



FIRST INFORMATION

Organized by the Austrian Figure Skating Federation and Askö Linz Eislauf

Welcome to LINZ



Linz is the third-largest city of Austria and capital of the state of Upper Austria (German: Oberösterreich). It is located in the north centre of Austria, approximately 30 km south of the Czech border, on both sides of the river Danube. The population of the city is 203,012 (2017). The city was founded by the Romans, who called it Lentia. The name Linz was first recorded in AD 799, after Bavarians expanded south and Linz became a center of trade.

Linz is a lively, modern city and a successful one, too. It has a long and eventful history, and the architecture of its developed city centre with the baroque Hauptplatz is unique. The city will delight with its urban lifestyle and exciting cultural scene, it will make curious to discover new things and will open up new perspectives.

In Linz, the European Capital of Culture and a UNESCO City of Media Arts, a triad of culture, nature and industry awaits visitors. Discover the city's diversity on a tour on foot, on the excursion train or a Segway, experience a city combining media arts and contemporary history at first hand in one of the many museums or relax on the beautiful banks of the Danube.

www.linztourismus.at

Visit Linz APP

Before and during your visit to Linz, the Visit Linz App helps you to discover the city on the Danube! Sights, restaurants, shops, hotels and current events at a glance on your Smartphone! Use the Visit Linz App before your visit to Linz to create your personal Linz program with only a few clicks. The practical filter function displays information by alphabet or location.

Available in German and English.



Linzer Torte



The 'Linzer Torte' is considered to have the longest history of any cake in the world; it has carried its name since 1696.

The name of the person who first recorded the recipe or named this confection will always remain a secret. The oldest recorded version of the recipe dates back to a 300 year old cook book. Butter, almonds, sugar, flour and the finest of spices were used to make the pastry in the past. These ingredients are still used today when making the "Original Linzer Torte".

For the past 65 years, the confectioner Jindrak has reproduced the original "Original Linzer Torte" with great care and skill. By visiting the Jindrak confectionery, you and your friends can taste and enjoy a premier example of Austria's culinary traditions.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate and Weather

The best time for a visit to Linz are the months from May to September, when the average maximum temperatures vary between 18°C and 23°C, with average maximum of 23°C between July and August. The average minimum temperatures between May and September range between 8°C to 13°C.

Currency

The Austrian currency unit is Euro (EUR) divided in 100 cents.
The exchange rate is 1€ = 1,24\$ (as per April 2018).

Electricity

The electricity current in Austria is 220 Volt. A two pin plug system is used.

Banks

Banks are opened Monday to Friday from about 8:30-12:30 and 14:30-16:00.
Cash counters are at nearly every bank and on public places.

Credit cards

All major credit cards are accepted in Austria. Most hotels, shops, restaurants and taxis accept VISA and Master Card. American Express and Diners Club may not be accepted in all places.

Tipping

While tipping is not mandatory in Austria, it is customary in many circumstances for good service, especially in sit down restaurants, which offer table service – approx. 10%.

THE VENUE

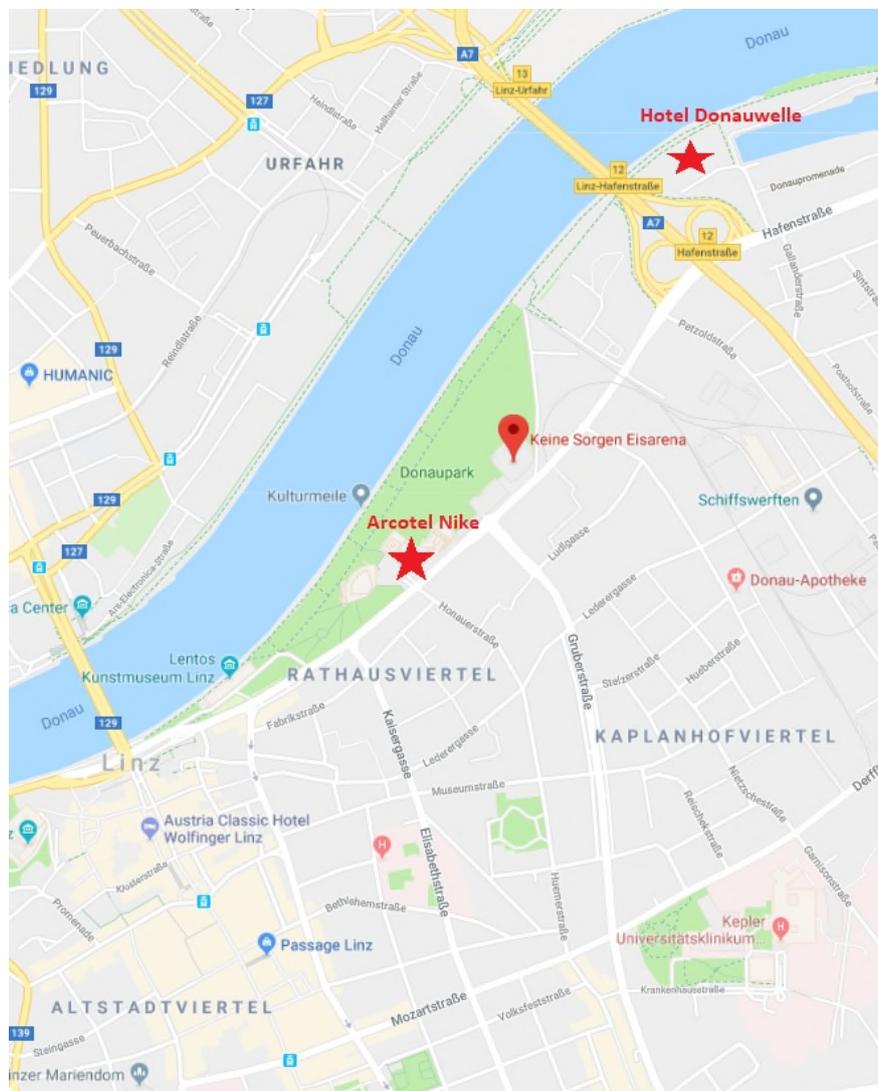


Main Rink:
Keine Sorgen Eisarena
Untere Donaulände 11
4020 Linz

Practice Rink:
Donauparkhalle
Untere Donaulände 11
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Keine Sorgen Eisarena and Donauparkhalle are located in the same complex on the riverside of the Danube and very close to the city center of Linz. The capacity of the arena is about 3,500 people. It is currently home of the EHC Black Wings Linz ice hockey team.

The competition and practice rink are indoor and heated, with an ice surface of 30 x 60 meters.



TRANSPORT

The "Blue Danube" Linz Airport lies about 10 kilometers (6.2 mi) southwest of the town center. Direct flights include Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and Vienna with additional seasonal routes added during the summer and winter months.

The Vienna Airport has a direct train connection to Linz central station (2h) nearly every 30 minutes, fare approx. 45€ one way. There will be no pick-up provided from Vienna Airport.

The city also has a Hauptbahnhof (central station) on Austria's main rail axis, the West railway, linking Vienna with western Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Linz is connected with Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich via the A1 Autobahn/motorway ; the Mühlviertel A7 Autobahn , and the south of Austria (Graz/Styria, Klagenfurt/Carinthia) via the A9 Autobahn. It is also connected to Germany via Passau.

Local public transport is provided by trams, busses and trolleybuses, operated by Linz Linien GmbH. The Pöstlingbergbahn is a tramway which climbs a small mountain at the northwest edge of the town.

The OC provides transportation from and to the airport and station.

Arrival & Departure

The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS) as soon as possible but not later than July 27th, 2018.

Departure lists will be provided at the information board at the ice rink. If any changes occur please inform the OC latest 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up time.

Prices (Coaches, Teamleaders, Team Medical Staff, Chaperones):

Airport Linz – Hotel/Ice Rink – Airport Linz:	€ 35
Central Station Linz – Hotel/Ice Rink – Central Station Linz:	€ 20

Event Shuttle

Shuttle busses will be connecting the Teams Hotel (Donauwelle) and the ice rink. Transportation is available to all accredited persons and official registered chaperones holding a bus permit.

The Officials Hotel (Arcotel Nike) is within walking distance to the ice rink (400m) and no shuttle busses between Arcotel Nike and the ice rink will be provided.

HOTEL

TEAMS

Trans World Hotel Donauwelle

Adress: Am Winterhafen 13, 4020 Linz www.linz.twhotels.at



Directly on the banks of the Danube, only a 15-minute walk from the ice rink and a 25-minute walk from the center of Linz is the Trans World Hotel Donauwelle Linz. You can enjoy wonderful views of the Danube and the hills of the Mühlviertels in Upper Austria.

- 176 rooms (air conditioned, flat-screen TV, free WiFi)
- Paid parking at the hotel
- Restaurant and bar
- Spa and wellness area
- Fitness area

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OFFICIALS, ISU EVENT STAFF

Arcotel Nike

Adress: Untere Donaulände 9, 4020 Linz www.arcotelhotels.com/de/nike_hotel_linz



Directly set on the banks of the Danube River with a view of the Pöstlingberg Mountain, the ARCOTEL Nike is only a 5-minute walk from the ice rink and a 10-minute walk from the historic center of Linz. The modern rooms offer views over the city and the Danube.

- 174 rooms (air conditioned, flat-screen TV, free WiFi)
- Paid parking at the hotel
- Restaurant and bar
- Spa and wellness area

Accompanying persons

Team members whose accommodations are not covered by the Organizing Committee who share a room with a team member whose accommodations are paid by the Organizing Committee may be charged 50% of the room rate.

Reservation Policy and Procedures

The deadline for hotel reservation is **July 27th, 2018** for all participants.

Each federation must pay **at least 50% hotel and transportation fees** to the Organizing Committee via bank transfer upon receipt of the invoice, but no later than **August 2nd, 2018** (balance of the remaining hotel and transportation invoice to be paid latest at registration).

The reservations will be released if payment is not received by August 2nd, 2018.

The Organizing Committee will not guarantee any reservations requested after July 27th, 2018.

Note: All rooms cancelled after entry deadline by name, July 27th, 2018, even if it is for rooms that the Organizing Committee is required to pay for, any cancellation fees the OC has to pay to the hotel will be invoiced to the member federation.

VISA

Austria is part of the Schengen Area, which agreed on the abolition of border controls between themselves and on common visa regulations. By applying for an Austrian Visa, a foreigner applies for so-called Schengen Visa which allows him/her to travel inside of the Schengen Area without any restrictions. Schengen Visa holders do not need additional special visa for Austria. For countries that need VISA to travel to Austria, please see the following website:

<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entry-and-residence-in-austria/entry-and-visa/>

If you need an invitation letter please return the completed visa form and return it to jgp@skateaustria.at no later than July 27th, 2018. Please note that only visa invitations for members of the official delegation as entered in the ORS will be issued.

MEALS

Accredited Competitors, ISU Event Officials and Judges entitled to complimentary meal service provided by the Organizing Committee will receive meal vouchers.

Dining Room Location:

Restaurant Kolmer, located between the ice rink and Arcotel Nike

Meal Prices:

Per Meal (Lunch or Dinner) 15 €

A limited number of meal and drink tickets will be available for purchase onsite only in the OC Office (main rink) for accredited persons, who are not entitled to complimentary meal vouchers. If meal vouchers or tickets are lost, new tickets must be purchased at the user's own expense.

Dining Times:

Breakfast: 06:00 – 10:00

Lunch: 11:30 – 15:00

Dinner: 18:00 – 22:00

Late Dinner: 22:30 – 00:00 (on competition days)

CHAPERONES

Chaperones (a maximum of one per Skater) will not be accredited, entry to competitions and practices is free.

Each Chaperone will receive a bus pass for the main delegation bus lines. Accredited Chaperones may pick up bus passes at the accreditation. Photo ID will be required.



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