

Dear Skat friends and supporters,

Las Vegas, Nevada is the undisputed Entertainment Capital of the World – a unique playground for adults on the grandest scale. Whether it be the dazzling shows, headline entertainers, exciting gaming, excellent dining, abundant shopping, thrilling attractions, or just taking in the spectacular sights, everybody can find more things to do in Las Vegas than their visiting time permits. This city never seems to sleep. The merriment continues long into the night, almost like an around the clock party.

The center of the action is a long broad avenue stretching from the southern fringe of the city northward for a dozen miles until it reaches the heart of old downtown. This is Las Vegas Boulevard, commonly known as "the Strip". During a drive down the Strip one is greeted by the world famous "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign, and then by the spectacular theming of the famous casino hotels; from the huge pyramid of the Luxor, the skyline of New York, New York, the Eifel Tower of Paris, the fountains at the Bellagio, the posh elegance of the Venetian and the Wynn, to the lofty spire of the Stratosphere. Just driving down the Strip past all these spectacular casino resorts is a fantastic experience in itself. Eventually, the Strip takes you to historic downtown Vegas and Fremont Street, home of the historic old gambling parlors like Binions and the Golden Nugget. At night, all of Las Vegas comes alive with miles of colored neon and millions of dancing, pulsating lights.

Our hosting venue for the 20th Skat WM is the glamorous and historic Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, located at the midpoint of the Strip, right in the center of all the action! This self-contained casino and resort offers everything an adventurous vacationer could want: A tropical Wildlife Habitat, Go Pool - a 15-acre Caribbean-style water playground and select rooms with fabulous views of 550-foot-tall High Roller Ferris wheel. Set on the famous four corners of Las Vegas Boulevard and Flamingo Road, this Las Vegas hotel combines heart-pounding excitement with outstanding hospitality and service.

Las Vegas also provides unmatched excursion opportunities for our players and their guests, including a trip to the must-see Grand Canyon in Arizona. One of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World, the Grand Canyon is a world famous destination where unique combinations of geologic color and erosional forms decorate a canyon that is 446 km long, up to 29 km wide, and 1.6 km deep. The Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size and haunting beauty.

Also worth visiting is Nevada's oldest National Park "Valley of Fire" with its Arch Rock, a natural stone arch that was formed over thousands of years. Nearby Hoover Dam, a US National Historic Landmark is the highest concrete dam in the Western Hemisphere, standing at more than 221 m feet above the Colorado River. With 17 generators producing 4 billion kilowatts of electricity a year, it also is one of the country's largest hydroelectric power facilities. Completed in October 2010, the Mike O' Callaghan -- Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge offers spectacular views that were once only available by helicopter. Visitors have access to drive to this bridge and see the dam from a high vantage point.

The city of Las Vegas as well as the excursions we have planned will make this Skat World Championship an unforgettable experience. Take in more highlights on the pre-tournament stop in New York or the post tournament trip through the south west and ending in San Francisco.

Make sure to register early to ensure participation. With registration to the world championship, a deposit of € 250.00 will be due. The remainder of the package must be paid by April 30th 2016. We ask that you register as early as possible so that we are able to secure the most cost effective flights.

The USA section and ISPA World will be happy to welcome you to Las Vegas for the 20. Skat World Championship.

The final package descriptions and additional information will be published in the Skat Magazine 2016 and on the ISPA World homepage.

Packages – Preliminary Descriptions

Package A1a, A1b, A2

- ½ Double = € 970 (A1a and A1b)
- Single = € 1,370 (A2)
- 08/12 to 08/21/2016

This package includes the basic package C as well as 9 nights in a ½ double or single incl. breakfast buffet on 08/13/2016 in the Hotel “Flamingo Las Vegas”. Each of the spacious rooms of the Flamingo Hotel is equipped with a desk, a seating area and an entertainment center with Cable TV. This resort on the Las Vegas Strip features the Caribbean style ‘GO Pool’ as well as an extensive Spa and Fitness area.

Package A1c

- ½ Double = € 590

Like above but without basic package C (only for travelling companions without participation in the Skat world championship. Does not include spectator program).

Package B

- Breakfast Vouchers = approximately € 240

Except for the first day, the price for the hotel room does not include breakfast. We encourage the purchase of this package. The vouchers can be used in multiple hotels of the Ceasars Entertainment chain.

Package C

- € 595 per Participant / Spectator (Schlachtenbummler)

Package C must be purchased, if the Hotel **is not** booked through ISPA World. It includes organizational expenses incl. trophies and medals, cards, a souvenir, 2 trips for spectators, one trip for everyone and participation in the Gala closing event.

Flight Booking through ISPA World

Passport required! Please enter birth date, gender as well as the full name as stated in the passport and the passport number in the registration form.

Package D1

- Appr. € 1,300 per Person

ISPA World will organize round trip travel for all interested participants (from an Airport in Germany) incl. transfer Airport – Hotel – Airport in Las Vegas. Since only a limited number of flights are available, we ask that you register as soon as possible.

Package D2

- Appr. € 1,400 per Person

This package includes the multi destination flights required, if you book the pre and post tournament trips. Exact prices and airports have not been finally determined. Please review the most current information on www.ispaworld.org.

Day Trip 1 - 4 Hour Sightseeing Tour in Las Vegas (for Spectators)

On this tour you will see the highlights of the city, starting with the famous 'Strip' up the old downtown with the well known 'Golden Nugget Casino'. The trip will also take you to the 'High Roller', the worlds tallest Ferris wheel. A ride on the ferris wheel is not included in the price (additional cost appr. € 28).

Day Trip 2 - 6 Hour trip to 'Valley of Fire' and 'Hoover Dam' (for Spectators)

First we will take you to the 'Valley of Fire', the oldest national park in Nevada. One of the highlights of the day will be a visit to 'Arch Rock', a natural stone arch that was formed over thousands of years. Afterwards we take you to the Hoover Dam, one of the technological world wonders. Your tour guide will tell you all about it on a walk over the dam.

Day Trip 3 – Grand Canyon West Rim (for Spectators and Players)

You will board shuttle buses that will take you to the viewing areas of the west rim of the Grand Canyon. For an additional € 38 per person you can book the 'Skywalk' attraction. The transparent horseshoe shaped bridge reaches 22 meters into the canyon, which is about 1,100 meters below. Alternatively you can book a 30 min Helicopter ride with a landing inside the canyon (additional cost appr. € 160) or 25 min Airplane ride (additional cost appr. € 90). Both flights start at the west rim.

Optional Pre and Post Tournament Program

Pre Tournament Program New York – 08/08 to 08/12/2016

E1 = € 829, E2 = € 1,365

Minimum Participants: 30 People

Day 1: Flight from Germany to New York. Transfer to Hotel.

Day 2: 8 hour City tour with German tour guide from Central Park over Times Square and 5th Avenue to Ground Zero and Wall Street.

Day 3: 2.5 hour boat tour with view of the Manhattan Skyline followed by transport to the Empire State building. Enjoy the view from the observation deck on the 86. floor. Use the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Day 4: Half day trip to Brooklyn incl. Brooklyn Bridge. Use the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Day 5: Transfer New York – Las Vegas

You will stay at the 4 Star Hotel Affinia Manhattan incl. American Breakfast. The listed prices are in addition to the flight package D2.

Post Tournament Program South West USA – 08/21 to 08/26/2016

Bus Tour from Las Vegas to San Francisco

F1 = € 1,155, F2 = € 1,569

Minimum Participants: 30 People

Day 1: Las Vegas – Lake Havasu City.

The first leg of the trip will take us past the Hoover Dam over Kingman to Lake Havasu City. Route 66 runs through Kingman and we will be able to see relicts of the past like diners and old gas stations. We continue on to Lake Havasu City, which is located on a lake with the same name. The lake is known for water sports and you will be able to swim here.

Day 2: Lake Havasu City – Joshua Tree National Park – Palm Springs.

From Lake Havasu City we continue our journey to Palm Springs. We will drive through bizarre and fascinating desert landscapes to Joshua Tree National Park. We plan a short visit to the park with its unique Joshua trees. In Palm Springs you will be able to take a leisurely stroll over Palm Canyon Drive with its numerous shops and restaurants.

Day 3: Palm Springs – Los Angeles.

We drive to Los Angeles. Get to know the 'City of Angels' on a guided city tour. Of course we will visit the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame and Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

Day 4: Los Angeles – Monterey

Today, we take Highway 1, one of the most scenic drives in the US, to Monterey. We will enjoy the well known city Santa Barbara and the beautiful, wildly romantic pacific coast. Passing through Carmel, we will reach Monterey over the breathtaking 17 Mile Drive.

Day 5: Monterey – San Francisco

We will most likely reach San Francisco in the late morning. We will tour the city with its many Victorian houses. Of course we will include a stop at the Golden Gate Bridge.

Day 6: Transfer back to Germany

We will stay in middle class hotels incl. breakfast. You will have a German speaking tour guide.

You will stay at the 4 Star Hotel Affinia Manhattan incl. American Breakfast. The listed prices are in addition to the flight package D2. The listed prices are in addition to the flight package D2.

Tournament Program

Friday, 08/12/2016

Arrival and registration for individual and team competition as well as payment of the entrance fees at the tournament location – Hotel Flamingo from

02:00 pm – 07:00 pm

Saturday, 08/13/2016

08:30 am – 09:30 am Player Card Distribution
09:30 am – 10:00 am Flag Parade and Welcome Speeches
10:00 am – 12:00 pm 1. Series Individual / Team
01:00 pm – 03:00 pm 2. Series Individual / Team
03:30 pm – 05:30 pm 3. Series Individual / Team

Sunday, 08/14/2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm 4. Series Individual / Team
12:45 pm – 03:00 pm 5. Series Individual / Team
03:30 pm – 05:30 pm 6. Series Individual / Team

Monday, 08/15/2016

09:00 am – 11:00 am 1. Series National Team
11:15 am – 01:15 pm 2. Series National Team
02:00 pm – 04:00 pm 3. Series National Team
04:30 pm – 06:30 pm 4. Series National Team

Tournament – Grand Prize of Las Vegas

11:15 am – 01:15 pm 1. Series
02:00 pm – 04:00 pm 2. Series
04:30 pm – 06:30 pm 3. Series

Tuesday, 08/16/2015

10:00 am – 12:00 pm 7. Series Individual / Team
12:45 pm – 03:00 pm 8. Series Individual / Team
03:30 pm – 05:30 pm 9. Series Individual / Team

Wednesday, 08/17/2016

Day trip for everyone

Thursday, 08/18/2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm 10. Series Individual / Team
12:45 pm – 03:00 pm 11. Series Individual / Team
03:30 pm – 05:30 pm 12. Series Individual / Team

Friday, 08/19/2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm 13. Series Individual / Seeded
12:45 pm – 03:00 pm 14. Series Individual / Seeded
03:45 pm – 05:45 pm 15. Series Individual / Seeded

Saturday, 08/20/2016

07:45 am Final of the Top 16
07:30 pm Opening of the Final Gala Event

Sunday, 08/21/2016

Departure

We reserve the right to change the program.

Entrance Fees

Individual US\$ 160.00

In addition to the entrance fee, every player must pay a deposit of US\$ 20.00, which will be returned to those players that finish the tournament in the 15th series.

Team US\$ 300.00 (12 Series) A team consists of 6 players

Mixed US\$ 50.00 (12 Series)

Bump Money: 1st - 3rd lost game US\$ 1.25 per game
4 or more lost games US\$ 2.50 per game

All entrance fees must be paid at time of registration (see Tournament program)

Prize Money

Individual

1. Prize US\$ 5,000.00 + Trophy
2. Prize US\$ 3,200.00 + Trophy
3. Prize US\$ 2,200.00 + Trophy
4. Prize US\$ 1,700.00
5. Prize US\$ 1,200.00
6. – 10. Prize US\$ 760.00
11. – 16. Prize US\$ 600.00
17. – 20. Prize US\$ 400.00
21. – 30. Prize US\$ 300.00
31. – 50. Prize US\$ 200.00
51. - 65. Prize US\$ 170.00

Team

1. Prize US\$ 1,800.00 + Trophy
2. Prize US\$ 1,500.00 + Trophy
3. Prize US\$ 1,140.00 + Trophy
4. Prize US\$ 720.00
5. Prize US\$ 480.00
6. Prize US\$ 360.00

Ladies

- 1. Prize US\$ 400.00 + Trophy
- 2. Prize US\$ 300.00 + Trophy
- 3. Prize US\$ 200.00 + Trophy

Series Winner

- 1. Prize US\$ 200.00 + Trophy
- 2. Prize US\$ 100.00 + Trophy
- 3. Prize US\$ 50.00 + Trophy

Day Winner

- 1. Prize US\$ 250.00 + Trophy

Special Prizes

- Senior World Champion – Men US\$ 250.00 + Trophy
- Senior World Champion – Ladies US\$ 250.00 + Trophy
- Mixed Competition Depending on Participation

The calculation of the prize money is based on 250 players in the individual competition and 20 teams in the team competition. The final prize money will be determined on location based on actual participation. All entrance fees will be paid out completely.