

MERCIAN TENERIFE CONGRESS

4th - 9th February 2009



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**Mare Nostrum Resort,
Tenerife**



Mercian Tenerife Congress

Chief Tournament Director ~ David Jones

Congress Manager ~ Peter Jordan



The Mare Nostrum Resort is the chosen venue for the second 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 £110 for full congress and is payable to the EBU.

Peter Jordan

For further details regarding travel and accommodation please contact:

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MARE NOSTRUM RESORT, TENERIFE

TRAVEL DATES – 3RD–10TH FEBRUARY 2009

Prices are based on sharing a twin room, inclusive of bed and breakfast, transfers and the following Monarch flight from London Gatwick.

Depart Gatwick	08.30 hrs.	Arrive Tenerife	12.40 hrs.
Depart Tenerife	13.40 hrs	Arrive Gatwick	17.40 hrs.

If you require a flight other than the Monarch flight shown above, a flight supplement may apply. Please call Mercian to check availability and prices.

There are many flights from various airports in the U.K. to Tenerife, for example:-

Glasgow	Edinburgh	Newcastle	Bristol
Manchester	Liverpool	East Midlands	Cardiff
Birmingham	Luton	Stansted	
London Gatwick	Bournemouth	Leeds Bradford	

Transfer time from the airport is approximately 20 minutes.

HOTEL	7 NIGHTS	10 NIGHTS	14 NIGHTS	
MARE NOSTRUM ROMAN AREA	£699	£879	£1089	B & B
HOTEL LAS PALMEROS 4 STAR	£659	£829	£1039	Half Board

SUPPLEMENTS:-

Mare Nostrum - Mediterranean Palace

Single Room Supplement £20.00 p.p.p.n.

Mare Nostrum - Roman Area

Single Room Supplement £41.00 p.p.p.n.

Hotel Las Palmeras

Single Room Supplement £16.00 p.p.p.n.

A deposit of £135 per person is required by Mercian to secure the booking.

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 TENERIFE CONGRESS



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Programme

Tuesday 3rd	8:15pm – 11:30pm	Pre-Congress Pairs
Wednesday 4th	2:30pm – 5:45pm	Swiss Pairs , session I (3 matches)
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	Swiss Pairs , session II (3 matches)
Thursday 5th	2:30pm – 6:30pm	Swiss Pairs , session III (4 matches)
	<i>Free evening</i>	
Friday 6th	2:30pm – 5:45pm	Open Pairs
	8:15pm – 11:45pm	Pivot Teams
Saturday 7th	<i>Free day</i>	
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Pairs
Sunday 8th	2:30pm – 5:45pm	Swiss Teams , session I (3 matches)
	8:15pm – 11:30pm	Swiss Teams , session II (3 matches)
Monday 9th	2:00pm – 6:30pm	Swiss Teams , 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.

02 JUNE 08	GISBOROUGH HALL	NORTH YORKSHIRE	4 NIGHTS
12 JUNE 08	GRAND HOTEL DU PARK ET REGINA	TUSCANY	10 NIGHTS
03 SEP 08	SUNNYSIDE OF THE ALPS	SLOVENIA	14 NIGHTS
18 SEP 08	HOTEL EDEN	PORTUGAL	10 NIGHTS
01 OCT 08	LAKE HOTEL	KILLARNEY	10 NIGHTS
05 OCT 08	AVANTI HOTEL	CYPRUS	14 NIGHTS
06 OCT 08	CLIFFESIDE HOTEL	BOURNEMOUTH	4 NIGHTS
26 OCT 08	SOL DON PABLO	TORREMOLINOS	7-154 NIGHTS
01 NOV 08	BARCELO RIVIERA	MALTA	14 NIGHTS
04 NOV 08	HOTEL ARGENTINA	DUBROVNIK	14 NIGHTS
02 NOV 08	RIU GREEN PARK	TUNISIA	7-140 NIGHTS
22 DEC 08	TOORAK HOTEL	TORQUAY	5 NIGHTS
23 DEC 08	THE HAVEN HOTEL	POOLE	5 NIGHTS
09 JAN 09	SAN FELIPE	TENERIFE	14 NIGHTS
09 JAN 09	PLAYA LA ARENA	TENERIFE	7-28 NIGHTS
15 JAN 09	HOTEL ACCRA BEACH	BARBADOS	14 NIGHTS
04 FEB 09	LAND OF THE PHARAOHS	LUXOR	14 NIGHTS
03 MAR 09	HOTEL ARGENTINA	DUBROVNIK	7-28 NIGHTS
18 APR 09	HOTEL MEDITERAN	MONTENEGRO	14 NIGHTS

GOLF HOTEL, LAKE BLED, SLOVENIA

03 SEPTEMBER 2008 – 14 NIGHTS



Golf Hotel, Lake Bled

Bled is situated on the edge of Triglav National Park and renowned as one of the most beautiful alpine resorts. The Golf Hotel is surrounded by numerous majestic ancient trees and prides itself on its location right in the heart of Bled. The views across the lake, the island, the castle and the towering peaks of the Julian

and Karavanke Alps are spectacular.

The completely renovated four star hotel has 150 guest rooms all equipped with en-suite bathrooms, cable TV, mini bar and balcony (some rooms have a lake view). There are three restaurants and an Aperitif Bar. The Wellness Centre has an outdoor swimming pool, indoor heated swimming pools, saunas, whirlpools and a wide range of health and beauty treatments (payable locally). Just 4 km. from the hotel is the 18 hole golf course. This area is ideal if you enjoy walking and beautiful countryside.

The basic cost of this holiday is £815.00 per person (not including flights). Single Room Supplement £16.00 per person per night. Twin Room Lake View Supplement £8.00 per person per night.

MERCIAN BRIDGE HOLIDAYS 2008/09

HOTEL EDEN, ESTORIL, PORTUGAL 15 SEPTEMBER 2008 – 10 NIGHTS

Located on Portugal's south west coast, Estoril is a cosmopolitan resort and boasts the renowned Estoril Casino where you can enjoy dinner and an International cabaret show. Palm lined avenues, elegant buildings and an air of grandeur reflect the resorts link with the rich and famous.

The 4 star Hotel Eden is situated in a slightly elevated position above the main coast road, with shops and bars nearby. There are 162 en-suite rooms, all with hairdryer, air conditioning, minibar/fridge, tea and coffee making facilities and television.

There is an outdoor swimming pool, indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and access to the beach via a pedestrian tunnel. The hotel has a main bar and

poolside bar. There are two restaurants - one buffet style and one a la carte, serving Portuguese and international cuisine.

The basic cost of this holiday is £875.00. Single Room Supplement £35.00 per person per night.



Estoril

HOTEL AVANTI, PAPHOS, CYPRUS 05 OCTOBER 2008 – 14 NIGHTS.



Hotel Avanti, Paphos

The Avanti Hotel is located close to the beach and approximately 15 minute walk to picturesque Paphos harbour.

This 4 star hotel has 243 en-suite rooms, all with hairdryer, satellite television, air conditioning/heating, radio, direct dial telephone, mini bar and safety deposit box

(payable locally). There are several restaurants and bars. Sports and leisure facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, indoor heated pool, tennis courts and six full sized floodlit bowling rinks.

Paphos, the former capital of the island, blends old and new but still retains its charm. With the old town a maze of winding streets, vibrant open air cafes and a quaint harbour shaded by the ancient fortress, Paphos has some of the finest examples of mosaic floors found anywhere in the Mediterranean, an impressive Byzantine castle and the tombs of the kings are other reminders of the area's ancient history.

The basic cost of this holiday is £975.00 per person. Single Room Supplement £17.00 per person per night.

MARE NOSTRUM RESORT, PLAYA DE LAS AMERICAS, TENERIFE



Mare Nostrum Resort

The Mare Nostrum Resort is located in the south of the island by the white sandy beach of Playa del Camisón. The hotel complex is on the outskirts of Playa de las Americas, where there is a wide traffic-free promenade with plenty of shops, cafes and bars where you can relax.

The resort has 1038 en-suite rooms, all with hairdryer, safe, satellite television,

air conditioning, direct dial telephone and mini bar.

There are seven themed restaurants, two international restaurants, two snack bars and 24 hour room service.

The leisure facilities include four swimming pools, jacuzzi, tennis courts, squash courts, mini golf, gym, fitness centre and a sauna. Massage and beauty treatments are also available at the Spa (payable locally). There is a hair-dresser and boutique. Close by are several excellent golf courses.



Mare Nostrum Resort.

HOTEL LAS PALMERAS, PLAYA DE LAS AMERICAS, TENERIFE



Hotel Las Palmeras

Centrally located on Playa de las Americas beach, next to the sea and with direct access to the promenade, the Hotel

Las Palmeras hotel is surrounded by extensive subtropical gardens.

There are 414 en-suite rooms, all with hairdryer, air conditioning, television, minibar and safe (payable locally).

The main restaurant is buffet style with “show cooking”, there is a snack bar, two bars and a poolside bar. Guests can enjoy a daytime and evening entertainment programme.

The hotel has two swimming pools, tennis courts, hairdresser, shops, games room, television lounge, room and laundry service. There is golf close by.

TENERIFE



National Park of Las Cañadas

The Canary Islands are renowned for their winter sun and pleasant all year round climatic conditions. The largest of the Canary Islands, Tenerife measures 60

miles long and up to 37 miles wide and is dominated by a central mountain range topped with the 12,000-ft Pico del Teide. The mountain, an extinct volcano, is crowned by a gigantic crater, 12 miles in diameter, contained within the National Park of Las Cañadas. The island also boasts lush tropical forests, spectacular valleys, sheer cliffs and beaches of both golden and dark volcanic sand. The green and humid north coast, whose main resort is Puerto de la Cruz, contrasts with the dry, hot southern areas and the newer resorts of Playa de las Americas and Los Cristianos.

PLAYA DE LAS AMERICAS

The hotel complex is on the outskirts of Playa Las Americas, where there is a wide traffic-free promenade with plenty of shops, cafes and bars where you can sit and watch the world go by. Arona comprises three coastal zones - Playa de las Americas, Los Cristianos, Costa del Selencio / Las Galletas and Rural Arona make up an ideal municipal for those looking for a wide variety of attractions. There are catamaran trips from Playa Las Americas to see whales and dolphins, on Sundays there is a market in Los Cristianos, there are various tours around the island and to Icod and Garachico.



Whale watching

EXCURSIONS

We will be offering you a range of optional excursions. To enable Mercian to have exclusive, English speaking guides, we have to have a minimum of 20 people on each excursion.



Teide in mist

Half Day to Las Canadas del Teide and Vilaflor

Half Day to Masca and Los Gigantes

Full Day to Loro Parque and Puerto de la Cruz

ENTRY FORM:

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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 _____

_____ Post code _____

Tel: (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

EBU No:

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)

EBU No:	Post code
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In the interests of security we would advise that all credit card payments are made over the telephone.

Bridge Fees: £110.00 per player