# Nossa Senhora da Guia de Apúlia

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## What is this celebration?

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The celebration of Nossa Senhora da Guia in Apulia is a religious and popular feast celebrated in honor of this saint. It's one of the most important events in this small village.



## How did this event start?

Many years ago, the chapel of Nossa Senhora da Guia was a private chapel but, when the chapel owner's son was in risk of dying, he promised that if his son survived he would make it public!

The boy survived and the father kept his promise. The celebration in honor of Nossa Senhora da Guia was held for a few years, but then that stopped. A few years later, a fishermen from Apúlia returned the event, which is still celebrated today.

## What do we do at this event?

To celebrate this event, a huge fair is organized with concerts by the most varied artists and, sometimes, even comedy shows. Folklore shows are also organised.

On the last day of the festival, which is always a Sunday, there is a procession through all the streets of the village, in honor of Nossa Senhora da Guia. On this day, the most important mass of the festival is organized. At the end of all the concerts on this day there is a huge firework session to finish the celebrations. On Saturday there is other firework, but smaller.





#### When is the event celebrated?

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The feast of Nossa Senhora da Guia doesn't have a certain date, but it's always celebrated in the first fifteen days of August.

The celebrations of the event always last a week.

