



amber cup

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX  
OF FIGURE SKATING

Kaunas 2018

Kaunas, Lithuania  
September 5-8, 2018

FIRST INFORMATION

## Dear Skating Family,

We are very happy to welcome you to the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating "Amber Cup" 2018 in Kaunas (Lithuania) for the first time!



### First of all, a little something about the AMBER...

Amber, found on the Baltic Sea shores, was and is highly treasured and is the national gem of Lithuania. It is the symbol of our country and the soul of our people. We are immersed in Baltic Amber history and mythology, awed by its beauty and ever respectful of its amazing healing powers.

Amber is used in the Lithuanian language for all sorts of reasons: people's names, restaurants, hotels, festivals, museums and more.

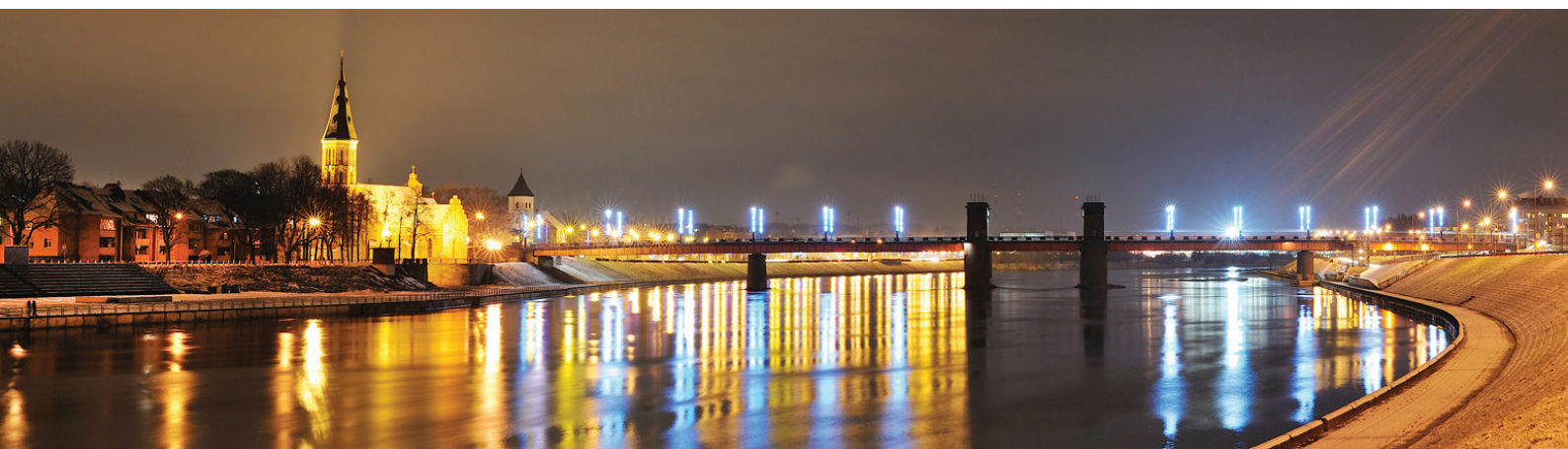
Therefore this special symbol was chosen to name this beautiful figure skating event taking place in Lithuania for the very first time.





## About Kaunas

Kaunas, the second largest Lithuania's city (with a population of 312,120), which keeps the authentic spirit of the country's national character alive. The city is located at the confluence of the two largest Lithuanian rivers Neris and Nemunas, surrounded by the hills and situated at the crossroads of the most important roads in Lithuania. Due to its geographical position, today, Kaunas is Lithuania's most important center of communication.



It is a home of a variety of festivals & events, from operettas to modern dance, from classical music to Jazz. Kaunas was chosen as the European Capital of Culture 2022. And as a Capital of Culture 2022 Kaunas is changing: from the TEMPORARY CAPITAL to CONTEMPORARY. The city is famous for its Interwar architecture which was awarded the European Heritage label and is on its way to UNESCO. Kaunas is the only city in the world where so much of the style of the buildings has survived to the present day.



Kaunas is colorful city, famous by its street art, with probably the only square in the world that you can't get into - George Maciunas square, inspired by FLUXUS movement.

The unique atmosphere of Kaunas can be explored, which is distinguished by the heritage of the painter and composer M. K. Čiurlionis.





Kaunas is not only a city of old traditions, but also a large centre of business and industry. It can also lay claim to be a city of young people with over 35,000 students (the largest number in Lithuania) studying at one of the seven universities here. For business and investors, our city offers friendly, open, and creative space for partnerships and cooperation.



Green streets, tree-lined avenues and wide-open squares create surroundings to match everybody's moods. Kaunas is proud of its great number of museums, theatres, universities, colleges, fine hotels, restaurants, cafes and bars. Guests can try a range of cuisine from many European and Asian countries as well as an abundance of traditional Lithuanian food, drink and hospitality.





## About the Competition Venue

Žalgirio Arena is the biggest multifunctional indoor arena in the Baltic region located on a river Nemunas island, very close to the city center of Kaunas. Many different events can take place here, starting from basketball, handball, volleyball, fitness competitions, and ice skating to theatrical events, expos or private functions.

Furthermore, it is home for 'Žalgiris Kaunas', the legendary basketball team. The pride of the city is playing its home games here in the most popular European League – the Euroleague.



The arena has exceptional acoustics, modern technologies and its versatility and geographical location places the Arena on the very top in the Baltic countries. The competition venue, with an ice surface of 30 X 60 meters, is both indoor and heated.





## Hotel information

All the Official Hotels have the ideal location for guests coming for events at Žalgirio arena as they are all located within a walking distance to the Arena.

### Kaunas Hotel

**Hotel for ISU Event Officials,  
Judges, Technical Support Staff**

Laisvės av. 79 LT-44297 Kaunas, Lithuania

Ph: (+370 37) 750 850

E-mail: [info@kaunashotel.lt](mailto:info@kaunashotel.lt)

Website: [www.kaunashotel.lt](http://www.kaunashotel.lt)



The hotel is located in Laisvės Alėja (Liberty Avenue) - a modern heart of the city. This is the ideal place for those who come to Kaunas on business or leisure. Located near the main cultural, commercial and financial facilities and just a few minutes to the old town. The rooms are spacious, bright, modern Scandinavian or classic type. Some of the rooms are air-conditioned and have balconies.

All rooms are equipped with a heated bathroom floor, hairdryer, TV set with remote control, satellite TV, telephone, mini bar, ventilation system, wireless internet. Clothes laundering, cleaning and ironing services are available upon request.

### Best Baltic Kaunas

**Hotel for Teams**

A. Mickevičiaus St 28, LT-44311 Kaunas, Lithuania

Ph: +370 37 321 505, +370 612 84 444

E-mail: [kaunas@bestbaltichotels.eu](mailto:kaunas@bestbaltichotels.eu)

Website: [www.bestbaltichotels.eu](http://www.bestbaltichotels.eu)



The four-star hotel Best Baltic Kaunas, which is located in the centre of Kaunas city next to the Laisvės alėja (Liberty Avenue), is liked among the guests and valued for its bright and cozy rooms, subtle interior designs, professional service and comfortable communication.

All rooms are equipped with a mini bar, modern television set, cable TV, phone, free Wi-Fi, individual conditioning system and a kettle with coffee or tea in all of the rooms. In some of the rooms there are safes installed. The guests can use the training hall (all day long), sauna and pool (during morning hours) free-of-charge.



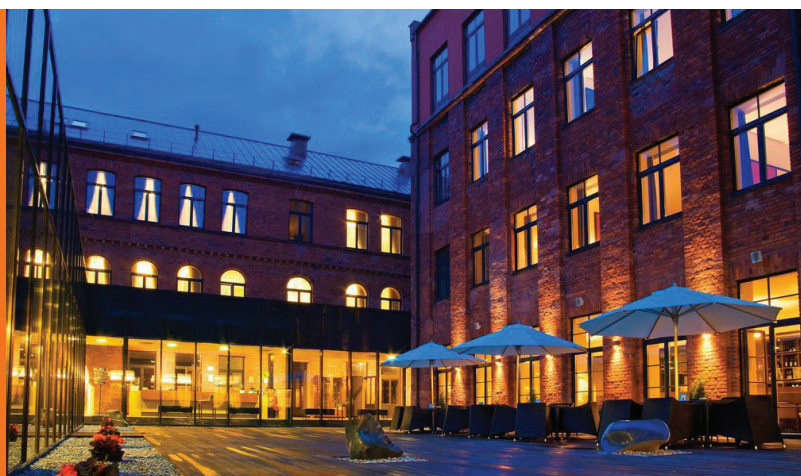
## Europa Royale Kaunas Hotel for Teams

Miško St 11, LT-44321 Kaunas, Lithuania

Ph. +370 37 407500

E-mail: [kaunas@europaroyale.com](mailto:kaunas@europaroyale.com)

[www.groupeuropa.com/europa\\_royale/  
kaunas\\_hotel](http://www.groupeuropa.com/europa_royale/kaunas_hotel)



A four-star Europa Royale Kaunas hotel is located in the centre of the city. The very famous Laisvės Avenue is nearby the hotel and it is very popular among the city guests. One of the finest four star Kaunas Hotels is situated in an old printing house built in the early 20th century. The building has modern design but authentic walls were preserved during the reconstruction.

Rooms of different shapes, big windows, spacious reception, cozy inner yard, stylish modern interior and friendly staff creates exceptional spirit of the hotel. All rooms in the hotel are spacious and have large windows, and some of the rooms have balconies. The modern and elegant interior was specially made to fit in with the authentic walls of the 20th century building which creates unique and magnificent atmosphere.

All rooms are equipped with a hair dryer, air conditioning system, heated bathroom floor, telephone, telephone in the bathroom, mini bar, satellite TV, safe deposit box. Free Wi-Fi is available.

Laundry and dry cleaning service, iron and ironing board are available upon request.

## Room rates

The room rates of the Organizing Committee at the Official Hotels are as follow:

**Single room: € 70.00 per night** (including breakfast)

**Twin room: € 90.00 per night** (including breakfast)

All the reservations **can be booked only via the Organizing Committee** and must be prepaid or paid in cash immediately upon arrival.

Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials, Chaperones will be asked to pay for their accommodation at "OC Office" upon accreditation in Hotel Europa Royale Kaunas.

QR code system will be used as a meal voucher for Event Officials, Judges and Competitors. All other accredited persons may purchase meal vouchers at OC Office.

**Lunch or Dinner: € 20.00 per voucher (QR code will be assigned)**



# Travel information

## Arrival to Kaunas

### Arriving by plane



#### Kaunas International Airport (KUN)

Located 15 km north east of Kaunas City. Direct Ryanair, Wizz Air and LOT flights to Kaunas are available from 19 European airports. Schedules and more information: [www.kaunas-airport.lt](http://www.kaunas-airport.lt)



#### Vilnius International Airport (VNO)

The largest of the four commercial airports in Lithuania by passenger traffic. It is located approximately 100 km from Kaunas. Schedules and more information: [www.vno.lt](http://www.vno.lt)

The Organizing Committee will provide a pick-up service at Vilnius and Kaunas Airports.

**The fee for the pick-up service at Kaunas Airport is € 15.00 per person and at Vilnius Airport – 40 Eur per person for round trip. The fee needs to be paid upon arrival at the registration.**

We kindly ask you to inform the Organizing Committee together with your entry whether you will be using the transportation offered.



# Travel information

## Arrival to Kaunas

### Arriving by bus

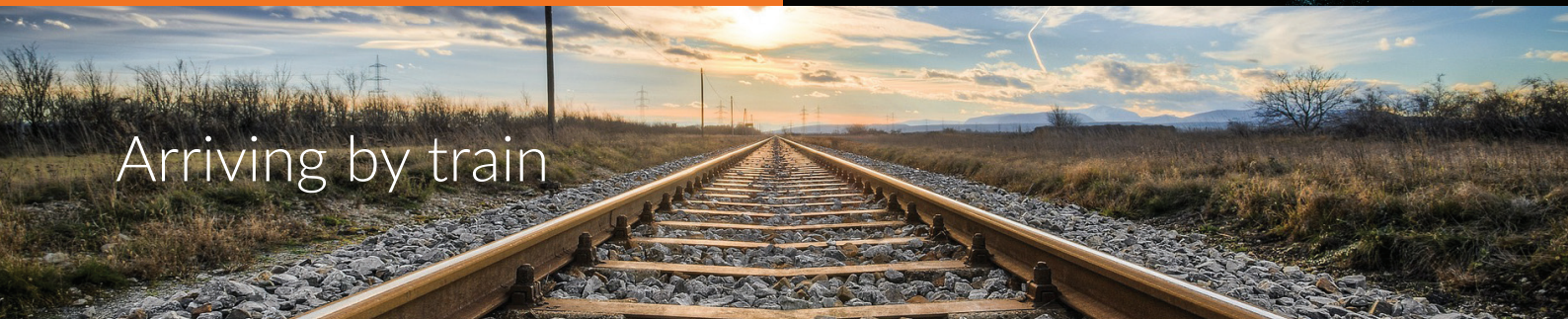
#### Kaunas Bus Station

Local and international bus transfers are provided by Kautra, Eurolines, Ecolines and TOKS.

More information: [www.autobusubilietai.lt](http://www.autobusubilietai.lt)



### Arriving by train



#### Kaunas Train Station

Kaunas can be reached easily by train from both Lithuanian and international cities (a new route Kaunas - Bialystok, Poland). The railway station is in a convenient location as it takes barely 15 minutes on foot to reach the central city street (Laisvės Alėja; Liberty Avenue).

More information: [www.traukiniobilietas.lt](http://www.traukiniobilietas.lt)





## Travel information

### Kaunas Public Transport

Buses, trolleybuses and minibuses. There is two types of tickets: a single use paper ticket and E-ticket (periodic for 3, 7, 30 or 92 days). Trolleybuses and buses run from 4.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. Payments for Kaunas city public transport are made with the help of non-contact electronic ticket system. You may transfer different sums of money from your e-purse onto the CARD and/or pay for certain kinds of e-ticket (of 3, 7, 30 and 92 days) periodically. You may buy the CARD at the newspaper stands or in the places marked by the special sign "Kauno Viešasis Transportas" (KVT) (Kaunas Public Transport). You must always have your card when getting on the means of transport.

Useful information: if you do not have an e-card with payment for e-ticket, you may buy a single-use ticket from the driver. Please buy the single-use ticket from the driver immediately after getting on the means of transport. Please note that drivers do not have cash due to safety issues; thus, be prepared to pay the exact sum of money for the ticket (1 EUR). The tickets purchased from the driver do not have to be validated by a ticket puncher. Passengers must get on the bus through the front door and validate e-tickets or buy a single-use ticket from the driver. If there is a possibility, you should get off the bus through the back/middle door.

You may check Kaunas public transport routes and schedules on the website [www.stops.lt/kaunas](http://www.stops.lt/kaunas)



### Route Taxi

Route taxi passengers can use the Kaunas's card filled with single-use electronic tickets to pay for public transportation. Passengers, paying for the trip by single-use electronic tickets, during 30 minutes from the first card check at vehicle can change the vehicle – take a route taxi, a bus or a trolleybus. If you take a bus or trolleybus, and later on continue your trip by the route taxi, the total price for the trip is 1 Euro. You do need to pay extra when transferring from the route taxi to bus or trolleybus. The only requirement is that every time you have to check your card by touching the ticket scanning machine. The constant route taxi passengers can get a monthly ticket. It is important to know that this monthly ticket does not allow taking a city buses or trolleybuses. It is only valid at the municipal route taxis (routes numbered 51-57).



## Travel information

### Taxi

Taxis can be hailed on the streets, called by phone or using mobile App. The average price for one kilometer by taxi is 0,70 EUR.



### Taxify Kaunas

Taxify – connecting riders with the best local drivers at the best prices. When you ride with Taxify, company doing their best to make the ride as seamless and comfortable as possible. Taxify is the smart way to move around Kaunas city. Get the app for iPhone and Android. No Cash, No Hassle: Pay in cash or add your credit card to the app and you'll be automatically charged when you arrive.

Use KAUNASIN promo code for your first trip and get – 7 Eur. discount!

More information: [www.taxify.eu](http://www.taxify.eu)

## Tourism Information Centres

### Main Tourism information office

Rotušės sq. 15, Kaunas

I-V 9:00 - 18:00

VI 10:00 - 16:00

VII 10:00 - 15:00

+370 616 50 991

[info@kaunasin.lt](mailto:info@kaunasin.lt)

### Office at Kaunas Bus Station

Vytauto pr. 24, Kaunas

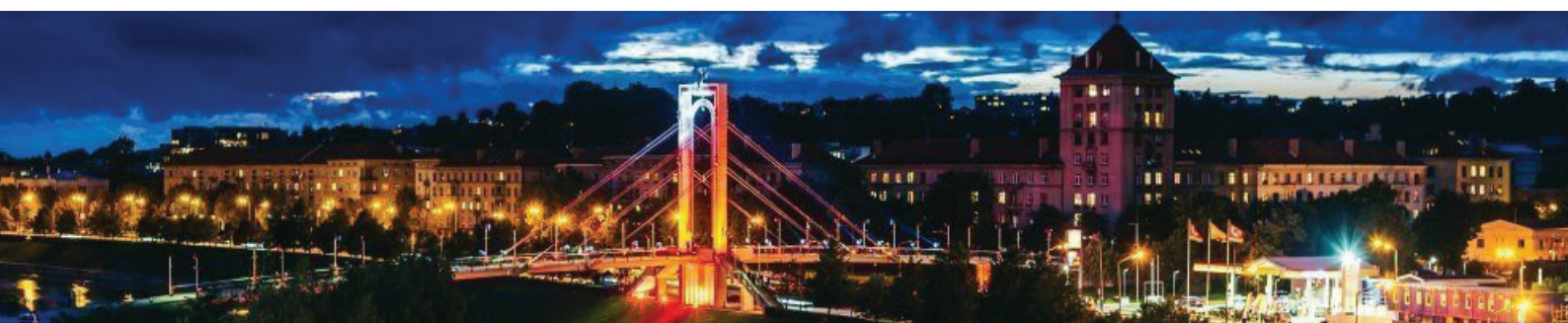
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## Internet

**Free wireless internet** is available in Laisvės avenue and in Town Hall square. Lithuania is a country with some of the fastest internet in the world! The study carried out by British scholars found that Kaunas is one of the leading cities in the world in the development and quality of broadband communications, only giving way to Japan's major cities. There are many Free Web areas around the city, so upon arrival to our country on business, you do not need to sit with your computer in hotels and conference halls. Take it anywhere and go to work to cafes, the city's main streets, where you will easily connect to the Internet.



## Safety

Kaunas is a hospitable city much liked by tourists. Please, however, keep to the same safety rules as you do at home and leave no valuable possessions without supervision. If you have an emergency and need to call the police, the ambulance or firefighters, please call the emergency phone number 112.

If there are no police officers who can talk in a language you know, you will be offered an interpreter (although you may have to wait until the interpreter arrives).

## Currency exchange

Lithuania's official currency is Euro. You can exchange currency in all banks on business days and in the Akropolis Shopping and Entertainment Centre every weekday. If you have arrived at the airport, you can use the currency exchange services at the Medicinos Bankas currency exchange office located in the airport.

## 24/7 Pharmacies

BENU Pharmacie  
Savanorių pr. 66 / Žemaičių st. 31  
Ph. +370 37 205 796



## Distances between Ice Rink and Hotels

Europa Royale Kaunas Hotel – Ice rink (approx. 1 km)

Best Baltic Hotel Kaunas – Ice rink (approx. 1 km)

Hotel Kaunas – Ice Rink (approx. 1, 1 km)

## Opening ceremony

There is an opening ceremony planned on the first day of the competition. All teams will be invited to enjoy a beautiful spectacle on ice.

## Visa information

Regarding Visa confirmations please contact the Lithuanian Skating Federation.

E-mail: [secretariat@lcf.lt](mailto:secretariat@lcf.lt)

## Weather in Kaunas

Autumns in Kaunas are generally cool to mild with average daytime high temperature of 16°C (61°F) and low of around 8°C (46°F), but the beginning of September is usually warm and pleasant.





## Organizing Committee

For information, please contact the Organizing Committee:

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All members of our organizing committee will be there for you and are willing to provide the best competition experience.

We wish you good luck, a memorable competition and a pleasant stay in Kaunas!

