

XII. International Music &  
Folk Dance Festival

**”NEOS MARMARAS  
CUP 2013”**

GREECE  
Neos Marmaras



20.-25. May 2013.

17.-22. September 2013.



*Dear folk dance friends,*

*Behalf of the organizers of the International music & folk dance festival competition "NEOS MARMARAS CUP 2013" we invite your folk dance groups, singing groups, orchestras and brass bands, to take part in this great musical event.*

*The festival place is beautiful town of Neos Marmaras in Sithonia, GREECE, one of the top tourist places in Chalkidiki.*

*Fully supported by the Neos Marmaras Municipality and Sithonia Local Governments, the festival became the top competitive music event in Chalkidiki.*

*For the time of 6 years festival hosted over 3.000 artists from all over the world. We expect your group to join and sign your name in the festival book of "NEOS MARMARAS CUP 2013".*

*Dates of the festivals are*

*20.-25.May 2013.*

*17.-22.September 2013.*

*If you have not visited it yet, you must come this year.  
We wait you all in Neos Marmaras!*

*Sincere regards,*

*Predrag Andric  
Festival Director*

*Dragana Mirkovic  
Festival coordinator*



## FESTIVAL CONDITIONS:

- International Folklore Music and Dance Festival ''NEOS MARMARAS CUP 2013.'' is being held for the 12<sup>th</sup> time, under the patronage of the Neos Marmaras municipality. It is gathering folk dance groups and music bands from all over the world, who like to meet new people and spend holiday week in Greece, singing and dancing together.
- Festival organizers are Municipality of Neos Marmaras, Mayor Mr.Georgios A.Kaplanis, and PARADISO Club Travel Agency, Belgrade, Serbia.
- Festival is competitive and is open for all groups, no age limit. Winners will be awarded by special cups and medals. Propositions of the festival competition will be sent to groups later.
- Competition part of the festival is not obligatory, only for groups that apply. All other groups take part in the review night.
- There will be 5 winning categories: best performance-dancing, best orchestra-music, best choir-singing, best costumes, best scenery.
- Also, there will be some ''friendly'' awards: best animation, most cheerful group, etc.
- Groups will have two performances at the festival. Each group has to prepare 5-15 min. of quality program. Performances are on the open air stages, concrete.
- It is not necessary to have live music. It is also allowed to perform using CD, but it has to be of a good quality recording.
- Accommodation of participating groups is organized in the 3 star hotels, in apartments and studios with 3 and 4 beds in rooms, with bathroom, TV, refrigerator, on a half board basis (breakfast and dinner-open buffet). For double rooms there are additional fees.
- Each group will get diploma for the participation to the festival, as well as DVD from the festival after the festival is finished.
- Every group will get official brochure of the festival with the presentation of the participating groups, in English.
- The group has to bring its national flag and board with the group name for the parade.
- If the weather is nice for swimming, every group has to take care about their member safety.
- Every group must have one English speaking person. Organizer will give an English speaking guide for every group who will be responsible for contact 24h a day.



- Number of participating groups is limited for each festival, so the places will be given to the groups who send their pre-payment first - 20€ per person (this amount is not refundable if the group cancels their participation).
- Each group has 1 free place for 25 persons who pay.
- The groups have to organize their travel to and from Neos Marmaras.
- **Specially,**  
*for the groups that go from Belgrade, Serbia, there will be organized bus transfers. Return bus ticket price is 65eur per person.*
- For the groups that are coming with their own bus there is a free parking place in the hotel area.
- For the groups that are coming by plane, the organizers provide transfers for the performances free of charge.
- Also we can provide airport transfers (on group request we will send the offer). The nearest airport is Thessaloniki and the bus price depends on the number of people in the group, approx. 30eur per person, return ticket.
- If group needs visa, it is responsibility of the group to arrange it!  
Organizers can only give invitation letter to groups and can not interfere to visa issuing process and make extra contacts to embassies.
- The groups are recommended to have insurance policy for all their members.
- Application form, together with 2-3 group photos and short biography, should be sent latest until 31.december 2012.  
Contact person: Mrs.Dragana Mirkovic,  
e-mail. [myfolkfest@gmail.com](mailto:myfolkfest@gmail.com), tel.+381 63 340 770
- For festival in May, pre-payment (20eur per person) should be done latest till 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
- For festival in September, pre-payment (20eur per person) should be done latest till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
- Payment details will be sent to you after receiving your application form. Please take care that this amount of 20eur per person is not refundable if the group cancels its participation.



## PARTICIPATION FEE:

- **105 eur per person**  
**five -5- days on a half board basis in 3 star hotels**  
**breakfast and dinner - open buffet**  
**(with traditional Greek dishes)**
- family hotels that have 3 and 4 beds apartments, with bathroom, TV, refrigerator, WiFi
- apartments with 3 beds have one room and one bathroom
- apartments with 4 beds have two separate double rooms and one bathroom
- each group (depending on the number of people) will get 2 or 3 double rooms without additional payment (for group leaders and drivers)
- for extra double rooms (if the group needs) there is additional fee of 10eur per person for the whole period
- for single rooms there is additional fee of 40eur per person for the whole period
- There is a possibility to extend your staying, if you wish, under the special festival conditions, which is 21 eur per person for each extra day (half board basis, breakfast and dinner - open buffet).





## FESTIVAL PROGRAM:

The organizer keeps right to change the festival program.

Final program will be given to groups upon their arrival to the hotel.

- 1.day      around 14h, arrival of groups, check in to hotels  
(first meal is dinner)  
free day / swimming, walking, sports
- 2.day      10h **BREAKFAST with MAYOR** – gift exchange  
                 group representative and 1 pair in costume  
19h **PARADE** – short defile walking and short presentations  
20h **I.FESTIVAL EVENING**  
                 opening ceremony  
                 performances of the groups – review night
- 3.day      free day  
                 ship cruise around Chalkidiki, Toroneos islands (*optional, for  
the groups that wish*)
- 4.day      19h **PARADE** – short defile walking and short presentations  
20h **II.FESTIVAL EVENING**  
                 performances of the groups – competition night  
                 closing and award ceremony
- 5.day      free day  
                 *optional, for the groups that wish*, excursion to Thessaloniki,  
panoramic sightseeing, going to famous "MAGIC PARK" and  
shopping mall "COSMOS"
- 21h **FAIRWELL PARTY**  
                 gift exchange between groups and organizers
- 6.day      departure of the groups, after breakfast  
latest till 12h check out from hotels

- **excursions are not included in the price - festival fee**
- **ship cruise**  
*ticket is about 25eur per person (whole day sailing around the islands,  
stop in Pefkohori for swimming, drink and lunch on the boat, animation)*
- **excursion to Thessaloniki**  
*- depends on the number of people applied, approx. 25eur per person,  
plus entrance to Magic park (which is about 10 eur per person, also  
depends on number of people in the group)  
- group that go with its own bus pay only entrance ticket to Magic park  
(about 10eur per person)*





## NEOS MARMARAS

*is the most cosmopolitan village in Sithonia. It combines sea and mountain, wild entertainment and romantic walks, Greek and international cuisine in a unique way. A walk along the pine-clad path that unwinds next the sea gives the visitor a unique amphitheatrical view of Neos Marmaras and the uninhabited island of Kelyfos (shell), just opposite, shaped like a tortoise.*

*The sun mirrors upon the sea, the sky changes a myriad of colors at sunset, the sand shimmers on the beaches, wet by the deep-blue waters and the scattered pebbles shine in elegance among the waves that reach the seashore. Only poetic and romantic images come to mind, as no one remains unmoved by nature's magnificence, unfurled in front of visitors to Neos Marmaras every day.*

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- **HISTORY**

*Neos Marmaras was founded in 1922 by refugees that came from the island of "Marmaras" in Asia Minor. Before then the area belonged to the Grigoriou Monastery of Mt. Athos. Today, to the east of the village, the monastery buildings, erected around 1905, survive, as well as the church of the Assumption of the Virgin, built in 1865.*

*During the 1960s, southeast of Neos Marmaras, "Porto Carras" was constructed, one of the largest hotel complexes in Greece. Its presence led to enormous development and turned the village into one of the main tourist destinations of Halkidiki. Because of the rapid development, the inhabitants of Parthenonas, an old village at the foot of Mt. Itamos, united with Neos Marmaras in 1970 and created the western section of today's village.*

- **HOW TO COME**

*Neos Marmaras is located on the Sithonia peninsula, 100 km from Thessaloniki's Airport. There are frequent bus services to and from Thessaloniki and the neighboring towns of Sithonia. Taxis can also be hired for airport transfers. Route, if you go by bus or car is  
Thessaloniki - Nea Moudania - Nikiti - Neos Marmaras*



- **BEACHES**

*The beaches of Neos Marmaras are surprisingly diverse, endless sandy beaches or small coves, cosmopolitan or secluded, shallow or deep, depending on the visitor desires, but always with unspoiled, crystal-clear waters. Neos Marmaras' main beach, with many fish-taverns and beach-bars, starts at the last cove of the town and stretches all the way to Porto Carras. Some of the most notable beaches for swimming are Lagomandra, Tripotamos, Paradisos, Azapiko, Spalathronisia, Ladario, Keramaria, Koutsoupia, Tristinika, Kofi and Korakas.*

