2018 FIFA World Cup

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- The <u>2018 FIFA World Cup</u> will be the 21st <u>FIFA World Cup</u>, a quadrennial international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of <u>FIFA</u>. It is scheduled to take place in <u>Russia</u> from 14 June to 15 July 2018, after the country was awarded the hosting rights on 2 December 2010. This will be the first World Cup held in the area of the former <u>Soviet Union</u> and the first to be held in Europe since 2006.
- The final tournament will involve 32 national teams, which include 31 teams determined through qualifying competitions and the automatically qualified host team. A total of 64 matches will be played in 12 venues located in 11 cities. The **final** is expected to take place in **Moscow** at the **Luzhniki Stadium**.
- The winners will qualify for the 2021 **FIFA Confederations Cup**.



HOST SELECTION:

- The bidding procedure to host the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups began in January 2009, and national associations had until 2 February 2009 to register their interest. Initially, nine countries placed bids for the 2018 FIFA World Cup, but Mexico later withdrew from proceedings, and Indonesia's bid was rejected by FIFA in February 2010 after the Indonesian government failed to submit a letter to support the bid. During the bidding process, the three remaining non-UEFA nations (Australia, Japan, and the United States) gradually withdrew from the 2018 bids, and the UEFA nations were thus ruled out of the 2022 bid. As such, there were eventually four bids for the 2018 FIFA World Cup: England, Russia, Netherlands/Belgium, and Spain/Portugal.
- The twenty-two-member FIFA Executive Committee convened in **Zürich** on 2 December 2010 to vote to select the hosts of both tournaments. Russia won the right to be the 2018 host in the second round of voting. The Spain/Portugal bid came second, and that from Belgium/Netherlands third. England's bid to host its second tournament fell at the first hurdle.

THE VOTING RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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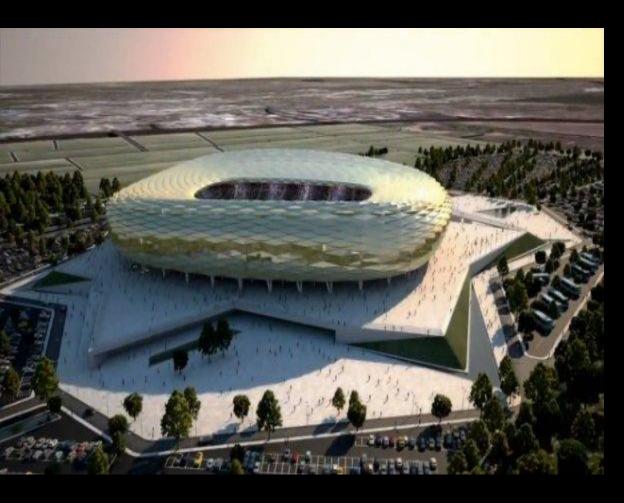
VENUES:

- Russia proposed the following host cities: Kaliningrad, Kazan, Krasnodar, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Saint Petersburg, Samara, Saransk, Sochi, Volgograd, Yaroslavl, and Yekaterinburg. All the cities are in or just outside European Russia to reduce travel time for the teams in the huge country. The bid evaluation report stated: "The Russian bid proposes 13 host cities and 16 stadiums, thus exceeding FIFA's minimum requirement. Three of the 16 stadiums would be renovated, and 13 would be newly constructed."
- In October 2011 Russia decreased the number of stadiums from 16 to 14. Construction of the proposed Podolsk stadium in the Moscow region was cancelled by the regional government, and also in the capital, Spartak Stadium was competing with Dynamo Stadium over which would be constructed first.
- The final choice of host cities was announced on 29 September 2012. The number of cities was further reduced to 11 and number of stadiums to 12 as Krasnodar and Yaroslavl were dropped from the final list.
- Sepp Blatter stated in July 2014 that due to concerns over the completion of venues in Russia, the number of venues for the tournament may be reduced from 12 to 10. He also said, "We are not going to be in a situation, as is the case of one, two or even three stadiums in South Africa, where it is a problem of what you do with these stadiums".
- In October 2014, on their first official visit to Russia, FIFA's inspection committee and its head Chris Unger visited St Petersburg, Sochi, Kazan and both Moscow venues. They were satisfied with the progress.
- On 8 October 2015, FIFA and the Local Organising Committee agreed on the official names of the stadiums used during the tournament

 Host City: Kaliningrad Project: New stadium Capacity: 35,212*

Location: Oktyabrsky Island

Home Team: FC Baltika Kaliningrad





PROJECT: NEW STADIUM
CAPACITY: 45,568*
LOCATION: CENTRAL

PARK

HOME TEAM: FC ROTOR





HOST CITY: EKATERINBURG

PROJECT: STADIUM RECONSTRUCTION

CAPACITY: 35,696*
LOCATION: REPIN STREET HOME TEAM: FC URAL





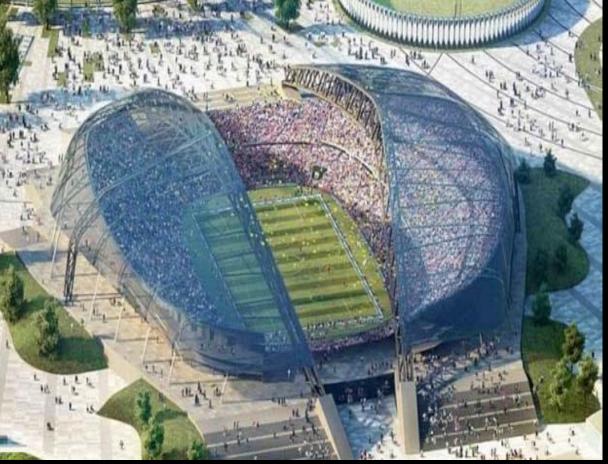
• Host City: Sochi

Project: Stadium Reconstruction

Capacity: 47,700*

Location: Olympic Park, Adler district Home Team: Russia





Host City: Kazan
 Project: New stadium
 Capacity: 44,779*

Location: Chistopolskaya Street, Novo-Savinovsky district

Home Team: FC Rubin Kazan





Host City: Nizhny Novgorod
 Project: New stadium

Capacity: 45,331*

Location: Confluence of the Oka and Volga rivers

Home Team: FC Volga



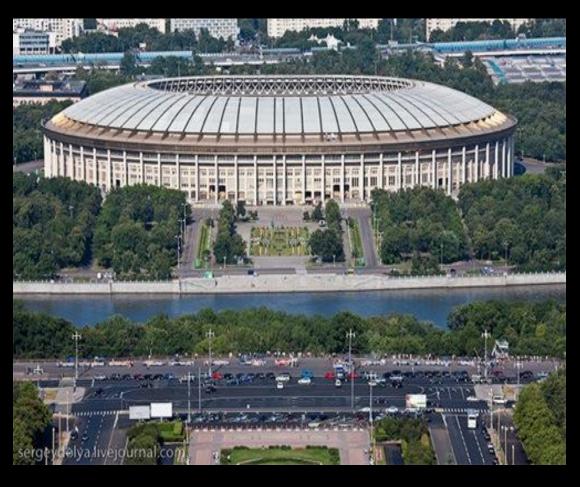


Host City: Moscow
 Project: Stadium Reconstruction

Capacity: 81,006*

Location: Luzhniki Sports Complex

Home Team: Russia





• Host City: Samara

Project: New stadium

Capacity: 44,807*

Location: Radiotsentr district

Home Team: FC Krylya Sovetov





 Host City: Rostov-on-Don Project: New stadium

Capacity: 45,145*

Location: Left bank of the river Don, the Grebnoy canal area

Home Team: FC Rostov





• Host City: Saint Petersburg Project: New stadium **Capacity:** 68,134*

Location: Krestovsky Island Home Team: FC Zenit Saint Petersburg



Host City: Moscow
 Project: New stadium
 Capacity: 43,298*

Location: Tushino

Home Team: FC Spartak Moscow





Host City: Saransk
 Project: New stadium
 Capacity: 44,442*

Location: The Insar river basin

Home Team: FC Mordovia





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