

**BATTLE OF CASPE. 80TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION
CASPE (ZARAGOZA), 15th-18th OF MARCH**

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH

08:00 pm, in Casa de Cultura of Caspe

- Opening and presentation of the event.
- Lecture “Caspe, March of 1938, evacuated city”, conducted by Amadeo Barceló (BAP).

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

07:00 pm, in Teatro Cine Goya

- Presentation of the journal “International Brigades on the Caspe front. March 1938. Archaeological Interpretation through two combatants' graves”, conducted by its author Salvador Melguizo (BAP).
- Documentary display: “Armony , Franco and my grandfather”, by its author Xavier Ladjointe (French-Spanish).

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

10:00 am, in the Town Hall of Caspe

- Official reception of groups arriving from France, Germany, England, Scotland...

11:30 am, in el Vado, second site of the battle (7 km from Caspe on the road to Maella)

- Guided tour of the second site of the Battle of Caspe (sector of Guadalupe). Led by Manuel García and Salvador Melguizo (BAP).

12:30 pm, in el Vado

- Unveiling of the monument to the International Brigades hosted by BAP, Town Council of Caspe and Government of Aragón.

02:00 pm, in Restaurante Magallón

- Lunch, *comida de hermandad*, for everybody interested. Afterwards round table headed by Jose Almudever and Virgilio Fernández, veteran brigade member of XIII Brigade, involved in the battle, and representatives of Government of Aragón. 25€ per person (two books are included in price).

05:30 pm, outside of Castillo del Compromiso (East terrace)

- “The acropolis through other eyes”. Brief description of all purposes assigned to the school and the castle during the war, and the development of the battle under its walls.

06:00 pm, in Castillo del Compromiso

List of papers:

- "Clarion Cycling Club and the Spanish Civil War", conducted by Stuart Walsh, Clarion Club and IBMT member, historian and Salford Working Class Movement Library volunteer in the Civil War archive section.
- "Chronicles of a forgotten battle. Defence of the Cinca's fortified line in the wake of the retreat from Caspe, (Sector Gandesa). Revisionism in the field of multidisciplinary historiography", by Aitor García, historian.
- "The International Brigades before the battle of Caspe" , by Severiano Montero, AABI member.
- " Units of the *Nacionales* that fought in Caspe", by Manuel García, BAP.
- "Some portraits of brigadists killed in the battle of Caspe" , by Claire Rol-Tanguy and Ramón Chicharro, I'ACER members.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

10:00 am

Starting from la plaza de Virgen

- Guided tour "Caspe 1937. The capital of *Consejo de Aragon*", led by Amadeo Barcelo.

12:00 pm

In the trenches of Plana del Pilon (Caspe-Chiprana road)

- Guided tour of the Battle of Caspe around the first site of the battle (sector of Plana del Pilón and Alberca). Led by Manuel García and Salvador Melguizo.

5:00 pm

- Starting from Hotel Magallón. Visit to Fayón where the Ebro Battle Museum is located.

Notes:

- It is necessary to buy a ticket for Saturday's lunch. Places are limited so we strongly recommend that you reserve as soon as possible via e-mail: elagitador@bajoaragonesa.org.

Tickets will be available in the hall of Cine Goya on Friday evening and in the restaurant on Saturday if they are not sold out.

- E-mails can be sent in English.

- The themed map "Caspe 1937. The capital of *Consejo de Aragón*" will be distributed for free at arrival.

- On Monday 19th there will be a tour through Maella, Batea, Caseres and La Fatarella where the International Brigades fought after withdrawing from the Caspe front. To join, please contact Aitor García as soon as possible via e-mail: aitor.gar.sol@gmail.com

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