



Bulgarian Folk Music & Dance Seminar

Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

July 22-28, 2012



The Seminar is especially designed for non-Bulgarians (or Bulgarians interested in connecting with their “roots” through music and dance) who want a more in-depth opportunity to learn traditional instruments, singing styles and dance than is normally possible for groups or individuals traveling to Bulgaria. This unique and enjoyable program blends the skills of professional teachers with the authenticity of villagers from various parts of Bulgaria. The dance program, in particular, features different groups of musicians and dancers from many regions in Bulgaria teaching dances from their own villages. This different educational approach brings the village presenters to you, the student, rather than having you travel to the village.

INSTRUMENT CLASSES

*Instrument Program Coordinator: Prof. Lyuben Dossiev, Ph.D.,
Seminar Director for the Music Academy*

**Gaida, Kaval, Gudulka, Tambura, Tupan,
Accordion, Clarinet, Violin**

Instrument classes for both traditional and modern instruments will be taught by members of the faculty of the Music Academy (Bulgaria's highest level of learning for folk music) and members of Ensemble Trakiya. No prior experience is necessary for traditional instruments and the classes are adjusted to the level of the students.

TRADITIONAL BULGARIAN FOLK SINGING

Singing classes will be presented by professional singers who have been involved with the Music Academy or Ensemble Trakiya. They will be teaching a variety of singing styles from the different regions of Bulgaria.

TRADITIONAL BULGARIAN FOLK DANCE

Dance Program Coordinator: Iliana Bozhanova

Village instructors will present dances from the major folklore regions of Bulgaria: Shopluk (West Central Bulgaria), Northwest Bulgaria, Pirin (Southwest Bulgaria), Thrace (Central Bulgaria) and Dobrudzha (Northeast Bulgaria). No prior Bulgarian dance experience is needed.

BULGARIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Hour-long daily classes aim to help students acquire basic communication skills in Bulgarian that they can use at the Seminar classes and in everyday life.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Fees: Full-time and daily rates for adults, children and students are available on the [Seminar website](http://www.folkseminarplovdiv.net).

Early registration deadline: June 15, 2012

For more information

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NOTE: Program subject to change.