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GRAND PRIX THROUGH THE YEARS

2016 : THE INAUGURAL BENCHMARK EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX

Formula 1 made its historic debut on the shores of the Caspian Sea under the moniker of the European Grand Prix. Driven by the architectural vision of Hermann Tilke, the Baku City Circuit immediately stunned the motorsport community with its radical combination of tight, historical corners and unmatched straight-line velocities. While Nico Rosberg secured a dominant victory from pole position, the headline of the weekend belonged to Williams' Valtteri Bottas. Down the 2.2-kilometer main straight on Neftchilar Avenue, Bottas registered an extraordinary, telemetry-verified top speed of 378 km/h—setting an unofficial all-time record for a Formula 1 car during an official race weekend.



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2017 : A MODERN CLASSIC IGNITED

Rebranded permanently as the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, the 2017 iteration cemented Baku's reputation for high-stakes drama. The race bore witness to an unprecedented flashpoint under the Safety Car when championship rivals Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel engaged in a side-by-side, wheel-banging confrontation. The Grand Prix quickly descended into thrilling unpredictability: Hamilton was forced into an unscheduled pit stop to secure a loose cockpit headrest, while Vettel served a 10-second stop-and-go penalty. Capitalizing on the chaos, Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo executed a legendary triple-overtake into Turn 1 to snatch an unlikely victory. Behind him, 18-year-old rookie Lance Stroll held off a charging Valtteri Bottas until the final meters, securing a historic maiden podium for Williams.



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2018: TEAM WARFARE AND HEARTBREAK

The unforgiving nature of Baku's concrete corridors took center stage in 2018. Tensions within Red Bull Racing boiled over as teammates Max Verstappen and Daniel Ricciardo engaged in a fierce, multi-lap slipstreaming duel that ultimately culminated in a high-speed collision down the main straight, eliminating both cars instantly. In the closing stages, Valtteri Bottas seemed destined for redemption, leading comfortably until a cruel piece of track debris punctured his rear tire with only three laps remaining. Lewis Hamilton inherited the victory, sharing a highly unpredictable podium with Kimi Räikkönen and Sergio Pérez.



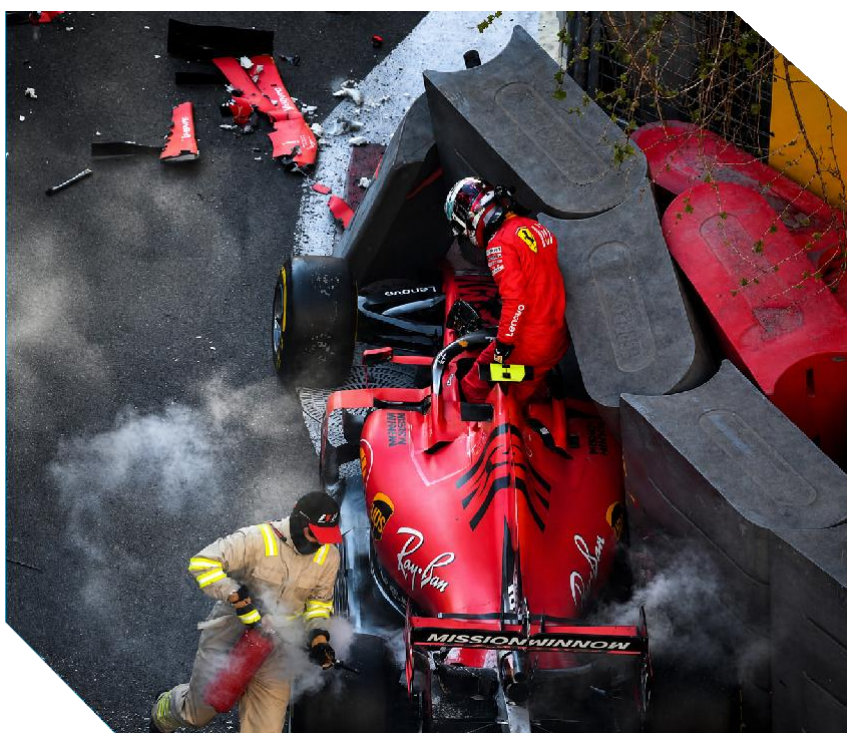
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2019: REDEMPTION AND "SILVER ARROWS" SUPREMACY

The weekend began with a striking reminder of the circuit's microscopic margins for error. Charles Leclerc, who had dominated practice in his Ferrari, misjudged the iconic, ultra-narrow 7.6-meter-wide Castle Section (Turn 8) during Q2, burying his car into the TechPro barriers and delivering his now-infamous radio transmission: "I am stupid." On Sunday, absolute redemption belonged to Valtteri Bottas. Controlling the race flawlessly from pole position, Bottas held off teammate Lewis Hamilton to spearhead a clinical Mercedes 1–2 finish, exorcising the ghosts of his 2018 heartbreak.



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2020: THE SILENT YEAR

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Baku City Circuit Operations Company, in alignment with the FIA and Formula 1, made the responsible decision to cancel the 2020 event. The streets of Baku fell quiet, utilizing the hiatus to prepare for a resilient return to the global sporting calendar.



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2021: STANDING STARTS AND “MAGIC” MISTAKES

Moved to a June calendar slot, the 2021 Grand Prix delivered one of the most jaw-dropping finales in modern F1 history. Race leader Max Verstappen suffered a catastrophic rear-tire blowout at over 300 km/h on the main straight, triggering a late red flag. From the resulting standing restart with just two laps remaining, Lewis Hamilton mistakenly left his “brake magic” override switch engaged, locking his front tires and sailing straight into the Turn 1 escape road. Sergio Pérez navigated the pressure to claim his first victory for Red Bull Racing, flanked by Sebastian Vettel—who secured Aston Martin’s first-ever F1 podium—and Pierre Gasly.



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2022: RED BULL REVENGE AND THE “BAKU CURSE” BROKEN

Ferrari displayed blistering single-lap pace, locking out the front row with Charles Leclerc on pole position. However, severe structural unreliability devastated the Scuderia, resulting in a double-DNF for both Leclerc and Carlos Sainz. Red Bull Racing took absolute command of the race. Max Verstappen led home a dominant Red Bull 1–2, systematically breaking the historic “Baku Curse” which had previously dictated that no active world championship leader had ever won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.



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2023: THE KING OF THE STREETS ESTABLISHES HIS REIGN

Baku was selected to pioneer Formula 1's revamped, highly anticipated standalone Sprint Saturday format. Red Bull's Sergio Pérez thrived under the intense pressure of the revised schedule. Exhibiting peerless precision close to the barriers, Pérez executed a flawless weekend double by winning both the Saturday Sprint and the Sunday Grand Prix. In doing so, he broke a historic trend, becoming the first and only multi-time Grand Prix winner in the circuit's history.



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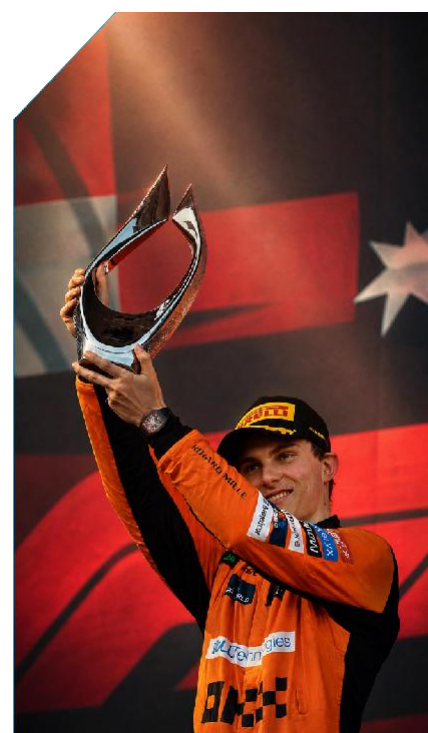
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2024: A TACTICAL STANDOFF AND PENULTIMATE ATTRITION

McLaren's Oscar Piastri delivered a defensive masterclass, maintaining ice-cold composure under a relentless, race-long assault from polesitter Charles Leclerc. The high-speed chess match concluded abruptly under a Virtual Safety Car following a violent penultimate-lap crash between Carlos Sainz and Sergio Pérez as they fought wheel-to-wheel for the remaining podium positions. The incident allowed George Russell to inherit a dramatic 3rd-place finish behind Piastri and Leclerc.



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2025: A RADICAL NEW PODCAST

The final race before the decade milestone underscored Baku's reputation for throwing up highly unexpected results. McLaren and Ferrari engaged in fierce strategic battles at the front, but the weekend ultimately rewarded tactical adaptability. While the fight for the victory kept fans on the edge of their seats, George Russell secured a phenomenal second-place finish for Mercedes. The biggest shock of the paddock belonged to Carlos Sainz Jr., who steered his Williams-Mercedes to a brilliant, hard-fought 3rd-place finish, sending a wave of celebration through the historic Grove-based team and setting the stage beautifully for the 10th edition anniversary.



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ALL-TIME RESULTS MATRIX

Year	Circuit Name	Pole Position	Race Winner	Winning Constructor
2016	European GP	Nico Rosberg	Nico Rosberg	Mercedes
2017	Azerbaijan GP	Lewis Hamilton	Daniel Ricciardo	Mercedes
2018	Azerbaijan GP	Sebastian Vettel	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes
2019	Azerbaijan GP	Valtteri Bottas	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes
2020	[Cancelled – COVID-19 Pandemic Intermission]			
2021	Azerbaijan GP	Charles Leclerc	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull
2022	Azerbaijan GP	Charles Leclerc	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
2023	Azerbaijan GP	Charles Leclerc	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull
2024	Azerbaijan GP	Charles Leclerc	Oscar Piastri	McLaren
2025	Azerbaijan GP	Max Verstappen	Max Verstappen	McLaren

10-EDITION HISTORICAL BENCHMARKS

- The Pole King (4 Poles):** Charles Leclerc holds the ultimate qualifying record on the Caspian shores, achieving four consecutive pole positions (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024).
- The King of the Streets (5 Podiums):** Sergio Pérez remains the most successful individual driver in Baku history with a record 5 podium appearances (2016, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023), including two Grand Prix wins and a Sprint victory.
- Repeat Winners Circle:** Only two drivers have stood on the top step of the Baku Grand Prix podium more than once: Sergio Pérez (2021, 2023) and Max Verstappen (2022, 2025).
- The Lap Record:** 1:43.009 – Clocked by Charles Leclerc in 2019 behind the wheel of the Ferrari SF90, yielding an average lap speed of 210 km/h.

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WELCOME NOTE

DEAR FRIENDS ,

On behalf of Baku City Circuit, I warmly welcome you to the FORMULA 1® QATAR AIRWAYS AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX 2026. This year marks a major milestone as we celebrate the 10th edition of the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix in Baku — ten years of unforgettable racing, passionate fans and continued growth.

Since our inaugural race in 2016, Baku has established itself as one of Formula 1's most distinctive street circuits, renowned for its unique layout, spectacular atmosphere and unpredictable racing. Winding through the heart of our capital, the circuit's combination of long straights, narrow sections through the Old City and frequent overtaking has produced some of the championship's most memorable races.

The event's international appeal has continued to grow with each edition. In 2025, 77% of ticket holders travelled from abroad, with 93% of international visitors coming to Azerbaijan specifically for the Grand Prix. In response to this growing interest, we have continued to invest in the circuit's infrastructure, adding four new grandstands over the past three years and increasing spectator capacity by more than 6,000 seats.

This 10th anniversary celebrates a decade of Formula 1 in Baku and offers an opportunity to create a memorable race weekend for fans and visitors. Alongside the thrilling on-track action, Baku City Circuit will once again offer a vibrant experience for fans and visitors, with the fan zone on Baku Seaside Boulevard providing entertainment, activities, and a concert program of global stars for visitors of all ages.

We look forward to welcoming you to Baku for this milestone event and to sharing another chapter in the city's Formula 1 story. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey over the past decade. We hope you enjoy the racing, the atmosphere, and the hospitality that have made Baku a distinctive part of the Formula 1 calendar.

Maqsud Farzullayev

General Director

Baku City Circuit Operations Company

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TIMETABLE – FORMULA 1® AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX 2026

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

06:28	SUNRISE			
07:00	TRACK OPEN TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC			
07:30	TEAM CURFEW ENDS (STARTED WEDNESDAY 18:30)			
09:00	TRACK CLOSED TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC			
09:00	10:45	FORMULA 1	TRACK	TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS
11:00	12:00	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	TRACK	MARSHAL TRAINING AND SIMULATION (HIGH SPEED, TRACK CLOSED)
12:00	15:00	FORMULA 1	TRACK	TRACK CLOSED FIA / F1 SYSTEMS CHECKS - TRACK ACCESS RESTRICTED TO FIA / F1 ONLY
12:30	13:00	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	ONLINE MEETING	SECURITY BRIEFING
13:15	13:45	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	F2 SYSTEMS CHECKS
13:30	14:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	F1 DRIVERS' PRESS CONFERENCE
13:45	14:00	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION, TRACK COMPLETELY CLEAR
14:00	15:00	FIA	TRACK	HIGH SPEED TRACK TEST - FIA SAFETY, MEDICAL CARS & F1, F2 STEWARDS' FAMILIARISATION
15:10	15:50	FORMULA 1	TRACK	UNO CONTENT CAPTURE
15:50	TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS UNTIL 19:00			
16:00	18:00	PROMOTER ACTIVITY	PIT LANE	3 DAY TICKET HOLDER PIT LANE WALK
17:00	17:30	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	DRIVERS' & TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING
18:00	19:30	F1 EXPERIENCES	PIT LANE	F1 EXPERIENCES PIT LANE WALK
18:00	19:30	F1 EXPERIENCES	TRACK	F1 EXPERIENCES TRACK TOUR & TROPHY PHOTO
18:30	TEAM CURFEW STARTS			
18:36	SUNSET			
19:00	TRACK OPENING COMMENCES			
20:00	TRACK OPEN TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC			
22:00	TRACK CLOSED TO PUBLIC TRAFFIC			

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THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

06:29		SUNRISE		
08:30		TEAM CURFEW ENDS		
08:30	08:40	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
08:40	09:00	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
09:00	09:15	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INTERVENTION EXERCISE
09:30	10:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING
10:00	10:45 ¹	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	PRACTICE SESSION
11:00	12:00	Paddock CLUB	TRACK	Paddock CLUB TRACK TOUR
11:00	12:00	FORMULA 1	PIT LANE	F1 CAR PRESENTATION
11:00	12:00	Paddock CLUB	PIT LANE	Paddock CLUB PIT LANE WALK
12:10	12:20	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
12:30	13:30¹	FORMULA 1	TRACK	FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
14:00	14:20	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION 1
14:30	14:50	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION 2
14:30	15:30	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	TEAMS' PRESS CONFERENCE
15:00	15:30	Paddock CLUB	TRACK	Paddock CLUB TRACK TOUR
15:00	15:35	Paddock CLUB	PIT LANE	Paddock CLUB PIT LANE WALK
15:30	16:00	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
15:40	15:50	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
16:00	17:00¹	FORMULA 1	TRACK	SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
17:15	18:00	FIA	PIT LANE	MARSHAL'S PIT LANE WALK
17:20		TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS		
18:30	19:30	FIA	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	F1 DRIVERS' MEETING
18:34		SUNSET		
21:00		TEAM CURFEW STARTS		

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FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

06:30		SUNRISE		
07:15	07:25	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
07:25	07:40	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
08:00	08:05	FIA FORMULA 2	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
08:15*	09:05 ²	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	SPRINT RACE (21 LAPS OR 45 MINS + 1 LAP)
09:25	09:45	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
09:30		TEAM CURFEW ENDS		
11:15	12:00	Paddock Club	TRACK	Paddock Club Track Tour
11:15	12:05	Paddock Club	PIT LANE	Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk
12:10	12:20	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
12:30	13:30 ¹	FORMULA 1	TRACK	THIRD PRACTICE SESSION
14:00	14:05	FIA FORMULA 2	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
14:15*	15:20 ²	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	FEATURE RACE 1 (29 LAPS OR 60 MINS + 1 LAP)
15:40	15:50	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION
15:40	16:00	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
16:00	17:00	FORMULA 1	TRACK	QUALIFYING SESSION
17:00	18:00	FORMULA 1	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
17:15	18:15	Paddock Club	TRACK	Paddock Club Track Tour
17:15	18:15	Paddock Club	PIT LANE	Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk
17:20		TRACK OPEN TO F1 PASS HOLDERS		
18:15	19:15	F1 EXPERIENCES	TRACK	CHAMPIONS CLUB GRID WALK & TROPHY PHOTO
18:33		SUNSET		
20:00		F1 CAR COVERS ON		

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SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

06:31		SUNRISE		
09:55	10:05	FIA	TRACK	MEDICAL INSPECTION
10:00		F1 CAR COVER SEALS REMOVED		
10:05	10:25	FIA	TRACK	TRACK INSPECTION & SAFETY CAR TEST
10:45	10:50	FIA FORMULA 2	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
11:00*	12:05 ²	FIA FORMULA 2	TRACK	FEATURE RACE 2 (29 LAPS OR 60 MINS + 1 LAP)
12:25	12:55	FIA FORMULA 2	PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM	PRESS CONFERENCE
12:30	13:30	Paddock Club	TRACK	Paddock Club TRACK TOUR
12:30	13:30	Paddock Club	PIT LANE	Paddock Club PIT LANE WALK
13:00	13:30	FORMULA 1	GRID	DRIVERS' PRESENTATION
13:50	14:10	FIA	TRACK	TRACK & MEDICAL INSPECTION
14:20	14:30	FORMULA 1	PIT LANE	PIT LANE OPEN
14:44	14:46	FORMULA 1	TRACK	NATIONAL ANTHEM
15:00*	17:00 ²	FORMULA 1	TRACK	GRAND PRIX (51 LAPS OR 120 MINS)
18:31		SUNSET		
19:00		F1 CAR COVERS ON		

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1.2 ACCREDITATION AND MEDIA CENTRE

ACCREDITATION

The MAC will be located at the following address: Hilton Baku (first floor),
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Media Accreditation Centre Operational Period	Hours of Operation
Tuesday, September 22	09:00 – 18:00
Wednesday, September 23	08:00 – 18:00
Thursday, September 24	08:00 – 16:00
Friday, September 25	08:00 – 14:00
Saturday, September 26	08:00 – 13:00

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Media Centre Operational Period	Hours of Operation
Tuesday, September 22	14:00 – 18:00
Wednesday, September 23	09:00 – 20:00
Thursday, September 24	08:00 – 00:00
Friday, September 25	08:00 – 00:00
Saturday, September 26	08:00 – (until the last journalist leaves)

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1.3 PRESS CONFERENCES

The Media Centre will host official Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) press conferences during the race weekend. There will be a press conference on each of the days of the event, starting on Thursday. All Press Conferences will be transmitted into the Media Centre.

WEDNESDAY :

13:30-14:30
F1 Press Conference

The format of the Thursday Driver Press Conference will be two groups of a maximum of three drivers for 30 minutes – these drivers will not take part in the TV Pen.

TV Pen

The remaining drivers are available for TV and written press interviews.

THURSDAY :

14:30-15:30
F1 Press Conference

The format of Thursday will be one group of representatives for 30 minutes

Post FP2

Mandatory interviews in the TV Pen for one driver and one team representative from each team with short TV interviews + written media pool

15:30-16:00
F2 Press Conference

FRIDAY :

09:25-09:45
F2 Press Conference

17:00-18:00
F1 Press Conference

Top 3 drivers to the Press Conference and then to the TV Pen for Broadcasters only

TV Pen

Drivers out in Q1, Q2 & Q3

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SATURDAY :

Top 3 Media Activities

TV Pen then Press Conference

TV Pen

Outside of the top 3 drivers

All press conferences will be transmitted to the Media Centre.

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1.4 MEDIA TRANSPORT & SHUTTLES**FROM AIRPORT – TO MEDIA HOTEL (CRESCENT BEACH HOTEL BAKU)**

A free taxi service has been organised for the media, providing transport from Heydar Aliyev International Airport to the designated media hotel, Crescent Beach Hotel Baku. The designated media taxis will depart from Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), located 20 km northeast of Baku, and will operate based on advance bookings. These taxis will travel directly to Crescent Beach Hotel Baku. To use this service, media representatives must have provided their flight details and requested transportation from BCC before arrival. Upon arrival at the airport, BCC's Arrivals and Departures Team will be on hand to guide the media to their transportation.

For advanced taxi bookings, please contact:Email: mediaservices@bakugp.az

Phone: +994 55 206 45 60

For those who haven't requested the taxi service prior to their arrival, a paid taxi service from/to GYD is available. Public transport services from/to GYD are also available.

The cost of a standard Taxi service from GYD to downtown Baku is approximately AZN 25.

Uber and Bolt services also operate in Baku. For Uber services, the separate Uber AZ app must be used.

CRESCENT BEACH HOTEL BAKU – MEDIA CENTRE/MAC – MEDIA HOTEL

A shuttle bus service is also available from the designated media hotel, Crescent Beach Hotel Baku, to the Media Accreditation Centre and the Media Centre at the Hilton Hotel. In addition to media representatives staying at Crescent Beach Hotel Baku, all accredited media representatives can come to the hotel to use the free shuttle bus service to the Media Accreditation Centre and Media Centre.

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1.4 MEDIA TRANSPORT & SHUTTLES

The shuttle service from the media hotels to the MAC/MC drop-off zone will be provided according to the MAC and MC operating hours schedule:

Media Centre operations hours	Approximate Travel Time	Frequency
22.09 09:00 – 18:00	35 min	Every 30 min
23.09 08:00 – 20:00	35 min	Every 30 min
24.09 08:00 – 00:00	35 min	Every 30 min
25.09 08:00 – 00:00	35 min	Every 30 min
26.09 08:00 – 00:00	35 min	Every 30 min

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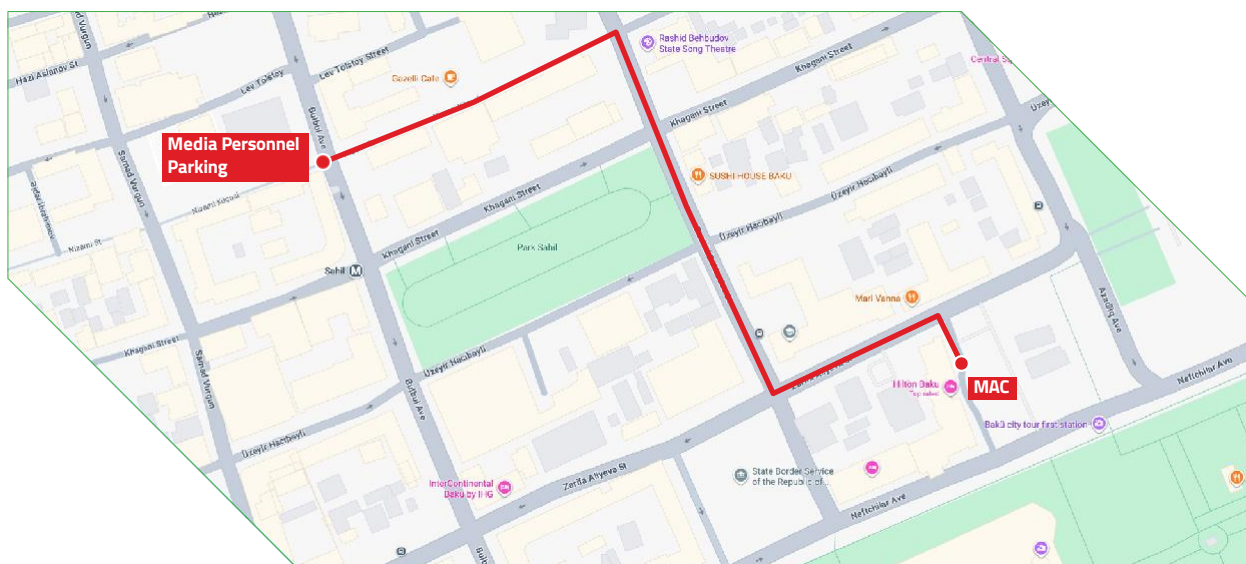
1.4 MEDIA TRANSPORT & SHUTTLES

CAR PARK INFORMATION

For media representatives using rental cars to reach the Media Centre, the media car park (P4) is located at the intersection of Bulbul Avenue and L. Tolstoy Street (Google Maps coordinates: 40.374407, 49.843531). The media car park has a capacity of 30 slots, with additional slots available upon request. As the Media Car Park is close to the Media Centre/MAC, no shuttle service will be provided between the car park and the Media Centre.

TAXIS TO THE 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 large 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 Landmark Business Centre of the Azerbaijan Opera and Ballet Theatre (see map below) and then walk over the footbridges towards the nearest pedestrian scanning area (PSA4 or PSA5).



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PHOTOGRAPHERS' SERVICES

To enable photographers to capture the best possible shots of the race, BCC provides a number of windows at key locations along the track. Access to these buildings will require putting your name down on the sign-up sheet at the Media Center Press room. To access the various points, photographers have to go through the closest Pedestrian Screening Area (PSA). Locations of the PSA's are shown on the map.



Photographer shuttles before and after each session will connect photographers to the most important sections around the circuit.

Operating hours: Please refer to the schedule on the Media Centre's official notice board for photographer shuttle timings. In addition to the on-track transport service, the golf cart service operating within the Baku Boulevard will be available during each of the sessions. Please refer to the photographers' pocket map for shuttle and golf carts pick up/ drop off points.

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1.5 PHOTOGRAPHERS' BUILDINGS

Building 1

1B Azadlig
Avenue Rooftop
Bar Sky Grill,
Hilton Hotel



Building 2

8, Aziz Aliyev Street.
Roof of the Cinema Plus
Building



Building 3

Podium on the top of the Gala
Gapisi



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1.5 PHOTOGRAPHERS' BUILDINGS

Building 4

31, Istiglaliyyat Street.
Balconies on the building
facing Icheri Sheher
Metro Station



Building 5

Turn 15, 9/11 Niyazi Street.
National Museum of Art
Building



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1.6 MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Baku City Circuit is once again delighted to welcome international media representatives to the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2026.

To enrich your experience in Baku beyond the racetrack, BCC is offering a selection of exclusive cultural activities on Wednesday, September 23, giving you the chance to explore Azerbaijan's heritage and creative spirit through specially curated excursions.

A professional guide will accompany the tour, sharing stories behind each experience. The day will conclude with a traditional lunch at an authentic restaurant, serving the very best of local cuisine.

For further inquiries, please contact : m.ismayilzada@bakugp.az



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TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00	DEPARTURE FROM HILTON
10:30-11:30	CARPET MUSEUM
12:00-13:30	LUNCH AT SHIRVANSHAH RESTAURANT
14:00	RETURN TO HILTON

Baku City Circuit is delighted to welcome the international media back for the FORMULA 1 QATAR AIRWAYS AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX 2026. To showcase the charm of our city beyond the racetrack, we invite you to join a complimentary tour on Wednesday, September 23. This year's tour will be:

Carpet Museum & Craft Studio: Explore one of Baku's most iconic museums and try weaving traditional Azerbaijani patterns with expert craftsmen.

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MEDIA WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY – SEPTEMBER 23, 2026



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MEDIA WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY

Baku City Circuit warmly invites you to an exclusive cocktail party in celebration of the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2026.

Join us on Wednesday, September 23, from 7:00 PM until midnight at Sky&Grill, Hilton Baku 's 24th floor, for an unforgettable night overlooking the city

This private gathering is reserved for F1 media, F1 teams, and accredited F1/FIA personnel. Kindly present your F1 accreditation or Paddock Pass upon entry.

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2.1 BAKU CITY CIRCUIT

The first Formula 1 Grand Prix in Baku was held in 2016. The six-kilometer, anti-clockwise layout of the circuit offers mixture of wide and open straights as well as tight and twisty corners. The circuit starts with a very long main straight along the Baku shoreline, loops around Government House, and then heads west toward Maiden Tower.

Here, the track narrows for an uphill traversal and then circles the Old Town, winding past Baku's mediaeval city walls before opening up onto a 2.2 km (1.4 mi) stretch along Neftchilar Avenue back to the start line.



CIRCUIT STATISTICS

Track Length	6.003 km / 3.730 miles
Race distance	306.049 km
Top Speed recorded	378 km/h
Number of turns	20 (12 Left-handers, 8 Right-handers)
Number of laps	51
Fastest Lap	1:43:009

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2.2 HOW TO GET TO BAKU CITY CIRCUIT

The following information is provided to inform residents and businesses around the racetrack of changes to the surrounding areas resulting from the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2026.

ROAD CLOSURES & PEDESTRIAN ACCESS :

Roads forming the street circuit will be closed to vehicle traffic during race preparations. Pedestrian movement will remain uninterrupted with access via **overpasses and underground passages.**

Pedestrian overpasses will be installed and activated during race week at the following locations:

- 1.The intersection of Azerbaijan Avenue and Istiglaliyyat Street;
- 2.The intersection of Khagani and Rashid Behbudov Street;
- 3.The intersection of Fikret Amirov and Khagani Street.
- 4.The intersection of Rashid Behbudov Street with Neftchiler Avenue.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS TIMELINE :

Due to logistical preparations for the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2026 (September 24–26), traffic restrictions will be implemented as follows:

From 01:00 a.m. on September 18, 2026 – Pushkin Street, at its intersections with Uzeyir Hajibeyov Street and Neftchilar Avenue, will be closed to traffic until the end of the event.

From 01:00 a.m. on September 20, 2026, to 08:00 a.m. on September 28, 2026
– all roads within the Baku City Circuit and surrounding areas closed to traffic.

At the same time, for the convenience of residents and drivers, selected sections of the track will be temporarily opened as transit corridors prior to the race:

September 21–22 – from 07:00–09:00 a.m. and 06:00–08:00 p.m.

September 23 – from 07:00–09:00 a.m. and 08:00–10:00 p.m.

Please note that these openings are for transit use only; no stopping or parking is permitted.
For more detailed information regarding traffic arrangements, please visit the official Baku City Circuit website (www.bakucitycircuit.com/faq).

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2.3 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

AIRPORT

Buses and taxis connect 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 on the Airport – City Centre – Airport route. Please refer to <http://www.aeroexpress.az/> for more details.

METRO

Baku Metro hours are from 6:00 am to 12:00 am. At peak times, there are trains every 1-6 minutes.

The closest metro stations to the Race Track are as follows:

- Icheri Sheher Metro station – near the Race Track.
- 28 May Metro station – 700 meters to the Race Track.
- Sahil Metro station – near the Race Track.

Please refer to <https://metro.gov.az/en> website for details regarding the lines & schedules.

BUSES

The range of bus routes is very useful to get around Baku city. Buses run frequently, ensuring minimal wait times, and they offer an affordable and accessible way to explore Baku.

The payment for using the metro and buses is integrated within a single automated payment system through the use of a plastic card “BakıKart”, which can be purchased and topped up at terminals located at metro stations and bus stops or various mobile payment apps.

The changes to bus routes and schedules affected by the Event will be posted in advance on the Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency website, while additional relevant statements will be made via local media outlets (radio, online, television).

TAXIS

Taxis can drop you off near the Racetrack at the designated passenger drop-off point, but CANNOT take you directly to the Racetrack entrance gates.

For detailed information on taxi companies operating in Baku, visit <https://www.bakutaxi.info/taxi>. This website allows you to compare prices across different services to help you find the most affordable option. If you encounter any issues with your driver or have lost items, you should contact the specific taxi company directly.

You can book a taxi by calling the dispatch service, ordering online through the website, or using a mobile application, where available. Taxi fares vary depending on the car class, and the average travel time within Baku is 10-15 minutes.

Taxi companies offer various payment options for your convenience:

- Cash
- Visa and MasterCard when booking online
- Mobile application or bank terminal

Please note that not all companies accept credit card payments, so confirm this in advance if needed.

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2.4 TRAVEL GUIDE

BAKU CITY

Baku, the vibrant capital of Azerbaijan, is a city where East meets West. Situated 28 metres below sea level

—making it the world’s lowest-lying national capital—Baku stretches along the shores of the Caspian Sea. Home to around 3 million people, Baku is known for its unique mix of old and new. Ancient fortresses stand beside modern skyscrapers, and narrow cobblestone streets lead to wide, modern boulevards. It’s one of the few cities in the world that features both UNESCO World Heritage sites and a famous Formula 1 street circuit.

A city of firsts, Baku is home to the world’s first offshore oil platform—Neft Dashlari—and is among the first Muslim-majority cities to embrace secularism, Western education, and gender equality. It is also one of the world’s windiest cities, earning it the local nickname “City of Winds.” Twinned with Naples, Sarajevo, and Izmir, Baku draws parallels to Mediterranean charm while maintaining its unique Eurasian flavour. Its location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia infuses the city with a rich cultural diversity and historical depth that continues to captivate first-time visitors and returning fans alike.

Baku’s skyline, anchored by the flame-shaped towers that echo Azerbaijan’s ancient fire-worshipping roots, rises over an amphitheatrical landscape facing the Bay of Baku. This natural setting is often compared to San Francisco, while the city’s luxurious waterfront and wide promenades invite comparisons to Monte Carlo.

As the first European city to see the sunrise, Baku is full of both meaning and beauty. You can walk through

a 12th-century fortress in the morning, attend a global art exhibition by midday, and enjoy drinks under bright city lights at night.



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HISTORIC SIGHTS & MONUMENTS

Icherisheher (Old City)

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000, surrounded by fortress walls.



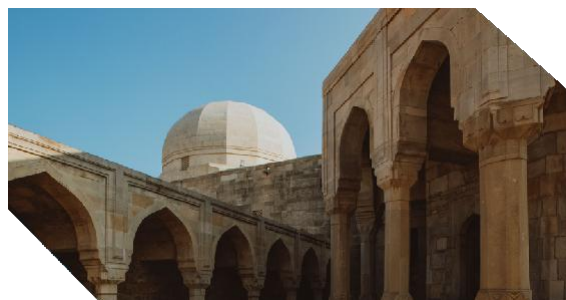
Maiden Tower

Iconic cylindrical tower shrouded in mystery and legend.



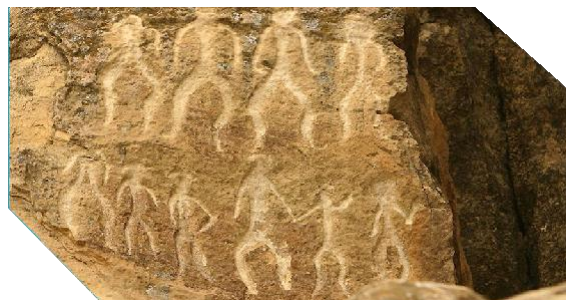
Palace of the Shirvanshahs

15th-century royal complex showcasing medieval Azerbaijani architecture.



Gobustan

UNESCO World Heritage site near Baku, famous for its collection of over 6,000 prehistoric rock carvings and its unique landscape of bubbling mud volcanoes. It preserves over 40,000 years of history through ancient petroglyphs depicting the lives of early humans.



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MUSEUMS

Heydar Aliyev Centre

A futuristic architectural landmark by Zaha Hadid. Hosts exhibitions, performances, and design showcases.



Azerbaijan National Carpet Museum

Housed in a building shaped like a rolled carpet. A celebration of Azerbaijan's UNESCO-recognised carpet-weaving tradition.



Museum of Modern Art

Features works from local contemporary artists, reflecting post-Soviet transitions and modern creativity.



National Art Museum of Azerbaijan

Over 17,000 artworks ranging from European masters to traditional Azerbaijani pieces



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MODERN ARCHITECTURE & PUBLIC SPACES

Flame Towers

Three flame-shaped skyscrapers symbolising Azerbaijan's ancient fire-worshipping history.



Baku Boulevard

A scenic waterfront promenade perfect for walking, cycling, and people-watching.



Crescent Bay and Baku Eye

The city's version of the London Eye, overlooking the bay.



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SHOPPING & LEISURE

Port Baku Mall

Luxury brands, cafes, and art galleries in one place.



Ganjlik Mall

A large shopping centre with international stores and a cinema.



Crescent Mall

The newest addition to Baku's retail scene, closest to the F1 circuit. Offers upscale shopping, dining, and views of the Caspian waterfront.



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CULINARY SCENE

Chayki

Elegant Caspian Sea views paired with modern Azerbaijani cuisine.

[Instagram](#)

Address: Baku Boulevard, Near Deniz Mall

Opening hours: Daily, 12:00-00:00,
Weekend: 10:00-00:00

Maru Vanna

Cozy Baku spot for Eastern European flavors.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 93 Zarifa Aliyeva st.

Opening hours: Daily, 10:00-00:00

Nar & Sharab

Elegant dining options serving traditional Azerbaijani dishes.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 27 Namig Guliyev st.

Opening hours: Daily, 11:00-23:30

Firuze

Authentic Azerbaijani cuisine in a cozy traditional setting.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 14 Tarlan Aliyarbeyov st.

Opening hours: Daily, 12:00-01:00

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CULINARY SCENE

EVA

Mediterranean Greek cuisine with a focus on seasonality and presentation.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 74 Üzeyir Hacıbəyli, Port Baku Walk

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12:00-00:00, Sat 10:00-02:00

Jiguli Ryumka Baku

Retro-style Soviet pub with authentic local dishes, live music, and a nostalgic ambience.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 105 Khagani Street, Baku 1073

Opening hours: Weekdays 12:00-01:00, Fri/Sat 12:00-02:00

Bitter

Popular city-centre pub known for its signature cocktails and friendly atmosphere.

[Instagram](#)

Address: 12a Shovkat Alakbarova

Opening hours: Mon off, Sun-Thu 17:00-1:00, Fri-Sat 17:00-3:00

Zakura

Casual Japanese dining with sushi and ramen.

[Instagram](#)

Address: Üzeyir Hacıbəyli 74, Port Baku Walk

Opening hours: Daily, 12:00-23:00

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2.5 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. Having some cash is wise, especially in smaller shops

CURRENCY

The national currency is the Azerbaijani Manat (AZN). One hundred Gepik (coins) equals one Manat, and Manat notes come in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 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 the number minus the zero, should be dialed. For example: +994-50-123-XXXX.

TIME ZONE

Azerbaijan is GMT+4.

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2.6 EMERGENCY NUMBERS

101 Fire Brigade	Lost Property Office (+994 12) 590 91 19
102 Police	Airport Directory (+994 12) 497 27 27
103 Ambulance	Railway Station Directory (+994 12) 493 93 66
106 Exact Time	Sea Port Directory (+994 12) 493 08 68
112 Ministry of Emergency Situations	(+994 12) 512-00-28
113 Ambulance Traffic Accidents	(+994 12) 430-77-31 / (+994 12) 430-77-32
919 State Migration Service	For incoming international calls: (+994 12) 565 61 17
URGENT ON-SITE ASSISTANCE	Track Medical Center (TMC) +994559003591 Satellite Clinic (SC) +994559003592

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3.1 CALENDAR

Round	Date	Grand Prix	Circuit	Country
R1	6–8 Mar	Australian GP	Albert Park Circuit	Australia
R2	13–15 Mar	Chinese GP	Shanghai International Circuit	China
R3	27–29 Mar	Japanese GP	Suzuka Circuit	Japan
R4	1–3 May	Miami GP	Miami International Autodrome	United States
R5	22–24 May	Canadian GP	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve	Canada
R6	5–7 Jun	Monaco GP	Circuit de Monaco	Monaco
R7	12–14 Jun	Barcelona-Catalunya GP	Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Spain
R8	26–28 Jun	Austrian GP	Red Bull Ring	Austria
R9	3–5 Jul	British GP	Silverstone Circuit	United Kingdom
R10	17–19 Jul	Belgian GP	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	Belgium
R11	24–26 Jul	Hungarian GP	Hungaroring	Hungary
R12	21–23 Aug	Dutch GP	Circuit Zandvoort	Netherlands
R13	4–6 Sep	Italian GP	Autodromo Nazionale Monza	Italy
R14	11–13 Sep	Spanish GP	Madrid Street Circuit	Spain
R15	24–26 Sep	Azerbaijan GP	Baku City Circuit	Azerbaijan
R16	02–04 Oct	Bahrain GP	Sepang International Circuit	Malaysia
R17	9–11 Oct	Singapore GP	Marina Bay Street Circuit	Singapore
R18	23–25 Oct	United States GP	Circuit of the Americas	United States
R19	30 Oct–1 Nov	Mexico City GP	Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez	Mexico
R20	6–8 Nov	São Paulo GP	Interlagos	Brazil
R21	19–21 Nov	Las Vegas GP	Las Vegas Strip Circuit	United States
R22	27–29 Nov	Qatar GP	Lusail International Circuit	Qatar
R23	4–6 Dec	Abu Dhabi GP	Yas Marina Circuit	United Arab Emirates

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Team	Driver	Nationality
McLaren	Oscar Piastri	Australia
	Lando Norris	United Kingdom
Scuderia Ferrari HP	Charles Leclerc	Monaco
	Lewis Hamilton	United Kingdom
Oracle Red Bull Racing	Max Verstappen	Netherlands
	Isack Hadjar	France
Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team	George Russell	United Kingdom
	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Italy
Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team	Fernando Alonso	Spain
	Lance Stroll	Canada
BWT Alpine Formula One Team	Pierre Gasly	France
	Franco Colapinto	Argentina
TGR Haas F1 Team	Esteban Ocon	France
	Oliver Bearman	United Kingdom
Visa Cash App Racing Bulls Formula One Team	Liam Lawson	New Zealand
	Arvid Lindblad	United Kingdom
Atlassian Williams F1 Team	Alexander Albon	Thailand
	Carlos Sainz	Spain
Audi Revolut F1 Team	Nico Hülkenberg	Germany
	Gabriel Bortoleto	Brazil
Cadillac Formula 1 Team	Sergio Pérez	Mexico
	Valtteri Bottas	Finland

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3.3 STATISTICAL DATA

Round	Grand Prix	Pole Position	Winner	Fastest Lap
R1	Australian GP	George Russell	George Russell	Max Verstappen
R2	Chinese GP	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R3	Japanese GP	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R4	Miami GP	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Lando Norris
R5	Canadian GP	George Russell	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R6	Monaco GP	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R7	Barcelona-Catalunya GP	George Russell	Lewis Hamilton	Lewis Hamilton
R8	Austrian GP	George Russell	George Russell	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R9	British GP	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Charles Leclerc	Andrea Kimi Antonelli
R10	Belgian GP	Charles Leclerc	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Sergio Pérez
R11	Hungarian GP	Lando Norris	Lando Norris	George Russell
R12	Dutch GP	Lando Norris	Lando Norris	Lando Norris
R13	Italian GP	Lando Norris	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Lando Norris
R14	Spain GP	Lando Norris	Andrea Kimi Antonelli	Lando Norris

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WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Position	Driver	Points
1	Kimi Antonelli	292
2	George Russell	211
3	Lewis Hamilton	191
4	Lando Norris	186
5	Charles Leclerc	167
6	Max Verstappen	145
7	Oscar Piastri	120
8	Isack Hadjar	71
9	Liam Lawson	59
10	Pierre Gasly	41
11	Arvid Lindblad	31
12	Franco Colapinto	27
13	Oliver Bearman	18
14	Gabriel Bortoleto	10
15	Nico Hulkenberg	7
16	Carlos Sainz	6
17	Alexander Albon	5
18	Esteban Ocon	3
19	Fernando Alonso	3
20	Yuki Tsunoda	1
21	Lance Stroll	0
22	Valtteri Bottas	0
23	Sergio Perez	0



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WORLD CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

Position	Constructor	Points
1	Mercedes	503
2	Ferrari	358
3	McLaren	306
4	Red Bull Racing	230
5	Racing Bulls	77
6	Alpine	68
7	Haas F1 Team	21
8	Audi	17
9	Williams	11
10	Aston Martin	3
11	Cadillac	0



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3.4 RULE CHANGES IN FORMULA 1 IN 2026

The 2026 Formula 1 season marks a transformative era for the sport, introducing comprehensive changes across power units, aerodynamics, chassis dimensions, and sustainability standards. Below is an executive summary of the major regulatory updates tailored for media kit integration:

1. SMALLER AND LIGHTER CARS

- **Shorter Wheelbase:** The distance between the front and rear axles is reduced by 200 mm (from 3,600 mm down to 3,400 mm), delivering a more nimble chassis
- **Narrower Profile:** The overall floor width is reduced by 100 mm. Tyre dimensions are also scaled down, with front tyres 25 mm narrower and rear tyres 30 mm narrower.
- **Weight Reduction:** The minimum car weight limit drops significantly by 32 kg, decreasing from 800 kg to 768 kg. This size and weight reduction enhances cornering handling and maneuverability.

2. AERODYNAMICS & ACTIVE AERO (STRAIGHT MODE)

- **Revised Floor Design:** The Venturi ground-effect tunnels used in recent seasons have been removed, shifting aerodynamic floor focus toward revised diffuser configurations.
- **Reduced Outwash:** Front and rear wings have been simplified, wheel covers removed, and new bargeboards introduced to channel turbulent front-wheel airflow inboard. This design minimizes outwash and allows cars to follow one another more closely.
- **Active Aerodynamics ("Straight Mode"):** Replaces conventional static aero setups. On every dry lap, cars automatically activate low-drag configurations in designated track zones by simultaneously lowering upper front wing elements and opening the rear wing element to maximize straight-line efficiency.

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3. HYBRID POWER UNIT (50/50 POWER SPLIT)

- **MGU-H Removal:** The complex and heavy Motor Generator Unit – Heat (MGU-H) has been completely eliminated from the V6 turbo hybrid power unit.
- **50/50 Power Ratio:** Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) power output is reduced to approximately 400 kW, while Kinetic Motor Generator Unit (MGU-K) electric output increases nearly threefold from 120 kW to 350 kW, establishing roughly equal power distribution between thermal and electrical systems.
- **Increased Energy Recovery:** Permitted per-lap battery energy harvesting more than doubles above 4 MJ. Harvesting is achieved under braking, partial throttle, lift-and-coast driving, and full-throttle "super clipping" at the end of straights.

4. 100% ADVANCED SUSTAINABLE FUELS

- **Non-Fossil Feedstocks:** F1 transitions entirely away from crude-derived fuels to 100% Advanced Sustainable Fuels sourced from non-food chain, second-generation feedstocks, including industrial residues and organic waste.
- **Drop-In Compatibility:** The sustainable fuel operates as a drop-in formulation, offering identical combustion performance without requiring mechanical redesigns of the internal combustion engine.
- **Carbon Accounting:** The FIA measures lifecycle CO2 emissions across every step of the extraction and manufacturing process.

5. OVERTAKING MECHANISMS ("OVERTAKE MODE")

- **Replacement of Traditional DRS:** Traditional Drag Reduction System (DRS) overtaking logic is replaced by an electrical performance boost known as **Overtake Mode**.
- **Extra Energy Deployment:** When a trailing car reaches a designated detection point within 1.0 second of the car ahead, the driver gains access to an additional +0.5 MJ of harvested energy and an augmented electrical deployment curve on the following lap to sustain higher top speeds along straights.

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2026 FIA FORMULA 1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP™ 3.5 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

SPRINT EVENTS

The F1 Sprint format remains unchanged for its sixth season, featuring six events on the calendar with the same points system.

2026 SPRINT LOCATIONS :

Shanghai, Miami, Montreal, Silverstone, Zandvoort, and Singapore.

POINT SYSTEM :

The top eight finishers in each Sprint race score points, from 8 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 8th.

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4.1 INTRODUCTION

2026 marks the tenth year of the Formula 2 Championship™. It has proved to be the chief feeder series to Formula 1, having produced ready-made talent for F1 with Charles Leclerc, George Russell, Lando Norris, Alexander Albon, Yuki Tsunoda, Oscar Piastri, Liam Lawson, Jack Doohan, Oliver Bearman, Isack Hadjar, and Gabriel Bortoleto all having made the step up.

Racing on F1 weekends, the series provides the drivers with the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of F1 teams, competing on some of the most challenging and renowned circuits in the world.

Our partners, Aramco, Pirelli, and Dallara are one of the most respected names in top-level automotive expertise, which allows F2 to continually evolve. This, along with further relationships with a host of committed suppliers, has enabled us to create a category that is technologically advanced, ultra-competitive, whilst controlling the costs.

The Championship benefits from the experience of the FIA who oversees the running of all on-track events, while F1's unparalleled expertise in broadcasting and marketing ensures that the F2 Championship has a truly global reach and appeal.

We look forward to providing more excitement for our fans as the best young drivers in the world fight for their place with the cream of racing talent in Formula 1.

It is a one-make championship consisting of 22 identical cars. The chassis are designed by Dallara Automobili. The power base for each car is a Mecachrome-assembled 3.4L turbocharged V6 engine.

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4.2 SAFETY & VALUES

SAFETY

Racing at speeds very close to F1, safety is of paramount importance to F2. The car has been designed to strict F1 safety standards and submitted to stringent FIA crash tests. Our cars include the Titanium Halo head protection system used in F1 and anti-intrusion panels, while wearing the HANS device is compulsory for drivers. The Championship puts its commitment to safety ahead of all other considerations.

PREPARATION

Since its inception, Formula 2's mission statement has been to prepare the best up-and-coming young drivers for the pinnacle of motorsport, Formula 1. With every step, these aspiring drivers must develop skills that are key on the road to F1, in equally technologically advanced cars, while racing in front of the F1 paddock and fans.

During their time in the Championship, they must learn the F1 tracks, how to manage the Pirelli tyres, DRS, the Virtual Safety Car system, the marshalling systems, and race control, while having limited track time, longer races, pit stops and tyre strategies to contend with and a specific weekend format, all under immense pressure to deliver in a highly competitive category.

SUSTAINABILITY & DIVERSITY

Formula 2 plays a significant pioneering role in the advancements of technology in motorsport. In 2023, the Championship, along with its sister category Formula 3, began a successful multi-step switch to using global F1 partner Aramco's advanced fuels with an eye towards being compliant with the FIA 100% sustainable fuel standard. This important innovation is also a key part of a wider sustainability plan that also includes using recycled carbon fibre parts on the new F3 car.

Both F2 and F3 have also been working for quite some time to make both categories more diverse, most notably designing cars that are suitable for a wide range of drivers, keeping in mind that one of the goals is to see female drivers be competitive on both grids.

PERFORMANCE

F2 is the only junior Formula in the world that can get close to the performance levels of Formula 1, thanks to our turbo-charged engines, which produce 620bhp. It means our cars can go from 0-100 km/h in 2.90 seconds and can reach a maximum speed of 335 km/h.

COST CONTROL

The series wants to produce drivers who are ready-made for F1. To achieve this, the series needs the fastest and most competitive young racers on the planet, regardless of any financial restrictions they may have. This makes cost-effectiveness key. Operating at around 2% of the cost of running an F1 team, Formula 2 are always trying to reach the perfect blend of budget control and performance.

This has been achieved by centralized purchasing, strict limits on team personnel and testing, and an outright ban on individual development costs. Any modifications made are produced with an eye on how they will affect the price structure for the teams.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Formula 2 is part of the FIA Pyramid and the Formula One Group. As such, it makes for a clear path for drivers who dream of racing in Formula 1, but also, the Championship is essential to a Grand Prix weekend, providing the fans with enthralling racing. Entertainment is in the Championship's DNA: designing a car that is challenging to drive but also allows for close racing and overtaking opportunities. If you watch F2, you watch the future of F1, and you can expect the unexpected on track.

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Dimensions	▪ Overall length: 5285 mm ▪ Overall width: 1900 mm ▪ Overall height: 1097 mm (including FOM roll hoop camera) ▪ Wheelbase: 3135 mm
Engine	▪ Overall weight: 795 kg (driver on-board) ▪ V6 - 3.4 litre single turbo charged Mecachrome engine ▪ Rated to 620 HP @ 8750 rpm ▪ Fly by wire accelerator system ▪ Rebuild after 8000 km
Performance	▪ Maximum Torque 570 Nm @ 6000 rpm ▪ Acceleration: 0 - 100 km/h, 2.90 sec ▪ Acceleration: 0 - 200 km/h, 6.60 sec ▪ Maximum speed: 335 km/h (Monza aero configuration + DRS) ▪ Max. braking deceleration -3.5 G ▪ Max. lateral acceleration +/- 3.9 G
Safety Standards	▪ Full FIA F1 2014 safety standards ▪ Titanium Halo F1 specification
Monocoque and Bodywork	▪ Survival cell - Sandwich Carbon/aluminium honeycomb structure/Zylon anti-intrusion panels made by Dallara ▪ Front and rear wing - Carbon structures made by Dallara ▪ Bodywork - Carbon - Kevlar honeycomb structures made by Dallara
DRS	▪ Same functionality of DRS used in Formula One ▪ 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 ▪ Non hydraulic ramp differential
Fuel Cell	▪ FIA Standard ▪ Premier FT5 125 litres

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Electronic features	▪ Marelli including data logging system ▪ Marelli power supply management unit ▪ CAN data acquisition pre-equipment ▪ Beacon receiver ▪ F1 type VSC & Marshalling system
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)
Brakes	▪ 6 pistons monobloc Brembo callipers ▪ Carbone Industry carbon-carbon brake discs and pads
Wheels and tyres	▪ O.Z. Racing magnesium rims ▪ 18" x 12" front wheel dimension ▪ 18" x 13.7" rear wheel dimension ▪ F2 specific Pirelli slick / wet tyres ▪ Texense TPMS (Tyre Pressure Monitoring System)
Steering system	▪ Non-assisted rack and pinion steering system – FIA 2023 specification ▪ XAP steering wheel with dashboard, gear change, clutch and DRS paddles, marshalling & VSC display
Camera equipment	▪ Roll hoop, nose cone and face shot camera pre-equipment
Extinguisher system	▪ FEV (electrically operated)

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4.4 CALENDAR

Round	Date	Grand Prix	Circuit	Country
R1	6-8 Mar	Australian GP	Albert Park Circuit	Australia
R2	1-3 May	Miami GP	Miami International Autodrome	United States
R3	22-24 May	Canadian GP	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve	Canada
R4	4-7 Jun	Monaco GP	Circuit de Monaco	Monaco
R5	12-14 Jun	Spanish GP	Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya	Spain
R6	26-28 Jun	Austrian GP	Red Bull Ring	Austria
R7	3-5 Jul	British GP	Silverstone Circuit	United Kingdom
R8	17-19 Jul	Belgian GP	Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps	Belgium
R9	24-26 Jul	Hungarian GP	Hungaroring	Hungary
R10	4-6 Sep	Italian GP	Autodromo Nazionale Monza	Italy
R11	11-13 Sep	Madrid GP	Madrid	Spain
R12	24-26 Sep	Azerbaijan GP	Baku City Circuit	Azerbaijan
R13	27-29 Nov	Qatar GP	Lusail International Circuit	Qatar
R14	4-6 Dec	Abu Dhabi GP	Yas Marina Circuit	United Arab Emirates

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4.5 ENTRY LIST

Team	Driver	Nationality
Invicta Racing	Rafael Camara	Brazil
	Joshua Dürksen	Paraguay
Hitech	Ritomo Miyata	Japan
	Colton Herta	United States
Campos Racing	Noel Leon	Mexico
	Nikola Tsolov	Bulgaria
DAMS Lucas Oil	Dino Beganovic	Sweden
	Roman Bilinski	Poland
MP Motorsport	Gabriele Minì	Italy
	Oliver Goethe	Germany
PREMA Racing	Sebastián Montoya	Colombia
	Mari Boya	Spain
Rodin Motorsport	Martinius Stenshorne	Norway
	Alexander Dunne	Ireland
ART Grand Prix	Kush Maini	India
	Tasanapol Inthraphuvasak	Thailand
AIX Racing	Emerson Fittipaldi	Brazil
	Cian Shields	United Kingdom
Van Amersfoort Racing	Nico Varrone	Argentina
	Rafael Villagomez	Mexico
Trident	Laurens Van Hoepen	Netherlands
	John Bennett	United Kingdom

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