

## BUDAPEST 2016

### THE 16<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN WOMEN NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD IN BUDAPEST



FROM THE 16TH TO 18TH OF JUNE AND THE 53RD EUROPEAN BRIDGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL FOLLOW ON THE 19TH TO THE 25TH. THE VENUE WILL BE THE SAME FOR BOTH EVENTS: THE GROUPAMA ARENA, A MULTI-PURPOSE STADIUM, HOME OF THE FERENCVÁROSI TC.

Tristar Travel have put a package together that might be of interest to you if you are considering entering the Championships and details of the package can be seen below. Maureen Walsh, a bridge player from Skerries, is a director of the company along with her husband Tom. If this is of interest to you please contact Maureen or Tom directly. You may be interested in staying on to watch the Team Championships or do some sightseeing and this can be arranged with Tristar.

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Carmel Higgins, bridge player and travel journalist, had this to say of the package:-

*"This sounds very good, and value wise terrific. Just a couple of suggestions when staying in Budapest, don't miss going to Central Market Hall, a treasure trove for food, Hungarian souvenirs, very reasonable food stalls and restaurants - look where the locals eat, you won't go wrong. Many traders accept Euros, as the Hungarian Forint is the national currency the best place to get some is from the bank link at Budapest airport. A 'must go to' is Gerbeaud's -- most famous coffee house. If you have time a boat trip is most pleasant and whenever taking a taxi, always agree the price before you drive anywhere. Traffic in Budapest is extremely heavy but getting around on the underground is easy.*

*A 'not to be missed experience' is a visit to some of the Spas, The Gellert Baths, the most opulent amazing art deco hotel and spa, massages are very cheap, the pool is magnificent and afterward sit outside and enjoy a coffee or a glass of local wine. "*

See .. [www.rte.ie/tv/timeontheirhands/episode2.html](http://www.rte.ie/tv/timeontheirhands/episode2.html)

# Tristar Travel

## 16th European Women's National Pairs Championships - Budapest 16-18 June 2016



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### **Travel Schedule:**

**15 June: Dublin/Budapest, Ryanair 17.05 21.05**

**19 June: Budapest/Dublin, Aer Lingus 10.45 13.00**

### **Accommodation**

Suggested hotels near city centre and the Groupama Arena where the event is been held.

The price includes, your flight, bed and breakfast accommodation and taxes.

The Leonardo, 4 star Hotel, twin room €415.00; Single €595.00;

The Mercure Duna Budapest, 3 star Hotel, twin room €410; Single room €589.00;

‘We chose the hotels because of their proximity to the Bridge and City centre and the flights for their times.’

Also with Ryanair for the return you can use 17.10 19.30;

The outward Aer Lingus flight is 06.15, 10.10;

### **NOTE:**

All subject to availability – ‘it's not in stone so if anyone want to travel earlier or come back later Tristar can customise to suit’.

*Tom Walsh*

**Tom and Maureen Walsh Tristar Travel Worldchoice**

# Information, Eligibility and Entry Fee:-

- **All EBL Information** re entry to the Championship is in the EBL Letter from EBL President, Yves Aubry found in this link.  
<http://www.eurobridge.org/Data/Sites/1/media/documents/3rd%20info%20letter%20NBOs%20WPC2016-120116.pdf>

- **Right to Enter:** By being a member of the CBAI or NIBU and hence the IBU you are eligible to play. This championship could interest you particularly if you have played in our national Geraldine/McMenamin, National Ladies Pairs/Teams or the Holmes Wilson. 'Women bridge players who are registered members of Zone 1 NBOs and in good standing with their Federation, are entitled to participate.' (Europe is zone 1)

Your entry needs to be cleared by IBU Joint Secretaries

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- **Format of the Championship**

It is anticipated that the Championship will consist of two stages: a Qualifying Stage, and a Final Stage (Final A and Final B). However, should the number of participants permit, there will be a one stage all-play-all (Endless Howell) competition. The details of the format are available in the Supplemental Conditions of Contest to be published today on the EBL Website (<http://www.eurobridge.org/conditions-of-contest.aspx>).

- **Schedule**

♥ Registration 10:00-18:00	Wednesday 15th June
♥ Qualification and Final	Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 June
♥ Prize-Giving Ceremony 21:00	Saturday 18th June

- **Entry Fees**

The entry fees are € 300. (€150 per player) by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- **Useful links**

[www.eurobridge.org](http://www.eurobridge.org)

[www.visitbudapest.travel/activities/budapest-top-10/](http://www.visitbudapest.travel/activities/budapest-top-10/)

[www.visitbudapest.travel/guide/budapest-attractions](http://www.visitbudapest.travel/guide/budapest-attractions)

[www.goldenpages.ie/tristar-travel-skerries/1/](http://www.goldenpages.ie/tristar-travel-skerries/1/)

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