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VENUE

San Gerg Corinthia & SAS Radisson
St Julians, Malta

DATES

OPENING CEREMONY 12TH JUNE
LADIES Pairs 13TH - 15TH JUNE
OPEN TEAMS 13TH - 26TH JUNE
LADIES TEAMS 16TH - 26TH JUNE
SENIORS TEAMS 17TH - 25TH JUNE
IBPA OUTING 17TH JUNE
VICTORY DINNER 26TH JUNE

ORGANISATION

European Bridge League
Malta Bridge Association

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Welcome to Malta

Malta warmly invites all participants to the 44th Generali European Teams Championships and also looks forward to welcoming the many ladies taking part in the 7th Generali European Ladies Pairs. The Executive of the EBL, in conjunction with Bridge Malta, has carefully selected the main venue hotels in St. George's Bay for the comfort and pleasure of the participants. Although only about 15 minutes gentle walk from the busy restaurant, bar, Casino and nightspot areas of Paceville and St. Julians, the main venue is located at the peaceful bay point by the waters edge. In mid June the weather will be a warm but dry heat probably about 27°C - 33°C midday normally cooling to a pleasant



21°C at night. Of course, these super modern hotels are air-conditioned throughout. Even at the five star hotels, dress is informal although smartly casual in the evenings (jackets and ties are *not* required throughout) but visitors to the Casino must wear a jacket. The Malta Bridge Association and the EBL have appointed Bridge Malta as Championship co-ordinators. Having organised four international bridge Festivals and a number of other events, the Bridge Malta principals, Margaret Parnis England and Mario Dix are well acquainted with the special needs of bridge players at this type of event. Bridge Malta are responsible for handling all hotel reservations and complimentary airport transfers.



At the Heart of the Mediterranean



Malta is safe and hassle free even for unaccompanied ladies. It is easy to get around using our cheap and popular ancient public bus system, although Taxis are expensive! Communication is easy as English is the main language spoken everywhere. Also,



when not at the bridge table and if not in a sightseeing mood, a multitude of outdoors activities is available including golf at the 18 holes Royal Malta Golf Club, tennis, diving, sailing and other water sports.

One of the major sponsors, The National Tourism Office of Malta, has made it their mission to welcome all European Bridge players and to ensure that both the

participants and spectators have a memorable and enjoyable stay. The opening ceremony, hosted by the NTOM, will be held

in the magnificent old Knights' Hospital in the capital city of Valletta. This spectacular venue will also give all participants a taste

of Malta's rich and fascinating heritage.

Malta is at the heart of the Mediterranean, less than 100 km. south of Sicily and under 300 km. from the Tunisian coast of North Africa. Malta offers a historic



setting dating back to Neolithic and Phoenician times, coupled with the culture

brought by the Knights of Malta. Because it is so small, 30 x 15 km., it will be easy for bridge Pairs "sitting out" to explore. Those who are less adventurous can relax by the pool or enjoy a swim in the clear warm, about 23°C, Mediterranean Sea.



Air Malta, the official carrier, is offering special discounts to all NBCOs for Officials,

Team players, IBPA Press and also to all supporters who are "registered Members" of their NBCO. To benefit from these fares contact Bridge Malta, or

an Air Malta office in your region for reservations. Members must present their

Bridge Membership card when collecting their tickets, as proof of eligibility.

It is important to note that the Opening Ceremony is on the evening of Saturday 12th June and that the closing Prize Giving and Dinner will be after play on Saturday 26th. Thus most

players will not be departing before Sunday 27th June. This means that you will be returning after 15 days *not* 14 days.

*Bridge Malta looks forward to welcoming
you to the 11th Annual
European Bridge Championships in 2009*

