

VI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FOLK FESTIVAL
“VARNA 2012” – Varna, Bulgaria
From 30 June till 05 July

Organizers: MAKFOLK Association & “TALIJA” Art Co.

The International Children's Folk Festival “Varna 2012” will be held for the 7th time in Varna, Bulgaria from 30th of June till 05th of July.

Varna – the Sea Capital of Bulgaria! Apart from being a beach resort, Varna rivals the great cities of Sofia and Plovdiv, in its offering of cultural attractions and historical buildings, museums and art galleries. Today Varna is the largest city on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast and is the main port for both naval and commercial shipping. Because it is a close neighbor to the popular coastal resorts of Golden Sands, St. Constantine & Helena, and Albena, Varna has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Varna is also the host city of numerous prestigious cultural events.



Seaside Park - the biggest park of Varna, situated by the beach. Its construction begins in 1878. Within the park area one can find the Seaside Baths, the Navy Museum, the Museum of Natural History, the Aquarium (unique exposition of water organisms - Black Sea, freshwater, tropical fishes), the Astronomical Observatory and the Planetarium which organizes observation séances for visitors, Dolphinarium with an amusing show, etc.

Dolphinarium

It is the only dolphinarium on the Balkan Peninsula and it is one of the greatest attractions that Varna can offer to its guests. The show lasts 40 minutes. The visitors will enjoy the incredible intelligence and playfulness of the sea mammals. A curious fact is that in 1992 a baby-dolphin was born in the Dolphinarium in Varna. The event was a sign that the animals feel at home in their surrounding.



Golden Sands

Golden sands is located 17 km north of Varna. It deserves to be called "the pearl" of the Bulgarian Black Sea coast thanks to its unique park, the cool freshness of the woods, the vast stretch of fine golden sand. It combines uniquely calm and clean sea, rich vegetation in a park of 8 000 ha and curative mineral springs. The beach strip is 3,5 km long and up to 100 m wide.

General rules

The International Children's folk festival “Varna 2012” is a non-competitive sample of traditional and modern dances and music performed by folkloric groups. On the festival may participate children and youth folklore dance groups, vocal groups, instrumental groups and soloists, as well as groups and performers from other art styles. The participants must not be over 22 years old.

A short biography of the ensemble should be enclosed to the application form to hold your candidacy.



During the Festival each group will have at least two performances in Varna and its area according to the program of the festival. Groups should perform approximately 10 – 12 min either with live music or CD and should have a flag and a sign with the name of the group for the Defile.

All program activities and performances will be held at evening hours so every day is free for participants to use the sandy beach or visit some of the tourist attractions (Archeological museums, Aquarium, Delphinium, Sea Garden, Water Park, Monasteries). The expenses for the excursions (tickets and transport) should be paid by the participants with discount prices. Also Discotheque nights will be organized.

The festival fee is 135 euro per person. It covers organizational expenses, accommodation in a 3* Hotel for 5 nights with 3 meals per day. On every 20 participants, one member is free of charge.**

Participation fee can be paid via bank transfer or on the day of arrival. Advance payment of 10 euro per person should be made after receiving the official invitation.

Accommodation

The accommodation is in a 3*** Hotels located approximately 300 meters from the beach and away from the noise of the big tourist resorts, combined with beautiful nature, calmness, tranquil and warm sea. The Groups will be accommodated in rooms with 3 beds and 4 beds on a full board basis. Only 2 double rooms are available per group which can be used for the Leaders and drivers.



Transport and travel conditions

The groups should pay the travel expenses by themselves to Varna and back. The groups coming by bus should use their own transport all the time during the festival.



The Organizers can organize the transport for the groups coming by plane by picking them up from Varna airport, during the festival days and back to the same Varna airport. The cost of the transportation will be covered by the group and will be additionally agreed according to their number.

The participant group has to arrive in Varna on 30th of June 2012 (starting with lunch) and leave on 05th of July 2012 after having breakfast and leave the rooms till 10:00.

The number of participants is limited. Therefore, we will appreciate if you can send us your application **by 15 February 2012**. After receiving your application we will send you the official invitation for participating on the Festival. We will also assist you in obtaining visa for Macedonia if necessary. Each member must have travel insurance policy.

The organizer reserves the right to any changes in the program, and the participants will be informed on time. The copy right of all video materials and pictures are ownership of the Organization of the Festival. By applying you confirm that you accept all festival conditions.

Every Group will be rewarded with a Certificate for attending on the Festival.

Welcome!

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