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ACO WORLD SENIOR (50+) CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

1st - 10th October 2023

Crete / Greece

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Fodele Beach Resort**

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players aged 50
and above

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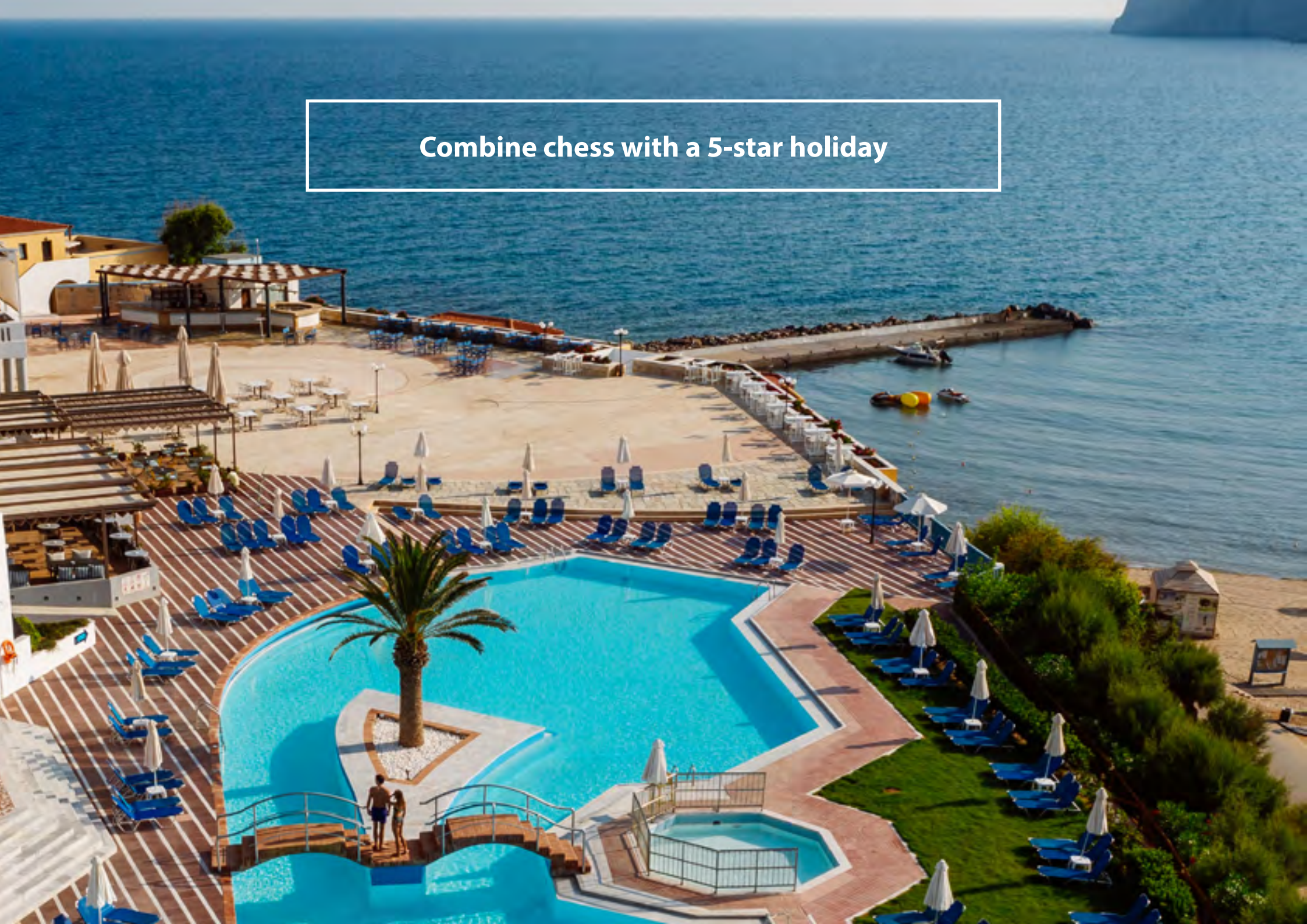
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Combine chess with a 5-star holiday



The ACO World Senior (50+) Chess Championship 2023 will take place as an open tournament from 1st to 10th October 2023 on the Greek island Crete. Any player who has reached the age of 50 by 31st December 2023 can represent his or her country and become World Senior Champion in his or her rating group!

Accommodation for all players and accompanying persons:

The venue is the award winning 5-star All Inclusive Fodele Beach Resort. The playing hall is located inside the hotel. Elevators are available. The hotel reception speaks English. ACO arranges accommodation for all participants at the host hotel 5-star All-Inclusive Fodele Beach Resort.

Division of groups:

The tournament will be played in the following rating groups:

Group A:	2201+
Group B:	2001 – 2200
Group C:	1801 – 2000
Group D:	1601 – 1800
Group E:	1401 – 1600
Group F:	1201 – 1400
Group G:	0 (no rating) – 1200

Each group plays separately meaning you only play opponents of similar playing strength in your group. For the division of groups we will use your ELO/national rating at the time of registration. For players having both an ELO rating and a national rating, the higher rating counts. Exceptions can be made by the organizers in case there is a big difference in these ratings or one of the ratings has been inactive for a longer period.

Players without rating:

Players without a national or international rating can only participate in group G (0 - 1200). For exceptions, see next point.

Playing in a higher group (voluntary):

Only possible if rating is achieved between the time of registration and the start of the tournament which corresponds to the rating of a higher group.

Mode and time control:

9 rounds, Swiss System / 90 minutes for 40 moves + 15 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move.

Default time: 30 min.

Tiebreaks in case of a tie:

1. Buchholz score (number of points of your opponents added)
2. Buchholz sum score (number of buchholz scores of your opponents)
3. Direct encounter

Hotel booking:

All players and accompanying persons are required to stay in the official hotel. All booking must be made directly through the ACO.

Starting fee (for players only):

50 EUR

Prizes: EUR 5.000

Group A	Group B	Group C
2201 – 2400	2001 – 2200	1801 – 2000
1st place: EUR 500	1st place: EUR 400	1st place: EUR 400
2nd place: EUR 200	2nd place: EUR 200	2nd place: EUR 200
3rd place: EUR 100	3rd place: EUR 100	3rd place: EUR 100

Group D	Group E	Group F
1601 – 1800	1401 – 1600	1201 – 1400
1st place: EUR 400	1st place: EUR 400	1st place: EUR 400
2nd place: EUR 200	2nd place: EUR 200	2nd place: EUR 200
3rd place: EUR 100	3rd place: EUR 100	3rd place: EUR 100

Group G
0 – 1200
1st place: EUR 400
2nd place: EUR 200
3rd place: EUR 100

The player in 1st place of each rating group becomes ACO World Senior Champion. Players achieving places 1-3 receive trophies. All players receive diplomas. The prizes are based on a minimum of 100 players.

5 STARS

The venue for the event is the award-winning 5-star All-Inclusive Fodele Beach Resort.


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Schedule 2023 ACO World Senior (50+) Chess Championship

Sunday	1/10		Day of arrival
		18 to 20:00	Welcome drink
Monday	2/10	09:30	Pairings
		09:45	Opening
		10:00	Round 1
		16:00	Grandmaster lecture
		18:00	Blitz tournament
Tuesday	3/10	10:00	Round 2
		16:00	Round 3
Wednesday	4/10	10:00	Round 4
		16:00	Grandmaster lecture
		18:00	Team blitz event

Thursday	5/10	10:00	Round 5
		16:00	Round 6
Friday	6/10		Free day
Saturday	7/10	10:00	Round 7
		16:00	Grandmaster lecture
		18:00	Grandmaster simul
Sunday	8/10	10:00	Round 8
		16:00	Grandmaster lecture
		18:00	Blitz tournament
Monday	9/10	10:00	Round 9
		18:00	Prize-giving ceremony
Tuesday	10/10		Departure

Participation in the side programme is voluntary. The times vary slightly and will be announced again during the course of the event.
Schedule subject to change.



GM Zigurds
Lanka



GM Daniel
King

The following services are included in the tournament entry fee (50 EUR):

- ✓ **Participation in the ACO World Senior Chess Championship**
- ✓ **Free game analysis with a grandmaster**
After your game, all participants have the chance to analyze their games with the help of grandmaster

Trainers on site:

GM Daniel King
GM Zigurds Lanka
GM Spyridon Skembris

- ✓ **Free grandmaster lectures**
- ✓ **Free chess side programme**
Blitz tournaments (single or team), GM simuls etc.

- ✓ **English speaking organizing team**
- ✓ **Support**
We will support you at any time and in a timely manner with all questions regarding the tournament and your hotel booking, such as rebookings or changes of travel dates.
- ✓ **Flight search support**
We will be happy to help you find the most convenient and cheapest flight connection for your flight to Crete.

BONUS: Guests of Honour

Also for our 2023 tournaments we will again try to invite several guests of honour. Judit Polgar, Alexei Shirov and Vlastimil Hort attended some of our events in the past.

How do I get to Crete?

There are direct flights to Crete from all European countries.

To search on your own we recommend:
<http://flights.idealo.com/>

If you cannot find a direct flight, there is always the option of flying via Athens or Thessaloniki.

If you need help finding a flight, please send an email to senior@amateurchess.com. We will happily assist you in finding the best flight. Free of charge.

Direct flight connections are available from the following airports, among others.

Berlin	Bremen
Munich	Zürich
Stuttgart	Basel
Frankfurt	Geneva
Hamburg	Vienna
Düsseldorf	Salzburg
Cologne Bonn	Paris
Dresden	Prague
Hanover	London
Leipzig	Stockholm
Erfurt	Oslo



POOLS

The Fodele Beach Resort Hotel offers a variety of pools. In October the temperature will be around 25 degrees.





ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM (alcoholic drinks included)

RESTAURANTS

Food:

Continental breakfast (07:00-07:30) Main Restaurant

Full buffet breakfast (07:30-10:30) Main Restaurant

Lunch buffet & show cooking (12:30-14:30) Main Restaurant

Dinner buffet & show cooking (18:30-21:30) Main Restaurant

Late dinner (21:30-23:00) light buffet – snacks, Main Restaurant

Seven themed buffets per week (Greek, international, Italian, Cretan, fish, Asian, gala dinner)

Drinks

Drinks during meals in main restaurant: water, soft drinks, juices, local beer & local house wine.

Unlimited consumption of food & beverages during the meals

“F” ALL-DAY RESTAURANT

10:00-18:00 Various choices of pizza/pastaa, snacks, salads, show cooking, grilled food, ice cream (12.00-17.00), fruits

16:30-17:30 coffee,tea and cookies

Beverages provided: soft drinks, juices, water, coffee & tea, vermouth, raki, ouzo, local beer & local house wine

THEMED RESTAURANT (19:00 – 22:00)

BARS

Belvedere Cocktail Bar at the lobby area, (17:30 -23:00).

International and local alcoholic drinks (brand names), cocktails, soft drinks, juices, aperitifs, local beer & local house wine, all brand names.

Starlight Bar* at main plaza area, 17:30 -23:00)

International and local alcoholic drinks (brand names), cocktails, soft drinks, juices, aperitifs, local beer & local house wine, coffee & tea

Starfish Beach Bar (10:00 -18:00)

Beverages provided: soft drinks, juices, water, coffee & tea, vermouth, raki, ouzo, local beer & local house wine. Light snacks & fruits also provided

ALL-INCLUSIVE

Choose from 3 bars and enjoy unlimited alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks



WELCOME & FAREWELL DRINKS

On the day of arrival between 6 and 8 pm (and on the last day), the organisers invite you to a drink with snacks and canapés. This event is voluntary but will enable you to get to know the participants and organisers.







UNIQUE!

Enjoy Greek and international cuisine. "Restaurant F", picture below, is located exactly between our two playing halls and offers food and drinks while games are underway as well!



ALL-INCLUSIVE

Choose between 3 restaurants!
Main restaurant (pictured below)
or themed restaurants



CHESS FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

In the years 2018 + 2019 + 2021 + 2022 a total of more than 700 players from 35 countries took part in the event.





AMBROSIA PLAYING HALL

The "Ambrosia" playing hall is located near the main playing hall and is connected by Restaurant F, which is available to the players for drinks and snacks during the rounds. With direct sea view the games take place in the very best surroundings.



2022 ACO WORLD SENIOR (50+) CHESS CHAMPIONS

From left: GM Daniel King (trainer on site), IM Tobias Hirneise (organizer), Bernie Tedd (ENG), Henry Oelmann (GER), Spyridon Ilandzis (GRE), Marianne Krause (GER), Andreas Vollmer (GER), Anthony Tatam (ENG), GM Falko Bindrich (organizer)



Rk.	Group B (2001-2200)	FED
1	Spyridon Ilandzis	GRE
2	Joseph Ebenezer	IND
3	Sandor Biro	ROU



Rk.	Group D (1601-1800)	FED
1	Andreas Vollmer	GER
2	Gisli Magnusson	ISL
3	Cato Bekkesletten	NOR



Rk.	Group F (1201-1400)	FED
1	Anthony Tatam	GER
2	Jean-Francois Levier	FRA
3	Marc Beddegenoodts	BEL



Rk.	Group C (1801-2000)	FED
1	Henry Oelmann	GER
2	Rudy Van de Wynkele	BEL
3	Andreas Borchert	GER



Rk.	Group E (1401-1600)	FED
1	Marianne Krause	GER
2	Uwe Externbrink	GER
3	Jürgen Potschiess	GER



Rk.	Group G (0-1200)	FED
1	Bernie Tedd	ENG
2	Christian Hindermann	SUI
3	Karl Sacherer	AUT

Chess, chess, chess! Our side programme

Blitz chess:

The many highlights of the ACO Senior World Championship include the blitz tournaments with five minutes per player. Our Welcome Blitz tournament always takes place in the evening after the first round. There is always a good atmosphere and it is very easy to make contacts. All participants play together in a single group.

Team blitz:

Equally popular is our Team Blitz tournament, where teams of 2 (on two boards) compete against each other. You may choose your partner, everybody is involved, from beginner to grandmaster!

Simultaneous exhibition:

There is always a big crowd at the simultaneous exhibition, too. Over 80 players competed against our team of title holders in 2019.



Break guaranteed! The bye rule

At the ACO World Senior Chess Championship there will be 2 days with double rounds (days on which one round round is played in the morning and one round in the afternoon). A few of our past participants have told us that they were quite exhausted after the double round. So we offer the opportunity to take 1 or 2 "breaks". **This is not mandatory, it is completely voluntary!**

These breaks are called "byes". A "bye" is when you as a player tell the arbiter before the next round that you do not wish to play in the next round. This means you will not be included in the pairings for the next round, but you will still receive half a point. So you can relax and take some rest.

It is only possible to take a "bye" on days when a double round is played, meaning either in round 2 or 3 and in round 5 or 6.



TROPHIES FOR 5 OR 10 PARTICIPATIONS

Not only tournament winners receive trophies at our tournaments. It is our tradition that players receive a special trophy for their fifth or tenth participation. More than 120 players have already succeeded in doing so.



The organizers

GM Falko Bindrich and IM Tobias Hirneise have been responsible for the organisation of all ACO tournaments since 2012. They are personally on site at all events and are happy to answer all questions you may have.



GM Falko Bindrich (Germany)

learned chess at the age of six from his older brother and was coached by his father Oswald Bindrich at the beginning of his career. He was German Champion U12, U14, U16 and European Champion U18 with the German youth national team. At 12, he was the youngest German ever to win the FM title. At 16, he became Germany's youngest grandmaster at the time, after which he became an honorary citizen of his hometown of Zittau. He took part in the 2008 and 2010 Chess Olympiads as a member of the German national team and trained with former world champion Anatoli Karpov in preparation. During his career Bindrich took part in more than 20 European and World Youth Championships, in which he drew against Magnus Carlsen and won against World Championship challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi, among others. In 2008 he won the largest German Open in Deizisau with more than 700 participants. In 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 Bindrich was voted „Player of the Year“ by the German Chess Youth, making him one of the players with the most awards. Bindrich played for years in the Swiss Team Championship for SG Luzern and with his Austrian team SK Hohenems and with his Belgian team Cercle d'Échecs Fontainois he became Austrian and Belgian team champion respectively. In 2017 Bindrich won the German Masters ahead of the best German players. His highest elo rating is 2610. In addition to chess, Bindrich completed a master's degree in psychology and works as a psychologist.

IM Tobias Hirneise (Germany)

comes from Stuttgart (Germany), learned chess from his grandfather and played his first chess tournament at the age of 11. After several state championship titles in the youth field, he became the Men's State Champion of Baden in 2008. Since 2009 Hirneise has held the title of International Chess Champion (IM) and played for many years in the German Chess Bundesliga for the team of SV Wattenscheid. His highest rating is 2481. In 2016, he achieved his first grandmaster norm. He was trained by the coaches IM Valeri Bronznik from Ukraine, GM and ACO coach Zigurds Lanka from Latvia, GM Boris Avrukh from Israel and GM Ognjen Cvitan from Croatia. In Switzerland he played for the clubs Reti Zurich and Herrliberg, in Austria first for the chess club Vöcklabruck and later in the Bundesliga for SK Götzis. As a trainer, he worked mainly with talented children from southern Germany. Several of his students achieved medal places in German championships and qualified for youth world championships. As a player and trainer, Hirneise took part in chess tournaments in more than 30 countries. He is a publishing merchant, graphic designer and former editor-in-chief of the German chess magazine Rochade Europa. Since 2018 he has been the publisher of the children's chess magazine Rochade Kids, which is used by more than 35 000 children. The magazines have been translated into Swedish, Norwegian and English language.



Get to know (y)our chess trainers on site

Zigurds Lanka from Latvia (left) is considered one of the best-known chess coaches in the world. Lanka is a multiple Latvian master and the author of several chess books. He is known above all for his extraordinarily broad opening knowledge, which he understands better than anyone else how to make accessible to amateur players. For Latvia, Lanka took part in three Chess Olympiads and several European and World Team Championships. His best-known students include the grandmasters Alexei Shirov, Viktor Bologan and Falko Bindrich.

Daniel King from England became a Grandmaster in 1989. Highlights of his career are winning the 1992 Goodricke Open tournament in Calcutta, India, defeating Vishy Anand along the way and representing his country on numerous occasions including the famous victory by England over the Soviet Union in Reykjavik 1990. After his professional playing career, he went into the media appearing on TV and online as a chess commentator and presenter. He has worked all over the world for channels such as the BBC, Channel 4 (UK), ESPN (USA), and Eurosport; and for websites such as chess.com, playchess.com, ICC, and Chess24.

Spyridon Skembris from Greece (right) finished third in the World Junior Championship in 1977. In the following years he won the Greek championship four times and in 1990 he was awarded the grandmaster title. Skembris is one of the most respected team coaches. He is the national coach of Greece and also coached the national team of Cyprus. Skembris represented Greece in a total of eight Chess Olympiads. In 1992 he won the gold medal on the second board at the European Team Championship in Debrecen.

LECTURES WITH GM LANKA

The world-famous chess trainer (best students: Alexei Shirov & Victor Bologan) will give several lectures during the tournament in German and will be available to you for a free analysis of your games (in English also).

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Henryk Wiktor 



LECTURES WITH GM SKEMBRIS

The former Greek national coach will give several lectures in English during the tournament and is available to you for free analysis of your games.



"It was a great experience going through my game postmortems with congenial grandmaster Spyridon Skembris. I learned a lot and took a few tips home."

David Gilbert





GM DANIEL KING

Since 2021 Grandmaster Daniel King is part of our team. All participants have the chance to analyze their games with the English grandmaster, who is also fluent in German. In addition, he gives several lectures and a simul and will host the award ceremony.





Foto: Vladimír Jäger

GUEST OF HONOR: GM VLASTIMIL HORT

At the ACO Senior World Championship 2021, chess legend Grandmaster Vlastimil Hort was on site as a guest of honor. He gave a lecture, competed in a simul and was available for interesting and lively discussions with the participants, speaking about his interesting chess experiences with, among others, Bobby Fischer.

BEACH

Before or after the games you can either relax by the pool or on the hotel's quiet private beach.





Double and single rooms standard or with sea view

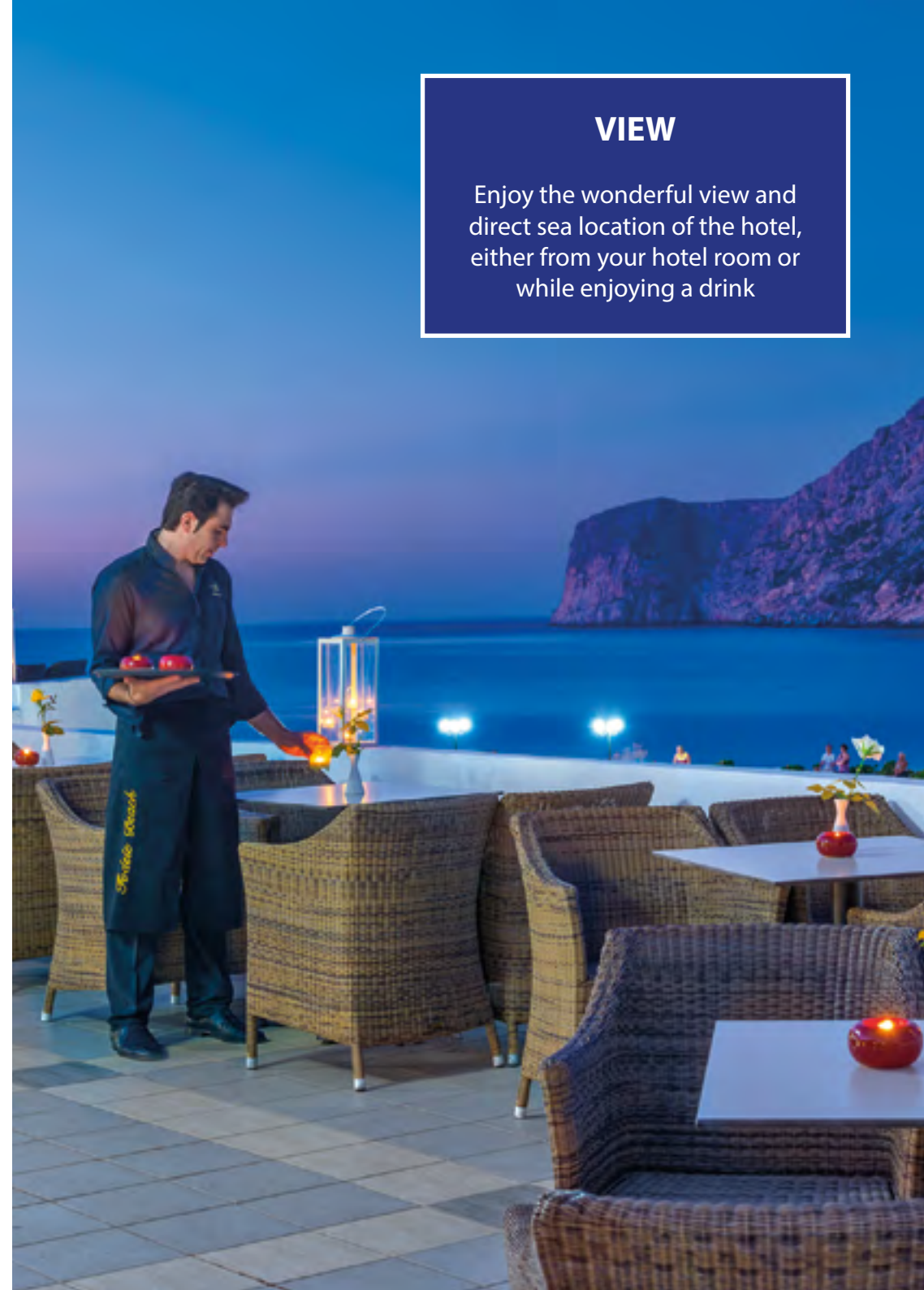
Approx. 26 m², double bed (separate beds on request) flatscreen TV, air conditioning, fridge, hair dryer, safe, tea-making facilities etc.





VIEW

Enjoy the wonderful view and direct sea location of the hotel, either from your hotel room or while enjoying a drink





FREE DAY

The chess-free day offers enough time to explore the island. Visit the historical sights of the island and enjoy the typical Greek flair. On the left you can see the famous palace of Knossos.



RETHYMNO

On your day off you can visit the beautiful port city of Rethymno. The many buildings from Venetian and Ottoman times characterise the cityscape, which is one of the most attractive in Greece. Not for nothing do the Cretans call Rethymno the most beautiful city on the island.



Enjoying chess - the ACO experience

Our goal is to offer you a chess tournament of a special kind. Of course the tournament takes priority, but we also want you and your companions to enjoy the tournament in the truest sense of the word. That's why we only select interesting locations and beautiful hotels with high 4 and 5 star standards for our tournaments.

Our team consists, among others, of GMs, IMs and FMs with huge tournament experience, so we know what matters at a chess tournament.

In addition to the ACO World Senior Chess Championship, since 2012 we have also organised the ACO World Amateur Chess Championship, which takes place in May 2023 on Kos. For more information visit our website amateurchess.com.

2012 ACO WACC: Dubai **72 participants from 25 nations**

Our first tournament took place in sunny Dubai in 2012. The venue was 5-star Jebel Ali Hotel. The highlight of the event was the prize-giving ceremony in the ballroom of the famous 7-star Burj-Al-Arab Hotel (photo) at a height of 220 metres.



2013 ACO WACC: Crete **168 participants from 26 nations**

The 2nd ACO WACC took place on the Greek island of Crete in 2013. Compared to 2012, the number of participants more than doubled. The venue was 4-star Aquis Arina Sand Hotel with a beautiful playing hall with direct sea view.



2014 ACO WACC: Rhodes **240 participants from 26 nations**

Our third tournament took place on the Greek „sun island“ of Rhodes in 2014. The playing hall stretched of over 1000 square metres where 240 players from 26 countries fought for the titles. Players were accommodated in 4 & 5 star hotels of Esperia Group.





ACO WACC 2015 to 2018: Kos (over 1100 players!)

Between 2015-18, the ACO WACC took place on the Greek island of Kos. Venue was the 5* Helona Resort. In 2017 + 2018 more than 300 players took part.

Overview 2015-2018:

2015:
240 players
27 nations

2016:
249 players
29 nations

2017:
314 players
30 nations

2018:
307 players
30 nations



ACO World Senior Championships 2018 + 2019 + 2021: Crete

In 2018, 2019 and 2021, the first ACO Senior World Championships were held on the island of Crete. The venue was the 5* all-inclusive hotel Fodele Beach Resort. In total, over 500 players from 30 countries took part.

ACO WACC 2019 + 2021: Rhodes

366 participants / 29 nations

The 5* Sheraton Rhodes Resort was the venue and offered perfect playing conditions for more than 350 players from 29 countries.



What participants say about the event and Fodele Beach Resort

The offered chess vacation package has more than met our expectations. All the promises of the tournament brochure were fulfilled. The tournament organization is perfect. Despite the three-digit number of participants, there is almost a familiar atmosphere. October is ideal in Crete.

Christoph Kandler



I have played numerous international tournaments. What am I looking for when I enter such an event? Well, a professionally organised event, a great hotel, nice venue, side events and a friendly but competitive playing environment. The first ACO experience ticked all the boxes when I played in Crete in October, 2021. I was pleased to play the guest of honour, Vlastimil Hort, in a simul set up by the organisers and it would seem that the legendary grandmaster has not lost none of his chess prowess. It was also great to have access to grandmaster analysis of one's games and for the English players, Daniel King was the ideal mentor with his clear, helpful and friendly advice although it has to be mentioned that Daniel is equally fluent in German; his lectures too were well received. All in all, it was a wonderful time in Crete, especially meeting old friends, making new ones, attending the side events, eating well, getting sun and enjoying the chess, amongst other things. Nothing was too much trouble for Falko, Tobias and their team and I give the experience 10/10. As someone once said, I will be back!

Kevin Winter



It's hard to decide what to praise first. The organization of the tournament, for which GM Falko Bindrich and IM Tobias Hirneise are responsible, is simply perfect. The hotel, located directly by the sea, impresses every visitor, the hotel's cuisine leaves nothing to be desired. In the battle on the 64 squares, everyone gives his best, even if it is not always the best.

At the grandmaster lectures and the simultaneous exhibition everyone can learn a lot. Where else can you meet chess players from so many countries? For the inspiring encounters inside and outside the playing hall we say thank you very much.

Dr. Jürgen Harbich & Dr. Frank Höfer



It's really hard to say whether playing chess or swimming in the sea and pool was more fun. Rarely have we experienced such a great combination of chess and vacation: a great hotel, a super organization that made chess possible at all levels in Corona times, and exciting opponents. The concept with the different groups is also very family-friendly. We will come again at any time!

Almut Steinbach und Marius Deuer



What participants say about the event and Fodele Beach Resort

As an avid chess player, this holiday with like-minded chess enthusiasts is a highlight for me every year. Mainly because of the **perfect organisation, the beautiful holiday destination, the delicious food with a large selection and because almost the whole day revolves around our beloved game of chess.** There is the actual tournament itself, the analyses, the seminars and the blitz tournaments. **Each time you meet friends from all over the world and get to know new ones.** That one day is chess-free and you have time to visit sights the country has to offer is a welcome change. And I think that all this is very good value for money. I am already looking forward to the next ACO events in 2020!

Max Auer 

The plane takes homeward bound. Behind me lies the ACO World Senior Chess Championship; already my third ACO event. **Chess in this setting and ambience can be addictive and if there is a ray of hope in my modest chess life, it is this tournament.** Even after a late arrival I am greeted with a friendly “hello” and I have the opportunity to have a drink and a bite to eat. The hotel room is big, clean and well located. **I feel good immediately.** The tournament starts the next morning. **Everything is perfectly prepared and planned, carried out by the lovable and helpful organisers.**

A big, quiet tournament hall awaits us players from all over the world and often there are happy reunions. I quickly find my playing board with the help of the information boards and lists. The atmosphere is relaxed, but, with the upcoming game in mind, concentrated also. I get a drink, greet the opponent and make the first move. **After the game, grandmasters Lanka and Skembris are available for game analyses into which they put their heart and soul. In addition there are grandmaster lectures and much more.** These have always been of great benefit to me and chess activities are pleasantly interposed the whole tournament. **So this first-class event also represents a huge compliment to the committed organisers.**

Since for me life does not only consist of chess, I find a nice place in the very good restaurant, enjoy a cool drink at the bar or relax in a sunny or shady spot on a beautiful beach. **In short: a chess tournament suddenly becomes a holiday with chess.** Here everyone can choose their priorities and also the day without play offers many possibilities. **All in all, I always find a perfect package of options at the ACO chess tournaments, which are worth every penny.** I already know that next year I'll be back on the plane, approaching the next ACO Championships.

Fritz Engau 

The whole thing was excellent! From the registration, the organisers, the hotel staff starting with Zoe and Elena, the restaurant staff were always helpful and friendly. Birgit, Falko, Tobias and the Arbiter were wonderful people. The resort facilities were perfect for the whole family.

I have registered for next year's event. My wife and I are planning to bring our children and grandson with us. I know they too will enjoy their visit here even though they don't play chess. GM Spyridon Skembris was really generous with chess knowledge and wisdom as he was always available to help us analyse our games.

Congratulations and a big thank you to the organizers and staff!

Rolando Geronimo



As a veteran of six ACO tournaments - and they have all been fantastic - I'd say Crete 2019 was the best yet. And there was hardly a mention of Brexit! **We played thrilling chess at an incredible hotel, under blue skies and a warm sun. Does it ever rain in Crete?**

It was great experience going through my game postmortems with congenial grandmaster Spyridon Skembris. I learned a lot and took a few tips home. **The All-inclusive Fodele Beach Hotel was everything we could ask for, from the waterpark at top of the hill to the exclusive beach and clear sea at the bottom.** Unfortunately the amazing cuisine and the exhaustive menu, especially those heavenly desserts, left a mark on my waistline! Just a year to lose those extra kilos.

David Gilbert



This is the second time that I have visited this great tournament. Everyone is so friendly, the organisation staff, the GMs and the players themselves.

Where else can you go to have a holiday in the sunshine and play chess? Plenty of food and alcohol with great evening entertainment, **highly recommended.**

Peter Merrifield



The seminars and, even more so, the individual game analyses by GM Lanka were real highlights! His enthusiasm, his lively lecturing style and last but not least his untiring willingness to be available to everyone (and at every free moment!) for questions and game analysis were extraordinary for me! But you do not only profit from his enormous chess knowledge, he also conveys the enthusiasm and passion without which chess is inconceivable. At the age of 67, I felt 50 years younger "chesswise"!"

Henryk Wiktor



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent organisation. I did not get a chance to do so during the event. All the more reason for me to do this now. **It was a perfect tournament from my point of view, and I will be happy to come back next year!** Perfect organisation, great rooms, ideal free drinks, great supporting programme, emphasising the international (21 nations) feel of the event - brilliant. **All in all, just perfect! Thanks a lot!**

Jürg Morf



Price list 5-star All Inclusive Fodele Beach Resort

9 nights All-Inclusive 1st - 10th October, 2023



Hotel booking without risk!

- No deposit payment
- Payment on site
- Free cancellation up to 3 days prior to arrival

All prices per person in EUR	booking from 1 st June, 2023
Double room standard	1399
Double room sea view	1549
Single room standard	2199
Single room sea view	2399

Further room categories such as suites, family rooms (2 adults + 1 child or 2 adults + 2 children) etc. on request: senior@amateurchess.com

Note: Since 2018 Greece has introduced a tourist tax for all hotels in the country. For 4 and 5 star hotels this tax is EUR 4 per room per night. The tax has to be paid directly at the hotel reception.

ACO is the organizer of the chess tournament ACO World Senior (50+) Championship 2023 and arranges accommodation for all participants in the host hotel 5-star Fodele Beach Resort (S. Giannikakis S.A., Fodele 715 00, Crete, Greece). Contractual partner for accommodation is the hotel. The registration for the chess tournament is done separately after booking the accommodation via ACO, see procedure on the next page.

The following services are included in the arranged hotel booking:

- ✓ **9 nights in 5* Fodele Beach Resort**
- ✓ **All-Inclusive (see page 10)**
- ✓ **Free access to the fitness studio**
- ✓ **Private hotel beach**
- ✓ **Free internet in public places**

Important notice:

The number of participants for the chess tournament is limited to 170 players due to capacity reasons. In the last years, the tournament was fully booked months in advance! For this reason we recommend an early registration to guarantee a place.

If you have any questions, send an email to: senior@amateurchess.com

Registration & booking

ACO is the organizer of the chess tournament ACO World Senior Chess Championship 2023 and arranges accommodation for all participants in the 5-star Fodele Beach Resort on Crete.

The arranged hotel booking and the registration for the chess tournament take place in two separate steps:

Step 1: Hotel booking

You choose your desired room type through the ACO online booking form, see the following link:

<https://booking.amateurchess.com/senior23>



Immediately after your hotel booking you will receive a booking confirmation by email on behalf of the hotel.

Hotel booking without risk! Exclusive booking conditions only for ACO participants



No hotel deposit is required. You pay the total amount on site, on arrival directly to the hotel, by credit card or in cash.

Exclusive hotel cancellation conditions only for ACO participants



Free cancellation of the hotel booking up to 3 days prior to arrival date!



In case of cancellation 3 days or less before arrival or in case of no-show, the hotel will charge you the full amount of your booking.



If you test positive for Corona in the 3 days prior to arrival, you may cancel your hotel booking free of charge if you provide a proof of your positive test.

Step 2: Registration chess tournament

Afterwards you will receive a separate email from us with the link to the online registration form for the chess tournament and payment of the starting fee.



Only after payment of your starting fee you are registered for the tournament.



In the event that you need to cancel your hotel booking, regardless of the timing, you will receive a 100% refund of your starting fee.





Further information

Rooms with sea view (limited)

Are very popular and are therefore fully booked very early.

Room bookings for accompanying person

It is also possible to book rooms for accompanying persons who are not taking part in the tournament.

Weather:

The weather in October is mild and sunny with temperatures up to 25 degrees. October is considered to be one of the most beautiful months.

Transfer from the airport:

The hotel is 25 minutes away from the airport. Taxis operate at a fixed price. There is also a bus connection with a stop in Heraklion.

Arrive earlier or depart later

Would you like to extend your stay in Crete? No problem, you are welcome to book as many days before or after the tournament at the Fodele Beach Resort as you like under the same conditions as during the tournament. Prices depend on the type of room you choose.

Sometimes it is cheaper to book extra nights to obtain better or cheaper flight connections.

Tip: If you register via the online form, the costs for extra nights will be automatically calculated and displayed. More information about registration will follow on the next page. Extra nights do not have to be selected at the time of registration, but can also be booked at a later date.

Please contact us by email at senior@amateurchess.com

Registration & hotel booking

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ACO online booking form
at the following link:



<https://booking.amateurchess.com/senior23>







FIREWORKS

The award ceremonies of the 2018 2019, 2021 and 2022 ACO World Senior Championships ended with a firework display!

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

senior@amateurchess.com

Online registration:

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