

MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN PROGRAMME 2023

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1. OPENING TIMES Welcome Desk

The Welcome Desk in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2 will be open at the following times:

Thursday 2 nd November	19:00 – 20:30
Friday 3 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Saturday 4 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Sunday 5 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Monday 6 th November	10:30 – 13:00 14:30 – 16:30 19:30 – 20:30
Tuesday 7 th November	10:30 – 13:00 14:30 – 16:00
Wednesday 8 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Thursday 9 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Friday 10 th November	18:00 – 20:30
Saturday 11 th November	13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 12 th November	13:00 – 14:30

If you need help or information outside these times, please ask at the hotel's Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

Cash Prizes

Cash prizes must be collected between these times, from room Desertas II on Level 4 (ground floor), Tower 1 near the hotel Reception desk. Please bring a form of identification.

Friday 10 th November	18:00 – 20:30
Saturday 11 th November	10:00 – 11:00 13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 12 th November	19:30 – 20:30

Cash prizes must be collected between these times. Please bring your identity badge and a form of identification.

2. COLLECTION OF BADGES/ENTRIES

If you have booked in advance, you can collect your Identity Badge from the Welcome Desk.

You must bring your Identity Badge to all events, including Social events.

You will need to give us your 3-digit confirmation number. Please make a note of it. *At present there are no Covid restrictions but please check the latest requirements on the website.*

If you want to enter on the day, you will need to pay at the Welcome Desk (please see opening times, above), where you will be issued with an Identity Badge.

We can issue Identity Badges only to the person named on the badge.



YOU MUST SHOW YOUR BADGE AT ALL EVENTS (BRIDGE AND SOCIAL)

3. ENTRY FEES

Tournament packages and social events are available to purchase at the Welcome Desk.

Pairs	€170.00
Teams	€170.00
Pairs + Teams	€285.00
Pairs + Traditional Dinner	€200.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€310.00
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€315.00
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner + Closing Dinner	€330.00
Traditional Dinner*	€30.00
Friday Excursions*	€30.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€25.00
Closing Dinner	€45.00

*Early Bird promotion - €22.50 if booking with hotel package completed by 31st August 2023

4. MAIN BRIDGE PROGRAMME

6th – 12th November 2023

*Congress Room and Selvagens 1-2-3**

<u>Monday 6th</u>	20.30	Open Pairs entries close <i>(We will accept entries after this time at our discretion if the movement allows)</i>
	20.30	Warm-up Pairs
<u>Tuesday 7th</u>	16:00	Open Pairs Session 1
<u>Wednesday 8th</u>	16:00	Open Pairs Session 2
<u>Thursday 9th</u>	16:00	Open Pairs Session 3
	20:00	Final Results
<u>Friday 10th</u>	18:00	Teams assignments
	19:30	Teams entries close
	20.30	Teams Session 1 <i>(3 matches)</i>
<u>Saturday 11th</u>	11:00	Teams Session 2 <i>(2 matches)</i>
	13:15	Lunch break <i>(light lunch included)</i>
	14:30	Teams Session 3 <i>(4 matches)</i>
<u>Sunday 12th</u>	14:30	Teams Session 4 <i>(3 matches)</i>
	19:00	Final Results

*If numbers require it, we have the option of extending the playing area to another hotel nearby

Please arrive 20 minutes before start of play. Starting positions will be sent by email.

5. SIDE EVENTS

Pre-tournament

Congress Room

Payment at table. Please arrive at least 15 minutes in advance to guarantee a place.

Thursday 2rd 20:30

Portuguese Simultaneous Pairs - € 10

Friday 3th 16:00

IMP Pairs 1 – 1 session - € 10

Saturday 4th 16:00

IMP Pairs 2 - 1 session - € 10

Sunday 5th 16:00

Charity Tournament - € 15

Monday 6th 20:30

Warm-up Pairs - € 15

Post-tournament

Selvagens V

Monday 13th 20:30

Cool-down Pairs - € 10



Replay the hands with Mark Horton

Tuesday to Friday at 10.30, **Mark Horton** will conduct his "Mark your card" seminar, discussing the previous day's hands, in *Selvagens Room 1*



6. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 6th November 18:00

Welcome Cocktails *Vidamar*

Wednesday 8th November 20:45

Traditional Madeiran dinner of *espetada* with folk dancing and music.

Restaurant *O Lagar*, Camara de Lobos



Coach leaves from outside VidaMar Tower 2 at 20:15 (journey time 15 minutes). Return to the hotel at 23:30.

Friday 10th November 9.00/9.15/9.30

Excursions: see below for full details

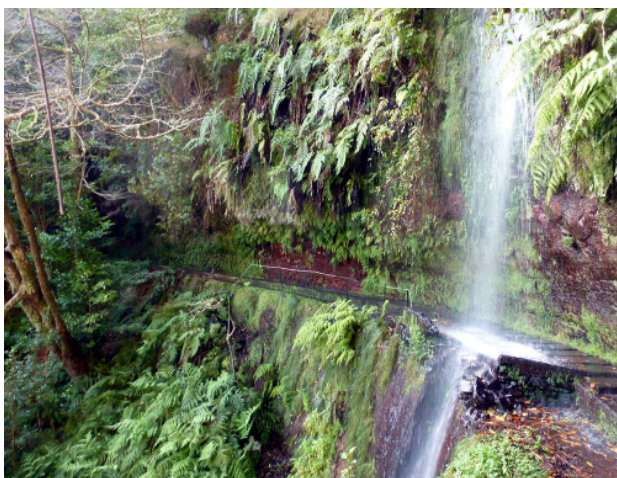
Sunday 12th November

Closing Dinner and trophy presentation 20:30
Ocean Room, Level 2, VidaMar

Excursions

Friday 10th November

Option A Levada walk (*½-day, lunch included*) 9.00
coach leaves hotel



The amazing Levada do Rei (King's Levada), which runs for 5.1km and takes about 3½ hours to walk. The levada offers spectacular views of the agricultural terraces of São Jorge and Santana. The walk starts and finishes in the same location and rises from 530m to 710m

along the contours of the island's interior through mature natural forest rich in biodiversity.

The tunnels formed by the luxuriant vegetation allow sight of a wide variety of species including Madeira laurels, bay trees, Madeira mahogany and animal species such as firecrest and finch. We will take lunch at the hotel Quinta do Furão and return to VidaMar at approximately 15:00.

Please bring good walking shoes or boots, a warm coat (in case of low temperatures in the mountains) and a bottle of water. Grade: easy; Distance: 7 km; Duration: approx. 2¼ hours.

Option B Over the Mountains (*full day, lunch included*) 9:15
coach leaves hotel

First stop Monte, a small village on the hills 6km above Funchal where you can see the remains of the almost-forgotten rack-and-pinion railway which used to connect Monte to Funchal, in particular the original base station which still stands at the foot of the hill. Monte is notable for its gardens and older green spaces, some of which are open to the public, and their exotic plants and flowers.



Monte is now linked to Funchal and the Botanical Gardens by cable car. Next we will head to Ribeiro Frio, taking in a 30-minute walk along the levada to the Miradouro dos Balcões, a route lined with beautiful trees, flowers and rock formations ending in a stupendous view of some of Madeira's highest peaks; along the way you will meet some of the island's birds, which are used to visitors. You can take the time to enjoy the vegetation and the superb landscapes. We will take lunch at the hotel Quinta do Furão in the Santana area. We return to Funchal via the Guindaste viewpoint, where we will make a brief stop to admire the breathtaking view of the north coast. Return to VidaMar ≈ 16.15.

Option C Catamaran adventure 9:30
coach leaves hotel



A relaxing trip along the south coast of Madeira, with a good chance of spotting whales and dolphins in all their magnificence and in their natural habitat. (3 hours)

7. HOTEL PACKAGES: EXTRA NIGHTS

	EARLY BOOKING*	SINGLE €	DOUBLE €	TRIPLE €
VIDAMAR	Side view	117.50	67.05	63.20
	✓ Full sea view	115.00	63.55	59.70
	✓ Full sea view	129.95	78.80	71.03
	✓ Premium sea view	127.45	75.30	67.53
	✓ Premium sea view	138.50	84.50	74.83
TERRACE MAR	✓	136.00	81.00	71.33
VILA BALEIRA		61.00	33.75	
FOUR VIEWS MONUMENTAL		61.50	36.50	
APTS MONUMENTAL PLAZA		68.00	36.50	
		79.00	40.00	

*Reservations made and paid for by 31st August

8. CONTACTS

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The Tourism Board for the Madeira Archipelago. Visit the website for information about events, activities, transport and accommodation in Madeira and Porto Santo



APM (MADEIRA PROMOTION BUREAU)

Non-profit association of the Regional Tourism Board and the Funchal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, for the development of a common strategy for promotion of Madeira.



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Regional government arm responsible for summer camps, internet cafés, youth associations, volunteering and other youth programmes.



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VIDAMAR RESORT MADEIRA

Our beautiful venue for the International Bridge Open, VidaMar Resort Madeira is one of three 5-star resorts in the hotel chain.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27TH MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

31st October – 11th November 2024

(Main events 5th – 11th November)