



Each year several groups from all over the world participate on our festival.



The PIKKELING -FESTIVAL is a yearly organized folklore event, in which proximally 5 foreign groups (about 150 participants) and a few Flemish/Belgium folklore groups participate.

The festival is organized by V.V.V De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. It was founded in 1969.

V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. is a member of CIOFF (international organization of folklore festivals) and IOV.

The V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek -organization consists of a Board and a lot of Committees instance the Hosting Committee.

The Hosting Committee takes care of the lodgings of the groups; they stay with host families in the villages Baardgem, Herdersem, Meldert, Moorsel (the Faluintjesgemeenteen) and some villages in the aria.

The V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. has about 80 host families; generally 2 members of a group stay with 1 host family. The host families offer their guests their spare bedrooms, the meals, drinks, etc. ;

The guests are considered to be members of the family during the PIKKELING week.

The host families cooperate with V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. voluntarily (freely); they are not being paid for their services!!

The Hosting Committee + Interpreters take care of the escort of the groups during the PIKKELING week; They speak at least English; many of them French, Spanish or German. Interpreters assist if necessary.

Audience: Yearly some 10.000 people from all over the country (and abroad: Holland) come and watch the shows at the Faluintjesgemeenteen. One of the reasons of the great interest is the free entry price of the festival.

Los PIKKELING - EI FESTIVAL en el 'Faluintjesstreek' es un acontecimiento organizado anual del folklore, en el cual proximamente 5 grupos extranjeros (cerca de 150 participantes) y los grupos del folklore de algunos flamencos/ de Bélgica participan.

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V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. es un miembro del CIOFF (organización internacional de los festivales del folklore).

El V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek - la organización consiste en un tablero y muchos del caso de los comités el comité de recibimiento. El comité de recibimiento toma el cuidado de los alojamientos de los grupos; permanecen con las familias del anfitrión en las aldeas Baardgem, Herdersem, Meldert, Moorsel (el Faluintjesgemeenteen) y algunas aldeas en el aria.

El V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. tiene cerca de 80 familias del anfitrión; generalmente 2 miembros de un grupo permanecen con 1 familia del anfitrión. Las familias del anfitrión ofrecen a sus huéspedes sus dormitorios de repuesto, las comidas, las bebidas, el etc.;

Consideran a las huéspedes ser miembros de la familia durante la semana de PIKKELING.

Las familias del anfitrión cooperan con V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. voluntariamente (libremente); ¡no están siendo pagadas para sus servicios!!

El comité + los intérpretes de recibimiento toman el cuidado del acompañamiento de los grupos durante la semana de PIKKELING; Hablan por lo menos inglés; muchos de ellos francés, español o alemán. Los intérpretes asisten en caso de necesidad.

Audiencias: Anual unas 10.000 personas por todas partes del país (y al exterior: Holanda) venida y mira las demostraciones en el Faluintjesgemeenteen. Una de las razones del gran interés es el precio libre de la entrada del festival.

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The programme of the PIKKELING Festival consists



- arrival day, on Wednesday
- Performance on the central place of Opwijk, Thursday
- official meeting with the major of the town of Aalst (Friday)
- performance on the central place of Aalst (Friday)
- Pikkeling festival (Saturday and Sunday – 4 performances)
- Cultural tour, visiting some beautiful cities. (Monday)
- performance on the central place of Denderleeuw (Monday evening)
- official meeting with the major of the town of Lebbeke (Tuesday)
- performance on the central place of Lebbeke
- Farewell party (Tuesday evening)
- Departure (Wednesday)



El programa del festival de PIKKELING consiste en

- día de la llegada miércoles
- funcionamiento en el lugar central de Opwijk, jueves
- reunión oficial con el comandante de la ciudad de Aalst (viernes)
- funcionamiento en el lugar central de Aalst (viernes)
- Festival de Pikkeling (sábado y domingo - 4 funcionamientos)
- Viaje cultural, visitando algunas ciudades hermosas. (Lunes)
- funcionamiento en el lugar central de Denderleeuw (tarde de lunes)
- reunión oficial con el comandante de la ciudad de Lebbeke (martes)
- funcionamiento en el lugar central de Lebbeke
- Partido de despedida (tarde de martes)
- Salida (miércoles)



CIOFF & IOV conditions



The Festival PIKKELING will take care of:

- the accommodation (lodgings) of the members of the group
- the meals and drinks for the members
- an interpreter (if necessary)
- the costs of transport in Belgium
- some sight-seeing in Belgium if wished by the group
- a program of the performances
- taking all measures to realize a good time



for the group

- Each performing member gets each day of performance 5€ pocket money.

The group will:

- arrive on the fixed day (26/07)
- respect the PIKKELING –conditions
- leave on the fixed day (02/08)
- dance to "live music" (musicians!).
- participate with no more than the maximum participants of 25.
- the participants are adults



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Rules and conditions

GROUP.

- A participating group should have max 26 members (incl. musicians, leaders, driver(s), etc.).
- It's a problem to find lodgings for children (0-16 years), so V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. can't accept children in the group.
- Max 10 % of the members may be guiding people (no dancer, musicians)
- "Tourists" (members who have nothing to do with the performances of the group) are not accepted. We do not accept them to stay in our host families and V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek does not take care for them. They have to pay for their own costs.
- The group has to dance with 'live music'; recorded music is not accepted.
- Each group will be accompanied during the festival.

LODGINGS.

- The members of each group stay with host families in and in some villages around Baardgem, Herdersem, Meldert en Moorsel (Faluintjesgemeenten) and nearby.
- Two room mates stay with one family; the group leader is requested to divide the members into 'couples'.
- During the week each member of the group is a member of the family, respecting the rules of the house.
- Host families are not paid for their hospitality.
- Drivers accompany the group stay in a hotel on the charge of the group.

COSTS.

- The costs of transport to and from Belgium are at the expenses of the group; The festival can only contribute a bit in these costs. (about 250 €).
- The festival gives pocket money as foreseen in the CIOFF /IOV conditions of 5€ per performing participant per performing day.
- The costs of the lodgings, meals, drinks, excursion are at the expenses of The festival.

INSURANCES.

- Groups participate in the PIKKELING Festival on their own risks.
- Groups have to be insured against all risks of life: falling ill, hospitalisation, accidents. etc.
- V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek vzw. can't take responsibility to their finan-



cial and/or other consequences.

- There is First Aid during the performances for small accidents, etc.; it's a free costs service.
- V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. has taken and will take all measures to avoid the risks of participation for the participants as well as the audience and the V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. workers.

POLITICS/RELIGION.

- V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. respect any opinion concerning religion and politics;
- Groups can participate, independently of the religious and/or politic background
- But V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. do not allow any religious or political activity in the dance area (the 'parcours').
- On Sunday there is a special Service at the PIKKELING festival .

DAMAGES.

- Any activity, either from anyone or any group, that could damage the festival is not allowed.
- V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. will take measures in case of any damage.

UNFORSEEN.

- Situations that are not covered by these 'Conditions' V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. will reserve the rights to its own sound judgement.
- If necessary or requested, V.V.V. De Faluintjesstreek V.Z.W. will consult individuals and/or groups who are involved.

AGREEMENT.

- By participating in the festival a group accept the conditions of the festival.
- The leaders of the group are kindly but urgently requested to inform the members of their group about these conditions!!!