

**4th Greek
Grand Prix**

INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP



Gammon Cruise

9-16 May 2026

BACKGAMMON
On Board

ADDED PRIZE
10.000€



Mykonos

Santorini

Milos

Kusadasi

Rhodes

Crete



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Giorgos Kleitsas (1957-2019), was the most prominent Greek backgammon player and a regular member of the National Team. Former president of the Greek Backgammon Federation and a pioneer of backgammon in Greece, he was also a backgammon author, teacher and above all, a dear friend and a true gentleman. One of his dreams was to create a major tournament in Greece with Arda. His invaluable memory will always be cherished.



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Ruling Committee

To be announced at the start of the tournament.

Special thanks to

“Celestyal Cruises” & the Greek Backgammon Community for all the support.



Results from the Masters and Intermediates categories of this championship will count toward the Gammon Slam 2026 Annual Backgammon Tour rankings.

For full details, visit
www.gammonslam.com



important notes

- WBGf Tournament Rules set will be the main guideline of the rules applied and any additional rules will be posted on the notice board prior to the start of the whole event.

https://www.wbfturkey.com/doc/Tournament_Rules_WBGf.pdf

- Players who have recent Intermediates 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.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to require the use of clocks in any round of any category.
- The draw is manual (not computerised), public and random.
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.
- Only cash payments are accepted.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse applications to play without giving any reasons, since the event is by OPAX invitation only.
- 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 20:00 and 21:00.
- 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.
- Dice service is provided by organization.
- All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.

fees

CATEGORY	ENTRY FEE (€)	REGISTRATION FEE (€)
Masters	300	100
Intermediates	150	50
Doubles Consultation (per team)	280	70
Super Jackpot	460	40
Limited Jackpot	225	25
Seniors (Age 50+)	40	10
Women's	40	10
Speedgammon	40	10
DMP Challenge (2 lives)	16	4

- * 100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize.
- * Registration fees include special design trophies & Awarding Ceremony.

match lengths

CATEGORY		MATCH LENGTH
Masters	Undefeated	13pts (Semi & Final 15)
	2nd Chance	9pts (Semi & Final 11)
	Grand Final	17pts
	Last Chance	5pts (Final 7)
Intermediates	Undefeated	11pts (Semi & Final 13)
	2nd Chance	7pts (Semi & Final 9)
	Grand Final	15pts
	Last Chance	5pts (Final 7)
Doubles Consultation		7pts (Final 9)
Super Jackpot		11pts (incl. Final)
Limited Jackpot		9pts (incl. Final)
Seniors		7pts (incl. Final)
Women's		7pts (incl. Final)
Speedgammon		5pts (incl. Final)
DMP Challenge		1pt (incl. Final)

prizes

MASTERS CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Contribution: €5.000)	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

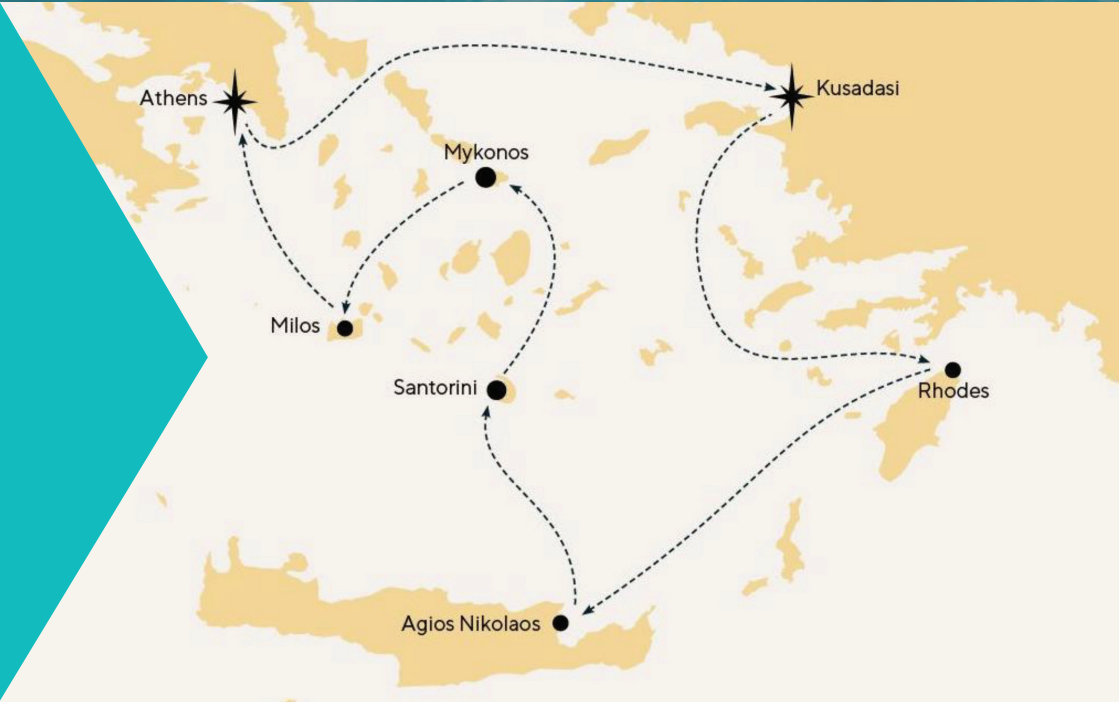
INTERMEDIATES CATEGORY TITLES * (Total Added Value Contribution: € 1.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner	44
Grand Finalist	20
2nd Chance Finalist (3rd)	10
2nd Chance Semi Finalists (4th & 5th)	5 each
Undefeated Bracket Winner (bonus)	5
Undefeated Bracket Finalist (bonus)	2,5
Last Chance Winner	6
Last Chance Finalist	2,5

DOUBLES CONSULTATION TITLES * (Total Added Value Contribution: € 2.000)	PRIZE POOL DISTRIBUTION (%)
Winner Team	50
Finalist Team	25
Semi Finalist Teams	12,5 each

** Percentages might be reevaluated based on the number of participants*

A share of €2.000 from the championship's added money prize will be contributed to the Gammon Slam 2026 fund.
For prize details of GS 2026, visit www.gammonslam.com

cruise programme



DATE	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
9/5/2026	Piraeus, Greece	17:00	-
10/5/2026	Kuşadasi, Turkey	08:00	18:00
11/5/2026	Rhodes, Greece	08:00	18:00
12/5/2026	Agios Nikolaos, Crete, Greece	08:00	20:00
13/5/2026	Santorini, Greece	08:00	22:00
14/5/2026	Mykonos, Greece	08:00	02:00*
15/5/2026	Milos, Greece	08:00	18:00
16/5/2026	Piraeus, Greece	08:00	-

tournament programme

saturday, may 9 - athens

- 17:00 – Departure from Piraeus Port & Event Registrations
- 17:30 – Start of Mini Jackpots, Speedgammon, Seniors, Women's & DMP Challenge (continuous entries)
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Welcome Speech
- 21:30 – Start of Doubles Consultation
- 23:00 – Closing of Main Flight Registrations
- 24:00 – Public Draw for Main Flights (Masters & Intermediates)

sunday, may 10 - kuşadası

- 15:30 – Start of Undefeated Bracket (Masters & Intermediates)
- 18:00 – Doubles Consultation resumes
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Gameplay resumes

monday, may 11 - rhodes

- 15:30 – Start of Second Chance Bracket (Masters & Intermediates), all categories resume
- 18:00 – Doubles Consultation resumes
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Gameplay resumes

tuesday, may 12 - crete

- 15:30 – All categories resume
- 18:00 – Doubles Consultation resumes
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Gameplay resumes

wednesday, may 13 - santorini

- 15:30 – All categories resume
- 18:00 – Start of Super Jackpot & Limited Jackpot, Doubles Consultation resumes
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Gameplay resumes

thursday, may 14 - mykonos

- 15:30 – Start of Last Chance Bracket (Masters & Intermediates), all categories resume
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:00 – Gameplay resumes

friday, may 15 - milos

- 15:30 – All categories resume
- 16:00 – Closing of Mini Jackpots
- 16:30 – Championship Grand Finals
- 20:00 – Dinner break
- 21:30 – Awarding Ceremony

saturday, may 16 - athens

- 08:00 - Arrival at Piraeus Port

* Organizers reserve the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the notice board.



the ship

Celestial Journey is a beautifully designed, cruise ship that offers refined luxury and comfort at sea. Spacious cabins with sweeping ocean views, elegant dining venues, and serene lounges create a welcoming atmosphere. The sophisticated Casino Royale adds excitement with classic games. Onboard amenities like pools, fitness centre, tennis and basketball court plus a spa-wellnes centre ensure relaxation.

Whether seeking tranquility or adventure, Celestial Journey promises an unforgettable voyage filled with discovery and elegance on every horizon.

What's included in your reservation:

- Accommodation in the cabin category of your choice.
- All-inclusive daily meals (soft drinks included), as well as additional snack options
- Self-service area for filter coffee, tea selection, water, and juices throughout the day
- Port fees
- Free WiFi* (basic)
- Service charge/gratuities
- Transfer to Mykonos by bus from the ship to Chora of Mykonos
- Participation in onboard entertainment and recreation programs
- Free access to the ship's pool and gym
- Insurance – Professional Liability

book now!

<https://greekbackgammon-grand-prix.opax.gr/bookings>





destinations



Mykonos captivates with whitewashed houses, azure seas, and golden beaches. Its vibrant nightlife, upscale resorts, and rich history make it a top destination. From iconic windmills to charming alleys, it blends natural beauty with cosmopolitan allure and Greek tradition.



Santorini enchants with dramatic cliffs, whitewashed villages, and stunning sunsets over the Aegean Sea. Its volcanic landscapes, blue-domed churches, and crystal-clear waters create a dreamlike setting.



Kuşadası, a vibrant Turkish coastal town, offers stunning Aegean views, sandy beaches, and a lively marina. It's a gateway to ancient Ephesus, rich in history and culture. Visitors enjoy warm hospitality, bustling bazaars, cruise ports, and beautiful Mediterranean sunsets.



Rhodes blends medieval charm with natural beauty, featuring ancient ruins, golden beaches, and lush valleys. Its walled Old Town, crystal-clear waters, and scenic landscapes make it a captivating island rich in history and allure.



Agios Nikolaos in Crete captivates with its serene harbor, turquoise waters of Mirabello Bay, and the mysterious Lake Voulismeni. Surrounded by hills and beaches, it offers natural charm, cultural richness, and a peaceful Mediterranean atmosphere.



Milos stuns with pristine beaches framed by turquoise waters and sculpted white rock formations. Each shore feels unique—secluded coves, dramatic cliffs, and soft sands invite calm, while the island's light adds a dreamlike, timeless quality.

how to get there?

Gammon Cruise will depart from the Port of Piraeus on May 9th, 2026, at 17:00. We kindly recommend arriving at the port well in advance to allow sufficient time for check-in and boarding procedures. Further details regarding the exact terminal and embarkation instructions will be shared closer to the departure date.

The main options to travel from Athens Airport (ATH) to Piraeus Port (rates are based on July 2025 and may change)

1. X96 AIRPORT EXPRESS BUS

Time: ~ 90 min

Frequency: Every 20-40 min

Price: 6€

Pros: Cheapest, direct to port

Cons: Slower, traffic-dependent, luggage handling

2. METRO (LINE 3 + LINE 1)

Time: ~ 60-85 min (transfer at Monastiraki)

Frequency: Every ~ 30-36 min

Price: €9-10 for one-way from airport; €

Pros: Reliable schedule, avoids road traffic

Cons: May involve walking with luggage and transferring

3. SUBURBAN RAILWAY (PROASTIAKOS, LINE A1)

Time: ~ 1 hr (hourly service)

Frequency: About once every hour from ~ 06:00-22:00

Price: ~ €9/one-way

Pros: Direct to Piraeus station

Cons: Limited schedules, not 24/7

4. TAXI (OFFICIAL AIRPORT TAXIS)

Time: 45-75 min depending on traffic

Day rate (05:00-24:00): €54-60 flat

Night rate (00:00-05:00): €70-75

Pros: Convenient door-to-door, 24/7 availability

Cons: Most expensive, risk of overcharging

5. PRIVATE TRANSFER / SHUTTLE / RENTAL CAR

Private transfer: Sedan €65+, minivan €95+

Rental car: From ~€30-50/day (+fuel, tolls), one-way possible

Pros: Comfortable, flexible, good for groups

Cons: Costlier, potential traffic, parking issues at port

Options from Athens City Center to Piraeus

A. METRO LINE 1 (GREEN LINE)

Price: €1.20 flat (90 min ticket)

Time: ~ 15-20 min from Monastiraki/ Syntagma to Piraeus

Pros: Fast, cheap, frequent

Cons: Might require walking to central station

B. SUBURBAN RAILWAY

Similar fare/route as metro green line, stops at Piraeus but schedule less frequent

C. TAXI / RIDE-SHARE

In-city taxi: ~€10-15 to central Piraeus; from port to airport: ~€45-60 in day, €60+ at night

Ride-share/Uber/Free Now:

Often reliable, card payment, fixed fare