

## Cirque du Soleil returns to PortAventura World with their show “Varekai”



- *PortAventura World is the only European resort to offer performances by Cirque du Soleil.*
- *The Canadian circus company's tent will be pitched at PortAventura World until 13<sup>th</sup> August.*
- *Varekai tells the story of the Greek myth of Icarus, reinterpreted by the creators of Cirque du Soleil, which has already captivated millions of people around the world.*

**PortAventura, 17th July 2017.** - On 6th July, the iconic big top of the Canadian circus company, Cirque du Soleil, opened its doors at PortAventura World, set to enchant guests until 13th August. The spell-binding circus troupe will hold **twice-daily performances at 18:00 and 21:30**, making PortAventura World the only European resort to offer visitors the opportunity to experience the magic of Cirque du Soleil.





*Varekai* tells the story of a solitary young man who falls from the sky and lands in the shadows of a magic forest – a kaleidoscopic world full of exotic creatures, where he embarks upon an extraordinary adventure. *Varekai*, meaning “wherever”, pays homage to the nomadic spirit, to the soul, and to the art of the circus tradition as well as to the infinite passion of those who seek the path that leads to this special place.

In *Varekai*, the impossible becomes possible thanks to the performer’s legendary acrobatic and dare-devil skills, accompanied by entrancing music and mesmerising choreography set in a supernatural landscape. **An international cast, consisting of over 50 artists and musicians, ignites the show’s soul.**

This successful collaboration between PortAventura World and Cirque du Soleil began with *Kooza* in 2014 and continued with *Amaluna* in 2015. Cirque du Soleil will continue to set up their summer base at PortAventura World until 2020. By welcoming the iconic tent into the resort, PortAventura World reaffirms its strategy of creating, year after year, new international benchmarks that position the resort as the best family holiday and leisure destination.

**With this show, PortAventura World expects to receive more than 110,000 spectators.** Tickets can be purchased from the PortAventura World website.



## About Cirque du Soleil

It all started 30 years ago with a dream. It was the dream of a small community of travelling performers who would do anything to share their love of the stage, of circus, and of the world. The family has grown since then and now includes thousands of dreamers – creators, artists, technicians and workers who play their part hidden away in the wings. The dream has become a Quebec symbol of pride; an international entertainment company that has brought 35 large-scale shows to life, 20 of which are still being performed all over the world. The company, which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014, has captivated around 150 million spectators in 300 cities on six continents. The team currently stands at 4000 people, including 1300 artists from 50 different countries.

## About PortAventura World Parks & Resort

PortAventura World Parks & Resort is one of the largest family leisure and holiday destination resorts in Europe, and throughout its 20-year history has welcomed over 60 million visitors. With a privileged location close to Barcelona, the resort operates four themed 4-star hotels and one 5-star hotel (PortAventura Hotels) with a total of 2100 rooms, and a convention centre (PortAventura Convention Centre) with a capacity of up to 4,000 people. The range of leisure on offer also includes 3 golf courses (two of which were designed by Greg Norman) and a Beach Club with direct access to the beach. PortAventura World Parks & Resort is also home to a theme park and a water park that are leaders in Europe, with a range of internationally-renowned attractions. In 2017 a third theme park was added, dedicated to the prestigious Italian brand Ferrari.

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