



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019

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BULGARIA

Have you been in Cricova Wine Cellar and tasted a lot of wine? Have you been in Georgia and you couldn't say no to Shkhivana Gin?

The Shkembe soup is here for you! #ShkembeSoup is a traditional bulgarian soup made by the thick lining of the stomach of cattle, hot red peppers, vinegar and garlic. Although it sounds "heavy", it will surprise you with its unique aroma and taste!

Tip: It is recommended after hangover!

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Info and Recipe at: <https://www.findbgfood.com/recipe-shkembe>

AZERBAIJAN

In Azerbaijan you have a great opportunity to eat a light, vegetarian meal. #Dovga is a national dish; a soup made by yoghurt, rice and herbs or lately fresh vegetables.

Interesting trivia: Dovga is used to be served as a wedding soup between the meat courses!

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Info and Recipe at: <http://flavorsofbaku.com/portfolio-view/dovga/>

Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2019
and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, the **International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)** launched the **BSEC Month of Culture (MoC)**, in 2017, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the Black Sea region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The MoC is a month long programme of diverse cultural activities related to the rich cultural heritage of the 12 BSEC Member States. Our aspiration is to establish the 'BSEC Month of Culture' as an annual event that will include more cultural activities each year.

The 1st edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was held successfully on 1-30 June 2017, on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the BSEC Organisation. The 2nd edition of the BSEC Month of Culture was launched from 1 to 30 November 2018, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of ICBSS.

The 3rd Edition of the BSEC Month of Culture will be launched from 1 to 30 November 2019.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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