

MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

PROGRAMME 2025

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1. WELCOME DESK



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

Thursday 30st October	19:00 – 20:30
Friday 31st October	19:00 – 20:30
Saturday 1st November	14:30 – 16:00
Sunday 2nd November	14:30 – 16:00
Monday 3rd November	10:00 – 16:30
	19:30 – 20:30
Tuesday 4th November	10:00 – 13:00
	14:30 – 16:00
Wednesday 5th November	14:30 – 16:00
Thursday 6th November	14:30 – 16:00
Friday 7th November	17:00 – 19:00
Saturday 8th November	13:30 – 14:30
Sunday 9th November	13:00 – 14:30

2. BADGES

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

You will need to provide the BM Number which you received with your Reservation, e.g. BM 0000.

If you want to enter on the day, you will need to pay at the Welcome Desk, where you will be issued with an Identity Badge.

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



3. ENTRY FEES

Pairs	€180.00/€140*
Teams	€180.00/€140*
Pairs + Teams	€300.00/€240*
Pairs + Traditional Dinner	€210.00/€170*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner	€325.00/€260*
Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner	€330.00/€270*
Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner + Closing Dinner	€340.00/€280*
Traditional Dinner	€40.00
Friday Excursions	€40.00
Saturday Lunch (non-players)	€20.00
Closing Dinner	€50.00

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

4. BRIDGE PROGRAMME

4th - 10th November 2025

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

Monday 3rd	20:30 Open Pairs entries close 20:30 Warm-up Pairs
Tuesday 4th	16:00 Open Pairs Session 1
Wednesday 5th	16:00 Open Pairs Session 2
Thursday 6th	16:00 Open Pairs Session 3 20:00 Final Results
Friday 7th	17:00 Teams assignments 18:30 Teams entries close 19:00 Teams Session 1 (3 matches)
Saturday 8th	11:00 Teams Session 2 (2 matches) 13:15 Lunch break (light lunch included) 14:30 Teams Session 3 (4 matches)
Sunday 9th	14:30 Teams Session 4 (3 matches) 19:00 Final Results

Please arrive 20 minutes before start of play. Starting positions will be sent by email, posted on our website, and shared in our WhatsApp group.



5. SIDE EVENTS

Congress Room

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

Pre-tournament

Thursday 30th - Matchpoint Pairs - € 10	20:30
Friday 31st - IMP Pairs 1 (1 session) - € 10	16:00
Saturday 1st - IMP Pairs 2 (1 session) - € 10	16:00
Sunday 2nd - Charity Tournament - € 15	16:00
Monday 3rd - Warm-up Pairs - € 15	20:30

Post-tournament

Monday 10th - Cool-down Pairs - € 10	20:30
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6. REPLAY THE HANDS

MARK HORTON
Selvagens Room 1

Tuesday to Friday at 10:30, Mark Horton will conduct his review of the previous day's hands in Selvagens Room 1.



7. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Welcome Cocktails - VidaMar Hotel

Monday 3rd November 18:00



Traditional Madeiran dinner, espetada with folk dancing and music.

Wednesday 5th November 20:45

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



Closing Dinner and prize-giving
Ocean Room, Level 2, VidaMar

Sunday 9th November 20:30



EXCURSIONS

Friday 7th November

Please be at the departure point 15 minutes in advance

Option A - LEVADA WALK

9:00



Looking for an easy and breathtaking walk in Madeira? Come and explore Levada do Alecrim, a stunning trail in the heart of Rabaçal. This peaceful 1.5 to 2-hour hike takes you through lush green landscapes, alongside crystal-clear water channels, and leads to the beautiful Lagoa da Dona Beja, a hidden lagoon with a refreshing waterfall.

Perfect for all ages, this trail offers a relaxing way to connect with nature while enjoying incredible views. After the walk, a delicious lunch is included.

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

Option B - BUS TOUR

9:15



Experience the best of Madeira on this guided tour! We begin at Ribeiro Frio, where you can visit the trout farm and enjoy the beautiful Miradouro viewpoint, followed by a short hike along the Balções Trail. Next, we head to Santana to see the iconic traditional Madeiran houses.

Then enjoy a delicious lunch at the Quinta do Furão Hotel where you will have an incredible view. Afterwards we will visit the stunning Faial Miradouro before heading to Pipa for a taste of the island's traditional Poncha and a short, breathtaking coastal walk.

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

Option C - BOAT TRIP

9:30



As you search for the ideal spot, the dolphins make their appearance, playful, chatty, and full of energy. This three-hour wildlife experience will stay with you for years to come. If you're lucky, you might also spot whales, turtles and seabirds. On a sunny day, you can even take a refreshing swim.

If the winds are favourable, we'll turn off the engines and let the breeze carry us. This unforgettable adventure is something everyone should experience at least once in their life.

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

8. CASH PRIZES

Cash prizes must be collected between these times, from Desertas II on Level 4 (ground floor), Tower 1 near the hotel Reception desk.

Please bring a form of identification.

Friday 7th November	17:00 - 19:00
Saturday 8th November	10:00 - 11:00 13:30 - 14:30
Sunday 9th November	19:30 - 20:30

Cash prizes must be collected between these times. Please bring identification.

9. 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)

Non-profit association of the Regional 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.



ECM - MADEIRA BREWERY

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.



VIDA MAR HOTEL

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