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BRIGHT YOU!** Время ярких побед!
Час ярких перамог!

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2nd European Games in Minsk
21-30 June 2019



**2nd European Games
schedule**



**Tickets for 2019 Minsk
2nd European Games**

Minsk time



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Reykjavik



UTC +1

Dublin
Lisbon
London



UTC +2

Amsterdam
Andorra la Vella
Belgrade
Berlin
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Brussels
Budapest
Vaduz
Valletta
Warsaw
Vienna
Zagreb
Copenhagen
Ljubljana
Luxembourg
Madrid



UTC +3

Ankara
Athens
Bucharest
Vilnius
Jerusalem
Kiev
Kishinev
Minsk
Moscow
Nicosia
Riga
Sofia
Tallinn
Helsinki



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Baku
Yerevan
Tbilisi

Lesik the Fox
The official mascot for the
2nd European Games



Venues



2nd EUROPEAN
GAMES





Dinamo National Olympic Stadium


 Capacity: 22,240

 8 Kirova Street

- Opening ceremony on 21 June
- Athletics (Dynamic New Athletics)
- Closing ceremony on 30 June



Minsk Arena


 Capacity: 15,000

 111 Pobediteley Avenue

- Acrobatics
- Aerobics
- Artistic gymnastics
- Rhythmic gymnastics
- Trampoline gymnastics



Minsk Arena Velodrome


 Capacity: 2,000

 111 Pobediteley Avenue

- Track cycling



Chizhovka Arena

 Capacity: 8,800

 19 Tashkentskaya Street

- Judo
- Karate



Sports Palace

 Capacity: 3,300

 4 Pobediteley Avenue

- Sambo
- Wrestling (Greco-Roman, freestyle, women's)



Palova Arena

 Capacity: 1,000



 4A Pobediteley Avenue

- 3x3 basketball

Venues





Falcon Club

-  Capacity: 2,000
-  20 Pobediteley Avenue
- Badminton





Tennis Olympic Center

-  Capacity: 500
-  63 Pobediteley Avenue
- Table tennis





Olympiyski Sports Complex

-  Capacity: 500
-  2a Surganova Street
- Beach soccer
- Archery





Sporting Club

-  Capacity: 300
-  193 Nezavisimosti Avenue
- Shotgun shooting





Timoshenko Shooting Center

-  Capacity: 150
-  195 Nezavisimosti Avenue
- Rifle and pistol shooting



Uruchie Sports Palace

-  Capacity: 3,000
-  196 Nezavisimosti Avenue
- Boxing

Venues



Oktyabrskaya Square, Minsk central streets and avenues

- Road cycling



Zaslavl Regatta Course

- 📍 Zaslavl, Minsk Oblast
- Canoe sprint

AT EVERY SPORTS VENUE YOU WILL FIND:

- Ticket office (near the entrance);
- Information point;
- Volunteers;
- Child registration area where you can get children's ID bracelets;
- Medical assistance;
- Locker rooms;
- Lost and found office;
- Food and drink outlets (cash and cashless payments are accepted).

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHALL BE PROHIBITED (YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THEM AT A BAG STORAGE FACILITY)

- Glassware and bottles containing liquid bigger than 0.5 liters;
- Food and drinks, including alcoholic beverages (except for baby formula);
- Umbrellas longer than 25cm closed;
- Selfie sticks;
- Flags and banners which have not been registered in the established manner;
- Animals (except for service animals. You will have to present documents confirming their status);
- More than one package of medicines, more than three names of medicines;
- Other items (please check out the website for more information on prohibited items).



Fans are advised to arrive in plenty of time (1-1.5 hours before the event) to pass through additional security checks.

Fan zones

The excitement and energy of the 2nd European Games will go beyond the sporting events. The celebration will spill over into the streets of Minsk and across the entire country. Minsk will run three large fan zones that will stay open from 10.00 in the morning till late at night. There will be a large fan fest venue in the Dreamland Amusement Park in Minsk. Seven more fan zones will be opened in major cities of Belarus.





Minsk Arena (10.00 - 23.00, in the days of the opening and closing ceremonies till 1.00 in the morning)

Official Festival Zone of the 2nd European Games in the Dreamland Amusement Park (80 Orlovskaya Street, from 11.00 till late at night). During 12 days, from 21 June till 2 July, there will be more than 20 themed areas; the Festival Zone will see over 350 artists.

Sports Palace – European Fan Zone (opening hours from 10.00 till 00.00, in the days of the opening and closing ceremonies till 4.00 in the morning). Every day the fan zone will host presentations of the countries participating in the games.

Chizhovka Arena (10.00 - 23.00, in the days of the opening and closing ceremonies till 1.00 in the morning)





FAN ZONES IN THE REGIONS (OPENING HOURS FROM 17.00 TILL 21.00-23.00, IN THE DAYS OF THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES TILL 0.30 IN THE MORNING):

- **Brest** – Brestsky sports center, 9 Gogol Street
- **Grodno** – Sovetskaya Square
- **Gomel** – Ice Palace, 110 Mazurova Street
- **Mogilev** – Palace of Culture, 7 Pushkinsky Avenue
- **Vitebsk** – Victory Square
- **Bobruisk** – Prokopenko Stadium, 47A Internatsionalnaya Street
- **Molodechno** – Summer Amphitheater, Victory Culture and Recreation Park

There will be a lot of thematic zones in parks, cafes and bars.

The fan zones will offer:

- live broadcasts of the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2nd European Games, and also coverage of competitions, highlights, medal ceremonies;
- concerts of Belarusian artists and bands, foreign performers;
- exhibition performances;
- master classes and autograph sessions;
- events, competitions and prize draws;
- photos with the games mascot Lesik the Fox;
- food courts with national and European cuisine;
- souvenir shops;
- and, definitely, good mood and high spirits!

European Games online

Official website of the 2nd European Games:
<https://minsk2019.by/en>

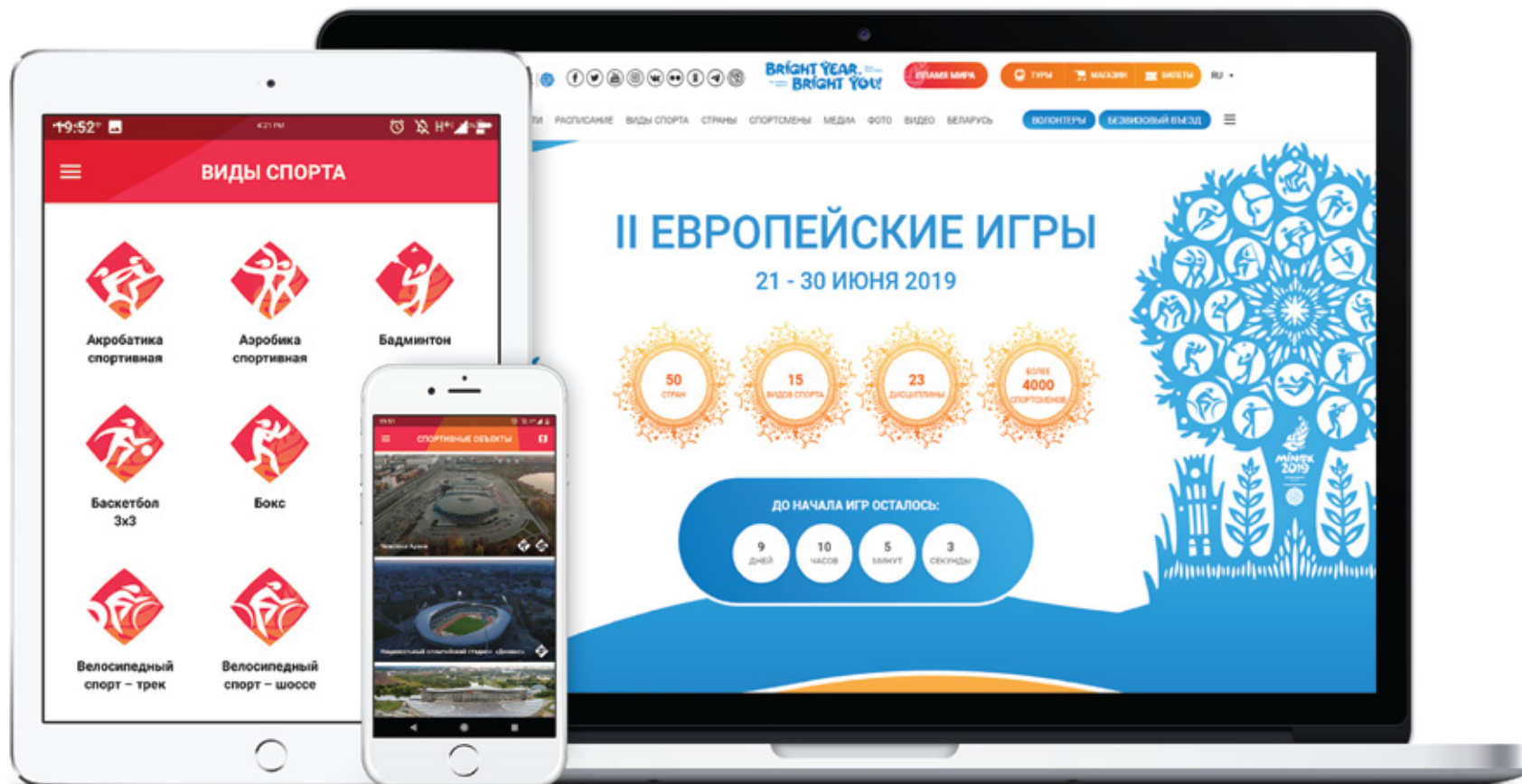


Official app of the 2nd European Games:
Minsk2019

App Store



Google Play



Chat bot with the Lesik the Fox in Viber,
Telegram, Facebook Messenger (Minsk 2019)



News of the 2nd European Games



Transport

In Minsk you can use public transport: buses, trolleybuses, e-buses, trams, metro, route taxi, taxi, and car sharing.

Note! During the games parking spaces near the arenas will be reserved specifically for people with disabilities. Fans are recommended to use public transport and leave cars at park and ride facilities.



Transport

During the **2nd European Games**, fans will be able to get to sports venues using public transport. The timetable will be adjusted to reduce the intervals. Apart from that, **express shuttles** will be deployed in five busiest routes:

- Nemiga Metro Station – Minsk Arena
- Academy of Sciences Metro Station- Minsk Arena
- Pushkinskaya Metro Station – Minsk Arena
- Avtozavodskaya Metro Station – Chizhovka Arena
- Uruchie Metro Station – Uruchie Sports Palace



If you use a paper ticket, you should insert it into a validator to stamp the date. If you have a smart card, show it to another validator. If you travel by metro, insert a token into a slot or place your smart card on the validator located on turnstiles.

To pay for your trip, you can use:

- **Tickets on ground transport** (Br0.6 per trip, or Br0.75 if you use an express bus)
- **Tokens in metro** (Br0.65 per token)
- **Smart cards** (you can use them to purchase trips and/or unlimited passes for one or more types of transport)
- **Contactless payment systems that use an NFC feature** (you can use them to purchase trips by metro, buy tickets for Tram Service No. 6 (Serebryanka – Zelyony Lug) and Bus Service No. 300E (Tsentralny Bus Station – Minsk National Airport))

You can purchase tickets, tokens and smart cards at sales outlets located on ground transport stops and in the metro, as well as from drivers on a bus, trolleybus and tram (in this case the fare will be slightly more expensive).

Note! Participants of the 2nd European Games will be able to use public transport (ground transport and metro) in Minsk **free of charge** provided they have an **accreditation card**.

Two special passenger hubs have been set up to facilitate transportation of the **participants of the games**. These are Athletes' Village (Students' Village in Minsk) and Gorodskoy Val (near the Nemiga Metro Station). They will be connected by temporary transportation services available only for accredited persons.



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MINSK METRO SCHEME

More about the Minsk metro
(payment options, map)



Accommodation

You can stay at hotels and hostels in Minsk or hotels and rural estates in Minsk suburbs. Athletes and members of delegations of the participating states will be lodged in the Athletes' Village and in hotels of Minsk.



Accommodation

Hotels



President Hotel
Hotel d'Europe
Crowne Plaza
DoubleTree by Hilton
Beijing
Buta Boutique Hotel
Renaissance
Marriott

Hotels



Minsk
Victoria
Victoria&SPA
Victoria Olympus
Hotel
Gubernsky

Hotels



Belarus
Hotel Yubileiny
Orbita
Hampton by Hilton
Planet
Victoria Na Zamkavay
Bonotel
Voyage
Slavyanskaya
Satellite
Arena
Monastyrski
Garni
Tourist
Willing
Ibb Hotel
Green City Hotel
At the Fountain

Hotels



East Time
IT Time
Zvezda Hotel
40 Let Pobedy
Akademicheskaya
Hotel
Aqua-Minsk Hotel

Economy class hotels

Express
Agat
Almaz
Sport
Gazprom transgaz Belarus
and others

**Prices for a hotel room in Minsk range
from \$15 to \$500-600 per night.**

The Minsk city authorities and accommodation providers signed a memorandum to cap hotel prices. During the European Games prices shall not increase by more than 10% over the prices as of 1 June 2018 in USD terms.

Restaurants and cafes

Minsk restaurants and cafes will stay open late into the night. Menu is available in Russian and English. Payment options include cash or credit cards. Tips are welcome. Most dining places offer dishes of the Belarusian cuisine.

Make sure you try: vereshchaka, machanka, potato babka, draniki, zhur, nalistniki, and cranberry kissel.

For the most interesting cooking traditions of the Belarusians, national recipes and ancient drinks, please visit



Shopping in Minsk

GUM, 21 Nezavisimosti Avenue,
Oktyabrskaya metro station

TsUM, 54 Nezavisimosti Avenue, Yakuba
Kolasa Square metro station

Na Nemige, 8 Nemiga Street, Nemiga metro
station

Galleria Minsk, 9 Pobeditelei Avenue, Nemiga
metro station

Belarus, 4 Zhilunovicha Street, Partisanskaya metro
station

Arena City, 84 Pobeditelei Avenue (opposite Minsk Arena)

Galileo, 6 Bobruiskaya Street, Lenina Square metro station

Zamok, 56 Pobeditelei Avenue (not far from Minsk Arena)

Dana Mall, 11 Mstislavtsa Street, Vostok metro station



Minsk also has a variety of other shopping centers which offer great bargains. Among them are Outleto, Evropa, Nemiga 3, Metropol, Moskovsko-Vensky, Passazh, Siluet, Zerkalo, Impuls, Skala, Globo, Titan, Magnit.

TO CLAIM YOUR VAT REFUND, YOU NEED TO:

- **make a purchase worth at least Br80** in any **Tax Free-labeled store**, take the receipt, its copy for the customs bodies and also a special envelope;
- show the receipt and the product in an undamaged package to the customs bodies and get your Tax Free documents stamped;
- get your VAT back (except for excisable goods or VAT-free goods). This can be done at any Belarusbank office on the border (in the Belarusian rubles), or by a noncash transfer to the credit card (after posting your stamped receipt in the envelope).

The **Tax Free system in Belarus** envisages a 15% refund on the purchase (VAT exclusive), or 12.5% on the sum amount in the receipt.

Nationals of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are not entitled to have their VAT refunded as there are no customs borders between its member states (Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and Kyrgyzstan).



**More about
Tax Free**



Things to see in Minsk

Minsk is one of the most popular tourist destinations in 2019. Visit the most interesting places, see famous landmarks, and most importantly feel the unique atmosphere of the Belarusian capital. Maybe you will want to return to this hospitable city time and again!



Things to see in Minsk

Your MUST SEE list may include:

The **Minsk Gate** is an impressive architectural complex which is located near the Central Railway Station and the Central Bus Station.

Independence Avenue is one of the longest city thoroughfares in Europe. It is famous for its architectural ensemble of the 1950s which seeks inclusion into the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Victory Square is a tribute to the Great Patriotic War heroes in the very heart of the city.

The **State Museum of the Great Patriotic War History** is the first and the largest museum in the world dedicated to the bloodiest war in the human history.

State Flag Square is home to the highest flagpole and beacon and the largest Belarusian flag.

The **Upper Town** (Svobody Square, the Minsk Town Hall) is the historical center of Minsk, the venue of festivals, celebrations, reenactments, and performances.

The **Trinity Suburb** is a famous ancient area by the Svisloch River.

The **Holy Spirit Cathedral** is the main Orthodox church in Minsk.

The **All Saints Church** is a grand modern cathedral and the highest cathedral in Belarus.

The **Cathedral of Saint Virgin Mary** is the main Catholic church in Minsk.

The **Church of Saints Simon and Helen** is also known as

the Red Church. It was built over a hundred years ago.

The **Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theater of Belarus** is the country's legendary stage which constantly stuns the audience with new and classical plays and hosts international festivals which draw artists from all over the world.

The **Yanka Kupala National Academic Theater** is another famous stage. The old 19th century theater is named after Belarusian People's poet Yanka Kupala.

The **National Art Museum** is Belarus' main art treasury of national and world masterpieces.

The **National Library of Belarus** is on the list of the most unusual buildings in the world.

Loshitsa Park with the Loshitsa Estate Museum is one of the most beautiful places in Minsk. It has been home to aristocratic families since the 16th century.

The **Central Botanical Garden** of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus is among the largest botanical gardens in Europe in terms of territory and number of species.

Komsomolskaya Street is a pedestrian street in the historical center of Minsk, a perfect place for a promenade or a friendly get-together.

Oktyabrskaya Street is a former industrial area turned into a hip architectural space famous for its street art and unusual cultural events.

Zybitskaya Street is a lively street of restaurants, cafes and bars where Minsk citizens and guests come to party and relax.

Things to see in Minsk

To find out more about the most interesting places of Minsk – the Upper Town and the Trinity Suburb, Independence Avenue and the National Library, Orthodox and Catholic cathedrals, theaters and museums, parks and squares, please check out this link:



Minsk Card (Minsk Pass)



Minsk Card allows you to visit museums in Minsk and the suburbs, go on sightseeing tours, and have fun in the aqua park with discounts ranging from 10% to 64%. Minsk Card holders are also free to use services of hotels, restaurants, cafes and shopping centers, rental offices with discounts of 5-20%. VIP and De Luxe Minsk Card packages come bundled with seasonal tickets in Minsk public transport.

A special **Card of the Guest of the 2nd European Games** has been released as part of the **Business** package (10+6 days/384 hours – Br16.5) and the **Premium** package (16 days / 384 hours – Br75). The packages do not include seasonal transport tickets.



Money and payment systems

The Belarusian ruble (Br) is the national currency with denominations varying from Br0.01 to Br500. Hotels, restaurants, taxi, and shops take payments only in Belarusian rubles. Banks and currency exchange offices (in hotels, shopping centers, bus and railway terminals) mostly exchange U.S. dollars, euros, and Russian rubles.

Visitors can also pay with plastic cards via the payment systems MasterCard, VISA, Belkart (all banks), UnionPay (Belgazprombank), American Express (BPS-Sberbank), and JCB (Belinvestbank). Payment cards decals can be seen near cash registers in shopping centers and other places.

**Currency
exchange
rates**



Communications and Internet

The Belarusian mobile carriers – **Velcom | A1, MTS, Life:**) – support roaming services and also offer special rates for tourists (you need a passport to sign the contract). Belarus' international dialing code: +375. Minsk city area code: +37517. In order to call a foreign number from a landline in Belarus, you have to dial 8-10-country code – phone number.

Free Wi-Fi Internet access is available in public catering outlets (bus and railway terminals, shopping centers, cafes, hotels). Over 100 locations in the capital city are connected to the **Free Wi-Fi Minsk** network.

Internet access is available in metro as well: free Wi-Fi is available at several stations while mobile carriers offer communications services not only on the platforms but also in the tunnels.



Important phone numbers

112 – the single phone number to call emergency services

101 – fire fighters (rescue workers)

102 – police

103 – emergency medical aid

105 – railway service inquiries

114 – bus service inquiries

211 – Minsk National Airport inquiries (regular rates)

Facts About Belarus

There are two official languages in Belarus – Belarusian and Russian. English-speaking volunteers will provide assistance to attendees at sports venues and in fan zones during the 2nd European Games.

More about Belarus here



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Embassies and Consulates

Addresses of foreign embassies in Minsk (pdf)



Visas and Customs Regulations

Citizens of dozens of countries who have tickets to sporting events of the 2nd European Games will be able to **enter Belarus visa free on a one-off basis** through any border checkpoint in the period **from 10 June till 10 July 2019**. A tourist will only need a passport, medical insurance (with minimum coverage of €10,000), a ticket to a sporting event (one ticket grants the right to a one-off visa free entry to one person, a ticket should be kept till departure), and money in the amount of at least Br51 (about €21-23 in the equivalent) for every day of stay.

Besides, citizens of more than 70 countries can stay in Belarus **without a visa for the period of 30 days** provided that they arrive in Belarus and then leave the country through the state border checkpoint at **Minsk National Airport**. In this case they can arrive and stay in Belarus even without tickets to sporting events of the 2nd European Games.

The list of countries the citizens of which can travel to Belarus without a visa and more information about customs regulations are available here



Information for visitors and participants of the 2nd European Games is available in a special section on the website of the Belarusian State Border Committee



Note! In the period from 10 June till 10 July 2019 owners of cars with a technically permissible weight of up to 3,500 kilograms (towed trailers) are exempt from road toll in Belarus.