

The United Kingdom and the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Fact Sheet

The Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro will host the XXXI Olympic Summer Games in August 2016.

Rio Facts and Figures

Rio will be the first South American city to host the Olympics and around 10,500 athletes from 206 nations will take part. Over 17 days, there will be 306 medal events across 42 different sports, including golf and rugby which are new events for 2016. The Games will spread across four regions of the city and 7.5 million spectator tickets are expected to be sold.

Just to run the event there will need to be 70,000 volunteers, 11 million meals, 315 horses, 25,000 tennis balls and 34,000 beds, amongst many other things!

Team GB

At London 2012, the British team won a record 65 medals: they won 29 gold, 17 silver and 19 bronze. Cycling was the most successful sport for Team GB. The cycling team brought home eight gold, two silver and two bronze medals. The team came third overall in the medals table, behind the USA and China.

Sir Chris Hoy has won the most gold medals in his track cycling career; six gold and one silver. Sir Bradley Wiggins is the UK's most decorated Olympian, winning a total of seven medals in his cycling career. Other successful British athletes include Sir Steve Redgrave (rowing), Sir Ben Ainslie (sailing), Dame Kelly Holmes (running in the 800 and 1500 metre races) and Sir Matthew Pinsent (rowing).

Team GB 2016 will not be officially confirmed until one month before the Games begin.

The Preparation Camp

Over £1.6 million pounds has been invested in the team's preparation camp based in Belo Horizonte, a short flight from Rio. The camp will be used for final training and warm-up matches, acclimatisation to the conditions and as a place for the athletes to relax and unwind. Here there will be everything the competitors need to fully prepare for the Games, including world class accommodation, sporting facilities and medical services. This will be Team GB's largest ever preparation camp, which will hopefully lead to a greater medal haul than in the 2012 Olympic Games.