

Hotel Recommendation:



Dereboyu Street, Nicosia, North Cyprus
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139 rooms and suites. Located on the most distinguished street, Dereboyu. Spa, Fitness center, Massage, Sauna, Private Turkish Bath (for 4 persons). Brazilian restaurant „Quente“, international restaurant „Grenada“, Pool restaurant, Bars and snacks. The biggest swimming pool of Nicosia with 250 m².

Special Backgammon Rates:

Single room: 80 Euro including breakfast & dinner buffet
Double room: 110 Euro including breakfast & dinner buffet
Special rates apply only if you mention "backgammon" upon booking. **Please make your reservations quickly. Rooms are limited.**

How to get there:

- Fly to Lefkosa (Ercan) via Istanbul (Turkish Airlines or Pegasus Airlines). Hotel is 20 Minutes away from airport.
- Fly to Larnaca (Lufthansa, Cyprus Airways, Austrian, etc.). Make sure you take a taxi which can pass the border (special permit needed) to the hotel (40 minutes drive).

The casino offers shuttle service from/to Ercan + Larnaca. Ercan: 40 € one-way / Larnaca: 70 € one-way. Please mention your arrival day and time, flight number, airport of arrival and your mobile phone number upon booking if you require the service and ask for confirmation.



Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean, and certainly the hottest and sunniest. With an average 326 sunshine days each year for the island as a whole, this truly is a paradise for everyone seeking that „sun-loving holidays“. Average daytime temperatures in December are mild and around 17C.

General Conditions:

Only cash payments in Euro or US \$ will be accepted. The WBA tournament rules will apply. This event is by WBA invitation only, thus the tournament committee and directors reserve the right to refuse application or admittance without giving due reason. All matches will be played on WBA boards and the usage of precision dice is mandatory. Clock and lipped dice-cup preference will be given.

Proper attire and identity documents are required on a daily basis to enter the casino facilities and have access to the tournament. Minimum age is 18. Persons below that age will be refused attendance to the playing rooms and the tournament. 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.

Prize Money Distribution*:

Main event (Masters + Intermediate Divisions): Winner (45%), Runner-up (22,5%), 3rd & 4th (11,25%), Winner Last Chance (10%)

Added Prize Money Distribution*:

- 6,400 € Masters Division (3,000 € winner, 1,500 € finalist, 700 € each semi-finalist, 500 € winner last chance)
- 1600 € to Doubles Consulting maximum (50 € per participating team, limited to 32 teams)
- 1000 € towards the Point Race EBGT
- 1000 € winner's entry to the the Grand Finale EBGT

* Changes in the format and subsequently the prize money distribution might apply, depending on number of participants and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

PLAY65 / EUROPEAN BACKGAMMON TOUR 2011

(Season V)



Grand Finale
25,000 € prize-pool
24 pre-qualified players
3 groups + play-off

Winner: 15,000 € • 2nd: 7,000 € • 3rd: 3,000 €

Anniversary Tournament Istanbul • European Pro Championships
Portuguese Open • Gogi Bukia Memorial / Georgian Open • Swiss Open
• Mallorca Challenge • Cyprus Open

One unified ranking with top 7 players qualifying for the Grand Finale Play65/EBGT in Cyprus. Winner of each stop qualifies for the Grand Finale EBGT Grand Finale to take place after the last stop of the Tour with 25,000 € prize-pool and 24 pre-qualified competitors.

Past Winners:

- 4th Cyprus Open: It could be YOU !
- 3rd Cyprus Open: **Prof. Dr. Haluk Oral (Turkey)**
- 2nd Cyprus Open: **Eli Roymi (Israel)**
- 1st Cyprus Open: **Fuat ERDAG (Turkey)**

1st–4th DECEMBER 2011

Golden Tulip Hotel & Casino Nicosia (Lefkosa), Cyprus



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4th Cyprus Backgammon Open



05th November 2011, 18:30 GMT



GRAND FINALE 5–7 DEC 2011

Grand Finale prize-pool
25,000 €

Last Chance
to qualify for



For pre-registration and additional info:
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The World Backgammon Association and ISTAVDER Backgammon Club of Istanbul are proud to present the fourth edition of the Cyprus Open, which has now become the finest classic of the European circuit.

This is the last stop of the prestigious "European Backgammon Tour" (EBGT 2011) and all matches of the Masters Division will count towards the point race of the EBGT.

The winner of the Masters Division will qualify as well for the Grand Finale.

The Grand Finale will take place right after the Cyprus Open, on 5th, 6th and 7th of December and will feature a prize-pool of 25,000 €.

Come and compete against the best and don't miss your chance to be part of the Grand Finale, as player or spectator.

Fees:

Masters: 400 € entry + 100 € registration / 13 points Main, 9 points Fighters' Bracket, 5 points Last Chance / clocked

Intermediate: 150 € entry + 50 € registration / 9 points Main, 7 points Fighters' Bracket, 5 points Last Chance / clock preference

Beginners: free entry + 30 € registration / format will depend on number of entries / no clocks

Doubles Consulting: 250 € entry + 50 € registration (per team), limited to 32 teams / 9 points / clocked

Super-Jackpot: (95% return) 750 €, 8 players minimum

Various side-events: Jackpots, Mini-Jackpots, DMP-Challenge, SassanGammon-Challenge

Tournament Direction:

Chiva TAFAZZOLI (WBA) & ISTAVDER-Staff

World-Class Tournament Boards



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Additional Info:

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PROGRAM:

Thursday, December 1st, 2011

- 13:00 Registration, Side events, Jackpots
- 14:00 Start Doubles (limited to 32 teams), Round 1
- 17:00 Doubles Round 2
- 19:00 Dinner Break
- 21:00 Doubles Round 3

Friday, December 2nd, 2011

- 14:00 Doubles semi-finals
- 17:00 Doubles final
- 18:30 Registration closes for Cyprus Open
- 19:00 Dinner Break
- 20:30 Start Cyprus Open, all divisions (2-3 rounds must be completed)

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011

- 13:00 Start Fighters' Bracket + play resumes
- 14:00 Round 3 „Cyprus Open“
- 19:00 Dinner Break
- 20:30 Play resumes, Super-Jackpot

Sunday, December 4th, 2011

- 13:00 Play resumes, Start Last Chance
- 17:00 All finals
- 21:00 Awards Ceremony

Monday, December 5th, 2011 (EBGT Grand Finale)

- 15:00 Draw for groups and draw in each group
- 15:30 Round 1 in each group (best of 3 matches, 7 points)
- 19:00 Dinner Break
- 20:30 Semi-finals in each group (best of 3 matches, 7 points)

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011 (EBGT Grand Finale)

- 16:00 Finals in each group (best of 3 matches, 9 points)
- 19:00 Dinner Break
- 20:30 Play resumes, if necessary

Wednesday, December 7th, 2011 (EBGT Grand Finale)

- 14:00 Play-off, Match 1 (11 points)
- 16:00 Play-off, Match 2 (11 points)
- 18:00 Play-off, Match 3 (11 points)
- 20:30 Awards



**TEXAS HOLD'EM
POKER AVAILABLE**



Gaming Facilities:

- 4,200 m² space
- 10 Roulette Tables
- 20 Card Games Tables
- Punto Banco
- 4 Texas Hold'em Tables
- Slot Machines
- Open 24 hours

