

PRESS RELEASE

Shambhala recognised as the 'Best European Roller Coaster and PortAventura the 'Best Theme Park in Europe'

- *Kirmes & Park Revue, the German specialist amusement park publication, has awarded Shambhala the European Star Award for 'Best European Roller Coaster' for the third time.*
- *PortAventura has also been named the 'Best Theme Park in Europe' at the WorldofParks awards, which have also chosen its show 'Celebration' as the 'Best Show in a European Theme Park'.*

PortAventura, 07 October 2015. - PortAventura remains at the forefront of the leisure industry in Europe. Recognition has been granted by the various awards recently received, reaffirming its position as a sector leader and demonstrating once again the commitment of the Resort to always meet the highest quality standards.

European Star Awards

For the third consecutive year, the prestigious **European Star Awards** organised by the specialist magazine *Kirmes & Park* has recognised **Shambhala** as the '**Best European Roller Coaster**'. The ride, belonging to the category known as 'hypercoasters' was launched in May 2012 and officially ranks as Europe's **highest** (76 m) and **fastest** (134 km/h) roller coaster, in addition to featuring **the longest descent** (78 m) in Europe.



WorldofParks Awards

PortAventura has also been named as the '**Best Theme Park in Europe**' by the specialist leisure website **WorldofParks.eu**, which also awarded its show '**Celebration**', premiered this year to mark the 20th anniversary, as the '**Best Show in a European Theme Park**'. The winners are chosen through a survey of around 35000 readers, who for the fourth consecutive year have not hesitated to place the Resort at the top of their list of favourites.



PortAventura

There are many factors that support the reasons for this recognition, such as the 4 million people that visit PortAventura every year or its full range of leisure and entertainment on offer. Six theme areas divide the park into an exciting voyage around the world: the beautiful islands of Polynesia, colourful and vibrant México, exotic China, the perilous yet fascinating Far West, and Mediterrània, that reflects the origins of the Resort.

And then of course there is SésamoAventura, designed especially for families and our younger guests. What's more, in May 2015 PortAventura announced its most ambitious

project yet: the addition of **FerrariLand**, a separate theme park inspired by the prestigious Italian brand, scheduled to open at the end of 2016.

The Resort also has four 4* and one 5* themed hotels comprising a total of 2100 rooms; three golf courses; a Beach Club and a spacious Convention Centre with capacity for 4000 people.

Celebration

To celebrate 20 years of the park, the Gran Teatro Imperial is hosting the main show for this season. **'Celebration'** takes the audience on a journey through the history of music from the 60s until present day, featuring an exciting score accompanied by acrobatics, rhythm and special effects. A total of 16 dancers, 2 singers and 18 acrobats come together to bring to life this show that has captivated young and old alike.

***Note to editors:**

A **selection of images** may be downloaded via this [link](#).

About PortAventura

PortAventura Resort is the largest destination resort in Europe and throughout its 20-year history has welcomed over 60 million visitors. With a prime location close to Barcelona, the Resort operates four 4-star and one 5-star themed hotels (PortAventura Hotels) with a total of 2100 rooms, and a 4000-capacity Convention Centre (PortAventura Convention Centre). The range of leisure facilities on offer includes 3 golf courses (one of them designed by Greg Norman) and a Beach Club with direct access to the beach. PortAventura is also home to a theme park and water park, both leaders in Europe, each featuring a range of internationally-renowned attractions.

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