



International Table Tennis Federation Press Release

Host cities revealed for inaugural 2019 ITTF World Veterans Tour!

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Less than six months from now, history will be made when the very first ITTF World Veterans Tour event kicks off on 8 August in Shenzhen, China.

Following a bidding process which initially saw 16 cities shortlisted, a total of six events are confirmed to run through 2019 in the following locations across the globe:

Shenzhen (Guangming District), China – 8-11 August
Innsbruck, Austria – 21-25 August
Townsville, Australia – 11-15 September
Fort Lauderdale, Florida – 17-20 October
Doha, Qatar – 7-10 November
Cardiff, Wales – 13-16 December

The 2019 ITTF World Veterans Tour represents the first professionally organised series of events to link the global community of table tennis players aged 40 and over, including:

- First ever Veterans World Ranking system;
- Consistent playing formats;
- Dedicated **ITTF World Veterans Tour website section**, including event-specific pages;
- Enhanced marketing and social media programmes for Tour operators;
- Much more!

Player entries for the 2019 ITTF World Veterans Tour are due to open by the end of March, while further cities may still be added to the current event schedule.

With seven age categories on offer and match formats including Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles events, this is very much a Tour open to anyone and everyone who continues to show their passion for the sport.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the 2019 ITTF World Veterans Tour!