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18th MEDITERRANEAN FOLKLORE DANCE, CHOIR AND TRADITIONAL BAND FESTIVAL



Larnaka Cyprus 11th - 16th September 2025



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Organizer:

Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Cultural Heritage Association of Nicosia in cooperation with Larnaka Municipality is organising the **18th MEDITERRANEAN FOLKLORE DANCE FESTIVAL** in Larnaka, from 11th to 16th of September, 2025. Groups from countries from all over the world and from Cyprus will be chosen to participate at the festival. Our Festival has been Awarded in 2019 with the EFFE award as one of the 10 best folklore dance festivals in Europe. It is about the commingling of cultures with live music and musicians, synthesis of colours and original traditional costumes. It is an institution that fosters mutual interaction and cultural exchange, it is a matter educating culture. This festival is the product of the desire and love of the friends of the folklore dance and heritage. They give people the opportunity to meet and coexist through music and dance from other countries.





DISCOVER LARNAKA

Beautifully compact, easily accessible and truly authentic, Larnaka is Cyprus' oldest soul with a history that dates back 10,000 years, making it the longest continually inhabited region of the island. And with its status as the most centrally positioned city, Larnaka also offers easy access to the island's other regions, making it the ideal destination for a Cyprus holiday.

Whilst the region is rich in the ancient culture of hundreds of years of contrasting civilisations and architecture, Larnaka is also a thriving and modern European city that offers the best of all worlds. A characteristic feature is that tourists will find that there is no distinction between resort and town; locals and visitors alike can enjoy the same daily experience of a charming and diverse Mediterranean city. From stretches of varied coastline, a mix of traditional and cosmopolitan establishments and fascinating monuments, Larnaka seamlessly blends its two 'faces'

ENJOY LARNAKA

Golden Sun and Sparkling Sea - Diving at the Zinovia ship wreck, Water activities at the beach and boat parties.

Food and Wine - wine tasting and traditional specialties and delicacies.

Rich Culture and Religion - Awarded Museums, Monuments, Galleries and a UNESCO heritage.

**Once you fall in love with Larnaka, you will discover for yourself why both
flamingos and visitors always return to their favourite Mediterranean
region!**



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Folklore dance groups from Mediterranean countries are invited to participate, but we also welcome groups from around the world. Our aim is to give everyone the opportunity to join. If you know someone who might be interested, feel free to share this information with them.

Please note that the festival organizers are not responsible for securing visas for international participants (outside the EU). Ensure you contact the relevant embassy well in advance of your travel. We can assist with communication, but visa arrangements must be made by participants themselves.

Each group, including dancers, choir members, and musicians, can have a maximum of sixty (60) members. For music bands, the minimum number of members is six (6). We encourage live music performances for dance groups and choirs, rather than recorded tracks. If a group wishes to bring more than 60 participants, please reach out to us to discuss arrangements. We also encourage groups to bring their own traditional choirs and bands where possible. The total number of participants for each group, including dancers, choir, and band members, should not exceed 60.

We accept participants starting from the age of fourteen (14) years.

To apply, please send a DVD showcasing your group's work, along with a biography and CVs, to 17 Iliá Venezi Street, Engomi 2401, Nicosia, CYPRUS, or email the materials to elia24@cytanet.com.cy. Please submit your application as soon as possible, with the final deadline being March 30, 2025.



PARTICIPATION FEE

Each member of the dance group, including musicians, must pay a participation fee of 300 euros per person, which must be paid in advance. Any additional individuals who wish to accompany the group for leisure and to enjoy the festival as escorts must pay 320 euros per person. These escorts will receive the same benefits as the group members.

To secure your participation, a deposit of 200 euros per person must be paid upon acceptance into the festival as a holding fee. The remaining 100 euros is due no later than one month before your arrival. Please note that the 200 euro deposit is non-refundable in the event of cancellation by the group or the organizers due to circumstances such as pandemics, natural disasters, or war. This policy is in place because hotel reservations and bookings must still be honoured.

For groups with more than 30 members, the group leader will be invited as our guest and will not be required to pay the participation fee. Additionally, you are welcome to bring representatives from your country, such as the mayor of your town or a professional journalist, to help promote Cyprus in your region.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES

There will be a total of four (4) performances over the 6 days of the festival. Four (4) of the performances need to be with a different choreography and costumes for dancers and for choirs and bands it needs to be different songs and outfits. Some of the performances are in the morning, so please be prepared with also a lighter/cooler traditional outfit from your country, since Cyprus is still really warm in September.



THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OFFERS:

- Accommodation in Hotel Apartments of 1-2-3-4 bedrooms or 2-3 star hotel rooms for 2-3-4 persons in a room. People who want accommodation in a single or double room should pay the difference of the price. A single room costs 45 euro extra per person per night and a double costs 35 euro extra per person per night
- 3 buffet meals per day for 12-13-14-15 of September 11th is the day of arrivals and 16th is the day of departure so no meals provided.
- Internal Transportation (transfers from airport to hotel and back, or transportations from and to venues if needed)
- Free entrance to venues and archaeological museums.
- Free mini cruise, party on boat and diving
- Traditional Parties with free food and drinks
- Presents and T-shirt
- We can organise extra excursions for each group for a small fee for the transportation
- We are **NOT** responsible for the expenses for your transportation to Cyprus (airplane tickets, lateral flow tests if needed, etc.)





CONTACT DETAILS



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Mediterranean Folklore Dance Festival

**WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US
WELCOME TO CYPRUS**