

**We are inviting you to the
2nd International Folklore
Festival in Istanbul
from
29.04 – 02.05.2022.**

Participating ensembles are coming from Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine, Greece, Turkey, Serbia, Italy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Armenia, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Slovenia, North Macedonia...

29.04. - Scheduled arrival in the Turkey's biggest city - Istanbul. Upon arrival, there will be an optional city sightseeing tour (circular bus tour) that includes: the Golden Horn waterway, crossing over to Asia via the Bosphorus Bridge, visiting Camlica - the most beautiful viewpoint in the city, Besiktas, Dolmabahçe Palace, Taksim and Beyoglu, Galata Bridge and Tower, the Historical Peninsula, the Sea of Marmara... Afterwards we will check into the hotel, have a meeting of group representatives and spend the night.

30.04 - Breakfast. After breakfast we will organize an *optional sightseeing of Istanbul's historic core with travel guides provided in group languages* visiting: *the pedestrian zone, the Grand Bazaar, the Hippodrome, the Blue Mosok, Hagia Sophia (inside visit), Topkapi Palace - the former residence of the Ottoman emperors and now one of world's richest museums, Gulhane Park. Free time for individual activities or shopping at the Grand Bazaar (Kapalı Çarşı). Return to the hotel. Spend the night at the hotel.*

01.05. - Breakfast. A day dedicated to festival activities. Performance rehearsals. Sound checks. Opening of II International Folklore Festival in Istanbul !!! Performances of the cultural-artistic ensembles. Diploma presentation. After the Festival there is an option to organize a final hangout in the evening for all Festival participants. Going back to the hotel for the overnight stay.

02.05. – Breakfast. Leaving the hotel. Free time or an optional Joyful Istanbul tour of the Miniaturk park at the shore of Golden Horn. The park features the models of 135 of the most iconic structures in Istanbul and Turkey, made in 1:25 scale. Afterwards we will cross to the other side of the Golden Horn, to the picturesque neighbourhood of Balat, known for its colourful facades, and the Fener neighbourhood, the home of The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. As the final part of the program, we will organize an optional afternoon tour which includes: Bosphorus cruise tour taking you on a boat trip between Europe and Asia with a tour guide provided. Departure from Istanbul is scheduled for the afternoon. Leaving the hotel and unfortunately moving of all ensembles back to their arrival point of departure with another meeting next year !!!!!.

**The price for staying at hotels:
Hotel Sorriso****, Hotel Sorriso Due****,
Hotel Holiday Inn (Sisli) *****
105 euros**

**The price for staying at hotels: Hotel
Sahinler 3***, Hotel Golden Way
Giyimkent*****...
95 euros**

The arrangement includes:

- Accommodation in 3/4/5 star hotels like: Hotel Sahinler***, Hotel Golden Way Giyimkent****, Hotel Sorriso****, Hotel Sorriso Due****, Hotel Holiday Inn (Sisli)***** ... for 3 nights with breakfast in triple and quad rooms (with the option to pay extra 5 euros per night per person for a double room).
- Diplomas
- Invitation letter

The arrangement does not include:

- The extra charge for dinner is 7-8 € per person per night, depends of Hotel
- Optional tours (from 5 € tour of Istanbul depending on the number of applicants, the visit to Istanbul's historic core: the Grand Bazaar, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace (without the entry ticket) - from 10 €; Joyful Istanbul: Miniaturk (miniature Turkey) + Balat (colourful facades) and Fener (The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople) - from 10 € depending on the number of applicants, Bosphorus cruise between Europe and Asia - from 20 €.
- Insurance, Travel costs, hotel parking, vignettes, tolls...

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Note: all ensembles need to provide their own music, either by bringing an orchestra or a CD with their music. Each ensemble is required to prepare a 5-15 minute performance.

THE NUMBER OF PLACES IS LIMITED!!!!!!

