

**A pre-ICTA conference tour:
Letter of Invitation to the Exhibition Opening Reception
at the Romanticism Museum in Opinogora**

July 25, 2023

Dear ICTA participants,

We are pleased to inform you that you are cordially invited to the exhibition opening reception **"Beauty and Prestige: Poland and the Ottoman Carpets,"** which will be held at the Romanticism Museum in Opinogora, Poland on September 17, 2023 at 18:00 -20.00 pm.

This exhibition, held by SOAC Art Consultancy & Curation and supported by the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will be held from September 18 to November 12, 2023 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey and the 100th anniversary of the treaty of friendship signed between Turkey and Poland at the Romanticism Museum (<https://muzeumromantyzmu.pl/>) in Opinogora. 11 Turkish carpets selected from the collection of the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts in Istanbul (TIEM) and several Ottoman and Polish carpets with the coat of arms from the collection of Polish and Hungarian museums will be displayed in the exhibition to emphasize how carpets had been popular in Polish society after the 17th century.

Venue: The Romanticism Museum in Opinogora

Date: September 17, 2023

Time: 18:00-20:00

We will visit the museums by bus from Warsaw. After the reception, the bus will bring you to the center of Warsaw. The participation is free of charge.

The meeting point: The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Warsaw

The meeting time: 14:00 PM (if you miss the bus, you can take a train to Ciechanow, and then take a public bus to Opinogora)

We will also visit another exhibition **"Fascination with Turkish art in Poland from the 15th to the 18th century"** at the Museum of Positivism in Golotczyzna on the way to Opinogora. This exhibition will be held to commemorate the museum's 50th anniversary of the Museum of Mazovian Nobility (<https://muzeumciechanow.pl/>), which is our collaboration museum.



Please confirm your availability before **August 15, 2023** by emailing us at carpetexhibitioninpoland23@gmail.com to let us know the number of the participants, the contact name, and the contact information (email and telephone number).

We look forward to your presence at the reception.

Yours Faithfully,

The Exhibition Organization Committee
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