



Sofia Bridge Festival

Mon 25th - Sun 31st May 2020

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate with me in the Sofia Bridge Festival - one of the world's foremost gatherings for social and competitive players alike.

Play Cafe Bridge in Sofia's bars and restaurants as guests of Serdika, Bulgaria's premier bridge club. Encounter with the great bridge competitors our generation. Join a programme of bridge and seminars in the halls of Sofia's great National Palace of Culture - and explore the landscapes and cultural delights of Bulgaria.

The package which I have negotiated is for a seven-day stay at four- or three-star hotel in central Sofia a short walk from the bridge. Included are:

- Accommodation in the centre of Sofia with breakfast and airport shuttle
- Cafe Bridge event (run by yours truly) followed by dinner at Serdika
- Gala dinner
- Multiple English-language seminars by international experts
- Duplicate pairs or teams sessions morning and afternoon, Tues-Weds + Fri-Sun in the National Palace of Culture

Flights not included. For date variations or any other questions, please enquire. The Sofia Bridge Festival is organised by BridgeLife Limited.



About Sofia

Sofia, Bulgaria's capital city and largest population centre, is located towards the west of the country and the border with Serbia. To the east is Bulgaria's second city of Plovdiv, and beyond that, the Turkish border. Sofia was originally inhabited by the Serdi, a Celtic tribe. The Serdi gave their name to the Roman province Serdica, and, indirectly perhaps, to Sofia's main bridge club.

Sofia lies at the foot of the Vitosha mountains and is a popular base for hiking. Cultural sites include the Ivan Vasov theatre, the Sofia Opera and Ballet, the Boyana Church and National Museum of History (a UNESCO world heritage site) and the Museum of Socialist Art.

About the National Palace of Culture

The National Palace of Culture is one of Europe's largest and best-appointed conference centres, designed by architect Alexander Barov and opened in 1981 based on an octagonal theme. It has eight floors and four panoramic terraces, many cafes and bars, and a metro station. It overlooks Bulgaria square and central Sofia beyond.

Cafe Bridge Sofia

The first ever cafe bridge I have organised outside the UK - a great adventure with the chance to meet players from all over the world. Restaurants and bars have been arranged by my colleague and festival organiser Stefan Skorchev, with a light dinner at the end of the day hosted by Serdika bridge club.



Bridge sessions

Two sessions of pairs or teams available every day except for Monday 25th ('warm-up') and Thursday 28th (Cafe Bridge Day). Events take place in our impressive playing hall in the National Palace of Culture. Partners and teammates found.

Gala dinner

The main gathering of the event - join the participants and organisers for a feast of national cuisine with traditional music and dancing.

Bridge Seminars

Multiple English-language bridge seminars will be given during the week by internationally famous bridge experts. Learn in person from the very best.

Four-star accommodation - Central Park Hotel Sofia

Super-comfortable hotel looking on to the Vitosha Massif and right next to the National Palace of Culture. Rooms are en-suite, breakfast included.

Three-star accommodation - Family Hotel Agoncev

A recently opened boutique hotel in the center of Sofia near the National Palace of Culture. Rooms are en-suite, breakfast included.



Prices

Festival booking fee with 4* Accommodation Seven nights, per person Breakfast and en-suite

- Classic:
€935 (Single) €725 (Sharing)
- Deluxe:
€1,015 (Single) €790 (Sharing)
- Executive:
€1,165 (Single) €870 (Sharing)
- Panorama Suite:
€1,450 (Single) €995 (Sharing)

Festival booking fee with 3* Accommodation Seven nights, per person Breakfast and en-suite

- Classic:
€710 (Single) €545 (Sharing)
- Deluxe:
€635 (Sharing only)
- Four-person suite (deluxe standard):
€545 (Sharing)

- **Festival booking fee includes: Entry to all social-track bridge sessions and seminars, Cafe bridge, Gala dinner, Airport shuttle.**
- **Accommodation choices are subject to availability at the time of booking.**
- **Shorter stays possible subject to availability, please enquire.**
- **Discounts available for non-bridge players, please enquire.**

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Booking Form

Please complete and send to Victor Lesk, Flat 15, 27 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LP, or email a scan or photo to brianplaysbridge@gmail.com. I will then send a quote for the trip based on the prices in the previous section.

Payment can be made in pounds sterling at the applicable exchange rate.

Principal contact for this booking:

Name _____

Email

Phone

Please circle your accommodation choices:

Room 1: 3* / 4* Single / Double / Twin / Quad Classic / Deluxe / Exec

- **Name 1**

- **Name 2**

- **Name 3**

- **Name 4**

Room 2: 3* / 4* Single / Double / Twin / Quad Classic / Deluxe / Exec

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- **Name 3**

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