

24th Ondrej Nepela Memorial



September 28 – October 1, 2016

Bratislava, Slovakia

FIRST INFORMATION



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 Theresa. 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

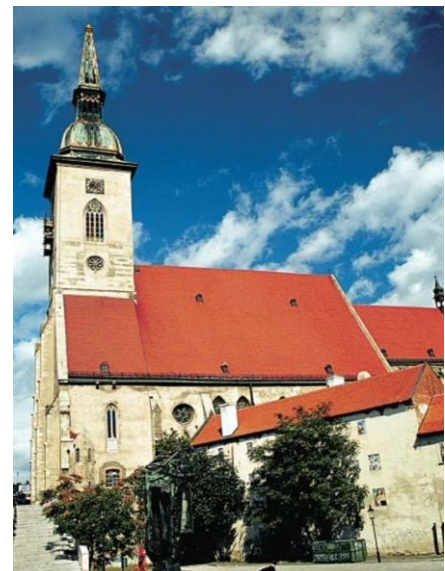
The Slovak National Theatre



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.

St. Martin's Cathedral

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.



Primatial 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.

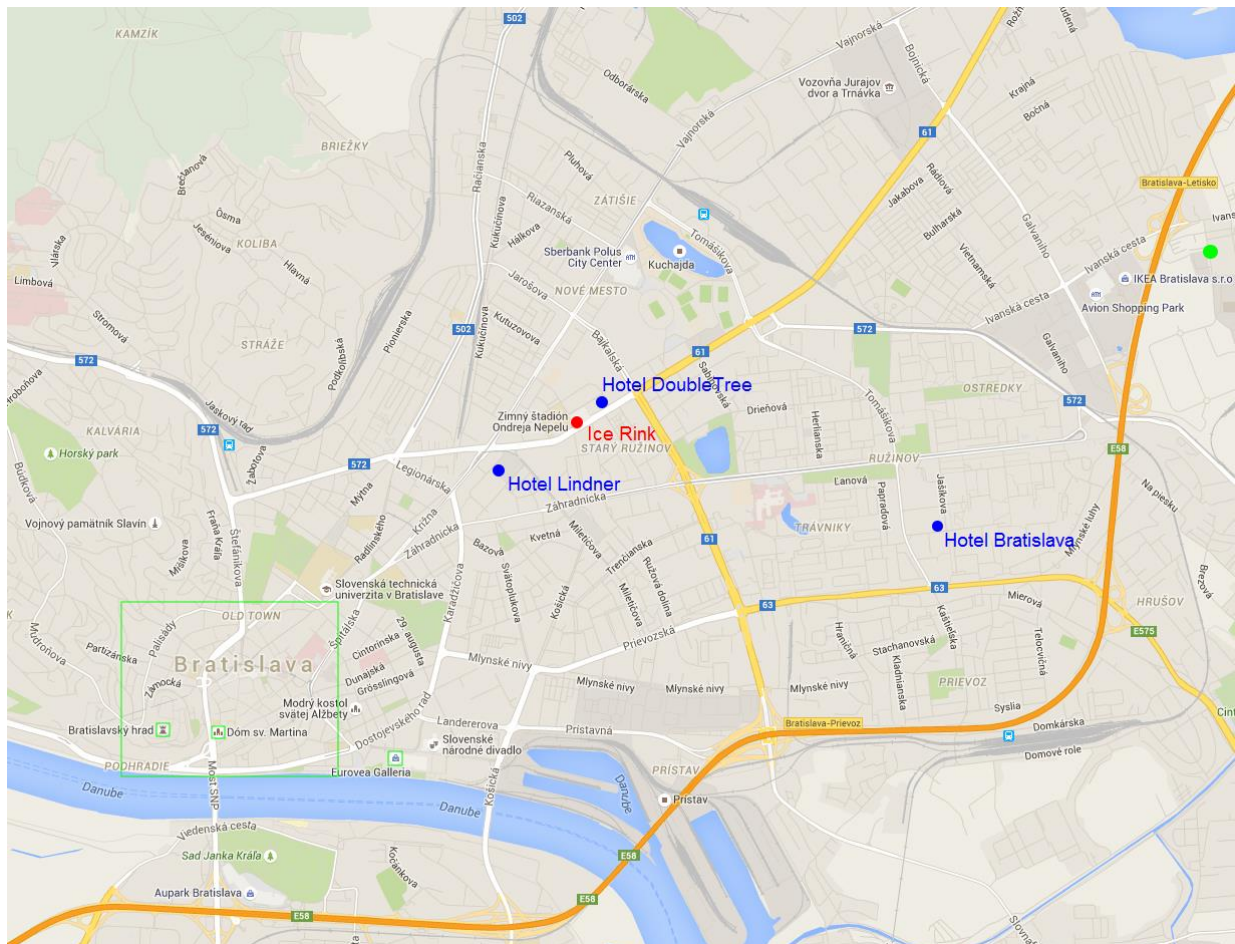
Eurovea Galleria is part of the state-of-the-art multi-functional city quarter Eurovea, which is located on the prime riverside location adjacent to Bratislava's historical centre. Combining the most sophisticated office, residential, leisure and retail components, Eurovea is creating a brand new dynamic 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

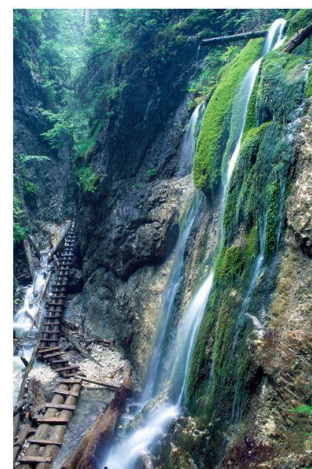
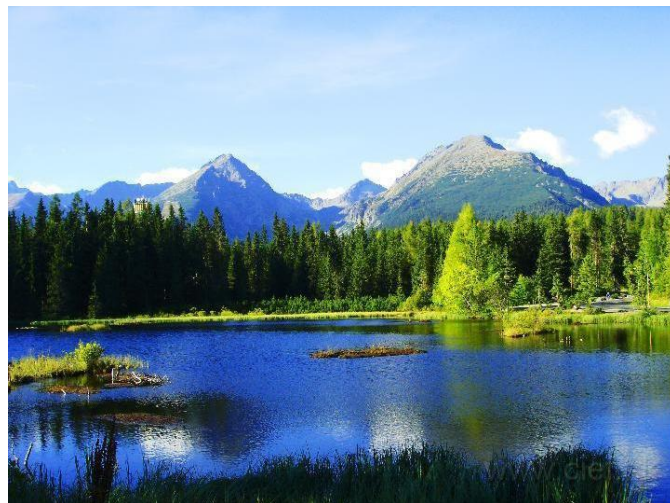
Population: 5,447,502

Area: 49,035 sq km

Time Zone: CET / GMT+1.00

Country Code: +421

Website: slovakia.travel



ACCREDITATION

The accreditation is open from Wednesday, September 28th 17:00.

The location of the accreditation is at the Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink, competition front office.
(Rink entrance from the backyard, Odbojarov street).

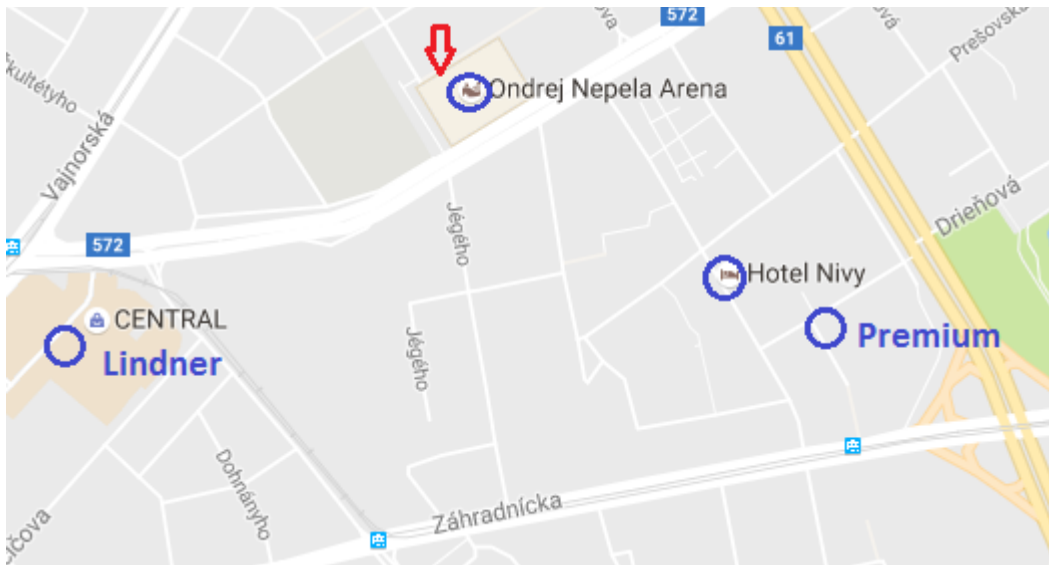
DRAWS

Competition opening and starting order draw will take place on Wednesday, September 28th at 20:30, in Hall Of Fame at 1st floor of the Ondrej Nepela Ice Rink.

For the Free Skating/Free Dance “reverse order system” will be used

(according to the decisions of the ISU Congress 2016, Rule 513, paragraph 2.)

OFFICIAL HOTELS



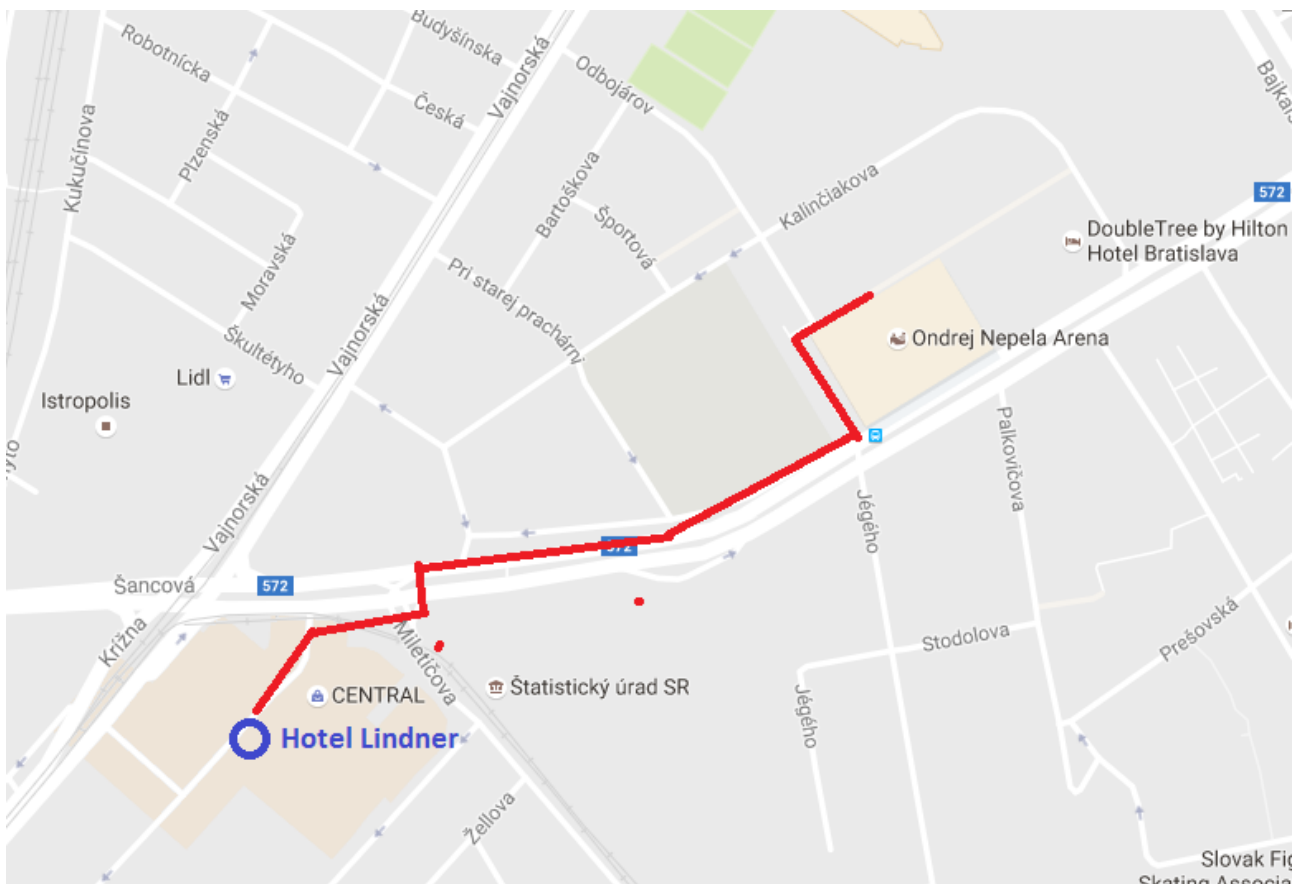
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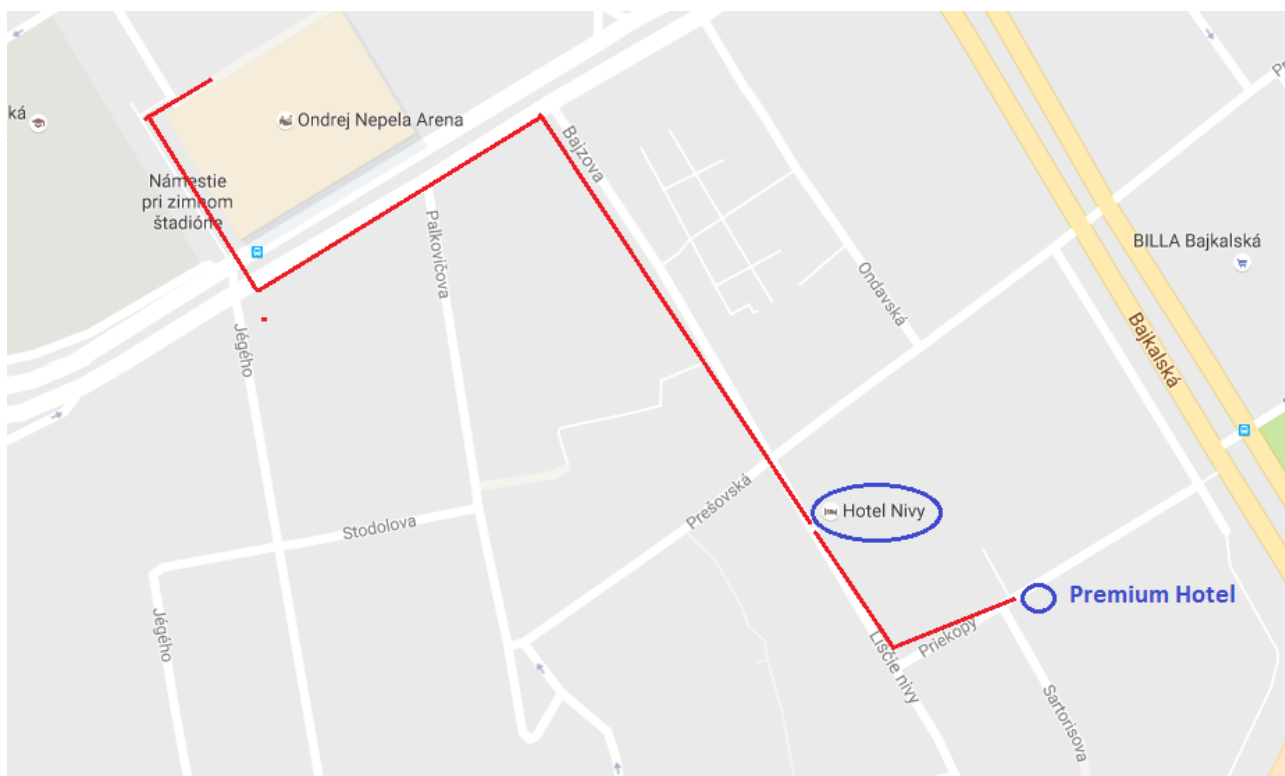
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Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday September 28	19:00	Referees and Technical Controllers meeting @ <i>Hotel Linder, 3rd floor</i>
	19:30	Judges Meeting and Draw @ <i>Hotel Linder, 3rd floor</i>
	20:30	Opening and draw for starting order @ <i>Ice Rink, 1st floor Hall Of Fame</i>
Thursday September 29	07:00	Practice LADIES (<i>main rink</i>)
	10:15	Practice PAIRS (<i>main rink</i>)
	11:30	Practice MEN (<i>main rink</i>)
	14:00	Practice ICE DANCE (<i>main rink</i>)
	16:00	LADIES - Short Program
	20:00	PAIRS - Short Program
Friday January 30	07:00	Practice MEN (<i>main rink</i>)
	07:00	Practice LADIES (<i>practice rink B</i>)
	09:30	Practice ICE DANCE (<i>main rink</i>)
	10:40	Practice PAIRS (<i>practice rink B</i>)
	12:00	MEN - Short Program
	15:00	ICE DANCE - Short Dance
	17:30	LADIES - Free Program
	22:00	Victory Ceremony
Saturday October 1	08:15	Practice PAIRS (<i>main rink</i>)
	08:15	Practice MEN (<i>practice rink A</i>)
	09:30	Practice ICE DANCE (<i>main rink</i>)
	12:00	PAIRS – Free Program
	13:30	MEN – Free Program
	17:00	ICE DANCE- Free Dance
	19:30	Victory Ceremony