



BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2018

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Albania

Have you ever been to the picturesque Albanian Alps?

'I think no place where human beings live has given me such an impression of majestic isolation from the entire world', said Edith Durham, a famous English traveler and writer on the Balkans, who visited the area of Theth and Valbona as early as in 1908.

Many years have passed since then, but the trip to the wild mountains in the north of Albania still remains one of a kind experience.

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Turkey

What makes pottery from Iznik, a town in the Bursa province of #Turkey, so special?

The region's ceramics tradition stretches back to prehistoric times, but the art form blossomed in the late 15th century, when craftsmen of #Iznik replaced the traditional clay used in ceramics with quartz.

The innovative technique produced a bright white base that made the four traditional colors found in Iznik pieces—turquoise, cobalt, malachite, and coral—stand out under a thick transparent glaze.

Source:

<https://www.afar.com>, 'Not Just a Souvenir: The Untold Story of Turkey's Iznik Tiles'.

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Romania

It's Friday and a sweet weekend is loading...

High time for a cozy dinner with friends and family! The papanasi, traditional Romanian dessert dumplings, could be your ultimate food choice of this time.

Baked, boiled or fried, incredible papanasi could be cooked in a number of ways, but the result is always tasty.

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ROMANIA

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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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