

Regatta Venue Information

Plovdiv, Bulgaria



Event

World Rowing Championships, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

9th – 16th September, 2018

Event website:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2018-world-rowing-championships/event-information>

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Getting there:

Plovdiv Airport is 12km south east of city. Ryanair fly out of London Stanstead. Trains run to and from the city, every ½ hour from 0600 until 8000 (0630 until 8.30 from Airport) then hourly from then, the journey takes approx 30 minutes.

Alternately Sofia Airport is about 140km away, good train or bus routes to Plovdiv, Bulgaria Air and British Airways fly from London Heathrow and Easyjet from London Gatwick and Manchester.

Details from event website:

ACCESS

The PLOVDIV REGATTA VENUE IS SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY, adjacent to the Maritsa River, making it easy to be reached by rail and road. Public transport services operate throughout the whole year.

BY AIR

Plovdiv is close to two international airports.

Sofia International Airport: 90 minutes by car (120 km).

The Sofia airport is in close proximity to highway A1/E80 that leads directly to Plovdiv.

Plovdiv International Airport: 15 minutes by car (12 km)

The Plovdiv Airport is a relatively a small airport with charter flights to Tel Aviv (IL) and Copenhagen (DK) as well as regular flights to London-Stansted (UK), Frankfurt-Hahn (DE) and Milan-Bergamo (IT) operated by RYANAIR.

BY ROAD

Plovdiv can be reached by taking highway A1/E80 from Sofia. The distance is 120 km or about 90 minutes driving time.

It also lies on The European Transport Corridors No IV - Dresden - Prague - Bratislava - Gyor - Budapest - Arad - Kraiowa - Sofia – PLOVDIV – Istanbul with a diversion connecting Sofia - Kulata - Thessaloniki and No VIII - Duras-Tirana-Kaftan/Kafasan-Skopje-Deve Bair-Gueshevo-Sofia– PLOVDIV – Burgas-(Varna).

There is public transport from the regatta venue to the city centre and back via busses 10 and 17. The buss stop is located on the crossroad before the spectator entrance to the venue.

BY TRAIN/BY BUS

Plovdiv can be reached by TRAIN from Sofia in about 3 hours, but due to the relatively low quality of the Bulgarian train services – the OC DOES NOT RECOMMEND this option to be used by athletes and spectators.

There is an hourly BUS SERVICE from the Sofia Central Bus Station to Plovdiv. The trip takes about 2.30 hours.

Where to stay:

Please avoid staying in the team hotel which is the Landmark Creek Hotel.

There is lots of different accommodation in Plovdiv, all the usual websites list what is available and the local tourist information also has a good list and also recommendations of things to do and see.

Web site: <http://www.visitplovdiv.com/en/accommodation>

The Rowing Lake:

The venue is located in the centre of the city, just south of the river, there is a good map and information on above website.

The regatta course Plovdiv is an artificial canal with total length of 2300m, that was specially designed by the architect Valentine Marinov with chief consultant Svetla Otzetova to meet the contemporary requirements for staging major water sport events. The location of the course was estimated very precisely to be surrounded by the natural forests, offering fair and equal conditions in all lanes. In addition to that the direction of the course is East / West, which is parallel to the direction of the prevailing winds.

Friends and Family grandstand tickets are obtained through British Rowing.

Tickets:

ACCESS TO THE GENERAL GRANDSTAND

Access to the general grandstand can be reserved with a FISA Family grandstand tickets. Tickets for the remaining seats on the general grandstand (if any) can be purchased during the event at a cost of 60 EURO for the whole duration of the event.

ACCESS TO THE SECONDARY GRANDSTAND

In order to promote rowing the access to the secondary grandstand will be free of charge. Seats in the secondary grandstand will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. There will be additional space (picnic area) for spectators and the venue.

FISA FAMILY

A limited number of FISA family grandstand tickets will be available for purchase. FISA family tickets may only be purchased via British Rowing.

What to do:

The Plovdiv tourist information website is very good - <http://www.visitplovdiv.com/>

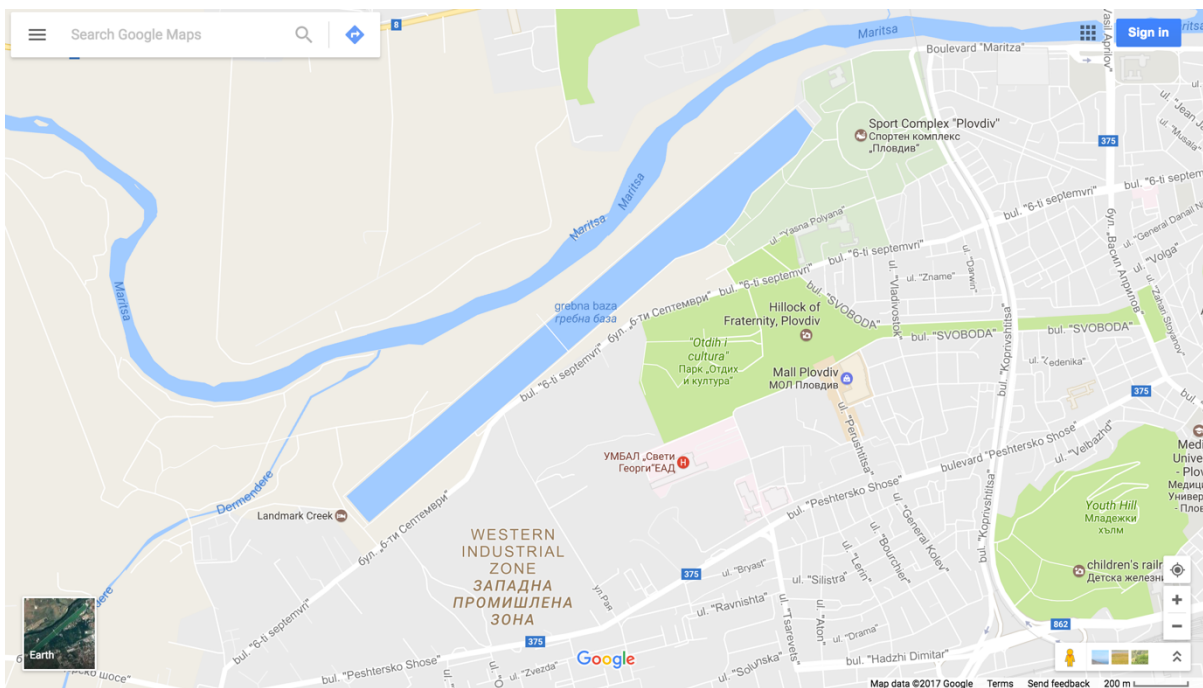
Weather:

For up to the minute weather information - <http://www.yr.no/place/Bulgaria/Plovdiv/Plovdiv/>

Maps:

Interactive map:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@42.1429541,24.7089432,15z>



More Information:

This has been compiled as a guide for supporters by the committee. It contains personal opinions and experiences of supporters and shouldn't be taken as complete or definitive in any way – only in the spirit of which it was intended.

Ticket information for events is generally available via the World Rowing website. World Rowing (www.worldrowing.com) has updated information about events including dates, schedules, racing draws and results. For major championships there maybe Friends & family tickets available, information about these will be circulated by via the applicable athletes.

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