

Official Bulletin



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Introduction

Foreword by the Organizer



Mr. Dumitru Radu

President of the Organizing Committee

Dear WGKF members,

It is a great honor to host the 4th WGKF Championship in Romania. All the hard work and commitment of the organizing staff are directed to overcoming all difficulties and being in condition to bring our contribution to the world of sport.

On behalf of the WGKF, I hereby officially invite your National Team to attend the 4th WGKF Championship, that will take place in Bucharest, in September, 13th to 17th 2017.

A warmly welcome to all of you and let us enjoy together five unforgettable days of our beloved sport.

Kind regards,

Dumitru Radu

President of the Organizing Committee



Mr. Humberto Nuno Oliveira

President of the WGKF

Dear friends from all over the world,

It is with great expectation and enthusiasm for our coming 4th WGKF Championship that I write these words.

For those of you who have never visited Romania I can assure you that it will be an unforgettable experience, although I am suspicious since my Romanian friends say that I am already somewhat Romanian.

I invite you all to come to Bucharest next September, and bring more and more neighbor countries, and to deepen this unique project, in a championship that join all the lines of our style, making this a true absolute championship.

I hope to see you soon and strong in Bucharest, for an unforgettable experience and superb Championship.

Yours in Goju

Humberto Nuno de Oliveira

General Information

Bucharest is the capital and largest city of Romania, as well as its cultural, industrial, and financial center. It is located in the southeast of the country, at 44°25'57"N 26°06'14"E, on the banks of the Dambovitza River.

Known in the past as "The Little Paris ", Bucharest has changed a lot lately and today it has become a very interesting mix of old and new that has a little to do with its initial reputation. Finding a 300 years old church near a steel-and-glass building that sit both next to a communist style building is common place in Bucharest.

Some people enjoy the unique mix of architecture, while others feel uncomfortable around the gray buildings and the lack of western style tourist attractions. However, Bucharest offers some excellent attractions, and, in recent years, cultivated a sophisticated and modern sensibility that many have come to expect from a European capital.







Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport is situated at 16,5 km distance from Bucharest down-town.

Access roads: The National Road DN 1

The **783 Express line** connects Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport with the city center. This line runs day and night. At night, the bus leaves every 40 minutes.

Airport stops: In front of the Arrivals Terminal and Departures Terminal

Price for one trip is 3,5 lei (less than 1 EUR).

The magnetic card valid for two travels costs 7 lei (less than 2 EUR).

Card desk: In front of the Arrivals Terminal

Taxis are available at the taxi station located at the exit of the terminal and take passengers in order of arrival. Touch screen terminals for taxi requests are available for customers who want to order taxi from a certain company. The trip to city center costs around 10-15 Euro (payable only in lei, Romanian currency), depending on traffic conditions and chosen company. Normal rate is about 1.40 lei/km (about 0.25 EUR).

Rent a car counters are located within the passageway between the Departures Terminal and the Arrivals Terminal.

Currency

The official currency in Romania is "leu", also known under the abbreviation RON, and foreign currencies will not be accepted outside the airport. Foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks, as well as in many foreign currency exchange offices which can be found all over the city. Banks are usually open from 9am to 5pm or 6pm, from Monday to Friday. Currency exchange offices are available in the arrivals area of the Henri Coanda airport, some of them offering non-stop schedule.

Useful phone numbers

112 – single national emergency call system (police, fire dept., ambulance)

Weather

During autumn, daytime temperatures vary between 17 and 22 °C (63 and 72 °F) and may go down to around 10 °C (56 °F) during the night.

Electricity

In Romania the power sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

You can use your electric appliances in Romania, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). Your need for a power plug adapter depends on the power plugs used in your own country.

Communication

To call Romania from abroad, dial the international code 00 followed by 40 for Romania, then the number without the first 0.

Calling overseas from Romania: for direct dialing, 00 + country code + area code + telephone number.

Sales Tax

Romania has a VAT (Value Added Tax) of 19% added to retail prices. Hotels, restaurants and shopping centers have the VAT included in the retail price. Starting 2013 Romania has a VAT of 9% at all bread products.

If you want to claim a Sales Tax Refund make sure you have all the things listed below:

- a. Your purchases were made from a store which issued a legal invoice or receipt as well as a tax refund form,
- b. Total value of purchased good is higher than 300 LEI (~70EURO),
- c. Your purchases were made 90 days or less before you leave Romania,
- d. You have all the original receipts and store identified VAT Refund forms validated by the Customs Office.

With all of these you can claim your VAT Refund at VAT refund offices present at any Romanian border crossing point.

Attention: All refunds at Customs Office will be made in LEI NOT IN Euro or USD.

Tipping

Taxi drivers, the valets at the hotel, waiters at the restaurant expect to be tipped.

A tip is normally not added onto a restaurant bill. A usual tip would be about 10% of the bill, but it is not a must. Tip just if the people seem to deserve.

Insurance

No insurance is concluded for the participants (athletes, coaches, umpires, assistants, members of the delegations etc.) at the 4th WGKF Championship 2017. We draw explicit attention to the fact that all participants and members of the individual delegations have to take out their own personal insurance (liability insurance, health insurance, etc.). The Romanian Karate Federation and the Organizing Committee will not assume any corresponding costs and reject any form of liability.

Passport

A valid passport is required for all overseas/ non-EU visitors.

Your passport must be valid for the entire duration of your visit (it will not expire sooner than your intended date of departure). However, please check the expiration date on your passport carefully before traveling to Europe. Although Romania is not part of the Schengen agreement, some airlines (i.e. Lufthansa) may refuse boarding at your point of origin or while transferring planes if your passport is not valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure. You could also be denied entry when you arrive in the Schengen area.

Citizens of the European Union countries can enter Romania with a valid passport or with their National Identity Card.

Visa Requirements

Citizens of certain countries and territories need a visa to visit Romania. To quickly check if you need a visa please go to www.E-Visa.MAE.ro, select the "Get Informed" tab (up left) and enter the following information: passport issuing country, type of passport, purpose of your visit to Romania.

Entry requirements and visa information are also available at www.mae.ro.

List of countries whose nationals, holders of regular passport, need a visa to enter Romania:

STATES: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burma/Myanmar, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania,



Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, The Comoros, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe;

ENTITIES AND TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES THAT ARE NOT RECOGNISED AS STATES BY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER STATE: Palestinian Authority, Kosovo - as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999;

BRITISH CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT NATIONALS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF COMMUNITY LAW: British Overseas Territories citizens who do not have the right of abode in the United Kingdom, British overseas citizens, British subjects who do not have the right of abode in the United Kingdom, British protected persons.

Headquarters Hotel

Phoenicia Grand Hotel

Avenue Alexandru Serbanescu 87 District 1, Bucharest

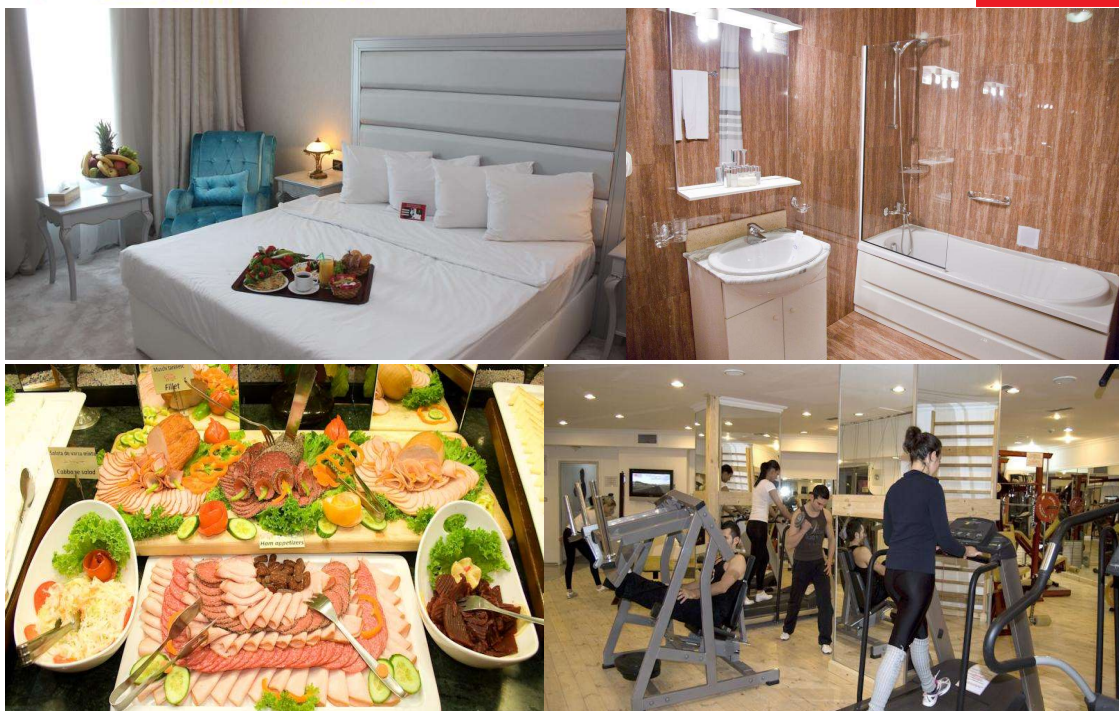


Situated in Baneasa, a northern neighborhood of Bucharest, Phoenicia Grand Hotel is an impressive 26,000 m² hotel situated 15 minutes away from the Bucharest International Airport.

Phoenicia Grand Hotel provides luxuriously furnished, spacious rooms with free Wi-Fi, cable TV and air conditioning. They all feature coffee and tea making facilities and a complimentary bottle of water.

Delicious cuisine from all over the world can be enjoyed in the 3 restaurants within the complex. The restaurants serve international, Lebanese and Italian dishes.

You can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere at the lobby bar, along with a variety of Oriental coffee and tea or make use of the spa and beauty center. Further entertainment opportunities include a spa area and a private club. Guests can also make use of free spacious private free parking and 10 conference rooms.



Hotel Services:

- ❖ 24/24 reception
- ❖ ATM
- ❖ Exchange
- ❖ Spa Center
- ❖ Fitness Center
- ❖ Free WI-FI
- ❖ Free parking
- ❖ Luggage Room

Rates and Booking

The rate is 98 EUR for a double room (49 EUR / person sharing double room), 78 EUR for single occupancy, breakfast included.

To confirm reservations, 30% of the accommodation fee is to be paid to the travel agency until May, 31st 2017. The remaining amount has to be transferred until July 31st, 2017.

Official Travel Agency

To book accommodation at the headquarters hotel, please contact the official travel agency:

SC EMATOUR & EVENTS SRL

Mobile: +40 745.770.185 / +40 771.284.844

E-mail: office@ematour.ro

Web: www.ematour.ro

For any special inquiries regarding your stay in Romania, please do not hesitate to contact the official travel agency. They will provide assistance with accommodation, transfer or any other special wishes you may have during your stay. Arrangements for accommodation before or after the event can also be made, should you wish to extend your stay in Romania.

Transportation

Free daily transport via bus or minibus will be provided to all members at the HQ Hotel to and from the competition venue, according to schedule that will be provided by the Organizer upon arrival.

The Organizer provides transfer to and from the venue only for members of the delegations with accommodation booked through the official travel agency at the headquarters hotel.

Airport Pick Up

Airport pick up can be arranged upon request, email your flight arrival details to our official travel agency (office@ematour.ro) and the best and most cost effective pick up will be arranged for you.

The Venue

The championship will be held at the national sports complex “Polyvalent Hall” in Bucharest (Ro: Complexul Sportiv National “Sala Polivalenta”), www.salapolivalenta.ro.

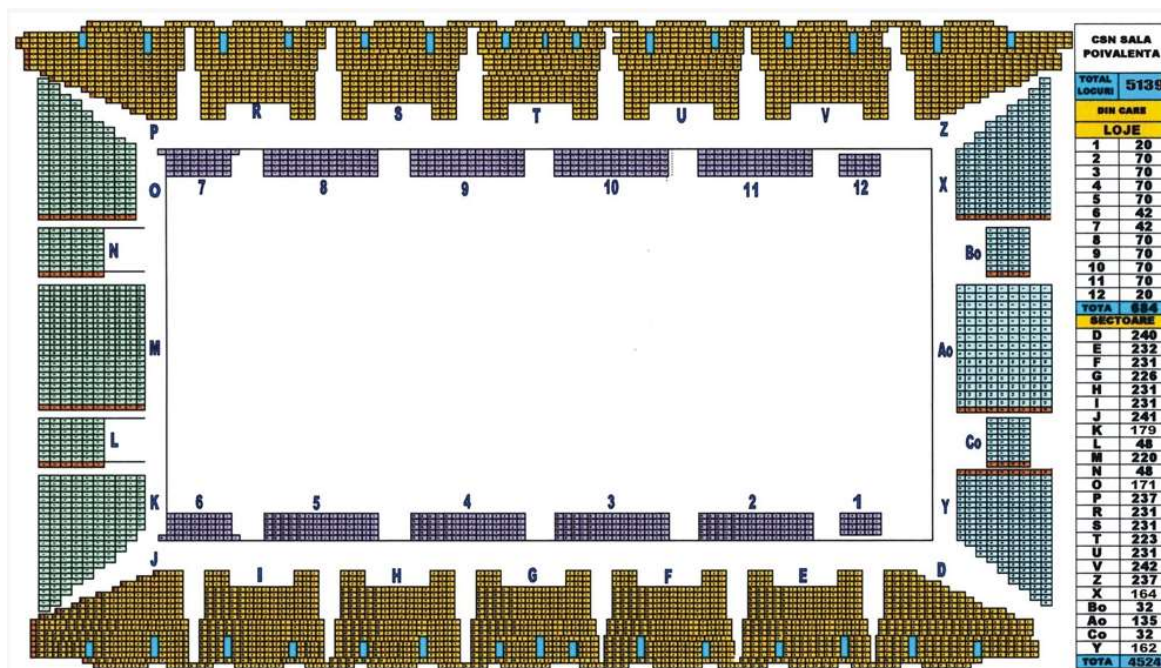
The venue is a multi-purpose indoor facility, conveniently located in a central part of the city. Parking is available at the venue.



Address: 10th Piscului St., Sector 4, Bucharest



The venue hosted a large variety of sports events through the years. It provides a wide spectator area and has various additional spaces, including 7 locker rooms. Warm-up area will be organized inside the venue.



The Event

KUMITE

Individual and Teams: WKF Rules apply

KATA

Individual and Teams: Any Goju Kata is acceptable, as listed on the WGKF homepage; Goju kata can be performed as per your own Goju style.

All countries may enter two competitors per division.

IRIKUMI KUMITE

Rules will be provided by WGKF to all member countries.

The Logo



The Dacian Draco (or Wolf) was the standard ensign of troops of the ancient Dacian people, which can be seen in the hands of the soldiers of Decebalus in several scenes depicted on Trajan's Column in Rome, Italy. It has the form of a dragon with open wolf-like jaws containing several metal tongues. The hollow dragon's head was mounted on a pole with a fabric tube affixed at the rear. In use, the draco was held up into the wind, or above the head of a horseman, where it filled with air and gave the impression it was alive while making a shrill sound as the wind passed through its strips of material.

The "draco" was seen by the Dacians (predecessors of the Romanians) as a special protective symbol, giving them courage and strength when facing an encounter with the enemies of their time.

With our championship logo, which is a stylized representation of the Dacian Draco, we intend to transfer these symbols to all competitors and encourage them to show their strength and be winners on the tatami and in life.

Ages for Divisions

For Cadets, Juniors, U21 and Seniors WKF Rules apply. Allocation to age category is determined by the age of the athlete at the first day of the applicable event (i.e. the first competition day for the specific category).

Please see the complete list of KUMITE and KATA categories and divisions below:

	CATEGORY	AGE	SUBDIVISIONS
KATA INDIVIDUAL FEMALE	CHILDREN	8/9	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	KIDS	10/11	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	MINICADET	12/13	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	CADET	14/15	
	JUNIOR	16/17	
	U21	18/19/20	
	SENIOR	16+	
	VETERAN	35+	
	MASTER	45+	
	GRAND MASTER	55+	
KATA INDIVIDUAL MALE	CHILDREN	8/9	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	KIDS	10/11	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	MINICADET	12/13	WHITE/GREEN; BLUE/PURPLE; BROWN/BLACK
	CADET	14/15	
	JUNIOR	16/17	
	U21	18/19/20	
	SENIOR	16+	
	VETERAN	35+	
	MASTER	45+	
	GRAND MASTER	55+	
FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE	CHILDREN	8/9	-27KG; -32 KG; +32KG
	KIDS	10/11	-37KG; -45KG; +45KG
	MINICADET	12/13	-42KG; -48KG; +48KG
	CADET	14/15	-47KG; -54KG; +54KG
	JUNIOR	16/17	-48KG; -53KG; -59KG; +59KG
	U21	18/19/20	-50KG; -55KG; -61KG; -68KG; +68KG
	SENIOR	18+	-50KG; -55KG; -61KG; -68KG; +68KG
	VETERAN	35+	-1.6M; +1.6M
	MASTER	45+	-1.6M; +1.6M
	GRAND MASTER	55+	-1.6M; +1.6M

	CATEGORY	AGE	SUBDIVISIONS
MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE	CHILDREN	8/9	-27KG; -32 KG; +32KG
	KIDS	10/11	-36KG; -43KG; +43KG
	MINICADET	12/13	-38KG; -44KG; -50KG; +50KG
	CADET	14/15	-52KG; -57KG; -63KG; -70KG; +70KG
	JUNIOR	16/17	-55KG; -61KG; -68KG; -76KG; +76KG
	U21	18/19/20	-60KG; -67KG; -75KG; -84KG; +84KG
	SENIOR	18+	-60KG; -67KG; -75KG; -84KG; +84KG
	VETERAN	35+	-1.7M; +1.7M
	MASTER	45+	-1.7M; +1.7M
	GRAND MASTER	55+	-1.7M; +1.7M
KATA TEAM FEMALE	CHILDREN	8/9	
	KIDS	10/11	
	MINICADET	12/13	
	CADET/JUNIOR	14/17	
	SENIOR	16+	
	MASTERCLASS	30+	
KATA TEAM MALE	CHILDREN	8/9	
	KIDS	10/11	
	MINICADET	12/13	
	CADET/JUNIOR	14/17	
	SENIOR	16+	
	MASTERCLASS	30+	
KUMITE TEAM FEMALE	CHILDREN (3+1)	8/9	
	KIDS (3+1)	10/11	
	MINICADET (3+1)	12/13	
	CADET (3+1)	14/15	
	JUNIOR (3+1)	16/17	
	U21 (3+1)	18/19/20	
	SENIOR (3+2)	18+	
KUMITE TEAM MALE	CHILDREN (3+1)	8/9	
	KIDS (3+1)	10/11	
	MINICADET (3+1)	12/13	
	CADET (3+1)	14/15	
	JUNIOR (3+1)	16/17	
	U21 (3+1)	18/19/20	
	SENIOR (5+2)	18+	

	CATEGORY	AGE	SUBDIVISIONS
KATA DISABILITIES FEMALE	Blind and visually impaired	16+	
	Wheelchair user	16+	
	Learning disabilities	16+	
KATA DISABILITIES MALE	Blind and visually impaired	16+	
	Wheelchair user	16+	
	Learning disabilities	16+	

For IRIKUMI KUMITE, all competitors will compete, divided into the age classes given below, without the division by belts (recommended minimal rank in Kumite Irikumi-ju is the green belt). Irikumi ju only for the following divisions: CHILDREN, KIDS, YOUNGSTERS AND CADETS (Male and Female)

	CATEGORY	AGE	SUBDIVISIONS
Irikumi-ju Kumite Female	CHILDREN	8/9	-25 25 Above
	KIDS	10/11	-37 37 Above
	YOUNGSTER	12/13	-47 47 Above
	CADET	14/15	-55 55 Above
Irikumi-ju Kumite Male	CHILDREN	8/9	-28 -32 32 Above
	KIDS	10/11	-32 -37 -42 -47 47 Above
	YOUNGSTER	12/13	-37 -42 -47 -52 -57 57 Above
	CADET	14/15	-57 -63 -69 69 Above
Irikumi-go Kumite Female	JUNIOR	16/17	-60 60 Above
	SENIOR	18/35	-60 -68 68 Above
	VETERAN	36/45	-60 60 Above
Irikumi-go Kumite Male	JUNIOR	16/17	-63 -69 -74 -79 -84 84 Above
	SENIOR	18/35	-63 -69 -74 -79 -84 -89 89 Above
	VETERAN	36/45	-74 -84 84 Above

Registration

Please send your registration, using the Registration Form, to secretariat@frkarate.ro , until August, 25th 2017. This will be provided per email to all member countries.

Tournament entry fee

€30 Euro per individual Entry

€100 Euro per Team Entry

The tournament fee can be paid into the following EUR account:

FEDERATIA ROMANA DE KARATE GOJU RYU
RO89 RNCB 0078 1533 1689 0002
BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA S.A.

Approved Equipment

All protective equipment from the WKF rules is mandatory.

All WKF approved equipment will be accepted. All similar equipment will be accepted, provided it is not deteriorated and provides sufficient protection for the contestants, according to the Referee and Tatami Manager.

Chest protector is mandatory for women competitors.

Exception: Body protector is not mandatory, but recommended. If this is not worn, it is done on the competitor's own risk.

Programme

Please find on the next page the listing of the daily events. The exact timetable will be provided to the delegations before the Event.

Monday September, 11th 2017

Arrival of Delegations

Tuesday September, 12th 2017

Optional Official Trip to "Dracula" Castle

With Departure from
Headquarters Hotel

Wednesday September, 13th 2017

Registration and Weigh-in
Referee Course
Examination Theory Kumite and Kata
Examination Practical
Congress for Country Representatives
Briefing all Judges and Referees
Welcome Function

Headquarters Hotel
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Headquarters Hotel
Headquarters Hotel
To be communicated

Thursday September, 14th 2017

All Irikumi Kumite Categories
Medal Ceremony of the Day

Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall



Friday September, 15th 2017

Kata and Kumite Individual Categories
Opening Ceremony
Finals of the Day
Medal Ceremony of the Day

Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall

Saturday September, 16th 2017

Kumite Individual Categories
Finals of the Day
Medal Ceremony of the Day

Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall
Polyvalent Hall

Sunday September, 17th 2017

Remaining Kumite Individual Categories
Team Kumite
Finals of the Day
Medal Ceremony of the Day
Official Closing
Sayonara Party

Polyvalent Hall
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Monday September, 18th 2017

Departure of Delegations

Touristic Information

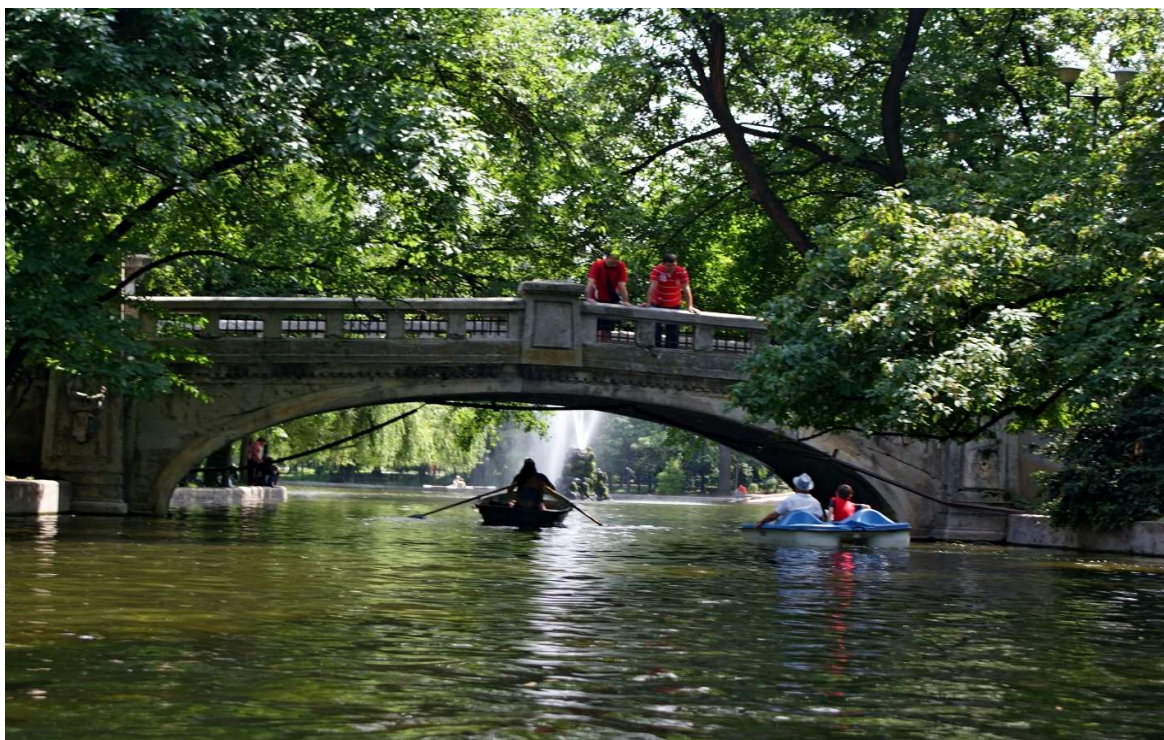
Known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Époque buildings and a reputation for the high life (which in the 1900s earned its nickname of "Little Paris"), Bucharest, Romania's largest city and capital, is today a bustling metropolis.

Romanian legend has it that the city of Bucharest was founded on the banks of the Dambovitza River by a shepherd named Bucur, whose name literally means "joy." His flute playing reportedly dazzled the people and his hearty wine from nearby vineyards endeared him to the local traders, who gave his name to the place.

Some of the landmarks that you could visit during your stay are: The Arch of Triumph (Arcul de Triumf), Calea Victoriei (Victory Avenue), Revolution Square (Piata Revolutiei), The Royal Palace (Palatul Regal), The Romanian Athenaeum (Ateneul Roman), Old Town Bucharest (Centrul Vechi), Manuc's Inn (Hanul lui Manuc), Parliament Palace (Palatul Parlamentului).

For more information about thing to do, an official website of the Romanian Ministry of Tourism provides some useful information: www.romaniatourism.com.





Trip to Dracula Castle

Two amazing castles and a beautiful city, all in one day, this is what this amazing trip is offering you, while going to the roots of the myth of the world-renowned Count Dracula.

The trip will take place on **Tuesday, September 12th 2017**, and will include visit of Bran Castle (Castle of Dracula), Rasnov Citadel (upon experts, the best preserved medieval citadel in Eastern Europe) and Brasov city center.

The cost for the trip is **55 EUR/person** and covers bus transport and entry tickets to the two castles. You will also have a couple of hours to enjoy Brasov, visit the city center or have lunch (at own cost).

The trip is for **free** for the members of WGKF Committee and the Referee Committee. An additional free participant is also allowed for each country participating at the championship.

For an accurate planning, please communicate your option for taking part at this trip to our travel agency (office@ematour.ro) until August, 25th 2017.







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