

# Ice Hockey World Championships in 2015 in the Czech Republic

*The Czech Republic invites tourists to magical Prague as well as industrial Ostrava*

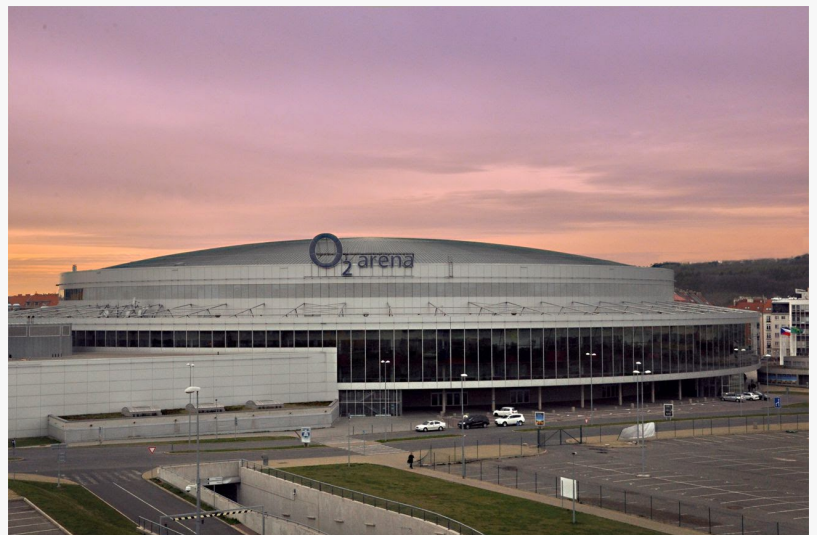
PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, January 27, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Ice Hockey World Championships will be hosted in 2015 by the hundred-spired city in the heart of Europe and Silesian Ostrava - a city with a rich mining history.

The logo from the upcoming World Cup portrays one of the state symbols of the Czech Republic - the lion, which is holding a hockey stick due to the May championship. The Czech lion was incidentally also the mascot of the World Hockey Championship in 2004, when this event was last hosted by the Czech Republic. This year's official mascot represents other national "heroes" - a cartoon rabbits, that during evening story time have made several generations of Czech children happy, this year dressed in complete hockey equipment.

While the most famous Czech cartoon figure is staying away (Little mole, sent into space, among other places), the rabbits Bob and Bobek are conquering the hearts of young fans in the Czech Republic and abroad. Bob and Bobek are the main characters of the popular Czech cartoon bedtime stories about two rabbits

who live in a wizarding hat. The series first appeared on screens in Czechoslovak television in 1979. Its author is the famous Czech artist, illustrator, cartoonist and director of animated films Vladimír Jiránek. Concerning the "hockey look" of Bob and Bobek for the IIHF World Championship in ice hockey in 2015, it was taken care of by the artist and set designer Alex Dowis - winner of the national TV talent competition.

Both mascots have ties to both cities of this year's championship - Prague and Ostrava. Both cities combine several historical events, including the figure of the composer Antonin Dvořák, whose music



was heard not only on earth but also in space. A theatre in Ostrava is named in his honor, while in Prague the largest concert hall, Prague's Rudolfinum, bears his name. While Prague is famous mainly on account of its romantic nooks of its medieval winding alleys, historic architectural jewels headed by Prague Castle and Charles Bridge, Ostrava is an industrial pearl. The National Historic Landmark of Dolní Vítkovice offers several ultra modern adventure tour routes that link the industrial and mining history of this city. Tours of the former mines, a mining museum and industrial halls complemented at the end of the year by the newly opened unique Science and Technology Center that makes science, research and engineering matter accessible. The partner of the local world of technology is the American Museum of Natural History.

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Tickets for the World Cup can be purchased via the internet, at Sazka terminals and at the box offices of both halls. In February the second phase of advance ticket sales kicks off. According to the gaming system at the various venues, the championship matches are played in the qualifying groups and two quarterfinals. The final battles - the semifinal match, the match for third place and the final - will be shown at the O2 Arena in Prague.

The ticket prices for one match in the basic group ranges from 190 CZK to 1,690 CZK. At the quarter-final matches it will be possible to buy tickets at prices of 2,390 CZK and 2,990 CZK. Tickets for the semi-finals at Prague's O2 Arena are worth 4,690 CZK and 5,790 CZK, ticket prices for the match for 3rd place are 4,290 CZK and 5,390 CZK. The duel for the world's gold, can be watched by fans after buying tickets at a price of 7,190 CZK or 8,990 CZK. The tournament will begin on May 1, when the Czech Republic celebrates the "Feast of Love" with a match between Canada and Latvia and the USA and Finland (both matches at 16:15 simultaneously in Ostrava and Prague) and ends May 17 with the final match at 20:45 in Prague's O2 Arena.

Group A:

Sweden SWE

Canada CAN

Czech Republic CZE

Switzerland SUI

Latvia LAT

France FRA

Germany GER

Austria AUT

Group B:

Finland FIN

Russia RUS

USA-USA

Slovakia SVK

Norway NOR

Belarus BLR

Slovenia SLO

Denmark DEN

When: May 1 -17, 2015

Where: Prague – the O2 Arena, Ocelářská 460, Prague 9

ČEZ Arena, Ostrava – Ruská 3077, Ostrava

Schedule of matches, info about the tournament: <http://www.iihfworlds2015.com/>

Tickets [www.sazkaticket.cz](http://www.sazkaticket.cz), complete price of tickets for viewing at:

[http://www.iihfworlds2015.com/media/508289/Info\\_tickets.pdf](http://www.iihfworlds2015.com/media/508289/Info_tickets.pdf)

Area of Dolní Vítkovice - Ostrava <http://dolnivitkovice.cz> , [www.czechtourism.com/c/ostrava-vitkovice](http://www.czechtourism.com/c/ostrava-vitkovice)

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