



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Zante Flair Open is one of the longest running flair competitions in the world, 2017 being its 13<sup>th</sup> year. It is held on the stunning Greek Island of Zakynthos, also known as Zante. Competitors come from all over the world to be a part of this incredible competition. This is your opportunity to take part in a unique flair competition where we give you a fantastic experience, warm hospitality, experience of Greek traditions and the chance to enjoy one of Europe's hottest nightlife destinations!

## **ORGANISERS**

Bar Flair School have organised the Zante Flair Open for the last seven years. We are based in Zante and offer bartender and flair training courses, as well as cocktail classes for tourists, team-building sessions and event/VIP services. Bar Flair School is run by Dennis Kalogierias, former Greek flair champion and three-times IBA competitor. He works passionately to ensure every competitor has an awesome experience with us in Zante, with his friendly and accommodating personality; and competitors leaving as friends and a desire to return to the island and the competition.

## **ABOUT ZANTE**

The Greek island of Zante is only a 3.5 hour flight from London. Many countries fly direct in the summer months. From the capital of Greece, Athens, there is a 40 minute daily flight from Athens to Zante, as well as a bus and ferry service (3.5 hours). We are based in the resort of Laganas, which is 10 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from the ferry port. If you require more travel information please email us.

## **ENTRY + EVENTS + ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE BOOKINGS**

This year we are offering competitors this package to firstly make life easier for competitors by being able to book everything in one go, secondly so that have the opportunity to all stay together. You can find what's included on the listing on Eventbrite.

The hotel you will stay at is Majestic Hotel & Spa, located in the middle of Laganas Main Street. For more details: <http://www.hotelmajesticspa.gr>. Accommodation is from Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you need extra nights before or after these dates please let us know and we can arrange this at a discounted price for you.

We will be emailing the events schedule before the competition.

If you have any questions about the package please contact us.

# COMPETITION DATES & LOCATIONS & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

## QUALIFIERS

**When: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10:30AM**

**Where: Cameo Island, Laganas, Zakynthos**

Cameo Island is a small private island accessed by a footbridge. Competitors perform on a stage actually set in the sea! We will be arranging a coach to take competitors from Majestic Hotel Laganas (centrally located), to Cameo Island and back. If you have booked the entry + events + accommodation, the pick up is at your hotel.

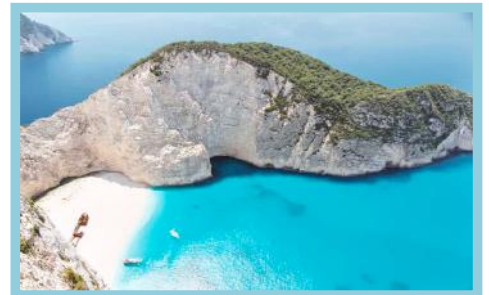


## FINAL

**When: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 08:30AM**

**Where: Navagio Shipwreck Beach, Zakynthos**

This is the first time EVER an event will be held on the famous Shipwreck Beach! It is logistically challenging and will be the most mind-blowing place for a flair competition! The beach is only accessible by boat. We will be arranging a coach to take competitors from Majestic Hotel Laganas, to the boat port, where you will then be taken by boat to the beach. The boat will then take you back to port and then back to the resort.



Please be aware that you must adhere to the pick up times. If you are not there on time and you miss the coach, you must make your own arrangements to get to the venue. It is not our responsibility if you are not there at the specified time. We will inform you of the time your transport will pick you up on both days closer to the time.

## Weather

Because both of the competition venues are outside on the beach, we may have to change the locations to indoor venues in the case of bad weather. If there are high winds or heavy rain for example, no boats will be permitted to sail to Navagio Shipwreck Beach for health and safety reasons. Our main priority is the safety of our competitors and guests. The weather situation can only be determined the day before the competition and you will be kept informed as to any changes. The competition format will be unchanged.

## GENERAL INFO & RULES

- All competing bartenders must be at least 18 years of age.
- Spaces will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Therefore please ensure you register as soon as possible.
- **The last entry date is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017**
- Competitors must register and pay the registration fee in full in advance through Eventbrite.
- No refunds are permitted.
- You must ensure you have read all of the competition info, rules and terms and conditions before registering.
- Competitors are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Zante and from the airport or port to their accommodation.
- Accommodation is only included if purchased with the entry + events + accommodation package. Otherwise accommodation arrangements are your own responsibility.
- Any violation of the following rules may result in disqualification from the competition.
- Any acts that display low integrity, poor taste or disrespect for the competition, sponsors or the host as assessed by Bar Flair School or competition judges, are subject to disqualification from the competition.
- All bartenders are required to attend the registration meeting at Mansion Pool Bar, Laganas, at 19:00 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Failure to do so or lateness may result in disqualification from the competition. If you have not arrived in resort by this time you must let us know beforehand.
- Coach pick up to take you to the competition will be from Majestic Hotel & Spa, Laganas Main Street.
- Competition start and end times are subject to change.
- Competing bartenders will not be allowed to wear logos of any companies conflicting with the sponsors of the event.
- You will be given a t-shirt/s that you must wear during your routine.
- Competitors trousers/shorts must be of a single plain colour and not ripped.
- Music must be provided at the registration meeting in CD Audio format or USB stick as an MP3 format and in its own case and properly labeled with your name. We will not play music given to us on mobile phones, iPads, mp3 players or any other devices. It is highly recommended that you bring more than one copy of your music with you in case it is damaged or unreadable. Organisers and event staff are not responsible for damaged or unreadable music.
- Please use music that is tasteful and does not contain offensive lyrics.
- The main sponsors of the event are Stolichnaya Vodka Greece. During the working flair competitors must use the sponsor's products for at least 10% of their routine.
- Behaviour: We expect all competitors to treat all other competitors, judges, and event staff with respect and behave in an appropriate manner. Rudeness and disrespect will not be tolerated and can result in disqualification from the competition. No competitor

is allowed to be drunk during the competition, and no drinks are allowed on stage, other than the drinks the competitor has made.

- All rules, guidelines and drink recipes are subject to change at the discretion of the competition organisers.
- The results will be announced after the last competitor has been on stage; the judges' decision is final. If you have any complaints please speak to the organiser Dennis Kalogierias on the day. Score sheets are available to view at the end, but not taken away.

## **ROUTINE REQUIREMENTS & FLAIR RULES**

- Competitors in the final do not have their scores carried over from the semi-finals to the finals.
- Competitors will have 5 minutes to perform their routine, which must involve making 2 drinks. Competitors will have 3 minutes to set up before their routine.
- Competitors will use a Doimo portable bar.
- One of the drinks must be made using working flair (minimum half full bottle). This drink will be 'The Shipwreck' cocktail (vodka, peach schnapps, orange juice, grenadine).
- The final drink is the exhibition flair drink (minimum 12.5ml of liquid in the bottle)
- This drink is your own creation, you must use cocktail basics such as glass, ice, straw, garnish (if applicable), base spirit, and is served using correct bar etiquette i.e. Bevnaps etc.
- All bottles used in the working flair must be set in at least a half full bottle of liquid
- All bottles used in the exhibition flair must be set in at least 15ml (1/2oz) of liquid.
- All bottles used must be clear of brand labels. No empty/dry bottles can be included in the competition bar set up.
- A metal pour spout is required on the working flair bottles. Any free flowing pour spout can be used on all exhibition flair bottles. Pour spouts can be taped in place (using electrical/plastic tape), as long as flow of liquid is not restricted.
- Bartenders can set up the competition bar any way they choose, but it is highly recommended that nothing starts on the upper bar surface to help with visibility for both the audience and the judges.
- No fire tricks or flames of any kind or use of flammable liquids will be allowed. If this rule is broken it will result in immediate disqualification.
- We will provide two bar backs for every competitor.

## **COMPETITION TOOLS AND INGREDIENTS PROVIDED**

### **Bar Tools**

Bar spoon, elbow juicer, Hawthorne strainer, fine strainer, full bar caddy, muddler, bar mats

### **Bottles**

The organiser will supply empty Stoli bottles for the working and exhibition flair. The competitor must provide any other bottles.

## Ingredients

These include cranberry juice, orange juice, apple juice, strawberry puree, raspberry, mint, sugar, lime wedges, lemon slices, orange slices, crushed ice and cubed ice. Competitors must provide garnishes.

## Glassware

We will provide a selection of 5 ½ oz Collins' and 11 ¾ oz Collins'. The competitors must provide any other glassware.

It is your responsibility to bring any other bar equipment you may need.

## COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY

- 1<sup>st</sup> place- 1500 Euros
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 700 Euros
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place-350 Euros
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: 200 Euros
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: 100 Euros

If you have any questions regarding any of the info or rules please feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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