



The Municipality of Svistov, the Historical Museum of Svistov and the Council of
Tourism of Svistov

have the pleasure to invite you to the 14th

Antique Heritage Festival

Eagle on the Danube

Svistov, Novae, 8-10 June 2018

The 14th Antique Heritage Festival “Eagle on the Danube” will be held on 8th through 10th of June 2018 with the participation of more than 220 reenactors Italy, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria. Among the groups that will take part in the 14th Antique Heritage Festival are Europe’s most influential historical reenactment group **Gruppo Storico Romano** from Rome, Italy and the Romanian reenactment groups **Garda Apulum - Legio XIII Gemina**, **Danais Association**, and **Historia Renascita**. The virtuoso riders of **Bagatur** and the unique fiery performance of the **Phoenix Fire Show** – Kozloduy will once again team with the hosts – the reenactors from Svistov’s **First Italic Legion** – to present some of the best Bulgarian reenactments in Svistov. For the first time this year the Ukrainian musical group **Bourdoni Cherna** will present the Medieval folklore of the Vikings. The programme includes the traditional reenactment of a battle between Romans and Barbarians with the participation of 200 reenactors, the antique dances of **Nimfele Dace**, masterful horse riding demonstrations, and the procession along the streets of Svistov as well as many new events. In Novae the culinary expert **Leo Bianchi** will present **Leo’s Field Cuisine** and will jury a cooking contest with participants from all reenactment groups, which will end with a mass degustation for all spectators. For the first time the Festival will include a reenactment of a Roman wedding ceremony for a real-life wedding couple and reenactors from several countries.

The event is organized by the Municipality of Svistov, the Historical Museum and the Council of Tourism in Svistov. During the Festival the Mayor of Svistov will confer the traditional awards **Eagle on the Danube** to one of the most popular Bulgarian historians and archaeologists, **Assoc. Prof. Nikolai Ovcharov, DSc** for his contribution to the preservation of our cultural and historical heritage, and to **H. E. Mr. Camillo Zuccoli**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sovereign Order of Malta to Bulgaria, for his contribution to the popularization of Bulgaria’s culture.



Festival Programme

Friday, 8th June

10:00 – 14:00

The ancient Roman town of Novae

Antique competition for secondary-school students “Fast, Brave, Skillful”: The challenge of ancient sport games for participants from secondary schools and sport clubs from the region. The competitors will participate in ancient Thracian and Greco-Roman sportive games with referees from **Legio I Italica** and **Legio XIII Claudia**.

16:00 – 18:00

The Bulstrad Hall at D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics

Symposium “The Ancient Heritage and its Preservation in Bulgaria”: **Public Lecture** by **Assoc. Prof. Nikolai Ovcharov, DSc**. Presentation of **Route “Roman Border on the territories of Romania and Bulgaria”**, ADRM Danube.

Open-doors Day at the Academic Museum of the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics.

18:30 – 20:15

Kaleto Amphitheatre

Opening Ceremony: Musical performance of **Emil Kalev and Ana Boyanova** of Mediterranean songs – Neapolitan and Sicilian tarantellas and canzonettas and Spanish songs. Blessing of the flags and starting the fire of the Festival. The Mayor will conger the Novae symbols to the Emperor. Presentation of the reenactment groups. Dance performance of **Nimfele Dace**. Medieval Vikings’ Folklore: **Bourdoni Cherna**. Fire Show: **Phoenix**.

20:15 - 20:30

Kaleto Amphitheatre

Ceremony for conferring the Eagle on the Danube award to **Assoc. Prof. Nikolai Ovcharov, DSc** for his contribution to the preservation of our cultural and historical heritage.

След 20:30

Kaleto Amphitheatre

Antique theatric performance of Euripides’ epic tragedy “Trojan Women” by the University Theatre at New Bulgarian University. Director: Eva Volitser.



Saturday, 9th June

The ancient Roman town of Novae - free admission

- 09:00 – 21:00 **Roman field camp and Barbarian camp reenactment open to visitors**
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Roman legions in parade reenactment** – honour guard greeting the Emperor
- 10:00 – 14:00 **Morning show:** Ancient Roman cuisine, rituals, crafts; **Leo's Field Cuisine** – a culinary presentation by **Leo Bianchi**. Cooking contest with participants from all reenactment groups, who will prepare and present authentic ancient dishes before a competent jury of historians, gastronomers, and chefs. A historical trivia quiz show for the audience.
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Roman Wedding:** authentic Roman wedding ceremony with a modern wedding couple.
- 16:30 – 18:00 **Afternoon performances:** Presentations by all reenactment groups, including demonstrations, dances, rituals and traditions – with the participation of **Gruppo Storico Romano, Bagatur, Legio I Italica, Garda Apulum - Legio XIII Gemina, Danais Association, Historia Renascita, Nimfele Dace**. During the intermissions – strength and agility contests with the participation of participants and spectators from the audience.
- 18:30 – 19:30 **Ceremony for conferring the Eagle on the Danube award to H. E. Mr. Camillo Zuccoli, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Sovereign Order of Malta to Bulgaria**, for his contribution to popularization of Bulgaria's culture preceded by virtuoso performances of **Bagatur, Pagane**, and **Gruppo Storico Romano**. Medieval Vikings' Folklore: **Bourdoni Cherna**.
- След 19:30 **The Great Battle between Dacians and Romans: the Victorious Campaign of Emperor Trajan** *The Second Roman-Dacian War was the decisive military operation of Trajan. The war started in 104, when the legions crossed the Danube and assaulted the capital fortress of Sarmisegetusa. The Dacian King, Decebalus, ran into the mountains but was captured and killed and the Dacian kingdom perished. The titanic clash between the two ancient super-powers will be reenacted by 200 warriors.*



Saturday, 10th June

Svishtov's main street Tsar Osvoboditel and Aleko Square

11:00 - 13:00

Procession of the reenactment groups along the streets of Svishtov, Extinguishing the Festival fire, awarding the participants. Group photo of the participants. Closing ceremony.

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