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WELCOME BACK TO BAKU

Dear friends,

On behalf of Baku City Circuit, please let me welcome you to the third successive Formula 1 race weekend in Azerbaijan.

Last year's race in Baku was widely recognised as the most exciting and dramatic race of the year – if not the decade – by members of the media, teams, drivers and the global F1 fanbase alike. It truly was a race that had it all culminating in the most unexpected podium line up in many years.

The fact that this historic race occurred under our new event title as the FORMULA 1 AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX filled us with an even greater sense of pride and satisfaction for a job well done.

This year we once again welcome the world to Baku at the slightly earlier date of late April to bear witness to the awe-inspiring sight of F1 cars negotiating one of the fastest and most testing circuits in Formula 1. Baku City Circuit's winding, narrow sequences, 90-degree turns and high-speed straights - all set against the breathtaking backdrop of Baku's UNESCO-protected old city, magnificent skylines and beautiful seaside promenade - have proven to be a major challenge to the current F1 grid, resulting in last year's spectacular outcome and many on-track altercations.

We are very confident of a similar explosion of drama, speed and bravery occurring once again for the 2018 edition.

Furthermore, the off-track entertainment will be bigger and better than ever before with world-class music, visual and conceptual artists once again performing all along the specially constructed Fan Zone all weekend. The highlight will be three consecutive nightly concerts by some of the most successful artists in music: Jamiroquai, Afrojack, Christina Aguilera, Axwell & Ingrosso, Dua Lipa & Martin Solveig who will be performing in the new location of Baku's magnificent Crystal Hall. The FORMULA 1 2018 AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX is truly shaping up to be the ultimate weekend of racing action and live entertainment.

Since our first race in 2016, Baku has established itself as an iconic host venue and continues to surprise and inspire all visitors. We encourage you to enjoy the warm Azerbaijani welcome and all the culinary and cultural delights our wonderful city has to offer.

It is our great hope that you will experience an unforgettable Formula 1 weekend with us here in Baku.

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TIMETABLE – FORMULA 1 2018 AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX BAKU 27-28-29 APRIL

THURSDAY

13:00	19:00	FIA	INITIAL SCRUTINEERING
14:00	15:30	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	3 DAY TICKET HOLDER PIT LANE WALK ONLY
15:00	16:00	FORMULA ONE	PRESS CONFERENCE
16:00	18:00	FORMULA ONE	TRACK CLOSED FIA/F1 SYSTEMS CHECKS – TRACK ACCESS RESTRICTED TO FIA/F1 ONLY
16:45	17:00	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
17:00	17:30	FIA FORMULA 2	DRIVERS' & TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING
17:00	18:00	FIA	HIGH SPEED TRACK TEST – FIA SAFETY AND MEDICAL CARS
18:05	18:30	FORMULA ONE	F1 EXPERIENCE – PIT LANE WALK
18:05	18:35	FORMULA ONE	HEINEKEN TRUCK TOUR TBC
18:35	19:05	FORMULA ONE	F1 EXPERIENCE – TRUCK TOUR
19:00	20:00	FORMULA ONE	TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING

FRIDAY

10:20	10:30	FIA	MEDICAL INSPECTION
10:30	10:45	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION AND TRACK TEST
11:00	11:45¹	FIA FORMULA 2	PRACTICE SESSION
11:55	12:25	Paddock CLUB	Paddock CLUB TRUCK TOUR
11:55	12:45	Paddock CLUB	Paddock CLUB PIT LANE WALK
12:30	12:40	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
13:00	14:30¹	FORMULA ONE	FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
15:00	15:30	FIA FORMULA 2	QUALIFYING SESSION
15:00	15:30	FORMULA ONE	PRESS CONFERENCE
15:40	16:45	Paddock CLUB	Paddock CLUB PIT LANE WALK
15:40	16:10	Paddock CLUB	Paddock CLUB TRUCK TOUR
15:45	16:15	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE
16:30	16:40	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
17:00	18:30¹	FORMULA ONE	SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
18:45	19:30	Paddock CLUB	Paddock CLUB TRUCK TOUR
18:45	19:30	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	MARSHAL/VOLUNTEER PIT LANE WALK
20:00	21:00	FORMULA ONE	DRIVERS' MEETING

* These times refer to the start of the formation lap

¹ Fixed End Session ² Approximate Finishing time

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SATURDAY

06:00	08:00	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	GENERAL REHEARSAL
10:00	10:20	FIA FORMULA 2	DRIVERS' TRACK PARADE
10:05	10:35	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB TRUCK TOUR
10:40	10:50	FIA	MEDICAL INSPECTION
11:00	11:15	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION AND SAFETY CAR TEST
11:00	11:30	FORMULA ONE	TEAM PIT STOP PRACTICE
11:45	11:50	FIA FORMULA 2	PIT LANE OPEN
12:00*	13:05²	FIA FORMULA 2	FIRST RACE (29 LAPS OR 60 MINS)
13:20	13:50	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE
13:30	13:40	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
14:00	15:00¹	FORMULA ONE	THIRD PRACTICE SESSION
15:05	16:40	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
15:50	16:20	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB TRUCK TOUR
16:30	16:40	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
17:00	18:00	FORMULA ONE	QUALIFYING SESSION
18:30	19:00	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB TRUCK TOUR

SUNDAY

11:35	12:35	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
11:35	12:05	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB TRUCK TOUR
12:10	12:20	FIA	MEDICAL INSPECTION
12:20	12:35	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION AND TRACK TEST
12:55	13:00	FIA FORMULA 2	PIT LANE OPEN
13:10*	14:00²	FIA FORMULA 2	SECOND RACE (21 LAPS OR 45 MINS)
14:10	15:10	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB PIT LANE WALK
14:15	14:45	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE
14:30	15:00	PADDOCK CLUB	PADDOCK CLUB TRUCK TOUR
14:40	15:10	FORMULA ONE	DRIVERS' TRACK PARADE
15:10	15:20	FIA	MEDICAL INSPECTION
15:20	15:30	FIA	TRACK INSPECTION
15:40	15:50	FORMULA ONE	PIT LANE OPEN
15:56	15:58	FORMULA ONE	NATIONAL ANTHEM
16:10*	18:10²	FORMULA ONE	GRAND PRIX (51 LAPS OR 120 MINS)

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BAKU CITY CIRCUIT MAP



CIRCUIT STATISTICS

Track Length: 6.003km	Laps: 51	Turns: 20
Official Top Speed in 2016: 366km/h	Pit Lane Length: 295m	Fastest pit stop: 1.92 seconds
Average Speed: 211km/h	Pit Lane Speed: 80km/h	
Fastest Corner: Turn 16 (Four Seasons Hotel) 170km/h		
Slowest Corner: Turn 8 (Entry point to the narrow section of the track) 86km/h		

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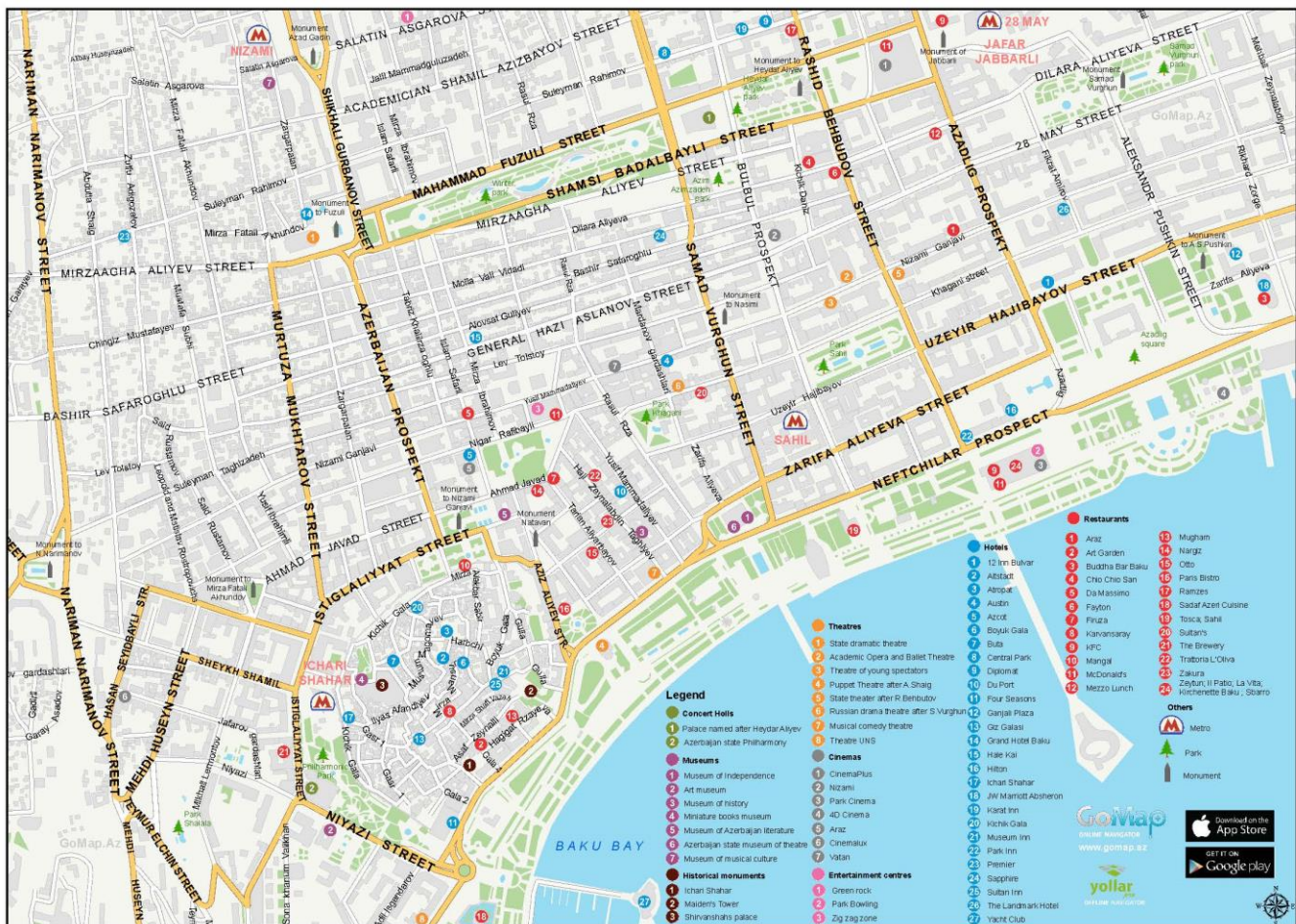
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO BAKU CITY CIRCUIT

Situated on the western edge of the Caspian Sea, Azerbaijan's capital enjoys an original and unique appearance that seamlessly blends the ancient with the modern; factors which have contributed to some nicknaming the city 'the Paris of the East'.

The specially constructed Baku City Circuit will see Formula 1 cars race around the picturesque streets of downtown Baku on the weekend of 27th-29th April. Fast, challenging, beautiful – these three words symbolize Baku City Circuit.



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Public Transport Information

Since there is NO parking reserved for spectators, Public Transport is the easiest way to get to and from the Race Track.

Airport

There are buses and taxis connecting the airport and the city.

Distance from the Airport to the Race Track - 23.7 km

There is a shuttle bus line operating 24/7 by route Airport – City Centre – Airport, please refer to <http://www.aeroexpress.az/> website for more details.

The below Bus routes will be operational based on a 22-hour service through the period 27th – 29th April, from 06:00 AM till 04:00 AM.

Bus route #65

Operator: BNA

Operator's website: <http://bna.az/en>

Nearest Stop at the Venue: Azerbaijan Avenue (near MUM Store)

Stops by route: Fuzuli Square, M. Mukhtarov Street, Nizami Street and S. Rustamov Street

Route: A. Javad Street → Azerbaijan Avenue → Fuzuli Square → Z. Ahmadbayov Street → Tbilisi Avenue → 20 January Street → A. Maharramov Street → Mir Jalal Street.

Route frequency: 5 minutes



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Bus route 5

Operator: BakuBus

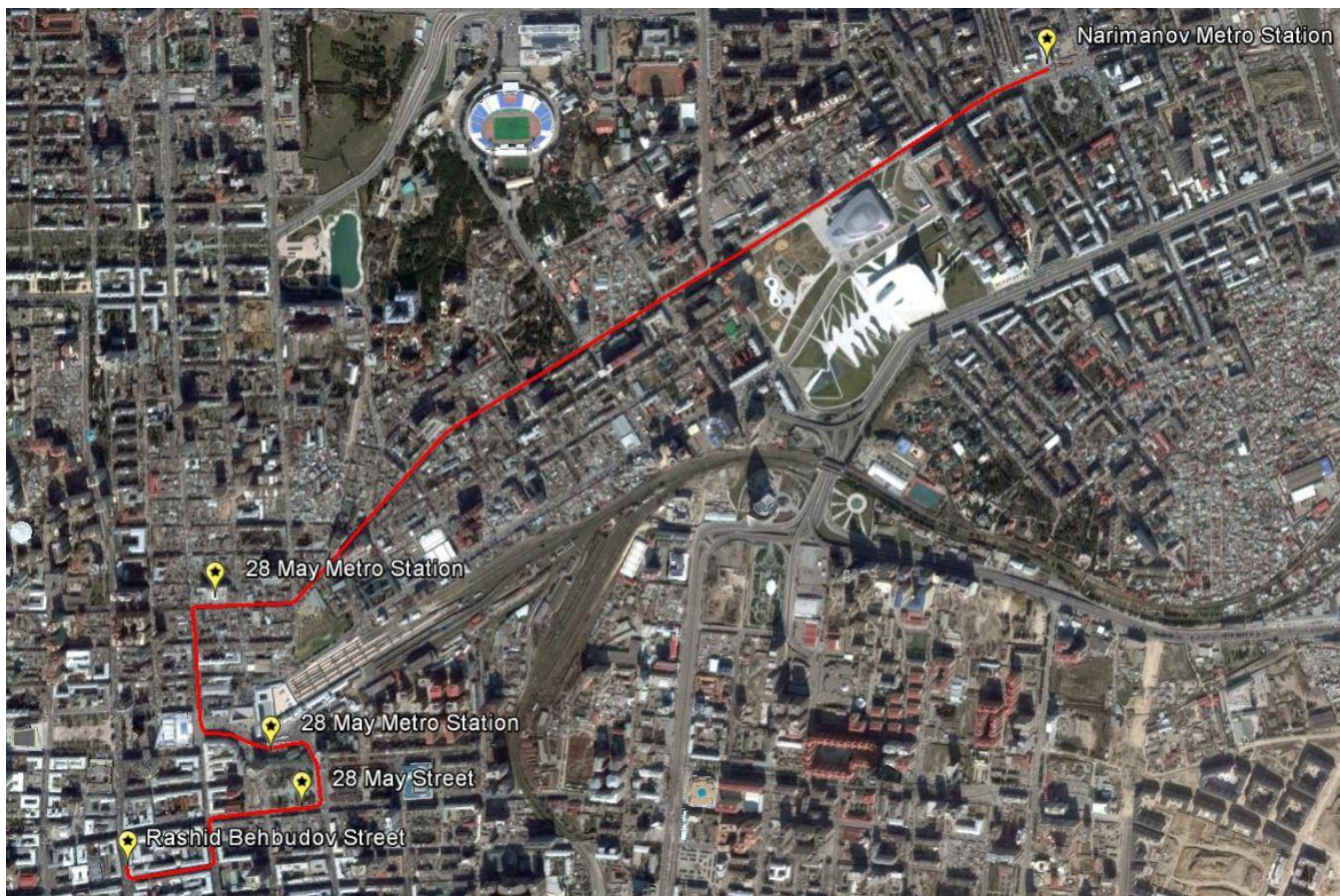
Operator's website: <https://www.bakubus.az/en>

Nearest Stop at the Venue: Rashid Behbudov Street (close to Rashid Behbudov Theatre)

Stops by route: Narimanov Metro Station, 28 May Metro Station at Salatin Asgarova Street, 28 May Metro Station at Jafar Jabbarli Street, 28 May Street at Samed Vurgun Park, Nizami Street and Rashid Behbudov Street (close to Rashid Behbudov Theatre)

Route: Narimanov Metro Station → 28 May Metro Station at Salatin Asgarova Street → 28 May Metro Station at Jafar Jabbarli Street → 28 May Street at Samed Vurgun Park → Nizami Street and Rashid Behbudov Street (close to Rashid Behbudov Theatre)

Route frequency: 3 minutes



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Bus route 53

Operator: BNA

Operator's website: <http://bna.az/en>

Nearest Stop at the Venue: Baku Sports Hall

Stops by route: 20th Zone Roundabout, Aquatic Centre, National Flag Square and Baku Sports Hall

Route: 20th Zone Roundabout → Bibiheybat Road (city direction) → Neftchilar Avenue (E119 city direction) → Baku Sports Hall → turning maneuver at Funicular.

Route frequency: 6 minutes



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Metro Service

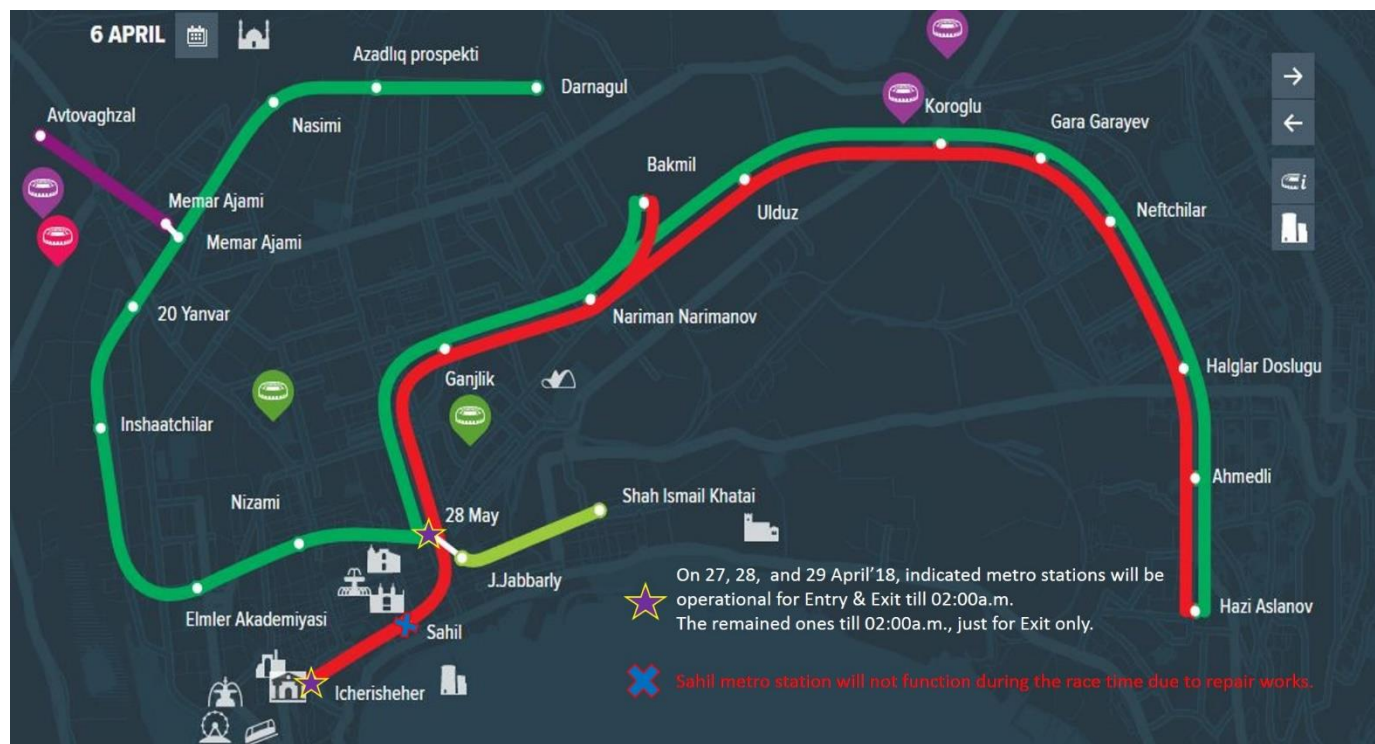
The efficient Metro system provides an easy way for getting around the city centre.
The closest metro stations to the Race Track are as follows:

- Icheri Sheher metro station - in the immediate vicinity to the Race Track
- 28 May metro station - 0.7 km to the Race Track

During the Race days 27, 28, 29 April, Icheri Sheher and 28 May metro stations will be operational for Entry & Exit until 02:00a.m., and the remaining ones until 24:00 just for Exit only.

Please Note: Sahil metro station will not function during the race time due to repair works.

Please refer to <http://www.metro.gov.az/en/> website for more details.



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Taxi Service

- There is no shortage of available taxis in Baku. Please note, however, that during the race weekend, taxis can take you to the passenger drop-off point close to the race track but **NOT** to the actual venue entrance gates. As such, please remember to allow for plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Please refer to <https://www.bakutaxi.info/taxi> for the full list of all taxi companies operating in Baku.
- Inform yourself of the cost of your trip in advance using the above link so that you can compare rates from different firms and choose the most favourable option for you. Should a driver attempt to overcharge, do not hesitate to register a complaint with the relevant taxi company. Taxi fares in Baku are usually very affordable.
- Should you lose or forget anything in your taxi, please refer back to the taxi company to see if the lost item can be retrieved from their Lost & Found
- There are several ways to order a taxi including calling the dispatch service number (use above link for details), ordering online via the relevant website or using your smartphone app. Taxi fares vary depending on the class of the car and length of journey.
- For the convenience of customers, taxi companies offer many different payment options:
 - Cash
 - Visa and MasterCard paid online in advance
 - Via smartphone application

If you want to pay the driver by credit card this needs to be made clear in advance as not all taxis provide such a service.

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Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control

The Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control Plan will be partially implemented from Saturday 21st April onwards with full traffic closure around the circuit commencing from Monday 23rd April at 01:00.

The Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control Plan will be deactivated on Tuesday, 1st May at 06:00.

There will be **NO** restrictions for local residents during the race week with regards to movements on foot with the exception of gaining entrance to the Venue itself.

There are no dedicated parking areas close to the Venue, Spectators are recommended to use Public Transport to reach the Venue.

Please see the below maps for: (**Closed Road**, **BCC Track**, **Public traffic directions during event**)

Map – Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control – Generic view



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Map – Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control – Zone 1 and Zone 2



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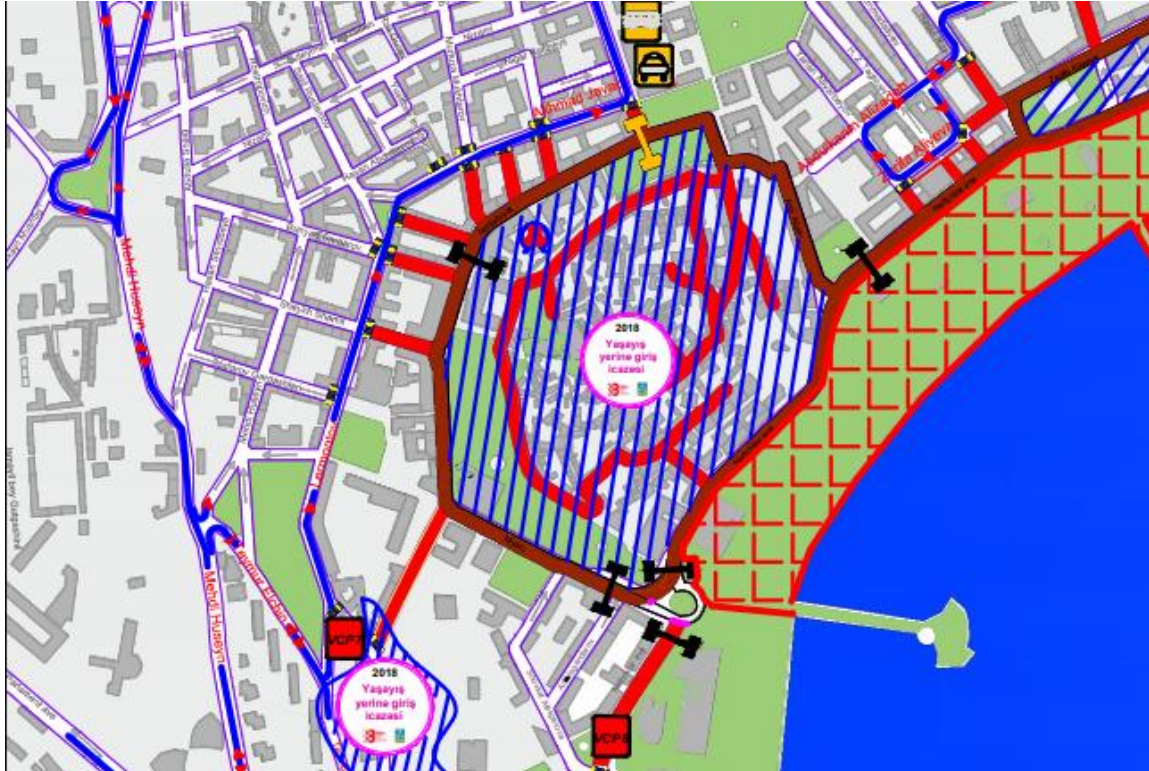


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Map – Road Closures, Traffic and Parking Control – Zone 3 and Zone 4



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TRAVEL GUIDE

BAKU CITY INFORMATION – HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

Baku is the capital and largest city of Azerbaijan. It is located on the southern shore of the Absheron Peninsula, which projects into the Caspian Sea. At 28 metres below sea level, Baku is the lowest lying national capital in the world and is home to approximately 3 million people. It is twinned with the European cities of Naples in Italy, Sarajevo in Bosnia and Izmir in Turkey.

The capital city lies on the eastern side of Azerbaijan and is surrounded by the Caspian Sea - the world's largest lake. Baku is famous for the unique Neft Dashlari (Oil Rocks), in the middle of the Caspian Sea, which is the largest inhabited and oldest offshore oil city in the world.

Baku offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy all the attractions that a modern European city has to offer while also embracing traditions and culture that date back to medieval times. Located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, the city is one of the world's best-kept secrets, hosting world-class sporting and cultural events and modern and ancient attractions, presenting visitors with unlimited things to discover and enjoy.

Perhaps one of the most unique features of Baku is that it is the first European city which the sun rises in. The picturesque city is built on a high hill and forms an amphitheater that slopes down to Baku Bay. It is often compared to San Francisco or Naples in Italy, with whom it is twinned.

Baku's reputation as the 'City of Contrasts' is well earned with the city having perfectly combined the beauty and intrigue of its ancient past with its ambition to establish itself as a modern European city featuring award winning architecture, business centres and skyscrapers.

The city consists of two principal parts: the contemporary downtown area and the old Inner City (Icheri Sheher). The Old City of Baku along with the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower were confirmed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2000. Baku has existed for thousands of years and is firmly established as the pearl of Azerbaijani architecture and culture. Within its old town walls visitors can travel back in time as they explore a maze of narrow cobbled streets, ancient buildings and courtyards surrounding the 12th century Maiden Tower and the ornate Palace of the Shirvanshahs.

The modern face of Baku is equally impressive. New developments have redefined the hills that line the picturesque Bay of Baku and even the coastline itself. The iconic Heydar Aliyev Centre, designed by well-known architect Zaha Hadid, provides a stunning setting for music performances of world stars, museum exhibits and modern art collections. Visits to the National Art Museum and Museum of Modern Art are also highly recommended.

Baku's Flame Towers are the tallest skyscrapers in the city at 190 meters, the flame shaped design symbolizing the essence of Baku. These spectacular buildings, which have become a symbol of the city's new modern outlook, comprise apartments, a hotel and offices. The Flame Towers take on another dimension each evening when thousands of LED lights illuminate the façade of the three towers to display the movement of a fire visible from the farthest points of the city.

The giant national flag, standing at 162 meters, was once named in the Guinness World Record Book as the tallest unsupported flagpole. It stands just next to the Crystal Hall that was built specifically for the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest and which has played host to performances from international superstars, including Jennifer Lopez, Rihanna and Shakira.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Banks and credit cards

There are a multitude of ATM machines located around Baku, most of which accept international debit and credit cards. Larger bank branches are open Mondays to Fridays (shorter day) but are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. International credit and debit cards are accepted in most restaurants and larger shops.

Currency

The national currency is the Azerbaijani Manat (AZN). One hundred Gépik (coins) equals one Manat, and Manat notes come in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations. It is not possible to exchange currency into Manat in countries other than Azerbaijan, so visitors will need to use the foreign exchange desk at the arrivals hall at the airport or withdraw from ATMs around the city.

Electricity

Standard electrical power in Azerbaijan is 220v. Electrical equipment and appliances use the standard European 220-240v two-pin plug.

Gratuities and tipping

Tipping is not expected across Azerbaijan but is common in Baku. Occasionally a service charge is included on the bill, particularly in more established hotels and restaurants. Like any other place in the world, tipping for above-average service will be appreciated.

Language

The official language is Azerbaijani but many people also speak Russian, Turkish and English.

General Opening Hours

Office hours are officially 09:00 to 18:00 Mondays through Fridays. Banks operate from 09:00 to 18:00, while service hours are from 09:30 to 17:00. Shops generally open around 09:30 or 10:00 and close around 20:00. Shops are open seven days a week. Bars and restaurants are open until at least 23:00.

Smoking

Smoking is permitted in public areas across Azerbaijan, including most restaurants and bars. Smoking will not be permitted in any Baku City Circuit venue, except for designated smoking areas.

Taxes (VAT)

VAT in Azerbaijan is similar to that in most European VAT systems, with tax levied on the supply of most goods and services and on the import of goods. VAT payers are entitled to recover the amount of VAT paid on purchases (input VAT) that exceeds the VAT received from their taxable supplies (output VAT).

Telephones

The country code for Azerbaijan is 994 and the city code for Baku is 012. The international exit code for calling out of Azerbaijan is 00 and must be dialed before the relevant country code and telephone number. Azerbaijani mobile phone numbers have 10 digits and most mobile numbers start with 050 or 051. All 10 digits must be dialed for calls within Azerbaijan. For example: 050-123-XXXX. When calling from outside Azerbaijan, the country code then number minus the zero should be dialed. For example: +994-50-123-XXXX.

Time Zone

Azerbaijan is UTC+4 hours.

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FINE DINING

CHINAR

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Reservations Centre *6363 reservations@chinar-dining.az

BUDDHA-BAR

Bar-Lounge-Restaurant 99, Neftchilar ave
+(994 12) 404 82 09
reservations@buddhabar-baku.az Hrs: 10:00-02:00

EL PORTALON

Spanish restaurant
(in front of the bay of Baku)
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reservations@elportalon.az

EVDE

Bar-Grill S. Vurghun str.
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reservations@evde-dining.az

PARIS BISTRO

¼ Za. Aliyevs str. Puppet theatre
+(994 12) 404 82 15
reservations@parisbistro.az

ART GARDEN

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SAHIL

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MUGAM CLUB

European and Azeri Cuisine 9, A Rzayeva str.
+(994 12) 492 40 85

DALIDA

42, Nizami str. Nargiz Mall Floor 3
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MANQAL

126, Kilchik Gala str. Salyan highway, Shikhov beach
Ramada Baku Hotel
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112 Ministry of Emergency Services	www.baku.azerbaijan.travel Baku Tourism Info
113 Ambulance Traffic Accidents	
919 State Migration Service	

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RACE WEEKEND FAN ACTIVITIES

After two successful races since its debut in 2016, the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix returns to Baku in 2018 with an even more amazing racing and entertainment programme on offer than ever to help get Formula 1 fans into the outdoor festival spirit!

Baku City Circuit is home to the most beautiful vending area in Formula 1, situated as it is along the shores of the Caspian Sea boulevard in downtown Baku and is made up of six differently themed Zones adjacent to the main grandstands where fans can enjoy a variety of amazing entertainment activities and live performances by visual artists, musicians and much more.

The most amazing and unforgettable part of the off-track entertainment offering at the Formula 1 race weekend will be the three nightly concerts by Jamiroquai, Christina Aguilera and Dua Lipa on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Vending Zones Entertainment

F1 Fan Zone / Purple Zone - this is the largest and most active Zone with a huge range of entertainment on offer for F1 fans of all ages. Photo Booths & Art Walls are on site to let you take home a special memory and leave an imprint of your stay in Baku while you can also challenge yourself in the exciting F1 Pit Stop Challenge and E-Sports Game Zone. You will also have plenty of time and opportunity to rest and recharge in our special Chill Out points in between enjoying the more physical activities. The Replica Podium will allow you to feel what it is like to win a Grand Prix and take home a special photo memento from the top step. To feel the true spirit of Azerbaijani culture, tradition and hospitality you must also visit the Azerbaijan Cultural Lounge. The most fabulous and memorable part for F1 fans are the Autograph Sessions which give you the chance to meet your F1 heroes face to face, get their autograph and take a picture with them.

Zone 2 / Blue Zone is dedicated to providing fans with an exciting, memorable and premium event experience. You can relax in the very comfortable chill-out zone, enjoy amazing roaming entertainers' and dancers' performances, spend a fantastic and unforgettable time participating in exciting outdoor activities including soaring up to 25 feet above the ground on the Bungee trampoline.

Zone 3 / Red Zone is the place where most entertainment options are located. The most amazing part of this zone is that there are a lot of entertainments for different age categories. One of these activities - the Children's Driving School - helps kids to learn more about what makes motorsports and F1 in particular so special and fosters a love for the sport that will hopefully last forever. While the children are having fun, their mothers can pamper themselves at the Beauty Pit stop. You can also nurture your extreme sports needs by tackling the Climbing Wall or showing off your flexibility on the giant Trampoline. The mingling nature of this zone also allows for plenty of opportunities to get more acquainted with lots of people from all over the world. In addition, this Zone also has the popular Chill Out areas, Azerbaijani Cultural Lounge, live music performances and the beloved Art Wall and Replica podium for fans to enjoy.

Zone 4 / Green Zone - this is where modern and ancient styles meet. Whilst being located right in the middle the historical and ancient buildings of Baku, you can still relax to the sounds of live performances of classic and modern music performed by local DJ's and musicians in this unique zone. Henna Art stalls are also on site here.

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Baku Crystal Hall / Yellow Zone with its distinct character and astonishing acoustic systems, Baku's Crystal Hall is the perfect venue for this year's Formula 1 post-race concerts. This incredible venue is dedicated to delivering a high-class concert experience for fans at the 2018 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix. By hosting three major concerts by global superstars - Jamiroquai, Christina Aguilera and Dua Lipa - on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively –followed by world-famous DJ's Afrojack, Axwell & Ingrosso and Martin Solveig, the Crystal Hall will be the perfect venue to keep the party going through each night.

Light Show - this will take place prior to every nightly concert. This incredible act helps to create the perfect atmosphere of magic, light, dance and music that will get fans into the mood ahead of the night's live music offering.

Driver Autograph Sessions:

Get close to the F1 heroes at the 2018 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix weekend during the hugely popular Driver Autograph Sessions. Fans can get an autograph, take a selfie and shake the hand of their favorite driver throughout the weekend. The signing sessions will take place on the main F1 stage on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Q&A Sessions

We want to bring Baku City Circuit guests a powerful and informative learning experience through a series of engaging live Q&A sessions with key personnel in the world of F1. These sessions are often the only time during the weekend dedicated to audience interaction with motorsport stars and F1 figures on the main Stage.

Drivers' Parade

The Drivers' Parade is a lap around the Baku City Circuit taken by all the F1 drivers - usually on a single vehicle - where they can greet all the F1 fans that have come to cheer them on before the race starts. The Driver's Parade will take place on 29th April, approximately an hour before the race starts and is certainly an experience not to be missed.

National Anthem

The National Anthem Ceremony is always a proud moment for everyone associated with the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix as it pays tribute to Azerbaijan, as well all the countries involved in this special occasion. Political and F1 dignitaries, as well as all the drivers, will line up before the start of the race on April 29th as the Azerbaijani national anthem is played in full as a mark of respect to the country hosting this major event.

Podium Ceremony (Track Invasion)

The Podium Ceremony takes place after the race is finished on Sunday when the top three drivers celebrate their success in front of their adoring fans. Ahead of the ceremony, the track gates in F1 Fan Zone will open for fans to come closer to the podium and 'invade' the track to cheer on the winning driver(s)!

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ACCREDITATION AND MEDIA CENTRE

ACCREDITATION

The MAC will be located at the following address:

Port Baku Mall, Address
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Phone: +994 51 250 25 94

Media Accreditation Centre Operational Period	Hours of Operation
Wednesday, 25- Apr -18	10:00-19:00
Thursday, 26- Apr -18	10:00-19:00
Friday, 27- Apr -18	10:00-19:00
Saturday, 28- Apr -18	10:00-15:00
Sunday, 29- Apr -18	10:00-15:00

MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre is located on the second floor of the Hilton Hotel, Baku, offering views of the Formula 1 Paddock and Baku City Circuit.

Media Centre Operational Period	Hours of Operation
Wednesday, 25 - Apr -18	11:00-23:00
Thursday, 26 - Apr -18	09:00-23:00
Friday, 27- Apr -18	09:00-23:00
Saturday, 28 - Apr -18	09:00-00:00
Sunday, 29 - Apr -18	08:00- (until the last journalist leaves)

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FACILITIES

Facilities

Press Room

- 442 Seats for media & photographers
- 112 TV/Timing monitors
- P.A speakers / data / WiFi

Locker Room

- 540 lockers (460 regular; 80 large lockers)

(Please obtain a key from one of the Media Centre staff at the reception desk. A small deposit per key is applicable.)

• Telecom Centre

- 2 Printer / photocopier / scanner
- 12 Seats
- 6 telephones & 6 public PC
- Telefax services are available
- upon Request TV/Radio

32 boxes are available to television and radio commentators 29 singles; 1 double; 1 speaker booth

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MEDIA SERVICES

MEDIA TRANSPORT & SHUTTLES

There are four shuttle services organised for media, providing transportation from Heydar Aliyev International Airport to designated media hotels as well as from designated media hotels to the Media Centre and Media Accreditation Centre.

The media Car Park is located right next to the Media Accreditation Center, in front of the Port Baku Mall main entrance.

Photographers' shuttles will be running around the circuit to deliver them to designated corners. In addition to shuttles, golf cart services operating within the Vending Zones (Baku Boulevard) will be available during each session.

From Airport – Hotel

Media designated Neoplan busses will depart from Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), located 20 km northeast of Baku, based on demand. These shuttles will travel to the Central Park and Azcot Hotel media hotels. Upon arrival at the airport, BCC's Arrivals and Departures Team will provide guidance to media shuttles. Media shuttles are recognisable by the 'Media' sign on the windshield.

For anyone not staying in the Central Park or Azcot Hotel, you can still avail of transportation to Baku City Circuit from these locations. Out of the two drop-off locations, the best one to reach central Baku from is the Grand Hotel from where you can easily reach your required destination.

Public transport services from/to GYD are also available, via Baku Bus services departing every 30 minutes into the city center. Public bus transportation is priced at 1.7 Manat (1 USD).

The cost of a Taxi cost from GYD to downtown Baku is approximately 25 Manat.

Uber also operates in Baku.

Hotels - Media Centre/MAC – Hotels

The shuttle service from media hotels to MAC/MC drop off zone will be provided according to MAC and MC operating hours' schedules. If media are not staying in the Central Park or Stay Bridge Hotels, media can still avail of transportation to Baku City Circuit from these locations.

Media Hotel Service to Media Centre & Media Accreditation Centre Operating Times		Approximate Travel time	Frequency
25.04	11:00 – 19:30	15 min	60 min
26.04	08:30 – 23:30		60 min
27.04	08:30 – 23:30		08:30 – 12:30 – 30 min 12:30 – 23:30 – 60 min
28.04	08:30 – 00:30		08:30 – 12:30 – 30 min 12:30 – 00:30 – 60 min
29.04	08:30 – 02:30		08:30 – 10:30 – 30 min 10:30 – 02:30 – 60 min

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From Media Car Park – Media Centre/MAC:

Since the location of the Media Car Park is very close to the Media Accreditation Center, no shuttle service operating between media car park and media accreditation center will be provided.

Photographers' shuttles before and after each session will link the important corners around the circuit.

Operating Hours: Please refer to the schedule on the Media Centre's official notice board for photographers' shuttles. Furthermore, the golf cart service operating within the Vending Area will be available during each of the sessions. Please refer to the map provided in the media kit for golf carts pick up/drop off points.

Taxis to Media Centre:

There is no shortage of taxis across Baku. However, as can be expected during a street race there will be traffic restrictions throughout parts of the city within the circuit's perimeters. For media taking taxis to the Media Centre (located in the Hilton Hotel), you are advised to ask the taxi driver to take you as close as possible to the JW Marriott Hotel by Turn 1 (see map below) and then walk over the footbridge into the Paddock.



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F1 Concerts Info

Million-selling global artists Jamiroquai, Christina Aguilera and Dua Lipa will be performing on Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April respectively in Baku's stunning Crystal Hall – adjacent to Flag Square – after the on-track action has ended. In addition, each of these major acts will be followed by three incredible after-parties with superstar DJ's Afrojack (Friday) and Martin Solveig (Sunday) hitting the decks once the main concerts have finished.

The approximate start time for the warm up acts to come on stage is scheduled for 20.00, with the main artists coming on at 21.00 and finishing around 23.00. From 23:00 until 03:00 the aforementioned superstar DJ's and local DJ's will keep the party going long into the night.

All accredited media are guaranteed access to the concerts and after party DJ sets. Please ensure you keep your accreditation passes and wristbands (handed out on-site) on you at all times.

How to Get to the Baku Crystal Hall

On Foot:

The walking distance from the furthest edge of the F1 Vending Area located along the Boulevard to the Crystal Hall is approximately 5km.

By Bus:

Regular shuttle buses will also be made available each day after the on-track action has finished to bring you to the Crystal Hall. Shuttle busses will depart from the loading zone located at Turn 18. Moreover, an internal bus service will go around the racetrack in order to take spectators from selected pick up points to Turn 18. The closest pick up point for media for this internal transfer service is located at Turn 1.

Transfers from BCC to Crystal Hall:

Friday: 20:00 – 21:00

Saturday: 19:30 – 21:00

Sunday: 18:30 – 21:00

Transfers from Crystal Hall to BCC:

Friday: 23:00 – 04:00

Saturday: 23:00 – 04:00

Sunday: 23:00 – 04:00

The updated guide & map with the routes to and from the Crystal Hall together with the location of the shuttle pick-up and drop-off points can be found at www.bakucitycircuit.com.

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By Ferry:

In addition to the shuttle bus service, there will also be a Ferry service from the Boulevard Vending Area laid on for all ticketholders & media every day to/from the Crystal Hall as per the below schedule:

- 17:50-18:05** Boarding & Embarkation at Boulevard Wharf
- 18:05-18:25** Departure and Transit to Crystal Hall
- 18:25-18:35** Arrival & Disembarkation at Crystal Hall Wharf
- 18:35-18:55** Departure and Transit back to Boulevard Wharf
- 18:55-19:10** Boarding & Embarkation at Boulevard Wharf
- 19:10-19:30** Departure and Transit to Crystal Hall
- 19:30-19:40** Arrival & Disembarkation at Crystal Hall Wharf
- 19:40-20:00** Departure and Transit back to Boulevard Wharf
- 20:00-20:15** Boarding & Embarkation at Boulevard Wharf
- 20:15-20:35** Departure and Transit to Crystal Hall
- 20:35-20:45** Arrival & Disembarkation at Crystal Hall wharf
- 20:45-21:05** Departure and Transit back to Boulevard wharf

Vessel: 'Mirvari'

IMPORTANT: Smoking and e-cigarettes are not allowed on the vessel. All smoking materials must be extinguished before boarding the vessel. No smoking is allowed within 25 meters of entry to the ferry wharf.

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MEDIA SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Media Sightseeing Tour – Wednesday April 25th

Baku City Circuit is excited to once again welcome the international media to Baku for the 2018 FORMULA 1 AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX. In order to enable you to experience more of our beautiful city and to visit the main historic landmarks and cultural highlights away from the track, BCC is once again offering media a complementary sightseeing tour on Wednesday **April 25th**.

The tour will cover the following key landmarks:

- **Heydar Aliyev Center**
- **Palace of Shirvanshah**
- **Maiden Tower**

Please Note: The tour will be carried out on a first come, first served basis with the maximum capacity being 60 people. All you need to do is to sign up by emailing mediaservices@bakugp.az no later than **9am on Tuesday, April 24th** and providing your full name and media outlet.

Tour Schedule: Wednesday, 25 April

Event	Time
Departure from MAC	10:00
Heydar Aliyev Center tour	10:30
Departure from Heydar Aliyev Centre	12:30
Shirvanshah Palace tour	13:00
Free Time	14:30
Maiden Tower tour	15:30
Departure from 'Icheri Sheher' downtown area	16:30
Arrival at MAC	17:00

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MEDIA EVENTS

Media Cocktail Party

You are cordially invited to join us for a Media Cocktail Party in honour of the 2018 Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix held in Baku.

Enjoy an evening of cocktails, delicious food and a stunning and ever-changing view of the city from the Hilton Hotel's revolving 360 Bar.

When: Thursday, April 26th from 7:30pm to 1am

Where: Hilton Hotel, 25th floor, 360 Bar

Please note:

- This party is for media and accredited F1 personnel only.
- Restaurant management will check your credentials upon arrival in the Hilton Hotel lobby before providing you with a wristband that guarantees access for the evening's entertainment in the 360 Bar only. As such, please remember to bring your F1 accreditation with you when coming to the party.

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PRESS CONFERENCES

FORMULA ONE

Thursday, 15.00 hrs in the Media Centre:

Press Conference for a maximum of six drivers, chosen by the FIA Head of Communications & Media Delegate.

Friday, 15:00 hrs in the Media Centre:

Press Conference for a maximum of six team representatives, chosen by the FIA Head of Communications & Media Delegate.

Saturday, following the Qualifying session:

TV unilateral interview with the top three drivers of the qualifying session (transmitted in the Media Centre).

Saturday, after the TV unilateral interview in the Media Centre:

Post-Qualifying Press Conference with the top three drivers of the qualifying session.

Sunday, following the podium celebrations:

TV unilateral interview with the top three finishing drivers. (Transmitted into the Media Centre).

Sunday, after the TV unilateral interview in the Media Centre:

Post-Race Press Conference with the top three finishing drivers.

Notice: Photographers are kindly requested to use the platform that has been provided behind the rows for the journalists in the press conference room.

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2018 FIA FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

23-25 Mar	ROLEX AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX	Melbourne
06-08 Apr	GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX	Sakhir
13-15 Apr	HEINEKEN CHINESE GRAND PRIX	Shanghai
27 -29 Apr	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX	Baku
11-13 May	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA	Catalunya
24-27 May	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO	Monte Carlo
08-10 Jun	HEINEKEN GRAND PRIX DU CANADA	Montréal
22-24 Jun	GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE	Le Castellet
29 Jun -01 Jul	GROSSER PREIS VON ÖSTERREICH	Spielberg
06-08 Jul	ROLEX BRITISH GRAND PRIX	Silverstone
20-22 Jul	GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND	Hockenheim
27-29 Jul	FORMULA MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ	Budapest
24-26 Aug	BELGIAN GRAND PRIX	Spa
31Aug-02 Sep	GRAN PREMIO HEINEKEN D'ITALIA	Monza
14-16 Sep	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX	Singapore
28 -30 Sep	VTB RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX	Sochi
05 -07 Oct	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX	Suzuka
19-21 Oct	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX	Austin
26-28 Oct	GRAN PREMIO DE MEXICO	Mexico City
09-11 Nov	GRANDE PRÊMIO HEINEKEN DO BRASIL	São Paulo
23-25 Nov	ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX	Yas Marina

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ENTRY LIST

No.	Driver	Country	Team
44	Lewis Hamilton	Great Britain	Mercedes AMG Petronas Motorsport
77	Valtteri Bottas	Finland	Mercedes AMG Petronas Motorsport
5	Sebastian Vettel	Germany	Scuderia Ferrari
7	Kimi Räikkönen	Finland	Scuderia Ferrari
3	Daniel Ricciardo	Australia	Aston Martin Red Bull Racing
33	Max Verstappen	Netherland	Aston Martin Red Bull Racing
11	Sergio Perez	Mexico	Sahara Force India F1 Team
31	Esteban Ocon	France	Sahara Force India F1 Team
18	Lance Stroll	Canada	Williams Martini Racing
35	Sergey Sirotkin	Russia	Williams Martini Racing
27	Nico Hulkenberg	Germany	Renault Sport Formula One Team
55	Carlos Sainz	Spain	Renault Sport Formula One Team
10	Pierre Gasly	France	Red Bull Toro Rosso Honda
28	Brendon Hartley	New Zealand	Red Bull Toro Rosso Honda
8	Romain Grosjean	France	Haas F1 Team
20	Kevin Magnussen	Denmark	Haas F1 Team
14	Fernando Alonso	Spain	McLaren F1 Team
2	Stoffel Vandoorne	Belgium	McLaren F1 Team
9	Marcus Ericsson	Sweden	Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team
16	Charles Leclerc	Monaco	Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team

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2018 FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ – NEW RULES IN 2018

After the rules revolution of 2017, one that saw F1 cars become wider and faster, this season's changes are relatively few in number.

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Bodywork and Dimensions - T-wings and shark-fin style engine covers outlawed: 2017 loopholes in terms of the extended, shark-finned engine covers, combined with the T-wings have been closed for this season. The purpose of the T-wing was to better direct airflow to the main rear wing, and in some cases to create a little additional downforce. As a result, cars can be expected to still provide an engine cover featuring a fin of sorts, but nothing like the huge swathes of carbon fibre that was shown in 2017.

Introduction of the Halo - Halo cockpit protection device mandatory: The cockpit protection device designed to further improve driver safety in the event of an accident, and in particular to deflect debris away from the head. The core design is dictated by the rules, however small adjustments of the aero device can be expected by the teams. The device must withstand specified impact forces in each direction dictated by FIA rules. This has kept the teams occupied, not least because they would ideally keep the mounting as low-weight as possible.

Weight of Car: The overall minimum weight of cars has gone up by 6kg to 734kg to compensate for the introduction of the halo. However, the estimated weight of the halo including its mounting could be as much as 14kg, which leaves team with less room to play when it comes to performance ballast.

Trick suspension outlawed: The trick suspension system could have been used to improve the car's aerodynamic performance has been banned for the 2018 season.

SPORTING REGULATIONS

Car Livery: Both cars entered by a competitor must be present in substantially the same livery at every event. Any significant change to this livery during a Championship season may only be made with the agreement of the Formula One Commission.

Power Units - Drivers allowed three rather than four power units per season – To make F1 power units even more reliable – and further reduce costs – this season each driver must make do with just three engines for the 21-race campaign. That compares with four engines last year. One less engine per season also means one less chance per season for teams to introduce significant power unit upgrades. As a result, those teams who best manage their development programme over the course of the year could stand to reap even bigger rewards.

Grid Penalties- simplified grid penalties for power unit changes – One less engine per driver could mean more grid penalties in 2018. However, there will be far less confusion for fans over how those penalties impact the starting order. This season, any driver who earns a grid penalty of 15 places or more will have to start from the back of the grid. If more than one driver receives such a penalty they will be arranged at the back of the grid in the order in which they changed elements. That should mean less headaches for fans - and those at the FIA tasked with deciding the grid!

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Wider range of dry tyre compounds – As in 2017, official F1 tyre suppliers Pirelli will make three dry-weather compounds available to teams at each Grand Prix. However, for 2018 those three will be selected from a broader range of compounds, which now includes the new, pink-marked hypersoft at one end of the spectrum and the orange-marked superhard at the other.

It means in total there will be seven, rather than the previous five, slick tyre compounds, all of which are a step softer than in 2017, making them the fastest tyres in Formula 1 history. Reports based on initial data suggest they could immediately mean cars going a second per lap quicker.

Also new for 2018 is the **ice blue colour** of the **hard compound**. This frees up **orange** to be used on the aforementioned **superhard**, denoting it as the very hardest choice available in Pirelli's range. The 2018 range in full is: **hypersoft (pink)**, **ultrasoft (purple)**, **supersoft (red)**, **soft (yellow)**, **medium (white)**, **hard (blue)**, **superhard (orange)**.

Depending on how Pirelli choose to select compounds, the general move towards softer rubber should make 2018's racing even more exciting, with more pit stops and fewer one-stop Grands Prix.

Motor Oil – After controversy over the past season surrounding oil consumption, this area will be more stringently regulated in 2018. It has been alleged that some manufacturers were deliberately allowing engine oil to enter the combustion chambers, thereby extracting extra performance on top of the strictly controlled fuel allowance.

Although this ruse was already prohibited, it was difficult to detect. Consequently, a catalogue of measures has been introduced to prevent the deliberate combustion of oil for performance purposes. The teams may now use only a single-specification engine oil on race weekends.

Furthermore, the level in the main oil tank will in future be monitored in real time and the data transmitted directly to the FIA. All other oil levels must be reported to the FIA one hour before the start of the race. In addition, the use of active control valves between oil tank and internal combustion engine is prohibited.

Test restrictions: The regulations for 2018 incorporate an additional exception to the test restrictions. In the case of promotional events hosted by the commercial rights holder, the teams are allowed to use the current car subject to certain conditions. In the season just finished, Liberty Media hosted an event in central London for the first time in the run-up to the British Grand Prix.

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Safety: Introduction of a new race glove that has a 3mm thick flexible sensor stitched into. It is the sport's first biometric monitoring device to monitor the drivers' vital signs during the race. The technology is available for all glove manufactures and initially the device will use

an optical sensor to measure 'pulse oximetry' or the amount of oxygen in the blood, alongside the pulse rate. In an event of an accident racing drivers may experience injuries that is affecting breathing and the oxygen content of the blood diminishes immediately. Monitoring the data also offers a range of vital information for track doctors before arriving at the scene.

The sensor uses a new industrial version of Bluetooth that can send information over a 500m radius. The hardware can send 20 data packets a second and has a self-contained power source via a small battery. This battery can be charged inductively, so when the drivers take their gloves off they just lie them on a charging mat and it replenishes automatically.

The work to improve safety in Formula 1 never stops. In addition to the halo, there are some additional optimizations: there must now be triple instead of double wheel mountings, and the locations for these have been specified in greater detail; the wheel nuts must also be better secured against working loose.

POINTS, CLASSIFICATION & RACE DISTANCE

Race Distance - Formula One races are of near identical distance, calculated in the regulations as the least number of laps required to exceed 305 kilometres. Some races invariably take longer than others due to the differing average speed of circuits.

The only exception is Monaco, where the race distance is calculated as the minimum number of laps exceeding 260 kilometres.

Points & Classification - The top ten finishers in each Grand Prix score points towards both the drivers' and the constructors' world championships, according to the following scale:

Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Points	25	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	1

The only exceptions to this is when a race is suspended and cannot be restarted, in which case if less than 75 percent of the race distance has been completed half points are awarded, and if less than two laps have been completed, no points are awarded.

Any driver who completes over 90 percent of the race will be classified as a finisher, regardless of whether they running as the winner took the chequered flag.

If a race is stopped before the full distance and a result is declared, the classification will reflect the race order at the end of the lap two laps prior to that on which the race was stopped (see 'Suspending and resuming a race'). For example, if a race is stopped on lap 60, the classification will be as it was at the end of lap 58.

The drivers' and constructors' championship titles are awarded to the driver and constructor who score the most points over the course of the season.

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Formula 1 Debut	1954	Chassis	Mercedes-AMG F1 W09 EQ Power+
Constructors' Titles	4	Power Unit	Mercedes-AMG F1 M09 EQ Power+
GP Starts	174		
GP Wins	76		
Fastest Laps	57		
Pole Positions	89	Total Points	3803

LEWIS HAMILTON

44



Date of Birth	07/01/1985
Formula 1 Debut	2007
GP Starts	211
GP Wins	62
Pole Positions	73
Podiums	119
F1 Titles	4
Total F1 Points	2655



VALTTERI BOTTAS

77



Date of Birth	28/08/1989
Formula 1 Debut	2013
GP Starts	100
GP Wins	3
Pole Positions	4
Podiums	24
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	1027



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Constructors' Titles	16	Power unit	Ferrari
GP Starts	957		
GP Wins	232		
Fastest Lap	243		
Pole Positions	216	Total Points	7914.5

SEBASTIAN VETTEL

5



Date of Birth	03/07/1987
Formula 1 Debut	2007
GP Starts	202
GP Wins	49
Pole Positions	52
Podiums	99
F1 Titles	4
Total F1 Points	2479

KIMI RÄIKKÖNEN

7



Date of Birth	17/10/1979
Formula 1 Debut	2001
GP Starts	276
GP Wins	20
Pole Positions	17
Podiums	93
F1 Titles	1
Total F1 Points	1595

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Constructors' Titles	9	Motor	Mercedes
GP Starts	695		
GP Wins	114		
Fastest Laps	133		
Pole Positions	128	Total Points	3547



LANCE STROLL
18



Date of Birth	29/10/1998
Formula 1 Debut	2017
GP Starts	23
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	1
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	40

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SERGEY SIROTKIN
35



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Formula 1 Debut	2018
GP Starts	3
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	N/A

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Constructors' Titles	4	Motor	TAG Heuer
GP Starts	250		
GP Wins	56		
Fastest Laps	56		
Pole Positions	58	Total Points	3943.5



MAX VERSTAPPEN 33



Date of Birth	30/09/1997
Formula 1 Debut	2014
GP Starts	63
GP Wins	3
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	11
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	439

DANIEL RICCIARDO 3



Date of Birth	01/07/1989
Formula 1 Debut	2011
GP Starts	132
GP Wins	6
Pole Positions	1
Podiums	27
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	853



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Constructors' Titles	N/A	Motor	Mercedes
GP Starts	197		
GP Wins	N/A		
Fastest Laps	5		
Pole Positions	1	Total Points	988



SERGIO PEREZ
11



Date of Birth	26/01/1990
Formula 1 Debut	2011
GP Starts	139
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	7
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	467



ESTEBAN OCON
31



Date of Birth	17/09/1996
Formula 1 Debut	2016
GP Starts	32
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	88

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Formula 1 Debut	2006	Chassis	STR13
Constructors' Titles	N/A	Motor	Honda
GP Starts	232		
GP Wins	1		
Fastest Laps	1		
Pole Positions	1	Total Points	394



PIERRE GASLY

10



Date of Birth	07/02/1996
Formula 1 Debut	2017
GP Starts	8
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	0
Total F1 Points	12



BRENDON HARTLEY

28



Date of Birth	10/11/1989
Formula 1 Debut	2017
GP Starts	7
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	0

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Formula 1 Debut	1993	Chassis	Sauber C37
Constructors' Titles	0	Motor	Ferrari
GP Starts	470		
GP Wins	1		
Fastest Laps	5		
Pole Positions	1	Total Points	819



MARCUS ERICSSON
9



Date of Birth	02/09/1990
Formula 1 Debut	2014
GP Starts	79
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	11



CHARLES LECLERC
16



Date of Birth	16/10/1997
Formula 1 Debut	2018
GP Starts	3
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	0

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Formula 1 Debut	1966
Constructors' Titles	8
GP Starts	827
GP Wins	182
Fastest Laps	154
Pole Positions	155

Chassis	MCL33
Motor	Renault

Total Points	5174.5
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FERNANDO ALONSO 14



Date of Birth	29/07/1981
Formula 1 Debut	2001
GP Starts	293
GP Wins	32
Pole Positions	22
Podiums	97
F1 Titles	2
Total F1 Points	1871

STOFFEL VANDORNE 2



Date of Birth	26/03/1992
Formula 1 Debut	2016
GP Starts	24
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	N/A
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	20



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Constructors' Titles	N/A	Motor	Ferrari 062
GP Starts	47		
GP Wins	N/A		
Fastest Laps	N/A		
Pole Positions	N/A	Total Points	87



ROMAIN GROSJEAN
8



Date of Birth	17/04/1986
Formula 1 Debut	2009
GP Starts	125
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	10
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	344



KEVIN MAGNUSSEN
20



Date of Birth	05/10/1992
Formula 1 Debut	2014
GP Starts	63
GP Wins	N/A
Pole Positions	N/A
Podiums	1
F1 Titles	N/A
Total F1 Points	91

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Constructors' Titles	2	Motor	Renault
GP Starts	347		
GP Wins	35		
Fastest Laps	31		
Pole Positions	51	Total Points	1408

NICO HÜLKENBERG 27



Date of Birth 19/08/1987
Formula 1 Debut 2010
GP Starts 138
GP Wins N/A
Pole Positions 1
Podiums N/A
F1 Titles N/A
Total F1 Points 427

CARLOS SAINZ 55



Date of Birth 01/09/1994
Formula 1 Debut 2015
GP Starts 63
GP Wins N/A
Pole Positions N/A
Podiums N/A
F1 Titles N/A
Total F1 Points 11

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FIA FORMULA 2 CHAMPIONSHIP

Formula 2 is widely accepted to be the chief feeder series to Formula 1, with many of its graduates moving on to the top flight after honing their skills at this level.

After the 2018 seasons opening of Formula 2 in Bahrain, Baku City Circuit is proud to stage the second round of the season.

The new campaign is set to feature 12 rounds in all, with each meeting running in conjunction with a Formula 1 Grand Prix.

The series will introduce an all-new car for the 2018 season, with the same halo cockpit protection device as F1 fitted as standard.

There are 20 cars representing 10 teams on the grid.

Last year's champion was Monegasque Charles Leclerc. He has since joined Formula 1 Team Sauber.

SAFETY & VALUES

Since its inception Formula 2 was designed to reflect five core values: performance, cost control, entertainment, safety and preparation. The sporting and technical regulations are the blueprint of the championship and are only changed if the proposed modifications fit into the template formed by these values, which remain the guiding principles of Formula 2.

PERFORMANCE- F2 lap times are highly competitive with the final few rows on the grid proving that there isn't another junior formula which can match the performance levels of this series. Engines which provide over 612bhp, plus ground effects and proper slick tyres make the Formula 2 cars powerful and tricky beasts to handle.

COST CONTROL- Operating at about 2% of the cost of running a Formula One team, F2 Teams nevertheless race on the same tracks, on the same weekends, for the same audience and offer very impressive racing for the crowd and the F1 paddock to enjoy. With centralised purchasing, strict limits on testing and an outright ban on individual developments costs are kept in check, while modifications are made with an eye on how they will affect the price structure for the teams.

ENTERTAINMENT - By far F2 biggest selling point is the excitement its races provide for the fans. With two races per weekend, reverse grids, compulsory pit stops, prime and option tyres and 22 identical cars on display, the series never fails to enthrall and entertain.

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SAFETY - Racing at speeds very close to F1, safety is of course the highest priority. The F2 2018 car has passed every one of the stringent F1 FIA crash tests, and includes anti-intrusion panels, while wearing the HANS device is also compulsory. The championship dedicates commitment to safety ahead of all other considerations.

PREPARATIONS - The record speaks for itself: there has never been an F1 feeder category as successful as F2. In 2016, the F1 grid was made up of ten F2 graduates, including five Champions, with two (Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg) going on to become Formula 1 World Champions (in 2008, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017). There can be no finer testimonial to the benefit of the training the series provides to young drivers than that.

THE CAR AND ENGINE DIMENSIONS

- Overall length : 5224mm
- Overall width : 1900mm
- Overall Height : 1097mm (including FOM roll hoop camera)
- Wheelbase : 3135mm
- Overall weight : 720 kg (driver on-board)

ENGINE

- V6- 3.4 litre single turbo charged Mecachrome engine
- Rated to 620 HP @ 8750 rpm
- Fly-by-wire accelerator system
- Rebuilt after 8000km
- Maximum Torque 600Nm.

PERFORMANCE

- Acceleration : 0- 100km/h, 2.90sec
- : 0- 200km/h, 6.60sec
- Max. speed : 335km/h (Monza aero configuration + DRS)
- Max. braking deceleration : -3.5G
- Max. lateral acceleration : +/- 3.9G

SAFETY STANDARDS

- Full FIA F12018 safety standards
- Halo F1 specifications

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- Survival cell- Sandwich Carbon/aluminium honeycomb structure made by Dallara
- Front & rear wing- Carbon structures made by Dallara
- Bodywork- Carbon- Kevlar honeycomb structures made by Dallara

DRS

- Same functionality of DRS used in Formula 1
- Hydraulic activation

GEARBOX

- 6-speed longitudinal Hewland sequential gearbox
- Electro-hydraulic command via paddle shift from steering wheel
- ZF SACHS Carbon clutch
- No on-board starter, anti-stall system
- Non-hydraulic ramp differential

FUEL CELL

- FIA Standard, Premier FT 125 litres

ELECTRONIC FEATURES

- Magneti Marelli Marvel SRG 480 ECU/GCU including data logging system
- Magneti Marelli PDU 12-42 power supply management unit
- CAN data acquisition pre-equipment
- Beacon receiver

SUSPENSION

- Double steel wishbones, pushrod operated, twin dampers and torsion bars suspension (F) and spring suspension (R)
- Adjustable ride height, camber and toe
- Two way (F) / Four way (R) adjustable Koni dampers
- Adjustable anti-roll bar (Front/Rear)

BREAKS

- 6 pistons monobloc Brembo calipers
- TBC carbon-carbon brake discs and pads

WHEELS & TYRES

- F1 standard wheel dimensions
- O.Z. Racing
- Magnesium rims
- 13" x 12" front & 13" x 13.7" rear F1 2017 standard wheel dimension
- F2 specific Pirelli slick / wet tyres

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STEERING SYSTEM

- Non-assisted rack and pinion steering system
- XAP steering wheel with dashboard, marshalling display, gear change and clutch paddles, marshalling & VSC display

CAMERA EQUIPMENT

- Roll hoop, nose cone and face shot camera pre-equipment.

CALENDAR

6 – 8 April	Sakhir	Bahrain
27 – 29 June	Baku	Azerbaijan
11 – 13 May	Barcelona	Spain
24 – 26 May	Monte Carlo	Monaco
22 – 24 June	Le Castellet	France
29 June – 01 July	Spielberg	Austria
06 – 08 July	Silverstone	Great Britain
27 – 29 July	Budapest	Hungary
24 – 26 Aug	SPA-Francorchamps	Belgium
31 Aug – 02 Sept	Monza	Italy
28 – 30 Sept	Sochi	Russia
23 – 25 Nov	Yas Marina	Abu Dhabi

WEEKEND FORMAT & POINTS ALLOCATION

A race weekend is composed of one forty-five minutes practice session and one half hour qualifying session, followed by two races.

The qualifying session is a straight fight for fastest lap time and determines the order of the grid for Race 1. **Four points** are awarded for pole position.

Race 1 is run over 170km or 60 minutes (except for Monaco where the race is run over 140km and in Budapest and Sochi where the race is run over 160km), and each driver must complete one compulsory pit stop and must use at least one set of each specification of dry-weather tyres.

The **top ten drivers** score points (25, 18, 15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1) with two points being awarded to the driver who set the fastest lap of the race.

The grid for Race 2 is determined by the finishing order of the first race, with the top 8 positions reversed. Race 2 is run over 120km or 45 minutes (except for Monaco where the race is run over 100km).

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The **top eight finishers** score points (15, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1) and the driver who sets the fastest lap scores **two points**.

Any driver who is not classified in the top ten positions at the end of the race or, didn't start the race from his normal grid position will not be eligible for points awarded for fastest lap.

ENTRY LIST

#	DRIVER	NATIONALITY	TEAM
1	Artem Markelov	RUS	RUSSIAN TIME
2	Tadasuke Makino	JPN	RUSSIAN TIME
3	Sean Gelael	IDN	PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing
4	Nyck de Vries	NLD	PERTAMINA PREMA Theodore Racing
5	Alexander Albon (TBC)	THA	DAMS
6	Nicholas Latifi	CAN	DAMS
7	Jack Aitken	GBR	ART Grand Prix
8	George Russell	GBR	ART Grand Prix
9	Roberto Merhi	ESP	MP Motorsport
10	Ralph Boschung	CHE	MP Motorsport
11	Maximilian Günther	GER	BWT Arden
12	Nirei Fukuzumi	JPN	BWT Arden
14	Luca Ghiotto	ITA	Campos Vexatec Racing
15	Roy Nissany	ISR	Campos Vexatec Racing
16	Arjun Maini	IND	Trident
17	Santino Ferrucci	USA	Trident
18	Sérgio Sette Câmara	BRZ	Carlin
19	Lando Norris	GBR	Carlin
20	Louis Delétraz	CHE	Charouz Racing System
21	Antonio Fuoco	ITA	Charouz Racing System

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