



The Ottawa Turkish Festival starts July 26th...

The 2nd annual Ottawa Turkish Festival will be open to general public free of charge from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday July 26, 2008 and on Sunday July 27, 2008 (2 days) at Confederation Park in Ottawa. Free live performances will take place.

The Festival 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.

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

What to expect at the Festival?

- Turkish Folk Dances:
 - 3 performances are planned throughout the day on both days of the festival for a total of 6 performances.
- Whirling Dervish of Rumi Performance:
 - 2 performances are planned throughout the day on both days of the festival for a total of 4 performances.
- Ebru, Water Marbling Demonstrations:
 - A tent will be established for this Art demonstration, 10 sessions are planned throughout a day for a total of 20 sessions during the festival.
- Live Turkish Music Performances: A local Turkish Music group will be performing on stage throughout the festival. Music will feature contemporary, folk, traditional and popular songs. Times and content to be confirmed with group.
- Oriental corner: Decorative Turkish pillows, tables, traditional jewellery, handicrafts, rugs and more.
- Turkish cuisine: Sample gourmet foods including kababs, donair, vegetarian dishes, drinks, Ayran (Turkish Buttermilk), desserts, baklava, Turkish delight, dried apricots, figs, hazelnuts and much more.
- Taste popular Turkish coffee.
- Kids' activities: face painting, games and the making of cotton candy.

For more information about the festival please visit our website: www.ottawaturkishfestival.com
The Ottawa Turkish Festival is organized by the Canadian Turkish Heritage Foundation (CTHF).

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