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## Stunning Spanish tall ship to visit Great Yarmouth's South Quay

Great Yarmouth Borough Council has revealed that a stunning replica of a 17$^{th}$ century Spanish galleon will be sailing into the town at the end of May.

The tall ship's arrival coincides with half term and will be open to the public on South Quay from 10am until 8pm from May 28 until June 9.

Galeon Andalucia is described as a floating, living museum that showcases the history of such vessels and the period they operated in, supported by crew in period costumes.

Constructed by the Nao Victoria Foundation using new techniques combined with traditional craft skills, she was launched in 2009 and has since covered 70,000 nautical miles around the world's oceans.

The replica Spanish galleon has more than 900 sq metres of sail and is 162 ft long and 33 ft wide. She carries ten cast iron cannons on each side. Ships such as Galeon Andalucia took the lead role in trade and cultural routes that were the world's longest in length and lasted longer than any other in the history of maritime navigation.

Galeon Andalucia has six decks that offer a range of features, exhibits and live displays. Group visits from local schools and educational groups are popular, along with hosting receptions and corporate events.

Ruth Cockrill, Great Yarmouth Borough Council's marketing events officer, said: ''Great Yarmouth Borough Council is delighted to have helped secure the visit of Galeon Andalucia to the town.

''The visit promises to offer a fascinating day out for people of all ages. She is a truly incredible ship and we can't wait for her arrival, it promises to be a stunning spectacle for people to enjoy on South Quay.''

Tickets are available to buy online now at tickets.velacuadra.es and will always be available on the quay during her visit.

Tickets cost £12 per adult, £6 per child (5-10 years old) or £30 for a family ticket for two adults and up to three children (5-10 years old).