

Berlin-Brandenburg applies for 2022 Ryder Cup

Capital region seeks to host renowned golf tournament

Berlin, 26 March 2015 Proponents hope to see Berlin's south-east welcoming the 2022 Ryder Cup, a team tournament of the best golfers in Europe and the United States. Germany is currently in the application phase, with the A-Rosa Scharmützelsee golf resort in Bad Saarow as its proposed venue for the event. The resort and golf course near Berlin is the official German candidate for hosting the 2022 edition of the world's most prestigious team event in golf. If the bid is successful, this will mark the first time that the Ryder Cup would be held on German green.

"The Ryder Cup is one of the world's most outstanding sporting events, which is why the sports metropolis Berlin is throwing its support behind the bid to host this sporting event," says Burkhard Kieker, CEO of *visitBerlin*. "The resort in Bad Saarow is ideal thanks to its proximity to Berlin; it is, after all, less than an hour's drive from the German capital. We are certain that the athletes and the Ryder Cup visitors will want to check out Berlin while they're here."

Besides Germany, Austria, Italy, Portugal, and Spain are also bidding to host the event. The decision for the 2022 venue will be taken this autumn. After the FIFA World Cup and the Olympic Games, the Ryder Cup is one of the world's biggest sporting events. The tournament, which has been held every two years since 1927, sees a pan-European team compete against Team USA over several days. The venues alternate between the United States and Europe, with as many as 40,000 spectators heading to the course each day and another 600 million spectators watching the event worldwide.

Golf in Berlin-Brandenburg

Golfers can work on their handicap at numerous golf courses, designed according to international professional standards, in the sports metropolis Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg. Nineteen golf clubs with over thirty courses in and around Berlin attract players from all over the world. Golf- und Land-Club Berlin Wannsee e.V., founded in 1895, is Germany's oldest active golf club. Golf & Country Club Motzener See e.V. surrounded by the Dahme lakes near Berlin hosted the German Masters four times back in the 1990s. More information about the sports metropolis Berlin at sport.visitBerlin.com.

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