



## 1. General Information on the Festival:

The International Festival Cosmopolis first took place in 2000. Due to the fact that each Cosmopolis Festival should not be a reproduction of the previous one, an attempt was made to avoid either forming a certain pattern or any kind of limitations regarding artistic campaigns. So, Cosmopolis, instead of a mere selection of events, decided to emphasize on a thorough presentation of cultures.

Culture is not only music and dance. It is, mainly, people and every kind of their activity. More specifically, their folk art, foods and, most importantly, their thoughts and creations being expressed in artistic devices. For this reason, Cosmopolis creates a multicultural spirit and promotes cultural differences, aiming this to act positively so as to strengthen the bonds between cultures.

Kavala is the capital city of the homonymous prefecture and it is situated in Eastern Macedonia at a point of great strategical importance, on the Egnatia road, which joins Europe to Asia. It is the second largest city of Macedonia after Thessaloniki. The access to the city of Kavala is easy, by any means of transportation. The new sea front highway (Egnatia) provides a comfortable and safe trip by car. In addition, there are daily buses to and from Athens and Thessaloniki.

From the port of Kavala there are connections with the Aegean islands by liners and ferryboats. From the airport of the city there are also daily flights to and from Athens throughout the year, while during the high season there are daily charters to and from abroad.

Cosmopolis festival lasts for five days and it takes place in the Old Town of Kavala in the middle of July. It is organized by the Municipality of Kavala and its development enterprise and it has already become one of the biggest international festivals in Greece and Balkans, too.

Eight countries from all over the world present their culture every year to more than 70,000 visitors that attend the festival.

So far, the following countries participated in the previous organizations: Armenia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Cosmopolis is a celebration that gives a hug to everyone. **LET'S PARTICIPATE!**

## 2. Practical Arrangements:

### 2.1 DANCE GROUPS & DELEGATIONS

*Street Bazaar:* The organizers of Cosmopolis provide all the delegations at no cost - with a pavilion (special contraction, approximately 10m<sup>2</sup>, interspersed in venue of the festival), which could be used to sell (for delegation's profit) folk art products, handicrafts, needlework, sweets, drinks, CDs or everything else that could contribute to the tourist promotion of the countries that participate in the festival. So, we will need some staff (1 or 2 persons) to run the pavilion, which should be filled up by the delegation.

*Cuisine:* In the frames of Cosmopolis' ethnic cuisine, will be presented some of the most typical tastes from your country. So, we will need one chef from each country to cook on one day some traditional dish for approximately 300 persons. The organizers undertake to cover the cost of his board and lodging.

*Dance Groups:*

- The dance groups perform on a special open-air stage from 21:30h ca. 22.30h. Each group has the chance to give a performance of ca. 10 minutes on stage.

- After each night-performance all groups can make music and dance for the rest of the time in front of their pavilions. And this exactly is the absolute highlight of our festival that brings the different cultures close to the people of Kavala.

- The stage measures 80 square meters. There is general floodlight lighting, variable in intensity and in colour, but there are no follower spots. Sound amplification includes a high number of microphones and foldback stage monitors.

- The number of the group's members shouldn't exceed the 30 persons, as well as they shouldn't be too young (ex: children or small teenagers).

- In the frames of Cosmopolis take place two workshops with the participation of musicians and dancers from all the groups.



Cost of transportation: The organizers undertake to cover the cost for the dance group's and pavilion staff's transport within Greece, as well as board and lodging during the festival. This means that the organizers don't cover the cost of the international transportation which is usually covered by governmental / municipal organizations or other sponsors of the group.

Delegations: Each country's delegation (dance group, chef, staff for the pavilions) should be limited to 35 persons, including non-performing directors and accompanying persons. Other accompanying persons may be accepted at their own expense and as far as lodgings are available.

## 2.2 DOCUMENTATION

For the preparation of the festival the organizers require latest BY APRIL 1:

- Photographs of the group (300 dpi resolution, if possible)
- Video samples which could be used for promotional purposes.
- A detailed description of the history of the group, the program, the costumes and any other information that might contribute to the introduction of the group to the public.
- A detailed composition of the group (male, female, position) and a list of participants (name, sex, date of birth, passport number).
- The organizers of Cosmopolis provide the groups with an Application Form, which should be filled up and signed by the leader / director of the group.
- All the delegations that are coming from a non-European country, should apply for visas latest in April.

## 2.3 FOOD & LODGINGS

- The delegations should arrive on Monday 14/7 or latest Tuesday 15/7 and may not leave before the closing ceremony on Sunday night (20/7).
- The delegations must inform the organizers by MAY 2 about their travel arrangements: means of transportation, airport, date and time of arrival and departure, flight numbers. The festival will provide transportation from the airport (Athens, Thessaloniki or Kavala) to Kavala and back. During the festival the municipal mini bus will make the transportation of the delegations.
- All delegations are staying in the hostel of Kavala's TEI (Technological Educational Institute), in twin rooms, with outdoor bathroom facilities. Each member of the group should bring only towels, as the bed sheets are being provided by the hostel.
- Delegations will be provided with three meals per day. Any request for deviations for religious or health reasons should be made in advance.
- Kavala has a mild Mediterranean climate, which means that in July the weather is usually hot, with bright sunshine and little rainfall, with temperatures ranging approximately 25 - 35°C.

## 2.4 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- The organizers reserve the right to broadcast by radio or television the festival performances entirely or partly without additional payment to the dance groups.
- The dance groups must not undertake other arrangements between the opening and closing events of the festival without agreement of the organizing committee.