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Bridge Breaks & Holidays in the UK & Europe

December 2010 - October 2011





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Your hosts

All **Martin** and **Judy Holcombe's** bridge holidays and breaks are designed to provide a blend of good bridge in convivial surroundings and are aimed at experienced UK players as well as the less experienced and improvers. Tuition is always available by qualified EBUTA teachers. There is always a full team of hosts and directors on each holiday ensuring the bridge is run smoothly and that no guest need be without a partner at any session.

The *First for Bridge* objective is simple – to ensure that if you join them on any of their holidays you will want to return.



**Martin
and
Judy
Holcombe**



Your directors

Andrew Kambites has written many books and is a Grand Master. He is a well-known and respected bridge teacher, contributes to the EBU magazine and is an honorary life member of the EBU Teachers Association (EBUTA). Andrew directs our seminar-based April and May holidays in Menorca, the Tunisia holiday, and our Baltic Sea cruise.

Bob Baker is a Premier Life Master and a professional member of EBUTA. He currently runs residential and one-day events in the West Country and has developed a series of EBU endorsed PowerPoint presentations. He will direct our Winchester, Cheltenham, Croatia, Gran Canaria, October Menorca, and New Year holidays.

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Crowne Plaza, Reading

30 December 2010
- 6 January 2011

New Year: Thu 30 Dec 2010 - Sun 2 Jan 2011
Four Nights Following:
Sun 2 - Thu 6 Jan 2011
Full Week: Thu 30 Dec 2010 - Thu 6 Jan 2011

The hotel

Our fourth visit to this beautifully appointed hotel on the bank of the River Thames, situated within 15 minutes of Reading town centre. The **Crown Plaza Reading** has been recently upgraded and has 122 bedrooms offering air conditioning/heating, mini bars and broadband internet access. There is a fully equipped indoor health and fitness club with pool, sauna and gymnasium.

The holiday comprises the three nights over New Year, the four nights following, or combine the two for a week-long break.



Bridge events

Designed to appeal to players of all levels, these breaks offer the perfect blend of friendly bridge and elegant surroundings. Your bridge programme will include a mixture of teams and duplicate pairs. Partners will be available. All sessions will be duplicate. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more). Director **Bob Baker**.

Special events

On New Year's Eve there will be a gala dinner followed by bridge. We shall then have champagne to welcome the New Year.

Prices

Prices have been held at 2009/2010 levels and are just **£389.00** per person for the three night break over the New Year, **£269.00** for the four following nights, and **£559.00** for the whole week.

Prices are based on two people sharing a double or twin room and include half board accommodation, all bridge fees and car parking. Tea and coffee will be provided at the start of the bridge sessions. There are a limited number of rooms for single occupancy, supplement free, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



HOW TO BOOK

- ❖ Please complete the booking form
- ❖ **£50.00** deposit per person (cheques to be made payable to **Crowne Plaza Reading**)
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but please ring for
cancellations...

Averroes Hotel, Tunisia

23 January
- 6 February 2011

The hotel

Join us on our first visit to this vibrant and historical part of the world at an incredible value for money price.

The **Averroes Hotel** is situated in its own grounds at South Hammamet and has direct access to a sandy beach. The hotel has recently won an award from Thomas Cook for excellence and is located close to local amenities including the new Arab Medina style shopping centre. Each spacious bedroom has a balcony and is well equipped with TV, phone, and hair dryer. Mini bars and safes are available to hire.

Facilities include an indoor and outdoor pool, sauna steam room, treatment rooms, gymnasium, tennis and table tennis. There is also a choice of excellent golf courses nearby.

Bridge events

This holiday will be directed by **Andrew Kambites** who will be giving at least six seminars. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).

Prices

The incredibly low cost of this two week, all inclusive holiday, based on flying from Gatwick, is **£769.00**, and includes buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks will served at selected times with unlimited hot, soft and local alcoholic drinks available for a minimum of 12 hours daily. There are a number of rooms

available for single occupancy, supplement free, on a first come, first served basis. A number of sea view rooms are also available for double/twin occupancy, supplement free again, on a first come, first served basis.

Flights are available from Manchester for a £29.00 supplement. The following airports may also be available but would have to be priced upon request: Bristol, Glasgow, Newcastle, Luton and East Midlands.



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- ❖ Please complete the booking form
- ❖ **£130.00** deposit per person (cheques to be made payable to **Gill's Cruise Centre**)
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Winchester Hotel, Winchester

3 - 7 March 2011

The hotel

Our fourth consecutive visit to this hotel located near the heart of the ancient city of Winchester. Contemporary spacious interiors ensure an ideal venue from which to explore the city's many attractions.

All en-suite bedrooms are fully air conditioned and include an iron and board, safe, television, broadband internet access and in room fridge. Hotel facilities include the Revive Health Club and on-site car parking.

Following an extensive makeover, the **Winchester Hotel** was recently awarded 4 stars and a 78% rating by the AA for its outstanding facilities and levels of service – currently the highest in the Winchester area.



The hotel's Hutton Brasserie and Bar was also awarded an AA Rosette for its extensive menu and excellent food.

Bridge events

This break is for players of all standards, providing the ideal mixture of relaxed bridge including teams and duplicate pairs. The director is **Bob Baker**. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).



Prices

The price is **£297.00** per person, half board, and includes all bridge fees and free tea and coffee during all bridge sessions. There are a limited number of rooms for single occupancy, supplement free, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



HOW TO BOOK

- ❖ Please complete the booking form
- ❖ **£50.00** deposit per person (cheques to be made payable to **The Winchester Hotel**)
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Bristol BS49 5HF**



Meteor Hotel, Croatia

19 March - 2 April /
2 - 9 April 2011

The hotel

Our third visit to this beautiful location. The **Meteor Hotel** is within an easy five-minute walk of the heart of Makarska with its lively marina and numerous shops, bars and cafés where you can sit and relax, or watch the local fishermen sell their catch to restaurateurs and the general public.

Croatia is best described as a huge 'Lake District'. It is a walkers' and artists' paradise with either gentle strolls in the immediate vicinity or more demanding mountain hikes just a few minutes away.

The Meteor Hotel is ideally situated with magnificent views of the mountains and the stunning Dalmatian coast. All bedrooms are well equipped and have side sea views.

Bridge events

Bridge is under the friendly direction of **Bob Baker**. There will be a full programme of bridge which



will appeal to players of all standards. Occasional seminars on specific subjects will be held. Events will include Swiss pairs or teams. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).



Prices

The cost of the two-week holiday is **£999.00** and the one-week break is **£675.00**, both departing from Heathrow. Price includes full board, free tea and coffee plus free local drinks between 11am-11.30pm, all bridge fees and transfers. There are a limited number of rooms available for single occupancy (subject to availability).

❖ Why not book a three-week package for **£1295.00** and enjoy a big saving on the brochure price.



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- ❖ Please complete the separate booking form
- ❖ **£100.00** deposit per person (cheques to be made payable to **Arena Travel**, who will send you your invoice)
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La Quinta Hotel, Menorca

29 April - 6 May 2011

The hotel

This will be our eighth April visit to the luxurious 5-star **La Quinta Hotel**. It has 82 rooms including six suites, all with their own balcony or terrace overlooking the pool and the beautifully landscaped gardens. All bedrooms have air conditioning, safe, mini bar, telephone, satellite TV, bath and shower plus hair dryers. Facilities include a heated indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gymnasium and hair salon. There is a tennis court nearby. The spa offers a tremendous range of health and beauty treatments so there is plenty of opportunity to spoil yourself and relax away from the bridge table. The hotel is situated about 9km south of the old Moorish capital of Cuitadella. The resort is centred on a small yacht harbour flanked on either side by the two sandy beaches of Son Xoriguer and Cala'n Bosc – both within easy walking distance of the hotel. There are many pleasant level walks around the resort or along the unspoilt coast.



Bridge events

This holiday and the following two weeks at S'Algar, are aimed at players who have a thorough knowledge of the game. It is unsuitable for beginners but will benefit the experienced player and those wishing to improve all or any aspect of their game. There will be seminars given most days by **Andrew Kambites** on various topics plus discussions on hands played the previous evening. The seminars will cover a wide range of topics to accommodate those coming for three weeks. Tuition, if required, is available from qualified EBUTA teachers. You are welcome to play in all or as many sessions as you wish. Partners and team mates will always be found. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).

Prices

The cost of this break, flying from Gatwick, is **£627.00*** which includes half board, all tuition, bridge fees, flights and transfers. Flights are also available from Birmingham, Luton and Manchester at a supplement.
**Single Supplement £79.00*

❖ Why not book a two week spring package at the La Quinta and S'Algar hotels (see page 8) for only **£1077.00** (plus single supplements), or a three week package for **£1503.00** (plus single supplements) – and enjoy a huge saving on brochure prices.



HOW TO BOOK

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Hotel S'Algar, Menorca

Two breaks:
6 - 13 May
& 13 - 20 May 2011

The hotel

Our 13th Spring holiday at **Hotel S'Algar**, rightly renowned for its warm welcome and sea front location. Rooms are self-contained with TV, telephone, bath, shower and balcony. Safes and mini bars are available on request. There is a choice of double or twin bedrooms on the ground or first floor. Enjoy free wine and water with lunch, plus tea/coffee during afternoon bridge sessions. S'Algar boasts a new spa facility including a heated indoor 11m swimming pool as well as extensive sports and leisure activities including swimming, floodlit tennis, paddle tennis, a six-rink bowling green, archery and rifle shooting. Table tennis, boules, putting green, driving net and water sports – including diving and snorkelling – are also available.

Bridge events

This holiday, and the preceding week at La Quinta, is aimed at players with a thorough knowledge of the game. It is unsuitable for beginners but will benefit experienced players and those wishing to improve all or any aspect of their game. There will be seminars given most days by **Andrew Kambites** on various



topics plus discussions on hands played the previous evening. Seminars will cater for those coming for the three week holiday. Tuition, if required, is available from qualified EBUTA teachers.

We have the exclusive use of a quiet, airy room situated just a few metres from the hotel. It has its own bar and is fully air conditioned. You are welcome to play in all or as many sessions as you wish. Partners and team mates will always be found. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).



Prices

Flying from Gatwick, prices are **£597.00*** for one week or **£1044.00*** for two weeks, to include full board, all bridge fees and airport duties. Flights from Birmingham, East Midlands, Luton, Manchester and Bristol are available at a supplement.

**Single occupancy supplement £76.00 per week.*
A limited number of rooms with sea views are available attracting a supplement of £75.00 per room per week.

❖ Why not book a two week spring package at the La Quinta (see page 7) and S'Algar hotels for only **£1077.00** (plus single supplements), or a three week package for **£1503.00** (plus single supplements) – and enjoy a huge saving on brochure prices.

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Gloria Palace Hotel, Gran Canaria

6- 20 June 2011

The hotel

Why not join us on our first visit to glorious Gran Canaria? The spectacular four-star Hotel Gloria Palace is situated within an easy two-minute walk of a vibrant marina and numerous restaurants and shops. It is also just a five-minute walk from a beautiful sandy beach (see right). Every bedroom is extremely spacious with a balcony and sea view, each is equipped with a hairdryer, safe, television and kettle.



The hotel's food, service levels and facilities are simply outstanding; the spa is considered to be one of the best in Europe and offers every imaginable therapy and beauty treatment. A hairdresser is also

on site. In addition, there is an extensive gymnasium, a floodlit tennis court, table tennis, a games room and a programme of nightly entertainment.

The island offers a choice of premier golf courses including a brand new 18 hole golf course situated within ten minutes of the hotel.

Gran Canaria enjoys an enviable climate with an average of just 10 days of rainfall a year, so you can take full advantage of the two sun terraces, each with its own bar and free sun beds.

Bridge

The bridge will be under the direction of **Bob Baker** who will present a series of at least four seminars. Duplicate bridge will be provided every evening and most afternoons. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).

Prices

The price of this holiday, based on flying from Gatwick, is **£959.00** per person which includes half board, flights, transfers and all bridge fees.

Flights are also available at a supplement from Manchester (£19.00); Glasgow & Leeds Bradford (£29.00); and Newcastle (£35.00).

A number of rooms are available for single occupancy at a supplement, subject to availability.



HOW TO BOOK

- ❖ Please complete the booking form
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Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham

24-30 July 2011

The hotel

The **Thistle Cheltenham** hotel is situated in tranquil landscaped grounds just minutes from the M5 motorway (junction 11). Cheltenham's historic town centre is a short drive away, and the nearby city of Gloucester can be reached in 20 minutes.

Thistle Cheltenham offers you a range of facilities to help you enjoy your stay. There is the Otium health and leisure club with a fully equipped gym, pool, sauna and steam room. Tennis is also available.

In addition, the hotel has parking available on site and all guests can keep up to date with work or search the internet from anywhere within the hotel thanks to BT Openzone.

Bridge events

Designed to appeal to players of all levels, these breaks offer the perfect blend of friendly bridge and elegant surroundings. Your bridge programme



will include a mixture of teams and duplicate pairs. Partners will be available. All sessions will be duplicate. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more). Director **Bob Baker**.

Prices

The cost of this six night break is **£359.00** per person, half board. There are a limited number of rooms for single occupancy, supplement free, subject to availability.



HOW TO BOOK

- ❖ Please complete the booking form
- ❖ **£50.00** deposit per person (cheques to be made payable to **Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham**)
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Baltic Sea Cruise & St Petersburg

Departs 18 August
2011 for 14 nights

The ship

Our first cruise adventure! A trip of excitement and breathtaking beauty to the Baltic states and Russia. The highlights of this incredible itinerary include two nights in St. Petersburg and a visit to Medieval Tallin.

Carrying around 1350 passengers, **Balmoral** is the largest ship in the Fred Olsen fleet. Enjoy a modern, stylish decor, a wide choice of facilities and plenty of open deck space. The attentive crew of 510 will ensure everyone feels entirely at ease throughout the cruise.

***A 10% deposit is required to secure your booking. The ship's bridge room is limited to 64 places so book early to avoid disappointment.**



Itinerary

Embark **Southampton** – Transit **Kiel Canal (Germany)** – **Saarema** – **Tallinn (Estonia)** – **Helsinki (Finland)** – **St. Petersburg (Russia, 3 days)** – **Copenhagen & Aalborg (Denmark)** – **Southampton**.

Bridge events

Bridge will be directed by **Andrew Kambites** who will be giving at least four seminars. Duplicate bridge will be played most evenings and during the afternoons whilst cruising. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).



Prices

Subject to market fluctuations, the price of this incredible voyage of discovery starts from **£1499.00** for an inside twin cabin; outside twin **£1849.00**; balcony twin cabin **£2789.00**, (all based on double occupancy). Other options including single cabin prices are available.

The cost includes bridge fees, £140.00 per cabin onboard spend, or free car parking at port, or free transport to port, plus a complimentary welcome drinks party onboard.

For further information regarding this cruise or cabin options please contact **Gill's Cruise Centre** on 0845 460 7002 or visit the First for Bridge website at **www.bridge-holidays.com**

HOW TO BOOK

- ❖ To book please contact Gill's Cruise Centre on 0845 460 7002
- ❖ A **10%** deposit per person is required to secure your booking (cheques to be made payable to **Gill's Cruise Centre**, who will send you your invoice)



Hotel S'Algar, Menorca

30 September
- 14 October 2011

The hotel

We are claiming the world record for the longest running licensed overseas bridge event. Come and join us for a very special 40th anniversary celebration at this outstanding location. There will be fireworks, gifts for all participants, draws for a free holiday in 2012 and another for a leather coat donated by Modas Menorca.

Menorca's warm and welcoming **Hotel S'Algar** has always been a popular venue with *First for Bridge* guests who can choose from either a well equipped hotel room or an apartment (subject to availability).

Hotel: Self-contained bedrooms with television, telephone, bath, shower, hair dryer and balcony. Safes and mini bars available on request.

Apartments: Situated about 150m from the Hotel S'Algar, each apartment comprises two twin bedrooms, living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom and a large balcony or terrace.

All accommodation is full board. Meals will be taken in the hotel dining room and there is the option of lunching at one of the hotel's many poolside snack bars. Throughout the holiday there will be free wine and water with lunch, and free tea, coffee, orange juice and water during the afternoon bridge sessions.

Resort activities

The Hotel S'Algar boasts a new spa facility including a heated indoor 11m swimming pool and offers a wide range of sports and leisure activities. Optional watersports are under the supervision of Club S'Algar

Diving where you can try scuba diving and snorkelling. The island's capital, Mahon, is only four miles away and is perfect for shopping.

Bridge events

Bridge is under the friendly direction of **Bob Baker** who has devised a programme of bridge which will appeal to players of all standards. Occasional seminars on various subjects will be held.

We have the exclusive use of a quiet, airy room situated just a few metres from the hotel. It has its own bar and is fully air conditioned. Trophies will be presented to the winners of all events other than open pairs. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).

Special events

Events include a welcome cocktail party and a gala dinner on the final evening.

Prices

Holiday prices are based on these departure airports: Gatwick **£979.00**; Birmingham, Luton or Stansted **£989.00**; East Midlands, Manchester **£999.00**; Leeds/Bradford **£1009.00**; Bristol, Exeter **£1067.00**; Glasgow **£1067.00**.

Price includes air travel, airport taxes, transfers, full board, bridge programme, prizes and events as specified.

Supplements: single occupancy £95.00; sea view rooms (limited) £150.00 per room.



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La Quinta Hotel, Menorca

14 - 21 October 2011

The hotel

This will be our fourth October visit to the luxurious 5-star **La Quinta Hotel**. The venue is well known to many of our April holiday guests who have enjoyed the hotel's wonderful facilities in previous years.

La Quinta is owned by the same family as the Hotel S'Algar and enjoys the same high standards and has recently been voted one of the world's top 100 hotels by the travel company TUI.

La Quinta Hotel is situated some nine kilometres south of the old Moorish capital of Cuitadella, it is very close to a small yacht harbour and the two sandy beaches of Cala'n Bosc and Son Xoriguer. In addition to the superb cuisine presented each day there will be a themed gourmet evening. Also on offer is a guided tour of the old capital and a daily draw for a free luxury spa treatment.

Guests can enjoy a game of tennis or pamper themselves in the magnificent spa which offers a range of therapies and beauty treatments.



Bridge events

This holiday will suit the experienced duplicate bridge player who would welcome the opportunity to take their game to a higher level. Bridge will be available most afternoons and every evening. **Bob Baker** will present a series of seminars and will be delighted to discuss any aspect of your game. Bridge is licensed by the EBU. Masterpoints and prizes will be awarded for each session (based on 5 tables or more).

Prices

The cost, based on flying from Gatwick is **£637.00*** which includes half board, bridge fees, flights and transfers. Cost based on flight from these regional airports: Birmingham and Luton **£637.00**; East Midlands, Manchester and Stansted **£637.00**; Leeds/Bradford **£659.00**; and Bristol/Exeter/Glasgow **£695**.

*Single occupancy supplement £69.00.

❖ Why not book a three week package at the Hotel S'Algar (see opposite) and this hotel for only **£1385.00*** flying from Gatwick; **£1395.00*** flying from Birmingham & Luton; or **£1405.00*** flying from Manchester.

You can also enjoy a two week package at both S'Algar and La Quinta, 7-21 October 2011, for **£999.00*** flying from Gatwick, Luton & Birmingham; **£1010.00*** flying from Manchester; **£1027.00*** flying from Bristol, Cardiff or East Midlands; or **£1176.00*** flying from Glasgow.

*Plus single supplements.

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The First for Bridge Quiz plus answers

We are delighted to publish the answers to our 2010 bridge quiz devised by **Andrew Kambites**. The winner is named on our website and the £100.00 prize money sent. Andrew will be compiling another which will appear on our website late December.

1) Bidding Question

What should be North's rebid after the auction shown with each of these hands?

- a) ♠ J 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ J 4 2
 b) ♠ J 7 6 5 2 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A 10 2
 c) ♠ A Q 6 5 2 ♥ Q 5 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A K 2

S	W	N	E
1♥	P	1♠	P
2♦	P	?	

Answer to bidding question

- a) 2♥. This is called False Preference. South probably has 5 hearts and 4 diamonds. You prefer the 5-2 fit to the 4-3 fit. You are not strong enough for 2NT.
 b) 2NT. 10-12 points and a club stopper.
 c) 3♣. This time you are far too strong for any notrump bid. Slam is likely, but you don't yet know the best denomination. Bidding the fourth suit gives partner the chance to describe his hand further: maybe he has a sixth heart, a fifth diamond or 3-card spade support.

2) Declarer Play Question

West leads ♥Q. How should you play the hand?

♠ A K Q 2
 ♥ J 10 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K 8 7 3

♠ 4 3
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ Q J 5 4
 ♣ 6 5 4 2

S	W	N	E
P	P	Dbl	P
1NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

Answer to Declarer Play question

♠ A K Q 2
 ♥ J 10 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ K 8 7 3

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 ♥ Q 4 ♦ 9 7 6 3 2 ♣ 10
 ♠ J 10 ♥ K 8 7 6 5 ♦ 10 8 ♣ A Q J 9

♠ 4 3
 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ Q J 5 4
 ♣ 6 5 4 2

S	W	N	E
P	P	Dbl	P
1NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

West leads ♥Q. You have nine certain tricks (3 spades, 2 hearts and 4 diamonds), but you may have difficulty reaching the winning diamonds in your hand. You need a sure entry to your hand *after* you have unblocked the diamond suit. The only way to do this is to play dummy's ♥J (or ♥10) under

West's ♥Q and allow the ♥Q to hold the trick. If the ♥4 is continued play dummy's ♥10 and the defenders have no answer.

3) Defence Question

What would you lead as West from the hand below after the auction shown?

♠ A 7 4 ♥ A J 10 9 ♦ A 6 3 ♣ 5 3 2

S	W	N	E
1♣	P	1♥	P
1♠	P	2♣	P
2NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

Answer to defence question

♠ J 6 2
 ♥ K 7 5 3
 ♦ Q 7 4
 ♣ Q J 4

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ A J 10 9
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 5 3 2

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ 8 6 4 2
 ♦ 10 9 8 5
 ♣ 9 7

♠ K Q 10 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K J 2
 ♣ A K 10 8 6

S	W	N	E
1♣	P	1♥	P
1♠	P	2♣	P
2NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

South has opened 1♣ and rebid 1♥, suggesting 5-4 shape. He also has the diamonds stopped so he cannot have more than two hearts, perhaps a singleton. With your 13 points you cannot expect partner to contribute much to the defence, and unless you attack hearts you can easily imagine declarer taking 5 club tricks and establishing tricks with kings, queens and jacks in the other suits. You must attack hearts: leading the ♥A is correct in case South has a singleton heart honour.

Our guarantee to you



At **First for Bridge Ltd**, it is our objective to provide bridge holidays for players of all abilities including those who wish to improve. There is always a full and varied programme which usually includes either Swiss teams or pairs.

For the less experienced player, and those wishing to improve their game, we guarantee that our bridge tuition will provide plenty of humour and will be of the highest standard. Comprehensive tuition notes are always made available.

Here's why **First for Bridge** is different, and why our bridge holidays are so successful every year:

- ❖ Singles welcome
- ❖ Duplimated boards used for evenings
- ❖ Hand records provided after evening sessions
- ❖ Partners available
- ❖ Bridge fees included
- ❖ Master points awarded
- ❖ Bridge evenings and afternoons (as per programme)
- ❖ At least two seminars weekly
- ❖ Varied bridge programme
- ❖ All equipment provided, including bidding boxes
- ❖ EBU qualified directors
- ❖ EBUTA qualified teachers
- ❖ Transfers included.

To enhance everybody's enjoyment, we fully support the EBU's Best Behaviour at Bridge policy. This is

also featured on our website. Their friendly guide to the BB@B code is reproduced below.

Bridge is an extremely enjoyable game. Courteous behaviour is an exceptionally important part of that enjoyment. This guide serves as a brief reminder of how to behave at the bridge table. We are sure that all players naturally follow this code of conduct, but there are times when concentration and pressure take their toll and it is for these situations that we issue this reminder:



- ❖ Greet others in a friendly manner prior to the start of play each round
- ❖ Be a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table
- ❖ Make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents
- ❖ Give credit when opponents make a good bid or play
- ❖ Ensure that your mobile phone is switched off
- ❖ Enjoy the company as well as the game
- ❖ Don't criticise your partners or opponents during sessions
- ❖ Remember to call the director to settle any problems at the table.

Booking form 1

GUESTS

Surname 1

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename

DATE OF BIRTH

As Passport

PASSPORT NUMBER

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TEL (DAY)

TEL (EVENING)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Surname 2

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename

DATE OF BIRTH

As Passport

PASSPORT NUMBER

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TEL (DAY)

TEL (EVENING)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Holiday

LOCATION

HOTEL NAME

START DATE

END DATE

DEPARTURE AIRPORT

Accommodation

ROOM TYPE (Single/Double/Twin)

Booking

Please complete this booking form and attach your deposit cheque of £100.00 per person for **Arena Travel** holidays; £130.00 per person for the **Gill's Cruise Centre** Tunisia holiday; £150.00 per person for the **Gill's Cruise Centre** Gran Canaria holiday; or £50.00 per person for UK hotel holidays.

A 10% deposit per person is required to secure your **Gill's Cruise Centre Baltic Cruise** booking. Places are limited to 64. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note that cheques should be made payable to the hotel (UK only) or operator as indicated on the relevant holiday page.

Send to:

FIRST FOR BRIDGE LTD

4 The Lyes, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5HF.

Insurance

Insurance is not included in these holidays. If you are having difficulty in obtaining cover please contact the respective travel company who may be able to assist.

Preferred Name

Special Requests

Disability/diet etc)

Please note that cheques should be made payable to the hotel (UK only) or operator as indicated in the 'How to Book' panel on the relevant holiday page.



Booking form 2

GUESTS

Surname 1

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename

DATE OF BIRTH

As Passport

PASSPORT NUMBER

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

TEL (DAY)

TEL (EVENING)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Surname 2

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename

DATE OF BIRTH

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Frequently Asked Questions

These are some of the most common questions asked. Please feel free to contact us if you need more information.

Full board/Half board

Q Some of your holidays abroad are full board. Can I book for half board?

A Unfortunately not, as all negotiations with the hotels are on a full board basis. On the October Hotel S'Algar holiday guests can have luncheon vouchers which are redeemable at snack bars and the hotel bar.

Insurance

Q Is insurance included?

A Unfortunately not.

Q Do I have to have insurance for your holidays?

A Yes. If you are having difficulty in obtaining cover please contact the respective travel company who may be able to assist. As regards the UK breaks we recommend you have insurance but it's not mandatory.

Andrew Kambites

Q Where Andrew Kambites is mentioned, will he be there for the entire duration?

A Yes.

Bridge

Q What is the standard of play?

A An almost impossible question that we believe is best answered by describing the standard as comparable with any reasonably size bridge club. You have some good players, some reasonable players, those not so good and those that think they are better than they actually are (according to my wife usually husbands). Our holidays are aimed at the established player who enjoys bridge run professionally. We pride ourselves on providing equipment, facilities, venues and personnel to very high standards whilst actively encouraging friendliness and understanding at the table. Our one week holidays run by Andrew Kambites are run in exactly the same manner except that Andrew will offer seminars most days for those that want them. For all trophy events (most evenings) and for the qualifying rounds we use a duplimate machine to ensure consistency and fairness. Records of the hands are of course available. Bidding boxes are also supplied.

Q How often do you run bridge?

A Bridge will be played every evening* and most afternoons (subject to demand). There will be one afternoon per week where bridge is not available.

**On special occasions there may be a celebration dinner when bridge will not be played. At the moment this is only applicable to Menorca in October and will only occur once during the fortnight.*

Q Are all bridge fees included in the price?

A Yes!

Partners

Q Can I come without a partner?

A Yes. A partner will always be found for you.

Q Can you guarantee to find me a partner of my own standard?

A No, but we will always do our best to assist to that effect.

Q If you find me a partner and for whatever reason we do not get on, will I have to play with him/her throughout?

A No. We are very conscious that everyone, no matter what standard, should enjoy their bridge. If you did not enjoy your game it is likely your partner felt the same. We find we always have a number of singles and indeed some partnerships who wish to have a change during the holiday. In addition we have three members of staff available to play.

Q Your programme shows you play a proportion of teams. What about a partner and team mates?

A Again that is no problem.

Accommodation

Q In October as well as the hotel you advertise apartments, what are the advantages/disadvantages?

A The main advantage of the apartments are the size. They are designed to sleep six and consist of two double bedrooms. They are nicely appointed with a full size cooker and fridge. The main disadvantages are that they are not attached to the hotel and some are situated up a very slight incline.

Q What facilities are there in the hotel rooms?

A Television, hairdryers, telephones and a balcony. All rooms have a bath with a shower. A fridge and safe are available – details at reception. There are no tea making facilities.

Booking conditions

Booking conditions for overseas holidays

Your contract for overseas holidays is with the individual travel company and the contract is created as per these conditions. Full details can be found on the rear of the invoice and should be read fully. Should you wish to view them in advance, please advise and they will be sent to you. **Insurance is obligatory.**

Booking conditions for UK holidays

Your contract for UK holidays is with the hotel as regards meals and accommodation, and with First for Bridge Ltd as regards all matters pertaining to the playing of the game of bridge. **Insurance is strongly recommended** as no refunds can be made.

First for Bridge Booking Conditions

❖ First for Bridge Ltd reserves the right to cancel holidays should numbers be insufficient, in which case all monies paid will be refunded in full. Where possible at least eight weeks notice will be given.

❖ All booking forms shall be accompanied by the appropriate deposit. See individual holiday pages. Deposits are non-refundable and should be made payable to the appropriate travel company or hotel. Credit card payments may attract a surcharge.

❖ All booking forms and deposits which should be made payable to the appropriate travel company or hotel should be sent to: First for Bridge Ltd, 4 The Lyes, Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5HF

❖ Any last minute booking completed by phone/fax or email shall be deemed to be subject to these terms and conditions.

❖ Full payment is due at least eight weeks before the start of the holiday. Late payment may result in the cancellation of your booking and may incur additional administration charges.

❖ Cancellations must be made in writing.

❖ If a booking is not accepted monies received will be refunded in full.

❖ Transfer to another person can be accommodated but will attract administration charges, £30 per person and must be made in writing.

❖ If you are booking less than eight weeks before

departure full payment must accompany the booking form.

❖ If you are coming on your own we will always try to find compatible partners and team mates from within the group. When this is not possible a member of the team will be happy to play at any time. On these occasions prizes or trophies will not be awarded, although master points will of course be given as normal. The play throughout these breaks/holidays will be duplicate. If you come on your own knowledge of ACOL and experience of duplicate bridge are essential. Please ring us if you have doubts.

❖ We reserve the right when necessary to change the director/tutor. This will only be done in cases of emergency or illness.

❖ First for Bridge Ltd is keen to promote the enjoyment of bridge on its holidays. All sessions will be played in accordance with the rules and ethics as stated by the EBU. In the unlikely event of any guest not conforming, First for Bridge Ltd will not be liable for compensation relating to the withdrawal of bridge playing facilities from that individual.

❖ First for Bridge Ltd operates a no smoking policy in the bridge room.

Travel Operator Contact information

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