

VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE



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VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE CELEBRATES
12TH ANNUAL PIRATE DAYS FESTIVAL

Fun For The Entire Family Set For
Saturday & Sunday, June 3rd & 4th, 2017 From 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

VENTURA, Calif. - Gather your crew this year early and head to Ventura "Aarghbor" Village for swashbuckling fun at the 12th Annual Pirate Days Festival on Saturday & Sunday, June 3rd & 4th, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Ventura Harbor Pirate Days is one of Ventura's most popular public festivals that attract "pirates" of all ages for buccaneering and other piratey pursuits.

This year's theme is "Dead Men DO Tell Tales" in celebration of Disney's last movie in the Pirates of the Caribbean series. Exciting new elements include ice sculpting by Ventura Harbor Village's very own French chef Jean Luc, chalk painting artist, professional pirate shows, and kids' fun marionette show "Princess and the Pirates" right at the start of the Pirate Days Festival. Back by popular demand are festival favorites- Lunch with the Pirates at The Greek Mediterranean Grill & Lounge at 11:45am (both days), the Reece Ryan Kids' On-Land Pirate Ship, Captain Hook & Captain Jack (look-a-like), Belly Dancing by Kali, Photos with a Mermaid, exotic birds, inflatable jumping rides, and strolling pirate musicians.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the lure of the sea with Ventura Harbor Pirate Days. We've put together brand new live action pirate shows and can't wait to debut them...this event is something we look forward to all year" said Ted Shred, Creative Director, Pirates for Hire who are providing entertainment for the Festival.

Festival goers will have a chance to meet enchanting mermaids and famous pirate re-enactors, including Captain Jack Sparrow and Captain Hook. Mateys strolling through the Pirate Marketplace can spend time at Port Royal Privateers' historical encampment, visit unique vendor booths for face painting and henna body art or find precious wares, such as woodcrafts, pirate attire, jewelry, metal gifts and nautical-themed loot.

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“Captain Jack is my favorite pirate ever. I love the shows that he does with his pirate buddies. I come to watch them every year” said Amy, 7-year-old festival guest.

The fun continues throughout Ventura Harbor Village where children, tweens and adults dressed to impress can strut their stuff in the Pirate Days costume contests at 1:45pm (Kids 0-7 yrs.), 2:45pm (Tweens 8-15 yrs.), and 3:45pm (Adults 16+ yrs.) for a chance to win theme park tickets to San Diego Zoo and Legoland (Kids), Magic Mountain (Tweens), and Disneyland (Adults). Calling all parrots, rats or dogs, dress your favorite feathered or furry pet for the Pet Costume Contest and partake in the pirate fun! Saturday only!

Wee ones will enjoy the Kids Treasure Hunt (\$3) and free craft activities provided by Macaroni Kid and Lakeshore Learning Center. Treasure seekers can find pirate merchandise, pirate hats, swords, gifts, eye patches, flags, and gear at seaside shops. For grog and grub, Village restaurants offer a variety of cuisine for hungry crews; including roasted turkey legs and rum drink specials. Live music and entertainment provided by The Pirates Charles strolling pirate band and Pirates for Hire (daily professional pirate shows).

Ventura Harbor Pirate Days gives you a chance to get in your best pirate garb and wander by the sea with chances to interact with pirates of all ages.

Admission, parking and shuttle buses are free. Pirate Days shuttle parking is located at Schooner Drive and Harbor Blvd. both Saturday and Sunday from Noon – 5:00 PM. Catch the Downtown – Harbor Trolley from Downtown, Seaward Ave., or at participating hotels for a FREE ride to the festival (best to get on the trolley early). The Ventura Harbor Village is located 1583 Spinnaker Drive off of Harbor Blvd.

For a list of shopping & dining specials and entertainment schedule please visit VenturaHarborVillage.com/PirateDays , or call (805) 477-0470. The 2017 Pirate Days is supported by Cumulus Broadcasting, VC Reporter, The Ventura Breeze and Pure Chiropractic.

About Ventura Harbor Village:

Located on scenic Highway 101, Ventura Harbor Village is 30 minutes South of Santa Barbara and one hour North of Los Angeles. Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer’s Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful walking Promenade. The Village offers visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground with transportation to and from the Harbor via the new Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual special events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, (open seven days a week with free admission and parking and within walking distance to the Village), this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, it is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For additional visitor information, contact [Ventura Harbor Village](http://VenturaHarborVillage.com) at [805-477-0470](tel:805-477-0470), online at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com, via fax at [805-644-1684](tel:805-644-1684). Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura.

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