

International Children Folklore Festival "Sarimsakli Trophy"

Sarimsakli, TURKEY
May 23.-27. 2011.

*"Our guests are our friends.
Come to us as friends and enjoy the beauty
of Turkey, Sarimsakli, the azure blue sea,
the sunset in Sheitan Sofra, the old quarter of Ayvalik,
and most of all try to win
THE SARIMSAKLY TROPHY"*

*Mayor of Sarimsakli
Mr .MESUT ERGIN*

and

Festival organizing committee

*Mehmet ATILGAN
Meclis üyesi*

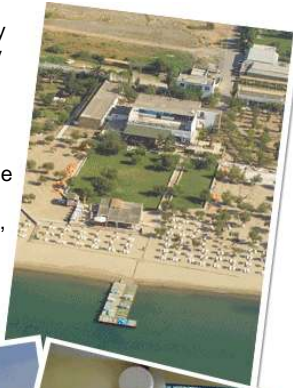
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Hotel Sezer

is located 70m from sandy beach and 200m from city center. It was opened in 2002. and have guests all year round. It has a large and beautiful garden. There are double and triple bedrooms all with air-condition, TV, mini bar, tel, hair drier and balcony.



Hotel Amfora

is located at the promenade just beside the sea, across the hotel sandy beach. It is 250 m far from center. All rooms are double and triple bedded with air-conditioning, TV, hair drier and balcony. It has a small swimming pool and nice sandy beach with sun beds and umbrellas that are free of charge for hotel guests.



Hotel Kalif

is 200 m from Saramsaki center and beach. All rooms are double and four bedded, and hotel owns over 300 beds. It has a restaurant, buffet, pool, fitness center, sauna, table tennis. At the beach there are sun beds and umbrellas free of charge for the hotel guests.



Hotel Dobra

is located near by the beach, 300 m away from center. There are 48 rooms with 120 beds in double in triple rooms. It was completely renovated in 2008. All rooms are with air-conditioning and balcony. It is a nice family hotel with a swimming pool.



Ovde nebo miluje more, sunce opstaje tu ba bi ste ga dotakli, talasi šapuću dok zaplivajuju najlepšu i najdužu plažu na Egejskom moru.



INFO SERVICE

Time zone: +1 h
Currency: Turkish lira
(1 eur approx. 2 TL)
Country tel. code: 00 90
Traffic on the right side.
Bottled water for drink.



FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Near the busy port of Ayvalik, about 50km/31mi southwest of Edremit, the coastline curves around a series of bays backed by pine woods and olive groves, an area of much-frequented beaches and good holiday accommodation. There are also more than 20 offshore islands and islets, the largest of which, Alibey Adasi (named after a Turkish general in the War of Liberation) was already settled in antiquity and experienced a golden age under the Romans.

Ayvalik itself, which contrary to the Turkish custom faces the sea, was until 1922 a purely Christian (Greek) community. Even today the neo-classical facades of its older houses and the alleys of the Old Town give it a distinctive air. It grew up between the 16th and 18th centuries, becoming a kind of sanctuary for its small Greek population. In 1773 Muslims were actually banned from living there by the Ottoman Sultan Mustafa III. By the beginning of the 19th century the town had attained a peak of prosperity. In 1821 however the Kydonians seized two Turkish ships, as a result of which they found themselves expelled, setting fire to the town as they went. In 1827 the Sultan Mahmut II allowed some 18,000 Greeks to return, though without restoring their earlier privileges. The town quickly resumed its role as an important port, reflected in its having as many as five consulates. Its citizens are said to have been accomplished smugglers. Less than a hundred years later the inhabitants again found themselves forced to leave, this time as part of the exchanges of population following the abortive Greek occupation (1919-22). The Greek Christians left behind a great many churches which the Muslims put to use as mosques. The Taksiyarhis Kilisesi, a 19th century building with a lovely interior, on the northern outskirts of the town, is well worth seeing.

Be sure also to visit two nearby viewpoints at Seytab Sofrasi (Devil's Table) and Tavsankulari (Rabbit's Ear Hill). Both are on the Timerhane peninsula and offer magnificent views across a sea dotted with islets and islands and the picturesquely indented coastline. There is also a small national park (red and roe deer and partridges). Timarhane was at one time known as "Madhouse Peninsula", the mentally ill being banished there in chains. They are said to have returned completely cured.

1.day - 23.may

Groups are arriving to hotel by noon time latest.

Accommodation, rest by the pool or on the beach.

In the afternoon, if the groups wish, excursion to sightseeing places Paradise hill, Greek village Džunda, town of Ayvalik and Shejtan sofru / Devil's table. Coming back to hotel.

Dinner, disco party.

2.day-24.may

Breakfast. Specially, one pair in costume from each group and groups president go to the breakfast with Mayor of Sarimsakli, exchange of gifts.

Sports activities, beach volley.

Dinner. Preparing for the parade and **Festival opening ceremony**. Festival will be opened by the Mayor of Sarimsakli. Program of all the groups.

3.day-25.may

Breakfast.

For groups that wish, excursion to BERGAMA-(First Athens), visit to RED MONASTERY, leather fabrics, onyx and olive oil. Continuing to IZMIR. Panoramic view of eight million city IZMIR, time for shopping, going back to hotel.

Dinner, disco club on groups requests.

4.day-26.may

Breakfast.

FISH Picnic, for groups that wants to go – "Ship cruise" around archipelag of 23 islands, ship stops at the most beautiful beaches, lunch on board, live music, belly dance.

Dinner. **Closing ceremony of the festival**. Short program of all groups, award ceremony. Disco party for all groups.

Cocktail party for all group leaders and organizers, gift exchange.

5.day-27.may

Breakfast, free time, beach, sport.

Check out of the hotel latest at 17h (depending on the weather conditions).

Departure.



PARTICIPATING CONDITIONS

- Festival is not primarily competitive, and is open for all the folklore children groups age 8 to 15. Maksimum number of children is 40, adults 10 (leaders, drivers, orchestra).
- Organizer of the festival is TOWN SARIMSAKLI, and president of the organizing committee is the mayor of Sarimsakli Mr. Mesut Ergin.
- Groups will have two performances at the festival. Each groups has to prepare 5-10 min. of quality program (2 different programs). Performances are on the open air stages, in the case of bad weather it will be indoor.
- It is not necessary to have live music. It is allowed to perform using CD, but it has to be of a good quality recording.
- Festival is not competitive, but there will be a jury who will watch the shows and on the closing ceremony they will give awards / diplomas and cups for best groups (best costume, best impression etc.)
- All groups will get diploma and cup for participation.
- Each members will get diploma and T-shirt of the festival.
- Every group will get official brochure of the festival with the presentation of the participating groups, in english.
- The groups have to bring their national flags.
- Accommodation and food is supplied by tourist agency TA "Znak", Novi Pazar, Serbia, who is festival co-organizer, www.ta-znak.co.rs
- If the weather is nice for swimming, every group has to take care about their children safety.
- Except folklore shows, there will be other activities organized for children: beach volley, darts, pool games etc.
- 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.
- Signed and sealed application groups has to return back latest until 1.february 2011. Number of places is limited, so the places will be given to the groups who send their reservation first.
- Contract will be signed upon the payment of reservation, **20€**per person (this amount is not refundable if the group cancel participation).
- Every group will have 1 free place for 20 members who pay.

Note. Application forms and payment details will be send by e-mail upon your request.

PRICE:

80 eur per person

- festival fee
- HOTEL accommodationj (in double and triple rooms) on a **HALF BORD** basis (**breakfast and dinner – open buffet**) in **3 stars hotels** (all hotels are climatized, have outdoor swimming pool, hotel beach; all the rooms are with telephone, TV, refridgator and 24h internet access)
- taxes
- free using of sun beds and umbrellas on the beach and by the pool
- disco entrance
- festival diploma and T-shirt

NOT IN THE PRICE:

- turkish visa (if you have one, please plan it on time)
- insurance policy for the group
- EXCURSIONS (not obligatory, only for groups that wish): SHIP CRUISE (approx. 20 eur), shopping in IZMIR (approx. 15 eur), visit to TROJA (approx.15 eur), depending on the number of people
- extras in the hotel (mini bar, drinks, telephone etc.)



All information as well as the photos from the last edition of the festival are available on

www.sarimsaklitrophy.com

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