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 October	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

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	14:00 Teams registration closes (guaranteed place) 19:00 Final deadline for Teams registration (no guaranteed place) 19:30 Publication of Teams assignments 20:00 Teams Session 1 (3 matches)
Saturday 7th	11:00 Teams Session 2 (2 matches) 13:15 Lunch break (light lunch included) 14:30 Teams Session 3 (4 matches)
Sunday 8th	11:00 Teams Session 4 (2 matches) 13:15 Lunch break 14:30 Teams Session 5 (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.

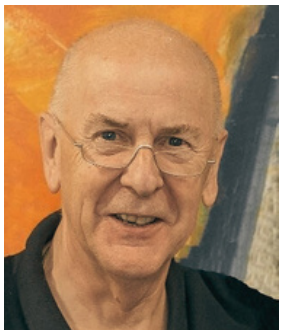
5. SIDE EVENTS

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

Pre-tournament	*Congress Room*
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 1 e 2*
Monday 9th - Cool-down Pairs - € 10	20:30

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.

Option C - BOAT TRIP **9:30**

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