

Seminar and Roundtrip ins and outs, practical information

Pricing

The price for the seminar will be about 1000 Euro per person, based on sharing a double room in the hotel. Breakfast and dinner in Tirana are included, full board in the mountains. All transportation for excursions and admissions to museums etcetera is included.

The price for the roundtrip will be about 700 Euro per person.

Application form

Fill in the application form as completely as possible on the website. We ask you your address and phone number just in order to be able to reach you. Your information will be saved as confidential. Do not send any money. When the minimum of participants is reached we will ask you to send a small amount in advance as an insurance that you take part. There will be no selection to level, experience, gender or other items. First comes, first goes until the maximum number of participants is reached.

Places

We made the choice to do the main part of the seminar in Tirana. In summertime the coastal regions are overcrowded with inland Albanians and Albanians from the diaspora like Macedonia, Kosovo and Italy. Tirana will be relatively quiet in this time of year and can be reached easily by almost every way of travel. Tirana offers us modern hotels with air-conditioning, numerous shops with things of your interests, bars and restaurants. For the seminar there are the special locations like the Opera building and the Academy of Fine Arts for exercise rooms, with necessary facilities.

The location in the mountains however is high up in the Albanian Alps and rural life is still of days gone by. Fresh air, healthy food, stunning nature and friendly local families will add to this experience of folklore, with some surprises. On the way to the mountains we will pass through Shkodra city.

Teachers

Genci Kastrati finished his study at the Academy of Fine arts in historical dancing, which is the Albanian equivalent of folklore dancing. By that time he already was a solo dancer at the National Ensemble but now also became choreographer for the ensemble and presented his first complete program two years ago. Genci's father is Zeki Kastrati, who is retired as a research assistant and as a teacher of folklore dancing at the Academy. In 2009 Zeki selected the dance groups for the Gjirokastër festival.

Helga Saraçi is one of the important and solo female dancers at the National Ensemble for several years now. She presented the groups at the Gjirokastër festival of 2009. She will assist Genci and teach the female dances.

Excursions

The excursions have a folklore element in it as well as a recreational one. Depending on the seminar and participants we will visit at least some ethnographical museums and other events.

Language

We will use English as the standard language for communication during the seminar. Genci and Helga speak Italian and some English, but you will understand them and we will have a translator at hand as much as possible. We also will provide you with basic Albanian words for dancing. We ourselves are able to communicate with you in Dutch, French and German as well.

Contacts and registration

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Albanian Folk Dances

Summer Seminar and Roundtrip

July-August 2012

Programs and Information

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Program Roundtrip

Starting 29th of July, ending 6th of August 2012

- Day 0:** Arrival in Tirana, welcome dinner
- Day 1:** leaving from Tirana to Elbasan, visit the Ethnographical museum and Kalaja, the old castle of Scampia, as Elbasan was called in Roman times. Afternoon leaving for Pogradec on the shores of Lake Ohrid
- Day 2:** Visiting Pogradec, free time to have a swim in the lake.
- Day 3:** Leaving Pogradec for Korça.
- Day 4:** Staying the day in Korça, with excursion outside Korça
- Day 5:** leaving Korça for a wonderful trip to Përmet.
- Day 6:** Excursion to a village near to Përmet.
- Day 7:** Returning to Tirana through Tepelenë
- Day 8:** leaving Tirana or continue on seminar

Folklore events whenever possible. Program subject to changes.



Program Seminar

Arrival date Monday 6th of August,
leaving Friday 17th of August 2012

- Day 1:** arrival at Tirana. Settling in at the hotel Theranda in the centre of Tirana. Welcome party, lecture and welcome dinner
- Day 2:** early morning dance classes, afternoon free, evening classes, dinner party
- Day 3:** early morning classes, afternoon visit Ethnographical department, evening classes, dinner party
- Day 4:** leaving early morning Tirana for Shkodra, Kruja ethnographical museum and bazar on the way, dinner in Shkodra
- Day 5:** leaving Shkodra for Lepushi in the mountains, dinner in Lepushi
- Day 6:** Mountain festival Iepushi, Logu I Bjeshkes
- Day 7:** Leaving Lepushi for Tirana, dinner in Tirana
- Day 8:** morning classes/performance, afternoon excursion options, dinner
- Day 9:** morning classes, afternoon excursion options, dinner
- Day 10:** morning classes, afternoon lecture or singing classes, dinner
- Day 11:** early morning classes, afternoon free, farewell dinner party with folklore show
- Day 12:** leaving Tirana to travel back home

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