

Bulgaria: Razlog-Koprivshitsa* 2025

Join us for the 15th edition of the Summer Folkdance Seminar!

After 15 successful editions, Prof. Nikolay Tsvetkov, Assoc. Prof. Georgi Garov, and their dedicated team are once again organizing a summer folkdance seminar at the "Murite" Spa Hotel near Razlog in the Pirin region. This event will combine:

- Bulgarian folk dance classes in a spacious hall with a wooden floor.
- Meetings with local folklore groups, offering authentic cultural experiences.
- Excursions that showcase the rich heritage and natural beauty of Bulgaria.
- Access to the amenities of the Spa Hotel, including swimming pools, saunas, fitness room.
- **Optional visit to the Koprivshitsa Festival** (pending confirmation from the Ministry of Culture). *Please note:* If the festival takes place, the final three nights will be spent in a hotel in Koprivshitsa. If not, all accommodations will remain at the Murite Spa Hotel.

The coordination of the subscriptions is made by "Friends of the dance" friendsofthedance.bg@gmail.com

Registrations will be treated in chronological order.

Travel to Bulgaria

11 days, from 01.08. to 11.08.2025

1300€, (*flight to Sofia NOT INCLUDED*)

This price includes:

- **Roundtrip bus transfers** between Sofia Airport and the seminar location.
- **10 nights accommodation** in double or triple rooms. (*Please note: In case of a Koprivshitsa visit, some accommodations may be in quadruple rooms.*)
- **Full board:** Three meals per day with non-alcoholic drinks included. (*Please note: In case of a Koprivshitsa visit, the last three days meals will include breakfast and dinner only.*)
- **Approximately 20 hours of Bulgarian folk dance lessons**, designed for dancers with some experience in Balkan dances. These sessions will be led by Nikolay

Tsvetkov, Georgi Garov and professional dancers from the Pirin Ensemble, accompanied by live music.

- **Introduction to Bulgarian song and music traditions**, led by professional musicians and singers.
- **Visits to museums and meetings with traditional folklore groups.**
- **A festive dinner** featuring folk dances, live music, and performances by musicians.
- **Excursions** in the Pirin and Rila regions.
- **Entrance fees** for museums and chairlift rides.

The price does not include:

- **Flights to Sofia.**
- **Single room surcharge** at the Murite Hotel. (*Please note: if the Koprivshtitsa visit takes place, single rooms will not be available for the final three nights.*)
- **Travel insurance**, including cancellation or medical coverage. Each participant is responsible for their own insurance arrangements.
- **Personal expenses**, such as drinks, souvenirs, tips, and other incidentals.

Please note: Places in the hotel in Koprivshtitsa are limited – 39. If there are more participants in the seminar, they will be accommodated in a guesthouse in the town.

For registration forms: send a mail to friendsofthedance.bg@gmail.com
Registration and registration will be done until May 31, 2025

Terms of payment: Payment will be made in cash on the spot.