

Tour ins and outs, practical information

Pricing

The price for the seminar will be 975 Euro per person, based on sharing a twin or double room in the hotels (single room is + 200 Euro) . Breakfast and part of the lunches or dinners are included. All transportation for excursions and admissions to museums etcetera is included.

Application

For application please send email, either to the address mentioned here or on the website. We ask your details later. 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.

Minimum is 15, maximum is 30 participants.

Places

First we will stay in Tirana and have lessons in the premises of the National Ensemble, on the way to Prishtina we will have a night stop at Rubik, Mirdita country for a traditional wedding. In Prishtina we will have dance lessons at the premises of ensemble Shota. Before returning to Tirana we will have a stop at Prizren and later visit Kruja.

Shopping

There will be plenty of time for shopping and looking around, apart from the included visits of the cities and museums. The best way to learn about Albania is by exploring on your own, meeting the people in the streets.

But we are at your service all the time to help you out and guide you. The staff of Albania Holidays travel agency will assist in transport and arrangements.

Extension

It is possible to stay more days in advance or after the trip. We and Albania Holidays are happy to assist you for accommodation, arrangements and guides.



Teachers

Genc 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 concert in 2008. Apart from this job, Genc is also teacher at the Art Academy, the Academy of Sports and member of the scientific council of the National Centre for Immaterial Culture, and occasionally involved in teaching at amateur groups. From 2010 onwards Genc has been teaching at workshops in Italy, Switzerland, USA (Stockton Festival), Sweden, Germany and the Netherlands.

Besnik Grajcevci is our guest teacher, first dancer at the Shota ensemble of Prishtina.

Although both teachers are choreographers, the dances learned are strictly traditional dances

Language

We will use English as the standard language for communication during the seminar. Genc speaks Italian and English and we will have a translator at hand as much as possible. We also will provide you with basic Albanian words for dancing, food and drinks. We ourselves are able to communicate with you in Dutch, French and German as well.

Hotels

In Tirana we will stay at Hotel Theranda, a modern hotel in the very centre of Tirana. In Prishtina we will stay in Hotel Sara nearby the Shota premises. In Rubik we will stay one night in a hotel outside Rubik in the middle of nature.

Contacts and registration

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Traditional Albanian Folk Dances

Summer seminar 2016

10th—21st of July 2016

Albania & Kosovo

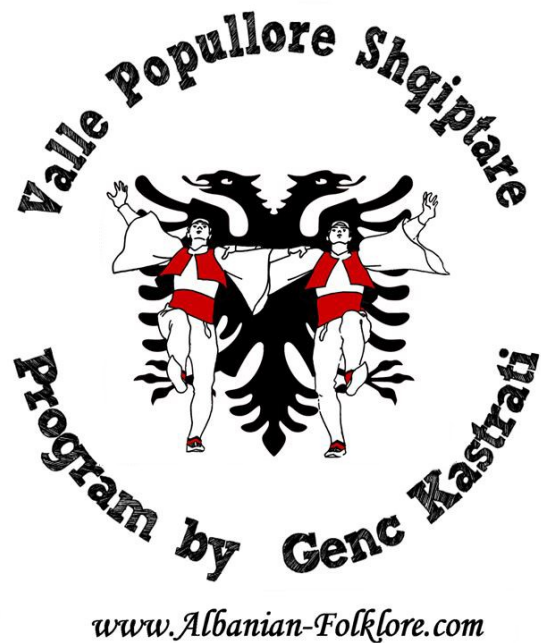
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Genc Kastrati

Guest teacher:

Besnik Grajcevci from “Shota”





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Albanian folk dances

The traditional dances presented by Genc Kastrati are examples of the rich folklore of Albania. Each region has its own particular dances and style, from heavy dances for the men from the north to very elegant dances for the women from the south, with pleasant couple dances from central Albania.

Albania can be roughly divided into three parts: the north (Gheg), the south (Tosk) and central Albania, which division expresses itself in the dialect, costumes, music and dances. The seminar will contain dances from all parts.

Albanian folk dances are not restricted to the Republic of Albania. Large communities live in Kosovo, Macedonia and Greece and smaller communities in the diaspora (Turkey, USA, Ukraine, Italy etcetera).

To show even a greater diversity in Albanian dances we included dances from Albanian Kosovo, taught by a guest teacher from Shota ensemble for which we will stay some days in Prishtina at the premises of Shota.

During the trip we will visit Mirdita for a traditional wedding party.



Program Summer seminar 2016

Arrival date 10th of July 2016, **Leaving date** 21st of July 2016

Day 1: arrival at Tirana. Checking in at hotel Theranda in the centre of Tirana and welcome dinner with traditional food

Day 2: first morning class at the Opera, afternoon free time for lunch and sightseeing, evening dinner party

Day 3: Morning dance class, free for lunch, leaving for Mirdita in afternoon, dinner in Mirdita

Day 4: Traditional wedding in Mirdita, afternoon leaving for Prishtina, dinner in Prishtina

Day 5: Dance classes, visit the ethnographical museum, dinner

Day 6: Dance classes, free time afternoon, evening dinner

Day 7: Dance classes, free time afternoon, lecture, dinner

Day 8: Dance classes, picnic, evening dance class **Day 9:** Leaving Prishtina for Tirana, visit Prizren on the way, dinner Tirana

Day 10: Dance class, lunch, excursion to Kruja, dinner party Kruja **Day 11:** Final dance class, rehearsals, video recording. Free time, evening farewell party

Day 12: Leaving for Tirana airport

