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152 bright and comfortable rooms, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TV with Sky sports, telephone, desk, safe, coffee and tea making facilities, bath with shower or bathtub, hairdryer, free bicycle rental, restaurants, bar, gym & spa, on-spot parking.

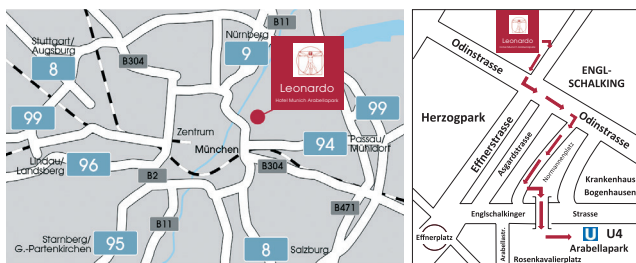
Special "Backgammon Rate":

85 € / night Single Occupancy, including: breakfast, free wireless internet, VAT
 95 € / night Double Occupancy, including: breakfast, free wireless internet, VAT

Cut-off date: 16th May 2016.

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

**Please book before May 15th 2016, mentioning "Backgammon" at:
reservations.muenchen@leonardo-hotels.com or call: +49 (0)89 92798 0**



Flughafen / Airport »Flughafen München« (MUC) 35 km, Hauptbahnhof / Central train station 7 km, U-Bahnhof / Underground station »Arabellapark« 1 km, Bushaltestelle / Bus stop »Priel« 100 m, Autobahn / Motorway »A99« 4,5 km, Stadtzentrum / City centre 5,5 km, Englischer Garten / The English Garden 2,5 km, Allianz Arena 9 km

Past Winners:

- 2016: You ?
- 2015: Tobias HELLMAG [Germany]
- 2014: Masayuki "Mochy" MOCHIZUKI [Japan]
- 2013: Michihito "Michi" KAGEYAMA [Japan]
- 2012: Thomas LUMPER [Germany]



16 – 19 JUNE

MUNICH OPEN & MASTERS 2016




**QUALIFY FOR GRAND FINALE
GERMAN MASTERS SERIES 2016**



**COUNTS TOWARDS GERMAN
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Grüß Gott in München – Welcome to Munich!

Bavaria's Capital welcomes you back for the second stop of the German Masters Series in 2016. Munich is one of the nicest, cleanest and greenest cities in Germany and the World's Beer Capital. It's easy to reach by plane, train or car. The Leonardo Arabella Hotel**** is well located, close to the Arabella District and the English Garden. Public transportation will take you to the city center and anywhere for sightseeing and/or other activities. The MUNICH 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 Elite will count towards the WBA Point Race 2016. The BERLIN OPEN, is a free entry tournament in a Single Elimination Format. The MUNICH MASTERS will be available in 2 divisions and feature WBA's computerized T-Swiss System (3 lives + Ultimate Fight). Various side-events are lined up (Quarter-entries, DMP-Challenge, Doubles, Mini-Jackpots). Prior to the Main Event, a NATIONS TEAM CHALLENGE will take place on 16th and 17th of June. 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 2 players of each stop and additionally top 8 of the total ranking will qualify for the Grand Finale which takes place in Prague in November 2016, prior to the PRAGUE OPEN & MASTERS. Make your travel plans right away, visit Munich, compete to win the prize-pool, the most unique trophy of the backgammon circuit and qualify for the GMS Grand Finale!

Events and Fees:

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

Elite Group*: 430 € entry + 70 € registration before 15th May 2016 / optional side-pool 150 € (90% return) / 9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory
Leisure Group: 150 € entry + 50 € registration before 15th May 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 2 players of the Elite Group qualify for the Grand Finale.

Registrations for the MUNICH MASTERS must be made via email (info@world-backgammon-association.com), before 15th May 2016. Late registrations (after 15th May) will be subject to an additional 20 € fee.

SIDE-EVENTS:

NATIONS TEAM CHALLENGE: 400 € entry + 80 € registration per team of 4 players. Simultaneous 1on1 matches clocked + team consulting match with captains playing if needed. 400 € added.

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, June 16th, 2016

- 13:00 Playing room opens
- 14:00 Start NATIONS TEAM CHALLENGE, Quarter-entries towards Main Event
- 18:00 Start MUNICH OPEN
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 MUNICH OPEN continues, Quarter-Entries towards Main Event

Friday, June 17th, 2016

- 14:00 Playing room opens, Jackpots & side-events, Quarter- & Half-entries
- 14:30 Final NATIONS TEAM CHALLENGE
- 17:30 Registration closes
- 18:00 Start main event, all divisions, Round 1
- 20:00 Dinner Break
- 21:30 Start Round 2
- 23:30 Start Round 3

Saturday, June 18th, 2016

- 13:00 Start Round 4
- 15:00 Start Round 5
- 17:00 Start Round 6
- 18:00 Start Doubles (ongoing, for players out of main event)
- 19:00 Start Round 7
- 20:30 Dinner Break
- 22:00 Start Round 8

Sunday, June 19th, 2016

- 12:00 Start Round 9
- 14:00 Start Round 10
- 15:00 Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
- 16:00 Start Round 11
- 18:00 Start Round 12
- 20:00 (Start Round 13 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