



# THE CAMPUS

*We believe in the creative power of humans and want to take the space and time to re-connect to our basic human needs and to learn making*

*responsible use of technology. In this campus, we want to explore with curiosity, creativity and across all disciplinary boundaries the magic of life.*



Rahovitza is a mountain retreat, a center for experimentation, learning and exchange on topics related to alternative food gardening, ecological building, re-skilling and personal development. We are located 1km outside and above the village of Kosovo in the Bulgarian Rhodope Mountains, on a south facing hill at an altitude of 980m, surrounded by forest.

## **How to get there:**

Low-cost airlines to Bulgaria: [www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com), [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)

From Sofia: Take bus to Plovdiv from central bus station

From Plovdiv: Take bus direction Smolian from bus station Rhodopi

Get off 2km after the stop Naretshenki Bani (1h from Plovdiv) at the bifurcation to Kosovo (tell the driver) and walk or hitchhike to Kosovo village (3km), ask for Rahovitza.



**BAGPIPE WORKSHOP - BULGARIAN KABA GAIDA**  
**July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**min 6 - max 12 participants**

*Participants will receive online training materials before the workshop*

**Price per person**  
 food and accomodation included

300 EUR - inscription before 30.04.2017  
 350 EUR - inscription before 31.05.2017  
 400 EUR - inscription before 30.06.2017  
**50% deposit and 50% at arrival**

**1 week kaba gaida workshop for all-level students - advanced, intermediate and complete beginners who have never touched kaba gaida before**

The workshop covers the basics of the kaba gaida performance and includes demonstrations, practice and theory.

At the end all participants will know:

- How to produce a stable sound;
- How to sing and play Rhodopean songs;
- What to do to improve their practice;
- The history, structure, maintenance and traditions of the kaba gaida.





## PROGRAM OF THE WORKSHOP

### Day 1

Arrival and accomodation; Visit of the Rahovitza domain;  
Introductions, questions and opening performance with kaba gaida.

### Day 2 - Day 6

Daily practice customized for each student corresponding to his/her skills. Learning new songs, ornamentation specifics, visiting local makers and performers.

### Day 7 - Saturday

Visit of the International Gaida Competition in the village Gela;

### Instructors

**Cvetelin Andreev** plays kaba gaida since 2005 trained by both Todor and Kostadin. He teaches kaba gaida basics since 2010 year both online and in person. Kostadin and Cvetelin are the founders of KabaGaida.Com - an online training platform teaching people from all ages and all around the world. They organize workshops, educational concerts and their Kaynak Pipers Band takes part in international events.

**Todor Mihaylov** is from Smolayn, Rhodope mountains and plays kaba gaida since childhood taught by Kostadin Ilchev. He is teaching internationally since 2005. Founder of Тъпани и Гайди band. Winner from the Bagpipe Festival in Gela.

**Kostadin Gerdzhikov** has been playing the gaida since he was 10 years old. He was inspired to start by his cousin Nikolay Belyashki who at the moment is a renown gaida player and maker. The greatest musical influences upon him were his first teacher Kostadin Ilchev and the famous traditional players from the village of Gela. A few times prizewinner from the Kaba Gaida Festival in Gela. He is one of the few most dedicated people on earth teaching more than 20 students and children worldwide.

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