

Victor's

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133 rooms (including special rooms for physically challenged guests), Bar, Restaurants, Parking, Bus-station (public transportation) in front of the hotel.

All rooms feature 32" Flatscreen TV, free worldwide calls to land-based and mobile numbers, free wireless internet (W-LAN), deposit safe.

Special "Backgammon Rate":

85 € / night Single Occupancy, including: breakfast, Sky-TV, free worldwide phone calls to land-based and mobile phones, free wireless internet, VAT
95 € / night Double Occupancy, including: breakfast, Sky-TV, free worldwide phone calls to land-based and mobile phones, free wireless internet, VAT

Cut-off date: 22 January 2016.

After that date, the room rate will depend on availability only.

Please book before January 21st 2016, mentioning "Backgammon" at: reservierung.berlin@victors.de or call: +49 - (0)30 - 21914573



Direction from International Airport Berlin-Tegel (about 14km away):
Taxi (around 30 minutes) or take the Express-bus TXL to "Alexanderplatz", then change to public bus line 200 towards "Michelangelostrasse", Victor's Residency Hotel is just in front of the bus stop "Am Friedrichshain" (around 50 minutes).

Winners:

2015: Miika LAPPALAINEN (Finland)
2014: Haris CHRISTIDIS (Greece)
2013: Peter BLACHIAN (Germany)



GERMAN MASTERS SERIES



18-21 FEBRUARY



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BERLIN OPEN & MASTERS

2016

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Willkommen in Berlin – Welcome to Berlin!

Germany Backgammon Capital welcomes you back for the inaugural tournament of the German Masters Series in 2016.

Berlin is a fantastic, vibrant and historical destination, easy to reach by plane, train or car. The city has the biggest and most active backgammon community in Germany. The Victor's Residenz Hotel**** is centrally located, in Berlin's new "Mitte"-district, close to Alexanderplatz and the historical buildings. Public transportation will take you quickly anywhere for sightseeing and/or other activities.

The BERLIN OPEN & MASTERS is part of the prestigious GERMAN MASTERS SERIES 2016 and part of the WBA Circuit 2016. Every match of the OPEN and the MASTERS will count towards the German National Ranking. Additionally, every match of the MASTERS will count towards the WBA Point Race 2016.

The BERLIN OPEN, is a free entry tournament in a Single Elimination Format. The GERMAN MASTERS will be available in 2 divisions and feature WBA's computerized T-Swiss System (triple elimination + Ultimate Fight). Various side-events are lined up (Quarter-entries, DMP-Challenge, Doubles, Mini-Jackpots).

10% of the Prize-Pool from the Masters Division will go in the yearly pool, which will be re-distributed at the Grand Finale of the GERMAN MASTERS SERIES. Top 4 players of each stop and additionally top 4 of the total ranking will qualify for the Grand Finale which will take place in Prague in November 2016, prior to the PRAGUE OPEN & MASTERS.

Events and Fees:

BERLIN OPEN (limited to 64 players, first come, first served): **free entry** + 25 € registration / 5 point matches, Single Elimination, clock preference, First Prize: 500 €

BERLIN MASTERS:

Elite Group*: 430 € entry + 70 € registration before 1st February 2016 / optional side-pool 150 € (90% return) / 9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory

Leisure Group: 150 € entry + 50 € registration before 1st February 2016 / optional side-pool 50 € (90% return) / 7 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock preference

*: 10% of the Prize-Pool of the Elite Group will go towards the Grand Finale of the GERMAN MASTERS SERIES 2016. Top 3 players of the Elite Group qualify for the Grand Finale.

Registrations for the BERLIN MASTERS must be made via email (info@world-backgammon-association.com), **before 1st February 2016**. Late registrations (after 1st February), will be subject to an additional 20 € fee.

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

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)

General Conditions:

Only cash payments in Euro 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 Directors reserve the right to change the program during the event. Tournament Director's ruling is final, unless over-ruled by the Ruling Committee.

PROGRAM*:

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

16:00	Playing room opens
17:00	Quarter-entries
18:00	Start BERLIN OPEN
20:30	Dinner Break
22:00	BERLIN OPEN continues, Quarter-Entries

Friday, February 19th, 2016

15:30	Playing room opens Jackpots & side-events Quarter- & Half-entries
17:30	Final BERLIN OPEN
18:00	Registration closes
18:30	Start main event, all divisions, Round 1
20:30	Dinner Break
22:00	Start Round 2

Saturday, February 20th, 2016

13:00	Start Round 3
15:00	Start Round 4
17:00	Start Round 5
18:00	Start Doubles (ongoing, for players out of main event)
19:00	Start Round 6
20:30	Dinner Break
22:00	Start Round 7

Sunday, February 21st, 2016

12:00	Start Round 8
14:00	Start Round 9
16:00	Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
16:30	Start Round 10
18:00	Start Round 11
20:00	(Start Round 12 if needed)
21:00	Awards Ceremony
22:00	Projected end of event

* 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. A player is out as soon as he loses 3 matches and can still win the tournament with 2 losses. <http://www.ebgt.info/ft-swiss-system.html>

Prize Distribution**:

(based on 30 players, 30-50 players pays 4 prizes, 50+ players pays 5 prizes):

Main event based on <30 players: Winner: 40% / 2nd: 30% / 3rd: 20% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

Main event based on 30-49 players: Winner: 40% / 2nd: 25% / 3rd: 15% / 4th: 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

Main event based on 50+ players: Winner: 30% / 2nd: 25% / 3rd: 20% / 4th: 15% / 5th: 10% / No Ultimate Fight

** Prize Distribution is subject to adjustment by the Tournament Director, based on the number of players