



## **BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2019**

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## AZERBAIJAN

Every country has its traditional music that characterizes it. In the case of Azerbaijan it is #mugham music. The word mugham refers to a specialised kind of music of the Azerbaijani people in the Caucasus Mountains that has its roots in the ancient tradition of aşikh. Its special feature is the meter free melody.

#MoC2019 #Music #Azerbaijan #BlackSea #Culture

Info at: <http://www.visions.az/en/news/88/a6a426b2/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Khrd2T0OxcU>

## ARMENIA

If you want to learn about the traditional costume of Armenia, then the only thing you have to do is to visit the Taraz Festival. Taraz, which means national dress, reflects the Armenian culture and combines the ancient and the modern. Worth to visit it!

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### Traditional Armenian clothing Taraz

Traditional Armenian clothing has many colours and trims, so you can't resist the temptation to put it on. Traditional man's clothing is silk or cotton shirt with low collar and fastener together with wide trousers. Woman's clothing consists of a long dress with a cut on the chest and below hips.

Info at: <https://phoenixtour.org/useful-info/armenian-festivals/>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the BSEC Month of Culture** will be launched **from 1 to 30 November 2019**.

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