

BLED CHESS
FESTIVAL
2026



9th – 15th of March, Hotel Rikli Balance ****

Bled Chess Festival 2026

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to present our new story—the **Bled Chess Festival**, taking place from **9–15 March 2026** in **Bled, Slovenia**, at **Hotel Rikli Balance**—and to explain why your club should become part of it.

It is rare to have the opportunity to offer your members more than just a tournament: a **true chess experience** that combines competition, a shared journey, social interaction, and an unforgettable destination.

And all this at a very special moment—**the revival of one of the most important chess events in the region after more than 20 years.**

This March, we are bringing back the legendary **Bled Chess Tournament**—an event that once shaped the chess scene across the wider region. Our goal is to elevate it to a new level, with top-level organization, a strong focus on player experience, and a rich accompanying program that transforms the tournament into a complete **chess festival**.

Bled is not just a venue—it is part of the experience.

The lake with its island, surrounded by Alpine peaks, together with peace and natural beauty, creates an environment where chess is experienced differently. We believe this is the perfect setting for a club trip that your members will remember for a long time.

In addition to the competitive program, we are preparing a diverse side program, including:

- meetings and social events with Grandmasters (GM),
- simultaneous exhibitions, game analyses, and lectures,
- accompanying activities for players and non-playing guests,
- opportunities for networking, exchanging experiences, and relaxed chess socializing.

Special Club Package

We have prepared special package prices for chess clubs and organized groups:

Package for 4 persons (2 double rooms)

Club price: €795 per person

The package includes:

- Participation in the Main Tournament (9 rounds, 75 minutes + 30-second increment, + 15 minutes after move 40)
- Participation in three additional tournaments: Blitz, Rapid, and Chess960
- 6 nights of accommodation at **Hotel Park ★★★★★**
- Half board (breakfast and dinner)
- Accommodation in double rooms
- Educational Grandmaster Program (game analysis sessions, including individual post-tournament analysis, plus surprise content)
- Seminar: “Psychology in Chess”, led by Jana Krivec, PhD
- After the festival, each participant receives their favorite game reviewed by a Grandmaster, including notes and analysis
- Access to the hotel swimming pool
- Optional morning walk around Lake Bled with participants, organizers, and special guests (including Grandmasters)
- Official festival gift

These packages are ideal for:

- organized club participation in the tournament,
- shared travel for players, coaches, and accompanying persons,
- strengthening team spirit and club identity,
- creating an unforgettable shared experience.

Why is this an excellent opportunity for your club?

- offer your members a top-level international tournament,
- combine chess, travel, socializing, and learning in one event,
- take part in the historic revival of a legendary tournament,
- enable easy organization and more favorable conditions for your club.

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How to reach us

The festival will take place in **Bled** at the **Rikli Balance Hotel Congress Centre**, located approximately a **30-minute drive from Ljubljana Airport**. For participants arriving by air via Ljubljana Airport, we recommend taking a taxi directly to the Rikli Balance Hotel Congress Centre, the official venue of the Bled Chess Festival.

For participants arriving by car and staying at one of the hotels included in our event packages (Hotel Park or Rikli Balance Hotel), **parking is available in front of the hotel**. If your package does not include hotel accommodation, there are several **public parking options nearby**.

For participants arriving to Slovenia **via the capital city, Ljubljana**, Bled is **approximately a 45-minute drive away**. Travel can be arranged by **taxi or by bus**, both of which offer **direct and convenient connections** to Bled.

Registration

If you are interested in cooperation or reserving a club package, please reply to this email. We will be happy to provide you with:

- detailed package information,
- availability,
- any additional organizational details.

You can find more information about the event on the official website:

www.chess-festival.com

We look forward to your response and to the possibility of welcoming your club as part of the story we will write together in Bled this March.

Kind regards,

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