

# Giro d'Italia 2021

MAY 8-30

The Giro d'Italia – one of cycling's prestigious Grand Tours – first set out from Milan in 1909, inspired by the success of the *Tour de France*. The 2021 race begins in Turin and will celebrate a cultural, historical, touristic and sporting narrative as it passes through Italy, to commemorate the unification of the country 160 years ago

## Elite Club

Italian riders have traditionally dominated race – winning 69 of 103 editions – including legends **Alfredo Binda** and **Fausto Coppi**, two of only three riders to have conquered Giro five times. **Vincenzo Nibali's** 2016 win – his second overall – provided most recent home victory

**5** Alfredo Binda ITA  
1925, 27, 28, 29, 33  
Stage wins 41

**5** Eddy Merckx BEL  
1968, 70, 72, 73, 74  
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**5** Fausto Coppi ITA  
1940, 47, 49, 52, 53  
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## RECENT CHAMPIONS

2020	Tao Geoghegan Hart	GBR	Ineos
2019	Richard Carapaz	ECU	Movistar Team
2018	Chris Froome	GBR	Team Sky
2017	Tom Dumoulin	NED	Team Sunweb
2016	Vincenzo Nibali	ITA	Astana
2015	Alberto Contador	ESP	Tinkoff-Saxo
2014	Nairo Quintana	COL	Movistar Team

## Race Classifications

### Jersey colours

#### Overall leader: Pink

Awarded to race winner and worn by current race leader at start of each stage – calculated by totalling each day's finishing time

#### Points leader: Purple

Fastest sprinters compete for points at end of each stage – points adjusted by terrain, with flat stages awarding most points

#### King of the Mountains: Blue

Held by rider who proves to be best climber, with more severe climbs offering most points

#### Best young rider: White

Awarded to highest placed rider aged 24 or younger on first day of year. Prize returned in 2007 after 12-year hiatus

**Maglia Rosa** – race leader's pink jersey – introduced in 1931 by **Armando Cougnet**, sports journalist at **La Gazzetta dello Sport** to help spectators identify race leader. It has since been worn by total of 254 different riders

## HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN MAGLIA ROSA

<b>Eddy Merckx</b> (1968-70, 1972-74)	77
<b>Alfredo Binda</b> (1925, 1927-29, 1931, 1933)	60
<b>Francesco Moser</b> (1976-77, 1979-82, 1984-85)	57
<b>Gino Bartali</b> (1936-37, 1939, 1946-47)	50
<b>Giuseppe Saronni</b> (1979, 1981, 1983, 1985-86)	49
<b>Jacques Anquetil</b> (1959-61, 1964, 1967)	42

Sources: Giro d'Italia, Gracenote  
Pictures: AP, Getty Images, Wikimedia Commons, Twitter

## Giro: Start to finish

**1908:** *Giro d'Italia* first organised to increase sales of newspaper **La Gazzetta dello Sport**

**1909:** First edition, 8 stages and 2,447km long, is won by Italian **Luigi Ganna** (right). Four riders excluded for taking train on one stage



## 2020 winner Tao Geoghegan Hart

British cyclist claimed his first Grand Tour title, riding for Ineos Grenadiers



1 START: May 8, Turin

21 FINISH: May 30, Milan



## 2021 Route

- 1 Stage
- Stage start
- Stage finish
- Stage start / finish

2021 edition features six mountain stages – including perennial favourites **Monte Zoncolan** (1,730m) and **Cortina d'Ampezzo** (1,225m), accompanied by highest mountain **Passo Pordoi** (2,239m) – seven hill stages, six sprint stages and two time trials

Total race distance  
3,479.9km

Altitude gain  
47,000m

## STAGE BREAKDOWN

- Individual time-trial
- Mountain stage
- Sprint stage

Stage	May	km
1	8	8.6
2	9	179
3	10	190
4	11	187
5	12	177
6	13	160
7	14	181
8	15	170
9	16	158
10	17	139
11	19	162
12	20	212
13	21	198
14	22	205
15	23	147
16	24	212
17	26	193
18	27	231
19	28	176
20	29	164
21	30	30.3

**1968:** First drug tests introduced. Belgian **Eddy Merckx** (above) wins first of five Giro titles

**1974:** First year jersey is awarded to leader of mountains classification – initially green, changed to blue in 2012

**1990** **Gianni Bugno** (right) becomes only fourth rider to wear **Maglia Rosa** from start to finish, after **Costante Girardengo** (1919), **Binda** (1927) and **Merckx** (1973)



**1933:** **Alfredo Binda** becomes first five-time winner

**1940:** **Fausto Coppi** becomes youngest winner, at 20 years and 158 days old

**1950:** Swiss rider **Hugo Koblet** (right) is first foreign rider to win Giro, ending 40 years of Italian dominance

**1956:** Over 60 riders forced to abandon race on bitterly cold 21st stage in Dolomites with temperatures near -10°C

**1965:** Introduction of **Cima Coppi** – named in honour of Fausto Coppi – title given to highest mountain of each Giro, and worth more points than all other first-category climbs

**1966:** Points classification introduced, awarded to most consistent sprinters



**2009:** Centenary race is won by Russia's **Denis Menchov**

**2017:** **Tom Dumoulin** is first Dutch winner, in 100th edition of Giro d'Italia

**2020:** Giro delayed to October due to Covid-19 pandemic – Britain's **Tao Geoghegan Hart** of Team Ineos Grenadiers claims victory

## Trofeo Senza Fine

'The Trophy with No End' first awarded in 1999

