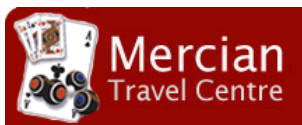


# MERCIAN DUBROVNIK CONGRESS

9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2008



**Sponsored by:**



**Hotel Excelsior,  
Dubrovnik, Croatia**





# Mercian Dubrovnik Congress

## Chief Tournament Director ~ David Jones

## Congress Manager ~ Peter Jordan



The Excelsior Hotel, Dubrovnik is the chosen venue for the first Overseas Congress to be sponsored by Mercian Travel. **Attendance at the congress is exclusive to delegates booking their package with Mercian.**

Please contact Mercian to book one of the standard packages set out below, to arrange a bespoke package, or to book accommodation only. The bridge fee is £104 for full congress and is payable to the EBU.

### Peter Jordan

For further details regarding travel and accommodation please contact:

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Hagley  
West Midlands DY9 0NG

Freephone  
**0800 036 8372**  
**(01562 887557)**



## THE 5\* HOTEL EXCELSIOR, DUBROVNIK, CROATIA OR 3\* HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Prices are based on sharing a twin room, inclusive of bed and breakfast, return flights and transfers.

### FLIGHT DETAILS: 08 OCTOBER 2008

Depart London Gatwick	1155 hrs.	Arrive Dubrovnik	1545 hrs.	BA2882
Depart Dubrovnik	1640 hrs.	Arrive London Gatwick	1825 hrs	BA2883
Depart London Heathrow	1700 hrs.	Arrive Zagreb	2015 hrs.	OU4491
Depart Zagreb	2100 hrs.	Arrive Dubrovnik	2155 hrs.	OU664
Depart Dubrovnik	0625 hrs.	Arrive Zagreb	0720 hrs.	OU661
Depart Zagreb	0825 hrs	Arrive London Heathrow	1100 hrs.	OU490
Depart Manchester	0730 hrs.	Arrive Dubrovnik	1135 hrs.	TOM3525
Depart Dubrovnik	1220 hrs.	Arrive Manchester	1430 hrs.	TOM3526

The above flights are operated by British Airways, Croatia Airlines and Thomsonfly and are subject to change. The flights shown above include all flight supplements, taxes and fuel charges.

Transfer time from the airport is approximately 20 minutes.

**Exeter and Birmingham flights are only available for 14 nights duration from 05 October 2008. Flights from Luton are available for 10 nights duration from 07 October 2008.**

**For further details, please contact Mercian Bridge.**

	7 NIGHTS	10 NIGHTS	14 NIGHTS
<b>HOTEL EXCELSIOR</b>	£789	£1025	£1349
<b>HOTEL LERO</b>	£589	£719	£899

### SUPPLEMENTS:-

#### Hotel Excelsior

Single Room Supplement £39.00 p.p.p.n.  
Single Room Sea View Supplement £59.00 p.p.p.n.  
Half Board Supplement £20.00 p.p.p.n.

#### Hotel Lero

Single Room Supplement £22.00 p.p.p.n.  
Half Board Supplement £4.00 p.p.p.n.

### INSURANCE

We are happy to recommend travel insurance, which has been arranged by AULTernative Travel Insurance and is underwritten by Templeton Insurance Ltd. Please call Mercian Travel on 0800 036 8372 for full details.



# THE ENGLISH BRIDGE UNION MERCIAN DUBROVNIK CONGRESS



9th-14th October 2008

## Programme

<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	8:15pm – 11:30pm	<b>Pre-Congress Pairs</b>
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	2:30pm – 5:45pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session I (3 matches)
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session II (3 matches)
<b>Friday 10th</b>	2:30pm – 6:30pm	<b>Swiss Pairs</b> , session III (4 matches)
	<i>Free evening</i>	
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	2:30pm – 5:45pm	<b>Open Pairs</b>
	8:15pm – 11:45pm	<b>Pivot Teams</b>
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<i>Free day</i>	
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	<b>Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Pairs</b>
<b>Monday 13th</b>	2:30pm – 5:45pm	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session I (3 matches)
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session II (3 matches)
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	2:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>Swiss Teams</b> , session III (4 matches)

***The two Swiss events are  
Green Pointed***

## Master Points

The Swiss Pairs Championship and Swiss Teams Championship are both fully Green Pointed.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Green Point per match won or drawn, with bonus ranking points to the top quarter of the field (winners = 4). Local Points will be awarded in all other tournaments on the National Congress scale.

28 OCT 07	SOL DON PABLO	TORREMOLINOS	7-147 NIGHTS
04 NOV 07	RIU GREEN PARK	TUNISIA	7-133 NIGHTS
23 DEC 07	HAVEN HOTEL	POOLE	5 NIGHTS
11 JAN 08	MARE NOSTRUM	TENERIFE	7 & 14 NIGHTS
11 JAN 08	PLAYA LA ARENA	TENERIFE	7-28 NIGHTS
11 JAN 08	TWO CENTRE	TENERIFE	14 NIGHTS
20 JAN 08	HOTEL ACCRA BEACH	BARBADOS	14 NIGHTS
06 FEB 08	LAND OF THE PHARAOHS	LUXOR	14 NIGHTS
02 MAR 08	HOTEL BELLEVUE	DUBROVNIK	7 & 14 NIGHTS
31 MAR 08	CROWNE PLAZA	PETRA	10 NIGHTS
11 APR 08	DANUBIUS HEALTH SPA	BUDAPEST	7 NIGHTS
12 APR 08	DEDEMAN HOTEL	TURKEY	14 NIGHTS
20 APR 08	TOORAK HOTEL	TORQUAY	5 NIGHTS
01 MAY 08	HOTEL ASTAREA	CROATIA	14 NIGHTS
09 MAY 08	HOTEL REGINA ELENA	ITALY	14 NIGHTS
02 JUNE 08	GISBOROUGH HALL	NORTH YORKSHIRE	4 NIGHTS
12 JUNE 08	GRAND HOTEL DU PARK ET REGINA	TUSCANY	10 NIGHTS
31 AUG 08	HISTRION HOTEL	SLOVENIA	14 NIGHTS
03 SEP 08	SUNNYSIDE OF THE ALPS	SLOVENIA	14 NIGHTS
01 OCT 08	LAKE HOTEL	KILLARNEY	10 NIGHTS

### **CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, PETRA, JORDAN 31 MARCH 2008 – 10 NIGHTS.**



*Petra*

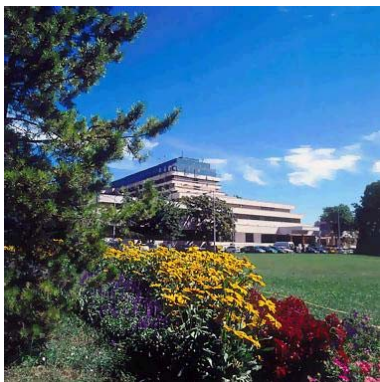
Petra is often described as the eighth wonder of the ancient world and on our holiday you will see the best of Petra and Jordan as all the excursions are included in the price.

Accommodation is at the four star Crowne Plaza Hotel. The hotel has 147 en-suite deluxe rooms and suites, all with air conditioning, cable/satellite television, coffee/tea making facilities, hairdryer, safe, iron, and mini bar. There is an outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and tennis court. Relax in the cocktail lounge or Cave Bar and enjoy international cuisine in one of the three restaurants.

Flights are from London Heathrow. The cost of this holiday is £1135.00 per person (including flights) and single supplement £192.00 per person.

## MERCIAN BRIDGE HOLIDAYS 2007-2008

### DANUBIUS HEALTH SPA RESORT, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 11 APRIL 2008 – 7 NIGHTS.



*Danubius Health Spa Resort*

Located in the heart of Budapest, on beautiful Margaret Island, in the middle of the Danube. It is within easy reach of the centre of Budapest.

The four star hotel has 267 en-suite rooms, all with hairdryer, air conditioning, satellite television, safe, mini bar and balcony. The main restaurant offers international and Hungarian cuisine, there are two bars and the Kamilla Coffee Shop serves light meals. There is a hairdresser, beauty salon, florist and souvenir shop. The Wellness Centre has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sun terrace, whirlpool, Jacuzzi, steam bath and sauna. Spa and beauty treatments are available (payable locally).

The cost of this holiday is £539.00 per person (not including flights). The single supplement is £34.00 per person per night. There are several “no frills” airlines flying to Budapest, so please call Mercian for a quote and we can arrange flights for you.

### HISTRION HOTEL, PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA 21 AUGUST 2008 – 14 NIGHTS

Portoroz lies on the northern side of Piran Bay, it is an attractive modern seaside resort with many bars, cafes, restaurants and shops. Close by is the pretty town of Piran with its well-preserved town walls, churches and stone palaces.

The four star Hotel Histron is right by the Adriatic Sea. All 276 comfortably furnished rooms have air conditioning, telephone, satellite television, radio, mini bar and either overlook the sea or the Laguna Bernardin. There are two main restaurants, Café Istra and lobby bar. The hotel has a Wellness Centre where you can pamper yourself with beauty and spa treatments (payable locally) and an indoor swimming pool.

The flights are from Stansted. The cost of this holiday is £895.00 per person (including flights). The single supplement is £21.00 per person per night. The sea view supplement is £3.00 per person per night.



*Histron Hotel, Portoroz*

## 5 \* HOTEL EXCELSIOR, DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

The Hotel Excelsior, a luxury five star hotel, is one of the most popular hotels in Croatia, situated only a short walk from the historical centre of Dubrovnik. This hotel was first opened in 1913 and in those times was called the Hotel Odak, since then it has undergone several reconstructions and refurbishments.

There are 152 rooms and 13 junior suites, the bathrooms have hairdryers, toiletries, slippers and bathrobes. All rooms have cable/satellite television, air-conditioning/central heating, mini bar and safe. Some rooms have balcony and sea view (at a supplement).

The restaurant is decorated in a modern style and offers international and local cuisine. The Taverna Rustica offers traditional Croatian cuisine, or you can relax in the Piano Bar with cocktails on the terrace.



*Hotel Excelsior*

There is an indoor heated swimming pool with an exit to the private beach where there are breathtaking views to the Old City and the island of Lokrum. There is a well equipped fitness centre, Jacuzzi and sauna. Massage and beauty treatments are available (payable locally).

The Excelsior offers a variety of amenities, such as a boutiques, gift shop, hairdresser, laundry service, dry cleaning, currency exchange, doctor on call, car parking and car rental.

## 3\* HOTEL LERO, DUBROVNIK



*Hotel Lero*

The Hotel Lero is a 3 star hotel located by the beach and just over 1 km from the old city of Dubrovnik. Close to the hotel there is a sports centre with tennis courts. A complimentary shuttle bus will be provided to take you to the Hotel Excelsior.

The hotel has 152 rooms, all with shower, toilet, hairdryer, television, air conditioning, mini bar and direct dial telephone. The rooms have either sea views or are overlooking the park.

There is an aperitif bar where you can enjoy a drink or cocktail. Meals are buffet style in the main restaurant and there is also an a la carte restaurant serving local and international meals and seafood specialities.

The Hotel Lero has a souvenir shop, hairdresser, massage facilities and internet club.



*Dubrovnik Panorama*

## CROATIA

Croatia has a coastline that stretches thousands of kilometres, and has more than 1,000 offshore islands, pretty Venetian old towns, spoilt countryside

and rugged mountain ranges. As there are few sandy beaches, the sea is crystal clear, ideal for snorkelling, diving and sailing.

## DUBROVNIK

Set on a peninsula jutting out into the Adriatic, Dubrovnik is one of the prettiest places in the world, it is protected by UNESCO's World Heritage programme. A town founded in the first half of the 7<sup>th</sup> century when Epidaurus (the present day Cavtat) was destroyed by invaders. This medieval walled city is a thousand years old and an architectural marvel. Entering through the gates into this closed city is taking a step back into history.



*Folk costume*



*Orlando Sculpture, Dubrovnik*

The city has just over 2 km of city walls (built between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century), which are well worth walking around as the views are spectacular. The most important museums and collections are the Dubrovnik Museum at the Rector's Palace, the Dubrovnik Maritime Museum, Ethnographi Museum and the Cathedral Treasury. There are also many monasteries and churches to visit. A range of optional excursions will be provided to enable you to see the best of Croatia.

## ENTRY FORM:

# MERCIAN DUBROVNIK CONGRESS

**Hotel Excelsior, Dubrovnik – 9th–14th October 2008**

**Please complete this form and return it to:** Competitions Department,  
English Bridge Union, Broadfields, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP19 8AZ.  
Tel: 01296 317203/5. Fax: 01296 317220

**Player 1** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (surname) (title)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Post code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Player 2** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (surname) (title)

EBU No:	Post code
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**Player 3** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (surname) (title)

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**Player 4** \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (surname) (title)

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**In the interests of security we would advise that all credit card payments are made over the telephone.**

**Bridge Fees: £104.00 per player**