



64TH IBA MEETING 2015

INTERNATIONAL BARTENDING ASSOC.

10/10/15 - 15/10/15



SOFIA, **BULGARIA**



Kempinski
Hotel Maranela

SOFIA





Dear Friends,

The IBA is coming to Bulgaria! We are very excited and honoured to welcome the IBA family to our capital city of Sofia. Over the last few months we have been hard at work preparing for your arrival in October 2015.

The Kempinski Hotel Marinela will be our conference ground to conduct the 64th IBA Meeting and will also be where we will be staying. The hotel boasts amazing infrastructure offering stunning panoramic views, the biggest hotel conference facilities in the capital, superb leisure and dining facilities. The management and staff are thrilled to welcome the IBA delegation to Sofia and will do everything in their power to make your stay a pleasant one.

Bulgaria is a beautiful country and has a fascinating nature, both perfect place for summer vacation on the beaches of Black Sea and also many top-rated sky resorts for the winter. Bulgaria is also full of ethno, cultural and historical tourist attractions.

The hotel and conference centre is located in the heart of the city centre, which offers a large array of shops, restaurants and bars. The close proximity of the city centre to many attractions make it an ideal place for tourists. I encourage you to take advantage of the pre and post stay packages we have made available to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the faith you have shown in our organisation and our country by selecting us as the host nation for this prestigious event. I invite you to come and share in our Bulgarian hospitality and experience a little bit of the magic that is Bulgaria.

Date of the conference

10 October - 15 October 2015

Meeting Venue

Kempinski Hotel Marinela

address: Boulevard "James Bourchier" 100, 1407 Sofia

web: www.kempinski.com/en/sofia/hotel-marinela/welcome



Hotel Facilities

The hotel boasts amazing infrastructure built on 30 000 sqm with 442 rooms and suites and offering stunning panoramic views, the biggest hotel conference facilities in the capital, superb leisure and dining facilities including six restaurants and two bars and a modern health club with the biggest hotel swimming pool in the city. The hotel is located 15 minutes from Sofia International Airport and a 10-minute walk from the city centre. In close proximity guests can find Sofia

Guest Room Facilities

Invited Guests

- IBA board and spouses
- Each Guild – 3 members (president, WCC classic competitor and flair competitor)
- Fourth person sharing room with president only pay for meals and transport @ 350 Euro

Paying Delegates

- awaiting final price

The package includes

- Arrival and departure transfers (only on 10.10 and 15.10)
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation
- Entrance to all competition and suites
- Full board
- Bulgaria day

Pre and Post stay hotel rates:

- Double room: €95 (includes breakfast for 2 persons)
- Single room: €85 (includes breakfast)

Payments

The Bank transfer should contain:

- Name of the country and names of participants (and if there's pre/post stay)

Bank - UniCredit Bulbank

Branch - Varna Shipka

IBAN - BG18 UNCR 7630 1075 6975 18

BIC - UNCRBGSF

For competition registration and information

You can find registration forms here: www.iba-world.com

Please send the reg. forms and any inquiries to this address here:

ibasofia2015@gmail.com

October 10, day 1

All day – Arrivals & check in

18:00-19:00 – Meet & greet IBA Board and IBA Associate Members

19:00-20:00 – Welcome Cocktail, Congress Foyer

20:00-23:00 – Welcome Dinner, Sofia Grand

October 11, day 2

07:30-08:30 – Breakfast

08:30-17:00 – IBA AGM, Sofia II

10:15-10:30 – Coffee Break Kempinski

12:00-13:00 – Buffet lunch, Sofia I + Congress Foyer

15:15-15:30 – Coffee Break Kempinski

Bulgarian night

22:00-24:00 – Briefing competitors Flairtending Competition

October 12, day 3

07:30-09:00 – Breakfast

09:00-12:00 – WCC Flairtending Competition, Preliminaries, part I, Sofia Grand

12:00-13:00 – Buffet lunch, Congress Foyer + Lobby Bar

13:00-18:00 – WCC Flairtending Competition, Preliminaries, part II, Sofia Grand

20:00-22:00 – Buffet Diner, Sofia Grand

22:00-23:00 – Briefing Creative Classic Cocktail

22:00-03:00 – Hospitality Suites

October 13, day 4

07:30-09:00 – Breakfast

09:00-10:00 – WCC, Before Dinner Cocktail Competition

10:00-11:00 – WCC, Sparkling Cocktail Competition

11:00-12:00 – WCC, Fancy Cocktail Competition

12:00-13:00 – Buffet lunch, Congress Foyer + Lobby Bar

13:00-14:00 – WCC, Longdrink Competition

14:00-15:00 – WCC, After Dinner Cocktail Competition

15:00-17:00 – WCC, Flairtending Competition, Finals

19:00-21:00 – Buffet Diner, Sofia Grand

21:00-03:00 – Hospitality Suites

October 14, day 5

07:30-09:00 – Breakfast

09:00-10:00 – Meeting IBA Board & IBA Associate Members, Madara

10:00- 12:00 - IBA Symposium (Part 1)

12:00- 13:00 - Buffet Lunch, Congress Foyer +Lobby Bar

13:00- 16:30 - IBA Symposium (Part 2)

17:00-18:00 – Super Final

20:00-23:00 – Gala Dinner, Sofia Grand

23:00-03:00 – Monin Cocktail-party

October 15, day 6

07:30-09:00 – Breakfast

All day – Departure Presidents, delegates & competitors

Departure trip to Varna, optional

Language

The official language of the conference will be English

About Sofia

The capital Sofia is the largest city of Bulgaria with its nearly 1.3 million residents. Centre of political, cultural and business life in Bulgaria, Sofia is a bustling and vibrant city, but pleasantly surprises everyone with a cozy atmosphere unexpected for a megalopolis. The proximity of Vitosha Mountain whose silhouette appears in the background of the central boulevards, the abundance of greenery and beautiful Orthodox domed churches in ancient squares, the charming architectural eclecticism, marked by the flashing effects of various European styles, the elegant cafes and bistros always full of dressed up people stir the feeling that Sofia is a city of pleasure. Leisure time and enjoyment – in the day and at night – never ends here. If, during the day the city is colourful and kaleidoscopic, at night its abundantly illuminated historic buildings make it a magical scenery of a fairy show, with plenty of amazing opportunities and seductive roles.

Insurance

The event organisers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to participants during, or as a result of the 64rd IBA Meeting 2015. Attendees are strongly advised to purchase adequate travel insurance for the duration of their travel to Bulgaria.

Currency

The bulgarian currency is Bulgarian Lev (1 lev / 2 leva) and the cents are stotinki. Please do exchange your money only in banks to avoid frauds of any kind.

1Euro = 1.955 BGN

1USD = 1.80 BGN

Transportaion

Taxi fares: 0.8 BGN per kilometer

Average cost for Airport to Hotel transfer - 10-15 Euro (not in rush hours)

Public transport fares: 1BGN per ride

With car: There is vignette system in the country. The weekly rate is 5 Euros per car, and the monthly rate is 13 Euro. The fuel cost is about 1.2 - 1.4 Euro/ per litre.

Food

The average cost to eat in a mid-level restaurant for 2 persons is around 25 Euro.

Weather

The temperatures in October will be between 5 and 20 Celsius.

Important telephone services

The emergency call number is 112

Location and Territory

Bulgaria is located in Southeast Europe, in the northeast part of the Balkan Peninsula. Its territory is located between 44°13' and 41°14' north latitude, 22°22' and 28°37' east longitude. It is a European, Balkan, Black Sea and Danube country. This geographic location places it on the crossroad between Europe, Asia and Africa.

Nature

The natural landscape of Bulgaria is diverse, consisting of lowlands, plains, foothills and plateaus, river valleys, basins, and mountains of varying elevations. About 70% of the country's territory is hilly land and 30% is mountainous. The average elevation of the country's territory is 467 m, generally decreasing from south to north and from west to east.

Ski and Beach Resorts

There are many resorts in Bulgaria, and they are exceptionally diverse. The following resorts are located along the Black Sea: Rusalka, Albena, Kranevo, Golden Sands, Riviera, Chayka, Sunny Day, St. Konstantin and St. Helena, St. Iliya, Obzor, Sunny Beach, Elenite, Dyuni, Nesebar, Ravda, Kiten, Pomorie, Primorsko, Chernomorets, Sozopol, Lozenets, Tsarevo, Ahtopol and Sine morets.

The mountain resorts Pamporovo, Borovets and Bansko have gained an international reputation. Pamporovo is located at 1,650 meters above sea level in the Rhodope Mountains. Snow falls on average more than 150 a year, and the runs are from 800 to 3,800 meter long. Borovets is located in the Rila Mountains, at 1,350 meters above sea level. It offers excellent ski runs, and its biathlon course is one of the best in the world.

History and Culture

The territory of Bulgaria has been inhabited since antiquity, as the country's many ancient settlements and burial mounds attest. Present-day Bulgaria was a cradle of some of the earliest civilizations in Europe – the oldest gold ornament ever discovered, unearthed in the Chalcolite necropolis near Varna, is evidence of that. From the age of Ancient Thrace we have inherited valuable cultural monuments, including tombs (such as the Kazanlak tomb, the Aleksandrovska tomb, and the Sveshtarska tomb); treasures (the Panagyursko, Rogozensko, and Valchitransko treasures, among others); and sanctuaries and temples (at Perperikon, Starosel, Kozi Gramadi, Begliktash, and elsewhere).

