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Don Giovanni HOTEL****



35th INTERNATIONAL CHESS HOLIDAY 2026 28th MEMORIAL OF PROF. JAROSLAV PELIKÁN

Accommodation and the chess tournaments under the same roof
Chess combined with the interesting Holiday Programme

25 July – 01 August 2026
Hotel Don Giovanni****, Praha 3, Vinohradská 157a
www.schach-prag.cz www.hotelgiovanni.cz

01 August – 08 August 2026

Arrival and departure on Saturdays

Programme from Sunday till Friday



Information

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Dear Chess Friends!

We are sending you the invitation to the 35th International Chess Holiday in Prague – The Memorial of Professor Jaroslav Pelikán.

We invite not only families, but also individual chess players, chess groups and children groups with responsible guides. Also holiday-makers who do not play chess and who want to come and see Prague and Bohemia are welcome. We are looking forward to our regular guests and to new chessfriends.

Jaroslav Pelikan /*1927 +1997/ was one of the tireless chess organizers in the Czech Republic who devoted most of his time and energy to young people. He lived and worked in the Central Bohemian town of Český Brod. He was a teacher of foreign languages and later became the headmaster of a grammar school. He participated in the organization of Grand Prizes which were very popular in the 60s and 70s. Under the leadership of Mr. Pelikan the chess team of Český Brod won the Zaječice Prize several times starting in 1964. It was the prize of Czech chess championship. Under his leadership a small town with population of about 7,000 people had a team that took part in important league tournament. However, the greatest achievement of the final period of his life was the organization of International Chess Holiday where closed tournaments took place. We can say that it is a real world rarity.

The International Chess Holiday differs from other chess tournaments as follows:

- *We do not use Swiss system of playing. We form **all-play-all groups** and each one consists of **10 players**.*
- *We live and play chess in the same building, we organize our chess holiday **under the same roof**. <https://www.hotelgiovanni.cz/en>.
The hotel has very nice, air-conditioned, spacious halls with the day light.*
- We prepare **special entertaining programs** for the participants of the tournaments as well as for all the other guests.
- *We are eager to create good relations and **friendly environment** for our guests.*

C h e s s Tournament Programme:

Chessplayers-holidaymakers – Rapid R:

Time schedule: only in the morning ca. 3 hours a day, 1 hour for a whole game
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Chessplayers who want to play more chess than to make holiday:

M Master tournaments: ϕ 2100 DWZ/ELO Rating 2000-2400

K Master candidate tournaments: ϕ 1900 DWZ/ELO Rating 1800-2000

H Main tournaments: ϕ 1700 DWZ/ELO Rating 1600-1800

V Secondary tournaments: ϕ 1400 DWZ up to 1600 or without ELO

Master tournaments and Master candidate tournaments are the all-play-all FIDE tournaments. Main tournaments and Secondary tournaments are national tournaments.

The organizer may determine an exception

Time schedule: *All tournaments (M, K, H, V) 9 rounds*

2 rounds: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, 1 round: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

90 min for the whole game with the time bonus of 30 s/move from the 1st move

All the tournaments will be divided according to the chessplayers' rating.

Blitz Tournament: 1 August and 8 August in the morning each player 5 minutes for the whole game

Prize fund: 80, 000 CZK / 3300 EUR.

Each chess-player gets a cash prize or a souvenir prize.

Master tournament: 1. prize 3500 CZK 2. prize 2500 CZK 3. prize 1500 CZK

Master candidate tournament: 1. prize 1500 CZK 2. prize 1000 CZK 3. prize 700 CZK

Rapid "A": 1. prize 1500 CZK 2. prize 1200 CZK 3. prize 1000 CZK

Trips (in the price incl.):

For non-chessplayers and for chessplayers – holidaymakers:

- ***the museum of the Pilsner Urquell*** – the original tour with the beer tasting

<https://www.pilsnerexperience.com/en/experiences/the-original-tour>

- all-day trip to the ***West Bohemia:***

Valeč Chateau and Chyše Chateau

<https://www.zamek-valec.cz/en>

<https://chyse.com/>

For non-chessplayers:

- ***the Design Museum Prague***

<https://www.designmuseumprague.com/>

- ***the villa Rothmayer***

<https://www.muzeumprahy.cz/en/buildings/rothmayerova-vila-6>

- the ***museum of Prague***

[https://www.muzeumprahy.cz/en/visit-history-of-the-main-](https://www.muzeumprahy.cz/en/visit-history-of-the-main-building/?_gl=1*_qayr8*_ga*OTI0NjA5NDgwLjE3Njg2NDg1Mzk.*_ga_S2J0RK1T1Y*cze)

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Accommodation, Board and Price:

All chess tournaments are realized at the DON GIOVANNI HOTEL ****.

<https://www.hotelgiovanni.cz/en>.

The hotel has a very good location in the larger center of Prague, right by a metro and tram station: 10-15 minutes from Wenceslas Square and the Old Town.

Price for one week 2026 when staying in the Don Giovanni hotel

(participants accommodated through the organizer)

17200 CZK / approx 715 EUR for 1 person

16850 CZK / approx 700 EUR for 1 person - students, retired or regular participants

16500 CZK / approx 685 EUR for 1 person regular participants retired, students

Above-mentioned prices are calculated in Czech crowns and they will be converted into euros according to the given rate of exchange. At the present the rate of exchange is approximately:

1 EUR = 24 CZK

The price includes:

- hotel accommodation – **7x bed and breakfast** at the Don Giovanni Hotel

The rooms are with the bathroom, W.C., a minibar, a TV set with satellite reception, a telephone, Wifi internet (gratis) and a safe box (gratis). The rooms are air-conditioned.

- **the tournament entrance fees and prizes in the chess tournaments**

- **a farewell party on board a cruise boat**

- **all trips entry, guide and transport costs incl. for non-chessplayers and chessplayers-holidaymakers**

The price does not include:

A **city fee** for the participants over the age of 18 years

Extra to pay at the reception of the Hotel.

1 night 50 CZK / approx 2 EUR

A **single room** 8400 CZK / approx 350 EUR a week in addition to the basic price.

1 Person in the **triple room** - reduction from the basic price: 6300 CZK/ approx. 260 EUR.

Chess costs for the organisation

4000 CZK/ approx 160 EUR

(only for the chess player without accommodation through the organizer and without a non-chess program.)

You can order lunch and dinner:

Lunch: soup, main dish costs

350 CZK/ approx 14 EUR

Dinner: Buffet

575 CZK/ approx 24 EUR

Transfer in Hotel:

from the airport

approx 1000 CZK/ approx 41 EUR

from the railway station

approx 250 CZK/ approx 10 EUR

Parking

A paid hotel car park 1 night

390 CZK / approx 16 EUR

Facultative trips:

Monday afternoon 1 half-day guided sightseeing in Prague
Prague Castle incl. entry 700 CZK/ approx 30 EUR
Students till 26 years old, retired over 65 years old 500 CZK/ approx 20 EUR
www.hrad.cz/en/prague-castle-for-visitors/objects-for-visitors

Tuesday evening evening guided sightseeing in Prague
Old Town Square, Charles Bridge 800 CZK/ approx 33 EUR
Children till 15 years of age free

Wednesday afternoon

This year, no half-day excursion to the surrounding area will be organized. However, upon request, there is an option to visit **Vyšehrad Castle**, the second Prague castle, including entry to the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Within the castle grounds, we will visit the famous cemetery where the most important persons are buried. Since December 9, 2025, the tomb of **Vlastimil Hort** has been located there.

<https://www.hrbitovy.cz/hrbitovni-sluzby/hrbitovni-spravy/hrbitovni-sprava-vinohrady/vysehradsky-hrbitov/>

300 CZK / approx 12 EUR
Students till 26 years old, retired over 65 years old 200 CZK / approx 8 EUR

Entries:

The entry is to be sent off via the enclosed entry form to the following address:
Mrs. Jindra Kollerová, Palackého 455, 282 01 Český Brod, Czech Republic
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After receiving your entry form we will confirm your participation and we will inform you about the way of paying for the Chess Holiday. "

Cancellation conditions:

free of charge 30 days before arrival
30% of the total price 29-14 days before arrival
50% of the total price 13-3 days before arrival
70% of the total price 2-1 days before arrival and in case of no-show

Up to 3 days before the booked arrival, it is possible to change the week free of charge.
Rebooking to another participant is also possible free of charge.
Each cancellation is solved individually.

In July we will send you the programme and **the last instructions for the International Chess Holiday.**

We are looking forward to your visit. Welcome to Prague!

Dr. Miloš Vrabec
Director of the International Chess Tournaments

Jindra Kollerová-Pelikánová
Holiday and Culture Manager

