patron saint of domestic animals.

23-26 March

HaBaWaBa Spain children's water polo training festival 2024

Experience the Spanish edition of the world's most famous water polo festival for kids

A three-day tournament plus a day dedicated to fun and excitement at PortAventura Park. The world's leading grassroots water polo festival will take place at the Sylvia Fontana Olympic outdoor pool in Tarragona.





24 March-1 April

Easter Week 2024

Easter Week: the Passion comes to Tarragona

Tradition and spirituality coexist in the city during Easter Week, celebrations that most Tarragona residents experience intensely, regardless of their religious beliefs.

Program of the Easter Week 2024 in Tarragona: download as a pdf



7-27 April

Teatre Màgic International Magic Festival 2024

Revel in the world of magic

The world of illusionism comes together on the stages of Tarragona to offer a selection of the best magic shows today.



23 April

Sant Jordi (St. George's Day) 2024 in Tarragona

Celebrate the Sant Jordi (St. George) Feast in Tarragona

On this day the Saint George Feast, patron saint of the Catalans, is commemorated. It is customary for couples to exchange roses and books. There is also a <u>human towers exhibition</u> by the city's four *colles* (groups): Xiquets de Tarragona, Colla Jove Xiquets de Tarragona, Xiquets del Serrallo and Colla Castellera Sant Pere i Sant Pau.



25-28 April

Tarragona Dixieland Festival 2024

The best jazz music in Tarragona

The only festival in Spain dedicated to dixieland, the origin of Jazz, popular music from New Orleans from the end of the 19th century. Every year it holds more than thirty concerts and activities in different areas as theatres, bars, restaurants and also in the open air.





30 April-5 May

'Feria de Abril' (April Fair) 2024

The *Feria de Abril* returns to Bonavista, a fusion of Catalan and Andalusian culture

Enjoy the *Feria de Abril* in the twelve *casetas* (tents) located in an area of 13,000 m². Every night there will be a different musical performance with artists, most of them local, on a covered stage in the central aisle.



10-26 May

"Tarragona rice à la marinière" Gastronomy Days 2024

Treat yourself to delicious rice à la marinière

Some of the best restaurants in Tarragona offer you menus with rice à la marinière as the protagonist.



11 and 12 May

Forum Vinarium Primavera (Spring edition) 2024

Fòrum Vinarium returns to the Plaça del Fòrum in Tarragona

Fòrum Vinarium, a wine tourism proposal to enjoy the best wines from the different Designations of Origin of the territory, craft beers, local *cavas* (high-quality sparkling wine), local vermouths and a great assortment of *tapas* (appetizer) from the bars and taverns of the Plaça del Fòrum.



13-26 May

Tarraco Viva 2024

Come to Tarragona's Roman festival and discover your history!

Tarragona travels in time up until a period of great splendour for the city: the Roman times. During these international symposiums to raise awareness of ancient Roman history, the visitor lives the Roman Tarraco through historic performances such as gladiator fights, Roman theatre, music and dance and historical re-enactments of life in Roman times.All of this within an incomparable setting: the monumental sites declared World Heritage Site by the UNESCO.





18 May

Museum Night 2024

An opportunity to get to know Tarragona's museums and cultural institutions

On the night of 18 May, the participating institutions stay open late and offer a different way to see their exhibitions, as well as the chance to enjoy activities and guided tours.



2 June

Corpus Christi 2024

The *coca de cireres* (flatbread with cherries) and the *ou com balla* (dancing egg) are the most rooted traditions in the celebration of this religious festivity where one can also enjoy some traditional elements of the parade such as the towering giants and the *Magí de les Timbales* (a drummer on horse who announces the festival).



23 and 24 June

Sant Joan (St. John) 2024

Fire, music, and human castles are the backbone of the St. John Festival in Tarragona

The main events of the St. John Festival take place in El Serrallo, Tarragona's seafarers' neighbourhood, with the arrival of the flame from the Canigó, and on the Rambla Nova, with the Fire Parade, led by the local fire groups (*Ball de Diables, Drac, Bou, Griu, Víbria and Colla de Diables Voramar del Serrallo*), accompanied by some invited groups, which ends with the lighting of the bonfire. Kermesses (street parties) take place in different squares around the city, ending at dawn.



24 June-6 October

Tarragona, City of Human Towers 2024

Tarragona, City of Human Towers, offers human tower exhibitions and events

A magnificent chance to live out this tradition with over 200 years of history that is still very much present in our area's traditional festivals.





3-6 July

International "Ciutat de Tarragona" Fireworks Contest 2024

A competition of light and colour

The International "Ciutat de Tarragona" Fireworks Contest has a long tradition (1990) and has become one of the most emblematic in the Mediterranean.



12-19 August

Sant Magí 2024

Sant Magí Tarragona is one of the Tarragona's major festivals

Sant Magí is celebrated with fascinating elements of local popular culture, such as *Magí de les Timbales*, the giants, the *Gegantons Negritos*, dwarves, *bastoners* (dancers hitting sticks together in rhythm) and more. All these festive figures come together to accompany the water of Sant Magí, the central focus of the festival. The *castells* (human towers) also play a role in the celebration, along with a wide variety of festive and cultural events (concerts, theatre, etc.).



30 August-1 September

Tarragona international theatre festival 2024

An open door to new talents performed in different languages

The Tarragona international theatre festival aims to bring together all the new plays of contemporary authors and directors of different origins, whether from home or abroad. The main distinctive trait is that these new dramas will be performed in places that are not theatres, but rather other of the city's emblematic or historical sites.



11 September

Catalan National Day 2024

The National Day of Catalonia

The Catalan National Day or Diada de l'Onze de Setembre is the bank holidays of Catalonia and is commemorated annually.

Tarragona lives the Catalan National Day with the Catalan traditions par excellence: *Sardana* dances and human towers.





13-24 September

Santa Tecla Tarragona 2024

There is no other time of the year as lively as during the great festival, Santa Tecla.

For over one week, the people from Tarragona and the visitors go out on the streets to take over the most emblematic areas of the city where the different traditional, festive and gastronomic events take place.



15 September

"Peonada Popular" 2024

The sports event of Santa Tecla

The most festive and traditional sporting event in Tarragona.



5 and 6 October

Human Tower Competition 2024

The world's largest human tower show

The *Castells* Competition is an event with the best *colles* (human tower groups) in the country, held every two years in Tarraco Arena Plaça (ancient bullfighting ring). The most important human towers groups from around Catalonia, together with the local ones, gather to participate in the most contested and attended human castle day of the entire season.



7-13 October

Tarragona Sona Flamenc 2024

Breathe the art of flamenco to its maximum expression

This October the city is organizing a series of events with an emphasis on Flamenco. Internationally-recognized flamenco stars and local artistes will be headlining a programme that includes flamenco shows, concerts, workshops and exhibitions.





11-13 October

Tarragona Medieval Market 2024

The area around the cathedral turns into a medieval market where to purchase handcraft products.

Moreover, one can enjoy street performances set in medieval times (minstrels, jugglers...).



11-27 October

"Romesco" culinary event 2024

Romescvs + Macabevs. 100% DO Tarragona

Special menus in the city's restaurants. Treat yourself to Tarragona's most celebrated dish.



18 October-15 December

SCAN International Photography Festival 2024

SCAN, the Tarragona photography contest

SCAN offers the public an interesting and complete programme of exhibitions, screenings, conferences and workshops.



27 October

"City of Tarragona" Half Marathon +10K 2024

"City of Tarragona" Half Marathon +10K, two competitive races that bring together runners from all over the world in a great celebration of long-distance running

As has been the tradition for over 25 years now, the "City of Tarragona" Half Marathon +10K will be held in November. Some 2.500 participants fill the city's streets, free from circulating traffic, in order to reach their personal goal.





8-10 November

The Embutada, Tarragona's Young Wine Festival 2024

Enjoy The *Embutada*: come and taste the new wines while enjoying regional gourmet products and cultural attractions!

The *Embutada* festival aims to uphold the memory and winemaking traditions of the funnel system, which was not only used in Tarragona and the towns of the county of Tarragonès, but also in such iconic winemaking regions as Priorat and Baix Penedès.



31 December

L'Home dels Nassos (the man of the many noses)

Enjoy this Catalan tradition in Tarragona

During the last day in the year, a funny character called *Home dels Nassos*, who has as many noses as days left in the year (a large nose), represented by a *nano* (big head), walks around the city's streets giving out sweets to children.



End of November-beginning of January

Christmas in Tarragona

The magic of Christmas in Tarragona

From the end of November Tarragona is decked with festive Christmas lights and hosts its annual Christmas fair. Two very rooted traditions are re-enacted: *el Tió* (log that gives presents) and the nativity scenes exhibited in premises of different associations and in the city's parks. The festivities are completed with different Christmas activities: Performance of the theatre show *Els Pastorets* (The Little Sheperds), Christmas carol singing, and the children's park, among others.