

Folklore Dance, Music and Singing Seminar

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12th Folklore Dances, Music and Singing Seminar - Balkanfolk 2009
 Bankya, Bulgaria
 July 17 - July 30, 2009

The seminar this year will be held in the town – resort of Bankya, 17 km away from the capital of Bulgaria - Sofia. Balkanfolk workshop, for its eleventh year, welcomes participants from all continents to get closer to the culture, traditions and customs of the Balkan countries in the gorgeous atmosphere of the Bulgaria.

In the programme of Balkanfolk 2009 Workshop the following courses are included:

- Folk Dance Classes - teachers
- Bulgarian folk dances - Emil Genov from Sofia;
- Greek folk dances - Aikaterini Louloudi (Kakia) from Thessaloniki;
- Serbian folk dances - Vladimir Mutavdži from Niš;
- Folk Music Clases - teachers
- gaida - Petyo Kostadinov, Sofia;
- kaval - Simeon Dimitrov, Sofia;
- dvoyanka, duduk - Simeon Dimitrov, Sofia;
- gadoulka - Petar Gerovski, Sofia;
- tamboura - Anton Tsambov, Sofia;
- tapan - Genadii Rashkov, Sofia;
- tarambouka - Genadii Rashkov, Sofia;
- accordion - Bulgarian music - Danail Totev, Sofia;
- accordion - Serbian music - Predrag Ivanovi , Niš;
- Folklore Singing Classes
- Bulgarian folk singing - Galya Haralambieva, Sofia

and

Bulgarian language classes.

More information about programme, accommodation, pricing and registration is available from the Balkanfolk web site:
www.balkanfolk.com/workshop.php

Accommodation: Bankya is a small picturesque town 17 km west of Sofia – the capital of Bulgaria. Situated at the foot of Lulin mountain, there is a lot of greenery and sunny days, temperate climate, light mountain breeze and healthy mineral sources, all of which are important for the development of Bankya. In other words, it is like a prestige national and international resort, and similar to an ecological reserve of Sofia.

The resort is a National centre for the rehabilitation of heart case patients. The cozy hotels and restaurants, cultural monuments, temples, tennis court complex, mineral pool and closeness of Lulin mountain, and the numerous cultural activities during the traditional summer holidays, will satisfy the requirements of the most exacting guests.

In 1969 Bankya was a town and in 1979 it became like a suburb of Sofia.

Folk Dance, Music and Singing Classes:

You may choose up to 5 classes daily for 10 educational days. You also have the possibility to take part in Balkanfolk without attending the lessons. You will spend unforgettable vacation‘s days in the unique atmosphere of the town of Varshets and wonderful folk evenings with Balkanfolk’s orchestra and singers.

Folk dances lessons are in groups for advanced and for beginners. The duration of dance classes is 90 minutes. The teachers - Emil Genov - Bulgarian folk dances, Vladimir Mutavdjich - Serbian folk dances will teach you dances from all ethnographic regions of Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia. Folk dances lessons are accompanied by live music.

Musical instruments courses are individual and last 60 minutes. Bulgarian folk singing and Bulgarian language courses are in groups or individual and last 60 minutes.

Upon arrival each participant will receive their private “Individual programme” with the desired courses.

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