

The Hotel Riviera is situated in a privileged area very close to Carcavelos Beach — considered to be the best of the various beaches in the area - and centrally located in relation both to Lisbon city and other places of great historic interest such as Cascais and Sintra. A prestigious hotel, whose opening marks a new era of modern tourism, built in a privileged area, close to the magnificent Carcavelos Beach, on the Estoril Coast, 5 km from Cascais and 20 km from Lisbon.

130 Rooms and Suites, all equipped with air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, minibar, safety deposit box, trousers press and hair dryer. American Buffet Breakfast. Room Service 24 hours. Broad Band Internet Connection in all rooms. Restaurant with Traditional Portuguese and International Cuisine. Meeting rooms with natural light up to 180 persons. Outdoor pools (adults and children). Snack Bar by the swimming pools (during Summer). Spa with sauna, turkish bath, massage rooms, gymnasium and indoor swimming pool. Rent a car. Laundry. Baby-sitter service (on request). Private parking and garage. Shopping Center with 52 shops. Bar with music. 2 panoramic lifts. Rent-a-bike. Tennis Court.

"Special Backgammon Rate":99€/night (single or double occupancy), including breakfast. Please make your reservation quickly and mention "backgammon" upon booking. Rooms at the backgammon rate are limited and requests after filling the quota or passing the cut-off date (July 15th) will be accepted on a space-and-rate available basis.

Average temperatures in Carcavelos in August: 33°C and sunny !!!

Please book before 15th July 2017, mentioning "Backgammon", per email: reservas@rivierahotel.pt or info@world-backgammon-association.com



Past Winners:

2016: Michihito "Michi" KAGEYAMA (Japan)

2015: Vincenzo RICEPUTI (Italy)

2014: Michihito "Michi" KAGEYAMA (Japan)

2013: Jürgen ORLOWSKI (Germany)

2012: Inga VIGH-PEDERSEN (Denmark)

2011: Paul WEAVER (USA)

2010: Clive KAYE (England)

2009: Franz-Josef BERG (Austria) R.I.P.

2008: Matvey "Falafel" NATANZON (Israel)

2007: Michel SERRERO (France) 2006: Jean-Philippe ROHR (France)



10 - 15 August 2017







"José Salema Memorial"

Portuguese Open



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XII Portuguese Open 2017

This year's Portuguese Open will be marked as "José Salema Memorial", the well-known international backgammon traveler, high-roller and casino-lover from Portugal who sadly passed away in the past year. José contributed to the Portuguese Open to take place many years ago. We will keep his memory alive by celebrating backgammon near his residence in Portugal. The "sunshine, beach and family" event will take place for the 12th time in a row at the Riviera Hotel**** in Carcavelos with shops, restaurants, cafés and the beach nearby. The very loose schedule will allow vacation on the beach, extensive social dinners with friends, daily Chouette action by the pool and sightseeing trips in the morning. Various side-events will be lined up and we'll have "farewell"-drinks on the beach after the awards ceremony and the finger-food on the last day. Come and enjoy the excellent food and wines, the warm sunshine, the sandy beaches and the inexpensive and lavish lifestyle, after the Monte Carlo tournaments, and enjoy as a contrast the relaxing "backgammon holidays" among friends and with your family. Make sure to reserve your room quickly since the hotel is always quickly sold out in August.

Events and Fees:

"José Salema Memorial" (limited to 32 players, first come, first served): free entry +25 € registration / 5 point matches, Single Elimination, clock preference, First Prize: exclusive fmgammon-board (valued 1.000 €)

PORTUGUESE MASTERS (Elite): 440 € entry + 60 € registration + 10 € cocktail mandatory before 15th July 2017 / optional side-pool 150 € (95% return)/9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory Registrations for the PORTUGUESE MASTERS must be made via email (info@world-backgammon-association.com), before 15th July 2017. Late registrations (after 15th July) may be subject to an additional 20 € fee.

PORTUGUESE MASTERS (Leisure): $80 \in \text{entry} + 20 \in \text{registration} + 10 \in \text{cocktail mandatory, match length and format to be defined, depending on the number of entries.}$

SIDE-EVENTS: Doubles: 250 € per team (85% return), 7 points, single elimination, clock mandatory

SpeedGammon: 25 € (85% return), re-entries allowed, 5 points, time setting: 2 min. total bank time + 10 sec. per move

DMP-Challenge: 10 € [85% return], multiple entries allowed

Mini-Jackpots (4 players): 25 €, 50 €, 100 € available during all weekend Tournament Organization: LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by World Backgammon Association LLC. [WBA] Tournament Direction: Chiva Tafazzoli [WBA]

NB: For players not staying in the tournament hotel during the entire tournament days, there will be a 100€ fee to cover for the penalty charge regarding the room quota (does not apply to local players. No other exceptions). Make your room reservation quickly as the hotel is always booked out in the summer.

General Conditions:

Only cash payments in €uro will be accepted. The WBA tournament rules will apply. This event is by invitation only, thus the tournament committee and directors reserve the right to refuse application or admittance without giving due reason. The usage of official tournament precision dice is mandatory. Clocks are mandatory in Elite Group, Doubles and SpeedGammon matches. Tournament trophies will be presented during the awards ceremony only. Leaving the tournament room without informing the Tournament Director and / or staff might result in penalty points and forfeit. The Tournament Director's ruling is final, unless over-ruled by the Ruling Committee.

PROGRAM*:

	10. August	11. August	12. August	13. August	14. August	15. August
11:00	Chouette by the pool	Chouette by the pool	Chouette by the pool	Chouette by the pool	Chouette by the pool	Chouette by the pool
14:00	Registration	Elite R1 (9 points)	Elite R4 (9 points)	Elite R7 (9 points)	Elite R9 (9 points)	Super-Jackpot R3 + 4
15:00	Start Jose Salema Memorial		Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Elite R12 (9 points) Start Ultimate Fight
16:00		Elite R2 (9 points)	Elite R5 (9 points)	Elite R7 (9 points)	Elite R10 (9 points)	
17:00			Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Elite R13 (9 points)
18:00		Elite R3 (9 points)	Elite R6 (9 points)	Elite R8 (9 points)	Elite R11 (9 points)	
19:00			Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	Jackpots/Speed/DMP	
20:00	Social Sushi Dinner	Dinner Break	Dinner Break	Dinner Break	Dinner Break	Awards & Cocktail
22:30	Doubles Round 1	Doubles Round 2	Doubles Round 3	Doubles Round 4	Super-Jackpot R1 + 2	Beach Party

* The director reserves the right to change the format and match length of any event. Times will be adhered to as close as possible in the case of changes.

Format:

T-Swiss Format applies in all divisions. Pairings and byes are computerized. player is out as soon as he loses 3 matches and can still win the tournament with 2 losses.

Prize Distribution**

Winner: 40% / 2**; 25% / 3**; 15% / 4**; 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10% ** Prize Distribution is subject to adjustment by the Tournament Director, based on the number of player **Main event based on 50+ players:** Winner: 30% / 2"4; 25% / 3"4; 20% / 4"; 15% / 5"; 10% / No Ultimate Figh**t** 2¹⁴: 30% / 3¹⁴: 20% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10% (based on 30 players, 30-50 players pays 4 prizes, 50+ players pays 5 prizes) Main event based on <30 players: Winner: 40%Main event based on 30-49 players: