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## **The Galeón of Saint Augustine, protagonist in the new pirate fiction *Crossbones***

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- **The great floating museum and running sailing vessel is opened daily for the visitors**
- **The crew of the ship participated actively as extras with endless professionals**
- **The show about the famous pirate Blackbeard can be seen on Fridays night**

Just as the Spanish galleons of the XVI and XVII centuries were attacked by pirates because it would transport passengers and rich merchandise, the replica that's being manage by the [Nao Victoria Foundation](http://www.fundacionnaovictoria.org) and docked in Saint Augustine has become the interpreter of a new pirate drama that the American television network [NBC](http://www.nbc.com) has recently successfully premiered by the name of [Crossbones](http://www.nbc.com/crossbones).

The difference is that Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, Juan Ponce de León or other Spanish navigators are not going to be the protagonist, but will be interpreted by recognized professional movie and TV stars like the American actor John Malkovich, also the crew of El Galeón and the ship as the main stage.

The alliance came to life a couple of months ago when El Galeón arrived at Puerto Rico to be part of the space used by NBC for filming. Thus, over El Galeon's decks, acclimated as a XVIII century British ship, all kinds of fights, battles, and explosions happened, and at the same time came the possibility that the ship could sail at sea under full sail.

And besides the recognize actor John Malkovich, who's interpreting Blackbeard, the production counts with participations of the British actor David Slade (director of *Eclipse*, third movie of the saga *Twilight*, and in episodes of *Breaking Bad* and *Hannibal*), and Steve Shill (*Dexter* and *Law and Order*).

The series, which has been recorded for 10 episodes that will air during the summer, set in the island of New Providence in the Bahamas, where the pirate Blackbeard rules. The possession of these lands will be disputed by British ships in some sort of squabbles and battles that will make tremble even to the British crown.

Without a doubt, *Crossbones* will encourage the spectators to discover with their own eyes and visit the same decks that were journeyed by pirates and navigators in the series. And nothing is further from reality as El Galeón is currently docked in [Saint Augustine](#), Florida one of the American shores that hide under its waters shipwrecks due to countless wrecks and strife throughout history. Not to be missed.