

The Formentera Council's department of culture has teamed up in Sant Ferran with the craft workers' association and the local parish to organise annual Festes celebrations. The party kicks off this weekend, May 25-27, and will extend to the diada de Sant Ferran ("Sant Ferran day") on May 30.

Seafood tasting

This year for the first time ever, weekend festivalgoers can sample Galician seafood priced to move. The tasting, plus musical entertainment from Galician folk band **Encrucillada**, happens Friday at 8.00pm and Saturday and Sunday at 1.00pm.

Activities

Festes' main draws are Saturday at 6.00pm, when children and adults alike can enjoy an evening at the circus. Then comes a monologue by Marc Ribera, followed by a genre-spanning night of musical performances in which **DJ Lluís, Luna Martínez and Maruja Limón** distil the sounds of contemporary flamenco across Latin rhythms, Mediterranean music and pop.

Sunday at 3.00pm, local youth can enjoy an afternoon of games, music and tradition-steeped competitions. For the grand Festes finale on Wednesday, things take a turn for the traditional. Patron saint commemorations, which begin at 7.00pm with mass service and an ensuing procession in the town plaza, feature a demonstration of typical *ball pagès* dancing and traditional refreshments like *orelletes*

. From 9.00pm it's the beginning of the end, with music and dancing to close out the party.

With road work recently completed, festivities over the weekend will be held in the street, at carrers València and Guillem de Montgrí. Diada celebrations will be centred in the Sant Ferran church square.