



EUROLEAGUE FINAL FOUR 2017 WILL BE ORGANIZED IN ISTANBUL

Euroleague Final Four, Europe's biggest club competition in basketball will be organized in Istanbul!

A world-class city that witnessed two of pro basketball's most spectacular season-ending shots ever will have the same opportunity again next spring when the 2017 Turkish Airlines EuroLeague Final Four returns to Istanbul, Turkey, Euroleague Basketball announced on Tuesday.

Istanbul will host the best four EuroLeague teams from May 19 to 21. The 2017 Final Four will take place for the second time at the Sinan Erdem Dome, which officially opened its doors on April 16, 2010 and two years later played host to a memorable Final Four that was one of the most successful in EuroLeague history.

Istanbul has been the unforgettable scene of an unmatched history of memorable Final Four moments. The 1992 Final Four ended with legend Sasha Djordjevic making a three-point shot with time running out as Partizan Belgrade won its only continental title in an upset at Abdi Ipekci Arena. Two decades later, Olympiacos Piraeus rallied from 19 points behind with 11 minutes to play at Sinan Erden to defeat CSKA Moscow on the season's final shot, by Georgios Printezis.

The Sinan Erdem Dome has a capacity for 16,000 spectators for basketball and, in addition to the 2012 Final Four, has hosted such prestigious basketball events as the 2010 world championships.

In the press conference for the announcement of Istanbul hosting the 2017 Final Four, Jordi Bertomeu gave clarifications about the next two ones, as well as safety concerns raised from the choice of Istanbul. "Anything can happen in Barcelona, in Istanbul, anywhere. Our responsibility is to stick to our plan, be clear with our goals in order for our partners to know what to expect. We feel as safe in Istanbul as in every other European city. We haven't had such an issue for over 15 years."

