



 EUROPEAN FIGURE SKATING
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FIRST INFORMATION

OUR DEAR SKATING FRIENDS, Welcome to Minsk!

Minsk is the capital of Belarus and the biggest city of the country with more than 2 million inhabitants. The first mention of the town of Minsk was in 1067, consequently it is older than many European cities like Moscow and Stockholm. The city was practically fully destroyed in the II World War and was rebuilt during the Soviet time. Nowadays Minsk is the cultural, educational, sports, political, scientific centre of the country. Its main sights and attractions include:



THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

The history of the Cathedral dates back to 1633-1642. It is a valuable monument of late Baroque style of Old Minsk. Six columns divide the inner room into three naves. The iconostasis has a number of marvelous icons including the Our Lady miracle-working icon that miraculously appeared on the Svisloch bank in 1500.

Address: Kirilla and Mefodiya Street, 3 (Nemiga)

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE

It was opened in 1933. Nowadays there are more than 30 titles of dramatic works on the poster of the theatre, the most popular of them are Carmen, Eugene Onegin, Swan Lake, Rigoletto. All of them are well staged with rich decorations and costumes.

Address: Parizhskaya Kommuna Square, 1



THE TROITSKOE SUBURB

This historical and cultural part of Minsk survived after the destroying II World War. Here you may admire the Svisloch River, walk down the cobbled streets and enjoy a cup of hot tea or coffee in one of the little cafes. It is a great and lovely place to walk and relax in any season of the year.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

It is the most significant tourist attraction and the main information and cultural centre of the country, as well as one of the most important and controversial projects in the modern Belarus. A 72-meter high, 23-storey building in the shape of a diamond symbolizes material and spiritual values gathered by the humanity during thousands of years.

Address: Nezalezhnasti Avenue, 116



THE LEBYAZHY WATER PARK

It is one of the largest water parks in the CIS-countries and the fifth in size in Europe. **There are a** SPA center, park of water entertainments, water zone with pools, amusement center for children with a lot of labyrinths, 5D cinema, game campus, merry-go-rounds, electronic musicians attraction, fitness-center, gym, bars and fast food restaurants etc.

Address: Pobeditelei Avenue, 120

THE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

The museum in conjunction with the Minsk-Hero City obelisk is a single architectural ensemble. The main facade of the museum building is designed as symbolic victory salute rays. The museum consists of 4 blocks – the number of war years – and has 10 exhibition halls and the Victory Hall (located under a glass dome).

Address: Pobeditelei Avenue, 8



THE VICTORY SQUARE

The Victory Square opened in 1954 is one of the main monuments dedicated to the Great Patriotic War. The Victory monument stands out in its size rising to the sky at more than 35 meters height, and at the top of it one can observe a 3-meter replica of the Order of Victory. There is also the eternal fire that burns in any weather, and on holidays there is a guard of honor near it.

THE RED CHURCH

The Red Church is a temple-memorial of the beginning of the XX century that nowadays is one of the Minsk symbols. The official name of the church is the Sts. Simon and Helena Church. It is because the cathedral was built to commemorate the premature death of two young children, Simon and Helena Wojnilowicz, of a Belarusian aristocratic family. It is known as the Red Church because of its red brick walls.



MINSK CITY GATES

The symbolical "City's Gates" are two identical 11-storeyed towers erected on the corners of five-floor apartment houses. On one of the towers there is the biggest clock in the republic – the diameter of the clock-face is more than 3.5 m. Thus the building is called "The time of Minsk". The other is named "Coat of arms of Belarus". Eight sculptures symbolizing a worker, a collective farmer, an engineer and a soldier have been put back for 30-meter height – four sculptures per each tower.

1. VISA INFORMATION

Foreign citizens of **74 countries** can enter Belarus without any visa for **up to 30 days** and exit from the territory of Belarus only **through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus "Minsk National Airport"**. The term of visa-free stay is calculated in calendar days; the first day corresponds to the date of arrival, the last day coincides with the date of departure (regardless of the time of arrival and/or departure). The list of the countries is available here: <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>.

The given order of visa-free movement through the airport **does not extend to persons coming to Belarus by plane from the Russian Federation, as well as to those who intend to fly to the airports of the Russian Federation** (such flights are considered as internal ones and do not have border control).

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint "Minsk National Airport", foreign nationals must have the following documents:

1. a valid ordinary **passport** or another substituting document for traveling abroad, which must be valid at least 90 days beyond intended date of departure from the Republic of Belarus;;
2. **financial means**: at least 25 Euro (or equal amount in dollars or Belarusian rubles) for each day of stay;
3. **medical insurance** with coverage for at least 10,000 Euros that covers the territory of Belarus.

2. TRANSPORTATION

A transportation service will be provided to all arriving and departing teams between Sunday, January 20, 2018 and Monday, January 28, 2018. Transportation will be provided from and to the National Airport Minsk (<http://airport.by/en>) and from and to the Minsk Central Railway Station (<http://www.rw.by/en>).

ISU Event Officials, Competitors, Team Leaders and Team Officials taking part in the Championships are requested to announce as soon as possible but not later than December 31, 2018, to the Organizing Committee, the names of the airlines, flight numbers, dates and times of arrival and departure. If traveling by train, the dates and time of arrival at the indicated Train Station should also be provided. Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperones are only met if they travel with the team. The detailed travel information needs to be submitted via the ISU Online Registration System (ORS).

There will be a shuttle bus line between the Minsk Marriott Hotel, Victoria Olimp Hotel to the Minsk Arena complex. An accreditation card or bus permit must be presented prior entry to the shuttle bus. There will be no shuttle from Slavyanskaya Hotel as this is within walking distance to the venue.

3. HOW TO GET TO MINSK

ACCESS BY AIR



Minsk National Airport is the main air gateway of Belarus. It is situated 42 km away from the centre of Minsk and 33 km away from the city Ring Road. You can easily and quickly get to Minsk from the airport by:

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** – regular-route busses No 300Э, 173Э.
- **SHUTTLE BUSES** – No. 1400-TK and 1430-TK
- **TAXI** – call 7788; 135; 152; 7778; 7565; 7220.
- **PERSONAL VEHICLES** – route M2 (Moscow highway) (there is a possibility to rent a car on site – call 7373).

ACCESS BY TRAIN



One of the most convenient ways to get to Minsk is travelling by train. The Minsk railway station is located in the city center. Its address is Privokzalnaya Square, 3 and you can easily get to your hotel from there by public transport or by taxi. To get to the Speed Skating Stadium (the "Minsk-Arena" public transport stop) you should:

- take the **Bus** No.1, 119c;
- take the **shuttle buses** No. 1109; 1073; 1056.

ACCESS BY CAR



It is possible to travel to Belarus by car. The long-distance highway E30 connects Minsk with Europe. It is a toll road with a 1 USD charge for passenger vehicles. There are several Belarus border crossings and an extensive road network running across the country.

4. REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

Main Accreditation Office for Teams, Guests, ISU and Event Officials, IMG, STSP, etc. will be held at Victoria Olimp Hotel (Pobeditelej ave. 103).

Accreditation Office №2 for Press and Media will be held at Minsk Arena VIP-3 entrance.

All accreditation requests must be done through the ISU ORS not later than Monday, **December 31, 2018.**

Chaperons will not be provided with Accreditation Cards but with a Bus Permit only, which also gives them access to Practice Sessions.

The price of the Lost Accreditation Cards is 100 EUR fee.

5. VENUE INFORMATION

MINSK-ARENA MULTIFUNCTIONAL COMPLEX (MAIN RINK)



The Minsk-Arena is the most prestigious sports and cultural complex in the country that includes three main objects:

- the main arena for more than 15,000 spectators;
- a speed skating stadium for up to 3,000 spectators and 2 ice rinks inside (1 will be used as the practice rink for EC2019)
- a velodrome for 2,000 spectators.

The ultra-modern complex equipment of the Arena meets the highest professional standards and allows hosting

any sports, cultural and entertainment events.

The main arena has already hosted the 2011 Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships, the 2012 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, the 2014 Ice Hockey World Championship, the 2015 AMF Futsal World Cup, the 2015 Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships etc.

Moreover, a lot of cultural events such as the Rammstein, Scorpions, Limp Bizkit, Depeche Mode, 30 Seconds To Mars concerts etc.



SPEED SKATING STADIUM (PRACTICE RINK)



The forthcoming competitions will be held at the speed skating stadium on March, 17-18.

The speed skating stadium in Minsk is the first indoor skating area in Belarus with a 400-meter track. Its capacity is about 3000 people.

The internal radius of its turn is 26 m, the width of the double track is more than 9 m. The inner perimeter of the track is provided with ice bar 7 m at width for training. Outer perimeter has a 3-meter rumble strip. There are also two tracks for curling and two hockey pitches. The

total area of ice at the stadium is about 10 thousand square meters. A half of it is occupied with a high-speed skating track.



The skating stadium is also equipped with unique facilities – rooms of mountain air where sportsmen can train under conditions of low atmospheric pressure and oxygen deficiency thus imitating the conditions of areas high above sea levels. There rooms have no analogues in the Republic of Belarus and they are unique and valuable due to their therapeutic properties.



The major international competitions held on the speed skating stadium ice are the International Short Track Competition – Evo Cup (October 2012), the Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating Championships (September 2013), the Junior World Cup Speed Skating Championships (November 2012, December 2014, November 2016), the European Speed Skating Championships (January 2016), the World Cup Short Track Championships (February 2017) etc.

6. ACCOMMODATION

The deadline to submit the pre-accommodation request is by 20:00 pm (local time) on Monday, **October 1, 2018.**

With regards to reservation and pre-payment the following schedule will be applied:

- Pre-booking of hotel rooms - October 01, 2018
- Payment deadline of deposit by teams - November 01, 2018;
- Final payment deadline - November 16, 2018;

Cancellation policy is as follows:

- full refund deposit - up to December 10, 2018;
- 50% of deposit refunded - from December 11 to January 01, 2019;
- No refund- after January 01, 2019

All expenses for accommodation and meals for all Competitors, Team Leaders, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, and Data&Replay Operators, Referees and Judges participating in the Championships will be covered by the Organizing Committee in accordance with the Paragraph 5 of the Announcement to the Championships.

A credit card or cash deposit is required upon arrival for security and other incidental (i.e. telephone, movies, etc.) charges. If there are no expenses or damages to the room, the deposit will be returned to on departure.

All extra expenses incurred by any Competitor or any kind of Official will be their responsibility and must be paid prior to departure.

There are 3 official hotels:

Minsk Marriott Hotel *****

220020, Minsk, Pobeditelei ave.20

Official web site <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhpmc-minsk-marriott-hotel/>



Accommodation for:

ISU Event Officials, Judges, ISU Office Holders, ISU Guests, Member Presidents, STSP, ISU Event Coordination, ISU Media and IMG

Single room- 145 Euro

Twin/Double room-165 Euro

Hospitality room- 250 Euro

Breakfast is included in the cost of accommodation.

Victoria Olimp Hotel ****

220020, Minsk, Pobeditelei ave.103

Distance to the Minsk-Arena Stadium – 900 meters

Official web site <http://olimphotel.by/en/>



Accommodation for:

Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff

Single room- 80 Euro

Twin/Double room- 105 Euro

Breakfast is included in the cost of accommodation.

Slavyanskaya Hotel ***

220020, Minsk, Narochanskaya, 6

Distance to the Minsk-Arena Stadium – 200 meters

Official web site <http://slavyanskaya-minsk.by/en/home>



Accommodation for:

Assistant Team Leaders, Coaches, Team Officials

Single room- 70 Euro

Twin/Double room- 85 Euro

Lux room- 90 Euro

Breakfast is included in the cost of accommodation.

OTHER HOTELS:

Aqua-Minsk Hotel (**)

220020, Minsk, Pobeditelei ave. 118,

Distance to Minsk-arena- 2,0 km

<http://aquaminskhotel.by/>

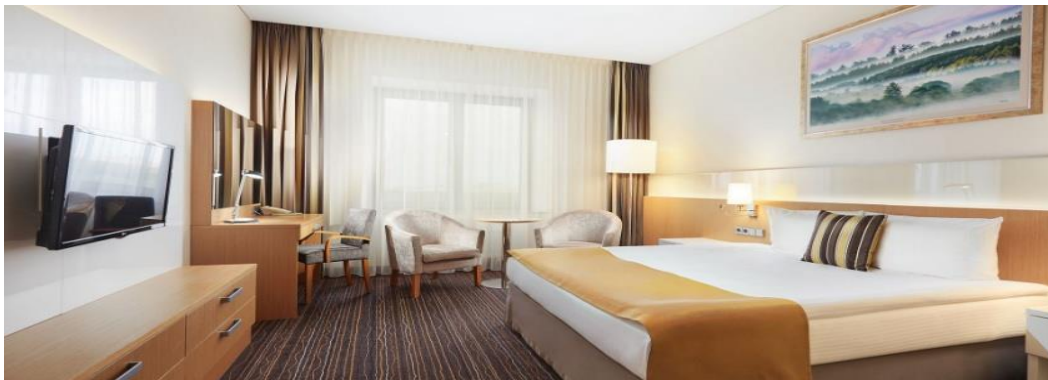


Victoria SPA (****)

220020, Minsk, Pobeditelei ave. 59A,

Distance to Minsk-arena- 3,4km

<http://victoria2.hotel-victoria.by/>



All hotels can be booked by written request sent to oc.eurofigurebelarus2019@gmail.com.

7. MEALS

Meals are available daily at the official hotels. It is possible to buy meals on site at the accreditation center.

Price: 30 Euro per each meal.

Meal hours:

Breakfast: 06:00 – 10:00

Lunch: 11:30 – 15:00

Dinner: 18:00 – 22:00

Late Dinner: 22:30 – 01:00 (on competition days)

There will be no dinner arranged on Sunday, January 27 since there will be a Closing Banquet.

8. HOW TO BUY THE TICKETS

The Skating Union of Belarus can offer you **All-Event tickets**, which include:

21-22 January official training sessions,

23-26 January competitions days,

27 January- Gala Exhibition, -

and **tickets per Event**. To purchase you have to:

1) Follow the link:

<https://shop.ticketpro.by/en/Event/Detail/48273/isu-european-figure-skating-championships-2019-package>

2) Click on “show seating map”;

3) Log in with available options;

4) Choose available seats and add to the basket;

5) Proceed with the payment options available.

In case you still have some questions left, don't hesitate to contact us by e-mail: office@proskating.by or by phone, Viber: +375 (29) 206 05 88.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency

Belarusian ruble

Currency rates

1 US Dollar – 2 Belarusian rubles

1 Euro – 2,4 Belarusian rubles

Time

GMT +3

Climate in Minsk

Average temperature in Minsk in January: -5°C

Bank cards

VISA and MasterCard

Taxi

Phone: 107, 135, 152, 155, 157, 7788, 7565, 7220

Car rental

International driver license will be required when renting.

Electricity

The electric system in Belarus is 220V.

Please, notice that a two-pin plug system is used.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted indoors in public buildings, transport and other places open to the public, restaurants and bars, except special smoking zones.

10. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Organizing Committee

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