



Volvo Car Open



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**TWO-TIME WIMBLEDON CHAMPION, PETRA KVITOVÁ, TO MAKE VOLVO CAR OPEN DEBUT IN 2018**

*Kvitová returned to tennis in May 2017, winning her 20<sup>th</sup> title in June 2017*

**Social Media:** Two-time Wimbledon Champion, @Petra\_Kvitova, to play in the @VolvoCarOpen in 2018 for the first time. Read: [bit.ly/2vfchbC](http://bit.ly/2vfchbC). #chs #WTA

DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – Petra Kvitová will make her Charleston, South Carolina tennis debut at the 2018 [Volvo Car Open](#), March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup> on Daniel Island. The two-time Wimbledon champion returned to the WTA circuit in May 2017 after a complex hand injury following a home invasion in December 2016. Her resilience helped her capture her 20<sup>th</sup> WTA title in June of 2017 in Birmingham, just following her comeback.

“No one has shown more desire and strength to be on a tennis court than Petra Kvitová,” said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Car Open Tournament Manager. “Her comeback after a life-threatening incident eight months ago is nothing short of miraculous. It is our absolute pleasure to welcome Petra to Charleston, where our fans will have the opportunity to cheer her on for the first time!”

“I’m very thankful to be able to play in the 2018 Volvo Car Open,” said Kvitová. “I was looking forward to the tournament last year and am excited that I’ll be able to compete in front of Charleston fans for the first time this year. See you in April!”

Kvitová ended the 2016 season with titles at Wuhan and Zhuhai, as well as helping the Czech Republic to a historic fifth Fed Cup trophy in six years.

In addition to her two titles in 2016, she captured a bronze medal in the Rio Olympics, was a finalist in Luxembourg, made the semifinals in New Haven and Stuttgart and made the quarterfinals in Indian Wells and Beijing.

The nine-day Volvo Car Open is the largest women’s-only tennis tournament in North America, attracting an average of 90,000 attendees and 70+ of the top tennis players.

Tickets for the 2018 Volvo Car Open will go on sale on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am ET. Patrons have the option to choose from individual tickets, ticket packages and travel packages. Ticket prices range from \$25 for an individual session to \$525 for the all-inclusive weeklong package. The Volvo Car Open will provide six special ticket packages in 2018, each offering more tennis at a greater value.

The tournament will also bring back its popular Ace Club from 2017, an exciting membership program for box and ticket package holders. The Ace Club is a recognition program providing

unparalleled amenities and benefits during the tournament. In addition, members have the option to receive access into the Ace Lounge, an exclusive hospitality tent providing first-class accommodations including, live entertainment, air-conditioning, elevated food options and more.

For more information on the tournament and ticket options, visit [volvocaropen.com](http://volvocaropen.com) or call 800.677.2293.

**About the Volvo Car Open:**

The Volvo Car Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament. The event, formerly known as the Family Circle Cup, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and will celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. The Volvo Car Open welcomes more than 90,000 spectators each year. The tournament features a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. In conjunction with Tennis Channel and WTA Media, the Volvo Car Open is showcased from the first ball struck in main draw competition to the last ball played in finals, throughout the U.S. and 174 international partners. The tournament receives more than 100 hours of tennis; live from Charleston, broadcast across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Volvo Car Open, visit <http://www.VolvoCarOpen.com>, call [\(800\) 677-2293](tel:8006772293), email [info@volvocaropen.com](mailto:info@volvocaropen.com), Facebook ([Volvo Car Open](https://www.facebook.com/VolvoCarOpen)), Twitter ([@VolvoCarOpen](https://twitter.com/VolvoCarOpen)) or Instagram ([VolvoCarOpen](https://www.instagram.com/VolvoCarOpen)).

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