



Real Madrid CF v Manchester United FC

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WELCOME TO SKOPJE

Skopje is the capital and largest city of FYR Macedonia, and the country's administrative, political, economic, cultural, educational and scientific centre. It straddles the Vardar river, at the heart of the Balkan Peninsula.

The city of Skopje is more than 2,000 years old. It has been shaken by wars, earthquakes and fires, and has had many rulers, but it has survived – and indeed thrived – nonetheless. Skopje, or Scupi as it was known historically, has always been a big city with an authentic culture and the latest travel research invites the world to visit the hometown of Mother Teresa, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and was declared a saint in 2016.

Great food and Macedonian wine, a rich history and the various cultures that have left their mark over time are the main reasons for tourists to spend at least a weekend in Skopje. From the Old Bazaar, past the Skopje Fortress (also known as Kale), crossing the Stone Bridge and Macedonia Square and on to the Memorial House of Mother Teresa, your gaze will be drawn to the Millennium Cross on top of the Vodno mountain that towers directly over the city. Don't miss a visit to the many nearby caves, discover our native butterflies and stroll along the beautiful quay of the Treska river or take out a kayak on this tributary of the Vardar that cuts through the natural monument of Matka Canyon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The city of Skopje and the department of tourism are on hand to assist you during your stay in Skopje.

You will find a wide variety of free brochures, maps and flyers on Skopje at the tourist information offices in the city centre (Blvd Filip II) and at the Old Bazaar (12 Bitpazariska Street).

Tourist information and services are also provided at the information desks at the airport, and in the fan zone on matchday.



Welcome to Skopje for the 2017 UEFA Super Cup.

A new European club competition season is upon us, and this annual encounter between the winners of last season's UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate the best that European club football has to offer.

In addition, UEFA's decision to take the Super Cup match around Europe gives more national associations the chance to stage this showpiece event – enabling fans in the host country to savour the festive atmosphere created by an occasion of this stature.

The supporters of Real Madrid CF and Manchester United FC will also enjoy their visit to Skopje, proud organiser of its first-ever major European club competition final. These two high-calibre teams include some of the best players on the international stage, and we can certainly expect an exciting, entertaining game.

I hope that you come away from the match with a host of fond memories.

Aleksander Čeferin, UEFA President



As the president of the Football Federation of Macedonia, I am honoured to welcome you to Skopje, the venue for this year's UEFA Super Cup.

Having been entrusted with organising this major football event, we have fulfilled our ambition to promote our city and our country. For our football fans, this is a rare opportunity to attend a match between two of Europe's best teams at our very own national arena.

We are pleased that we have earned the respect of UEFA, in whose decisions we sense a love of football and respect for all associations, regardless of their size and financial influence.

Football is one of society's most significant ambassadors and promoters of fair play, social inclusion, health and education.

That is why this match is a true inspiration for all of us, and for the entire Macedonian public. I wish both clubs the best of luck and the spectators a fantastic match. I invite you to celebrate wholeheartedly and respect each other.

Enjoy the match and your stay in Skopje!

Ilcho Gjorgjioski, President of the Football Federation of Macedonia



SKOPJE MUNICIPALITY

As the mayor of Skopje, I feel immense satisfaction and a great sense of responsibility that the capital of our beautiful country has the honour of hosting such a prestigious European football match.

I wish you a warm and sporting welcome to this city of solidarity, a city that takes pride in its footballing history, primarily through the successes of our most decorated club, FK Vardar, which plays at the national stadium.

I and my fellow citizens of Skopje look forward to an excellent match, played fairly, in which the masters of "the most important unimportant thing in the world" demonstrate their skills and gallantry in an attempt to lift the UEFA Super Cup trophy.

I am positive that you will leave the city with wonderful, lasting memories of your visit to our beautiful Skopje.

Koce Trajanovski, Mayor of Skopje



HOW TO GET TO SKOPJE

Situated in the north of FYR Macedonia, Skopje can be easily reached by air, bus or car.

There are direct flights to Skopje Alexander the Great Airport from virtually every airport in Europe. Details can be found here: http://skp.airports.com.mk/Upload/Downloads/Doc/S2017_4.pdf

There are several ways to get from the airport into Skopje city centre:

- Buses from the airport to the city centre stop at Capitol Mall, the main train station and the Holiday Inn. Tickets cost MKD 175 (around €3) and the journey time is 35 to 45 minutes.
- Taxis from the airport to the city centre cost MKD 1,220 (around €20). One car can take four passengers and the journey time is 20 to 25 minutes.

WHERE TO STAY

Skopje offers many types of accommodation, from luxury city centre hotels to hostels and motels in and around the city.

For more information, visit the website <http://skopje.mk> or contact the tourist information office on +389 23 223 644.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE STADIUM

- The only authorised way to buy tickets is on UEFA.com. Tickets are not available for sale at the stadium and you cannot access the stadium without a ticket. If you do not have a ticket in your possession, do not come to the stadium.
- Supporters are advised to keep their tickets in a secure place where they cannot be stolen. Lost or stolen tickets will not be replaced.
- Please note that you will only be allowed to enter the stadium on presentation of a valid ticket. Every spectator must have a ticket, regardless of their age, and parents take full responsibility for children attending the match.
- All instructions from stewards and police must be followed.
- There is no parking available at or around the stadium. We therefore recommend you use public transport or walk from the city centre.
- It is important that all spectators follow the signs directing them to the gate and entrance indicated on their match tickets.
- Spectators and their belongings will be screened by stewards at the outer perimeter as well as at the gates. The stadium rules and list of prohibited items will be posted outside the stadium.
- It is forbidden to carry fireworks, drinks, weapons, laser pointers, sound-emitting devices such as megaphones, klaxons and vuvuzelas, large objects such as suitcases and helmets, or any other items that are on the list of prohibited items or could disrupt public order.
- Bags are not permitted into the stadium.
- The complete stadium rules and ticketing terms and conditions are available in English at: www.arena.adsdp.mk / www.philipsecond.adsdp.mk



HOW TO GET TO THE STADIUM

From the Memorial House of Mother Teresa (Manchester United FC fan meeting point)

Walking distance: 1.9km (approximately 25 minutes).

Route: From the Memorial House of Mother Teresa on Macedonia Street, turn left along Dimitrie Chupovski Street, then right along Blvd Saint Clement of Ohrid. Turn left onto Boulevard Ilinden at the traffic lights by the government building and continue until you see the city park's lotus flower ('Lotosov Cvet') fountain on your right. Behind the fountain you will find the southeast entrance of the stadium (south stand).

From Filip II Macedonian Square (Real Madrid CF fan meeting point)

Walking distance: 2km (approximately 25 minutes).

Route: From the square, follow the quay of the Vardar river and turn left onto the second pedestrian bridge over the river. After approximately 300m turn left on the quay on the other side of the Vardar river (park side) and follow the direction to the southwest entrance of the stadium (south stand).

SUPPORTER BUS PARKING

Bus parking have been organised for supporters arriving by charter flight.

- Manchester United FC: on the right lane along Boulevard Ilinden from the lotus flower ('Lotosov Cvet') fountain in the direction of Karpovska.
- Real Madrid CF: on the right lane along Lazar Lichenoski Street.

The buses will arrive from the airport or directly from the fans' travelling country and park in the designated areas for the whole day. After the match supporters are requested to go back to the same bus parking areas as the buses will be dispatched to the airport according to their flight schedules.

NEUTRAL FANZONE

The neutral fan zone in Macedonia Square will be open from 11.00 to 19.00 on 7 and 8 August.

The central location of the square and its outdoor cafés make it one of the most popular hangouts in Skopje. All fans are invited to come and enjoy the festive atmosphere here. You can have your picture taken with the trophies of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Super Cup, practise your skills with professional freestylers and challenge your friends in the 1v1 arena, with other entertainment provided by the UEFA Super Cup partners.

Opening Times

- All spectators should arrive at the stadium as early as possible. The stadium will open at 17.45 and the match will kick off at 20.45 (both local time).

Disabled facilities and access

- Access for disabled people is through the northeast and northwest gates. Lifts are also available for those seating in the VIP tribune (North stand).

MATCHDAY FAN MEETING POINTS

There will be two separate fan meeting points on matchday, one for each team. Both fan meeting points are in the city centre, in areas with bars, restaurants and shops, within walking distance of the stadium.

- The meeting point for Manchester United FC fans is in front of the Memorial House of Mother Teresa.
- The meeting point for Real Madrid CF fans is Filip II Macedonian Square.

