

PortAventura's 2014 star attraction nears completion

“Angkor: Adventure in the Lost Kingdom”, will open on April 11th
for the beginning of the 2014 season



PortAventura, March 3rd 2014. – With just over six weeks to go before the start of what will be PortAventura's 19th season, the theme resort has invited media to check out the construction progress on the new star attraction, **Angkor: Adventure in the Lost Kingdom**. Construction on this new and spectacular attraction, featuring amazing **theming work which recreates the landscapes and temples inspired by Cambodia**, is past the half-way point. Angkor is part of the resort's development strategy which aims to make PortAventura the best European holiday destination for families, a concept defined as a **European Destination Resort**. This project reinforces the internationalization of the company and represents the latest step in a process which has so far seen PortAventura **invest over €100 million in new features and facilities since 2009**.

PortAventura's new addition is inspired by the famous Cambodian temple of Angkor Wat and the exotic jungles of Asia. This 'battle-boat' water attraction is located in the China theme area and has an impressive surface area of 10,500m². It is expected to be a leader in its class in Europe, not only for its long on-ride time of 10 minutes over a distance of 300m but also for its elaborate theme detail. 14 rafts, each seating 8 people, will carry up to 726 passengers per hour on an adventure through exotic and mysterious landscapes. At the end of the ride, visitors will find different areas full of surprises and challenges to face with their water-cannons, which they can also aim at other boats and even at spectators.



Theming: the secret of a sensational ride

What sets this attraction apart is the huge amount of work that has gone into developing its atmosphere. The realistic sensation of being on a river in Southeast Asia will thrill passengers as much as the exciting activities they enjoy while on the raft. To achieve this, the development team at PortAventura has created a series of scenes with real vegetation plus architectural elements including the statues, half-ruined columns and abandoned riverside village of the temple of Angkor Wat itself. These join seamlessly over the 300m ride to give passengers the feeling of being on an expedition through the jungle. The epic feeling is reinforced by the long duration of the ride, which lasts almost 10 minutes compared with the 1-to-3 minutes typical of most theme park attractions.

The construction work began in August 2013 and is scheduled to be completed in April, a total of eight-and-a-half months. PortAventura's Development department has overseen of the project which was designed by Mack Rides, one of the world's leading manufacturers of theme park attractions. More than 20 companies, most of them Spanish, and almost 400 workers have been involved in the construction process. Traditional building practices have been combined with specialist techniques like shotcreting (pneumatically projecting concrete through a hose), polyurethane scaffolding and decorating with paints and treated timber. The atmospheric theming detail has been completed with a vast number of carefully chosen plants from different parts of Spain and Italy.

About PortAventura

PortAventura: European Destination Resort, with almost 4 million visitors, is a leading themed holiday resort on the Costa Daurada, south of Barcelona. It opened in 1995 as Spain's first theme park, with the goal of offering a journey around the world in a single day. After meeting great initial success, and thanks to the opening of its hotels and Costa Caribe Aquatic Park, PortAventura Resort has become a renowned European tourist destination in itself.

The resort offers four themed, four-star hotels: Hotel PortAventura, Hotel El Paso, Hotel Caribe and Hotel Gold River, all connected to the PortAventura theme park. The park's six themed areas – Mediterrània, Far West, México, China, Polynesia and SésamoAventura – boast more than 30 rides, 15 daily shows, 75 restaurants and food outlets, and 27 handicrafts and gift shops. The Costa Caribe Aquatic Park, expanded and completely updated in 2013, is a key feature of PortAventura and the resort's comprehensive facilities also include a 4,000-person capacity convention centre.

All of this, together with its excellent location on the Costa Daurada, just one hour from Barcelona, its transport connections, its convenient closeness to Barcelona and Reus airports and the high-speed AVE train link, makes PortAventura one of the best European holiday destinations on the shores of the Mediterranean.

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