




Baku 2015
1ST EUROPEAN GAMES





“There is no doubt that the first European Games in Baku will be a major event on the international sports calendar with top class sporting action.”

Patrick Hickey

EOC President

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Welcome

Baku is ready to stage the
First European Games



Sport is unique in its ability to bring people, society and even different countries together. Hosting the first European Games represents a milestone in Azerbaijan's emergence as a member of the European family of nations, and on our journey as a dynamic, forward-looking country.

The Baku 2015 European Games are no less of a landmark for the continent's sporting community. For the first time, almost 6,000 of Europe's elite athletes from 50 National Olympic Committees will come together across 20 sporting disciplines.

We have ensured that everything is in place for these athletes to excel, and the results will grant a lasting legacy for Azerbaijan in infrastructure, sporting and human terms. Our population is one of the youngest in Europe, and the inspiration that the European Games will provide will be passed on to generations of Azerbaijani sportsmen and women through the world-class facilities built for Baku 2015.

The Baku 2015 European Games Organising Committee's work has been informed by a vision of staging an unforgettable celebration of sport and friendship for the whole continent. Our commitment has been to involve athletes, spectators and members of the public across Europe by holding a captivating and inspiring event.

Our people's history at a crossroads of commerce and cultures has helped to guide our mission as hosts of Baku 2015.

Azerbaijan is a country with a renowned passion for sport. During our 23 years of independence we have sent over 200 athletes to ten Olympic and Olympic Winter Games, winning 26 medals, and last year our young sportsmen and women finished in the top ten competing nations at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

We have endeavoured to bring the magic of the European Games to the public through inspirational creative elements, from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies to medal, mascot and uniform design. The Journey of the Flame and our Flamekeeper volunteer programme have brought all of Azerbaijan together in the spirit of Baku 2015. Our ambition has been to create a European Games for everyone, and to deliver a programme of inclusion and participation for all.

Throughout this journey, we have benefited from the support of our friends at the European Olympic Committees (EOC). My gratitude goes to EOC President Patrick Hickey for his steadfast guidance over the past 30 months, and to the EOC Coordination Commission for their invaluable counsel on the road to Baku 2015.

These first European Games will be a testament to what can be achieved through dedication, commitment and inspiration, and I look forward to seeing this spirit carried into the Baku 2015 competitions by our continent's athletes.

Mehriban Aliyeva
First Lady of Azerbaijan



It is a source of great pride for the people of Azerbaijan and Baku that our country has the privilege of hosting the first ever European Games. Our capital city will soon welcome Europe's finest athletes and their supporters to compete in 253 medal events across 20 sports, in a historic moment for our continent's sporting community.

Through our preparations to stage the Baku 2015 European Games, we have challenged ourselves as a nation, and united in our commitment to stage an event worthy of the start of a new European tradition. Hosting Games on this scale has been an unprecedented undertaking for Azerbaijan, but one we have approached with dedication and a desire to surpass expectations at every turn.

The first steps on this historic journey were taken almost 21 years ago when Azerbaijan became a member of the International Olympic Committee and will come full circle in June 2015, when the country unifies people across Europe in a joyous celebration of sport.

Innovation has become the hallmark of the rapid progress that is being made each day and the Games will involve more than 6,000 competitors from the 50 Olympic nations of Europe, competing across a total of 20 sports, and the 18 sporting venues that are being newly constructed or refurbished will provide iconic locations and world class facilities, while also leaving a lasting legacy for young people in Azerbaijan.

Our metro and bus networks have been upgraded. Internationally, we are also investing in two new high-tech railway lines – the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars line, connecting Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, and the Baku-China line.

The newly opened international airport terminal at Heydar Aliyev International Airport will have major tourism, trade and economic benefits.

The Government and people of Azerbaijan are fully committed to providing all the necessary support to ensure that the first European Games is a success and a great experience for the athletes of Europe.

The Baku 2015 European Games will be a spectacular sporting event and we extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us in celebrating this historic occasion.

Azad Rahimov
Minister of Youth and Sports
and Baku 2015 Chief Executive Officer



Staging an event on the scale of Baku 2015, let alone an inaugural event, in just 30 months has been an incredibly complex, challenging, yet inspiring and immensely rewarding undertaking.

In organising the European Games, our intention was not simply to deliver a successful sporting event, but one which would inspire a country. We set out not only to attract the continent's best athletes, but to bring together the people of 50 European nations in a spirit of friendship and unity. In doing so, we have sought not just to leave our host city with new sporting venues and enhanced infrastructure, but to effect a transformation in people's lifestyles and interests to endure for generations.

What has been achieved is a credit not only to the work of the Baku 2015 Operations Committee, but also to the vision of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, and the leadership of our Chair, First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva. Their unfailing support and guidance has ensured that we, as organisers, have had all the support necessary to bring these Games to life.

Our Chief Executive Officer, Minister of Youth and Sport Azad Rahimov, has displayed absolute commitment to his role, and his direction has never failed to keep us on track, on time and within budget. Such effective leadership has been complemented by an amazing team of just over 2,500 full-time staff at the Operations Committee, 82% of whom are Azerbaijani. These local members of the BEGOC team have worked side-by-side with some 480 international multi-sport Games experts drawn from 43 different nations. Those of us who come from the international community have never failed to be impressed by the professionalism and commitment of our Azerbaijani colleagues to deliver this ground-breaking project.

Together, we have worked to stage an unforgettable inaugural Games, one which will be shared by over 800 million TV households across six continents. The stage has been set, and the eyes of the world are now on Baku. As Europe's finest athletes step into the spotlight, I look forward to watching them compete at the first European Games for the glory of sport and the pride of representing their country.

Simon Clegg
Baku 2015 Chief Operating Officer

Most of the best European athletes will gather in Baku for 17 days celebration of sport. "It is very important for us, as European athletes, to have our own multi-sport event so we can try to be the first ever European Games champions", said Jade Jones, one of Baku's International Athlete Ambassadors.

EUROPEAN ATHLETES
COMPETITION SCHEDULE





European Athletes

More than 6,000 of Europe's finest athletes are set to gather in Azerbaijan for 17 thrilling days of action that will illuminate the world of sport. They are set to compete for the right to be called the first ever European Games champion in their respective sports.

6,000 athletes

The men and women who will represent their countries are dedicated to the pursuit of perfection in their disciplines and will be hoping to return home as a national hero with a gold medal draped around their neck.

The Baku 2015 European Games have been created to showcase the top level of our continent's talent on a world-class stage.

Their home during the Games will be the newly-built Athletes Village, where they will eat, sleep and prepare for competition.

Located close to the new Olympic Stadium, it will provide swift access to the venue that will host the spectacular Opening and Closing ceremonies to celebrate the Games.

There are a total of 1,042 apartments in the Village, with 7,351 beds for athletes to rest and sleep in.

The venues where they will compete have been designed and built to afford athletes optimum comfort and opportunity to excel and achieve their best possible performances.

Across Azerbaijan, the athletes will be made to feel at home by volunteers, spectators and local people alike as they represent their own nations on one of the biggest sporting stages imaginable.

Baku 2015 is their stage. This is where their hopes and dreams will come alive.

This is where they will pursue glory and write their names into the annals of sporting history.



"I am very proud to have been named as a Baku 2015 Athlete Ambassador, and it will be an honour to help promote the Games."

Jade Jones
Taekwondo

KAPITALKART

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Session schedule

This schedule shows competition session start and finish times, the type of event and participating gender.



Venue	Discipline	#	12 June Friday	13 June Saturday	14 June Sunday	15 June Monday	16 June Tuesday	17 June Wednesday	18 June Thursday
Stadium	Athletics	1							
Stadium	Ceremonies	1	20:20-23:00						
National Gymnastics Arena	Gymnastics	1			10:00 - 12:30 M/W	10:00 - 12:30 M/W		10:00 - 15:00 W	17:30 - 20:15 M/W
Crystal Hall 1	Volleyball	2			14:30 - 19:00 M/W	14:30 - 19:30 M/W		18:15 - 21:00 M/W	
		1		09:00 - 12:30 W	09:00 - 12:30 M	09:00 - 12:30 W	09:00 - 12:30 M	09:00 - 12:30 W	09:00 - 12:30 M
		2		14:30 - 18:00 W	14:30 - 18:00 M	14:30 - 18:00 W	14:30 - 18:00 M	14:30 - 18:00 W	14:30 - 18:00 M
Crystal Hall 2	Boxing	3		20:00 - 23:30 W	20:00 - 23:30 M	20:00 - 23:30 W	20:00 - 23:30 M	20:00 - 23:30 W	20:00 - 23:30 M
		1					12:30 - 16:30 M	12:30 - 16:45 M	12:30 - 16:30 M
Crystal Hall 3	Fencing	2					18:00 - 22:00 M	18:15 - 22:30 M	18:00 - 22:00 M
		1							
Crystal Hall 3	Karate	2		10:00 - 13:30 M/W	10:00 - 13:30 M/W				
		1		15:30 - 19:00 M/W	15:30 - 19:15 M/W				
Crystal Hall 3	Taekwondo	1					09:00 - 13:00 M/W	09:00 - 13:00 M/W	09:00 - 13:00 M/W
		2					15:00 - 18:00 M/W	15:00 - 18:00 M/W	15:00 - 18:00 M/W
		3					20:00 - 23:15 M/W	20:00 - 23:15 M/W	20:00 - 23:15 M/W
Baku Aquatics Centre	Diving	1							09:00 - 15:15 M/W
		2							19:00 - 22:00 M/W
Baku Aquatics Centre	Swimming	1							
		2							
Baku Aquatics Centre	Synchronised Swimming	1	09:00 - 11:15 Duet	10:00 - 11:45 Solo	09:00 - 13:00 Figures	10:00 - 11:30 Duet	10:00 - 11:30 Solo		
		2	15:30 - 17:00 Team	18:00 - 19:45 Free		18:00 - 20:00 Team	18:00 - 20:00 Free		
Water Polo Pool 1	Water Polo	1	12:00 - 16:30 W	09:30 - 14:00 M	09:30 - 14:00 M	09:30 - 14:00 M	10:30 - 13:15 M	10:30 - 13:15 W	13:00 - 15:30 W
Water Polo Pool 2	Water Polo	2	12:00 - 16:30 W	09:30 - 14:00 M	09:30 - 14:00 M	09:30 - 14:00 M	10:30 - 13:15 M	10:30 - 13:15 W	17:00 - 21:00 W
Water Polo Pool 1	Water Polo	3		15:00 - 17:45 M	15:00 - 17:45 M	15:00 - 17:45 M	14:15 - 17:00 M	14:15 - 17:00 M	
Water Polo Pool 2	Water Polo	4		15:00 - 17:45 W	15:00 - 17:45 W	15:00 - 17:45 W	14:15 - 17:00 W	14:15 - 17:00 W	
Water Polo Pool 1	Water Polo	5		18:45 - 21:30 M	18:45 - 21:30 M	18:45 - 21:30 M	18:00 - 20:45 M	18:00 - 20:45 M	
Water Polo Pool 2	Water Polo	6		18:45 - 21:30 M	18:45 - 21:30 W	18:45 - 21:30 W	18:00 - 20:45 W	18:00 - 20:45 M	
Basketball Arena	Basketball 3x3	1							
		2							
Beach Arena	Beach Soccer	1							
Beach Arena	Beach Volleyball	1					10:00 - 13:45 W	10:00 - 13:45 M	10:00 - 13:45 M/W
		2				17:00 - 22:45 W	17:00 - 22:45 W	17:00 - 22:45 M/W	
Baku Sports Hall	Badminton	1							
		2							
Baku Sports Hall	Table Tennis	1		09:30 - 15:30 W	09:30 - 15:30 M/W	09:30 - 16:00 W	11:00 - 15:00 W	11:00 - 15:00 W	11:00 - 15:00 M/W
		2		16:30 - 22:30 M	16:30 - 22:30 M/W	17:00 - 23:30 M	17:00 - 21:00 M	17:00 - 21:00 M	17:00 - 21:00 M/W
Freedom Square	Cycling Road	1							
Heydar Aliyev Arena	Judo	1							
		2							
Heydar Aliyev Arena	Sambo	1							
		2							
Heydar Aliyev Arena	Wrestling	1		10:00 - 14:00 M	10:00 - 14:00 M	10:00 - 14:00 W	10:00 - 14:00 W	10:00 - 14:00 M	10:00 - 14:00 M
		2		19:00 - 21:30 M	19:00 - 21:30 M	19:00 - 21:30 W	19:00 - 21:30 W	19:00 - 21:30 M	19:00 - 21:30 M
Tofiq Bahramov Stadium	Archery	1						09:00 - 12:30 M/W	09:00 - 12:45 W
		2						14:00 - 20:15 Mixed teams	14:00 - 17:45 M
Bilgah Beach	Cycling Road	1							
Bilgah Beach	Triathlon	1		12:30 - 15:15 W	12:30 - 15:00 M				
BMX Velopark	Cycling BMX	1							
Mingachevir	Canoe Sprint	1			09:00 - 11:00 M/W	10:00 - 12:00 M/W	11:00 - 12:15 M/W		
		2			13:00 - 17:30 M/W	14:00 - 17:15 M/W	15:00 - 18:00 M/W		
Baku Shooting Centre	Shooting	1					09:00 - 15:00 M/W	09:15 - 18:00 M/W	11:00 - 18:15 Mixed teams
		2					10:30 - 17:30 M/W	10:30 - 15:45 M	11:30 - 14:45 M
Mountain Bike Velopark	Cycling Mountain Bike	1		12:00 - 18:00 M/W					

The European Games is a multi-sport event to be held amongst over 6,000 athletes from all over Europe. The Games were designed and are to be regulated by the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

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EUROPE IS COMING TO BAKU
WHO IS COMING TO BAKU
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EUROPE IS COMING TO Baku

The Baku 2015 European Games mark the beginning of a new age of sporting excellence in Azerbaijan.

The country has enjoyed a long and distinguished history of sporting achievement and has won a remarkable 58 Olympic medals since first participating in an Olympic Games in 1996.



Now, Azerbaijan is ready to welcome Europe and the world to the country to compete in several spectacular major sporting events that it will be hosting in the coming years.

In 2016, Baku will host its first Formula 1 race when it becomes the home of the prestigious Grand Prix of Europe.

The race will be on a street circuit around the beautiful capital city and incorporate its medieval old town, striking modern skyline and take in the scenic views across the Caspian Sea.

The following year sees another major multi-sport event take place in the city, when the Islamic Solidarity Games take place in May 2017.

The Islamic Solidarity Games is a multinational, multi-sport event involving the elite athletes of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, which has 57 member states spread over four continents.

It is anticipated that approximately 20 sports will be involved, with expertise gained from hosting the Baku 2015 European Games being of future benefit when organising and preparing for this huge event.

And in 2020, the eyes of Europe will once more turn to Azerbaijan when Baku hosts four games of UEFA Euro 2020, the European Football Championships.

The newly-built Olympic Stadium will play host to three group games as well as a prestigious quarter-final match when the elite of Europe's football nations battle it out for the Henri Delaunay Trophy.

In Azerbaijan, sport is a central part of society and plays a vital role in unifying the nation and promoting a healthier lifestyle.

In the years to come, Europe and the rest of the world will recognise Azerbaijan as an important part of the continent's sporting arena – and the journey starts here with the inaugural European Games.



Who is coming to Baku?

The inaugural European Games represent an historical opportunity for the continent to come together in a unique celebration of sport.

Europe's elite athletes will be welcomed to Azerbaijan for what will be the continent's first ever major multi-sport event.

All 50 member nations of the European Olympic Committees will be represented as some of the finest athletes compete for their countries in pursuit of glory.

Azerbaijan is honoured to be hosting the first edition of the Games, and is proud to be part of a progressive and inclusive Europe.

The country has a long history of hospitality and guests from all over the world will be warmly greeted to Baku during the European Games.

As an event that will have a bright future in the international sporting calendar, it is with great pride that all of Europe will be represented, from the larger nations including Russia, Germany and Great Britain to the smaller nations such as Luxembourg and Malta.

The 20 sports that will feature at Baku 2015 represent a varied and diverse range that are popular across the entire continent.

Popular sports such as Athletics, Cycling, Gymnastics and Swimming always draw major European support at international events and Baku 2015 will be no different.



Niccolo Campriani



Russian Beach Soccer Team



Maja Wloszczowska

Combat sports that are popular in Azerbaijan such as Boxing, Judo and Wrestling will feature some of the continent's finest talent, and will be joined by Sambo which has its sporting roots in the Caucasus and is increasing in global popularity every year.

The other three non-Olympic sports will also provide an opportunity for emerging European talent in the sports of 3x3 Basketball, Beach Soccer and Karate to take part in a major event and test their skills against the best of the continent.

As a relatively new nation in modern Europe, the Games represent an opportunity to showcase to the rest of the continent the natural beauty of Azerbaijan.

A friendly and open people, Azerbaijanis are proud of both what their country has achieved in recent years and the distinguished role they have played in world history.

Arts and crafts such as carpet-weaving, architecture, poetry, painting, sculpture, music and theatre have flourished here for thousands of years.

The scenery, climate and natural resources of the country have had a great impact on the artistic thinking and creativity of the Azerbaijani people.

And at the heart of the country's future is its dedication to sport and embracing its role as part of an emerging Europe.

A dynamic and energetic city, Baku will prove an inspired choice as host city of the inaugural European Games – an event that will unite Europe in a celebration of sporting excellence.



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Stars of Baku 2015

The continent's sporting elite will achieve new levels of sporting success in Azerbaijan – and the European Games will give the stars of Baku 2015 a platform to shine.

Here, we highlight just some of the athletes that will be going for gold and will be the ones to watch in their sports.

One of the favourites in fencing will be Greece's Vasiliki Vougiouka, who will be hoping to go one better than the silver she collected at the European Championships in 2012 and 2013. The sabre specialist is looking forward to representing her country in Azerbaijan.

Germany's table tennis star Dimitrij Ovtcharov took home bronze at the London 2012 Olympic Games and is widely considered one of the finest players in Europe. His speed of thought and all-round ability will ensure he is one of the men to beat at the European Games.

In the exciting new sport of 3x3 Basketball, the Serbian men's team are a formidable quartet who combine pace and power with swift movement and skill. Marko Zdero, Dejan Majstorovic, Marko Savic and Dusan Domovic Bulut form one of the world's top rated teams and will be hot favourites at Baku 2015.

Ireland's Katie Taylor has dominated the world of women's Boxing in recent years and won gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games. A fearsome fighter, she has a reputation as a relentless and ruthless opponent in the ring and is widely considered as possibly the greatest female fighter of all time.

In Rhythmic Gymnastics, the talented Kseniya Moustafaeva will be hoping to triumph when she represents France. She started performing aged just four and has competed all around the world, so she will be aiming to be at her

graceful best when she appears in the National Gymnastics Arena.

Great Britain's Jade Jones won gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games and will be hoping to repeat that success at the first European Games. The tenacious fighter won silver at last year's European Championships and will have a point to prove as she seeks to confirm her position as one of the world's best at Baku 2015.

Denmark's Rene Holten Poulsen is one of Europe's fastest sprint canoeists who won silver at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and gold at last year's World Championships in Moscow. A powerful athlete, he will no doubt produce another high-level performance when he takes to the water.



Dimitrij Ovtcharov



Vassiliki Vougiouka



The Serbian 3x3 Basketball Team



Katie Taylor

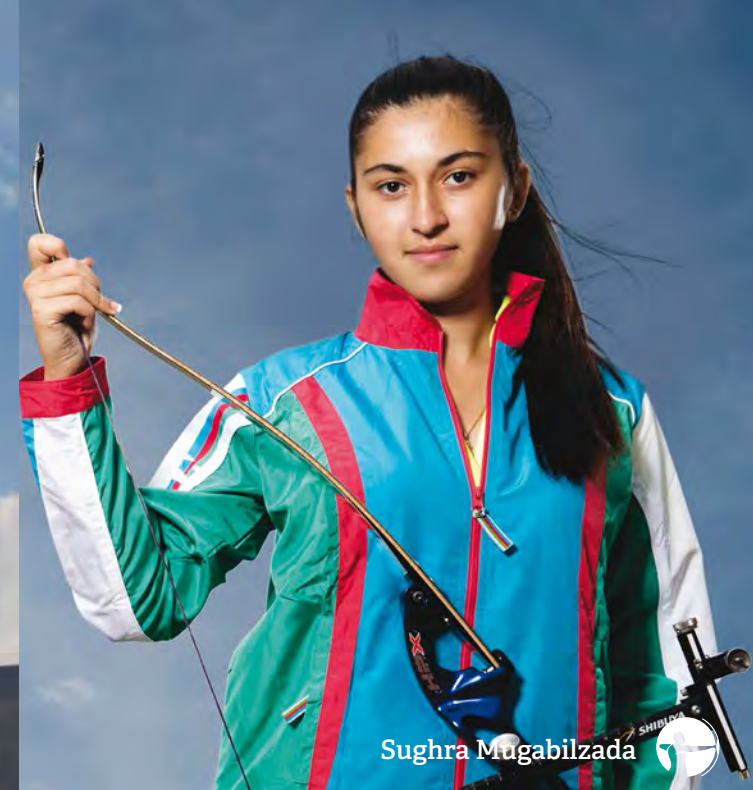


Rene Holten Poulsen





Elgun Alizada



Sughra Mugabilzada



Ambassadors

With over 6000 athletes competing at Baku 2015 we take a closer look at several of Azerbaijan's top competitors as they prepare to take their place in history as part of the inaugural European Games. Meet the first Ambassadors for the Baku 2015 European Games.

The athletes include wrestlers Rovshan Bayramov and Mariya Stadnik, who between them have four Olympic medals; two-time

national gymnastics champion Marina Durunda; double European judo Championships medallist Elmar Gasimov and 2014 Summer Youth Olympic Games bronze medallist, triple jumper Nazim Babayev.

Also selected were archer Sughra Mugabilzada, 3x3 basketball player Amil Hamzayev, cyclists Elgun Alizada and Murad Sultanov, fencer Sabina Mikina and volleyball star Jeyran Aliyeva.



Murad Sultanov



Rovshan Bayramov



Elmar Gasimov



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Marina Durunda



Nazim Babayev




Amil Hamzayev



Mariya Stadnik



Jeyran Aliyeva



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*Ilham Zakiyev,
Judo +100kg*

As Azerbaijan's committed partner for over 20 years we're excited to play our part in the Baku Games. As well as sponsoring top Azerbaijani Olympians and Paralympians we're also providing them with elite training. And we're supporting the Games Academy that's providing over 150 local graduates with world-class event management skills. BP and Azerbaijan – together for the Games and for the future.

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AQUATICS

Four Aquatics disciplines will be represented at Baku 2015, including Diving, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo. The first three disciplines will take place at the newly-built Baku Aquatics Centre, with Water Polo being played at the Water Polo Arena in the European Games Park.



3x3 BASKETBALL

One of the innovative sports to feature at Baku 2015, 3x3 Basketball will prove popular thanks to high scores, high drama and high tempo. The 32 competing teams will contest fast-paced games at the Basketball Arena in the European Games Park.



CANOE SPRINT

The historic city of Mingachevir (250 km west of Baku) will host the Canoe Sprint competition, with 350 athletes taking to the water over three exciting days of competition. In total, there will be 12 kayak events (men's and women's) and three canoe events (men's only).

GYMNASTICS

Five Gymnastics disciplines will be represented at Baku 2015: Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline. It is one of the most popular sports in Azerbaijan and will take place in front of capacity crowds at the world-class new National Gymnastics Arena.



ARCHERY

Archery is a sport that requires a mastery of skills in shooting arrows using a bow. The European Games format will see 64 men and 64 women competing in the recurve division, in individual and team events as well as in a mixed team event at the Tofiq Bahramov Stadium.

CYCLING

Three Cycling disciplines will be on display at Baku 2015: BMX, Mountain Bike and Road. More than 300 athletes will be powering their way through the city's streets and on the custom-built tracks as they pedal to victory.



JUDO

A total of 416 judokas will compete over four days of individual and team bouts in men's and women's competitions at the recently renovated Heydar Aliyev Arena. In an innovative first for a major multi-sport continental event, Blind Judo will also be contested at Baku 2015.



ATHLETICS

The spectacular Olympic Stadium will be the setting for the 40 men's and women's Athletics events that will also be the European Athletics Team Championships Third League. Athletes will compete over two days for points in each event, which will then be combined for a final team score as they chase gold, silver and bronze.



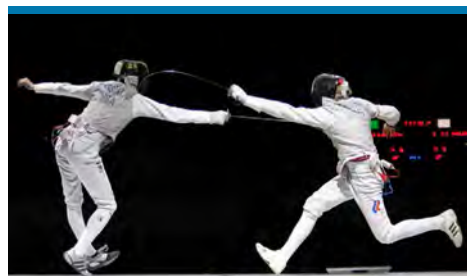
BEACH SOCCER

Fast, frenetic and fun, Beach Soccer is played on a sand pitch roughly the quarter of the size of a regular football pitch. Eight men's teams will be competing for goals and for gold at the Beach Arena over five days of competition.



FENCING

More than 200 athletes will compete over five days in men's and women's individual and team bouts in epee, foil and sabre events. There will be a total of 12 medal events for Europe's finest fencers, with all bouts to be held at the iconic Crystal Hall.



BADMINTON

The competition will be held over seven days and include five medal events in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Approximately 160 athletes will be going for gold in the Baku Sports Hall.



BOXING

Hugely popular in Azerbaijan, Boxing will take place over 12 days of action featuring 330 athletes and 15 medal events. There will be 10 weight categories for men and five weight categories for women and crowds will pack out the Crystal Hall to watch some of Europe's finest fighters battling for glory.



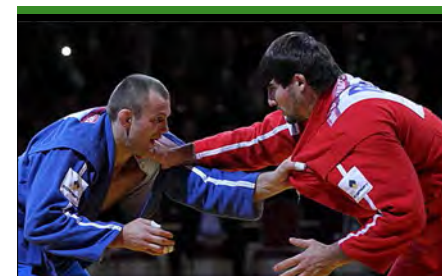
KARATE

Two days of intense competition will see 96 athletes fight for glory in a total of 12 medal events: 10 in individual kumite and two in individual kata. Karate will take place at the Crystal Hall venue.



SAMBO

One of the four non-Olympic sports featured at Baku 2015, Sambo is hugely popular in Azerbaijan and throughout the Caucasus region. A total of 77 athletes, including 41 men and 36 women, will compete in eight medal events at the Heydar Aliyev Arena.



SHOOTING

There will be seven days of competition for the 330 male and female athletes. Medal hopefuls will have opportunities in the nine men's events, six women's events and four mixed team events covering pistol, rifle and shotgun at the brand new Baku Shooting Centre.



TABLE TENNIS

A total of 128 athletes will compete over seven days of fierce competition at the Baku Sports Hall in one of the world's most popular sports. Men's and women's singles and team matches will culminate in four exciting medal events.



TAEKWONDO

A tough and technical combat sport, Taekwondo will be fought over four days and will include four weight categories for both men and women, resulting in a total of eight medal events. A total of 128 athletes will battle for gold in the Crystal Hall.

TRIATHLON

A gruelling test of determination and desire, Triathlon will see competitors swim, cycle and run their way to glory. Two days of competition will come to a conclusion at Bilgah Beach resort and see a total of 130 participants in the men's and women's events.



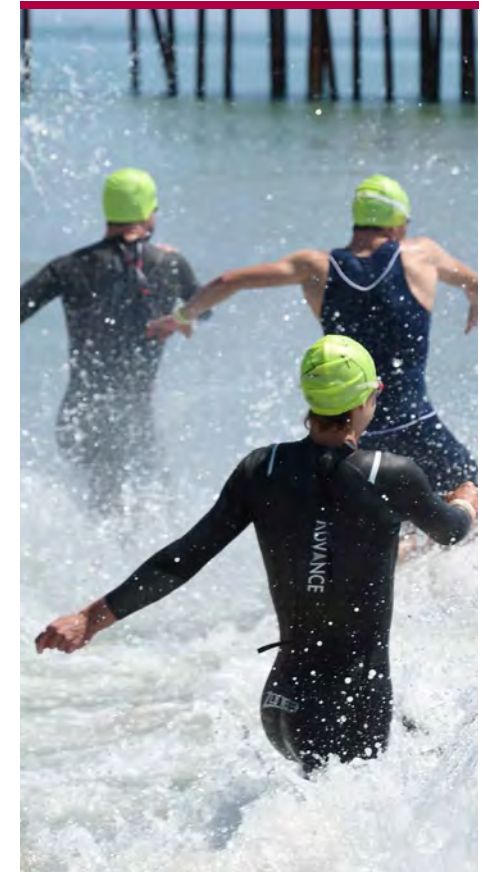
VOLLEYBALL

Energetic, exciting and enthralling, Volleyball will take place over 16 days of competition, with 12 men's and 12 women's teams going for gold. One of the most popular team sports in Azerbaijan, the Volleyball competition will see more than 400 athletes putting on a spectacular show at the seafront Crystal Hall.



WRESTLING

The most popular combat sport in Azerbaijan, Wrestling will be fought in the Heydar Aliyev Arena. A total of 24 weight categories will see several medal events being held on each of the six days of action. Competition in both freestyle and Greco-Roman events will give 480 athletes the chance to claim the title of European Games champion.



SOCAR wishes the very best of luck to all athletes competing in the Baku 2015 1st European Games.

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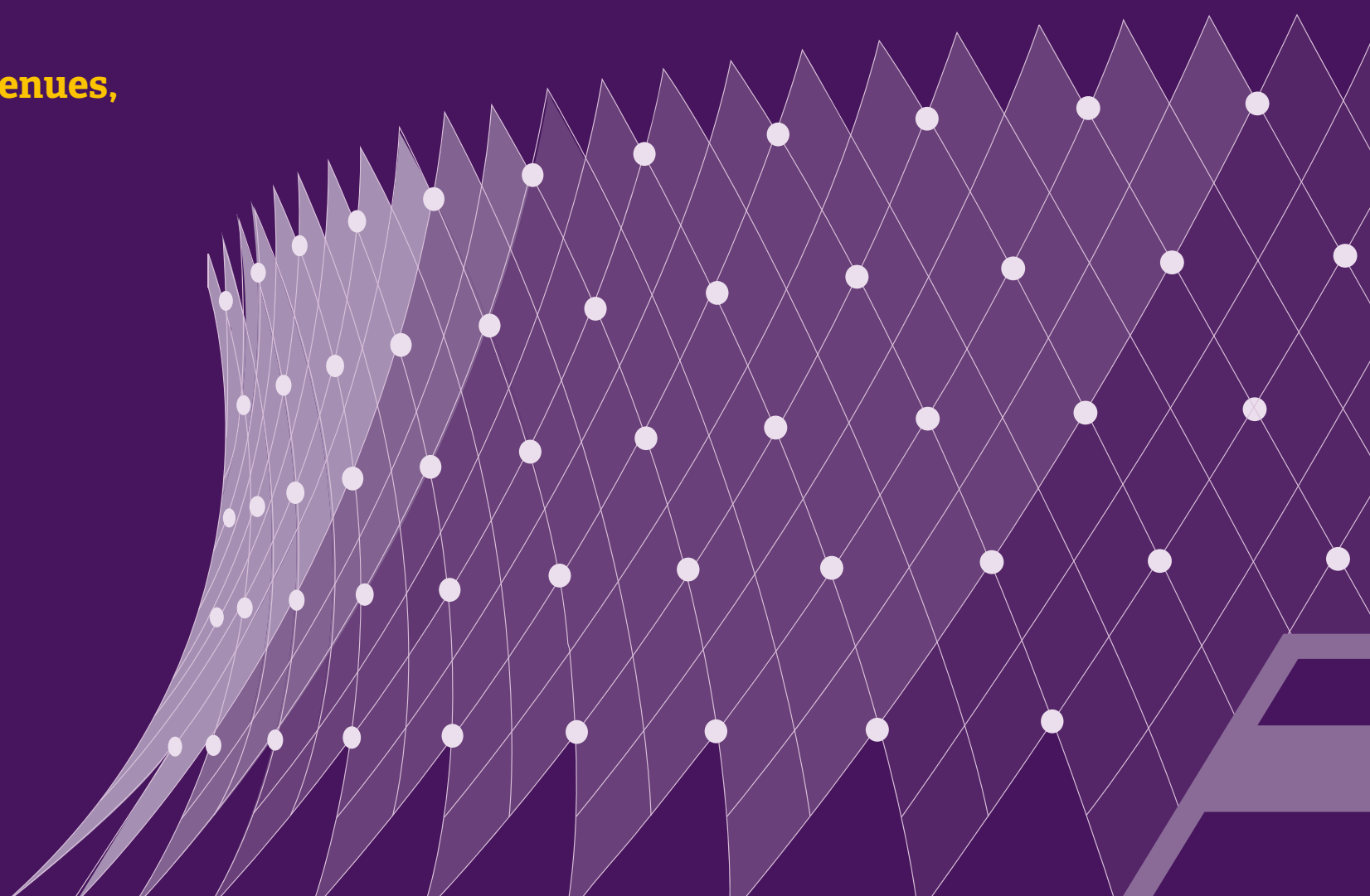
The Games will take place in a total of 18 venues: five state-of-the-art new stadiums, as the Olympic Stadium or the Baku Aquatics Centre; seven existing venues that are being upgraded, such as the Heydar Aliyev Arena or the Baku Sports Hall, and six temporary arenas, to host events like Basketball 3x3 or beach soccer.

18 competition venues, including:

- 5 new state of the art venues
- 6 temporary venues
- 7 upgraded venues

For the full spectator map showing the location of each venue please turn to page 52.

For more details about the venues hosting the Baku 2015 Games, visit baku2015.com/venues



The European Games will be an athlete-focused event that will only not see elite sport in world-class venues, but also leave an important legacy in Baku and in Azerbaijan for generations to come.

Baku Shooting Centre

is a brand-new purpose built shooting facility for the Baku 2015 European Games. This new venue is located a 30 minute drive west of the city of Baku..



Mingachevir

A purpose built facility with on-site hotel makes it the perfect location and is one of the reasons it attracts athletes from a variety of countries across the World for training throughout the year.



Mountain Bike Velopark

is a temporary venue built for the Games, located in the hills immediately south of the Baku Shooting Centre. It is the first ever purpose built Mountain Bike Course in Azerbaijan.



Bilgah Beach

The competition venue is located off the Zagulba Highway, north of Amburan Beach Club, approximately a 30-minute drive from Baku. This temporary venue will host Triathlon and Cycling Time Trial events.



BMX Velopark

The track is a legacy venue built for the Baku 2015 European Games, and will remain post Games for use by the public as part of the Games Legacy.



Baku Aquatics Centre

The venue is set to become an iconic sporting venue for Azerbaijan. The venue will host three Aquatic disciplines for the games – Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming.



Water Polo Arena

Is a temporary venue on the European Games Park with two pools, plus an additional one for warm-up, with a capacity of over 1,800 spectators.



Basketball Arena

The temporary Arena will be the home of the 3x3 Basketball competition. This exciting sport will also have a competition court in the common domain of European Games Park.



Beach Arena

Another temporary venue as part of the European Games Park and will be home to the Beach Volleyball and Beach Soccer competitions with a capacity of 1,500 spectators.



Crystal Hall

Crystal Hall is located in the center of the iconic Flag Square Cluster. This venue was opened for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and has since been home to various events.



Flag Squarecluster



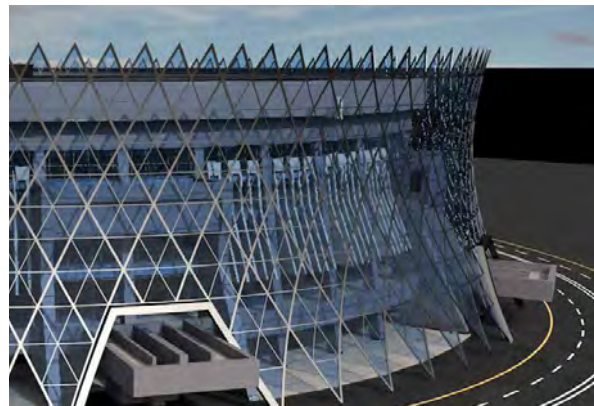
Tofiq Bahramov Stadium

Located in the City Cluster and named after Tofiq Bahramov, an Azerbaijani soviet footballer and referee, this venue will host the Archery competition, in front of a crowd of 1,200 persons.



Heydar Aliyev Arena

Located in the City Cluster, on Tbilisi Avenue, this venue is named after the Ex-President of Azerbaijan. During the Games will host the Wrestling, Sambo and Judo competitions.



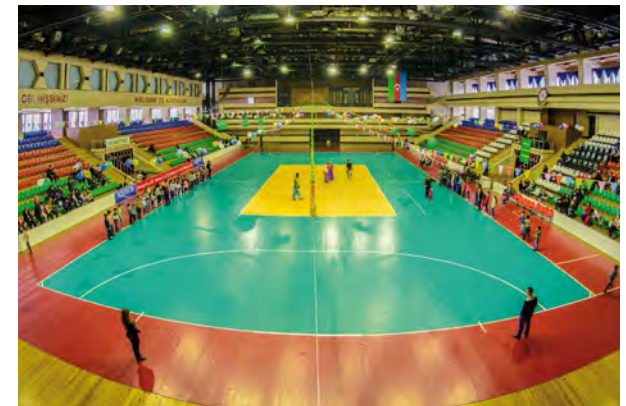
Freedom Square

The Cycling Road Race venue is located in Freedom Square, in front of Government House, with the competition taking place along a city-wide route. The race route consists of a 13.5 km circuit.



Baku Sports Hall

It is a refurbished facility to host the Baku 2015 European Games and a legacy for Baku and Azerbaijan afterwards. Will host the Badminton and Table Tennis competitions.



Olympic Stadium

Designed to host football matches and athletic meets, will host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies as well as Athletics competition. The stadium will have a capacity of 65,000 persons.



National Gymnastics Arena

A purpose built facility with a capacity of 5,407 will host the Gymnastics program. As well as the main arena there is onsite accommodation and a large training hall onsite.



Athletes Village

The Athletes Village will provide athletes and team officials with a residential environment that is secure, comfortable, friendly and stress-free; a "home away from home".



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"My aim is to tell a universal human story using elemental Azerbaijani ingredients in a way that is contemporary, inventive and playful, but always respectful of the culture's enormous richness and depth."

Mr Papaioannou

Ceremonies

The Baku 2015 European Games will open and close with two spectacular ceremonies that will celebrate the inaugural European Games in style. Both ceremonies will be held in front of a capacity crowd at the iconic new Olympic Stadium, where Europe's elite athletes will come together to mark the historic occasions.

The stunning Opening Ceremony will celebrate Azerbaijani history and culture, and also reflect the host city's role in modern Europe. It will be held on Friday 12 June, and will also honour the athletes who will begin competing for gold the next day.

And following a memorable 17 days of elite sporting action, the Closing Ceremony on Sunday 28 June will bring the curtain down on the inaugural European Games.

Playing a vital role in both ceremonies will be the 6,000 volunteer performers who have been recruited to make the vision of the celebrations come alive.

Ms Catherine Ugwu, Baku 2015 Director of Ceremonies, has been overseeing the training of the volunteers as they prepare to present the best of Azerbaijan to the audience of millions watching around the world.



Mr Dimitris Papaioannou, the artist behind the breath-taking Athens 2004 Olympic Games Ceremonies, is the director of the Opening Ceremony.

In 2005, Papaioannou received the Golden Cross of the Order of Honour, which recognises outstanding artistic achievement, from the President of Greece for his work at Athens 2004.

The renowned artist, choreographer and performer has created several ground-breaking shows that have been performed all over the world to a combined audience of hundreds of thousands.

Once the sporting action has concluded and the Ceremonies experts FiveCurrents, based in the United States of America, have been contracted to produce the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Mr James Hadley, who has over 25 years' experience in professional theatre, circus arts and directing large-scale events, is artistic director of the Closing Ceremony.

Hadley has been Cirque du Soleil's senior artistic director for several of their most well-known shows in North America including *Mystère*, *La Nouba* and *The Beatles' LOVE*, and heads up an impressive production team for the Ceremony.

He will be accompanied by Libby Hyland, who has been involved in the Ceremonies at the Rio 2007 and Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games, as his creative director.

Tickets

Around 600,000 tickets will be sold, and Baku 2015 is committed to an inclusive pricing policy that will make viewing the European Games an affordable proposition for as many people as possible.

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The medal design was created by Azerbaijani artist Nargiz Huseynova.
They were manufactured locally by Azersouvenir.

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Marina Durunda

*Gymnast and Baku 2015
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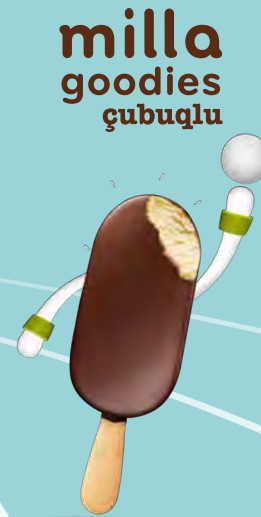
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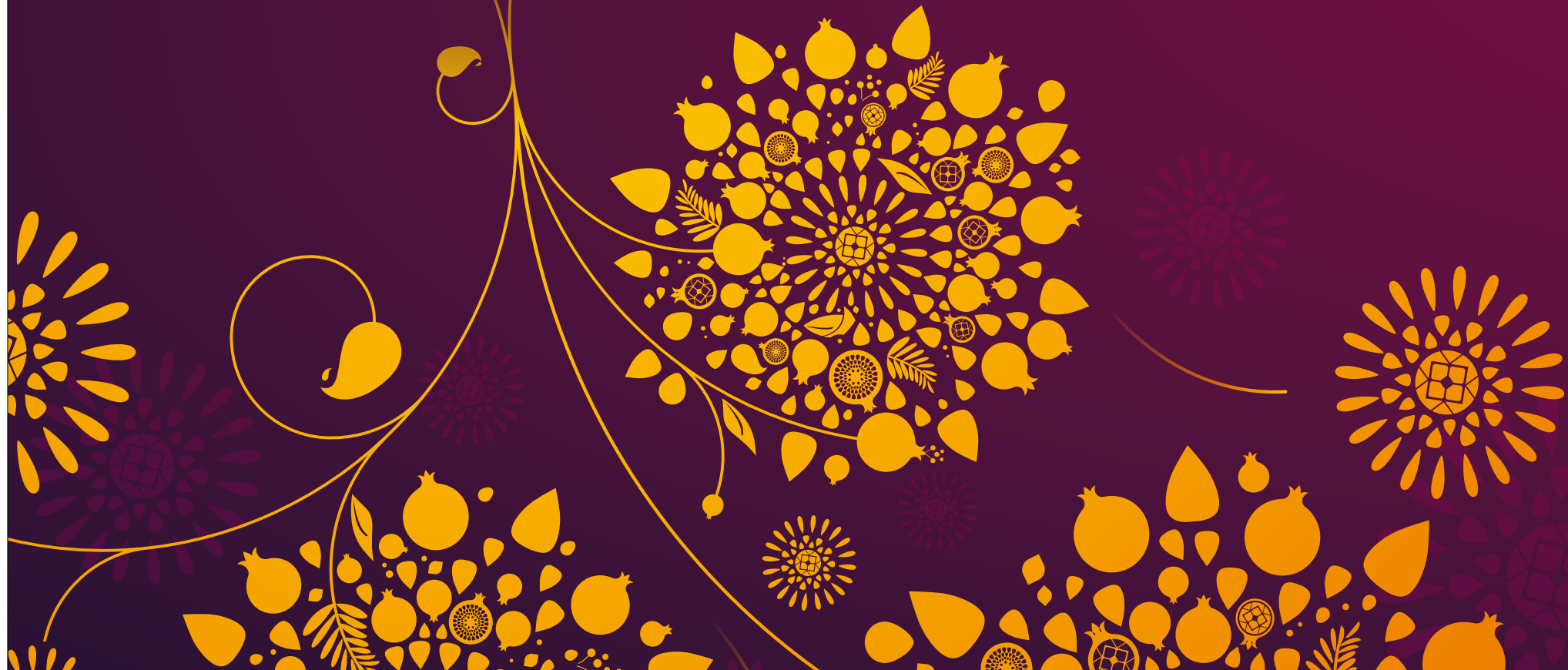
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European Games Torch

Lasting 42 days and visiting 60 locations, the Baku 2015 Torch Programme will inspire excitement and anticipation throughout the whole country. The Torch will depict a pomegranate on a branch. The upper edge will extenuate the Flame, while the inner section will be inspired by the fruit which holds symbolic importance in Azerbaijan.

The Torch will be lit on April 26 at Ateshgah, an ancient fire temple and World Heritage 30 kilometres north of Baku, and after visiting 60 cities around the country, will come back to the capital for five days celebrations before the Opening Ceremony.





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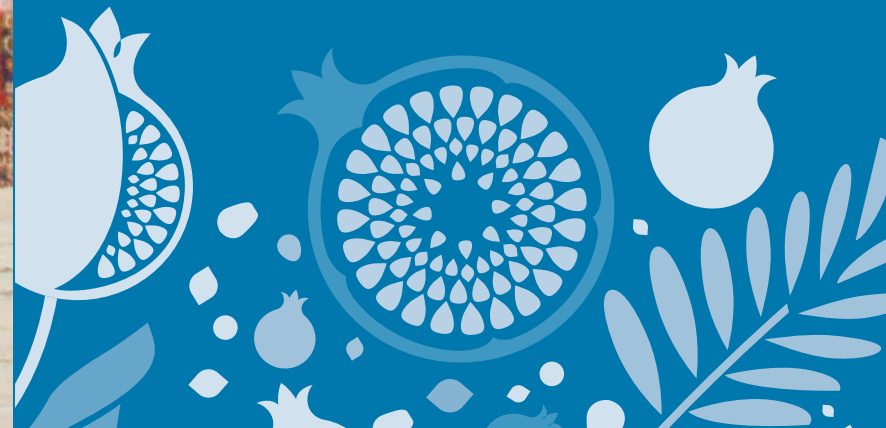


Uniforms

“Blue is going to be the colour that will be worn with pride by all Flamekeepers, both volunteers and Baku 2015 paid staff.”

Our casual shirts have been produced in a state of the art factory located a mere 40 minutes outside Baku. The male version of the polo shirt has a knitted collar, and has an under collar print with the Baku 2015 logo in purple.

The female workforce shirt has a woven collar and is fitted to a more feminine shape. The trousers have zip off legs, to offer choice to the wearer. The trouser pocket is large enough to hold an Accreditation card, and also essential items such as a mobile phone. The trousers also in cotton have a crease resistant finish, and are coated with a water resistant finish.



*Azerbaijan is a land of plentiful natural resources,
centuries-old culture and deeply-engrained hospitality,
and has always played a vital role in the Caucasus regions.*



The whole city of Baku is readying itself to host the largest sporting event in Azerbaijan's history; a plethora of new world-class hotels and shopping centres has sprung up, the city's famous Boulevard is undergoing improvement

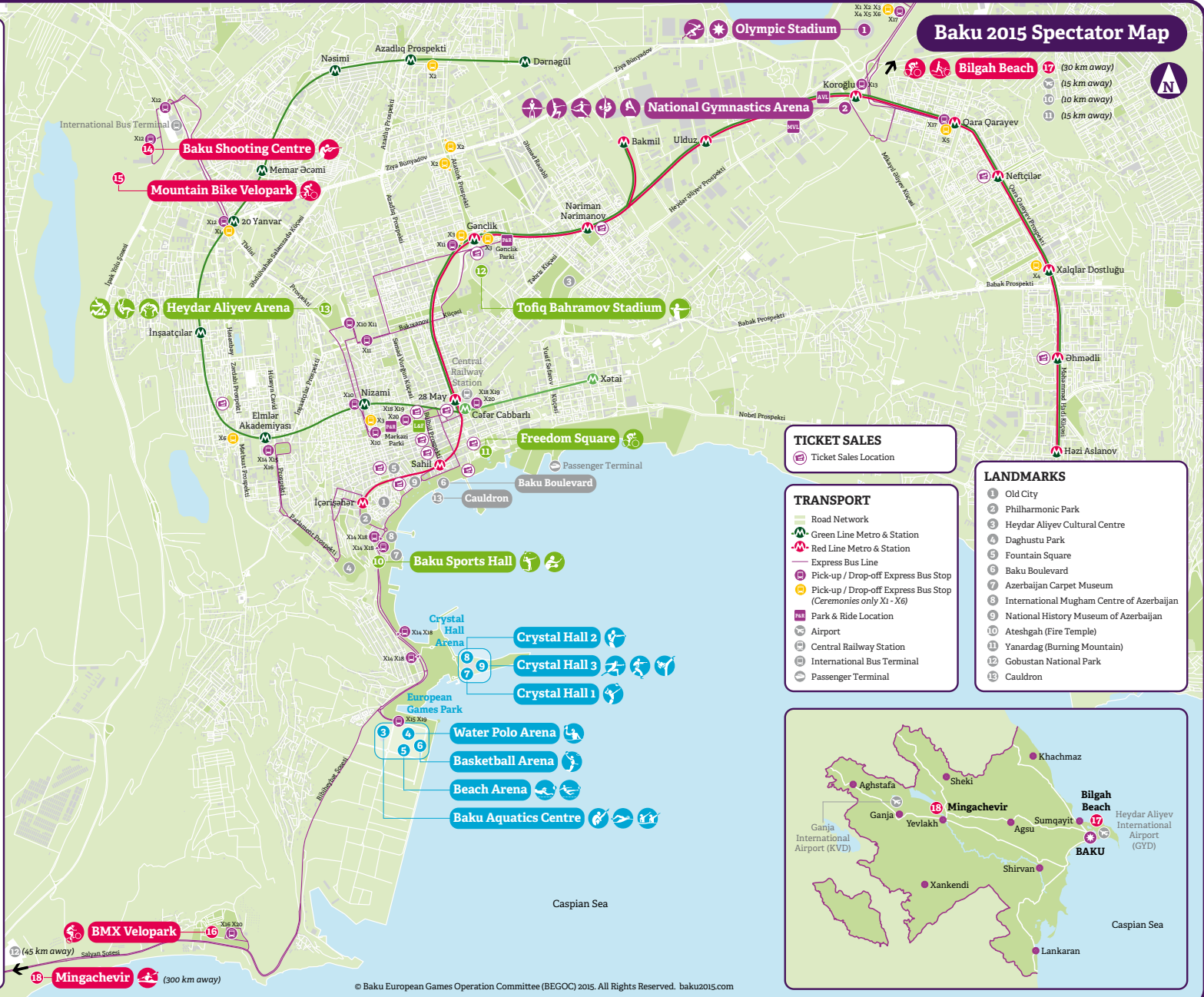
works, and Baku's London-style taxis proudly sport the Baku 2015 Games livery. But most important of all. We are ready to welcoming you on our venues to enjoy our 17-day celebration of sport.

SPECTATOR MAP
ELITE SPORT IN A BEAUTIFUL SETTING
A WORLD-CLASS SETTING
CULTURAL EVENTS
WHAT'S ON IN BAKU



VENUES

- 1 Olympic Stadium**
 - Athletics
 - Opening & Closing Ceremonies
- 2 National Gymnastics Arena**
 - Acrobatic
 - Aerobic
 - Artistic
 - Rhythmic
 - Trampoline
- AVL Athletes Village**
- MV Media Village**
- 3 Baku Aquatics Centre**
 - Diving
 - Swimming
 - Synchronised Swimming
- 4 Water Polo Arena**
 - Water Polo
- 5 Beach Arena**
 - Beach Volleyball
 - Beach Soccer
- 6 Basketball Arena**
 - Basketball 3 x 3
- 7 Crystal Hall 1**
 - Volleyball
- 8 Crystal Hall 2**
 - Boxing
- 9 Crystal Hall 3**
 - Fencing
 - Karate
 - Taekwondo
- 10 Baku Sports Hall**
 - Badminton
 - Table Tennis
- 11 Freedom Square**
 - Cycling - Road Race
- 12 Tofiq Bahramov Stadium**
 - Archery
- 13 Heydar Aliyev Arena**
 - Judo
 - Sambo
 - Wrestling
- 14L Lost & Found Claims Centre**
- 14 Baku Shooting Centre**
 - Shooting
- 15 Mountain Bike Velopark**
 - Cycling - Mountain Bike
- 16 BMX Velopark**
 - Cycling - BMX
- 17 Bilgah Beach**
 - Cycling - Time Trial
 - Triathlon
- 18 Mingachevir**
 - Canoe Sprint



Baku 2015 Spectator Map

- 17** (30 km away)
- 15** (15 km away)
- 10** (10 km away)
- 11** (15 km away)

TICKET SALES

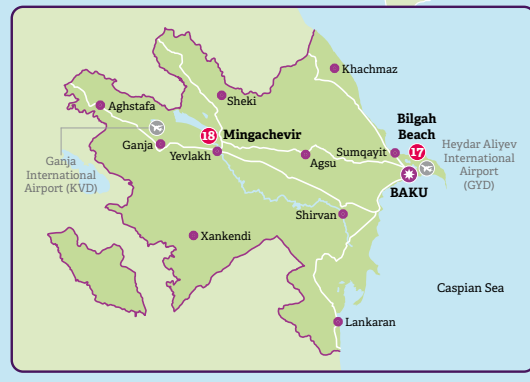
- Ticket Sales Location

TRANSPORT

- Road Network
- Green Line Metro & Station
- Red Line Metro & Station
- Express Bus Line
- Pick-up / Drop-off Express Bus Stop
- Pick-up / Drop-off Express Bus Stop (Ceremonies only X1 - X6)
- Park & Ride Location
- Airport
- Central Railway Station
- International Bus Terminal
- Passenger Terminal

LANDMARKS

- 1 Old City
- 2 Philharmonic Park
- 3 Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre
- 4 Daghustu Park
- 5 Fountain Square
- 6 Baku Boulevard
- 7 Azerbaijan Carpet Museum
- 8 International Mugham Centre of Azerbaijan
- 9 National History Museum of Azerbaijan
- 10 Ateshgah (Fire Temple)
- 11 Yanardag (Burning Mountain)
- 12 Gobustan National Park
- 13 Cauldron



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Conditions of entry

Spectators (ticket holders) must have a valid ticket with a Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyət Vəsiqəsi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals) for the session. A ticket holder who refuses to pass a security check or refuses to comply with the venue conduct rules will be required to leave the venue immediately without a refund.

All spectators under 16 years of age as of June 28 2015, must be accompanied by an adult (18+) spectator with a valid ticket and a Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyət Vəsiqəsi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals) for the session. Children under the age of two will be admitted without a ticket, provided that they remain in the arms of their parents or guardians and do not occupy a separate seat or space. Electronic ticket check will be in place at all venues. If you are unable to prove eligibility for the complimentary/child ticket, you will be refused entry to the venue and be redirected to the Ticket Box Office to purchase a full price ticket.

Ticket holders are not allowed to leave and re-enter any session (using the same ticket). Re-entry is not allowed after the ticket has been validated. Each ticket holder must carry their ticket at all times while attending the session.

Prohibited items

Ticket holders will not be allowed to enter venues with items determined by Government legislation as illegal, dangerous or could compromise safety. The full list of prohibited items are available on baku2015.com. It is strongly recommended that ticket holders familiarise themselves with the list before traveling to venues, to avoid confiscation and delays to entry.



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Large Bags



Demonstration Materials



Pepper Spray



Umbrella (Large)

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Be prepared...

- ▶ Gates open 90 minutes prior to competition starting – arrive at the venue early to avoid long lines at the security screening areas at the venue entrance (please refer to baku2015.com for gate opening times of each venue)
- ▶ Expect to go through 'airport style' security search at the venue entrance which can take time
- ▶ Spectators will be permitted to bring a 'reasonable' amount of non-perishable food in original factory packaging for personal consumption – 'reasonable' can be defined as a packet of crisps, biscuits and nuts (snacks)
- ▶ If you are over 16 you will need to bring a valid ticket with a Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyət Vəsiqəsi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals) to enter the venue
- ▶ Bring sun cream (up to 100ml), wear a hat, comfortable shoes and stay hydrated – warm weather is expected
- ▶ Bring cash – food and merchandise concessions on venue accept cash only
- ▶ Look for the signage which will help you to find your way to and around the competition venue
- ▶ Look for venue Information Points on the competition venue where your questions can be answered
- ▶ Find mobility assistance services on the competition venue for spectators who require assistance
- ▶ There is no storage available at the venue for ticket holders' personal property (except for baby buggies which should be stored at the designated areas as you will not be permitted to take them to your seats)
- ▶ Smoking is allowed only in designated areas on the competition venue
- ▶ Help us to protect our environment – use the bins provided on the competition venue and place your waste in the correct bin

Useful info

Emergency services

In case of any emergency situation immediately call:
101 – Fire
102 – Police
103 – Ambulance
112 – Crisis Centre

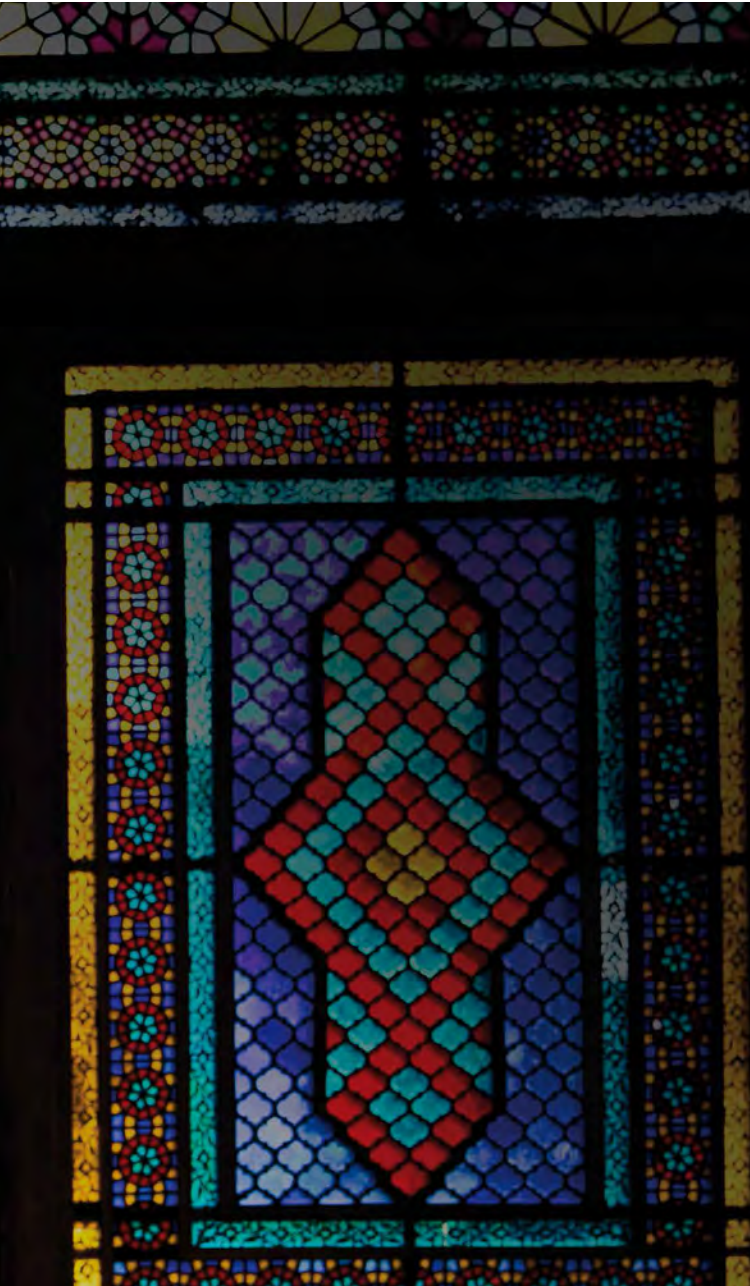
Baku 2015 Lost & Found Claims Centre

In the case of any personal property lost or found on competition venues, contact:
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Lost & Found Claims Centre,
Level 2 at the AF Mall
(entry via Bul Bul Prospect
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Sabina Mikina



Elite Sports in a Beautiful Setting

Azerbaijan is a country rich with natural beauty and a perfect setting for the inaugural European Games.

From the cobbled streets of the Old City to the gleaming skyscrapers of the Flame Towers, Baku is one of the few cities in the world to offer visitors the opportunity to enjoy all the attractions of a modern European city while also embracing traditions and culture that date back to medieval times.

Baku sits on the cusp of the Caspian Sea, and the venues will showcase the charm of the host city.

The Crystal Hall – which will host five sports at Baku 2015 – sits on the edge of the Caspian Sea and will provide truly breathtaking views for the worldwide television audience. And the diversity of the location is also of benefit to the first ever European Games.

Bilgah Beach, which will host the finish of both the Triathlon and Cycling Road Race, is a luxurious resort just a short drive from the city centre of Baku.

Enjoying this wide variety of city and seaside setting is of immense benefit to Baku as location for hosting many different types of elite sporting events in the future.

"Azerbaijan is a beautiful country that is deeply passionate about sport and is also vastly experienced in hosting major sport champions."

Mehriban Aliyeva

First Lady of Azerbaijan and Chair of the Baku 2015 Organising Committee



Azerbaijan Sports Events

Azerbaijan has a proud history of hosting major events in recent years and Baku is already recognised as a hub of global sporting success.

Just some of the more high-profile events include the Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships (in 2007, 2009 and 2014), the European Wrestling Championship in 2010 and the World Amateur Boxing Championship in 2011.

In 2012, the FIFA under 17 women's World Cup was contested throughout the country in another hugely successful competition.

The annual World Tennis Association (WTA) Baku Cup was launched in 2011 and the Road Cycling Tour d'Azerbaïdjan has been an annual cross-country success since 2012.

And in the last year, Azerbaijan has also hosted several successful test events in sports that will feature at Baku 2015 as the country has been preparing for the inaugural European Games.



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Cultural events

Baku is a city that effortlessly combines the ancient and the modern, and will offer visitors an incredible experience during the inaugural European Games.

The heart of Baku is the Old City, which became a UNESCO heritage site in 2000. It has existed for thousands of years and is firmly established as the pearl of Azerbaijani architecture and culture. Within its walls, visitors can travel back in time as they explore a maze of narrow cobbled streets and the courtyards surrounding the 12th century Maiden Tower and the ornate Palace of the Shirvanshahs.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev and First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva have been actively involved in the work which has taken place in recent years to restore and preserve this ancient heart of the host city.

The city's lively social scene is centered on the Boulevard, which features a six-kilometre promenade of shops, restaurants, cafes, clubs and family friendly fairground rides. Visitors can enjoy al fresco dining and cocktails in bar terraces overlooking the Caspian Sea.

The city's excellent restaurants serve up an eclectic mix of international culinary styles, ranging from five-star creations that will satisfy the most demanding gourmet to corner kebab shops for a quick taste of popular local flavour.

Live music is a popular feature of the energetic nightlife in the city. All tastes are catered for with live rock bands, the ever popular karaoke bars, unique modern jazz or some traditional mugam folk music all on offer. Bars, clubs and discos are open until late in the morning, especially during weekends.

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The country also has a proud history of live theatre. Traditional ceremonies and eye-catching costumes form an integral part of the Azerbaijani theatrical experience. Dramatic clothes, masks, traditional dances, chorus songs and dance all feature heavily in a typical Azerbaijani play.

Azerbaijan has a long and rich history of culture, tradition and artistic achievement. A variety of interesting exhibitions can be found throughout the city's many museums and galleries.

The iconic Heydar Aliyev Centre, designed by Zaha Hadid, provides a stunning setting for operas, symphonies, museum exhibits and modern art collections. Visits to The National Art Museum and Museum of Modern Art are also recommended.

The country also offers a fine variety of traditional arts and crafts section as a memento for tourists. In various cities of Azerbaijan, there are streets that sell handcrafts, silk, and other artefacts local to the city.



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