



Expand your skills. Chat with our resident expert Michael Binger. Join our community of kindred spirits on this exotic journey.

# The Poker Passion Conference

The conference fee is \$595 and includes all classes and class materials; entrance fee and participation in our all-day tournament; five evenings of casual poker play; and the Bon Voyage Cocktail Party.

# Poker

### A Thinking Person's Game

Speaker: Michael Binger, Ph.D.

Get <u>World Series of Poker '06 third place</u> poker player and theoretical physicist Michael Binger's personal introduction to the diverse world of poker. A carefully reasoned answer to the eternal question: "Why play poker?" Michael will orient you to the poker landscape:

- The fundamentals (and it's all about the fundamentals)
- HORSE and the poker alphabet soup
- Hi only, hi/lo split, and low-only games
- No-limit, pot-limit, and limit-betting structures
- Tournaments vs. cash games
- Basic strategies for No-Limit Texas Hold'em (NLHE)

# Pricing & Booking Information

(Full details:

http://www.geekcruises.com/booking\_b/pk01\_booking.html)

**Course Fees:** \$595. Only passengers booked through InSight Cruises will be admitted.

**Deposit:** \$400 per person, due at time of booking.

Cabin Type:	Cruise Rate (per person)
Inside Cabin:	\$849 [GS* avail.]
Better Inside:	\$949 [GS* avail.]
Outside:	\$1,199 [GS avail.]
Better Outside:	\$1,259 [GS & PC avail.]
Outside w/Balcony:	\$1,749 [PC avail.]
Better w/Balcony:	\$1,849 [PC avail.]
Full Suite:	\$2,899 [PC avail.]

The pricing above is subject to change. InSight Cruises will generally match the cruise pricing advertised, at the time of booking, offered at the Holland America website. If at the time of booking the cruise line notifies us that the price of cruise fare has *increased*, you will be notified of the new pricing before your reservation is booked.

#### No Holds-Barred No Limit Hold'em

Speaker: Michael Binger, Ph.D.

When to hold'em and when to fold'em. Michael will present what you need to succeed in various NLHE settings, and will lay out strategies for your all-important end-game moves:

- Cash games and deep stack tournaments
- Playing short-handed games
- Tournament-specific concepts
- End-game final table play

#### The Why And How

Speaker: Michael Binger, Ph.D.

Where do you start in a game with an infinite number of variables? Get a handle on sizing up and analyzing the mathematical aspects of the situation, along with understanding the subtle behavioral clues your rivals — and you — display:

- Poker theory
- Probability and statistics overview
- Analyzing poker hands and your plays
- Managing your tells

#### Half Art, Half Science, and Half Discipline

Speaker: Michael Binger, Ph.D.

Game to game, luck dominates, but in the long run, skill becomes much more important. Dealing with the numbers is important; dealing with mindsets — yours and your opponents — is critical. Join Michael and hear what it takes to become a superb poker player:

- Advanced topics and other secrets in NLHE
- Learning to play different poker games
- Planning your future path to becoming a great poker player
- Poker etiquette



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## GS - GUARANTEED SHARE (GS) Fares:

This plan is for passengers who are coming on a Geek Cruise by themselves and wish to share a cabin with another Geek Cruises passenger in an inside or outside cabin only. The prices are the same as the per person double occupancy rates. Share Passengers who smoke are not to do so in the cabin, unless okayed by fellow roommates. We try to match passengers with someone close in age, whenever possible.

3rd and/or 4th Person Rate: ages 2 and older, \$450; \$350 for under 2 years old.

### Single Occupancy:

150% for inside and outside cabins and 200% for cabins with a balcony (i.e., Mini-Suites and above).

Port Charges, Taxes, & Gratuities: Port charges (of \$160 per person) are included; taxes are \$68,38 per person and are additional. Holland America also charges, onboard, \$10 per person per day for gratuities.

DAY	TIME	PORT / EVENT / PROGRAM SESSION(S)
JAN. 27 - SUNDAY	7pm	TAMPA, FLORIDA BON VOYAGE COCKTAIL PARTY
JAN. 28 - MONDAY	8:30am - 11am 11:30am - 6pm 6pm - 7:30pm	Casual Poker Play* <u>KEY WEST, FLORIDA</u> Casual Poker Play*
JAN. 29 - TUESDAY	8:30am - 5pm: 8:30am - 10am 10:30am - Noon 1:30pm - 3pm 3:30pm - 5pm 6pm - 7:30pm	FOUR CLASSES: A Thinking Person's Game No Holds-Barred No Limit Hold'em The Why And How Half Art, Half Science, and Half Discipline Casual Poker Play*
JAN. 30 - WEDNESDAY	8am - 6pm 6pm - 7:30pm	BELIZE CITY, BELIZE Casual Poker Play*
JAN. 31 - THURSDAY	6am – 6pm 6pm – 7:30pm	SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLO Casual Poker Play*
FEB. 1 - FRIDAY	8am – 5pm 6pm – 7:30pm	Casual Poker Play*
FEB. 2 - SATURDAY	9am - 6pm (1.5 hour lunch)	Proctored Poker Tournament**

<sup>\*</sup>A casual gathering of all those interested in meeting to play a non-stakes,

<sup>\*</sup>house-only chips (i.e., non-cash) Texas Hold'em game.

<sup>\*\*</sup>House-only chips will be used for this non-cash, all-day tournament.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Dr. Michael Binger will be walking the floor offering advice and kibitzing in general!

<sup>\*\*</sup>InSight Cruises' Chris Campbell will be the official Tournament Director of this

<sup>\*\*</sup>multi-round elimination event.

Full payment is due on November 1,

(or, if you book after **November** 1, at the time of booking).

PRE-CRUISE HOTEL STAYS: Sightsee Tampa from our base, <u>Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel</u>, and/or meet and greet your fellow InSight Cruise guests at our pre-cruise Cocktail Party (see below). A transfer from the airport to the hotel and then from the hotel to the ship (two transfers total), and all taxes, are included in the prices below.

	1 night	Add'l nights
Shared double	\$139	\$99
Single	\$229	\$149
3rd/4th person	\$99	\$99

NOTE: Holland America will not accept any booking unless a fully completed Reservation Form is accompanied with a per-person deposit: <a href="http://www.GeekCruises.com/booking\_b/pk01\_booking.html">http://www.GeekCruises.com/booking\_b/pk01\_booking.html</a>. Have questions? Want to book voice-to-voice? Please give us a call: 650-787-5665

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