



BALKAN INTERNATIONAL CUP

27-30.06.2025
THESSALONIKI
GREECE



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DAY 1 – Friday 27th of June 2025 / Thessaloniki

- Arrival in Thessaloniki. Check in at the hotel.
- Free time to rest and explore local area.
- Tournament meeting. Update the coaches on the match schedule & the documents of the tournament.
- Dinner on your own around the hotel.

DAY 2 – Saturday 28th of June 2025 / Thessaloniki

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09:00 – 13:30 Preliminary round matches.
- Lunch at the hotel’s restaurant. Time to rest.
- 16:00 – 20:30 Preliminary round matches.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Optional: Guided visit of Thessaloniki’s attraction

DAY 3 – Sunday 29th of June 2025 / Thessaloniki

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 09:00 – 13:30 Preliminary round matches.
- Lunch at the hotel’s restaurant. Time to rest.
- 16:00 – 20:30 Semi-finals & classification matches.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Optional: See the city from the sea with one of the floating bars of Thessaloniki.

DAY 4 – Monday 30th of June 2025 / Thessaloniki

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 09:00 – 13:00 Final games & Classification matches.
- 13:30 – Prize giving ceremony.
- Transfer back to the hotel for the lunch.
- Departure. End of service.





Tournament Info

Tournament Area

Thessaloniki or Salonica is the "second city" of Greece and undoubtedly the centre not only of northern Greece but of the entire northern East Europe. A modern city located on Thermaic Gulf that boasts an attractive waterfront promenade, beautiful parks, traditional restaurants and awesome shopping market. The city also is characterized as a living museum because of its excellent preserved monuments from Roman until Byzantine period. The compact size of the city and the walking distance proximity of the top-attractions make Thessaloniki an ideal city-break destination.

Age Groups

Boys	Players	Duration	Subs	Field	Games	Ball Size
U16 - Born on / after 01.01.2009	11 x 11	2 x 30'	7	60m x 100m	4 – 5	N° 5
U14 - Born on / after 01.01.2011	11 x 11	2 x 30'	7	60m x 100m	4 – 5	N° 5
U12 - Born on / after 01.01.2013	9 x 9	2 x 25'	9	45m x 65m	4 – 5	N° 4
U10 - Born on / after 01.01.2015	7 x 7	2 x 20'	99	30m x 45m	4 – 5	N° 4

Girls	Players	Duration	Subs	Field	Games	Ball Size
U15 - Born on / after 01.01.2010	11 x 11	2 x 30'	7	60m x 100m	4 – 5	N° 5

* In categories U10 and U8 the off-side rule does NOT apply

Sport Facilities

The matches of the Balkan International Cup will take place in MATTA Sport Center - which has seven (7) football fields - at the suburbs of Thessaloniki (close to the village Nea Raideostos). Only in case of extremely bad weather conditions and if there is a risk of damage, the tournament can replace these soccer fields with artificial grass ones.

Referees

Greek and foreigner referees will run all the games of Balkan International Cup. In age groups U16, U14 & U12 all tournament matches will be carried out in the presence of two (2) All other groups will be played by one (1) referee.

First Aid

For the tournament organizers, the health of the participants and especially of the youth ones is their main priority, even more than their joy for football. Therefore all scheduled games in each field of Balkan International Cup will take place under the supervision of a doctor or an expert with officially license to first aid.

Accommodation & Meals

The soccer clubs during their staying in Thessaloniki can choose between 3*** and 4**** stars hotels. Players will be accommodated in triples and quads rooms while escorts and coaches in doubles and singles. All the above are subject of the needs of the group and the availability of hotels.

The meal plan of Balkan International Cup includes Full board, with 3 meals daily (breakfast, lunch and lunch). All meals are served in the hotel restaurant or in nearby restaurants.

Transfers

Teams can use the tournament shuttle service for their transfer to the football fields for their matches and the prize giving ceremony or rent a private bus for their own exclusive use during the tournament.

Transfers from airports and railway station to the accommodations and back can be arranged through the tournament organization at very low cost.

Previous Participating countries



Sightseeing Options

White Tower

The White Tower of Thessaloniki is a monument and museum on the waterfront of the city of Thessaloniki. The present tower replaced an old Byzantine fortification which was mentioned around the 12th century and reconstructed by the Ottomans to fortify the city's harbor. It has been adopted as the symbol of the city.

Aristotelous Square

Aristotelous Square is city's most central square boasting monumental mansions. The Ebrar Committee designed it after the devastating fire of 1917. It is one of the biggest and most impressive squares in Greece offering a view of Thermaikos Gulf. Under clear skies, you can see the Olympus massif in the far distance from the Square.

Arch of the Galerius (Kamara) The triumphal Arch of Galerius is the monument that certainly is on the list of the most iconic landmarks of the city. It's known as Kamara and is located on the north side of the Egnatia Street in a short distance from the Rotunda. It was built in the 4th century AD in honor of the Roman Emperor Galerius who returned victorious to the city after the wars against the Persians.

Upper City (Old Town) The Upper City is one of the few areas of Thessaloniki which survived after the devastating fire of 1917. It is located north of St. Demetrios Church at the highest point of the city and extends to the Byzantine walls. The stand out cool microclimate and the exquisite view of the city and Thermaikos Gulf make the place so special and unique. Within the boundaries of the Upper City there are some of the most important monuments of Thessaloniki such as Eptapyrgio, the church of Saint David, the Vlatadon Monastery and the Church of the Archangels.

NOESIS

The museum's main objective is to offer to the public an environment that facilitates the familiarization with and the understanding of science and technology. NOESIS has a 150-seat digital planetarium, a 300-seat Cosmotheatre with the largest flat screen in Greece, a 200-seat amphitheatre, as well as a motion simulator theater with three platforms, 3-D projection, and 6-axis movement.

Thessaloniki Olympic Museum

A great place to visit and find out about the Olympic spirit. Enjoy a wide range of exhibitions and sport-related events. The museum has a fully equipped auditorium, 2 multi-purpose rooms, a cafeteria and a gift shop.

Toumba Stadium, home of PAOK FC, was inaugurated in 1959, but since then extensive renovation work has taken place. The main one in 2004, when a multifunctional four storey building was erected attached to Gate 1. Toumba Stadium can accommodate 28.701 spectators. 400 of those seats are VIP and can be reached through the 3rd floor.

The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki is one of the largest museums in Greece and the central museum of northern Greece. All visitors are welcome to experience its unique collections of ancient artifacts as well as its rich and extrovert cultural activities. The museum holds and interprets artifacts from the Prehistoric, Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman periods, mostly from the city of Thessaloniki but also from the region of Macedonia in general.

