9th MERİT OPEN

MONTENEGRO GRAND PRIX

INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

€ 20,000 ADDED MONEY PRIZE

APRIL 14 - 18, 2027

REGISTRATION STARTS ON 13TH APRIL

HOTEL SPLENDID CONFERENCE & SPA RESORT

BUDVA - MONTENEGRO

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WBF GOLDEN CIRCUIT 2027

Gammon SLAM Annual Global Backgammon Tour

BODY*BACKGAMMON*MASTERS*AWARDING

BMAB

MERİT
Casino Royal Splendid
BUDVA

Main Event (Master / Intermediate)
Wednesday, 14th April 2027

“Merit Royal Splendid” Doubles
Friday, 16th April 2027

“Merit International” Super Jackpot & Limited Jackpot & Ladies
Saturday, 17th April 2027

1-Pointers & Speedgammon & Seniors & Mini Jackpots
14th - 18th April 2027

SPECIAL EVENT

Gammon Slam 2027 European Players Cup by BMAB

Date & Time:	April 14th / 11:00 AM
Format:	Win&Skill (5 rounds of Swiss)
Match Lengths:	7 point
Clock Settings:	14 minutes bank + 12 seconds delay per move (mandatory)
Registration Fee:	100 Euros (includes match recording, transcribing and submitting to the BMAB)
Optional Side Pool:	200 Euros (95% return)

Directors
Sanctioned by WBF *(Worldwide Backgammon Federation)*
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Gammon SLAM
Annual Global Backgammon Tour

Results from the **Master and Intermediate** categories of this championship will count toward the **Gammon Slam 2027 Annual Backgammon Tour** rankings.

For full details, visit www.**gammonslam**.com

FEES

CATEGORY	ENTRY FEES*	REG. FEES**	REMARKS
Master	€ 400	€ 100	*Registration fees of main flights are € 20 discounted for 2027 WBF supporters and ELITE-TR members*
Intermediate	€ 100	€ 100	
Super Jackpot	€ 460	€ 40	-
Limited Jackpot	€ 225	€ 25	-
Doubles *(per Team)*	€ 320	€ 80	-
Ladies	€ 60	€ 15	-
Seniors *(Age 50+)*	€ 40	€ 10	-
Speedgammon	€ 40	€ 10	-
President's Cup *(1-Pointer)*	€ 8	€ 2	-

** 100% of entry fees will be added into prize pool*

*** Registration Fees include* ***Welcome Cocktail*** *on Wednesday, special design trophies and* ***MERİT Farewell Gala*** *with awarding ceremony on Sunday*

2027 WBF GOLDEN CARD will be available at the tournament desk.

MATCH LENGTHS

CATEGORY		MATCH LENGTH
Master	*Undefeated*	*13 pts (Semi & Final 15)*
	2nd Chance	*9 pts (Semi & Final 11)*
	Grand Final	*17 pts*
	Last Chance	*5 pts (Final 7)*
Intermediate	*Undefeated*	*13 pts (Semi & Final 15)*
	2nd Chance	*9 pts (Semi & Final 11)*
	Grand Final	*17 pts*
	Last Chance	*5 pts (Final 7)*
Super Jackpot		*11 pts (incl. Final)*
Limited Jackpot		*9 pts (incl. Final)*
Doubles Consultation		*7 pts (Final 9)*
Ladies		*7 pts (Final 9)*
Seniors *(Age 50+)*		*7 pts (incl. Final)*
Speedgammon		*5 pts (incl. Final)*
President's Cup *(1-Pointer)*		*1 pts (incl. Final)*

PRIZES

100% of entry fees will be returned as a money prize.
Merit International will donate an added value of **20,000 Euros** into the prize pool and the sum will be distributed as follows:

MASTER CATEGORY TITLES*

TOTAL ADDED VALUE CONTRIBUTION: € 12,000

Placement	Prize Pool Distribution
Winner	40%
Grand Finalist	18%
2nd Chance Finalist *(3rd)*	9%
2nd Chance Semi Finalists *(4th & 5th)*	4.5% each
2nd Chance Quarter Finalists *(6th, 7th, 8th & 9th)*	2% each
Undefeated Bracket Winner *(bonus)*	4%
Undefeated Bracket Finalist *(bonus)*	2%
Undefeated Bracket Semi Finalists *(bonus)*	1% each
Last Chance Winner	5.5%
Last Chance Finalist	2.5%

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY TITLES*

TOTAL ADDED VALUE CONTRIBUTION: € 2,000

Placement	Prize Pool Distribution
Winner	44%
Grand Finalist	20%
2nd Chance Finalist *(3rd)*	10%
2nd Chance Semi Finalists *(4th & 5th)*	5% each
Undefeated Bracket Winner *(bonus)*	5%
Undefeated Bracket Finalist *(bonus)*	2.5%
Last Chance Winner	6%
Last Chance Finalist	2.5%

DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES*

TOTAL ADDED VALUE CONTRIBUTION: € 4,000

Placement	Prize Pool Distribution
Winner Team	50%
Finalist Team	25%
Semi-Finalist Teams	12.5% each

** A share of € 2,000 from the championship's added money prize will be contributed to the **Gammon Slam 2027** fund.*
*For prize details of GS 2027, visit **www.gammonslam.com***

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH

All day — Registration at Hotel Splendid

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14TH

All day — Registration at Hotel Splendid Quarter Entries

11:00 — Start of Gammon Slam 2027 European Players Cup by BMAB

12:00 — Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Seniors & 1-Pointers *(continuous entries)*

19:00 — Last Registration for Main Flights & Dinner break

20:30 — Welcome Speech & Start of Undefeated Bracket *(Master & Intermediate)*

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH

13:00 — Start of Second Chance Bracket matches *(Master & Intermediate)*

19:00 — Dinner break

20:30 — Gameplay resumes

FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH

13:00 — All categories resume

19:00 — Dinner break

20:30 — Start of Merit Royal Splendid Doubles

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH

13:00 — Start of Ladies, all categories resume

15:00 — Start of Merit International Super & Limited Jackpots

19:00 — Dinner break

20:30 — Gameplay resumes

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH

12:00 — Start of Last Chance Bracket *(Master & Intermediate)*, all categories resume

15:00 — Championship Grand Finals

16:00 — Closing of Mini Jackpots

21:30 — Merit International Farewell Gala and Award Ceremony at Hotel Splendid

Organisers reserve the right to change the program in any of its parts & to reevaluate prize distribution percentages depending on the number of participants. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the Notice Board. Trophies will be presented only during the awarding ceremony.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- WBGF Tournament Rules set will be the main guideline of the rules applied & any additional regulations will be posted on the Notice Board prior to the start of the whole event.
- Players who have recent Intermediate winner titles, or a BMAB ranking of "M" or better, or a recognized PR of 6.5 or below are NOT allowed to participate in Intermediates flight in principle, to be checked with the event director during registration phase. If a player who cashes in Intermediates is noticed as meeting one of these criteria, 30% of official prize is cut and distributed as a compensation to his & her opponents.
- Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.
- The draw is manual (not computerized), public and random.
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.
- Only cash payments are accepted.
- Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons.
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director. Failure to do so may result in penalty points being assigned.
- The daily break for dinner is between 19:00 and 20:30.
- Smoking is not permitted in the event venue other than in designated areas.
- The tournament will be played on professional Tournament Boards. Our boards are regularly cleaned and disinfected after every event. Dice service is provided by organisation.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.
- Only individuals with legal age (18 or older) may enter the Casino by presenting a photo ID Card.

READ THE RULES HERE

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, we recommend HOTEL SPLENDID Conference & Spa Resort, where the tournament action will take place. To make a reservation, please contact us using the details below, or scan the QR Code

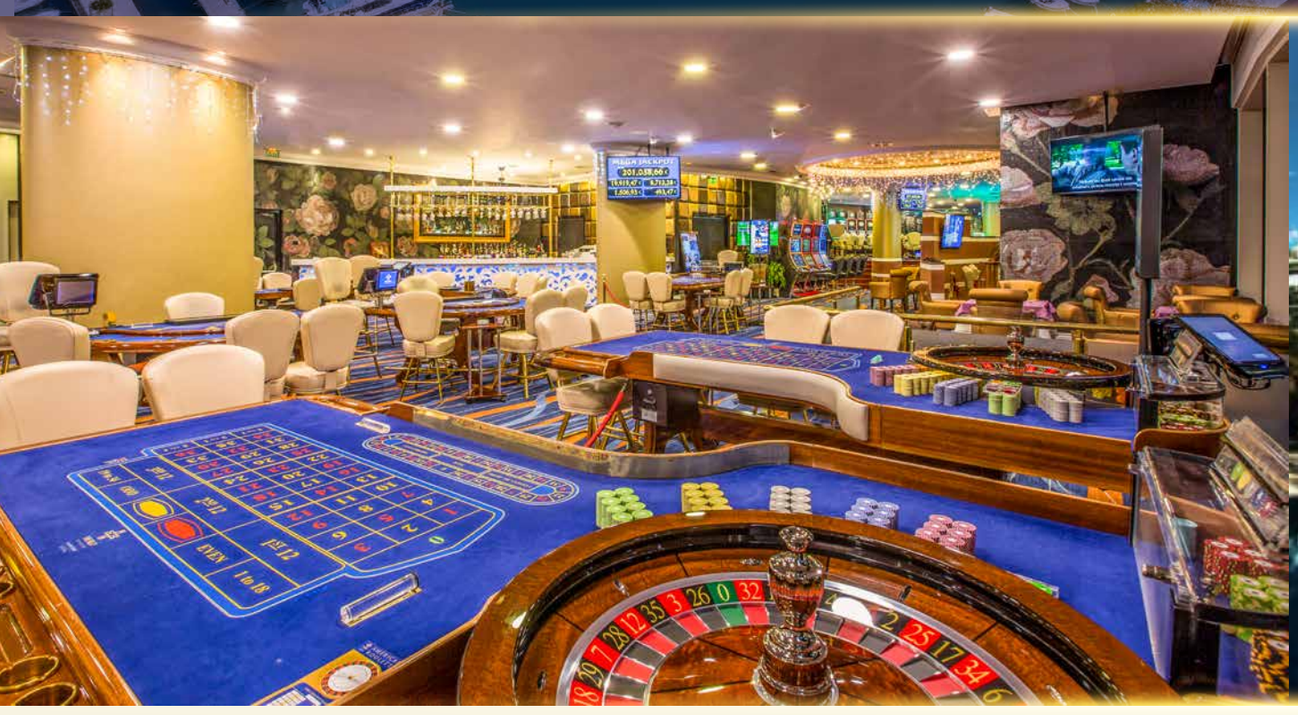
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ROOM TYPE *Daily Rate*	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Superior *(Mountain View)*	€ 132	€ 142
Superior *(Pool View 1st & 2nd Floor)*	€ 142	€ 152
Superior *(Sea View)*	€ 152	€ 162
Premium *(Higher Floor Sea View)*	€ 172	€ 182

- Rack Rates are in Euros and inclusive of breakfast and VAT.
- An additional fee of €1.5 per person per night is charged for city tax and insurance.

During the championship, we will offer our guests the special offers:

Unlimited Drink Package: *€18 daily + 10% Service Charge (Water, Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Beer)*

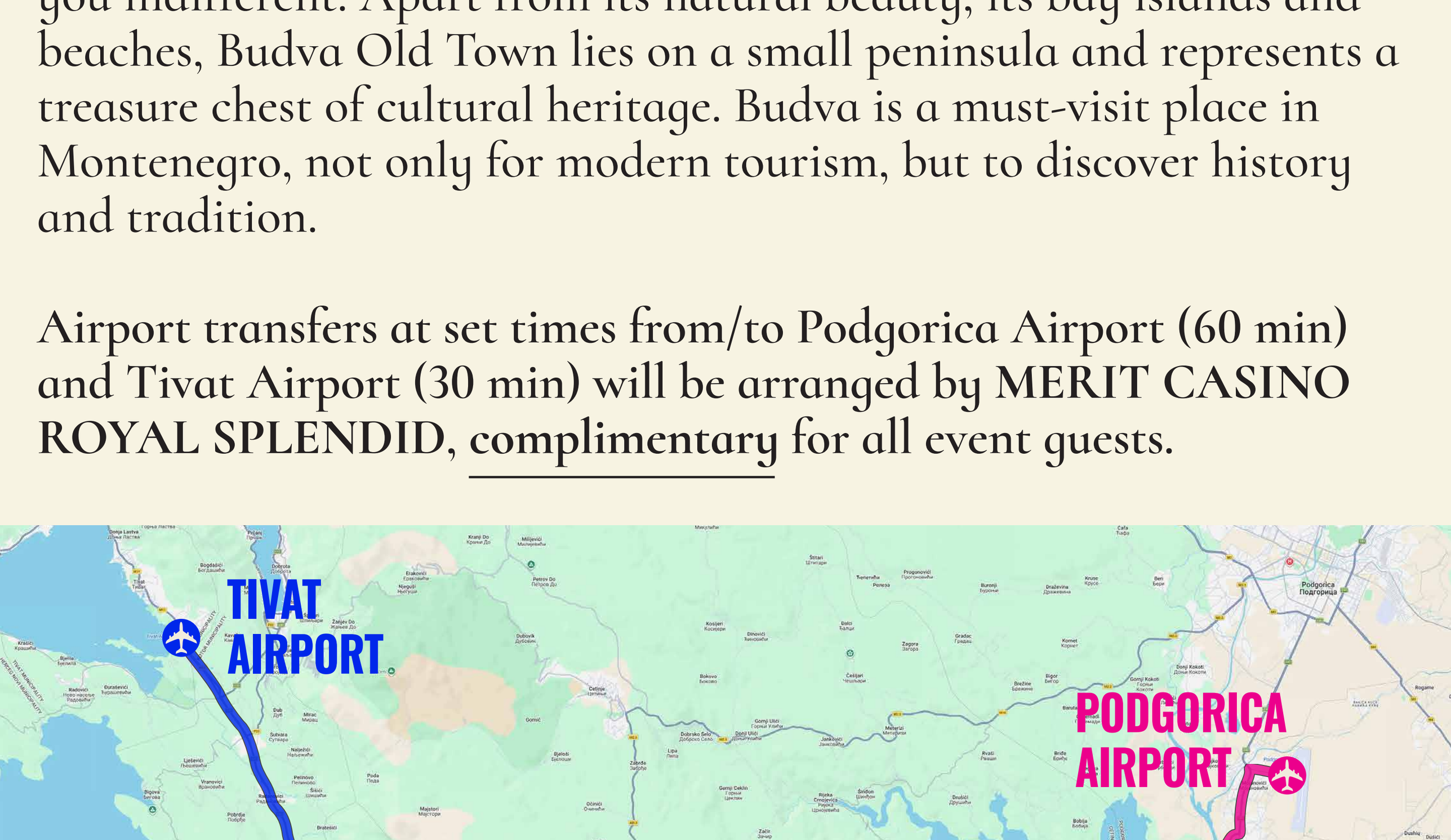
Lunch / Dinner Vouchers: *€25 Lunch / €30 Dinner + 10% Service Charge per person per meal*

Additional Discounts:
30% on food & beverage in tournament area (Floor III) and 20% in SPA

ROUTE

Hotel Splendid Conference & Spa Resort is a 5-star luxury facility located in Becici, a place within walking distance of Budva, the popular tourist destination of Montenegro, on the enchanted coast of Adriatic. Budva coast is 21 km long with 17 beaches. It is among the most beautiful coasts in the world and its beauty will not leave you indifferent. Apart from its natural beauty, its bay islands and beaches, Budva Old Town lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of cultural heritage. Budva is a must-visit place in Montenegro, not only for modern tourism, but to discover history and tradition.

Airport transfers at set times from/to Podgorica Airport (60 min) and Tivat Airport (30 min) will be arranged by MERIT CASINO ROYAL SPLENDID, complimentary for all event guests.



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