

## Logroño, Spain September 30th to October 3rd, 2015

# **FIRST INFORMATION**



#### 1. WELCOME

The Spanish Ice Sport Federation and the Local Organizing Committee welcomes you to Logroño.

Is a please for us to hold a second ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating in our country, and we hope that everybody enjoys this Competition.

#### **Tourism information**

Logroño is a city rich in history and traditions which have been preserved since the Middle Ages. The Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela made this one of the most important towns on the route, leaving an interesting monumental legacy closely linked to the traditional passing of the pilgrims.

The history of Logroño cannot be separated from the **Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela**. Such much so that the city did not gain importance until the rise in popularity of the route, beginning in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The Codex Calixtinus (12<sup>th</sup> century), the first guide to the Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela, makes mention of Logroño in its pages. And it is a fact that the passing of merchants, artists and pilgrims through the cobbled streets of the capital of La Rioja for centuries has made the city a crossroads of considerable cultural importance.

The river Ebro passes through the city and spanning it are two bridges which are used to connect Logroño with Navarre and Álava. The oldest of them is the **Puente de Piedra** (stone bridge), which takes the Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela into the city. Originally (in the 11<sup>th</sup>century), it was fortified by four arches and three towers. Another bridge, this time made of iron and built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, also crosses this tidal river.

Still standing from the old walls which surrounded the city are the Revellín wall and the Carlos I gate. During the festivals to honour Logroño's patron saint, this site is the scene of ceremonies which commemorate the French seige of the city.

Around the **Rúa Vieja**, traditional thoroughfare of the pilgrims bound for Compostela, the most significant examples of St. James architecture appear, such as the **Pilgrim's Shelter** or the famous **Pilgrim's fountain**. Nor does the **church of Santiago** leave any doubts as to the importance of this pilgrim's road. This monumental building, erected in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, has a single nave and its façade displays a tremendous image of Santiago Matamoros. Inside, the image of Logroño's patron, the Virgen de la Esperanza, is venerated.

The historic centre has significant cultural sites, such as the **Cathedral of Santa María la Redonda** (15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries), whose baroque towers rise above the Market square. The current cathedral premises stand on the site of old circular Romanesque church. Outstanding among the major sculpture work present in the building are the carvings of Gregorio Fernández and a representation of the way of the cross by the Renaissance maestro Michelangelo.



There are many churches in Logroño and prominent among them is **Santa María de Palacio**, the oldest in the capital of La Rioja, which dominates the city's skyline with its Gothic spire.

Inside, there is a magnificent cloisters, a Flemish reredos and several Romanesque pieces to admire. Close by is the Mudejar tower of the **church of San Bartolomé**, devoted to the patron saint of the city. Built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, it preserves an exquisite sculptured main front and is the only example of Romanesque art in the city. Logroño also has fine examples of civil architecture, such as the **palaces** of the **Marquis of Legarda**, **Los Chapiteles** or the **Museum of La Rioja**, located in the palace of Espartero, a baroque construction from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The avenues and squares of Logroño are also a good alternative for enjoying the atmosphere of the streets. The **Paseo del Espolón** is one of the emblematic centres of the city and the **Market square** a popular meeting place for its inhabitants.

#### Gastronomy and surrounding area

The rich soil of La Rioja enables the preparation of some of the specialties which make up its recognized **culinary tradition**. Asparagus, beans, **peppers**, artichokes and other vegetables and pulses are the basic ingredients of a long list of dishes such as **vegetable stew**, **potatoes "a la riojana"**, **lamb** and kid **cutlets** with vine shoots or stuffed peppers. The traditional desserts are pears in wine, the **almond pastries from Arnedo** or the marzipan from Soto (made with sugar and ground almonds).

La **Rioja** is synonymous with great Spanish wines. For decades, wines from La Rioja, protected by their own **Designation of Origin** standard, have been an obligatory reference throughout Spain and beyond.

The deep tradition of devotion to St. James which exists in La Rioja is felt in each and every one of the towns which the Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela crosses in this province. Leaving Logroño behind, the **French Road** passes through **Navarrete**, with the remains of a pilgrims' hospital, and **Nájera**, a former royal court. In this latter place, we can stop to admire the **Monastery of Santa María la Real**, which is noteworthy for its splendid cloisters and its use as a pilgrims' shelter. Continuing along this route, walkers must branch off a few kilometres to **San Millán de la Cogolla** to admire the incredible beauty of the site formed by the **Monasteries of Suso and Yuso**, declared **World Heritage Sites.Santo Domingo de la Calzada** is the last great staging post of the Road in La Rioja. Outstanding in this well-looked after town are its walls, its Roman road and the Cathedral of San Salvador. Welcoming the visitor are a Casa del Santo and the **Parador de Turismo**, a former pilgrims' hospital built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century next to the cathedral premises.

Off the Pilgrim's Route to Santiago de Compostela, other towns of major importance in La Rioja are Calahorra, capital of **Lower Rioja**, which has a **Parador de Turismo**; neighbouring **Alfaro**, in whose historic quarter stands the collegiate church of San Miguel Arcángel (16<sup>th</sup>-17th centuries); and **Haro**, a stately town which has become the centre of the Rioja region's wine production.



To the south of the region you can tour the **Route of the Dinosaurs**, an itinerary which takes in the tracks left by these prehistoric animals.

Another of La Rioja's attractions is its wealth of nature. The **Sierra de Cebollera National Park**, in the Los Comeros region, bordering on the province of Soria, is home to one of the greatest examples of glacial scenery in the peninsula.

#### Designer wineries: the new cathedrals to wine in Spain

Have you ever thought about discovering the world of wine through its vineyards? It is an excellent way to get to know this world of sensations, aromas and flavours, a tradition that has been deep-rooted in Spain for centuries. You will also find out how this delicious drink is produced and see the countryside where internationally prestigious Spanish wines are made. With a wide-ranging and excellent selection of wines, Spain is one of the main wine producing countries in the world. The wine routes and various Designations of Origin offer the chance to learn all about the culture of wine and its exquisite taste, but also to explore the architectural heritage of the various wine-producing areas.

Its tradition, care, refinement and renewal are some of the key factors that have placed Spain at the forefront of the world's wine producers. Spanish wine producers have managed to apply a perfect combination of modern production techniques and the expertise inherited from the thousands of years that Spain has been making this most highly appreciated nectar. The end result is a selection of wines that boast unrivalled quality and acknowledged international prestige. Furthermore, the variety of soil and climate that exist in Spain gives rise to an extensive range of wines, each with its own special qualities and traits, allowing one to easily distinguish between the different regional producers. Exploring the many wine routes is the perfect way to discover the exceptional natural beauty of these regions and their notable monumental heritage, at the same time as you delight in their liquid delicacies and enjoy a fascinating culture.

Spectacular wineries have appeared in recent years. They are stunning buildings, with avantgarde aesthetics and functional design. When you see them, you will notice that they are not only noteworthy and original for their design, but are also conceived as places to produce real "works of art". Some wines truly are. Why not come and visit some of these vineyards?

In Elciego (Álava), in northern Spain, you will find the Marqués de Riscal winery's **City of Wine**. Canadian Frank O. Gehry, designer of the **Guggenheim Bilbao Museum**, is behind this highly unusual project. You will see how the revolutionary building, with titanium exterior panels, rises up from the ground as though it were a vine, fully integrated into the surrounding vineyards and countryside. Don't miss the interior, which includes a luxury hotel and restaurant, along with a wine therapy *spa*, a business centre and a museum.



Marqués de Riscal Hotel. EL Ciego,

<u>Marqués de Murrieta</u>'s foundation is linked to the origins of the Rioja wines since Luciano Murrieta produced in 1852 the first Rioja wine and was also the first one to export his wines. Luciano, appointed Marquis by the King Amadeo of Savoy thanks to his work in Rioja, travelled to Bordeaux to learn the winemaking techniques that he introduced later in Spain. He established the concept of "château" in the Ygay Estate where he built the emblematic Ygay Castle.

In 1983 Vicente Cebrián Sagarriga, tenth Count of Creixell, took over the project. He modernized the winery and with his entrepreneurial vocation he continued the legacy of Marqués de Murrieta. After his death his eldest son, Vicente D. Cebrián-Sagarriga, current Count of Creixell, assumed together with his sister Cristina the management of the winery, accompanied by a young and qualified team. Over the years, the Count of Creixell's family has become the perfect continuity to maintain the balance between tradition and modernity positioning Marqués de Murrieta in the 21st century in a privileged position in the world.



MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA





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#### Language

The official language is Spanish

#### <u>Currency</u>

The National currency is the **Euro €**.

Most of the hotels and restaurant accept Visa Card, Mastercard. There are many Banks in the city where you can exchange National currency.

#### **Electricity**

The electricity is 220v and most over-seas countries will need an adaptor to fit the plugs, wich is standardized two-point plug.

#### Travelling to Logroño

Logroño, capital of La Rioja, is located in the North of Spain, 336 Km far from Madrid, 478 Km far from Barcelona and 156 Km from Bilbao. The local airport offers daily flights to the international airport of Madrid-Airport, and Barcelona-airport.

There are two cities that have more international transit flights. The distance to Logroño is:

Pamplona Airport: 90Km Bilbao Airport: 140Km

Train: Avenida de Colón nº 83, Logroño26003- LA RIOJA. Tel. 902 320 320

#### 2. OFFICIAL HOTELS

For Teams: Hotel Husa Gran Via 4\* Gran Via Rey Juan Carlos I, 71 26005 Logroño web: http://www.hotelhusagranvia.com/ES/hotel.html

Hotel Los Bracos 4\* Breton de los Herreros, 29 26001 Logroño web: <u>http://es.hotusa.com/hoteles/espana/rioja-la/logrono/hotel-bracos.html</u>

Hotel Murrieta 3\* Marqués de Murrieta, 1 26005 Logroño web: <u>http://es.hotusa.com/hoteles/espana/rioja-la/logrono/hotel-murrieta.html</u>

Hotel Carlton La Rioja 4\* Gran Via del Rey Juan Carlos I, 5 26002 Logroño web: http://www.hotel-carltonlogrono.com/index.es.html



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#### RATES:

The room rates of the Organizing Committee are as following (the same for each hotel):

Single room	BB	€ 99.00		
Twin room	BB	€ 55.00 (per person)		
Triple room	BB	€ 50.00 (per person)		
Single room	НВ	€ 108.00		
Twin room	НВ	€ 73.00 (per person)		
Triple room	НВ	€ 68.00 (per person)		
Single room	FB	€ 126.00		
Twin room	FB	€ 91.00 (per person)		
Triple room	FB	€ 86.00 (per person)		
* BB (Bed & Breakfast), HB (Half Board), FB (Full Board)				

#### All rates are per person and night, VAT included (according to current legislation)

Reservations have to be made by the accommodation form attached (with rates, payment and cancellation policy)

#### For ISU Event Officials, Judges:

Hotel NH Logroño Herencia Marqués de Murrieta, 14 26005 Logroño phone: +34 913 984 639 fax: +34 941 210 222 web: http://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-logrono-herencia-rioja

#### Questions and requests about accommodation

For any questions in regard to accommodation, travel arrangements and meal service please contact our Official Travel Agency, who will organize the accommodation services: Viajes El Corte Inglés – E mail: sevilladeportes@viajeseci.es

Incidentals: Any incidentals (i.e. telephone, room services, etc.) need to be paid prior to departure by each individual at the front desk.



#### 3. ACREDITATION

The accreditation point will be at the Organizing Committee Office at the NH Logroño Herencia Hotel (Hotel for Judges and ISU Event Officials) from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, and from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of October till Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the accreditation point will be at the Main Rink (Lobete Arena).

#### 4. CHAPERONS TICKETS

Officially entered chaperons (one per skater) will not be accredited, and need to purchase an event ticket at a prize of **25€** to have access to all practice sessions, competitions and to join the shuttle bus system.

"Bus permits" and event tickets for chaperons will be available at the Organizing Committee Office at the Husa Gran Via Hotel.

#### 5. MEALS

ISU Event Officials (Referees, Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists, Data/Replay Operator) Judges and Competitors, will receive meal-vouchers for the period covered through the Organizing Committee, beginning on Tuesday, 29th September, 2015 with dinner, until Sunday, 4thOctober, 2015 including breakfast. All meals are served at the restaurant of each hotel.

Competitors, chaperons and other groups, must inform about their board preferences before the 28<sup>th</sup> of August to our Official Travel Agency. In the accommodation form you will find the rates in the different boards offered (Bed and breakfast, Half Board and full Board).

All other accredited persons may purchase meal-vouchers at Organizing Committee Office at the Organizing Committee Office at the Main Rink, always 24h in advance. Lunch or Dinner per voucher 20€ (each meal includes a non-alcoholic drink).

#### Meal hours

Breakfast	all days	07:00-9:00
Lunch	all days	12:30-14:30
Dinner	all days	19:00-00:30

#### 6. SKATING LOUNGE

The skating Lounge at the Ice Rink serve all skaters, Team leaders, Team Medical Staff, Coaches, Event Officials and Judges. The selection includes coffee, tea, soft drinks, snacks, etc. The Skating Lounge is open during all practices and competitions. The skating Lounge is located at the Main rink.



#### 7. JUDGE'S ROOM and TECHNICAL PANEL ROOM

The Judge's Room and Technical Panel Room will be placed at their Hotel.

Light snacks and refreshments for the judges will be served during competition time in the judge's room at the Main Rink. Outside the competition times, please use the Skating Lounge for refreshments.

#### 8. SKATERS SERVICE

Skate sharpening service, will be offered upon request. Pease contact the Local Organizing Committee Office in the Main Rink.

#### 9. EVENT SHUTTLE

There will be Shuttle busses connecting the Official Hotels and the Main Rink (Lobete Arena). Transportation is available to all accredited persons carrying an ID card and official registered chaperons holding a "bus permit". The bus ride takes about 15 minutes in low traffic times and up to 25 minutes at high traffic time.

#### **10. AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION**

The fee for the pickup service at Bilbao Airport is 30€ per person (60€ for round trip), and at Pamplona Airport 25€ per person (50€ round trip) and need to be paid in advance.

The Team Leaders and other individuals must verify with the Official Travel Agency in advance their arrival & departure times filling a travel form and sending it by email to the following address: <a href="mailto:sevilladeportes@viajeseci.es">sevilladeportes@viajeseci.es</a>

Pick-up times to the airport will be posted the day prior the departure in the Official Hotels.

For further information or in case of a problem please contact the Organizing Committee Office at the Main Rink.

#### **11. INFORMATION**

Communications, results and other information to the teams will be available in the Team Leader's boxes which are placed in the Skating Lounge.

In addition information boards are available at the official hotel.



#### **12. MEDICAL SERVICES**

Medical services will be available at the rink during all practices and competitions. In the hotel contact the OC Information desk or the front desk hotel, they will contact a doctor.

#### **13. ANTI-DOPING CONTROLS**

Anti-Doping test will be conducted. The tests will be taken from each first placed skater/couple. One skater from then remainder of the skaters shall be selected by random draw in singles and ice-dance. In case of a couple it will be determined by draw whether the lady or the man will be tested.

The Anti-Doping test will be conducted in accordance with the current ISU Anti-Doping Code.

The Anti-Doping Control room is located in the main Rink.

#### **14. SEATING AT THE RINK**

This event provides open seating for everybody. Please note that there are some restricted areas where seating is not allowed during the practice sessions and competition.

#### 15. MUSIC

Original music can be collected directly after each final event at the OC Office at the Main Rink, and in addition for music not collected at the main rink on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

#### **16. PRIZE MONEY CERTIFICATES and DIPLOMAS**

Team leaders can collect the Prize Money Certificates as well as the Diplomas for the competitors on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.









#### 17. TIME SCHEDULE

Tuesday,	All day	Arrival of teams
September 29, 2015		
Wednesday,	All day	Official Practice
September 30, 2015	10:00	Team Leaders meeting
	ТВА	Individual Technical Panel Meetings per Discipline
	16:00	Referees and Technical Controller Meeting
	17:00	Judges Draw and Meeting
	20:30	Officials and Judges Dinner
Thursday,	15:00	LADIES-Short Program
October 1, 2015		MEN-Short Program
Friday,	15:00	ICE DANCE-Short Dance
October 2, 2015		LADIES-Free Skating
		Victory Ceremony LADIES
Saturday,	08:00	LADIES-Technical Panel Review
October 3, 2015	09:00	LADIES-Round Table Discussion for Judges
	12:00	ICE DANCE-Free Dance
		MEN-Free Skating
	15:30	ICE DANCE-Technical Panel Review
		Victory Ceremonies ICE DANCE and MEN
	19:00	ICE DANCE-Round Table Discussion for Judges
	19:30	MEN-Technical Panel Review
	20:30	MEN-Round Table Discussion
	20:30	Exhibition Gala

Please note:

This schedule is subject to changes and will be updates in accordance with the final number of entries.