

# TOTAL BWF BADMINTON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**Preliminary information  
about the host city  
and the TOTAL BWF  
World Championships 2017**



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# Introduction

**BADMINTONscotland** is delighted to have been given the privilege of hosting the 2017 World Championships. When we staged this, the most prestigious event in the sport, exactly twenty years ago, it was hailed as the best that had been held to that date, and it is our aim to ensure that the 2017 Championships achieve the same high standard and merit the same accolade.

The world's best athletes will be able to display their incredible talents in the ideal conditions of the stunning Emirates Arena. In addition to a perfect playing environment, the arena also has 8 practice courts and 2 warm up courts available and there will be dedicated gym and training areas and an athletes' lounge; in short, everything required to enable perfect preparation for athletes as they make their bids for glory.

We will also be hosting the World Coaching Conference at the National Badminton Academy, Glasgow, on the 25th and 26th of August. There will be presentations from some of the best coaches in the world, and this will be a rare opportunity to hear at first hand the latest developments in coaching philosophy and strategy.

We will be providing transport from Glasgow International Airport, Glasgow Central Station and Buchanan Street Bus Station to the event hotels, and there will be a comprehensive return transport service between the event hotels and the Emirates Arena.

There will also be opportunities, through the sight-seeing tours on offer, to see more of Glasgow and of Scotland. We are a city and a country renowned for our stunning scenery, vibrant culture, rich historical heritage and, of course, our hospitality.

Athletes, officials, sponsors and partners will enjoy a first taste of all that is on offer at the opening Gala Dinner which will be held at the world-famous Kelvingrove Art Gallery on Sunday 20th August.

I would encourage you to make the most of your visit by seeing some of the incredible scenery and architecture Scotland has to offer and we will be happy to provide information and guidance on what to see and how to see it.

I look forward to meeting you all in August for what will, I am sure, be an experience we will all enjoy and savour for years to come.

**Anne Smillie, Championships Director**



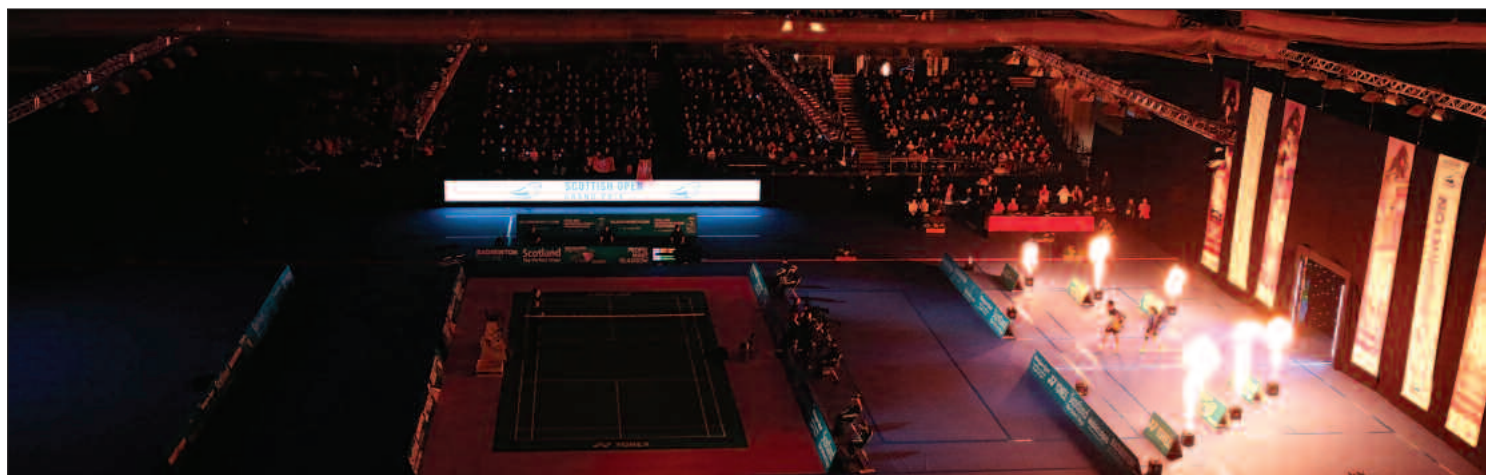
## Glasgow - A Dream Location

### Host of the TOTAL BWF Badminton World Championships 2017

Glasgow is a city of wonderful contrasts. The biggest city in Scotland, yet compact enough to allow visitors to see a large part of it in only a short space of time. Striking Victorian architecture - and the influence of legendary designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh - alongside over 90 parks and public access gardens.

By day, visitors can check out the multitude of shops available in Glasgow's Merchant City and 'Style Mile' or visit some of the iconic museums and galleries. By night, the city features an eclectic mix of pubs and clubs alongside an internationally recognised music scene. There is also a wealth of options throughout the city when it comes to restaurants and eating out, from iconic fish and chips at the lower end of a visitor's budget, to high class contemporary dining at the upper end.

You can read more about the city and the championships on the following pages.



# Glasgow

## Music and Nightlife

The mix of bars available within the city is truly incredible. Contemporary cocktail bars can be found alongside traditional pubs, with everything in between covered as well! There are dedicated cabaret venues, but increasingly many other clubs are holding regular cabaret nights. The city has four large casinos, two based on either side of the iconic River Clyde, one in the Merchant City district and another on Sauchiehall Street. The city has multiple options when it comes to cinema with several venues around the city and, at over 60m high, the world's tallest cinema based in the city centre. There is a mix of clubs and music venues available ranging from small underground nightclubs to huge sprawling concert halls, such as the impressive SSE Hydro located beside the River Clyde. Add to all this the many theatres, comedy clubs and other venues dotted around the city and visitors are surely spoilt for choice!

## Shopping

The 'Style Mile' is the destination for shopping in Glasgow's city centre. Boasting a huge selection of over 200 stores, the 'Style Mile' has every option conceivable – from high-end boutique offerings to large department stores – and everything in between. Outside of the city centre, the west end of the city offers a blend of well-established stores and quirky one-off speciality shops. There are additionally a plethora of hair and beauty options available throughout the city to suit any individual.

## Arts and Culture

A former European City of Culture, Glasgow boasts a vibrant arts scene and a fantastic choice of theatre venues. Some of Scotland's most notable museum offerings can be found in the city with the free to enter Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Riverside Museum being particular highlights. Check out this handy [guide to art in Glasgow](#) for more details (featuring a downloadable map).

## Food and Drink

The Glasgow restaurant scene is one in constant flux with new offerings appearing on a regular basis. The quality of the local produce in and around Glasgow means you can look forward to high-quality traditional dishes, regional specialities and creative interpretations of modern Scottish cuisine with a twist. Glasgow has also embraced the influences provided by its international citizens which means that you can experience a massive variety of flavours and cuisines from around the world without leaving the city. The art of 'pop-up dining' is well and truly alive in Glasgow - further enhancing the city's already bustling street food scene. The variety of options on offer means that there are choices available to suit all budgets throughout the city.

## Outdoor Attractions

The name Glasgow means 'dear green place' and the massive variety of outdoor spaces available ensures it lives up to its name. Within the city there are over 90 parks and public access gardens to enjoy as well as specialist venues dedicated to skiing, skating, cycling, canoeing and many other activities. Glasgow is also conveniently located only a short distance away from many of Scotland's most stunning outdoor spaces – Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park is just 30 minutes away!





# Scotland

One of the many things that make Glasgow so fantastic as a destination for visitors is its place within Scotland as a whole. Glasgow is a great place to visit, but it can also be a jumping-off point for travellers to enjoy the rest of what Scotland has to offer.

## Greater Glasgow & The Clyde Valley

The countryside and towns surrounding Glasgow offer plenty of interesting attractions for visitors from all walks of life to enjoy. If you follow the River Clyde out from the city towards the west coast of Scotland, you can find seaside resorts and ferries to further afield. If you follow the river south, through the Clyde Valley, there are picturesque former mining villages and protected woodland areas rich in wildlife.

## Edinburgh

Scotland's capital city, and the seat of government, is only a little over an hour away by car or less than an hour by train. Visitors can enjoy the stunning scenery of Edinburgh Castle, the bustle of the Royal Mile and the technological marvels that are the Forth Road and Rail bridges. Edinburgh is a haven for tourists with many shops and restaurants dedicated solely to serving the desires of foreign visitors.

## Loch Lomond, The Trossachs, Stirling & Forth Valley

North of Glasgow lies the stunning Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The park contains over 200 miles of mountains, lochs and glens – perfect for those who want to enjoy the range of outdoor pursuits on offer. The stunning natural beauty of this area is complimented by a wealth of historical sites from the ancient city of Stirling to the remains of the Antonine Wall, built by the Romans in the 2nd Century AD.

## Ayrshire & Arran

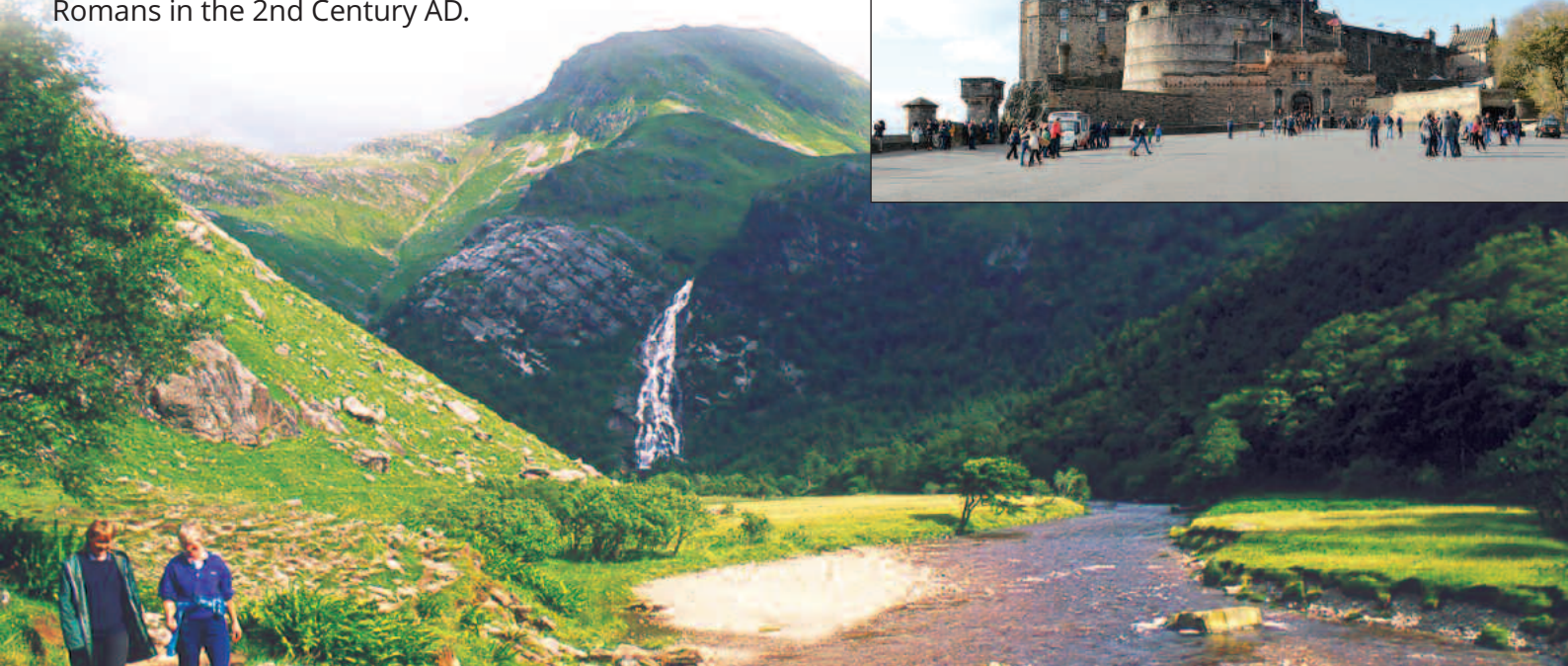
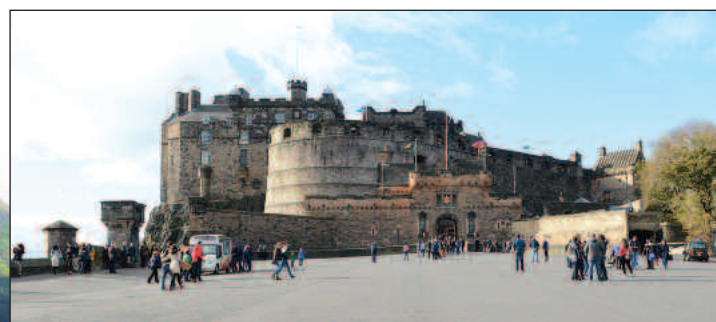
The region of Ayrshire is the birthplace of one of Scotland's greatest writers, the poet Robert Burns. Aside from a number of great Burns attractions, there is the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and the town of Largs with its Viking connections to explore. A short ferry ride across the Firth of Clyde is the island of Arran, known for its scenic coastline and fantastic local produce.

## Argyll & The Isles

Argyll & The Isles, with seven National Nature Reserves, is perhaps one of the best places in Scotland to see some of our fantastic wildlife. There are 23 inhabited islands in the region with each one offering a unique experience and something new to discover. The islands are also home to some of Scotland's most famous whiskies such as those found on the islands of Islay and Jura.

## The Highlands and Beyond

Further afield, intrepid travellers might want to explore the vast natural expanses of the Scottish Highlands to the North or continue down to the Scottish Borders in the South. The Highland region of Scotland is famous worldwide for its natural beauty and rugged terrain. To learn more about travelling in this region and tips on places to visit you can check out this [visitors guide](#). If you fancy something a bit less wild, the borders region of the South of Scotland also has many worthwhile places to visit. A guide to this region is available [here](#).



# Accommodation

## AND OFFICIAL TRANSPORT

For those attending the TOTAL BWF Badminton World Championships 2017, there will be a number of hotels available. As opposed to having an official hotel in a single location, we will be working with many different hotels to offer you a multitude of options regarding your stay in Glasgow. All of our hotels are located within a 15-minute drive of the competition venue and will offer visitors the chance to stay in the accommodation that suits them best. As you can see from the map below the hotels offered are situated throughout the city to allow visitors the option of staying in different neighbourhoods. The link below will enable you to access the platform where you can see the hotels available, view information on each of them and book accordingly. The following designations are given to provide advice when selecting a hotel.

We will offer transport from the Official Championships Hotel – Crowne Plaza ( pick-up point only a 3 minute walk from the Hilton Garden Inn and The Village Hotel) and from the Jurys Inn.

Transport will be available on request from the Glasgow Pond Hotel and the Hilton Glasgow.

Players who reach the semi-finals and finals of events will be offered chauffeur driven transport from the hotel to make the occasion extra special.

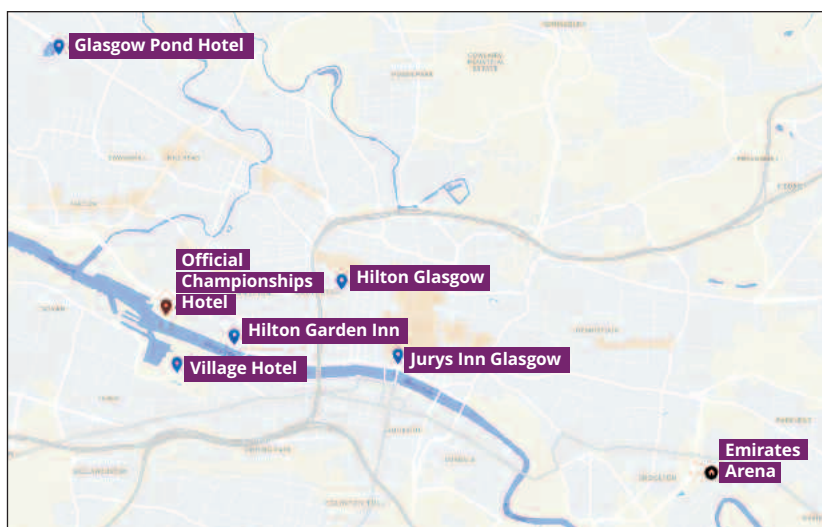
Official Championships Hotel Crowne Plaza –  
Players, Sponsors, BWF Officials and Delegates

Hilton Garden Inn – Media

Jurys Inn – Players

The Village Hotel – Players

[Hotel Information and Booking Platform](#)



# The Venue

## EMIRATES ARENA

**1000 London Road, Glasgow G40 3HG**

The TOTAL BWF Badminton World Championships 2017 will be held in Glasgow's Emirates Arena. Since opening in 2012, the venue has hosted a multitude of international events including the Glasgow World Cup Gymnastics, Davis Cup Tennis, UCI Track World Cup, British Athletics International Match and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Track Cycling.

On a badminton front, the 6,000 seater main arena hosted the badminton competition at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and has become the home of the annual Scottish Open Grand Prix. The arena's credentials as a badminton venue are sound and the hosting of the World Championships will only serve to reinforce its reputation as a setting for world class sporting events

For Google map click [here](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)  
<https://www.google.co.uk/maps>





# World Coaching Conference

Alongside the action on court at the Emirates Arena, Glasgow will also be hosting the World Coaching Conference 2017. Regardless of the level at which you currently coach, this conference will present an excellent opportunity to challenge your current practices and develop your thinking. World-class coaches and speakers will present on-court demonstrations and keynotes alongside a presentation of findings from current research projects focussing on both the biomechanics of elite performance and constructs of performance sport. Particular emphasis in this regard will be placed on the differences in approaches between Asian and European nations. The conference will be held in the National Badminton Academy, Scotstoun, Glasgow. Transport will be offered from official hotels.

Times and dates are shown below.

Friday 25 August 2017 from 1600-2100

Saturday 26 August 2017 from 0900-1700

For further information and to book please use the link below.

[World Coaching Conference 2017](#)



# Gala Dinner

The TOTAL BWF Badminton World Championships 2017 gala dinner will be held on the Sunday evening immediately preceding the beginning of the tournament. The event will be held in Glasgow's magnificent Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum at 6.30 pm on the 20 August. This illustrious venue, a Glasgow landmark, is directly opposite the Kelvin Hall - the former venue of the Scottish International Championships.

Further information and invitations will be provided to member associations closer to the date.



# Championships Party

On the evening of the 27 August, the final day of the Championships, a celebration of the tournament will be held at the Official Championships Hotel – the Crowne Plaza. All of our guests, players, volunteers and sponsors who have joined us in Glasgow for the Championships are welcome to attend this event. It will no doubt be a fantastic send-off to an equally fantastic World Championships. Further details will be circulated closer to the date.



# General Information

## Your Hosts

At **BADMINTONscotland**, we have an existing track record of delivering high-level badminton events. We have hosted the World Championships once before, in 1997, and we have also been hosts of two Sudirman Cup competitions, once alongside the World Championships in 1997 and the other in 2007. We also host on an annual basis the Scottish Open Grand Prix – the third oldest tournament in world badminton.

## Visa

Do you need a visa to visit Glasgow? All participants who require a visa should complete the letter of participation request form available on the BWF Corporate website. These should be returned as soon as possible and not later than Friday 30 May. For further details please contact Sharon MacKechnie at [2017@badmintonscotland.org.uk](mailto:2017@badmintonscotland.org.uk)

## Arriving in Glasgow

A Shuttle service shall be provided from Glasgow International Airport; Glasgow Central Train Station; and Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station to the official hotels. Please complete the Transport Request Form and return to the organisers by 21 July at the latest. Contact Susan Steen, [transport@badmintonscotland.org.uk](mailto:transport@badmintonscotland.org.uk)

## Public Transport in Glasgow

There are frequent bus services, mostly run by [First Glasgow](#), available throughout Glasgow. Short journeys cost around £2 each time, but you can purchase a weekly ticket for £15.50. There are both **overground and underground rail services** available in Glasgow. The **underground** only connects the city centre with stations in the west and south of the city whereas the overground network is much more comprehensive – covering all areas of Glasgow. You can see more info on the **subway** [here](#) and the **overground** network [here](#). You can see more information on travelling to the Championships venue on the arena website [here](#).

## Dates of the TOTAL BWF Badminton World Championship 2017

**Monday 21 August 2017 – Sunday 27 August 2017**

## Preliminary Schedule

The schedule below is preliminary and as such is subject to change.

Date	Session	Time	Courts in use
<b>Monday 21 August</b>	Preliminaries	11am - 9.30pm	1 - 5
<b>Tuesday 22 August</b>	Preliminaries	11am - 8.30pm	1 - 5
<b>Wednesday 23 August</b>	Preliminaries	11am - 8.30pm	1 - 5
<b>Thursday 24 August</b>	Round of last 16	11am - 9pm	1 - 4
<b>Friday 25 August</b>	Quarter finals - session 1 Quarter finals - session 2	10am - 3pm 5pm - 10pm	1 & 2
<b>Saturday 26 August</b>	Semi finals - session 1 Semi finals - session 2	10am - 3pm 5pm - 10pm	1
<b>Sunday 27 August</b>	Finals	1pm - 6pm	1

*More Information on the next page*

# General Information

## Accreditation

No of players from Association/ No of. accompanying Officials

- For 3 players or fewer / 1 team official
- For 4-7 players / 2 team officials
- For 8-15 players / 3 team officials
- For 16 or more players / 4 team officials

All accreditations will be processed through an online accreditation system.

Accreditation applications must be managed by a nominated Group Administrator.

Click on the link below to set up an account. Once your account has been approved by

**BADMINTONscotland** you will be asked to log in and submit

details for all players and team officials within your delegation who require accreditation.

Group Administrator registration website:

<http://volunteer.badmintonscotland.org.uk/vk/accredit/registerManager.htm>

All entry into the Emirates Arena will be controlled by personalised photographic accreditation passes, which will be available for collection from the Accreditation Centre within the Emirates Arena. The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be US \$200.00 on each occasion, charged to your Association.

Please ensure Group Administrators are registered by 30 May 2017.

The deadline for completing player/official accreditation is 30 June 2017.

Note: If more officials accompany your team a limited number of additional ID passes may be purchased at a special rate of US \$200.00. Contact Sharon MacKechnie,

[2017@badmintonscotland.org.uk](mailto:2017@badmintonscotland.org.uk)

## Video Recording

For video recording at the TOTAL BWF World Championships 2017 please complete the video request form available on the BWF Corporate website.

## Practice Facilities

### Emirates Arena practice hall

There will be 8 training courts available from 0900 hrs to 2100 hrs from Friday 18 - Saturday 26 August; and from 0900-1700 on Sunday 27 August.

### The main venue

Familiarisation practice will be available on 5 courts from 0900 hrs to 2100 hrs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday before start of the championships. The practice and training request forms will be forwarded to member associations.

Contact Peter Dean, [practice@badmintonscotland.org.uk](mailto:practice@badmintonscotland.org.uk)

## Winners of the 2015 BWF World Championships

MS: CHEN LONG, China

WS: CAROLINA MARIN, Spain

MD: MOHAMMAD AHSAN / HENDRA SETIAWAN, Indonesia

WD: TIAN QING / ZHAO YUNLEI, China

XD: ZHANG NAN / ZHAO YUNLEI, China