

Pamplona's running of the bulls

The "encierro" or bull run, is the highest profile event of the *San Fermin* festival held every year in Pamplona, Spain. The event, which involves running in front of bulls down an 848-metre stretch of cobbled streets, can be dangerous – since 1924, 14 people have been killed and over 200 seriously injured

BULL:

Weight:

Up to 600kg

Av. speed:

25km/h

HERD: Six bulls and two groups of oxen used to guide them

Corral

Start: At 8am two rockets announce release of first and last bull from corral

Hill of Santo Domingo: After invoking San Fermin – patron saint of town – runners tackle one of most risky stretches

Bend of Estafeta: 90-degree angle causes bulls to slip and crash into barrier – runners must take bend on inside to avoid getting caught in crush

Telefonica: Dangerous section as herd loses pace and can break up

Lane: Funnel-shaped section feared due to danger of human pile-ups

RUNNER:

Clad in white

Pañuelo: Red handkerchief tied around neck

Faja: Red sash tied around waist

Newspaper:

To gauge distance from bull

Mercaderes

Finish:

Third rocket indicates bulls are in bullring – fourth rocket that all bulls are in corral – run is over

Plaza de Toros

Bulls are fought in bullring during afternoon *corrida*

Run lasts around four minutes and is held each morning from July 7-14