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## **International Festivals TURKEY 2023**



**International HALIKARNAS Festival from 15 to 19 June 2023, Bodrum**

**International TROYA Festival from 02 July to 06 July 2023, Canakkale**

**International TROYA Festival from 17 to 21 August 2023, Canakkale**

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***SUBJECT: Invitation for International HALIKARNAS Festival  
15 to 19 June 2023 - Bodrum, TURKEY***

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Folklore Association "Igraorec" - Skopje and Serenity Travel invite you to take a part on III "International HALIKARNAS Folk Dance and Music festival" from 15 to 19 June 2023 in Bodrum, Turkey. This festival is the perfect occasion for different groups from various countries to gather together so that they could express their culture and nation through dances, music and interesting national costumes.

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BODRUM is a Turkish city on the Bodrum Peninsula, stretching from Turkey's southwest coast into the Aegean Sea. The city features twin bays with views of Bodrum Castle. This medieval fortress was built partly with stones from the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, completed in the 4th century B.C. The city is also a gateway for nearby beach towns and resorts.

It is a very important settlement area in terms of history since it has been home to many civilizations dating from the mythological times. In the history of Bodrum, the historian Herodotus, the first Admiral of history, 1.Artemisia 2. As well as the famous artists such as Leachares and Shepas besides Artemisia have grown up. Homeros called the city " Eternal Blue Land ", where East and West ports come together with white Bodrum Houses, Gumbet, narrow streets descending to the sea and the famous Bodrum Castle. Halikarnassos meets both the climate and the natural beauties of the summer months. It is a wonderful holiday city that can be experienced also in winter months.

Once a cozy fishing village of only a few thousand people, Bodrum has experienced a renaissance in the last half century that has transformed this once-sleepy community into one of Turkey's most popular vacation hotspots. Writers, intellectuals, artists and musicians have long called this Aegean town home, or second-home, attracting a vibrant cultural scene paralleled only by the town's nightlife. Windswept beaches and glittering waters provide the backdrop to the perfect beach getaway.

Nowadays, Halikarnas is an open-air nightclub and one of the most important locations for nightlife in Bodrum with a capacity of 5000 guests. It is also considered to be one of the best clubs in Europe.

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## ***Festival Program:***

### **15 June 2023**

- 14.00 Arriving in Bodrum, hotel accommodation after the meeting with the festival representatives and free time (beach time)
- 18.00 – 20.00 Diner in hotel
- 21.00 Welcome reception with the leaders of the groups

### **16 June 2023**

- 07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast
- 10.00 – 15.00 Gumusluk and Yalikavak sightseeing with organized local tour guides (optional) or free time in the beach
- 17.30 – 18.30 Diner in hotel
- 19.30 Ensemble parade
- 20.00 Official festival evening in the square of the city
  - Welcome Speech
  - Open air performance

### **17 June 2023**

- 07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast
- 10.00 – 18.00 Daily boat excursion in the blue waters with stop overs for swimming and lunch on the boat at the Bodrum Peninsula or Visiting Kos island (optional)
- 17.30 – 18.30 Diner in hotel
- 20.00 Second festival evening in the square of the city (open air performance on a professional stage)

### **18 June 2023**

- 07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast
- 10.30 – 12.00 Visiting Municipality of the city and reception at the Mayor of the city with representatives and leaders of each group.
- 19.00 – 20.00 Diner in hotel
- 21.00 Closing ceremony of the festival – certificates and presents for ensembles by organizer, exchange presents between leaders of ensembles and final party with all participants, discotheque with all the festival participants

### **19 June 2023**

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- 07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast
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- Ensemble should have prepared at least 2 dances, 08-12 minutes each with USB or orchestra.
- Folklore groups should take a flag of their country and minimum 5 gifts for the municipality visits.
- Any group willing to participate must submit an Application form. All filled in and signed applications will mean acceptance of the terms laid by the present regulation.
- The number of the participants are limited (only 3 groups from each country).
- Groups have to send us short CV and 3 photos of the group by e-mail.
- Until 20th of May 2023 each group should send the list of participants, name/surname, sex, date of birth and passport number.
- Folklore groups should have there own transport for arrival and departure.

### ***Participation Fee:***

- 119 Euro for 3 FB per person ( 3 nights with 2 meals per day)
- 145 Euro for 4 FB per person ( 4 nights with 2 meals per day)

It covers hotel accommodation (leaders and drivers in 2 double rooms and others in triple and quadruple rooms) with 3 meals per day in **Basic category HOTELS in Bodrum, Turkey.**

- 145 Euro for 3 full board service per person (3 nights 4 days)
- 175 Euro for 4 full board service per person (4 nights 5 days)

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It covers hotel accommodation (leaders and drivers in 2 double rooms and others in triple and quadruple rooms) with 3 meals per day in **Standard category HOTELS in Bodrum, Turkey**

- Addition day can be booked for 30-45euro/person/day depending on hotel category
- Groups of 25 persons: One group leader free of charge

### ***Participation Fee Includes:***

- Participation in the festival concerts,
- Professional sound, stage and light equipment.
- Accommodation in 3\* Hotels (3-4 bedded rooms, supplement for a double room is 7€/person/day, supplement for single room is 15 €/person/day),
- Half Board hotel accommodation
- Welcome cocktails with the leaders of the groups
- Souvenir and gift for each group
- Certificate for attendance
- Drinks during the performance

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- Transport (for arrival and departure)
- Optional Boat Tour Programs
- Insurance
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**Next payment of 20% for booking of accommodation needs to be sent to the organizer.**

**Rest of the sum will be paid before the beginning of the festival or upon arrival regarding the permission and agreement with organizers.**

**HURRY UP... THE NUMBER OF SEATS ARE LIMITED!**

*Thank you for participating at the Folklore festival!*

**Contact addresses of organisers:**

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***SUBJECT: Invitation for International TROYA Festival,  
02 July to 06 July 2023 Canakkale, TURKEY***

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Folklore Association "Igraorec" - Skopje and Serenity Travel invite you to take a part on X "International TROYA Folk Dance and Music festival" from 02 July to 06 July 2023 in Canakkale, Turkey.

Çanakkale with its long and blue flag beaches is one of the most important and attractive tourism centers located at the beginning of the Aegean Sea.

The history of Çanakkale starts with the city of Troja where the Trojan Wars took place, continued with Çanakkale victory. This historical city is located in Marmara Region. The festival will be held in the city centre of Çanakkale where groups will have opportunity to visit Çanakkale and remains of these two historical cities in their free times.

Çanakkale, with its natural wonders and historical riches, is one of the unique cities in the world where the ancient city of Troy was destroyed and rebuilt many times. Alexandria Troas, the largest ancient city in Anatolia, accepted as the capital of his empire by Emperor Constantine; Assos, where Aristotle, one of the most important philosophers of history, spent a part of his life; Apollo Smintheus Sanctuary; Parion near Biga Kemer; Neandreaia, where the Aiolia Temple was once located; The Zeus Altar, which Homer mentions in the world famous Iliad; Babakale, Çimenlik and Kilitbahir castles; The Gallipoli Peninsula was one of the bloodiest battles of the 20th century; historic Gallipoli town; Turkey's largest island of Gokceada; Bayramiç Ayazma with its natural beauty; Bozcaada, famous for its crystal waters and its wines, which are among the 10 best islands of authentic Europe.

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### ***Festival Program:***

#### **02 July 2023**

- 14.00 Arriving in Çanakkale, hotel accommodation after the meeting with the festival representatives and free time
- 18.00 – 20.00 Diner in hotel
- 21.00 Welcome reception with the leaders of the groups

#### **03 July 2023**

- 7.00 – 10.00 Breakfast
- 10.00 – 14.00 Visiting Canakkale city, Cordon of the city and ancient Aynali Carsi Bazar with organized guide (optional) or free time

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15.00 – 15.30 Visiting Municipality of the city, with few representatives and leaders of each group.

17.00 – 18.00 Diner in hotel

19.00 – 21.00 Official opening of the festival with “Ensemble Parade” and official festival event  
Welcome Speech  
Open air performance

#### **04 July 2023**

07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast

10.00 – 13.00 Tour of Troy the mysteries of ancient city - sightseeing or free time for individual activities (optional with extra payment for the tour guide)

17.30 – 18.30 Diner in hotel

20.00 Second festival evening

#### **05 July 2023**

07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast

10.00 – 18.00 Gallipoli Tour from Eceabat, Çanakkale (optional) or Visiting Bozcaada island (optional) or free time

19.30 – 20.30 Diner in hotel

21.00 Closing ceremony of the festival, presents for ensembles by organizer, exchange presents between leaders of ensembles and final party with all participants, discotheque with all the festival participants and workshop..

#### **06 July 2023**

07.00 – 10.00 Breakfast

12.00 Departure

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### ***Participation Fee:***

- 99 euro for 4HB per person(4 nights with 2 meals per day)

It covers accommodation in student dorm (leaders and drivers in 2 double rooms and others in triple and quadruple rooms) with 2 meals per day in **Student Dorm, every room with its own bathroom, in Çanakkale, Turkey.**

- 99 Euro for 3 HB per person(3 nights with 2 meals per day)
- 129 Euro for 4 HB per person(4 nights with 2 meals per day)

It covers hotel accommodation(leaders and drivers in 2 double rooms and others in triple and quadruple rooms) with 2 meals per day in **Basic HOTELS in Çanakkale, Turkey.**

- 109 Euro for 3 HB per perso (3 nights with 2 meals per day)
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It covers hotel accommodation with 2 meals per day in Advanced HOTEL categories in Canakkale, Turkey.

Addition day can be booked for 30-38 euro/person/day

Groups of 25 persons: One group leader free of charge! (24 paying +1free)

### ***Participation Fee Includes:***

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- Accommodation in selected hotel categories (3-4 bedded rooms, supplement for a double room is 7€/person/day, supplement for single room is 15 €/person/day), Half Board hotel accommodation
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