

PROGRAMME OF KUKERFEST 2012

February, 20th - 26th 2012



Day	Settlement	Event	Time (hour)
Monday 20.2.'12	Karlovo	Opening of Kukerfest 2012: traditional songs and "horo" (a traditional Bulgarian chain dance) for Kuker Day; a culinary exhibition-bazaar with traditional dishes for Sirnitsa (Cheese-Fare Sunday); an exhibition-bazaar of Kuker souvenirs; „jangling” by Kukeri and a fire KUKERMODA: Exhibiting the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo	15:30-18:00 17:15
	Vasil Levski	Kuker demonstration and "jangling" for both film and Guinness Horo of Elitsa Todorova (to be specified)	17:00
Tuesday 21.2.'12	Voinyagovo	1st Kukerfest centre for the day	14:30-15:30
	Kliment	2nd Kukerfest centre for the day	16:30-17:30
	Karlovo	...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...	9:00-19:00
Wednesday 22.2.'12	Banya	1st Kukerfest centre for the day	14:00-17:30
	Kalofer	2nd Kukerfest centre for the day	16:30-18:30 (14:00-16:30 for tourists)
	Karlovo	Opening of the Kid Kuker-art Exhibition	17:00-18:00
	Karlovo	...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...	9:00-19:00
Thursday, 23.2.'12	Karlovo	Kid Carnival	15:00-16:30
	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
	Karlovo	...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...	9:00-19:00
Friday, 24.2.'12	Karlovo	KUKERMODA: A round table on the theme "The Masquerade Tradition for the Modern Person"	16:00-17:45
	Karlovo	KUKERMODA: Announcing the final rating At the Town's Library	17:45-18:0
	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
	Karlovo	...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...	9:00-19:00
Saturday, 25.2.'12	Karlovo	KUKER-TOURIST: Watching and photographing the "dressing" of Kukeri – by one of some of the Kuker groups	8:00-9:30
	Karlovo	Regional Kuker Feast	10:30-12:30
	Karlovo	Horoteka – a folklore discotheque	19:30:00
	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
	Karlovo	...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the fashion design sketches and the accompanying materials...	9:00-18:00
Sunday, 26.2.'12	Kliment	Kuker Day	13:30-17:30
	The Kuker settlements	KUKER-TOURIST: Watching and photographing the "dressing" of Kukeri– by one of some of the Kuker groups	8:00-9:30
	The Kuker settlements	Kuker Day (Cheese-Fare Sunday)	10:30-18:00
	The Kuker settlements	Traditional fires for the Cheese-Fare Sunday	20:00-22:00
	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition... ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the fashion design sketches and the accompanying materials...	9:00-18:00 9:00-18:00

20th FEBRUARY 2012, MONDAY

IN KARLOVO TOWN

15:30 to 18:00 Opening of Kukerfest 2012

- „Jangling” by the Kuker bands around the square and in Karlovo's streets;
- Elitsa & Stundzhi with Horo for Guinness rehearsal and filming;

- Traditional songs and "horo" (a traditional Bulgarian chain dance) for Kuker Day from the village of Dabene;
- Kuker-Cook culinary exhibition-bazaar with traditional dishes for Sirnitsa (Cheese-Fare Sunday);
- Kuker-art exhibition-bazaar with Kuker souvenirs; scenes related to Kuker Day and Sirnitsa in Karlovo region

VENUE: *The Central Square and The Municipality of Karlovo's hall*

17:15 KUKERMODA: Exhibiting the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo

IN VASIL LEVSKI VILLAGE

17:00 Kuker demonstration and "jangling" for both film and Guinness Horo of Elitsa Todorova (to be specified)

21st FEBRUARY 2012, THUESDAY

1st CENTRE: VOINYAGOVO VILLAGE

14:30 – 15.30 Showing **the local Kuker costume** and parts of it; an offer of dressing as a Kuker to any tourist, who wishes; with assistance, photo and video shooting;
Creating parts of the Kuker costume (at the local workshop);
Traditional dishes for Sirnitsa (the Cheese-Fare Sunday) from the village: showing the dishes, tasting and purchasing opportunity;
 Seeing **old Kuker Day photos** with a talk;
 Museum (ethnographic collection);
 In addition: local attractions.

VENUE: *Chitalishte (community cultural centre) of Voinyagovo*

PRICE: 10 leva/tourist

For organized groups: preliminary [booking](#) until 20.2.2012

Contact person: Mrs. Penka TANCHEVA,
 Board Chairperson of Chitalishte (Cultural Centre)

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2nd CENTRE: KLIMENT VILLAGE

16:30 - 17:30 Opportunity for each tourist **to dress with a costume of a Kuker of a Kuker bride**; with assistance and photo and video shooting;
 Tasting **traditional dishes for Sirnitsa** (the Cheese-Fare Sunday) from the village of Kliment;
 Visit at the **Etnographic Collection**;
 Presentation of the activities and the products of **the Community cultural centre's project aimed to preserve of folklore traditions.**

VENUE: *The mayorty and the Chitalishte of Kliment Village*

PRICE: 10 leva/tourist

For organized groups: preliminary [booking](#) until 20.2.2012

Contact person: Mr. Mano MANOV, village mayor and Kuker band's leader

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IN KARLOVO TOWN

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...

22nd FEBRUARY 2012, WEDNESDAY

1st CENTRE: THE TOWN OF BANYA

12:00 – 14.00 Showing the local **Kuker costume** and parts of it; an offer of dressing as a Kuker to any tourist, who wishes; with assistance, photo and video shooting;
Creating parts of the Kuker costume (at the local workshop);
Traditional dishes for Sirnitsa (the Cheese-Fare Sunday) from the town: showing the dishes, tasting and purchasing opportunity;
 A **photo exhibition** about the Kukeri of Banya

VENUE: *Chitalishte (community cultural centre) of Banya*

PRICE: 10 leva/tourist

For organized groups: preliminary [booking](#) until 20.2.2012

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(Slight changes in the programme are possible)

2nd CENTRE: THE TOWN OF KALOFER

Common programme for locals, guests and tourists:

Solemn sending of the Kalofer Town's representative groups of Kukeri and pipers before their leaving to the Carnival in Nice, France

Both groups are leaving on the next day (23.2.2012) to represent Bulgaria in the carnival

Location: The central square of Kalofer

- *Starting at 16:30 until around 18:30 and later*
A **rehearsal parade** of the groups to Nice, where participants will be arranged as follows:
 - 1) The Bulgarian flag;
 - 2) The sign "Kalofer - Bulgaria";
 - 3) pipers;
 - 4) The Mummers.
- **Culinary exhibition-bazaar with traditional home made dishes for Sirnitsa** (the Cheese-Fare Sunday) from the Town of Kalofer prepared by the skilful women of Kalofer.
The dishes can be purchased by anyone at a "folk" prices. The unsold dishes will be for the treat of all participants and guests.
- **Exhibition-bazaar of souvenirs**, including the famous Kalofer Kalofer lace and thin pipes (Jura bagpipes).
- **Exhibition of the famous Kalofer long-haired goat**
Its skin is used for the Kuker trousers in the region and much larger in Bulgaria.
- **Treat** for the participants and guests.

Special program for organized tourists:

The special tourist program includes a local tourist guide, in Bulgarian or in English

TOTAL PRICE: 10 leva/tourist

1. **Sightseeing in Kalofer**
VENUE: Kalofer Town except the Monk monastery nearby the town
14:00 Both monasteries Monk's (7 km far from Kalofer) and Nun's ones
16:00 The two museums: the House-museum of Hristo Botev (a big national hero, poet and publicist) and the school of Daskal Botyo
16:00-16:30 Visit to the home of a master of the famous Kalofer lace
2. **Dressing with a Kalofer Kuker costume** by anyone who wishes during the solemn sending of the two representative groups of the town to France
With assistance photographing and videotaping of the dressing
VENUE: The centre of the Town of Kalofer
3. Additional option: **riding of the local Karakachan horse** by the tourists
Price (in addition to the total price): 10 leva/tourist
VENUE: The base is located 7 km far from Kalofer

Requests from tourist groups - until 21.2.2012 to the [Mayor of Kalofer Town](#)

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IN THE TOWN OF KARLOVO17:00 to 18:00 **Opening of Kid Kuker-art Exhibition entitled "Kukeri and Cheese-Fare Sunday"**

Fine Art and Applied Art

The paintings will be dispersed after the opening to the most visited venues in Karlovo such as the Town Library, the foyer of Karlovo Municipality, the train station, the bus station, the supermarkets „Teddy“, „Everest“ and „Iceberg“

VENUE: The Children Department of the Town Library

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...

23rd FEBRUARY 2012, THURSDAY**IN KARLOVO TOWN**15:00-16:30 **Kid Carnival**

Choosing a Princess and a Prince of the Carnival in four rounds where the following will be assessed: 1) The masquerade costumes and the masks; 2) Performance of a verse of either a poem or a song in Bulgarian language by each kid; 3) Answering questions about Karlovo; 4) Dancing... Dances. Tombola.

VENUE: the Multifunctional Chamber Hall of Karlovo Chitalishte

9:00-18:00 ...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...

VENUE: Town Library, the foyer of Karlovo Municipality's building, the train station, the bus station, three supermarkets „Teddy“, „Everest“ and „Iceberg“

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...

24th FEBRUARY 2012, FRIDAY

IN KARLOVO TOWN

16:00-17:45 KUKERMODA: **A round table on the topic „The Masquerade Tradition and the Modern Person“**
In three parts: 1) Presentations on the theme in slide-show format (up to 5-6 minutes of length each); 2) Reports (up to 3 minutes of length each); 3) Discussion on the theme and the presentations and reports;
VENUE: *The Town Library*

17:45 **KUKERMODA: Announcing the final rating** as a result of the voting by both jury and public
VENUE: *The Town Library*

9:00-18:00 ...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...

VENUE: *Town Library, the foyer of Karlovo Municipality's building, the train station, the bus station, three supermarkets „Teddy“, „Everest“ and „Iceberg“*

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...

25th FEBRUARY 2012, SATURDAY

KARLOVO + KLIMENT VILLAGE

8:00 - 9:30 **KUKER-TOURIST: Watching and shooting how Kukeri "dress"** –
By preliminary request by one Kuker of some of the Kuker groups will make demonstrations
VENUE: *Karlovo*

10:30 - 12:30 **REGIONAL KUKER FEAST** (organized by the Municipality of Karlovo and the Community Cultural Center Karlovo)
VENUE: *the central square of Karlovo*

13:30 - 17:30 **KUKER DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF KLIMENT**

19:00 **HOROTEKA** – a folklore discotheque
The entrance condition for the visitors is to be masked, even if with a domino mask only; an option to buy masks at the entrance
VENUE: *A discotheque/restaurant*

9:00-18:00 ...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...

VENUE: *Train station, the bus station, three supermarkets „Teddy“, „Everest“ and „Iceberg“*

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...

26th FEBRUARY 2012, SUNDAY

8:00 - 9:30 **KUKER-TOURIST: Watching and shooting how Kukeri "dress"**
By preliminary request by one Kuker of some of the Kuker groups will make demonstrations
VENUE: *the villages participating in the project (Banya, Voinyagovo, Dabene, Kliment, as well as Vasil Levski, Gorny Domlyan, Domlyan, Kalofer, Karavelovo ...)*

13:00 - 18:00 **Kuker Day in the settlements of Karlovo region** organised by their community cultural centers and village councils

20:00 - 22:00 **KUKER-TOURIST: Watching the Sirnitsa (Cheese-Fire Sunday) fires in some of the villages** (eg Voinyagovo, Domlyan, Karavelovo, Kliment, Stoletovo ...)

9:00-18:00 ...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...

VENUE: *Train station, the bus station, three supermarkets „Teddy“, „Everest“ and „Iceberg“*

9:00-19:00 ...KUKERMODA: Exhibition of the two fashion design sketches at Shterev Hotel' foyer, Karlovo...
