

MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN PROGRAMME 2024

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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 31 st October	19:00 – 20:30
Friday 1 st November	14:30 – 16:00
Saturday 2 nd November	14:30 – 16:00
Sunday 3 rd November	14:30 – 16:00
Monday 4 th November	10:00 – 16:30 19:30 – 20:30
Tuesday 5 th November	10:00 – 13:00 14:30 – 16:00
Wednesday 6 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Thursday 7 th November	14:30 – 16:00
Friday 8 th November	18:00 – 20:30
Saturday 9 th November	13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 10 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 8 th November	18:00 – 20:30
Saturday 9 th November	10:00 – 11:00 13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 10 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 the ID CODE which you received with your Reservation, e.g. B100. Please make a note of it.

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/€130*
Teams	€170.00/€130*
Pairs + Teams	€285.00/€225*
Pairs + Traditional Dinner	€200.00/€160*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€310.00/€250*
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€320.00/€260*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner + Closing Dinner	€330.00/€270*
Traditional Dinner	€35.00
Friday Excursions	€35.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€20.00
Closing Dinner	€50.00

*Special prices for Juniors (23 or under). Please bring your ID badge

4. MAIN BRIDGE PROGRAMME

4th – 10th November 2024

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

<u>Monday 4th</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 5th</u>	17:00	Open Pairs Session 1
<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	16:00	Open Pairs Session 2
<u>Thursday 7th</u>	16:00	Open Pairs Session 3
	20:00	Final Results
<u>Friday 8th</u>	18:00	Teams assignments
	19:30	Teams entries close
	20.30	Teams Session 1 <i>(3 matches)</i>
<u>Saturday 9th</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 10th</u>	14:30	Teams Session 4 <i>(3 matches)</i>
	19:00	Final Results

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 31st 20:30

Matchpoint Pairs - € 10

Friday 1st 16:00

IMP Pairs 1 – 1 session - € 10

Saturday 2nd 16:00

IMP Pairs 2 - 1 session - € 10

Sunday 3rd 16:00

Charity Tournament - € 15

Monday 4th 20:30

Warm-up Pairs - € 15

Post-tournament

Selvagens V

Monday 11th 20:30

Cool-down Pairs - € 10



6. Replay the hands with David Burn

Tuesday to Friday at 10.30, **David Burn** will conduct his review of the previous day's hands, in *Selvagens Room 1*



7. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Monday 4th November 18:00

Welcome Cocktails *Vidamar*

Wednesday 6th 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 8th November 9.00/9.15/9.30

Excursions: see below for full details

Sunday 10th November

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

EXCURSIONS Friday 8th November

Please be at the departure point 15 minutes in advance

Option A Over the Waves 9.30
coach leaves hotel



As you navigate in search of the perfect spot, the dolphins reveal themselves, playful, talkative and full of life. This three-hour wildlife spectacle will live long in memory. You might even strike lucky and see whales, turtles and seabirds. In good weather you can take an invigorating dip

in the warm waters off Cabo Girão. If the breezes are in our favour we switch off the engines and set sail, allowing the wind to guide us. This day out deserves to be experienced at least once in a lifetime.

What to bring: sunscreen, beach towel, swimming costume, warm jacket.

Option B Levada dos Cedros 9:00
(half-day, lunch included) coach leaves hotel

The Levada dos Cedros is an enchanting 7.2-kilometre trail of medium difficulty, which can be walked in about three hours. The magical route begins at Fanal. Enjoy the serenity of the Rest and Quiet Reserve in the Madeira Natural Park, where a century-old forest of til (*Ocotea foetens*) trees awaits you with its timeless beauty. Built in the 17th century, the Levada dos Cedros one of the oldest on the island.



Along the way you can explore the Laurissilva, an indigenous forest with trees 30 to 40 metres high. The trail passes along the slopes of Ribeira da Janela before ending at Curral Falso. This is the ideal moment to connect with the island's natural landscape, offering a deep connection between humans and nature.

What to bring: sunscreen, trainers or suitable walking shoes, warm jacket.

Option C Mystical Landscapes 9:15
(full day, lunch included) coach leaves hotel

Embark on a poetic journey, where nature designs every stop. Descend to Fanal via the mystical Paul da Serra, where serene cattle graze in a beautiful landscape surrounded by every shade of green. As you descend from Fanal, the Ribeira da Janela cave reveals its mysteries to the curious. As you continue your journey, the natural pools of Porto Moniz invite you to take an invigorating dip. Walk along the



promenade to a cosy restaurant, where the view is as pleasing as the meal. End this enchanted trip with a traditional poncha in Serra de Água, toasting good company and the beauty you've experienced.

What to bring: sunscreen, trainers or suitable walking shoes, warm jacket, beach towel, swimming costume.

8. CONTACTS

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

MADEIRA TOURISM



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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Our local City Council, based in the former Palace of the Counts of Carvalhal, built in 1758.

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Portuguese media and communications company with a regional base in Madeira, leader in cable television distribution and the home-video distributor for Walt Disney Pictures, Warner Bros., DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures releases in Portugal.

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Established in 1872 and the largest producer and distributor of beverages in the region, ECM manufactures and distributes its own brands of beers, soft drinks and water.

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

28TH MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

30th October – 10th November 2025
(main events 3rd – 9th November)