



MENDERES INTERNATIONAL MANDARIN FLOWER FESTIVAL

MANDARIN CUP 2024

May 21 – 25 , 2024

Gumuldur-Ozdere-Menderes

Izmir – Turkiye

A. GENERAL RULES

- 1.- The “Menderes International Mandarin Flower Festival” is a sample of traditional and modern dances and music performed by amateur folkloric groups; its aim is to make up friendship among the groups and the different countries, and to favourish the understanding of traditions and popular art. It’s organized by “Sunu Event” company in collaboration with Menderes (Izmir) Municipality.
- 2.- In the festival may participate adult, youth and children folklore dance groups, modern dance groups, vocal groups, instrumental groups and soloists, as well groups and performers from other arts styles.
- 3.- Performance places are in the cities of Ozdere and Menderes (Izmir) – Turkey.
- 4.- The participant groups are amateurs or professionals and they perform traditional or modern dances and music in any of their manners. The participant groups won’t receive any money for their performances.
- 5.- The groups can participate in any number of members, with no limit or the age of participants.
- 6.- At the arrival in Turkey, the participants must have valid medical insurance /obligatory-in accordance with the Turkish legislation/. The insurance should cover COVID 19 situations as well. We can assure sufficient medical assistance during the festival performances as an ambulance and a first aid center will be provided at the festival venue.
- 7.- At his arrival, the group will be given the definitive festival program including all the activities that are to be made. Each group should bring its own flag of the country!
- 8.- The organization will provide an English speaking guide.
- 9.- The group should respect the timetables signaled by the organization in every moment.
- 10.- All rights of the Committee are reserved. The performances can be recorded, filmed or photographed totally or partially to be broadcast, published or to sell without any obligation to pay the group for it.

11.- The group won't be able to take part in any public or private performance during the days of the festival unless it's organized by the Committee of the Festival or it's a written authorization signed by the Committee. This authorization should be asked for beforehand.

B. TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL RULES

12.- The groups should pay the travel expenses to the accommodation place or to Izmir Airport – IATA code ADB (for the groups coming by plane) and back. Izmir Airport is well connected with the European airports and main Turkish Airports.

13.- The groups should attend to the expenses produced by the visas, baggage excess, and others.

14.- The festival will assure free of charge buses for the groups coming by plane to pick up them from Izmir Airport, during the festival days and back to the airport.

15.- The groups travelling by own bus should use it for displacements during the festival days connected with the program. Any expense caused by the usage of the bus (accident, rob, breakdown, etc...) should be covered by the vehicle's insurance.

16.- The participant group has to arrive on the May 21, 2024 after 12:00 o'clock, and leave on May 25, 2024 after having breakfast.

C. ACCOMMODATION

17.- All groups will be accommodated in CLUB YALI HOTEL&RESORTS.

Hotel website: <https://www.cactushotels.com/clubyali>

Rooms mainly for 2 and 3 people, but each group will have some rooms for 4 people.

Meals : Breakfast, lunch and dinner on buffet style will be provided, extra snack meal afternoon at 17.00 and late soup after a performance only at evenings with performance.

First meal on May 21 – dinner, last meal on May 25 – breakfast

All soft drinks and unlimited local alcoholic beverages are included for the entire festival period.

18 - Registration fee for participants and accompanying is **150 Euro per person**

One free place for each 25 participants in the group

We are pleased to offer a special rate for those groups wishing to extend their stay before or after the Festival depending of the hotel availability. The cost for one day is 40 euros per person on the same basis.

19.- The internal rules of the hotel should be respected in all moment.

20.- The group will be responsible for all the damages caused by its members in the hotel or its furniture.

D. PROGRAMME RULES

21.- Each group will take part in the different performances and acts organized by the Committee.

22.- The acts that usually take place are:

- opening ceremony
- closing ceremony
- festival performances – max. 15 min. for each one group

- street parade
- reception with local authorities and exchange of gifts
- welcome party

Optional and in case of wish with extra charge:

- a boat trip to the sea (18 euros per person, 4 hours with included lunch)
- visit to the ancient city of Ephesus (entrance fee paid by the group, appr. 12 euros per person)
- tour to the House of the Virgin Mary (entrance fee paid by the group, appr. 9 euros per person)

The groups coming by plane should cover as well the transportation costs for those touristic visits.

E. ARTISTIC RULES

23.- The performances will be with live or recorded music. Only studio recorded CDs or MP3 shall be used in performances with pre-recorded music.

24.- The time of performance can be from 5 to 15 minutes according to the definitive program given by the committee.

25. The groups performances will be evaluated. The best group will be the winner of the “Mandarin Cup 2024”. Diplomas will be given for “Best performance”, “Best music”, “Best costumes”, “Best impression” and others. Each group will receive Diploma for participation.

26.- The group must respect its time of performance, which can't be exceeded

F. SPECIAL RULES

27.- If the group or any of its member, due to any artistic, religious, cultural, social, medical reason or any other reason needs a special treatment, it has to be signaled beforehand. If not, the organization won't have the obligation to offer it (for example, any special effect of sound, lights, special food or religious cults...)

G. EXPIRATION DATES

Expiration date of Applications is **March 21, 2024**. Each application is guaranteed by advance payment of 30 Euros per person before **March 31, 2024**.

The rest of the sum must be paid – till **May 10, 2024** by bank or in cash on the arrival day.

H. FINAL RULES

28.- Any subject not included in these rules or specified in previous communications between the group and the organization will be solved by an agreement on both sides.

29.- For participation of a group in the “Menderes International Mandarin Flower Festival” it has to be chosen by the Organization Committee, agreement of acceptance and obligations of this rules should be sign by both sides

Responsible for the selection of participant groups: **FOLK WORLD** – Mr. Emil Dimitrov – tel.: + 359 899 189 117, e-mail: folkworld@gmail.com, ozdereartsfest@gmail.com, postal address: 1712 Sofia, P.O.Box 75, Bulgaria.

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Festival Director Mr. Erol Gune

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOTEL: CLUB YALI Hotel & Resorts,
Atatürk Mah. Sahil Cad. No:51-53
Gümüldür 35480, Menderes / Izmir / Türkiye



Club Yali Hotels and Resorts located in Gumuldur are one of the most popular holiday resorts in Izmir. Internationally known Club Yali Hotels and Resorts are well known for its location, sandy beach and 359 large room capacity. Our hotel provides our guests with a comfortable and relaxing experience where they can have fun, relax and enjoy the beach and the pool. Historical and cultural sites such as Ephesus Ancient City, Gümüldür Nature Park, The House of Virgin Mary and Ancient Greek Temples are within the close proximity of the hotel.



ROOMS

All rooms will offer you a comfortable sleeping experience on the clouds with a combination of modern and traditional designs. The rooms have garden, sea, pool or mountain views. Mostly the rooms have a balcony or a terrace, telephone, TV, shower, minibar, safety box, sofa set, air conditioner, hair dryer and a sofa bed.

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EPHESUS

Ephesus was an [ancient Greek](#) city on the coast of [Ionia](#), three kilometers southwest of present- day [Selcuk](#) in [Izmir Province, Turkey](#). It was built in the 10th century BC on the site of the former [Arzawan](#) capital by [Attic](#) and [Ionian](#) Greek colonists. During the [Classical Greek](#) era it was one of the twelve cities of the [Ionian League](#). The city flourished after it came under the control of the [Roman Republic](#) in 129 BC. The city was famed for the nearby [Temple of Artemis](#) (completed around 550 BC), **one of the [Seven Wonders of the Ancient World](#)**. Among many other monumental buildings are the [Library of Celsus](#), and a theatre capable of holding 25,000 spectators.



THE HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY

The **House of the Virgin Mary** is a [Catholic](#) and [Muslim shrine](#) located on Mt. Koressos in the vicinity of [Ephesus](#), 7 kilometres from [Selçuk](#) in [Turkey](#). Catholic pilgrims visit the house based on the belief that [Mary, the mother of Jesus](#), was taken to this stone house by [Saint John](#) and lived there for the remainder of her earthly life. Outside the shrine is a particular "*wishing wall*" which pilgrims have used by tying their personal intentions on paper or fabric. Various types of florals and fruits are grown nearby, and additional lighting has been installed within the vicinity of the shrine for further monitoring of the site. A water fountain or well is also located nearby, believed by some pilgrims to have miraculous powers of healing or fertility.



MENDERES

Menderes is a municipality and district of İzmir Province, Turkey with population of about 106 000 people. Menderes district, which is notable for its satsumas, beautiful bays and historical riches, is 20 kilometers far from İzmir. The ruins of Kolophon, Klaros and Notion, which are along the Menderes-Selçuk road are next to each other and make up the important archeological sites of the province. The region around Gümüldür produces the world-famous tangerine breed of satsumas. There is located the Izmir Adnan Menderes International Airport (IATA code ADB).

OZDERE (MENDERES DISTRICT , IZMIR)

Özdere is a small [Turkish](#) coastal settlement and [resort town](#) in the [Menderes](#) district of [İzmir Province](#), along the [Aegean Sea](#) coast , a part of the so called Turkish Riviera It has a permanent population of around 15,000 people, which can rise to nearly 100,000 during the summer as a result of its popularity amongst tourists.

It is located approximately 40 kilometres northwest of the nearby resort town of [Kuşadası](#) and 40 kilometers to the south of [İzmir](#) International Airport. The town is situated within close proximity to numerous historical sites and is accessible via the [Kuşadası-Selçuk-Seferihisar-Urla](#) provincial road. With a temperate climate and favorable location, the town is a local center of tourism.