

## World Cup 2018

The 21<sup>st</sup> FIFA World Cup will start in Russia on June 14. The final is on July 15. There will be teams from 32 countries around the world. With a total of 64 matches, there will be plenty of football to watch!



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### 5 Stadiums

Russia will play the opening game against Saudi Arabia in the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. The final match will also be played in this stadium. This stadium is the largest one. There are 81,000 seats. The other games will be played in 11 other stadiums in 10 cities across Russia. The more matches a team wins, the more stadiums it will see. For example, Sochi, Kazan, Novgorod and Samara for the quarter-finals and Moscow and St Petersburg for the semi-finals.



Russian cities where the matches will be played

### 15 More facts

In 2010, Russia was named the next country for the World Cup. Since then, the country has been busy getting ready. The airports were modernised. New hotels were built. The official logo came out in 2014. It looks like a World Cup trophy. There is also a mascot. It is a wolf called Zabivaka which means “the one who scores” in Russian.

### Favourites

No one knows who will win the World Cup. Many people think that Germany will win. Others think that Brazil, France and Belgium have a chance. Messi would love to win with Argentina, but at the moment it does not look like that will happen.



The mascot Zabivaka

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