

Dear friends,

I would like to announce the Cyprus Bridge Federation 29th Annual International Bridge Festival to a few of the bridge clubs in Somerset. I am interested because I come from Cyprus and I know the organisers very well (two of them are my cousins). This festival is non profit making. The reason the festival has not been advertised in this country in the past is because it has traditionally attracted players from the Middle East. However since the situation in the Middle East has deteriorated the organisers have decided to advertise in the UK too. Last year it attracted international players from all over East Europe. Standard is high but not intimidating (for instance members the Polish International team were there last year). My aim is to get 20-30 players form the West Country to join.

The festival will take place in Limassol the week before half term. Preliminary information is as follows:

Dear friends,

The annual Cyprus Bridge Festival will take place from 19 – 23 May 2017 at Curium Hotel in the town of Limassol.

The flyer will follow shortly.

We would like to welcome many players from your country to play bridge and enjoy summer holidays in one of the most beautiful towns of Cyprus by the sea.

The hotel is 3 min walk from the beach and within walking distance from the shopping centre.

Double room: 105 Euros

Single room: 90 Euros

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Rena Livera

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Secretaryhttp://www.cyprusbridge.org/Portals/0/Images/2016/oie_2117512xqDy6NBAL.png

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The Curium hotel is a lovely 4 star old fashioned hotel with a 4.5 out of 5 rating on booking.com, fully refurbished. It is close to the sea but also to the centre of the town where tourists are not thronging. There are good restaurants all around where you could get dinner or a snack or a drink after the bridge session. The streets are safe and welcoming and the Limassolians are well known for being outgoing, fun loving people (my strict parents thought that the Limassolians were depraved!). The weather (24 -27 degrees in daytime) will be absolutely ideal for walking, sunbathing and –if you are British- swimming (water like Bournemouth in August).

If you are interested, the organisers and I would be happy to organise day tours to other parts of Cyprus. There are the pine clad peaks of Mount Troodos, the highest in the Med, with beautiful traditional unspoilt villages on the way, pretty towns on the west and pristine deserted beaches. There are amazing archaeological sites such as Curium close by, Roman villas in Paphos and the wonderful Cyprus Museum in Nicosia plus a stroll in the old Nicosia town. There are several golf clubs nearby too. All this is an hour or two drive away and we can organise coaches or you can hire a car. Non playing partners would not be bored, I guarantee.

I have asked for this year's flyer but, if you may be interested, please contact me ASAP to guarantee a room in the hotel. The price offered for rooms with breakfast is excellent and you will not regret your stay.

Best wishes,

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