

# INVITATION



## CHESS OLYMPIAD

NORWAY 2014  
TROMSØ

The Norwegian Chess Federation and the organizing committee for Chess Olympiad 2014 invite all member federations of FIDE to take part in the 41<sup>st</sup> Chess Olympiad and the 85<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress in Tromsø, Norway.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Chess Olympiad takes place from August 1 – 14 and the 85<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress takes place from August 5-13 in the city of Tromsø.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT TROMSØ

Tromsø is a city and municipality in Troms County in Northern Norway. The administrative centre of the municipality is the city of Tromsø.

Tromsø city is the ninth largest urban area in Norway by population, and the seventh largest city in Norway by population (70 000). It is the largest city and the largest urban area in Northern Norway, and the second largest city and urban area north of the Arctic Circle in Sápmi (following Murmansk). Most of Tromsø, including the city centre, is located on the small island of Tromsøya, 350 km (217 mi) north of the Arctic Circle. Substantial parts of the urban area are also situated on the mainland to the east and on parts of Kvaløya, a large island to the west. Tromsøya is connected to the mainland by the Tromsø Bridge and the Tromsøysund Tunnel and to the island of Kvaløya by the Sandnessund Bridge. The city is warmer than most other places located on the same latitude, due to the warming effect of the Gulf Stream.

The city centre of Tromsø contains the highest number of old wooden houses in Northern Norway, the oldest of which dates from 1789. The Arctic Cathedral, a modern church built in 1965, is probably the city's most famous landmark. The city is a cultural centre for the region, with a rich array of festivals throughout the year, including the Northern Lights Festival and the Tromsø International Film Festival.

Some of Norway's best-known musicians, Torbjørn Brundtland and Svein Berge of the electronica duo Röyksopp and Lene Marlin, grew up and started their careers in Tromsø.

## CLIMATE

Tromsø is located well north of the Arctic City, but due to the Gulf Stream the weather conditions are not typical of the Arctic. August is still summer, but cooler than what most are used at this time of the year.

The month of August is characterized by *falling* daily high temperatures, with daily highs decreasing from 15°C to 12°C over the course of the month, exceeding 20°C or dropping below 8°C only one day in 10.

### White nights

The sun is only gone for a couple of hours each night in August. It sets around 23:15 and rises again at 02:30. It will not get dark during your stay since the sun is only below the horizon for a few hours; a phenomenon called "white nights".

## GETTING HERE

Two airlines offer direct flights to Tromsø. Flight bookings can be made online, via a travel agency or directly via the respective airline.

Please note that on international flights to Tromsø via Oslo, luggage **MUST** be collected, cleared through customs and then dropped off again at Oslo Airport, even if it is tagged all the way to Tromsø.

### SAS

Scandinavian Airlines operates several flights daily to Tromsø and, as a member of Star Alliance, you can fly to Tromsø with more than 28 airlines. The Star Alliance network is the leading global airline network, with the highest number of member airlines, daily flights, destinations and countries flown to.

Route map for SAS: [http://www.flysas.com/en/uk/Generic/Services/Route\\_map/](http://www.flysas.com/en/uk/Generic/Services/Route_map/)

Route map for Star Alliance: <http://www.staralliance.com/en/services/map>

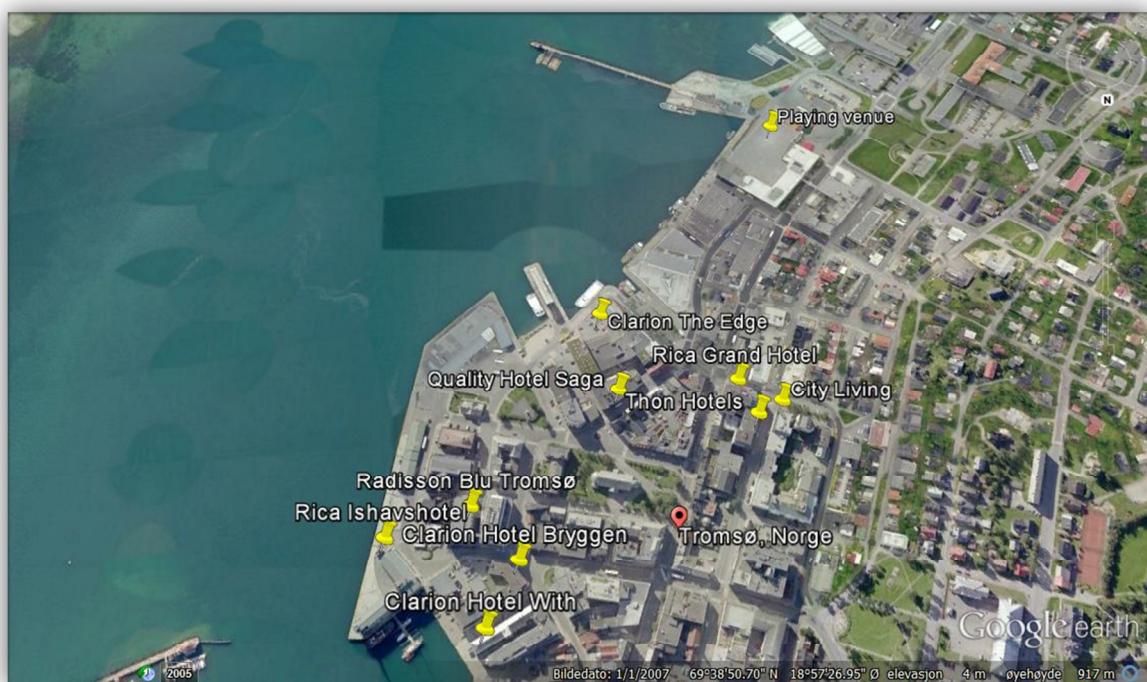
### Norwegian

All flights to Tromsø require a transit at Oslo, with the exception of the direct flight from London Gatwick. Route map for Norwegian: <http://www.norwegian.com/uk/flight/route-map/>

## PLAYING VENUE

The playing venue, Mackhallen, is situated in the heart of downtown Tromsø. Mack is the world's northernmost brewery, dating from 1877. When the brewery moved to more modern facilities, an area of 7000 m<sup>2</sup> became available to the organizers of the Chess Olympiad.

The venue is within walking distance of all official Olympiad hotels in downtown Tromsø.



## PARTICIPATION

The Chess Olympiad is open to all federations affiliated to FIDE, each of which can nominate one team for the open section and one for the women's section. Each team consists of four players and one reserve. Each team shall nominate a captain, who may also be one of the players.

## REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Federations planning to participate in the Chess Olympiad 2014 must register as follows:

1. Pre-registration, available between **March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**. With pre-registration national federations declare their intention to participate in the Olympiad.
2. Registration (names of participants, etc.) will be open from **April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**.

Pre-registration and registration will be done electronically through the official website [www.tromso2014.no](http://www.tromso2014.no). Click on REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION and follow the instructions on the screen.

Travel and accommodation information must be provided through the registration system by **July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**.

If you have any questions regarding registrations, please do not hesitate to contact Kema Goryaeva at: [kema@tromso2014.no](mailto:kema@tromso2014.no)

The registration fee is 100 EURO per person. The registration fee covers ground transport in Tromsø, accreditation and the handling of this.

## TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The tournament regulations are in accordance with FIDE Handbook D, Regulations for Specific Competitions.

D.II Chess Olympiad:

01. Regulations for the Chess Olympiad
02. Olympiad Pairing Rules

<http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=94&view=article>

<http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=95&view=article>

## OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

The opening ceremony will be held at Skarphallen in Tromsø on August 1. All teams are invited to the opening ceremony.

The closing ceremony will be held at the same venue on August 14.

The organizing committee will arrange all transport to and from the ceremonies.

## ACCREDITATION

All participants must be accredited in order to have access to the playing area. The participants must upload a photo during the online registration process. These photos will be used on the accreditation cards.

## ACCOMMODATION

During the Chess Olympiad, each team (6 people) will be provided with two double rooms and two single rooms, including full board, free of charge.

Delegates are accommodated free for the whole period.

Online registration of teams and delegates will be used as applications for accommodation.

Distribution of the teams and delegates to hotels will be decided in consultation with FIDE. The teams will be informed of their hotels when this information is available.

Teams may apply for an upgrade. Due to hotel capacity, we cannot guarantee that we can meet all requests, but we promise to do our best.

A team wanting to upgrade will be charged a supplement per day as follows:

Double room upgrade to two single rooms: NOK 900/€ 108\* per day

Single room upgrade to double room: NOK 500/€ 60\* per day

Accompanying persons (subject to capacity)

Single room: NOK 900/€ 108\* per room per day

Double room: NOK 1000/€ 121\* per room per day

\*according to currency NOK per. € 1 - 28.2.2014: 8,2750

## TRANSPORTATION

The organizing committee will organize all ground transport to and from Tromsø Airport. Most travellers will go through Oslo Airport before heading north to Tromsø. Please note that when arriving in Oslo you have to collect your luggage for customs clearance then drop it off again in the departures hall. The organizer will also have a meeting point at the Oslo Airport. You will find us in the luggage collection area for international flights. If you experience any problems, please contact the staff at this desk, and they will provide assistance.

## TRAVEL FUND

### 1. Qualification:

The Travel Fund is basically intended for the developing countries, meaning the countries in category 3-5 according to the FIDE Development Commission (DC). Federations with special needs that are not on this list may apply. Final decisions will be made by the Tromsø 2014 Organizing Committee.

The Travel Fund is provided for the federation's players. Non-playing captains, chiefs of delegations, arbiters, experts, volunteers and trainers do not qualify to receive a travel subsidy.

### 2. Level of support:

The travel support will be calculated based on the following:

- a) Estimated distance to and from each federation's home country to the City of Tromsø
- b) Estimated average flight cost per air mile

### 3. Preconditions:

Each federation must apply by using the standard application that may be found on [www.tromso2014.no](http://www.tromso2014.no)

- 1. Only the federation's players are eligible to receive this subsidy (maximum 5 per team).
- 2. The players must be registered in the FIDE system.
- 3. The deadline for applications is the June 15. Applications received after the deadline will not be approved.

### 4. Terms:

- 1. The subsidy will be paid on arrival in Tromsø, in accordance with receipts and signature from the federation's representative.
- 2. The subsidy will be transferred to the federation's bank account.
- 3. Any bank fees incurred will be deducted from the subsidy.
- 4. The Olympiad Registration fee of € 100 per player will be deducted from the subsidy.
- 5. If payment via bank transfer is impossible, the subsidy may be paid in cash on arrival in Tromsø, in accordance with receipts and signature from the federation's representative.
- 6. Each eligible federation is entitled to a minimum travel subsidy of USD 400 per player.

### 5. Entitled federations:

Please see addendum 1 or [www.tromso2014.no](http://www.tromso2014.no)

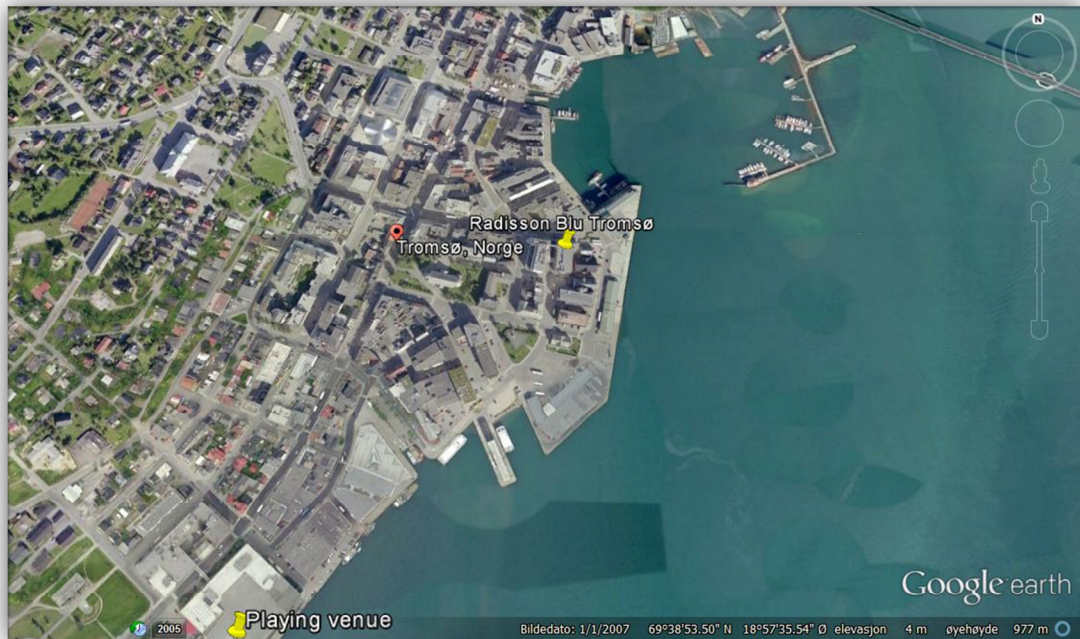
## VISAS

Norway has more than 100 diplomatic and consular missions located all over the world. All of these have their own websites, which provide information for the local population. For more information, please visit [www.norway.info](http://www.norway.info), select your home country and check if you need to apply for a VISA to enter Norway.

If you require a VISA, you will also require an invitation letter from Chess Olympiad to complete your application. When registering via the website, please fill out all passport information that is required and we will email a photocopy of the letter of invitation. If the original invitation letter is required, we can send this to the federation by regular mail. Please note that if you require delivery by DHL or similar service, the recipient must pay the cost of such shipment.

## FIDE CONGRESS

The FIDE Congress will be held at Raddison Blu Hotel Tromsø. All delegates must register on [tromso2014.no](http://tromso2014.no). One member from each federation will be provided full board and accommodation. The FIDE General Assembly will be held at the University of Tromsø.





## SCHEDULE

<b>SCHEDULE 41st CHESS OLYMPIAD 2014, TROMSØ, NORWAY</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Olympiad</b>	<b>Ceremonies</b>	<b>Congress</b>
Aug. 1		Arrival day		
	TBA		Opening ceremony	
	21:30	Arbiters meeting		
Aug. 2	09:00	Captains meeting		
	15:00	Round 1		
Aug. 3	14:00	Round 2		
Aug. 4	14:00	Round 3		Arrival day
Aug. 5	14:00	Round 4		Commission/Committee Meetings
Aug. 6	14:00	Round 5	Bermuda party	Commission/Committee Meetings
Aug. 7		Day off		Commission/Committee Meetings
Aug. 8	14:00	Round 6		Commission/Committee Meetings
Aug. 9	14:00	Round 7		Executive Board
Aug. 10	14:00	Round 8		Continental Meetings
Aug. 11	14:00	Round 9		General Assembly
Aug. 12	14:00	Round 10		General Assembly
Aug. 13		Day off		General Assembly
Aug. 14	11:00	Round 11		(General Assembly, if required)
	TBA		Closing ceremony	
Aug. 15		Departure day		

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