

PROGRAMME OF KUKERFEST 2012

A SHORT TABLE VERSION

The programme of Kukermoda as a part of the Kukerfest programme is marked with bold letters in the table below.

Day	Settlement	Event	Time (hour)
Monday	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	16:00-19:30
Tuesday	Dabene	1 st Kukerfest centre for the day	
	Voinyagovo	2 nd Kukerfest centre for the day	14:30-15:30
	Kliment	3 rd Kukerfest centre for the day	16:30-17:30
Wednesday 22.2.'12	Banya	1 st Kukerfest centre for the day	12:00-14:00
	Kalofer	2 nd Kukerfest centre for the day	16:30-18:30 (14:00-16:30 for tourists)
Thursday, 23.2.'12	Karlovo	Opening of the Kid Kuker-art Exhibition	16:00-17:00
Friday, 24.2.'12	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
		Kid Carnival	15:00-17:00
		KM: A round table	16:30-18:00
		KUKERMODA (KM): Opening of the sketches exhibition	18:00-19:00
		„Jangling"	19:00-19:30
Saturday, 25.2.'12	Karlovo	...Kid Kuker-art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
		...KM: Exhibition of the fashion design sketches and the accompanying materials...	9:00-18:00
		Watching and photographing the "dressing" of Kukeri – by one of some of the Kuker groups	8:00-9:30
		Regional Kuker Feast	10:00-13:00
		KM: Awards announcement	19
		Ethnoteka - Youth Masked Dance Party with ethnic music from the five continents	19:30:00
	Kliment	Kuker Day	13:30-17:30
Sunday, 26.2.'12	The Kuker settlements (Banya, Vassil Levski, Gorni Domlyan, Domlyan, Dabene, Kalofer, Karavelovo, Sokolitsa, Stoletovo, Sushittsa)	Watching and photographing the "dressing" of Kukeri– by one of some of the Kuker groups	8:00-9:30
		Kuker Day (Cheese-Fare Sunday)	10:00-18:00
		Traditional fires for the Cheese-Fare Sunday	20:00-22:00
	Karlovo	...Children Art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
		...KM: Exhibition of the fashion design sketches and the accompanying materials...	9:00-18:00
Monday 27.2.'12	Karlovo	...Children Art Exhibition...	9:00-18:00
		...KM: Exhibition of the fashion design sketches and the accompanying materials...	9:00-18:00
		KM: Virtual presentations of the award winning designs to the general public of Karlovo at the sketches exhibition	18

AFTER THE KUKER WEEK:

1. **Votings by organizers and by public for the awards for Kuker-safari**
2. **A photo exhibition entitled "Kukersafari in Karlovo Region 2012"** - online (constant); in the Town of Karlovo (a month)
3. **Kukermoda 2012 exhibition** - online (constant); in the Town of Karlovo (a month); travels to other settlements;
4. **Children Art Exhibition 2012-** Karlovo (until the end of the week after Kuker Day)

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF KUKERMODA¹ IN KUKERFEST KARLOVO 2012 February, 20th - 26th 2012

EVENTS BEFORE THE KUKER WEEK, 20-26.2.2012

First and second selections by the jury of Kukermoda International Contest in both sections:

1. Contemporary Clothing and Accessories inspired by the spirit, style or elements of a traditional masquerade costume of any country in the world;
2. Modern Masquerade Costumes Based on the Tradition.

Voting by the public

20th FEBRUARY 2012, MONDAY

16:00 to 19:30 Opening of Kukerfest 2012

- Culinary exhibition-bazaar with traditional dishes for Sirnitsa (Cheese-Fare Sunday);
- Exhibition-bazaar with Kuker souvenirs;
- Scenes from Kuker Day and Sirnitsa (the Cheese-Fare Sunday);
- Traditional songs and "horos" (a traditional Bulgarian chain dance) for Kuker Day;
- „Jangling“ by Kukeri;
- Fire

Location: The Municipality of Karlovo's hall and the Central Square of the town

Participants: Residents and participants of Karlovo region; Kukersafari participants; eventually tourists and guests from other settlements

21st FEBRUARY 2012, TUESDAY

1st CENTRE: DABENE VILLAGE

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.

Time: (to be specified soon)

Venue: Chitalishte (community cultural centre) of Dabene

Price: 10 leva/tourist

For organized groups: preliminary **booking** until 20.2.2012

(Changes in the programme are possible)

2nd CENTRE: VOINYAGOVO VILLAGE

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);

1 The texts related to Kukermoda 2012 are highlighted in yellow

In addition: local attractions.

Time: 14:30 – 15.30

Venue: Chitalishte (community cultural centre) of Voinyagovo

Price: 10 leva/tourist

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

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3rd CENTRE: KLIMENT VILLAGE

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**.

Time: 16:30 - 17:30

Venue: The mayorty and the Chitalishte of Kliment Village

Price: 10 leva/tourist

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

22nd FEBRUARY 2012, WEDNESDAY

1st CENTRE: THE TOWN OF BANYA

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;

Seeing old Kuker Day photos with a talk;

Museum (ethnographic collection);

In addition: local attractions.

Time: 12:00 – 14.00

Venue: Chitalishte (community cultural centre) of Banya

Price:10 leva/tourist

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

(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 [Mayorty of Kalofer Town](#)

23rd FEBRUARY 2012, THURSDAY

IN THE TOWN OF KARLOVO

16:00 to 17:00 **Opening of Kid Kuker-art Exhibition entitled "Kukeri and Kuker Day"**

Fine Art and Applied Art

Venue: ...

The paintings are not just at one place but also at the library and Chitalishte in the foyers of the Karlovo Municipality, the train station, the bus station, the supermarkets

Participants: Residents and guests of Karlovo, students/schools, participants

24th FEBRUARY 2012, FRIDAY

IN KARLOVO

15:00 to 17:00 **Kid Carnival** – a masked parade, scenic presentation of the masks and a party with animation and sweets

A mask contest with prizes in the square; participants may go to the scene in groups of similar costumes

Price per child - to be specified further but accessible e.g. 5-7 leva

Venue: The central streets and square of Karlovo; Karlovo Restaurant (the party)

Participants: the youngest residents and guests of Karlovo and their relatives

The participation in the party is just under preliminary booking; the price/child is 6.50 leva (preliminary)

16:30-18:00 KUKERMODA: **A round table on the topic „The Masquerade Tradition and the Modern Person“**

Venue: The Town Library

18:00 KUKERMODA: **Opening of the sketches exhibition**

Venue: ...

Participants: participants in Kukersafari, Kukermoda; official guests and invitees, including of the Kuker settlements and bands

19:00 - 19:30 **"Jangling" in Karlovo** (3-4 Kukeri who live in Karlovo)

Traditional Kukeri tours with bells but without costumes

Venue: *in the centre and the central streets of Karlovo*

Participants: *residents and participants in Kukerfest; tourists*

9:00 to 18:00 **The Kid Kuker-art Exhibition** entitled "Kukeri and Kuker Day"

Fine Art and Applied Art

Venues: *Children Department of Karlovo Town Library, the Karlovo municipality, the train and bus stations, the supermarkets, schools*

Participants: *Residents and guests of Karlovo, the participants*

25th FEBRUARY 2012, SATURDAY

CENTRES: KARLOVO + KLIMENT VILLAGE

8:00 - 9:30 **Watching and shooting how Kukeri "dress"** –

By preliminary request by one Kuker of some of the Kuker groups will make demonstrations

Venue: *Karlovo*

Participants: *participants in Kukerfest, tourist groups and individuals; journalists*

10:00 - 13:00 **REGIONAL KUKER FEAST** (organized by the Municipality of Karlovo and the Community Cultural Center Karlovo)

Venue: *the central square of Karlovo*

10:00 - 18:00 **KUKERMODA: Exhibitions of the competing designs - presentation of their authors to the wider public**

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

19:00 **KUKERMODA: A Gala Evening with a concert and awards announcement**

Venue: *? Ritual home of Karlovo Municipality?*

19:30 **ETHNOTEKA** - a youth masked dance party with ethnic music from all continents

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;

The music is only in ethnic style and danceable, with quotas (30% for BG and the style of Elitsa & Stoyan, by about 10% - for the Balkan, the Kukerfest participants countries (perhaps suggested by them), Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australia)

With a DJ

There may be dancers of a dance club (an existing one or specially established) demonstrating the steps for all ethnic dances

Venue: *...*

Participants: *young people of Karlovo, participants in Kukerfest*

9:00 to 18:00 **The Kid Kuker-art Exhibition** entitled "Kukeri and Kuker Day"

Fine Art and Applied Art

Venues: *Children Department of Karlovo Town Library, the Karlovo municipality, the train and bus stations, the supermarkets, schools*

Participants: *Residents and guests of Karlovo, the participants*

26th FEBRUARY 2012, SUNDAY

8:00 - 9:30 **Watching and shooting how Kukeri "dress"** –

By preliminary request by one Kuker of some of the Kuker groups will make demonstrations

Venues: *the villages participating in the project (Banya, Voinyagovo, Dabene, Kliment, as well as Vasil Levski, Gorny Domlyan, Domlyan, Kalofer, Karavelovo ...)*

Participants: *participants in Kukerfest, tourist groups and individuals; journalists*

9:00 - 18:00 **KUKERMODA: Sketches exhibition with virtual presentations**

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 **Watching the Cheese-Fire Sunday fires in some of the villages** (eg Voinyagovo, Domlyan, Karavelovo ...)

9:00 to 18:00 **The Kid Kuker-art Exhibition** entitled "Kukeri and Kuker Day"

Fine Art and Applied Art

Venues: *Children Department of Karlovo Town Library, the Karlovo municipality, the train and bus stations, the supermarkets, schools*

Participants: *Residents and guests of Karlovo, the participants*

27th FEBRUARY 2012, MONDAY

18:00 KM: Virtual presentation of the award winning designs to the general public of Karlovo at the sketches exhibition

Venue: *The hall of the Community Cultural Centre of Karlovo*

Participants: *Residents of Karlovo, media*

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