



THE ROSE FESTIVAL KAZANLAK 2012



19th May - 24th June

| Date | Time | Place | Festival Events |
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| 08.06.- 10.06 | | The Historical Museum "Iskra" | Festival: "Wine and Roses in the Valley of Thracian Kings" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National rosé wine competition;; Gallery of Modern Bulgarian winemaking practices – Exhibition; Art demonstration of antique painting techniques – rose oil icon painting; |
| 8.06 | 19.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | OpeROSE: "Bulgarians of Yore" to music by Assen Karastoyanov, performance by the Stara Zagora State Opera and the "Zagore" folklore ensemble |
| 9.06 | 10.00 | The village of Rajena | „Rose picking“ ritual |
| 9.06 | 19.30 | "Sevtopolis" Square | „Queen of the Rose Valley“ – competition - performance |
| 15.06 | | Community Center "Iskra" | "The best of the Operettas" – concert of the "Petko Staynov" choir and soloists |
| 17.06 | 18.00 | Information Center 4 "Iskra" Street | "The best new Bulgarian cosmetic product based on Bulgarian rose oil and other essential oils" – The "Rosa Damascena" Award of the Kazanlak Municipality |
| 22.06 | 10.00 | The Megalithic Complex - Buzovgrad | EtnikaFEST: ceremony dedicated to the summer solstice |
| 22.06 | 20.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | EtnikaFEST: "Farewell to the Sun" Concert of Elitsa Todorova and Stoyan Yankoulov (Stundji) |
| 23.06 | 19.00 | Community Center "Iskra" | OpeROSE: "A Dragon's Wedding" – performance of the Lyubomir Kabakchiev municipal theater - Kazanlak |

Imagine a spring field, saturated with the scent of roses and lavender. See how in early summer the sun caresses gently the earth and how it returns the gesture with the smiles of the sunflowers. Enjoy the huge dark green crowns of the walnut trees, feel the breath of the oak forests on the Balkan mountain, inhale the aroma of the fragrant herbs.

You are in the Rose Valley where the beautiful Rose Festival has been celebrated for over 100 years early in June. From 2012 on it will grow into an Arts and Traditions Festival during which not only this fragrant flower, a symbol of Bulgaria, but all the gifts of nature in the valley will be honored, too.

The multi genre festival will last for over a month (from May 19th till June 24th) and will include music-, theater-, open air performances and concerts, dance performances, a carnival, flash mob, workshops, exhibitions, seminars, festive ceremonies, wine tastings and competitions.

- Listen to the best Ethno musicians and their jazz-, classical- and fusion interpretations of Bulgarian music: Theodosii Spassov and "Heavenly Strings" (Bulgarian: "Nebesni Struni"), Elitsa Todorova and Stoyan Yankoulov, known as Stundji, the "Oratnitsa", "Bulgara" and "Dvuglas" groups (24.05, 25.05, 02.06, 16.06, 24.06);

- Evaluate the quality of the Bulgarian wines and vote for the best Bulgarian rosé during the "Wine and Roses Festival" in The Valley of Thracian Kings (8.06 - 10.06);

- Take part in the rose picking rituals (25.05, 03.06 and 09.06);

- Choose the most beautiful girl – flower in the Valley (01.06, 09.06);

- Dance on the square together with the dance bands that will come from all over the country for the national dance competition (25.05, 26.05), get involved in the fertility and reverence-to-nature rites and rituals;

- Take souvenirs from the exhibitions of Kazanlak's artists and the bazaar offering traditional crafts and rose oil products (24.05-10.06), see the fiesta of colors through the lens of the photographers (05.06);

- Remember that May and June are not only the season of scents and celebration of the arts, but also a photo hunt season of the most beautiful landscapes in the Rose Valley.

The Rose Festival: a celebration of nature, traditions and arts - Kazanlak, Bulgaria

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| 19.05 | 19.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | OpeROSE: "Arabesque" Ballet "Fire-Dancer" (Bulgarian: "Nestinarika" to music by Marin Goleminov "Small Rules (Bulgarian: "Malki Pravila" to music by Rumén Boyadjiev Jr. |
| 23.05 | 19.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | "Talent and Beauty in the Rose Valley" – presentation of the young talents - students at the Municipal Children's Complex „St. Ivan Rilski“ |
| 24.05. - 10.06 | | 4, "Iskra" Street | "Bulgarian Crafts at the Rose Festival" – a Bulgarian Craft bazaar |
| 24.05. - 10.06 | | 4, "Iskra" Street | "Aroma Market" – rose oil and other essential oil products bazaar |
| 24.05 | 17.30 | Art Gallery - Kazanlak | "The Glagolitic Alphabet" Project – an exhibition & concert of the High School of Plastic Arts and Design "Acad. Dechko Uzunov" – Kazanlak and the National School of Music and Performing arts "Christina Morfova" – Stara Zagora |
| 24.05 | 19.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | OpeROSE: Theodosii Spassov and "Heavenly Strings" Project – Ethno & classical and jazz music presented by the unique Bulgarian musician and string ensemble |
| 25.05 | 10.00 | The village of Rosovo | "Rose Picking" ritual |
| 25.05 | 11.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | „Rose Mini Queen" – a beauty and talent contest |
| 25.05 | 21.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | EtnikaFEST: "Purification by Fire" – concert of the "Oratnitsa" Group - Ethno fusion, drum and bass; a fire spectacle by "Divinitas" |
| 25.05 - 26.05 | 17.00 - 17.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | „The Drum Beats, a Round Dance (Horo) is winding" - a national dance competition with dance bands from all over Bulgaria Organizer: Community Center "Jar" – Kazanlak Open for participation to all guests of the town |
| 27.05 | 10.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | The "ROSE" Cup - National classical and modern dances competition in three age groups (10 - 19 years of age) |
| 27.05 | 17.30 | "Sevtopolis" Square | Flash mob: "Dance Point Kazanlak" |
| 01.06 | 10.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | The town holiday of Kazanlak Raising of the national flag |
| 01.06 | 16.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | EtnikaFEST: "The Cycles of Nature" – a performance of folklore groups reproducing traditional rites and rituals |

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| 01.06 - 03.06 | | The „Rosarim“ park | Kazanlak in our eyes - regional open-air event |
| 01.06 | 19.00 | "Arsenal" Cultural Center | "Rose Queen" – a competition performance Election |
| 01.06 | 22.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | The Rose Queen coronation |
| 01.06. - 14.06 | | Information Center 4 "Iskra" Street | "The Colors of the Valley" – an exhibition of Kazanlak artists |
| 02.06 | 11.00 | Community Center "Iskra" | Children's Song Contest |
| 02.06 | 11.00 | Army Club | "One Bulgarian Rose" – a competition for young performers (in the categories 9 - 19 years of age) |
| 02.06 | 12.00 | The „Rosarim“ park | "The Bread of the Bulgarians: rituals, customs and faith" – and exhibition and tasting of traditional bakery products. |
| 02.06 | 19.00 | Art Gallery -Kazanlak | EtnikaFEST: " concert of the "DVUGLAS" Group – Bulgarian ballads and church chants |
| 02.06 | 21.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | Botev's Day Festive fireworks & check |
| 03.06 | 10.00 | The rose gardens | "Rose Picking" performance |
| 03.06 | 10.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | Kazanlak groups cheerleader show |
| 03.06 | 12.00 | "Sevtopolis" Square | Festive Parade |
| 03.06 | 13.30 | "Sevtopolis" Square | Folklore concert |
| 03.06 | 15.00 | "Kulata" Ethnographic Complex | "Rose Distiling" Ritual |
| 03.06. - 10.06 | 18.00 | The Hadji Aliolova House | "The Bulgarian Embroidery Code" – exhibition |
| 05.06 | 17.00 | Information Center 4 "Iskra" Street | "Rose Fairy Tale" – national arts competition, ethnography. Awards ceremony (7-18 years of age) |
| 05.06. - 24.06 | | Art Gallery - Kazanlak | "The Rose Valley" – exhibition from the open air photo even |
| 07.06. - 10.06 | | Community Center "Iskra" | National Festival of chamber forms: dance, vocal and theater |
| 09.06 | 21:00 | Sevtopolis Stadium | Concert of American jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan |