

XVII.-XVIII.International Music & Folk Dance Festival

”NEOS MARMARAS CUP 2017”

GREECE
Neos Marmaras



25.-30.May 2017.

18.-23.September 2017.



FESTIVAL CONDITIONS:

- ◆ International Folklore Music and Dance Festival "NEOS MARMARAS CUP 2017." is being held for the 17th time, under the patronage of the Neos Marmaras municipality. It is gathering folk dance groups and music bands from all over the world, who like to meet new people and spend holiday week in Greece, singing and dancing together.
- ◆ Festival organizers are Municipality of Neos Marmaras, Mayor Mr.Georgios A.Kaplanis and MyFolkFest Organizing Team.
- ◆ Festival is competitive and is open for all groups, no age limit. Winners will be awarded by special cups and medals. Propositions of the festival competition will be sent to groups later.
- ◆ Competition part of the festival is not obligatory, only for groups that apply. All other groups take part in the review night.
- ◆ There will be few winning categories: best performance-dancing, best orchestra-music, best choir-singing, best costumes, best impression...
- ◆ Groups will have two performances at the festival and a short defile walking (no dancing in the parade). Each group has to prepare 10 min. of quality program. Performances are on the open air stages, wooden stage 10mx8m and concrete.
- ◆ It is not necessary to have live music. It is also allowed to perform using CD, but it has to be of a good quality recording.
- ◆ Accommodation of participating groups is organized in the 3 star family hotels near the city beach, in apartments and studios with 3 and 4 beds in rooms, with bathroom, TV, refrigerator, on a half board basis (breakfast and dinner-open buffet).
- ◆ Each group will get diploma for the participation to the festival, as well as DVD from the festival after the festival is finished.
- ◆ Every group will get official brochure of the festival with the presentation of the participating groups, in English.
- ◆ The group has to bring its national flag and board with the group name for the parade.
- ◆ If the weather is nice for swimming, every group has to take care about their members safety, there are no lifeguards on the beaches.
- ◆ Every group must have one English speaking person. Organizer will give an English speaking guide for every group who will be responsible for contact 24h a day.



- ◆ Number of participating groups is limited for each festival, so the places will be given to the groups who send their pre-payment first - 25€ per person (this amount is not refundable if the group cancels their participation).
- ◆ Each group has 1 free place for 25 persons who pay.
- ◆ The groups have to organize their travel to and from Neos Marmaras.
- ◆ For the groups that are coming with their own bus there is a free parking place in the hotel area.
- ◆ Also we can provide airport transfers (on group request we will send the offer). The nearest airport is Thessaloniki and the bus price depends on the number of people in the group, approx. 30eur per person, return ticket.
- ◆ If group needs visa, it is responsibility of the group to arrange it!
Organizers can only give invitation letter to groups and can not interfere to visa issuing process and make extra contacts to embassies.
- ◆ The groups are recommended to have insurance policy for all their members.
- ◆ Application form, together with 2-3 group photos and short biography, should be sent latest until 31.december 2016.

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- ◆ Pre-payment (25eur per person) should be done after your application is accepted. Please take care that this amount of 25eur per person is not refundable if the group cancel its participation. Payment instruction will be send upon your application is accepted.



PARTICIPATION FEE:

◆ 115 eur per person

five -5- days on a half board basis in 3 star family hotels

breakfast and dinner - open buffet (with traditional Greek dishes)

- family hotels that have 3 and 4 (or 5) beds apartments, with bathroom, TV, refrigerator, WiFi
- all hotels are 50m-100m from the city beach
- studios with 3 or 4 beds have one room and one bathroom
- apartments with 4 or 5 beds have one or two separate double rooms and one bathroom
- each group (depending on the number of people) will get 2 double rooms without additional payment (for group leaders and drivers)
- for extra double rooms (if the group needs) there is additional fee of 15eur per person for the whole period
- for single rooms there is additional fee of 40eur per person for the whole period





FESTIVAL PROGRAM:

The organizer keeps right to change the festival program.

This is a brief plan, final program will be given to groups later.

- 1.day - around 14h, arrival of groups, check in to hotels
(first meal is dinner)
- free day / swimming, walking, sports

- 2.day 10h **BREAKFAST with MAYOR** – gift exchange
group representative and 1 pair in costume
19h **PARADE** – short defile walking and short presentations
20h **I.FESTIVAL EVENING**
opening ceremony
performances of the groups – review night

- 3.day free day
- whole day ship cruise around Athos Mount (*optional, for the groups that wish*)

- 4.day - visit to the ethno museum of N.Marmaras / Parthenonas village
(*optional, for the groups that wish*)
- sports day, darts and badminton tournaments
19h **PARADE** – short defile walking and short presentations
20h **II.FESTIVAL EVENING**
performances of the groups – competition night
closing and award ceremony

- 5.day free day
- whole day ship cruise around Chalkidiki, Toroneos islands (*optional, for the groups that wish*)
21h **FAIRWELL PARTY**
gift exchange between groups and organizers

- 6.day departure of the groups, after breakfast
latest till 11h check out from hotels

◆ excursions are not included in the price - festival fee, complete program will follow after 1.march 2017.

NEOS MARMARAS

is the most cosmopolitan village in Sithonia. It combines sea and mountain, wild entertainment and romantic walks, Greek and international cuisine in a unique way. A walk along the pine-clad path that unwinds next the sea gives the visitor a unique amphitheatrical view of Neos Marmaras and the uninhabited island of Kelyfos (shell), just opposite, shaped like a tortoise.



The sun mirrors upon the sea, the sky changes a myriad of colors at sunset, the sand shimmers on the beaches, wet by the deep-blue waters and the scattered pebbles shine in elegance among the waves that reach the seashore. Only poetic and romantic images come to mind, as no one remains unmoved by nature's magnificence, unfurled in front of visitors to Neos Marmaras every day.

◆ HISTORY

Neos Marmaras was founded in 1922 by refugees that came from the island of "Marmaras" in Asia Minor. Before then the area belonged to the Grigoriou Monastery of Mt. Athos. Today, to the east of the village, the monastery buildings, erected around 1905, survive, as well as the church of the Assumption of the Virgin, built in 1865. During the 1960s, southeast of Neos Marmaras, "Porto Carras" was constructed, one of the largest hotel complexes in Greece. Its presence led to enormous development and turned the village into one of the main tourist destinations of Halkidiki. Because of the rapid development, the inhabitants of Parthenonas, an old village at the foot of Mt. Itamos, united with Neos Marmaras in 1970 and created the western section of today's village.

◆ HOW TO COME

Neos Marmaras is located on the Sithonia peninsula, 100 km from Thessaloniki's Airport. There are frequent bus services to and from Thessaloniki and the neighboring towns of Sithonia. Taxis can also be hired for airport transfers. Route, if you go by bus or car is Thessaloniki - Nea Moudania - Nikiti - Neos Marmaras



◆ BEACHES

The beaches of Neos Marmaras are surprisingly diverse, endless sandy beaches or small coves, cosmopolitan or secluded, shallow or deep, depending on the visitor desires, but always with unspoiled, crystal-clear waters. Neos Marmaras' main beach, with many fish-taverns and beach-bars, starts at the last cove of the town and stretches all the way to Porto Carras. Some of the most notable beaches for swimming are Lagomandra, Tripotamos, Paradisos, Azapiko, Spalathronisia, Ladario, Keramaria, Koutsoupia, Tristinika, Kohi and Korakas.

