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Ottawa Turkish Festival

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The Festival will be open to general public free of charge and will display Turkish art, folk dance, music and gourmet food, where visitors will get an opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savour Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine.

Turkish Movie with English subtitles – KELEBEK (Butterfly) 2 pm – 4 pm Saturday, July 17, 2010

Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch

120 Metcalfe Street

Ottawa, ON

Turkish Cuisine Demonstration – Noon – 2 pm Sunday, July 18, 2010

Hartman's Independent Grocer

296 Bank Street

Ottawa, ON

Documentary of Şeb-i Arûs (Whirling Dervishes Ceremony) – 6 pm – 8 pm Monday, July 19, 2010

Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch

120 Metcalfe Street

Ottawa, ON

Festival Opening Gala - Noon – 2 p.m. – Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ottawa City Hall

110 Laurier Avenue West

Ottawa, ON

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Turkish Cultural Center
26 Thorncliff Place
Ottawa, ON

Flag Raising Ceremony – 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Friday, July 23, 2010

Ottawa Police Headquarters
474 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON

Festival Grounds – Noon – 9 p.m. – Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25, 2010

Confederation Park
Laurier Ave. and Elgin St.
Ottawa, ON

Visitors will be able to browse and buy Turkish products, souvenirs and handcrafts, participate in activities for children, view many authentic demonstrations and performances, sample Turkish cuisine, and do much, much more at the Festival.

In 2009 the Festival witnessed another great expansion by hosting the Youth Folk Dance and Music Ensemble of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism from the Republic of Turkey. The City of Ottawa officially proclaimed July 24-26, 2009, as Ottawa Turkish Festival weekend within the city. Canadian Heritage was again our largest sponsor and the Ottawa Police Headquarters hosted a spectacular show for the Opening Ceremonies. Not only that, CTV Globe Media signed up as the Festival's exclusive TV sponsor. On July 27, 2009, the world's largest global newspaper, Metro carried the Festival to its front page as its lead article. We now believe that the Festival has established itself on the Ottawa Festivals scene.

A preview of Ottawa Turkish Festival held on July 24-26, 2009 and other years can be viewed at YouTube.

What to expect at the Festival?

- * Performances of Turkish Folk Dances, Whirling Dervish of Rumi and Live Turkish Music.
- * Watch an Ebru (Water Marbling) painting demonstration on paper and Classical Calligraphy Drawing.
- * Relax at the Turkish Oriental Corner, decorated with pillows, rugs, arts, handicrafts, traditional jewelry and more.
- * Enjoy Turkish cuisine, sample gourmet foods including kababs, donair vegetarian & olive oil dishes, Gözleme (Turkish Pancake), Börek (Turkish Flaky Pastry), Manti (Turkish Ravioli), as well as drinks like Ayran (Turkish Buttermilk). A meal would not be complete without desert! Taste Baklava, Turkish delight and more.
- * Don't miss popular Turkish coffee and tea served in an authentic setting
- * Let your kids enjoy all sorts of activities: face painting, games, cotton candy, the inflatable village and more!
- * Browse the different vendors and booths for books, souvenirs, fine arts and crafts.
- * Visit our employment corner to discuss career opportunities with the Canadian Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Ottawa Police.
- * Support charitable organizations like Northern Lights Educational Services (NLES) providing top quality Child Care services and the Canadian Institute of Intercultural Dialogue (CIID) hosting monthly Interfaith Dialogue Talk Series (IDTS).

* Plan your trip to Turkey, to the land of ancient civilizations! Pick up a copy of tourist brochures available at our information booth.

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