

Inspection of Palermo-Mondello, Italy for the European Senior Chess Championship 2020

Date for championship:	06.03. – 16.03.2020	Federation:	Italy
Inspector:	Petr Pisk	Inspection Date:	11.06.2018

At inspection I was accompanied with proposed Chief organizer Mr. Francesco Lupo, Mr. Maurizio Asaro, Chief of Pi Club s.r.l. and Mr. Walter Parisi, Director of Splendid Hotel La Torre ****

Palermo-Mondello

Mondello is a small borough of the city of Palermo in the autonomous region of Sicily in Southern Italy.

Its beach lies between two cliffs called Mount Gallo and Mount Pellegrino. The town was originally a small fishing village situated on marshland, but at the end of the 19th century it grew into a favourite tourist destination. Today the area is famous for its beach, which is one of the most coveted shores of Italy, for its many Art Nouveau villas, which characterize the architecture of the place, making it an important landmark in the history of international modernism.

Basis of the inspection was the official bid of the Italian Chess Federation from 27th April 2018.

Tournament hall:

Splendid Hotel La Torre ****, Conference room

The size of main hall is 500 sqm. The light condition and the number of toilettes (3+2) are quite sufficient, but organizer promised to work on it. There are removable walls making more possibilities of the playing hall, offices, etc. In case of need, there is another playing hall (350 sqm) in other part of hotel. The management of the hotel confirmed, that the whole complex is ready to be used just for the championship.

Quality of hotels:

Splendid Hotel La Torre ****

is a large hotel complex on the sea in Palermo-Mondello. It has 170 rooms (79 x single or 2 - bed room, 85 x 3 - bed room, 6 x 4 - bed room), each room has TV with radio and int. TV channels, safety box, air-condition, fridge, etc. Majority of rooms are with balcony and fantastic sea view.

Full board will be available for 75 € per person in double room, 95 € per person in single room. The price includes water and wine during main dishes, use of swimming pool. There is a need to pay City Tax (right now its 2€, max. 4 days) at the reception of the hotel.

Buffet menu will be served with breakfast, lunch and dinner, special meals for vegetarian or people with special needs. There are two restaurants, sea view terrace surrounded by cactus and pine trees, platform to get access to the sea...

Wi-Fi is available in all rooms. Parking is next to the hotel, free of charge.

In case of need, organizer has prepared additional cheaper hotels:

HOTEL VILLA D'AMATO *** Via Messina Marine 178/180 PALERMO

Rates: Double room FB € 65, Single room FB € 85 per person/day. The hotel is 16 km from the playing venue. Transfer service to and from is included in the rate.

SARACEN RESORT * * * Via Libertà, 128A, Isola delle Femmine PA

Rates: Double room FB € 65, Single room FB € 85 per person/ day. The hotel is 12 km from the playing venue. Transfer service to and from is included in the rate.

(There is not included City Tax, which has to be paid at the reception of the hotel (right now its 2€, max. 4 days).

There are also other hotels, apartments in Palermo (about 8 km) - there is a bus connection with Palermo-Mondello, with bus-stop next to the hotel.

Airport connections:

International airport in Palermo, 20 km – 25 min. from the venue.

Conclusion:

Taking into account that playing hall is a part of Splendid Hotel La Torre ****, which stands on the sea, it is obvious that Palermo-Mondello will be a very good venue for this championship.

6th July 2018

Petr Pisk