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At Christmas and New Year's, conviviality is everywhere. Yet [Cali](#) ([Salsa's capital](#)), undoubtedly is the most enthusiastic city because it also holds its traditional fair, which starts on December 25th at the Salsodrome on the Autopista Suroriental and ends on the 30th with the Orchestra Festival and the parties in the Aguablanca district.

Almost 1,500 salsa dancers will come together during the inauguration celebrations of the [Cali Fair](#). The events will last into the night, with a concert by the Choquibtown group, the Son de Cali orchestra, and several others.

Close to 1,500 [salsa](#) dancers will be present at the Cali Fair in December 2009.

Contrary to other years, the usual horseback riding parade that crosses the city will take place on the 26th, while the Super Concert will be held on the 27th of December with Mexican singer Vicente Fernández as the main guest, a fact that shows the cultural variety that gradually is becoming part of the fair, although salsa music will still predominate.

Other events will complement the varied schedule of the 52nd version of these festivities: Cali Viejo Carnival Parade, the Day of the Pacific, the parade of old and classical cars, the Senior's Fair, and the Old Year's Parade.

Interesting information on the Cali Fair

The first [Cali Fair](#) took place in 1957 with the idea of alleviating an act of violence that shocked the city in 1956, affecting the zest of the city's traditionally happy people. The first fair lasted from December 6, 1957, to January 13, 1958 – a total of forty days.