

# MADEIRA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPEN

## PROGRAMME 2026

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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 29th October  | 19:00 – 20:30 |
| Friday 30th October    | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Saturday 31st November | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Sunday 1st November    | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Monday 2nd November    | 10:00 – 16:30 |
|                        | 19:30 – 20:30 |
| Tuesday 3rd November   | 10:00 – 13:00 |
|                        | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Wednesday 4th November | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Thursday 5th November  | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Friday 6th November    | 18:00 – 20:00 |
| Saturday 7th November  | 13:30 – 14:30 |
| Sunday 8th November    | 13:00 – 15:00 |

### 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 / Teams                                       | €185/€145* |
| Pairs + Teams                                       | €305/€245* |
| Pairs / Teams + Traditional Dinner                  | €215/€175* |
| Pairs / Teams + Closing Dinner                      | €230/€190* |
| Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner                  | €330/€270* |
| Pairs + Teams + Closing Dinner                      | €340/€280* |
| Pairs + Teams + Traditional Dinner + Closing Dinner | €355/€295* |
| 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



## 5. SIDE EVENTS

### Congress Room

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

#### Pre-tournament

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Thursday 29th - Matchpoint Pairs - € 10        | 20:30 |
| Friday 30th - IMP Pairs 1 (1 session) - € 10   | 16:00 |
| Saturday 31st - IMP Pairs 2 (1 session) - € 10 | 16:00 |
| Sunday 1st - Charity Tournament - € 15         | 16:00 |
| Monday 2nd - Warm-up Pairs - € 15              | 20:30 |

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Post-tournament                     | Selvagens V |
| Monday 9th - Cool-down Pairs - € 10 | 20:30       |

## 4. BRIDGE PROGRAMME

**2nd - 8th November 2026**

*Congress Room, Selvagens 1-2-3,  
Desertas and Ocean Room*

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

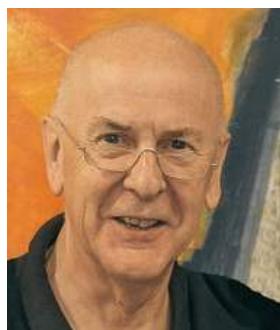
**Please arrive 20 minutes before start of play. Starting positions will be sent by email, posted on our website, and shared in our WhatsApp group.**



## 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 2nd November 18:00



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

Wednesday 4th November 20:45

*\*Coach departs from outside VidaMar Tower 2 at 20:15 (15-minute to Restaurant O Lagar). Return to the hotel at 23:30.*



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

Sunday 8th November 19:00

*\*This year, you can reserve your table between the 4th and the 7th at Welcome Desk.*



## EXCURSIONS

**Friday 6th November**

Please be at the departure point 15 minutes in advance

**Option A - LEVADA WALK**

**9:00**



Levada do Rei is an ideal levada walk for everyone, offering easy, accessible paths through the lush greenery of São Jorge in Santana. The 10 km trail takes about 3.5 hours and winds past streams, small waterfalls, and vibrant forest, providing a peaceful and immersive experience in Madeira's unique Laurissilva ecosystem.

With lunch included, this gentle hike is perfect for beginners, families, and nature lovers who want to enjoy both the scenery and a relaxing meal along the way.

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

**Option B - BUS TOUR**

**9:15**



Experience the best of Madeira on this full-day tour, starting at Monte to visit its historic church and gardens, then ascending to Pico do Areeiro, one of the island's highest peaks, for breathtaking mountain views. Enjoy the include lunch at a local restaurant in Ponta do Pargo and visit the nearby lighthouse, then explore the natural pools of Porto Moniz and the dramatic cliffs of Ribeira da Janela, with short walks at each stop to fully enjoy Madeira's stunning landscapes, before returning to the hotel, where the bus arrives around 16:00.

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



As you explore in search of the perfect location, the dolphins appear, curious, lively, and full of playful chatter. This three-hour wildlife excursion promises memories that will last a lifetime. With a bit of luck, you may also encounter whales, turtles, and seabirds. On bright, sunny days, there's even the chance to enjoy a refreshing swim.

When the winds cooperate, we'll switch off the engines and let the gentle breeze guide us. This remarkable journey is an experience everyone should enjoy at least once.

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

## 8. CASH PRIZES

Cash prizes must be collected between these times, from Tower II reception, Level 4 (ground floor), near the Welcome Desk.

Saturday 7th November 10:00 - 20:00

Sunday 8th November 10:00 - 18:30

*Please note that the final rankings for Pairs will be announced at 19:00 on the 6th and for Teams at 16:30 on the 8th.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TO COLLECT YOUR CASH PRIZE, A VALID ID IS REQUIRED.**

## 9. CONTACTS

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### OUR SPONSORS

#### DRD (REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SPORT)

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.

#### FUNCHAL CITY COUNCIL

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

#### MC COMPUTERS

Acknowledge regional IT leader, developing and managing projects for the biggest public and private clients.

#### NOS MADEIRA

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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Madeira International Bridge Open 2027**  
30th anniversary

**October 28th - November 8th, main events November 1th-7th**