



Discover Pinta and The Niña

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COLUMBUS SHIPS PINTA AND NINA TO LAND IN PUNTA GORDA!

Punta Gorda, FL. —On **Friday, April 6th**, the ‘Pinta’ and the ‘Nina’, replicas of Columbus’ Ships, will open in Punta Gorda. The ships will be docked at **Fishermen’s Village, 1200 West Retta Esplanade**, until their departure early Monday morning April 16th.

The ‘Nina’ was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools. Archaeology magazine called the ship “the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built.” In 2005, the ‘Pinta’, also a caravel, was launched in Brazil and was the first ship to sight land in the New World. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the fifteenth century.

Both ships tour together as a new and enhanced ‘sailing museum’ for the purpose of educating the public and school children on the ‘caravel’, a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world. Before him, the Old World and the New remained separate and distinct continents and ever since their fates have been bound together for better or for worse.

While in port, the general public is invited to visit the ships for a walk-aboard, self-guided tour. **Admission charges** are **\$8.50** for adults, **\$7.50** for seniors, and **\$6.50** for students 5 - 16. Children 4 and under are Free. The ships are open every day from **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** No reservations necessary.

Teachers or organizations wishing to schedule a 30 minute guided tour with a crew member should call 1 787 672 2152 or email columfnd1492@gmail.com . Minimum of 15. \$5.00 per person. No Maximum. Visit our website at www.ninapinta.org.

The ships arrive on Thursday, April 5th and there will be a private viewing of the ships for the media after docking.

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