

**We are inviting you to the
VIII International Folklore
Festival in Istanbul
from
26.11 – 29.11.2026.**

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

26.11. - 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. Overnight stay.

27.11. - Breakfast. A day dedicated to festival activities. Performance rehearsals. Sound checks. Opening of VII. 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.

28.11. - 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 Moske, 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.

29.11. - 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 GoldenHorn, 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: Bosphoruscruise 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 !!!!!.

Price of registration fee is :

145 euro (for the Accommodation at Hotels like Bosfor Hotel *, Hotel Sahinler ***)**

165 euro (for the Accommodation at Hotels like : Hotel Ikbal de Luxe **, Freya Luxury Hotel ****..)**

The arrangement includes:

- Accommodation in 3/4 star hotels like : Ilkbal De luxe Hotel ****, Freya Luxury Hotel ****, Bosfor Hotel ***, Hotel Sahinler ***... for 3 nights with breakfast in rooms (with the option to pay extra 5 euros per night per person for a double room).
- Invitation letter, Diplomas and Plaques

The arrangement does not include:

- The extra charge for dinner is from 15 €- 20 € per person per night, depends of Hotel
- Optional tours (from 10 € per persons tour of Istanbul depending on the number of applicants, the visit to Istanbul's historical core: the Grand Bazaar, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace (without the entrance ticket) - from 20 €; Joyful Istanbul: Miniaturk (miniature Turkey) + Balat (colourful facades) and Fener (The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople) - from 20 € depending on the number of applicants, Bosphorus cruise between Europe and Asia - from 25 €
- Traditional Turkey night with fantastic program, complete dinner and unlimited drinks - 35 €
- 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!!!!!!