

BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019

PRESS RELEASE

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Last day of our first week and let's enjoy the three last amazing landscapes from the Black Sea! Here we go!

GEORGIA

Some kilometers away from Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, in the Samegrelo region, you will find a true fairytale, the Martvili Canyon. Enjoy its waterfalls and don't forget to hop on for a boat tour!



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Info at: https://www.georgianholidays.com/sights/protected-areas/martvili-canyon

<u>RUSSIA</u>

A Lake which combines summer and winter vacations is waiting for you in Russia! That couldn't be any else than the deepest Lake in the world, Lake Baikal!

Bonus: the Lake hosts more than 1000 species of plants and more than 2500 species of animals, most of them are endemic!

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TURKEY

It couldn't be missing from the list, one of the best and most outstanding landscapes in the Black Sea, Pammukale, "the cotton castle" in Turkey!

Known for its thermal water, Pammukale welcomes every year over two million tourists, making it the most popular attraction in Turkey. Enjoy!



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 $In fo \ at: \ \underline{https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/turkey/articles/Pamukkale-everything-you-need-to-know-about-visiting-Turkeys-most-popular-attraction/$

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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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