

Last Weekend to Time Travel to the 16th Century!

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Bust out your sense of good cheer and take a day trip out to the wildly popular and entertaining time machine known as the 27th annual Arizona Renaissance Festival.

With trumpets blaring and cannon blasting, the gates of the festival village open at 10 am Saturdays, Sundays, (for only one more weekend), Now through the 29th of March.

This festival transports visitors to a medieval amusement park, a 13-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts and crafts extravaganza, a jousting tournament, people powered games and rides and a feast -- all rolled into one non-stop, day-long adventure.

Have you rubbed shoulders with ROYALTY?! Locked looks with a KNIGHT in Shining Armor? What are you waiting for? Experience Action & Adventure at the Faire. All the festival is a stage; you never know what unpredictable mayhem YOU may find as you explore the shire.

The 16th century festival is home to many popular traditions including chomping down on a giant roasted "turkey leg". Our Marketplace features over 200 artisans displaying a variety of unique, hand-made wares. Watch as the ancient skills of glassblowing, leatherwork, weaving, woodcarving, blacksmithing, candle making and pottery are displayed...IT IS A SHOPPER'S PARADISE!

A most special event within this giant event is The Pleasure Feast. This is a one and half hour five course medieval feast with live music and comedy entertainment, delicious food and drink, plus a souvenir goblet. With limited seating twice daily, advance feast reservations are recommended.

WHEN YOU GO:

What: The 27th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival

Where: East of Apache Junction on US Highway 60, near the Superstition Mountains.

When: Saturday and Sunday - Now through March 29. The Festival runs from 10a.m. until 6p.m., rain or shine.

Tickets: Advanced discount tickets available on-line www.RenFestInfo.com or at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 5 – 12, children under 5 are always FREE. **Tickets purchased at the Festival Box Office are \$2 more.**

Parking is Free.

Information: www.RenFestInfo.com

Special events:

March 28 & 29 Please donate to the Apache Junction Food Bank tent at the Faire; Donate two non-perishable or canned items and receive a FREE Child (ages 5-12) Admission!

For more Special Event Info:

http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=106&Itemid=56