

2009 Junior World Championships --Brive-la-Gaillarde, France

Welcome to the 2009 Junior World Championships Family and Friends page, designed to help supporters of U.S. National Team rowers on their way to see loved ones compete in an international regatta. This page will provide you with information on all aspects of the 2009 Junior World Championships hosted by FISA and held August 5-8 in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France.

Event Information

The 2009 Junior World Rowing Championships is hosted by FISA (Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron) which is the international governing body for the sport of rowing. The 2009 Junior World Championships will be held in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France from August 5-8. The following events will be raced:

Junior Men (JM): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 4+, 8+

Junior Women (JW): 1x, 2x, 2-, 4x, 4-, 8+

Please see FISA's website at <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=31> and the official site of the 2009 Junior World Championships at <http://www.wrjc-brive2009.fr/>

Important Dates

July 10 – Junior World Championship Team is Named

July 29 – Junior World Championship Team Departs for France

August 5-8 – Junior World Championships, Brive-la-Gaillarde, France

August 9 – Junior World Championship Team Returns to United States

Venue Information

Cause Corrézien Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. There are 100 acres of water, and is wind-sheltered making the lake ideal for rowing with fair racing conditions to all competitors.

Directions to the Venue

Cause Corrézien Lake is about 1km South of Brive-la-Gaillarde, France. Directions to the venue can be found at the organizing committee's website at <http://www.wrjc-brive2009.fr/>

Spectator Tickets

Seating is located in the grandstands near the finish line. Spectator tickets are available for purchase directly through the organizing committee's website and may be reserved through July 24 through the internet. There is a ticket order form at the bottom of the page. Completed forms should be submitted to: amandine.beaudet@gmail.com

Travel

The following options are recommendations for traveling to France, as well as getting around France.

By Airplane

Coming from the U.S. will require a layover in Madrid, Paris, Nice, or another major city. Connections are available from a major airport to a smaller airport such as Bordeaux (198km West), Limoges (94km North), Bergerac (110km South-West), or Perigueux (86km West). **It is highly recommend that all travelers bring a copy of their passport in addition to the original document, in case it is lost or stolen.**

By Train

There is a train system connecting most of the surrounding airports to the city of Brive-la-Gaillarde. Schedules and more information can be found at <http://www.raileurope.com/index.html>. The train station in Brive-la-Gaillarde is located 4.5km South-West of the center of the city in Brive-la-Gaillarde. Please check the website of your arrival airport for schedules and arrival information.

By Automobile

Car rental is available at all airports in France as well as the train station in Brive-la-Gaillarde. A few companies that offer rental vehicles are Avis: <http://www.avis.co.uk>, Hertz: <http://www.hertz.co.uk>, Europcar <http://www.europcar.com>

Accommodation Recommendations

The 2009 Junior World Championships Organizing Committee has offered recommendations for accommodations while staying in Brive-la-Gaillarde: <http://www.wrjc-brive2009.fr/>.

The Brive tourism website provides a longer list of hotels in Brive-la-Gaillarde, as well as their contact information: <http://www.brive-tourisme.com/?lang=en>

About Brive-la-Gaillarde, France

Brive-la-Gaillarde is in the south west of France, about 480km south of Paris. Brive-la-Gaillarde, also known as Brive, is the biggest city of the Corrèze District and the second largest city of the Limousin Region. Sports have been a priority for the city for many years, and all participants from national to international level competitions can enjoy an experience in Brive-la-Gaillarde.

In addition to hosting the 2009 Junior World Rowing Championships, many other worldwide competitions have taken place in Brive-la-Gaillarde. These include a leg of the "Tour de France" cycling race, "Enduro" off-road motorcycle racing World Championships and "Pelote Basque" (known in the United States as Jai Alai) World Championships. The Rugby European Championships were held in Brive in 1997. The Brive-la-Gaillarde Rugby Club (CABCL) can is one of the top clubs in France.

Recommended Points of Interest & Things to Do Around Brive-la-Gaillarde

The market of Brive-la-Gaillarde is an open air food and produce market. Market days are Tuesday through Saturday from 8am to 12:30pm.

Mushroom picking is almost considered the "national past time" in France, and there are many edible varieties.

The City of Turenne (15km South) has some of France's most beautiful villages. The Elie-Arnaud Denoix distillery is also in Turenne and produces aperitifs, creams, liqueurs, mustards and vinegars. There are located at Les Prés de la Gare, 19500, Turenne, Tel: +33 5.55.25.44.72

You can go hiking and rock climbing in cities surrounding Brive-la-Gaillarde. The route of La Grande Boucle links the 15 districts of the Brive area and allows you to see each village and different landscapes. Maps are available for a small fee at the tourist information office.

Chocolate Factories near Brive-la-Gaillarde, France

The Bovetti Chocolate Factory is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm (closed noon-2pm); Saturday and Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. They are located at Z.A.E.S du Moulin Rouge, 24120, Terrasson La Villedieu, Tel: 05.53.51.57.36

The Lamy Chocolate Factory Workshop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 7pm (closed noon-2pm); Monday from 2pm to 7pm. They are located at 5 rue de l'Hôtel de Ville, 19100, Brive-la-Gaillarde, Tel: 05.55.18.91.26.

The Chocolaterie Vimbelle is located at 18 Rue Gambetta, 19100, Brive-la-Gaillarde, Tel: 05.55.23.13.44

Cuisine Unique to the Brive-la-Gaillarde Region and France

Some interesting cuisine includes pâtés, stuffed goose neck, conserved meats, giblets, salt-pork, and veal chops from milk-fed calves. There is also beef and lamb bearing the "Boeuf du Limousin" label, and "Cul Noir" Limousin breed of pig known for its thick fat layer. Other unique items include Violet Mustard, Walnut Liqueur, Plum Brandy, Galette Corrèzienne (Cake with chestnuts and walnuts), Clafoutis (Cherry dessert), Farcis Dures de Pommes de Terre (Grated potato and salt-pork), and Flognarde (Type of batter pudding with fruit).

Helpful Travel Facts about France

Time and Climate

France is on Central European Summer Time, which is six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Temperatures average around 80° F in August, humidity is about 50%, and there is minimal rainfall.

Currency

The currency in France is the Euro. You can exchange money in the airport when you arrive in France. Credit Cards are widely accepted, but it is recommended to have at least 2 with you. It is recommended to carry a small amount of cash in case of emergencies, and ATMs are available for use in France. Travelers Checks are not often accepted, and are therefore not recommended. Currently, 1 Dollar is equal to about .715 Euros (on June 23, 2009). The value of the Euro versus the dollar changes daily.

Food and Beverage

Tip in bars and restaurants are usually included in France. It is customary for you to round out your bill with a small amount of change, and it is common to leave 5% of the

bill on the table.

Tap water is safe to drink in France, and bottled water is easy to find for drinking if you prefer. There is no need to avoid tap water for brushing teeth, etc

Restrooms

Restrooms are often marked with a sign saying "toilettes", or "W.C." There is often a small fee for using the restroom, even in restaurants. Public restrooms are often available in parks that take a small amount of change.

Electricity

Electricity in France is 230V, 50 Hz AC. Sockets are standard continental European type C, E socket.

English Speaking Emergency Numbers

Police: 17

Medical: 15

Fire: 18

European Emergency Number: 112

US Embassy in Paris, France: 317-472-2328; Operating hours: 8am – 8pm, Monday – Friday

More information about safe travel and tips for traveling abroad is available on the website for the US Embassy in France at

http://france.usembassy.gov/information_for_travelers.html.

Certain U.S. cell phones do get service in France, depending on the provider. You should check coverage availability and rates with your service provider before traveling. Another option to stay in touch while in France is to buy a pre-paid SIM card and use it in an unlocked quad band cell phone.

For further information or questions, please review the USRowing website at <http://www.usrowing.org/> or contact Elpi Pagitsas at elpi@usrowing.org or 609-751-0708.

Booking Form and Payment

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ COUNTRY: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

I would like to confirm a reservation for:

Race days	Price in €	Number of seats	TOTAL in €
Wednesday 5 th of August	12,50 €		
Thursday 6 th of August	12,50 €		
Friday 7 th of August	15,00 €		
Saturday 8 th of August	20,00 €		
Package for grandstand for 1/2 finals and finals on 7 th and 8 th of August	35,00 €		
Package for grandstand on 5 th to 8 th of August	55,00 €		
TOTAL			

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Completed forms should be emailed to
amandine.beudet@gmail.com.