

## **Korça, the festive city: events in 2009**

An overview of events in Korça; PDF facilitated by the *Korça In Your Pocket* city guide (<http://korca.inyourpocket.com>).

### **Top events of 2009**

#### **Beer Fest**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Summer events reach their peak with the organisation of the biggest fest of the year “Beer Fest”. Organised for the third time, thousand of national and international visitors will enjoy the cold beer and traditional food. Entertainment till the early morning..... only in Korca.

[www.festaebirres.com](http://www.festaebirres.com)

#### **Korca Carnivals**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Korca is well known for her famous Carnival. It has revitalised this tradition, creating one of the most sensational activities of the city.

In June, local, national and international groups will parade in front of thousand of citizens and visitors. Come and enjoy unforgettable celebration.

#### **The International Painters Colony “Mio's Days”**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2009**

The painters colony held for the third time in the city, was named after the famous Korca painter Vangjush Mio and aims to establish communication among participants and promote the city's cultural asset. Painters from Albania and abroad will treat Korca as an open studio, exploring the city to enspire their talent.

#### **The International Sympozium “Sculpture of the Park”**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

During two weeks Albanian and international sculptors come to the city to participate in this international symposium. Their sculptures are given as a gift to the city park. The second annual organisation of this symposium, aims to establish "Rinia" park as an open museum of contemporary art.

## **"Sotir" International Photography Competition**

**Majy 13th -15th 2009**

The "Sotir" International Photography Competition is named after Kristaq Sotiri, a professional photographer, who helped to establish the tradition of photography. Photographers from different countries, come to Korca to present their work in this competition. Their photos are exhibited in the "Guri Madhi" art gallery.

## **Pie Fest**

**July 2009**

Inspired by the famous Korca pie "The Lakror", the Pie Fest, has become a popular event for the city. In July, in the city park, women from Korca in front of the curious eyes of visitors can bake Lakror the traditional way. Music, child program and other surprises will be part of this special event of the city.

## **Live Music Weekends**

**June-July 2009**

Well known Albanian Musicians perform in the city main cafes until early morning. Come and enjoy our tradition of music in the "City of Serenades"

## **June 1<sup>st</sup> Celebrations**

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**Hundreds of children gather in "Rinia" park to enjoy different activities, including playgrounds and painting and drawing corners. All created especially for them.**

## **Santa's Parade**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> 2009**

During the annual Santa Parade, the city enjoys a carriage drawn Santa, locally known as “Babagjshi” accompanied by many other santas as they parade through the city. There are presents, music and entertainers, including many surprises for the children.

## The end year fair

### December 2009

“Even in winter”. Under the wonderful decorations that cover the city in December, Korca organises its end year holiday fair. The festive atmosphere is enhanced with wooden houses, toys sweets, traditional drinks (hot wine), baked apples, music and open exhibitions.

### Events by month

<b>MARCH</b>		
Presentation of “Korces, a Love Word” by the poet Skender Rusi.	March	“Thimi Mitko” library
Hungarian historical exhibition “Budapest and Renaissance”	20 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March	“V. Mio” Cultural Center
Frankophone spring ( Frankophon Fest and the presentation of Maks Velos book)	23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Mars	French Alliance “Milleum” cinema
<b>APRIL</b>		
“Hiqe Ministrin nga Priza” A comedy of Guri Koços	April	“A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
Rin Show 2009	April	“A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
To promote the tradition and values of roma people	8 <sup>th</sup> April	“A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
Concert of Zhuljeta Sheremeni, Ilia Lulo and Entela Kotelli	April	“V. Mio” Cultural Center
Pottery fair	16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> April	City square, in front of the Cathedral
Earth Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	City square, in front of the Cathedral
“Went even the last adjutant” Artistical activity for Lasgush Poradec's 100 birthday	April	“Thimi Mitko” Library
Painting competition of the art school “Tefta Tashko Koço”	20 <sup>th</sup> April	“V. Mio” Cultural Center
Recital of Nikolla Kondakçi (violin) and Paola Kondakçi (piano)	27 <sup>th</sup> April	“V. Mio” Cultural Center

<b>MAY</b>		
Vokal - instrumental Concert V. Kamenica, R.Ciko	5 <sup>th</sup> May	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
Piano Duo Concert M.Vrame, K.Vrame	17 <sup>th</sup> May	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
"Sotir" International Photography Competition	May	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
"Humor and songs" Variety by Maksi Stikos	May	"A. Z. Çajupi" theatre
A children play by Ligoraq Riza	May	"A. Z. Çajupi" theatre
<b>JUNE</b>		
Music Days	3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> June	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
June 1st Celebration	1 <sup>st</sup> June	Rinia Park
For a Cleaner Korca	5 <sup>th</sup> June	
Korca Carnival	6 <sup>th</sup> June	The center of the city
Book Fair 2009	June	"Thimi Mitko" Library
Poetry nights	June	"Thimi Mitko" Library
Cinema week	15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Classical music Concert	20 <sup>th</sup> June	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
Music fest	21 <sup>st</sup> June	"Themistokli Gërmenji" Park
The International Sculpture Symposium "Sculptures of the park"	25 <sup>th</sup> June - 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Rinia Park
<b>JULY</b>		
Live music weekends		City bars
"Lakror "Pie fest		City park
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Beer Fest www.festaebirres.com	13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> August	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Recital by Adrian Xhema (tenor), Shirli Polena (soprano) and Kristina Petrollari (Piano)	6 <sup>th</sup> September	"V. Mio" Cultural Center
Musical evening "From Folk to Jazz"	12 <sup>th</sup> September	"V. Mio" Cultural Center

Cultural week	22 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> September	
Cultural day legacy	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Free entrante to all the museu
Festival of popular musical instruments	September	
French drama “Testament” by Sesilia Plasarit	September	”A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
Day without cars	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	The city center
Music of XVIII century violin, piano, canto	26 <sup>th</sup> September	”V. Mio” Cultural Center
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
International Painters Colony ”Mio's Days”	25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	”V. Mio” Cultural Center
A children play by Ligoraq Riza	October	”A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
Guide for the great artist Vangjush Tushi	25 <sup>th</sup> October	The house of the artist, Vangjush Tushi
The competition ”Essays in French Language”	28 <sup>th</sup> October	French alliance
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
The days of French tradition	10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> November	French alliance
Koncet ”Children’s Rights”	20 <sup>th</sup> November	”A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
Drama “The Dance of the Death”	November	”A. Z. Çajupi” theatre
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Year's end Holiday Fair		The city center
National Painters Competition	20th December	”V. Mio” Cultural Center
”Pax Dei” Concert	December	Cathedral ”Christ revival”
Children Exhibition	30th December	”V. Mio” Cultural Center