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Up: Bratislava from castle hill, Left: Slovak National Theatre, Right: Bratislava Castle.

Welcome to Slovakia and Bratislava

The Slovak Figure Skating Association together with the City of Bratislava welcome skaters, officials, judges and guests from all International Skating Union Members to the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2016 in Bratislava, held from January 25th to January 31st.

Bratislava might be Europe's most relaxed city. It has its old-town charm, sophisticated restaurants, traditional pubs, good music and stylish people. All this, and Europe's greatest river as a backdrop. What more could you want?

The city of Bratislava

Although it is one of the youngest capitals in Europe, Bratislava has a rich history and offers great cultural life. Most of the sights are situated near each other, in the Old town. Museums, theatres and beautiful streets of Old town can be seen and enjoyed from cosy little cafes, all with a view on beautiful Bratislava castle.



Bratislava Castle

The massive rectangular building with four corner towers stands on an isolated rocky hill of the Little Carpathians directly above the Danube river in the middle of Bratislava. Because of its size and location, it has been a dominant feature of the city for centuries. The

castle underwent large-scale reconstruction during the Gothic and Renaissance period and during the reign of Maria Theresia. Currently, the castle houses expositions of the Slovak National Museum and some of its premises are used by the Slovak parliament.

Bratislava city card

Bratislava City Card offers interesting and profitable discounts to all visitors of the Slovak capital and enables everyone to experience the best of what it has currently to offer. Main card benefits are free unlimited travel on the city's public transport network, free trilingual guide for the card holders and many discounts.

WHILE IN BRATISLAVA- PLACES TO VISIT, THINGS TO DO



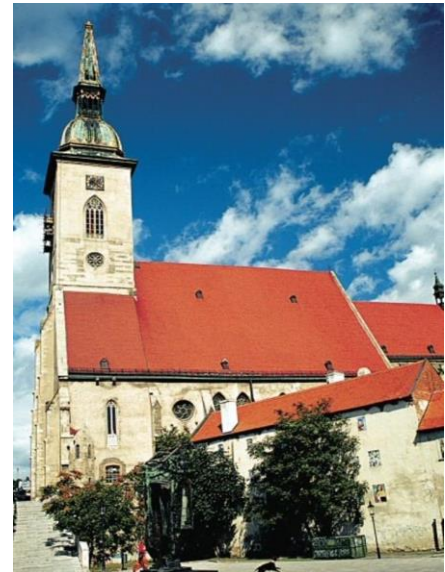
Left: Grassalkovich Palace, Right: View from the right bank of the river Danube

The Slovak National Theatre



One of the country's most important cultural institutions was established in 1920. Today it comprises drama, opera and ballet sections, each with its permanent professional company, with a central scene shop providing sets for all productions.

A 15th century church in which 11 Hungarian kings and 8 consorts were crowned between 1563-1830. Inside the cathedral, there is a replica of the Hungarian crown, which weighs an unbelievable 300 kg. On top of the 85 m tower and beneath the cathedral, there are crypts where church dignitaries and city functionaries are buried.



St. Martin's Cathedral Primate's Palace

Former archbishop's winter palace which dates to the end of the 18th century and is the most beautiful classicist palace in the city. The palace's Hall of Mirrors has seen many significant events. The Treaty of Pressburg between Austria and France was signed here in 1805 after the Battle of Austerlitz. The palace houses a unique series of 6 English tapestries from the 17th century, which depict the tragic love of Hero and Leander.



Grassalkovich Palace



This was the summer residence of Count Grassalkovich, built in the 18th century and was the centre of social life at that time. It was even graced by a visit from Maria Theresia. The palace was extensively reconstructed and became the official residence of the President of the Slovak Republic in 1996.

The Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra House

Founded in 1949, the orchestra has resided since the 1950s in the Baroque era Reduta, Bratislava concert hall constructed in 1773. Besides giving seasonal concerts, it also plays regularly at music festivals throughout Europe, and has made international tours to Cyprus, Turkey, Japan, and the United States.



Nedbalka Gallery



The idea of establishing a non-profit organisation focused on understanding and enjoyment of art by the foremost artists working in Slovakia emerged just a few years ago. With the activities of a highly professional nature, the Gallery also intends to address foreign visitors, art students, collectors and art lovers by means of various interesting events and

exhibitions presenting works of Slovak artists.

SHOPPING



You can do some great shopping in Bratislava. Fashion is on the rise here and now there are many shops for great clothing styles. Glasswork, and wine production is quite important in Slovakia, so be sure to check out the wine shops or even head to the source at a winery. Shopping malls are usually open 10am - 9pm, also on Saturdays and Sundays.

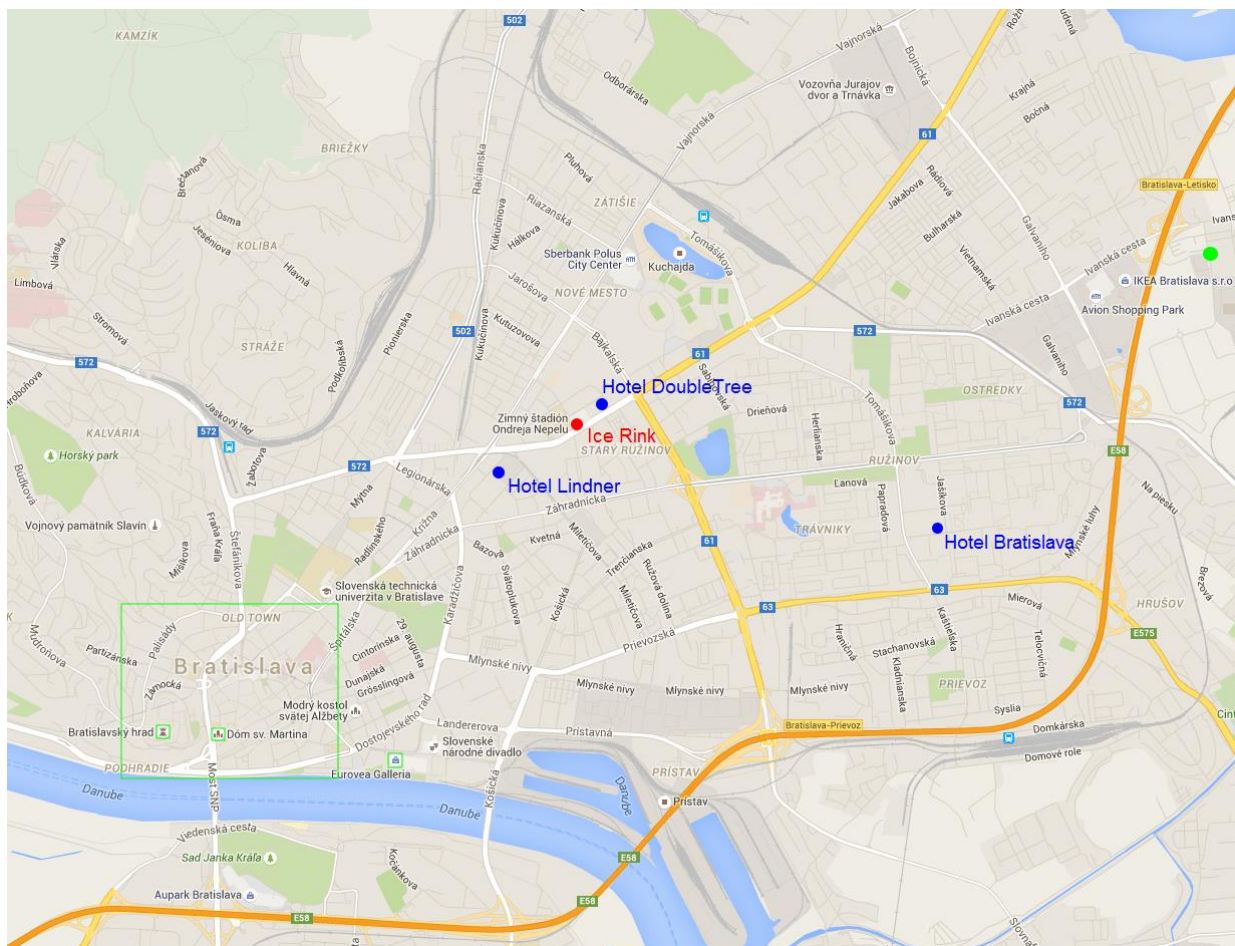
[Eurovea Galleria](#) is part of the state-of-the-art multi-functional city quarter Eurovea, which is located on the prime riverside location adjacent to Bratislava's historical centre. Combining the most sophisticated office, residential, leisure and retail components, Eurovea is creating a brand new dynamic destination for people living, working and shopping throughout the region.

Just five minutes from Bratislava's city centre, you can enjoy more than 200 shops, cafes, restaurants, a multiplex cinema, billiard and bowling, a fitness centre and even a casino in the shopping centre [Aupark](#). It is located across the centre on the other bank of Danube.

[Avion Shopping Park](#), the largest shopping mall, which has many options including IKEA, located near Bratislava airport. Its location makes it the most convenient destination for daily as well as weekend family shopping.

[Central](#) is the most accessible shopping centre in the capital of Slovakia. It is right next to the Lindner hotel and 5 minutes by walking from the Ondrej Nepela Arena.

MAP OF BRATISLAVA



WHERE AND WHAT TO EAT

Hungry or thirsty? In Slovakia you will find quality gastronomy at affordable prices. Regional dishes are as colourful as the Slovak countryside itself. The traditional cuisine mainly favours those who love cheese and milk products. The most typical albeit is the Slovak national meal “bryndzové halušky” with fried bacon. This Slovak national meal consists of dumplings mixed with a special kind of soft and salty sheep curd. Fried bacon chopped in tiny pieces makes it especially tasty.



[Prašná bašta](#) - housed in the 16th century Powder Tower, after which it is named, with a quiet courtyard outside, this is one of the best places in the old town to try traditional Slovak cuisine. Dishes include traditional dishes, meat and there are also several vegetarian and pasta dishes. Prices are actually very reasonable and there's even a cheaper weekday lunch menu.

[Zylinder](#)

A century ago, Bratislava, then known as Pressburg, was famous all over the Habsburg Empire for the aroma of great dishes drifting out of the city's restaurants. Zylinder, situated directly in the heart of Bratislava on Hviezdoslav's Square, offers a unique combination of selected special dishes from the cuisine of the Austro-Hungarian Empire brought up to the standards of the modern culinary arts.

[Lacinka](#) is an old-school creperie known by everyone living in the city. This little shop is perfect for a quick snack, to satisfy a sweet tooth, or anyone who loves a large variety of toppings with their thin pancakes. You can stop here anytime for two pancakes and a glass of milk and pay less than 1 euro!

One of the top favourite restaurants in Bratislava, called [UFO](#), can be found at the top of Nový Most (New Bridge). Once a month a big party is held at UFO, guests are admitted by invitation only. 85 meters above the ground there is a bar and 10 meters higher, there is a sightseeing deck as well.



If you're in Bratislava and you love sushi and Asian influences, then there is one place you have to visit and it is [Fou Zoo](#). The space, looking like a Zen garden, is stunning. The food is incredible - you'll be blown around by the various options. Their famous chocolate covered ice-cream is a must try as well.



[Eurovea galleria](#) is not only perfect way to spend your money while shopping, it is also a perfect place to eat! Located right next to the river Danube, you can enjoy lunch, dinner or coffee with beautiful view in any of different restaurants and cafes. Great spots to mention are definitely [Mercado](#) or [Primi](#), right next to each other, both serving fresh, healthy, delicious food with homemade lemonades and cakes.

VARIOUS FACTS ABOUT SLOVAKIA

Location: Central Europe

Capital City: Bratislava

Government: Parliamentary republic

Language: Slovak

Currency: Euro

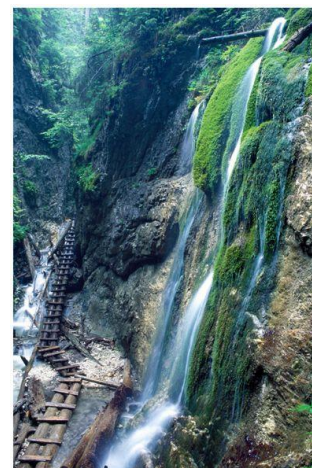
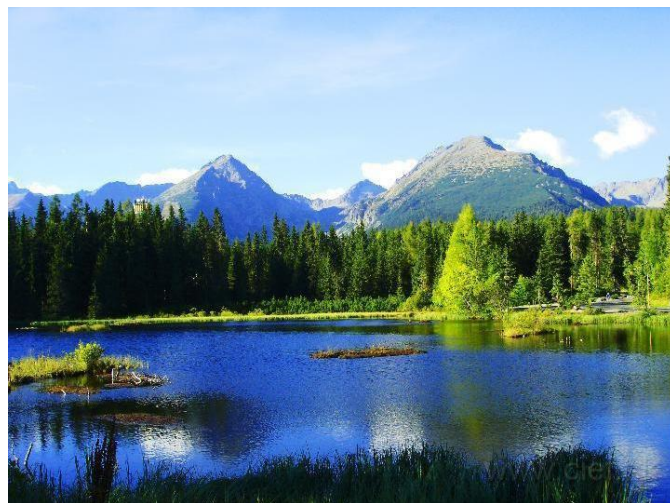
Population: 5,447,502

Area: 49,035 sq km

Time Zone: CET / GMT+1.00

Country Code: +421

Website: slovakia.travel



TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISA

Slovakia is part of the Schengen Area, which agreed on the abolition of border controls between themselves and on common visa regulations.

By applying for Slovak 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 Slovakia. For countries that need VISA to travel to Slovakia, visit <http://www.slovak-republic.org/visa-embassies/>

TRAVEL TO BRATISLAVA

By air

The easiest way to get to Bratislava is via Vienna's Schwechat International Airport(VIE), which lies just some 50 km or 40 minutes away from the Bratislava city. Many international flights are also operated by (mostly low-fare) airlines from Bratislava airport (BTS) which is just 10 minutes away from the competition hotels.

By train

Travelling to Bratislava by train is quick and easy, mainly using the Eurocity trains. The city has one Main station- Bratislava hlavná stanica. From there, it's only 10 minutes to Ondrej Nepela Arena and official hotels.

Taxi

There are many taxi companies to choose from in Bratislava. Approved taxis with metered fares always bear yellow number plates. Credit cards are readily accepted. NOTE: Taxi prices are not regulated in Bratislava, they may vary greatly. It is customer's responsibility to check prices beforehand. Always ask the driver beforehand.

ARRIVAL&DEPARTURES

Official transportation

Based on the arrival and departure information received in a timely manner from the teams, the Organizing Committee will provide transportation at arrival and departure between the officials hotel Double Tree by Hilton, team hotel City Hotel Bratislava and Bratislava Airport(BTS), Vienna International Airport (VIE) or Bratislava central train station. These locations are considered as the official arrival/departure points for the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2016, from where a shuttle transfer will be organized. Coaches, Team Medical Staff and Chaperons are only met if they travel with the team. For members travelling without the team a fee of 20 Euro per person will be charged to/from Vienna Airport. Organizing Committee must be informed about arrivals if transportation is expected/required.

Travel within Bratislava

If you want to explore the city, the easiest way is to take a bus. You can either buy a ticket by sending a SMS from your phone or buying ticket at ticket vending machines or kiosks. The same goes for the tram, which is just as comfortable.



Registration & Accreditation

All ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, Judges, Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Officials, Team Medical Staff and one Coach (per Competitor) taking part in the Championships are requested to register for the ISU European Figure Skating Championships 2016 as follows: Accreditation for ISU Office Holders, ISU Event Officials, ISU Guest and Judges will be located at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Bratislava, for Teams at City Hotel Bratislava and for Media at the accreditation office in the Ondrej Nepela Arena.

Accreditation for Teams and Officials will start at Sunday 24.1.2016 and in City Hotel Bratislava and Double Tree by Hilton will be until Wednesday 27.1.2016. The accreditation office in the Ondrej Nepela Arena will stay open throughout the championships, from Sunday 24.1.2016 until Sunday 31.1.2016.

All Competitors and Judges will be required to present their passport (and Clearance Certificate if the passport is not of the same country as the Member entering the Skater and/or the Skater having previously represented another Member) prior to receiving accreditation.

Accreditation will not be issued without presentation of a valid passport. Exact operating hours to be confirmed in accordance with the arrival schedule.

Only one Coach per Skater will be accredited. An Assistant Team Leader will be accepted for Teams having six (6) and more Skaters. Only two Officials of each Member, including the Member President, will be accredited. Not more than one (1) Team Doctor and one (1) Team Physiotherapist will be accepted as the Team Medical Staff, for which the organizer requests the right to have a medical certification (document) presented before accreditation. A partner or relative of a Judge will be accepted for restricted accreditation.

Lost accreditation card

Forgotten, lost or stolen accreditation cards must be reported and can only be replaced at Registration for a cash fee of 100 EUR. The ISU and OC must approve replacement accreditations.

Accommodation

General information

Reservations can be made through the OC only, using the special hotel request forms included in the Announcement.

Based on the first entries, member federations will kindly be asked to make a pre-payment. Member federations are required to balance and settle full payment latest at registration.

Accompanying persons

For Team Members not covered by the OC and sharing room with a Team Member whose accommodation is covered by the OC, the OC will charge 50% of the room rate.

Judges bringing an accompanying person will be charged the difference between the single and twin bed room.

Incidentals

For all individuals and rooms, hotel extras, including such services as telephone charges, Pay TV, room service, mini bar, laundry and dry cleaning, are to be settled directly with the hotel upon checkout.

All Pay TV Channels and telephones will be blocked upon check-in, and can only be activated when presenting a personal credit card at the hotel front desk.

Each federation is responsible for incidentals and the Team Leader for each federation is appointed contact person. For any issues in regard to room allocation, changes, damage in room etc. the Team Leader is agreed to be the contact person.

Any room change should be addressed to the OC. No changes are allowed directly with the hotel.

Official hotels

For Competitors, Team Leaders, Team Medical Staff, Team Officials

City Hotel Bratislava

Seberíniho 9

821 03 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 20 606 100

fax: +421 2 20 606 120

web: <http://www.hotelbratislava.sk/index.php?lang=en>

For Coaches, Assistant Team Leaders, Team Officials

Hotel Lindner Gallery Central

Metodova 4

821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 3993 0000

fax: +421 2 3993 0001

web:

http://www.lindner.de/en/hotel_bratislava/



For ISU Event Officials, ISU Guests, Judges

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

27/A Trnavska cesta

831 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 32340 111

fax: +421 2 32340 555



web: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/slovakia/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-bratislava-BTSDIDI/index.html>

Recommended hotels for Media, Coaches, Chaperons

For Chaperones, Coaches

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Metodova 4

821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 3993 0000

fax: +421 2 3993 0001

web: http://www.lindner.de/en/hotel_bratislava/

For Media

Hotel Holiday Inn Bratislava

Bajkalska 25 / A

825 03 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 482 45 111

fax: +421 2 482 42 112

web: <http://www.holidayinn.sk/?lang=uk>

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Metodova 4

821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 3993 0000

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web: http://www.lindner.de/en/hotel_bratislava/

Hotel Nivy

Liscie nivy 3

821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

phone: +421 2 5541 0390

fax: +421 2 5541 0398

web: <http://www.hotelnivy.sk>

Chaperones

Chaperones (max. one per skater) will not be accredited, but must purchase either an individual or an all-event-ticket at full face value. Chaperones will receive a practice permit/ticket to be able to attend all practices in main arena and the practice rink. This ticket is normally not included in All Event tickets and will be presented upon arrival at the OC Office at the official Skating Family hotel: City Hotel Bratislava. Chaperones will not stay in the City Hotel Bratislava but will be accepted to stay at Hotel Lindner Gallery Central. There will be no shuttle service offered from Hotel Lindner Gallery Central to/from the arenas. The distance is approximately 500 meters and takes 5 min to walk.

Meal service

Accredited persons with full board accommodation will receive meals according the QR Code on Accreditation card.

Meals for Teams are served at the City Hotel Bratislava, and a designated dining room will be set up for the skating family. Meals will be served in buffet style. For Event Officials and Judges at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel.

Meal times:

Breakfast: 06:00-10:00

Lunch: 11:30-15:00

Dinner: 17:30-22:00

Late dinner: 22:30-01:00 (*of the nights of evening events only*)

Expenses for rooms and meals

All expenses for accommodation and meals for Referees and Judges will be covered by the Organizing Committee during the period as listed below:

Referees: from lunch on Monday, January 25 and ending with lunch on Monday, February 1, 2016,

Judges Men and Ladies: from lunch on Monday, January 25 and ending with lunch on Monday, February 1, 2016,

Judges Ice Dance: from lunch on Tuesday, January 26 and ending with lunch on Monday, February 1, 2016,

Judges Pairs: from lunch on Wednesday, January 27 and ending with lunch on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Should any Competitor, Team Leader or Official arrive at the Hotel before the time indicated above or stay longer, the costs for accommodation and meals are at the burden of the individual. A credit card or cash deposit is required on arrival for security and other incidental (i.e. telephone, movies, etc.) charges. If there are no expenses or damages to the room, cash deposit will be returned to the guest on departure.

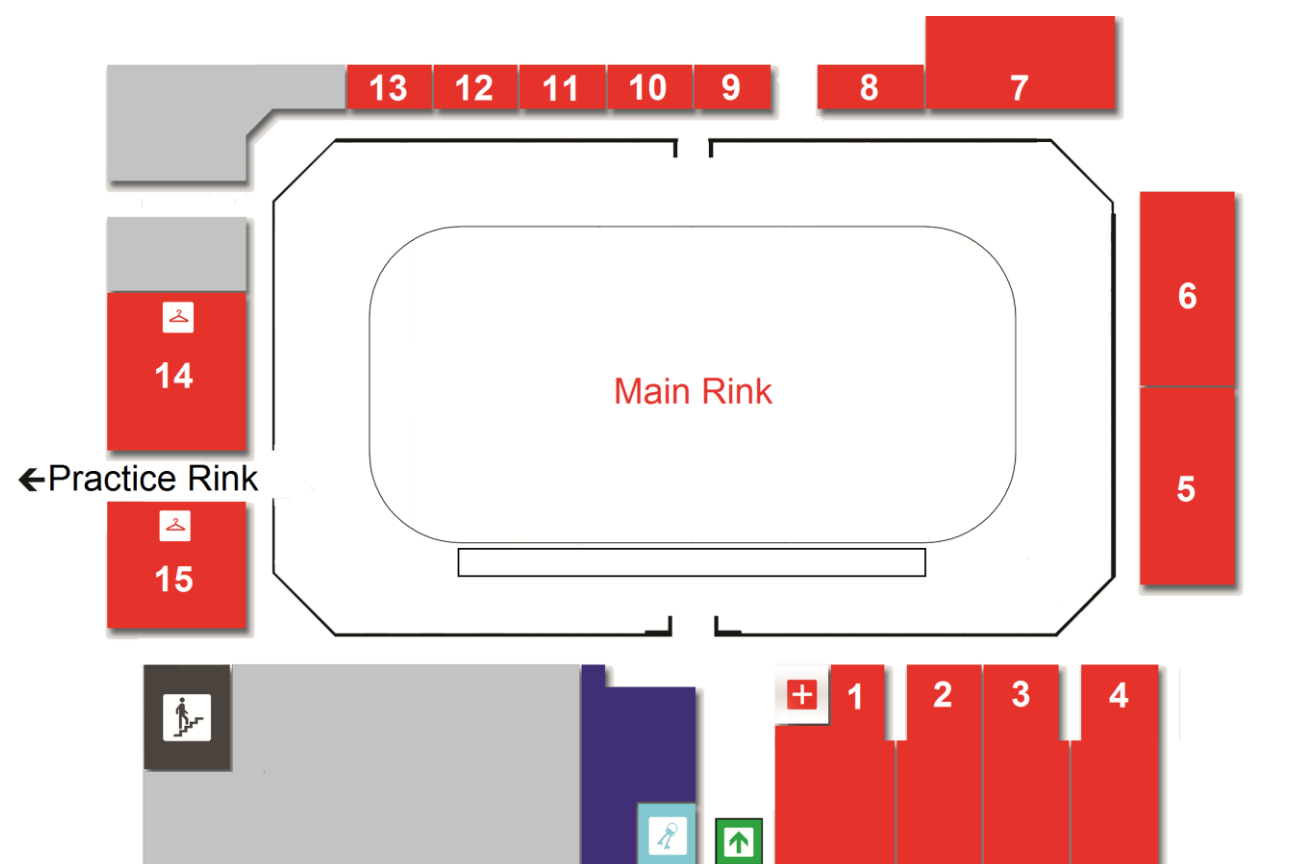
PRE-PAYMENT

For pre-payment (deposit) please see the terms of payment on page 27.

THE VENUE

Ondrej Nepela Arena went under reconstruction for the World Ice Hockey Championships 2011 in April 2009. The work was finished by the end of November 2010 and the capacity of the rink is now 9 953 seats. The arena can very swiftly be changed from an ice skating rink to a concert hall. Every year Ondrej Nepela Arena provides concerts of worldwide famous singers and artists.

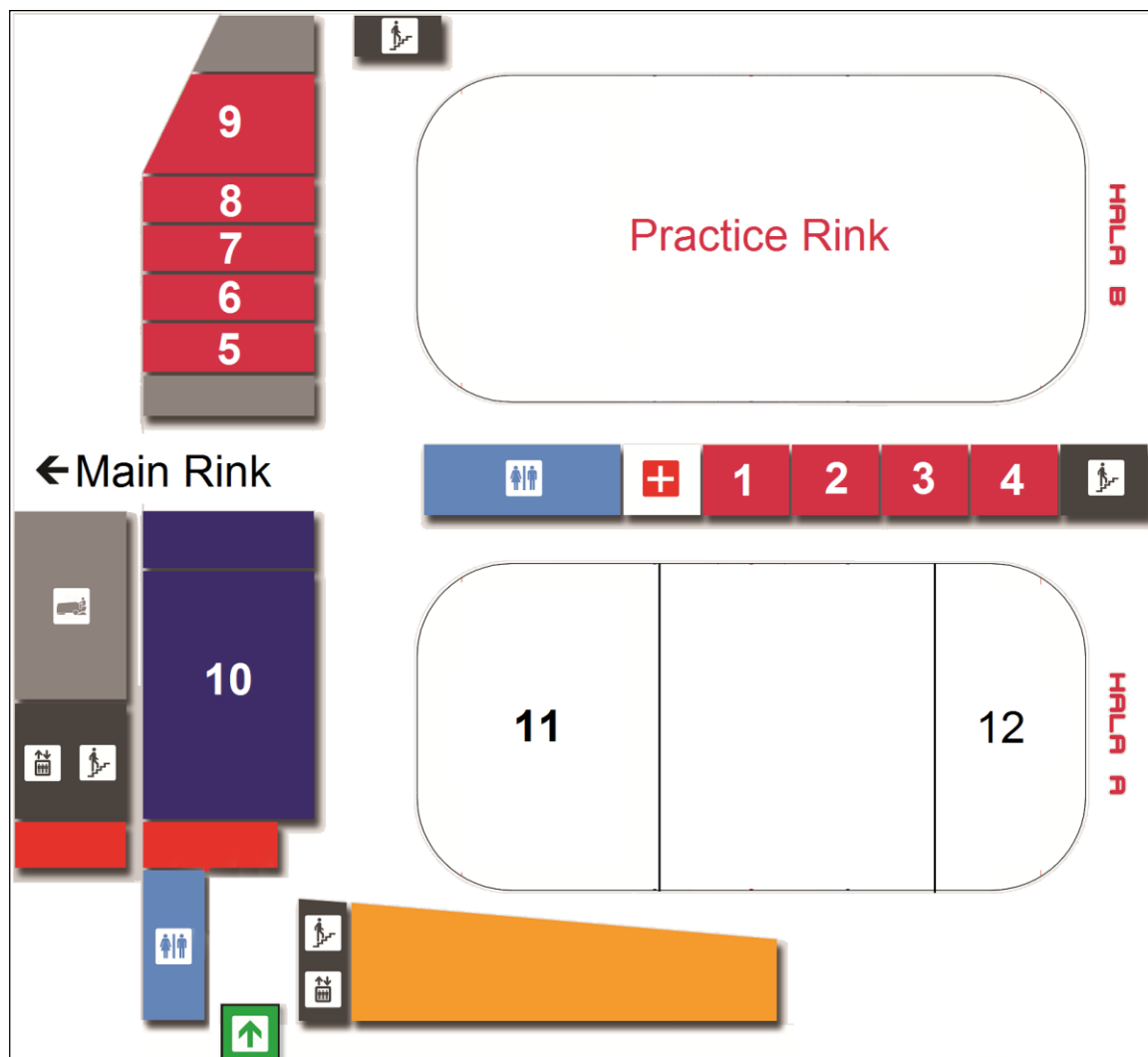
Main arena



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| 1. OC Office | 8. OAC Room |
| 2. OC Meeting Room | 9. ISU Representative |
| 3. Printing Office | 10. ISU Sports Director |
| 4. ST Sportservice | 11. Announcer / Music Room |
| 5. ISU RECA / ISU Event Coordinator | 12. OC Ceremonies / Flower Girls |
| 6. Judges Room | 13. IMG Storage |
| 7. Technical Panel Room | 14. Dressing Room Men |
| | 15. Dressing Room Ladies |

Practice rink

There are two practice rinks in the Ondrej Nepela Arena, both just a few meters from the main rink. Only the practice rink B (58mx28m) will be used for the EC 2016.



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| 1. Dressing Room Ladies | 7. Medical Room |
| 2. Skates service - shoes and clothes repair | 8. Medical Room |
| 3. Doping Control Waiting Room | 9. OC Physiotherapy |
| 4. Doping Control Office | 10. Skating Family Lounge |
| 5. Physiotherapy Guest | 11. Warm- up area |
| 6. Dressing Room Men | 12. Volunteers Lounge |





USEFUL INFORMATION

The Climate

During winter, the temperatures are around 0°C, but at night, they can get lower than -10°C. It can also snow, but usually, the snow cover will not last for more than few days. January is usually very cold with many snowy days.

Currency

Euro is the official currency in Slovakia.

 **EUR1 = USD 1,0941**
 **EUR1 = HUF 310,35**
 **EUR1 = PLN 4,1853**
 **EUR1 = RUB 70,2133**
(as of September 2015)

Credit cards

All major credit cards are accepted in Slovakia.

Most hotels, shops, restaurants and taxi accept VISA and Master Card. American express may not be accepted in some cases.

The standard V.A.T. rate in Slovakia is 20%. There is also a reduced VAT rate of 10%, mainly for medicines and books. Tipping in restaurants is not mandatory, but 5-10 % is customary if you receive good service.

Banks:

Monday- Friday- approximately from 8 am till 3-5 pm, Saturday- usually closed

Electricity: The "[Type C](#)" Europlug and the "[Type E](#)" and "[Type F](#)" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

Deadlines (hotel & payments)

Forms	As online entry available	DUE DATE
A 01 Preliminary Entry Form	Planned*	01.10.2015
A 02 Hotel Request Form Team Leaders, Competitors, Judges		01.10.2015
A 03 Hotel Request Form Team Officials, Coaches, Others		01.10.2015
A 04 Visa Application Form		a.s.a.p.
B 01 Entry Form for Judges	Planned*	11.12.2015
B 02 Hotel Sheet for Judges		11.12.2015
B 03 Travel Form for Judges		11.12.2015
C 01 Composition of Delegation	Planned*	04.01.2016
C 02 Entry Form for Competitors	Planned*	04.01.2016
C 03 Hotel Sheet		04.01.2016
C 04 Bank Transfer		04.01.2016
C 05 Travel Form for Teams		04.01.2016
C 06 Press Information		04.01.2016
C 07 Competition Music Information		04.01.2016
C 08 Ice Dance Music Information Form		04.01.2016
C 09 Exhibition Music Information		04.01.2016
C 10 Planned Program Content		04.01.2016
C 11 Skater Health Care Form		04.01.2016

Payments	DUE DATE
Deadline for 50% deposit for hotel reservations from Federation	05.11.2015
Refund of 100% hotel deposit for cancellations up to	23.12.2015
Refund of 50% hotel deposit for cancellations from December 24 until	06.01.2016
No refund for cancellations after this date	06.01.2016
Federation to pay balance of hotel payment latest at	Registration

*1) Please Note: Member Federations will receive detailed instructions on availability and procedures for the new online entry system in due time.

EVENT TICKETS

For all information regarding tickets visit our website:

www.ecbratislava.com

For Q&A regarding tickets: sales@ecbratislava.com

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Monday January 25	All day	Official Practice
	09:00	LADIES- Technical Panel Meeting
	10:00	Team Leaders Meeting 1
	12:00	MEN- Technical Panel Meeting
Tuesday January 26	All day	Official Practice
	11:00	Referee and Technical Controllers Meeting
	12:00	LADIES- Initial Judges Meeting
	14:00	ICE DANCE- Technical Panel Meeting
	16:30	MEN- Initial Judges Meeting
	20:00	ISU and Judges Dinner
Wednesday January 27	09:00	ICE DANCE- Initial Judges Meeting
	09:30	LADIES- Short Program
	15:30	PAIRS- Technical Panel Meeting
	16:00	Opening Ceremony on Ice
	17:30	MEN-Short Program
Thursday January 28	09:00	PAIRS- Initial Judges Meeting
	09:00	Team Leaders Meeting 2
	11:45	ICE DANCE- Short Dance
	17:45	MEN- Free Skating
Friday January 29	07:30	MEN- Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:00	MEN- Judges Round Table Discussion
	13:45	PAIRS- Short Program
	18:00	LADIES- Free Skating
Saturday January 30	07:30	LADIES- Technical Panel Review Meeting
	09:00	LADIES- Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:00	PAIRS- Free Skating
	14:30	ICE DANCE- Free Dance
	15:30	PAIRS- Technical Panel Review Meeting
	18:30	ICE DANCE- Technical Panel Review Meeting
	20:00	Closing Banquet
Sunday January 31	08:00	PAIRS- Judges Round Table Discussion
	10:15	ICE DANCE- Judges Round Table Discussion
	14:30	EXHIBITION