



WORLD CUP 2019

Friday 7th June - Sunday 7th July 2019

The Scotland Women's National Team will compete in their first ever World Cup this summer as France host 24 nations in the tournament to determine the world champions. Parc des Princes in Paris is the venue for opening night as the hosts take on South Korea on Friday 7th June. That is the first of 14 consecutive days of total football as the group stages make up the first round. Defending champions United States (pictured below) will be the final team to make an appearance against Thailand as all teams play 3 games in that period to try to accumulate as many points as possible.

First up for Scotland is the auld enemy England on 9th June in Nice, a country really on the up and one of the favourites for the trophy. The team then goes from the southern coast to the north west town of Rennes to face Japan on 14th June. An ever present at the top of women's football who won the tournament 8 years ago and picked up the silver medal in Canada last time around. No other team starts with 2 harder fixtures and it will be a real test for the Scots who are also making big progress in the game with players playing at the highest level of the professional club game. It would be a brilliant achievement to finish above either of those teams to take one of top 2 places in the section guaranteeing progress. 3rd place might provide a back door into round 2 so it could all go down to the final game of group D against Argentina in the Parc des Princes on 19th June, an iconic venue in world sport. Argentina qualified for the world cup in 2003 and 2007 but on both occasions lost all 3 games convincingly so Shelley Kerr's team have a real opportunity to get out of the group at the first attempt.

24 teams are then cut to 16 as top 2 in the 6 groups and the 4 best 3rd place teams kick off the knockout stage. Group D winners go to Valenciennes to face a 3rd place team from group E (New Zealand?), group F (Thailand?) or Group B (China PR?). If Scotland finished 2nd they would go back to Rennes to play the winners of section E potentially Canada or the Netherlands. 3rd in Group D is likely to go to Grenoble and play Group B winners (Germany?) with an outside chance of a trip to Le Havre and potentially the hosts as winners of Group A. It then can come down to extra time or penalties as all matches have to come to a conclusion to determine who proceeds and who goes home.

The matches are spread over 9 venues around France with everyone desperate to get to Lyon for the semi-finals and final. The Parc Olympique Lyonnais is the home of the 52nd and final game of the World Cup when the big prize is handed out. It would be a big surprise if the winners don't come from one of the top 4: hosts France, holders United States, Germany or England but Scotland are definitely in the dark horse category and it will be a great test of where the nation stand at the top level of world football and a great experience for them.



**WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
FRANCE 2019**



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VENUES

Roazhon Park, Rennes

Scotland's second game will be played here as will the Round 2 of 2nd place in Group D
Club: Stade Rennais FC (Rennes)
Opened: 15 September 1912
Capacity: 29,160

Matches:

8 June Germany v China

11 June Chile v Sweden

14 June Japan v Scotland

17 June Nigeria v France

20 June Thailand v Chile

25 June 2nd Round E1vD2

29 June QF W38vW42



Parc des Princes, Paris (pictured above)

Scotland's final group game will be in the same stadium as the opening game

Club: Paris Saint-Germain
Opened: 4 June 1972

Capacity: 48,580

Matches:

7 June France v South Korea

10 June Argentina v Japan

13 June South Africa v China

16 June USA v Chile

19 June Scotland v Argentina

24 June 2nd Round F2vE2

28 June QF W40vW41

Stade de la Mosson, Montpellier

Club: Montpellier ASC
Opened: 13 January 1972

Capacity: 32,900

Matches:

10 June Canada v Cameroon

13 June Australia v Brazil

17 June South Africa v Germany

20 June Cameroon v New Zealand

25 June 2nd Round C1vABF3

Stade Océane, Le Havre

Third in Group D could play their round 2 match here

Club: Le Havre AC

Opened: 12 July 2012

Capacity: 25,200

Matches:

8 June Spain v South Africa

11 June New Zealand v Netherlands

14 June England v Argentina

17 June China v Spain

20 June Sweden v USA

23 June 2nd Round A1vCDE3

7 July QF W37vW39



Stade du Hainaut, Valenciennes

The winner of Group D will play their round 2 match here

Club: Valenciennes FC

Opened: 26 July 2011

Capacity: 25,200

Matches:

9 June Australia v Italy

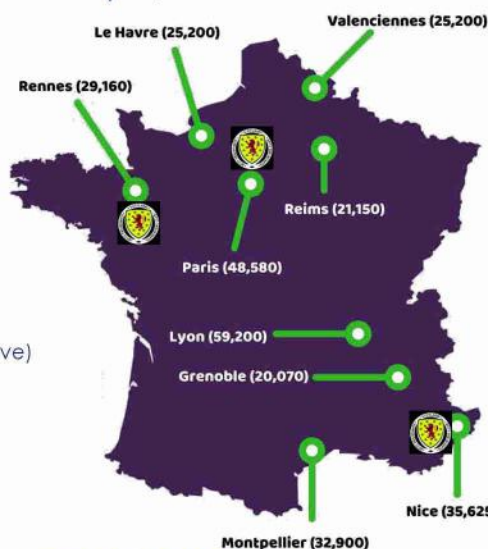
12 June Germany v Spain

15 June Netherlands v Cameroon

18 June Italy v Brazil

23 June 2nd Round D1vBEF3

29 June QF W43vW44



Stade de Nice, Nice (pictured below)

Scotland's first game will be at Stade de Nice

Club: OGC Nice

Capacity: 35,625

Matches:

9 June England v Scotland

12 June France v Norway

16 June Sweden v Thailand

19 June Japan v England

22 June 2nd Round A2vC2

6 July 3rd/4th Place



Stade Auguste-Delaune, Reims

Club: Stade Reims

Opened: 2 June 1935

Capacity: 21,150

Matches:

8 June Norway v Nigeria

11 June USA v Thailand

14 June Jamaica v Italy

17 June South Korea v Norway

20 June Netherlands v Canada

24 June 2nd Round B2vF1

Stade des Alpes, Grenoble

Third in Group D are likely to play their round 2 match here

Club: Grenoble Foot 38

Opened: 15 February 2008

Capacity: 20,070

Matches:

9 June Brazil v Jamaica

12 June Nigeria v South Korea

15 June Canada v New Zealand

18 June Jamaica v Australia

22 June 2nd Round B1vACD3

Parc Olympique Lyonnais, Lyon

Venue for semis and final

Club: Olympic Lyonnais

Opened: 9 January 2016

Capacity: 59,200

Matches:

2 July Semi-Final 1 W45vW46

3 July Semi-Final 2 W47vW58

7 July Final

GROUP D RIVALS



England
9 June England v Scotland
Stade de Nice, Nice

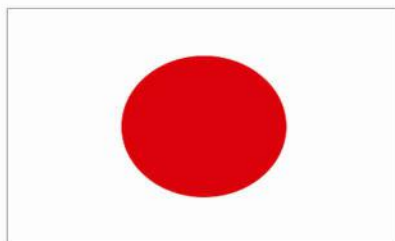
FIFA Ranking
Current 3 (High 2 Low 14)

World Cup History
3rd Place 2015
Quarter Final 1995, 2007, 2011
Did not qualify 1991, 1999, 2003

One of the pre-tournament favourites after finishing 3rd in Canada. Scotland will be determined to make sure there is no repeat of the 6-0 scoreline in the equivalent game in Euro 2017.

Last Time
England finished 2nd in Group F
R2: Norway 1 England 2
QF: England 2 Canada 1
SF: Japan 2 England 1
3/4th: Germany 0 England 1 (aet)

Qualification for 2019
England finished top of Group 1 in the UEFA qualifiers with 7 wins and 1 draw (against Wales) to qualify for World Cup 2019.



Japan
14 June Japan v Scotland
Roazhon Park, Rennes (pictured bottom left)

FIFA Ranking
Current 7 (High 3 Low 14)

World Cup History
Champions 2011
Runners Up 2015
Quarter Finalist 1995
Group stage 1991, 1999, 2003, 2007

Japan have qualified for all World Cups and played in the last 2 finals beating USA on penalties in 2011 to lift the title. The States got revenge 4 years later in Canada.

Last Time
Japan finished 1st in Group C
R2: Japan 2 Netherlands 1
QF: Australia 0 Japan 1
SF: Japan 2 England 1
Final: USA 5 Japan 2

Qualification for 2019
The 2018 AFC Asia Cup was used for qualification. Japan were seeded straight to the Final tournament. They finished 2nd in Group B behind Australia to qualify for France 2019.

They then beat China PR in the semi-final and Australia in the final to win the 2018 AFC Asia Cup. This was their second Asian Cup in a row after winning for the first time in 2014.



Argentina
19 June Scotland v Argentina
Parc des Princes, Paris

FIFA Ranking
Current 37 (High 27 Low 38)

World Cup History
Group Stage 2003, 2007
Did not qualify 1995, 1999, 2011, 2015
Did not compete 1991

Argentina have qualified for 2 world cups but have not yet won a game, 6 losses and only 2 goals. They have one win in the Sudamericano Femenino in 2006.

Last Time
Argentina finished 4th in the final stage of 2014 Copa América Femenina and failed to qualify.

Qualification for 2019
The Copa América Femenina 2018 served as the World Cup qualifying tournament for CONMEBOL. Argentina finished 2nd in Group B to qualify for the final stage. They then finished 3rd behind Brazil and hosts Chile in the final stage. This meant they had to go to the Conference play off against 4th from CONCACAF qualification, Panama.

1st Leg: Argentina 4 Panama 0
2nd Leg: Panama 1 Argentina 1

Argentina qualified for the World Cup with a 5-1 aggregate win.



QUALIFICATION

FIFA Ranking

Current 20 (High 19 Low 31)

World Cup History

Did not qualify 1995, 2007, 2011, 2015

Unable to qualify 1999, 2003

Did not compete 1991

France 2019 is the first time Scotland have qualified for the World Cup Finals and it is their second major tournament.

Last Time

Scotland finished 2nd in UEFA Qualification Group 4 to qualify for the play offs

Play off Semi-final;

Scotland 1 Netherlands 2

Netherlands 2 Scotland 0

Scotland were eliminated from 2015 World Cup with a 4-1 aggregate loss

Qualification

Scotland finished top of Group 2 with 7 wins and 1 loss (against Switzerland) to qualify for World Cup 2019

2019 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification – UEFA Group 2

Scotland gained qualification for their first ever world cup the hard way winning 3 games from behind in an extraordinary campaign. In Poland they were 2 down with less than 15 minutes to play but won 3-2 after a Lisa Evans last minute winner. In the 3-0 home win at home to Poland the result doesn't tell the story, Lee Alexander crucially saved a penalty at 0-0 and it wasn't until the 79th minute that Zoe Ness broke the deadlock.

The penultimate game was at home to Switzerland, a 2 goal win would mean destiny was in their own hands, a draw would mean a play off and a defeat elimination. It started well 2 goals in the first 6 minutes but the Swiss pulled one back within a minute. The game finished 2-1 with both teams knowing that conceding another could have significant consequences.

Final game, Scotland needed to win in Albania and hope the Swiss slipped up. Scotland did their job, the 2-1 win a lot more comfortable than the scoreline suggested. It was a lot less comfortable waiting for updates from Poland where at 0-0 Switzerland just needed 1 goal to break the Scottish hearts. At the final whistle the Poles had held on for a 0-0 draw and the Scots went mental in Shkodër. Scotland had qualified for the 2019 World Cup and were on their way to France.

19 Oct 2017	Belarus	1 Scotland Ross og	2	Minsk
24 Oct 2017	Scotland og Brown Ross Emslie Evans	5 Albania	0	Paisley
5 April 2018	Switzerland	1 Scotland	0	Schaffhausen
10 April 2018	Scotland Ness Emslie Cuthbert	3 Poland	0	Paisley
7 June 2018	Scotland Cuthbert 2	2 Belarus	1	Falkirk
12 June 2018	Poland	2 Scotland Little Ross Evans	3	Kielce
30 Aug 2018	Scotland Cuthbert Little	2 Switzerland	1	Paisley
3 Sep 2018	Albania	1 Scotland Little Ross	2	Shkodër

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts		
1	Scotland	8	7	0	1	19	7	+12	21		
2	Switzerland	8	6	1	1	21	5	+16	19		
3	Poland	8	3	2	3	16	12	+4	11		
4	Albania	8	1	1	6	6	22	-16	4		
5	Belarus	8	1	0	7	5	21	-16	3		

Goalscorers	4	Erin Cuthbert, Jane Ross
	3	Kim Little
	2	Claire Emslie, Lisa Evans, own goals
	1	Fiona Brown, Zoe Ness



SQUAD

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Lee Alexander	23 September 1991 (age 27)	17	0	Glasgow City
12	GK	Shannon Lynn	22 October 1985 (age 33)	30	0	Vittsjö(Sweden)
21	GK	Jenna Fife	1 December 1995 (age 23)	4	0	Hibernian
2	DF	Kirsty Smith	6 January 1994 (age 25)	35	0	Manchester United(England)
3	DF	Nicola Docherty	23 August 1992 (age 26)	19	0	Glasgow City
4	DF	Rachel Corsie (captain)	17 August 1989 (age 29)	109	16	Utah Royals(USA)
5	DF	Jennifer Beattie	13 May 1991 (age 28)	124	22	Manchester City(England)
7	DF	Hayley Lauder	4 June 1990 (age 29)	99	9	Glasgow City
14	DF	Chloe Arthur	21 January 1995 (age 24)	19	0	Birmingham City(England)
15	DF	Sophie Howard	17 September 1993 (age 25)	14	1	Reading(England)
17	DF	Joelle Murray	7 November 1986 (age 32)	48	1	Hibernian
6	MF	Joanne Love	6 December 1985 (age 33)	191	13	Glasgow City
8	MF	Kim Little (vice-captain)	29 June 1990 (age 28)	133	53	Arsenal(England)
9	MF	Caroline Weir	20 June 1995 (age 23)	63	8	Manchester City(England)
10	MF	Leanne Crichton	6 August 1987 (age 31)	63	3	Glasgow City
16	MF	Christie Murray	3 May 1990 (age 29)	61	4	Liverpool(England)
23	MF	Lizzie Arnot	1 March 1996 (age 23)	26	2	Manchester United(England)
11	FW	Lisa Evans	21 May 1992 (age 27)	78	17	Arsenal(England)
13	FW	Jane Ross	18 September 1989 (age 29)	127	58	West Ham United(England)
18	FW	Claire Emslie	8 March 1994 (age 25)	21	3	Manchester City(England)
19	FW	Lana Clelland	26 January 1993 (age 26)	25	3	Fiorentina(Italy)
20	FW	Fiona Brown	31 March 1995 (age 24)	37	2	Rosengård(Sweden)
22	FW	Erin Cuthbert	19 July 1998 (age 20)	30	10	Chelsea(England)



WALLCHART



Group A

7 June – Paris 21:00	1
FRANCE	
SOUTH KOREA	

8 June – Reims 21:00	2
NORWAY	
NIGERIA	

12 June – Grenoble 15:00	14
NIGERIA	
SOUTH KOREA	

12 June – Nice 21:00	13
FRANCE	
NORWAY	

17 June – Rennes 21:00	25
NIGERIA	
FRANCE	

17 June – Reims 21:00	26
SOUTH KOREA	
NORWAY	

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

Group B

8 June – Rennes 15:00	3
GERMANY	
CHINA PR	

8 June – Le Havre 18:00	4
SPAIN	
SOUTH AFRICA	

12 June – Valenciennes 18:00	15
GERMANY	
SPAIN	

13 June – Paris 21:00	16
SOUTH AFRICA	
CHINA PR	

17 June – Montpellier 18:00	27
SOUTH AFRICA	
GERMANY	

17 June – Le havre 18:00	28
CHINA PR	
SPAIN	

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

Group C

9 June – Valenciennes 13:00	5
AUSTRALIA	
ITALY	

9 June – Grenoble 15:30	6
BRAZIL	
JAMAICA	

13 June – Montpellier 18:00	17
AUSTRALIA	
BRAZIL	

14 June – Reims 18:00	18
JAMAICA	
ITALY	

18 June – Grenoble 21:00	29
JAMAICA	
AUSTRALIA	

18 June – Valenciennes 21:00	30
ITALY	
BRAZIL	

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

2ND ROUND

23 June – Le Havre 21:00	40
Winners Group A	
3rd Group C / D / E	

22 June – Grenoble 17:30	38
Winners Group B	
3rd Group A / C / D	

25 June – Montpellier 18:00	43
Winners Group C	
3rd Group A / B / F	

2ND ROUND

22 June – Nice 21:00	37
Runner-up Group A	
Runner-up Group C	

24 June – Paris 21:00	42
Runner-up Group F	
Runner-up Group E	

QUARTER FINALS

27 June – Le Havre 21:00	45
Winners Match 37	
Winners Match 39	

SEMI FINALS

2 July – Lyon 21:00	49
Winners Match 45	
Winners Match 46	

3 July – Lyon 21:00	50
Winners Match 47	
Winners Match 48	

3RD/4TH PLAY OFF

6 July – Nice 17:00	51
Losers Match 49	
Losers Match 50	

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Group D			
9 June – Nice 18:00			7
ENGLAND			
SCOTLAND			

10 June – Paris 18:00			8
ARGENTINA			
JAPAN			

14 June – Rennes 15:00			20
JAPAN			
SCOTLAND			

14 June – Le Havre 21:00			19
ENGLAND			
ARGENTINA			

19 June – Nice 21:00			31
JAPAN			
ENGLAND			

19 June – Paris 21:00			32
SCOTLAND			
ARGENTINA			

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

23 June – Valenciennes 17:30			39
Winners Group D			
3rd Group B / E / F			

Group E			
10 June – Montpellier 21:00			9
CANADA			
CAMEROON			

11 June – Le Havre 15:00			10
NEW ZEALAND			
NETHERLANDS			

15 June – Valenciennes 15:00			22
NETHERLANDS			
CAMEROON			

15 June – Grenoble 21:00			21
CANADA			
NEW ZEALAND			

20 June – Reims 18:00			33
NETHERLANDS			
CANADA			

20 June – Montpellier 18:00			34
CAMEROON			
NEW ZEALAND			

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

25 June – Rennes 21:00			44
Winners Group E			
Runner-up Group D			

Group F			
11 June – Rennes 18:00			12
CHILE			
SWEDEN			

11 June – Reims 21:00			11
UNITED STATES			
THAILAND			

16 June – Nice 15:00			24
SWEDEN			
THAILAND			

16 June – Paris 18:00			23
UNITED STATES			
CHILE			

20 June – Le Havre 21:00			35
SWEDEN			
UNITED STATES			

20 June – Rennes 21:00			36
THAILAND			
CHILE			

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS

2ND ROUND

24 June – Reims 18:00			41
Runner-up Group B			
Winners Group F			

QUARTER FINALS

28 June – Paris 21:00			46
Winners Match 40			
Winners Match 41			

29 June – Valenciennes 15:00			47
Winners Match 43			
Winners Match 44			

29 June – Rennes 18:30			48
Winners Match 38			
Winners Match 42			

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Winners Match 49			

Winners Match 50			

CHAMPIONS

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WINNING WORDS

Hello
Hello (informal)
How are you?
Fine, thank you
What is your name?
My name is _____
Nice to meet you
Please
Thank you
You're welcome
Yes
No
Excuse me. (getting attention)
Excuse me. (begging pardon)
(I am) sorry
Goodbye
I can't speak French well
Do you speak English?
Help!
Look out!
Good day/morning
Good evening
Good night
I don't understand
Where is the toilet?
I'm lost
Where is the train station?
Where is the British Embassy?
I need your help.
Scotland

Bonjour. (bohn-ZHOOR)
Salut. (sah-LUU)
Comment allez-vous ? (kaw-mahng t-AH-lay VOO)
Bien, merci. (byang, mair-SEE)
Comment vous appelez vous ? (kaw-mahng vooz AP-lay VOO?)
Je m'appelle _____. (zhuh mah-PELL ____)
Enchanté(e). (ahn-shahn-TAY)
S'il vous plaît. (seel voo PLEH)
Merci. (merr-SEE)
De rien. (duh RYANG)
Oui. (WEE)
Non. (NOHN)
Pardon. (pahr-DOHN)
Excusez-moi. (ehk-SKEW-zay MWAH)
(Je suis) Désolé(e). (zhuh swee DAY-zoh-LAY)
Au revoir. (oh ruh-VWAHR)
Je ne parle pas [bien] français. (zhuh nuh PAHRL pah [byang] frahn-SEH)
Parlez-vous anglais ? (par-lay VOO sahng-LEH?)
Au secours! (oh suh-KOOR)
Attention ! (ah-tahn-see-OHN)
Bonjour (bong-zhoo(r))
Bonsoir. (bong-SWAHR)
Bonne nuit. (bawn-NWEE)
Je ne comprends pas. (zhuh nuh KOHM-prahn pah)
Où sont les toilettes ? (OOH sohn lay twah-LET?)
Je suis perdu. (ZHUH swee pehr-DUU')
Où se trouve la gare? (oo suh tr-OO-v lah gahr?)
Où se trouve l'ambassade Britanique? (oo suh tr-OO-v Britanique?)
Aidez-moi, s'il vous plaît! (aih-day MWAH, SEEL voo PLEH!)
Écosse

Police!
I lost my bag

I lost my wallet

I'm sick
I need a doctor

Common signs

OPEN	Ouvert
ENTRANCE	Entrée
PUSH	Poussez
TOILET	Toilette
WOMEN	Femmes

Police! (poh-LEES)
J'ai perdu mon sac. (zhay pehr-DUU mohn SAK)
J'ai perdu mon portefeuille. (zhay pehr-DUU mohn POHR-tuh-fuhy)
Je suis malade. (zhuh swee mah-LAD)
J'ai besoin d'un médecin. (zhay buh-ZWAHN dun may-TSAN)

CLOSED	Fermé (shop), Barrée (road)
EXIT	Sortie
PULL	Tirez
MEN	Hommes

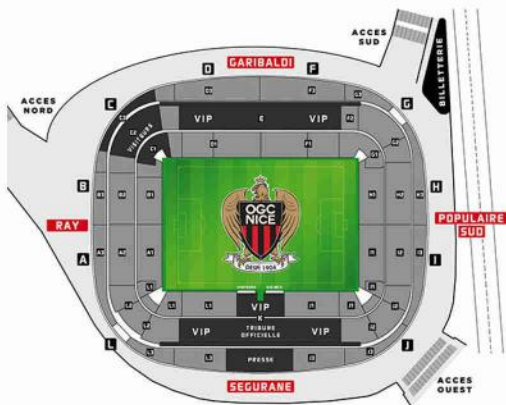
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Football World Cup	Football Coupe du Monde
Champions Extra Time	des champions temps supplémentaire
Penalties	Pénalités
Goal	But
We have a dream	nous avons un rêve



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GROUP D VENUES



Stade de Nice, Nice

9 June England v Scotland
Address: Boulevard des Jardiniers, 06206 Nice

It is located in a semi-rural area so there is not much around in terms of entertainment, though you will find a few places around rail station Saint-Isidore. Otherwise, eating and drinking is better done in central Nice.

In the 2016 mens Euros this is the stadium where Iceland knocked England out 2-1

Getting There

The stadium is located on the A8 (exit 51 and 52) motorway in the western suburbs of the city of Nice at about 10km from Nice's city centre and about 5 km from Nice International airport.

From central Nice take the Route de Grenoble north from the Promenade des Anglais near Nice International Airport.

Special matchday bus service 95 runs from Hôpital St Roch in Nice's city centre. The journey takes about 50 minutes. Bus 9/10 also serves the stadium, though the journey takes about 75 minutes.

TER train from Nice-Ville main rail station to St Augustin station, from where shuttle buses run to the stadium.

Finally, you can catch a Chemins de Fer de Provence commuter train to Digne and get off at station Saint-Isidore, from where it is a 10-minute downhill walk to the Allianz Riviera. Trains only run a few times a day, but extra trains run on event days. Trains leave from Chemins de Fer de Provence rail station, which lies a 10-minute walk north of Nice-Ville station.

Roazhon Park, Rennes

14 June Japan v Scotland
Address: 111 Route de Lorient, 35000 Rennes

Whilst there are 1 or 2 bars around the stadium again it is on the outskirts of town so central Rennes would provide better facilities for pre and post match entertainment.

The 2019 womens world cup will be the biggest games Roazhon Park has hosted.



Getting There

Roazhon Park is located on the western edge of the city of Rennes, about 2.5km from the city centre and 3.5km from the main railway station.

It is just off the city's ring road. From the western side of the ring road, take exit 10 Port de Lorient, and turn towards the city. The stadium is situated on the right side of the road.

Bus 11 connects the stadium with the city centre (Place de la République) and main railway station. Take the bus in the direction of Z.I. Ouest, and get off at stop Stade Rennais. Buses generally run at least every 15 minutes. The ride from République takes about 10 minutes, from the station (Gares) a few minutes more.

Bus 30 connects Roazhon Park with the northern parts of the city.

Whilst the 3 venues for Scotland's group D matches have been highlighted in this guide it is very much hoped Scotland will get to experience some of the other 6 venues in the knockout stages of the competition.

Playing at the Parc Olympique Lyonnais, Lyon on the 7th July is the ultimate goal.

Parc des Princes, Paris

19 June Scotland v Argentina
Address: 24 Rue du Commandant Guilbaud, 75781 Paris Cedex 16

Parc des Princes is located in a typical dense Parisian neighbourhood. This means that if you walk a few blocks around the area, you will always bump into a bar or brasserie on a street corner.

Originally a vellodrome it was the finishing line of the Tour de France from its first edition in 1903 until 1967. Was a venue at the 1938 and 1998 mens World Cup, the Rugby world cup in 1991 and 2007 and hosted many major finals. Was replaced as the home of French football and rugby in 2008 by the Stade de France.

Getting There

Parc de Princes is built on top of the Parisian ring road Périphérique near exit D9/10. It lies approximately 4km south-west of the Eiffel Tower, and less than 1km south of the Bois de Boulogne and the Roland Garros tennis complex.

Metro stop Porte de Saint-Cloud on line 9 lies a 5-minute walk away from the stadium. Line 9 passes right through the Parisian city centre (on the north bank of the river Seine), and connects with multiple other lines.

Alternatively, line 10 and get off at stop Porte d'Auteuil, which is a slightly longer walk. Line 10 connects the stadium with various stops on Paris' south bank

Porte de Saint-Cloud station is also served by buses 22, 62 and 72, whereas Porte d'Auteuil is served by buses 32 and 52. All buses run through the city centre on different routes.



THE CONTENDERS



GROUP A

Hosts **France** are top seeds and joint favourites for the competition. The favourite tag didn't sit well with them in Canada, surprised by Colombia in the group stages they were eliminated on penalties by Germany in the last 8. Best performance is 4th in 2011 which is also their current FIFA ranking although they have been 3rd. Qualified as hosts.

Norway are a traditional powerhouse losing in the first official FIFA World Cup final in 1991, they won at the 2nd attempt in 1995. Also won the Olympics in 2010 and the Euros in 1987 and 2003. Have dropped to 12th in the FIFA rankings having been as high as 2nd in 2003. Lost to England in the 2nd round in Canada and qualified as UEFA Group 3 winners.

The first match is a repeat of a 2nd round tie in 2015 where **South Korea** were eliminated 3-0 by France. 3rd place in Group B of the Asia Cup meant they had to play off for the 5th Asian qualifying spot where they beat Philippines 5-0. Currently ranked 14th their highest ever position.

Nigeria are 11 times African champions including last year (which doubled as qualifiers for France 2019). They have played in every World Cup but have never made it out of the group stages. Ranked 38th in the world, been as high as 23rd in 2003.

GROUP B

Another team with real ambitions of glory is 2 times winners **Germany**. The blow of 4th place last time around was made up for by winning the Olympics in 2016. European champions 6 times in a row (8 in total) they lost their title in

2017 so will be desperate to do well. Ranked 2 in the world they qualified as winners of UEFA group 5.

Fellow Europeans **Spain** won group 7 of qualifying and are ranked 13th in FIFA only 1 off their highest ever position. Have only qualified for the World Cup once before, last time around where they were eliminated in the group stages only picking up a draw against Costa Rica. After the tournament the players successfully campaigned for the head coach Ignacio Quereda to be sacked.

China PR have hosted the World Cup twice including the first FIFA competition in 1991. Only missed out on qualification once in 2011, their best performance was in 1999 where they lost the final on penalties to the United States. The US also knocked them out last time in the last 8, qualified after 3rd place in the 2018 Asia Cup.

South Africa make their debut in the competition after qualifying by finishing runners up in the 2018 African Cup of Nations. They have never won the tournament and that was the 5th occasion they have lost in the final. 49th in the FIFA rankings.

GROUP C

Australia have qualified for every world cup since 1995, they have reached the Quarter finals the last 3 times, losing to Japan in Canada. Won the Oceania Championship 3 times in a row before switching to the AFC where they won the Asia Cup in 2010 and been 2nd in 2014 and 2018, the latter gaining them their place in France. Highest ever ranking was 4th they are currently 6th in the world.

Brazil are the strongest team from South America having won the Copa América Feminina 7 times



THE CONTENDERS



out of 8 including last year that doubled as qualifying for the world cup. They were runners up in 2007 taking them to their highest ever ranking of 2, currently at the lowest position of 10. **Italy** won group 6 of the UEFA qualifiers taking them to their first finals since 1999. Quarter finalist in the first ever FIFA world cup their ranking of 15th belies their status. Will be hoping the 39,027 at the recent Juventus v Fiorentina match featuring Lana Cleland is a sign of good things to come for Italian football.

The Reggae Girlz **Jamaica** make their debut at this level after finishing 3rd in the CONCACAF Championship last year beating Panama on penalties to secure the last spot. Lowest ranked team in the tournament at 53 which is also their highest position.

GROUP E

Canada lost to England in the quarter finals of their own tournament 4 years ago. They were disappointed not to match at least the fourth place finish in 2003. Currently ranked 5th in the world they qualified for France 2019 after finishing 2nd in the 2018 CONCACAF Championships. The **Netherlands** go into the World Cup as European Champions on a high after winning at home 2 years ago. Although they did require the play offs to qualify this time. After finishing 2nd behind Norway in group 3 they had to overcome Denmark and Switzerland to take the last European place. Canada 2015 was the first experience of the world cup for the team ranked 8th by FIFA.

New Zealand are in their 5th World Cup although they have yet to get out of the group stages. Dominated the Oceania Nations Cup since

Australia left winning 4 in a row, an 8-0 win in last years final. This doubles as World Cup qualification, currently ranked 19 in the world.

Cameroon beat Mali in the 3rd place play off of the 2018 African Cup of Nations to take the final CAF place in France. In their first World Cup in 2015 they made it to the 2nd round but lost to China PR. Ranked 46th by FIFA.

GROUP F

The number 1 team in the world and defending champions are the **United States**, 2015 was their third title and they have also won the Olympic gold medal 4 times. Qualified by winning the 2018 CONCACAF Championship, their 8th continental title. A favourite to defend their title. **Sweden** are another team that have been ever present in World Cup finals with a best finish of runners up in 2003. Lost to Germany in the 2nd round in Canada and qualified for France by winning Group 4. They won the first ever Euros in 1984.

Thailand finished 2nd in Group A of the 2018 AFC Asia Cup to qualify for the World Cup finals for the 2nd time. It was their best finish in the tournament since they won it in 1983. In 2015 they beat the Ivory Coast to finish 3rd in group B to just miss out on the 2nd round on goal difference after 4-0 defeats to Germany and Norway. Ranked 34th in the world they made it into pot 3 of seeds.

Chile finished 2nd in the Copa América Femenina 2018 to qualify for their first ever World Cup finals after beating Argentina 4-0 as they hosted the tournament. Ranked 39th in the world they are the last of the 4 nations making their debut in the competition including Scotland.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Average Temperatures in France

Nice in June is 21°C

Rennes and Paris in June is 17°C

Lyon in July is 22°C

Currency Euro (EUR)

Time zone (CEST) BST +1

Associated plug types is C and E

Brexit will not happen before 7th July so normal EU rules will apply and you will not need a Visa.

Whit Monday 10 June

Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte) is a national holiday in France with schools and many businesses closed.

Health

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is valid in France but you should still take out travel and medical insurance before you travel.

The Emergency phone number in France is 112. If you need to contact other emergency services call 15 (medical), 17 (police) or 18 (fire).

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Do yourselves and your nation proud we are behind you every step of the way.

COME ON SCOTLAND

Brief History

The first FIFA official FIFA Women's World Cup was in 1991 in China won by the United States. However there were a number of unofficial competitions during the 1970s and 80s, Denmark won the first in 1970 and Norway won the last in 1988, the latter ran by FIFA as a test event for that first World Cup. Scotland did not compete in any of those events and as we know have not qualified before now. However there is a Scottish World Cup winner. Rose Reilly (pictured) pursued a very successful professional career in Italy and France as there were very limited options in Scotland at that time. Along with Edna Neillis and Elsie Cook she spoke out about the pre-historic attitude of the SFA to women's football but their response was to ban all 3 sine die. In Italy it was the opposite as Rose was widely



recognised as a fantastic player and made eligible to play for Italy. She played 22 times for Italy, scoring in the 1984 World Cup final to lift the trophy after a 3-1 win.

Scotland did not enter in 1991 so 1995 was the first entry in the competition where they finished 4th in the qualifiers and were eliminated. UEFA then split teams into 2 classes which meant Scotland first had to get promoted before it was even possible to qualify for the World Cup. Scotland got promoted in 2003 and finished 3rd in qualifying for the 2007 tournament. The class system was dropped in 2009 and Scotland have steadily improved since then, 3rd in 2007 became 2nd in 2011 then 2nd in 2015 was enough to earn a play off that they lost to Netherlands and finally in 2019 qualification was ensured by winning the group with some real back to the wall and come from behind victories.

France 2019 will be the 8th official FIFA World Cup as the tournament goes from strength to strength, the 4 debutants will bring the total number of countries who have played in the finals up to 36. Although only 4 of these nations have lifted the trophy. Details of previous finals below.

Year	Hosts	Champions	Score	Runners-up	Third place	Score	Fourth place	No. of Teams
1991	China PR	United States	2-1	Norway	Sweden	4-0	Germany	12
1995	Sweden	Norway	2-0	Germany	United States	2-0	China PR	12
			0-0 (aet)			0-0 (aet)		
1999	United States	United States	5-4 pens	China PR	Brazil	5-4 pens	Norway	16
2003	United States	Germany	2-1 (aet)	Sweden	United States	3-1	Canada	16
2007	China PR	Germany	2-0	Brazil	United States	4-1	Norway	16
			2-2 (aet)					
2011	Germany	Japan	3-1 pens	United States	Sweden	2-1	France	16
2015	Canada	United States	5-2	Japan	England	1-0 (aet)	Germany	24