Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends of Folk Dance and Folk Music,

it is a great pleasure for us to invite you to Prague, capital of Czech Republic, to **the 18h International Meeting of Folklore Ensembles “Prague Folklore Days”,** the biggest folk dance event in central Europe.

In 2024 our festival will be held in the period: July 18 – 21, 2024. The event is organised and realised by the agency Millennium and is taking place under the auspices of the President of Czech Republic, Mr. Petr Pavel. The previous edition after 3 years of Covid break was not one of the biggest ones, but we are expecting approx.. 40 – 50 groups for the summer of 2024.

The festival is open for amateur folklore ensembles of all types (singing groups, dancing groups with live or recorded music) as well as for marching groups (such as majorettes, historic soldiers, marching bands, flag wavers, carnival groups, historic groups, piper groups, historic costume groups, wind and brass orchestras etc.) - without age limit but with at least active 14 members

All participating groups will have the following programme:

* *2 - 3* *open air performances in Prague*
* *official meeting of group leaders with the representatives of the City of Prague*
* *parade of all ensembles through the city center of Prague*
* *dinner with other participating groups (in packages 2,3,4)*
* *river boat cruise with other participating groups, marionette opera or a performance of a black light theatre, etc. – all on request*

You will have a unique opportunity to present the folklore and traditions of your region and country to thousands of viewers from all over the world, make new friends and last, but not least – visit Prague, the Golden City in the heart of Europe with all its sights and magic.

The official organiser of the festival is:

Agency Millennium , Zahradnickova 20c, 150 00 Praha 5

Telephone & Whatsapp : 00420 602686820 or 00420 607552731

Email: folklore@praguefestival.cz

[http://www.praguefestival.cz/folklore](http://www.praguefestival.cz/folklore.htm)

<http://www.facebook.com/praguefolklore>

All costs in connection with the participation are to be carried by the participants, the organizers are not able to provide accommodation free of charge nor can they pay the travel costs of the groups. We are sending you also the festival packages covering the participation.

We are also organizing a festival in Marrakech ,Morocco at the end of October 2024

<http://www.marrakechfolkloredays.ma>

 – we will be happy to send you details on participation there, too: info@marrakechfolkloredays.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information and application form.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Prague in July 2024! The deadline for applications is May 01, 2024.

Best regards,

Stanislav Terlica

Festival President

P.S. Please note that this festival is organised by a local agency and it is the only festival operating under auspices of the City of Prague and with all valid licences of Czech authorities – we have nothing in common with other so-called “festivals” organised by foreign agencies mainly held in hotels…

Package 1

## Accommodation in a simple hotel – always 2 or 3 rooms share shower and WC

## EUR 149,- per 1 person (3 nights: July 18 - July 21, 2024 or July 19 – 22, 2024) - extra nights prices on request

## Single room supplement : 24,00 EUR per person per 1 night

## Double room supplement : 12,00 EUR per person per 1 night

* 3x accommodation with breakfast
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through the city centre of Prague
* festival inscription and participation fees
* Prague sightseeing tour (on foot or by own bus - without entrance fees) can be booked at 140,00 EUR
* festive reception of the representatives of the groups at the Prague City Hall with handing over of certificates
* information material

Package 2

## Accommodation in a 3\*\*\* hotel - double or triple rooms

## EUR 249,- per 1 person (3 nights: July 18 - July 21, 2024 or July 19 – 22, 2024) - extra nights prices on request

## Single room supplement : 42,00 Eur per person per 1 night

* 3x accommodation with halfboard (3-coursed menu without drinks) – one meal together with other groups in a typical restaurant
* guidance possibly in group´s language during the festival
* Prague sightseeing tour (on foot or by own bus - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through city centre of Prague
* festival inscription and participation fees
* festive reception of the representatives of the groups at the Prague City Hall with handing over of certificates
* information material

Package 3

## Accommodation in a 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\* centrally located hotel - double or triple rooms

## EUR 331,- per 1 person (3 nights: July 18 - July 21, 2024 or July 19 – 22, 2024) - extra nights prices on request

## Single room supplement : 60,00 Eur per person per 1 night

* 3x accommodation with halfboard (3-coursed menu without drinks) – one meal together with other groups in a typical restaurant
* guidance possibly in group´s language during the festival
* Prague sightseeing tour (on foot or by own bus - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through city centre of Prague
* festival inscription and participation fees
* festive reception of the representatives of the groups at the Prague City Hall with handing over of certificates
* information material

Package 4

## The group arranges own accommodation

## EUR 55,- per participant

* festival inscription and participation fees
* Prague sightseeing tour (on foot or by own bus - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through city centre of Prague
* guidance possibly in group´s language during the festival – from 160 EUR per day, depending on language
* festive reception of the representatives of the groups at the Prague City Hall with handing over of certificates
* information material

**Additional services:**

**1) Black Light Theatre Image,** price: **26 Euro per person**, 6 or 8 o´clock PM

**2) marionette opera,** price: **26 Euro per person**, 5 or 8 o´clock p.m.,

**3) river boat cruise:** a) 2-hour-long cruise with buffet dinner (without drinks), price **36 Euro** **per person**

 b) 1-hour-long cruise without meal, price **19 Euro per person**

**4) dinner with other groups on Saturday (if not part of package): 28,00 Euro**

**5) extra lunch or dinner 14,00 Euro**

**6) hotel – airport transfer (up to 49 persons) 390,00 Euro**

**THE PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL IS CONNECTED WITH ONE OF THE PACKAGES OFFERED. The price given above do not include transfer costs, transportation and parking fees in Prague. Parking fees are to be covered by the participants by themselves**

**F E S T I V A L R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M**

**Name of the ensemble** (please write in block letters. This official name will appear in all printed materials):

**Short characteristic of the ensemble** (incl. dances and songs origin, costumes etc - you can enclose as a separate document)

**Name of the group leader:**

**Phone (mobile):** **Email:**

**Website of the ensemble:**

**Expected total number of persons** (incl. bus drivers)**:**

**group members:**. **accompanying persons:**

**singers: dancers: musicians:**

**WE BOOK THE FOLLOWING PACKAGE:**

- **No. 1 (a** **simple hotel 149 EUR/person-BB ) for:**.....……………**persons**

**- No. 2 (a \*\*\* hotel 249 EUR/person) for:**.....……………**persons**

**- No. 3 (a centrally located hotel\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* 331 EUR/person ) for:**.....……………**persons**

**- No. 4 without accommodation 55 EUR for:**.....……………**persons**

**Requested rooming (how many rooms approximately and how divided):**

**Expected arrival (date, time) at the hotel: Date of departure:**

**Flight arrival/number if air arrival:**

**We will travel (by bus, air, train, own cars etc.):**

**We book further services:**

* **Airport or Train Station Transfers**
* **Transfers in Prague**
* **Extra nights /dates/**
* **River Boat Cruise**
* **Black Light Theatre Performance**
* **Marionette Opera**
* **Extra Meals**
* **Other services**..........................................................................................................................................

**Date:** ................………….......**Signature:**

**THE PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL IS CONNECTED WITH ONE OF THE PACKAGES OFFERED!!!**

Please, fill in this registration form together with a biography of your ensemble and send it back to us by May 01, 2024 scanned per email or to our address / Millennium Agency, Zahradnickova 20c, 150 00 Praha 5, Czech Republic/ .

**18th International Meeting of Folklore Ensembles**

**“Prague Folklore Days”**

**July 18 – July 21, 2024**

**PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024**

arrival of the participants

15.00 – 22.00 open air performances of the ensembles on a centrally located stage

lunch or dinner in the hotel or a restaurant downtown

**Friday, July 19, 2024**

arrival of the participants

13.00 – 22.00 open air performances of the ensembles on 2 centrally located stages

13.00 – 14.00 meeting of group representatives at Prague City Hall with reprentative of Prague Mayor, diploma awarding and gift exchange

evening free time – or dinner cruise on the Vltava River with other ensembles (on request)

**Saturday, July 20. 2024**

10.00 – 11.30 festive parade of the ensembles through the Old Town of Prague

11.30 – 21.00 festival stages – open air performances of the ensembles

20.00 –22.00 common dinner of all groups

sightseeing walks/by own bus (4 hours without admission fees) will be planned in accordance with time possibilities of each ensemble.

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

11.30 – 21.00 festival stages – open air performances of the ensembles

**Monday, July 22, 2024**

Departure

The time schedule is subject to changes – this is just to give you a rough idea of the festival program.