

BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019

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<u>Azerbaijan</u>

If you are a traveller in Azerbaijan and would like to visit a site that captures the whole beauty of medieval architecture, then it's time for the Shirvanshah Palace in Baku.

The Palace was constructed in the 15th Century by Shirvanshah Kingdom. Shirvanshahs literally means "the kings of Shirvan". Shirvan was the first capital before moving to Baku.

The Palace of the Shirvanshahs was officially announced a museum in 1964 and it is included in the #UNESCO World Heritage List.



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Info at: http://www.bakuexplorer.com/shirvanshahs-palace/

<u>Serbia</u>

The construction of the Kadinjača Memorial Complex began in 1977, by designer Miodrag Živković and architect Aleksandar Đokić.

The Kadinjača Memorial Complex is one of the most important contemporary monuments in Serbia, dedicated to fallen Partisan fighters from Posavina and Orasje and to all the fighters from the Worker's Battalion who perished at this spot fighting against German forces during the Battle of Kadinjača on November 29th, 1941.

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Info at: https://www.spomenikdatabase.org/kadinjaca

<u>Bulgaria</u>

DevetashkaCave is the biggest cave in Bulgaria and shelter to more than 35.000 bats of different species, as well as to other protected species, like snakes and frogs.

Although only a small part of the cave is accessible to tourists, it is ideal for hiking and climbing. Enjoy!

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Info at: https://bulguides.com/devetashka-cave/

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 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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