Dear Friends of Folklore,

After the extraordinary success of the 2023 edition, it is a great pleasure for us to invite you a to the magical city of Marrakech in Morocco, to the 6th  International Meeting of Folklore Ensembles “Marrakech Folklore Days”, the probably biggest  international folk dance event on African continent.

The next   festival will be held in the period : October 23 - 27, 2024. The event is organised and realised by the  „L ́Association du Patrimonie et du Folklore“  from Marrakech  together with Agency Millennium (organizer of Prague Folklore Days since 2006).

The festival is taking place under the auspices of the authorities of the City of Marrakech and Prefecture of Marrakech.

Our  festival is open for amateur folklore ensembles of all types (singing groups, dancing groups with live or recorded music) as well as for marching groups (such as majorettes, historic soldiers, marching bands, flag wavers, carnival and gugge groups, historic groups, piper groups, historic costume groups, wind and brass orchestras etc.) without age limit or size.

In the successfull previous  editions of the festival we were happy to welcome folklore groups from Spain, Slovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Switzerland, Algeria, Portugal,  Mali, Senegal, Poland, Czech Republic, Greece, Bulgaria, Ireland, Austria, Indonesia, France, Armenia, Italy, Germany, Norway, Egypt, Australia, Andorra, Ivory Coast, UK as well as numerous outstanding Moroccan  ensembles. We will be happy to provide contacts to any of them should you be interested in any  references.

For all the  participating groups we have prepared the  following program :

\* 2 - 3 open air performances in the city centre of Marrakech near the historic sites Square. Each performance should last max. 30 minutes

\* 1 or 2 parades of all ensembles through the city centre of Marrakech

\* reception of the representatives of groups by representative of the City of Marrakech, exchange of gifts and diploma awarding

\*min. 1 sightseeing tour of the historic city listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site

\* traditional gala dinner with other participating groups

\* meeting and dance workshop with local Moroccan folk dance or music group

\* master classes, discussions and lectures on Moroccan and foreign  folklore

You will have a unique opportunity to present the folklore and traditions of your region and country to thousands of viewers, make new friends, get to know a new culture, enviroment and cuisine and last, but not least – visit Marrakech, the Ocre City in the heart of Morocco with all its sights and magic.

Marrakech is not as far as it may seem, there are excellent air connections to Marrakech from many  major cities - we will be happy to provide with information on cheapest flights from your area to Marrakech however we are not able to make ticket reservation for you.

We certainly pay a lot of attention to security of all guests: Morocco is one of the safest countries outside Europe and the local authorities that are in charge of security of the festival take this prestigious event  extremely seriously.

The official partner arranging participation of foreign groups is World Events Agency Ltd. The organizers are not able to provide accommodation free of charge nor can they pay the travel costs of the foreign groups, but part of the organisation cost is covered by the organizing Association. We  will be very pleased to send you  the festival packages covering the participation as well as an application form.

Welcome and share your folklore, traditions and culture with us! Welcome to Africa, welcome to the Kingdom of Morocco, welcome to Marrakech!

The deadline for applications is July 15, 2024.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Marrakech in October  2024!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions – we hope to hear from you soon!

Best regards,

Youssef HASSANI
Festival President
Marrakech Folklore Days 2024

Festival Website :

[http://marrakechfolkloredays.com/en/](http://marrakechfolkloredays.com/en)

Facebook Festival :  <https://www.facebook.com/marrakechfolkloredays/>
Instagram                 <https://www.instagram.com/marrakechfolkloredays/>

Videos of  Festival 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAdd8TGVCig&t=3s>[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAdd8TGVCig
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uQaOHqaVb0
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csEWg-kZxlc
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Videos of  Festival 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPdq_3qnjDk&t=54s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKsAfxRydBM&t=37s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTk5Ay5qcAg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trUrD1apw5I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMgOj5Za0n0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3b3Qhu2QiA>

 **PRELIMINARY TIME SCHEDULE**

 **October 23 – October 27, 2024**

 **Wednesday,  October 23, 2024**

- arrival of groups, meeting with festival guide at the airport, transfer to accommodation
- festival press conference with Moroccan and international media

- sightseeing or free time

**Thursday,  October 24, 2024**

- arrival of groups, meeting with festival guide at the airport, transfer to accommodation
**-** sightseeing , free time, possibility for meeting with Moroccan folk dance or music groups
**-** open air performances of the ensembles on a centrally located stage

**Friday,   October 25, 2024**
**-** press conference on the occassion of proclaiming the Morrocan typical gnaoua music a

 non-material world heritage by UNESCO
**-** sightseeing , free time, possibility for meeting with Moroccan folk dance or music groups

**-** masterclass on folk dance – to be specified later

**-** festive parade of participating groups
**-** open air performances of the ensembles on centrally located stages

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**-** sightseeing , free time, possibility for meeting with Moroccan folk dance or music groups

- masterclass on Moroccan folclore

 **-** festive parade of the ensembles through centre of Marrakech, ending at the the ancient

 Medina/ Jamaa el fnna Square
- open air performances of the ensembles on 2 - 3 centrally located stages

- festive diner with other participating groups

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**
 **-** touristic program - city tour, museum visits, shopping

**-** sightseeing , free time, possibility for meeting with Moroccan folk dance or music groups
 **-** open air performances of the ensembles on 2 - 3 centrally located stages

**Monday , October 28, 2024**
- departure of groups - prolonging of stay possible

The time schedule is subject to changes – this is just to give you a rough idea of the festival program. We will be also happy to arrange excursions out of Marrakech as well as prepare program for prolonging of your stay in Morocco.

**F E S T I V A L P A C K A G E S  2 0 2 4**

**Package 1**
**Accommodation in a 3\*\*\* hotel in triple rooms or apartments**
**EUR 175,- per 1 person (3 nights – for example October 24 – 27, 2024)**

**Single room supplement : 25,00 EUR per person per 1 night**

**Double room supplement : 15,00 EUR per person per 1 night**

**extra night with breakfast : 30 ,00 EUR extra night with halfboard : 45 ,00 EUR**

* 3x accommodation with breakfast and diner (incl. one gala diner with other groups)
* festival inscription and organisation fees
* local festival guide accompanying the group during the festival
* Marrakech sightseeing tour (on foot - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through the ancient city cente
* information material
* Marrakech airport – hotel – Marrakech airport transfer , transfers to/from festival

 venues in Marrakech

**Package 2**
**Accommodation in a 4\*\*\*\* hotel in double or triple rooms**
**EUR 259,- per 1 person (3 nights – for example October 24 – 27, 2024)**

**Single room supplement : 30,00 EUR per person per 1 night**

**extra night with breakfast : 43 ,00 EUR extra night with halfboard : 65,00 EUR**

* 3x accommodation with breakfast and (incl. one gala diner with other groups)
* festival inscription and organisation fees
* local guide accompanying the group during the festival
* Marrakech sightseeing tour (on foot - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through the ancient city cente
* information material
* Marrakech airport – hotel – Marrakech airport transfer , transfers to/from festival

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**Package 3**
**Accommodation in a 5\*\*\*\*\* hotel in double rooms**
**EUR 299,- per 1 person (3 nights – for example October October 24 – 27, 2024)**

**Single room supplement : 50,00 EUR per person per 1 night**

**extra night with breakfast : 55 ,00 EUR extra night with half board: 79,00 EUR**

* 3x accommodation with breakfast and diner (incl. one gala diner with other groups)
* festival inscription and organisation fees
* local guide accompanying the group during the festival
* Marrakech sightseeing tour (on foot - without entrance fees )
* min. 2 public open-air performances
* festive parade of all groups through the ancient city cente
* information material
* Marrakech airport – hotel – Marrakech airport transfer , transfers to/from festival

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