

Blagoevgrad 2017 – jubilee edition

After 9 successful editions, once again Prof. Nikolaj Cvetkov and his team organise a folkdance summer seminar in Blagoevgrad. During the 11-days stay there will be a dance seminar, excursions to interesting places in the Pirin and/or Rila region, and most probably a folklore festival in the regio.

The coordination of the subscriptions is made by “Balkan Brugge”¹ balkanbrugge@telenet.be .
The number of participants is limited. Registrations will be treated in chronological order.

Travel to Bulgaria 11 days, from 7/28 to 8/7/2017 850€², (flight to Sofia NOT INCLUDED)

This price includes:

- The bus transfers Airport Sofia - Blagoevgrad (7/28 – 14.30 at the airport), and Blagoevgrad - Airport Sofia (8/7 in the morning, **arriving at Sofia Airport at +/- 11.00**)
- 10 nights accommodation in double or triple room (7 or 8 nights in Blagoevgrad –double rooms- and probably 2 or 3 near the festival site –double or triple rooms). Single rooms are available in Blagoevgrad.
- full board (3 meals per day)
- About 25 hours of Bulgarian folk dance course in Blagoevgrad (meant for dancers with some experience in the Balkan dances). This course is led by Nikolaj Cvetkov himself, by his assistant Georgi Garov and professional dancers of the Pirin ensemble. The lessons are accompanied with live music.
- Introduction to the Bulgarian song and music tradition led by professional musicians/singers
- Explanation of traditional customs by ethnographers.
- Visits to museums and meetings with traditional groups.
- Excursions in the region of Blagoevgrad, Pirin and/or Rila.

The price does not include:

- The flight to Sofia
- Entrance fees for the museums or chairlift (reduced amounts, group rates)
- Various insurances (cancellation, medical expenses ...): each participant travels on his own responsibility.
- The personal expenses (drinks, gifts, tips ...)
- Single room in Blagoevgrad (Bačínovo): 80€

For registration forms: send a mail to balkanbrugge@telenet.be . An advance of 100€ is required at the time of registration. The registrations will be treated in chronological order according to the date of payment. When the group is complete there will be a waiting list.

Terms of payment:

- first payment (100€) at the time of registration,
- second payment (250€) before the 1st of April 2017, the balance cash on the spot.
- In case of cancellation before April 1, 50 % of the advance will be refunded, if cancellation after April 1, 50% of the advance will be refunded only if a substitute is found.

Subject to changes

¹ Balkan-Brugge is only “coordinator”, and cannot be held responsible for anything

² Important: for those who have already attended a seminar in Blagoevgrad/Bačínovo the price is **820,00€**