

The Republic's Center for Mari Culture (Respublikyse marij tuvyra ruder) was created in November 1999 by a resolution of the Government of the Mari El Republic.

The Center organizes and actively participates in conducting ceremonial events of the traditional calendar: Shorykyol (Christmas), Uyarnya (Shrovetide) and Kugeche (Easter), Semyk (Semik), Agavayrem (Tillage Day), interregional and republican holidays (Peledysh Pairem (Flower Festival), Marii Taleshke Keche (National Hero Day), Marii Tishte Keche (Day of Mari Writing System), interregional festivals of national song).

The Centre holds celebrations of important events and dates, organizes concerts.

Every year the Center for Mari Culture participates in the activities of Mari communities in the Udmurt Republic, the Republic of Tatarstan, Bashkortostan, Sverdlovsk Region, Kirov Region, Leningrad Region, the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District, and St Petersburg.

The Center organizes master classes, creative laboratories, seminars, workshops, and contests, develops and realizes federal and regional projects, publishes print and electronic collections of scenarios and methodological manuals.

Working within the Center for Mari Culture are student organization "Rvezylyk", a national theater, choir "U muro", folk ensemble "Chon ongyr", and children's literature club "Marii sylnemut tunyashte".

The Center organizes and conducts popular parties "Marii Kas", "Rvezylyk".