



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2018

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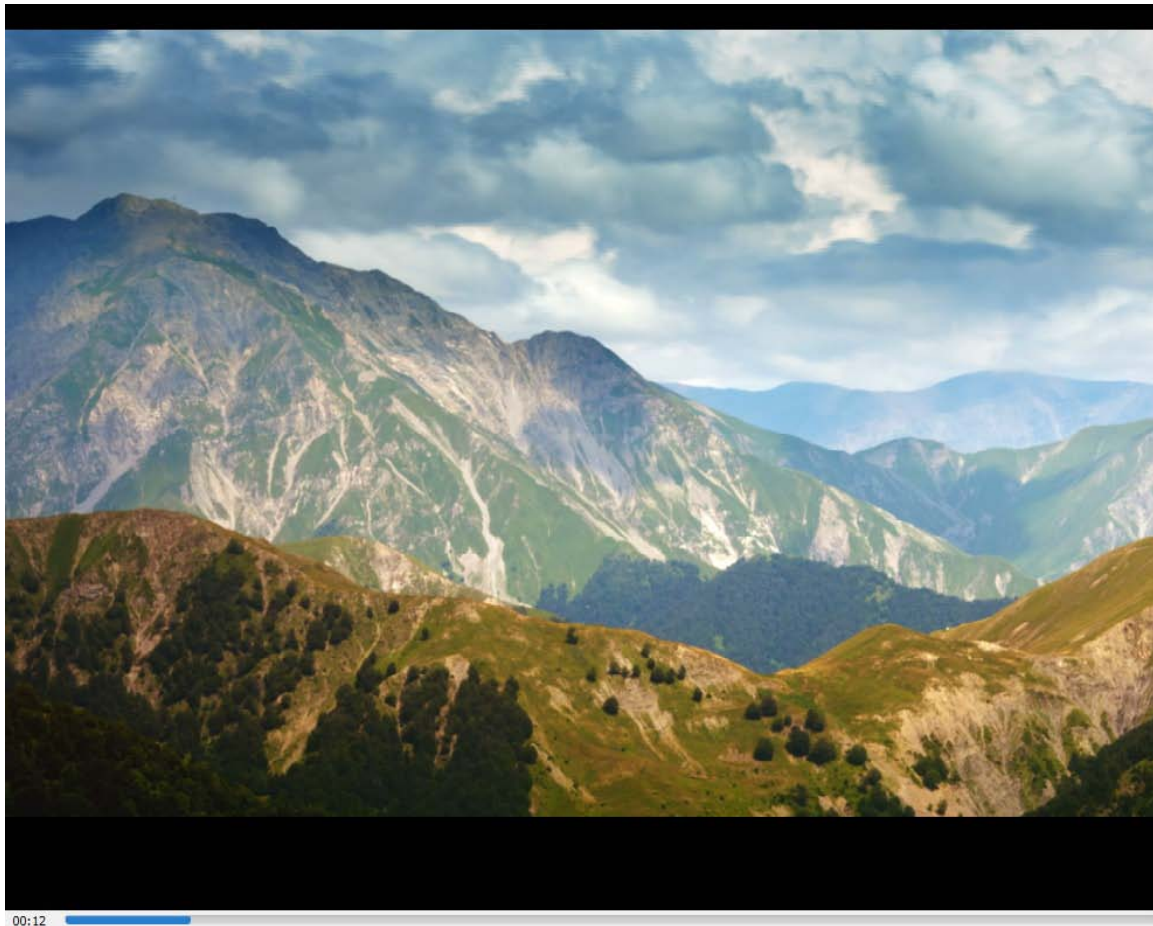
Azerbaijan

And, so it is on!

#MoC2018 begins today its journey to the magnificent cultures of the Black Sea region with a trip to beautiful Azerbaijan, currently holding the #BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office. Watch the video to get the spirit of Azerbaijan's culture and stunning landscapes!

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[Video](#)



Video: Courtesy of Azerbaijan Tourism Board, State Tourism Agency of Azerbaijan

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Albania

Did you know that the Black Sea region is famous for its hospitality traditions and is full of tasty food recipes? Today #MoC2018 will take you to the Albanian dinner which serves Tavë Kosi, a simple recipe of baked lamb and yogurt with rice, seasoned with oregano and garlic. The dish takes its roots from the Albanian city Elbasan, so is also known as Tavë Elbasani.

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Greece

The 59th International Film Festival starts today in the second biggest city of #Greece, Thessaloniki. TIFF is the top film festival of South Eastern Europe, as well as the primary and oldest festival in the Balkans. Founded in 1960 as the Week of Greek Cinema, it became international in 1992 and throughout its history, apart from movie screenings, hosted workshops given by the world-known directors such as Cannes Palme D'Or winners, Jim Jarmusch and Ruben Östlund.

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The 59th Thessaloniki International Film Festival catalog is available online on [Thessaloniki International Film Festival webpage](#)

Interested in learning more about the fascinating culture of the BSEC Member States?

Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2018 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, the ICBSS is launching the 2nd “**BSEC Month of Culture**”, a **month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States** (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, **the ICBSS launches the 2nd “BSEC Month of Culture”**, from **1st to 30th November 2018**, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on *literature, music, theatre & performance art, painting/sculpting, monuments* and *gastronomy*, including short videos and photos.

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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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