

Tour de France 2021

JUNE 26 - JULY 18

Cycling's most prestigious race began in 1903 as a way to boost sales of a sports newspaper but soon became popular in its own right. The defining characteristic of the 2021 race is the inclusion of a double assault of the iconic Mont Ventoux and a visit to Andorra

Elite Club

Four riders have conquered Le Tour five times, with **Bernard Hinault's** 1985 win providing most recent French victory.

Four-time winner **Chris Froome** – missing from last two editions after career-threatening injury – returns, as road captain for **Israel Start-Up Nation**

5 Jacques Anquetil FRA
1957, 61, 62, 63, 64

5 Eddy Merckx BEL
1969, 70, 71, 72, 74

5 Bernard Hinault FRA
1978, 79, 81, 82, 85

5 Miguel Induráin ESP
1991, 92, 93, 94, 95

4 Chris Froome GBR
2013, 15, 16, 17

Overall leader: Yellow

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: Green

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

King of the Mountains: Polka dot

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 2000 after 10-year hiatus

Yellow jersey first awarded in 1919 to help spectators identify race leader. Instantly recognisable and highly sought after, it has since been worn by total of 274 riders from 25 countries

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN YELLOW JERSEY

Eddy Merckx (1969-72, 1974-75)

97

Bernard Hinault (1978-82, 1984-86)

76

Miguel Induráin (1991-95)

60

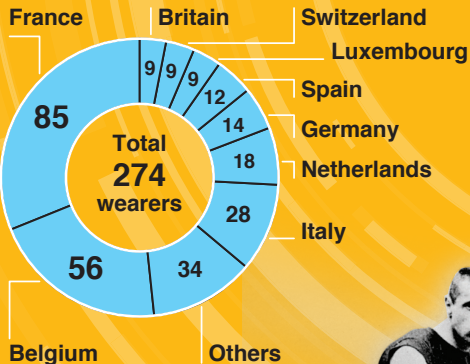
Chris Froome (2013, 2015-17)

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Jacques Anquetil (1957, 1961-64)

51

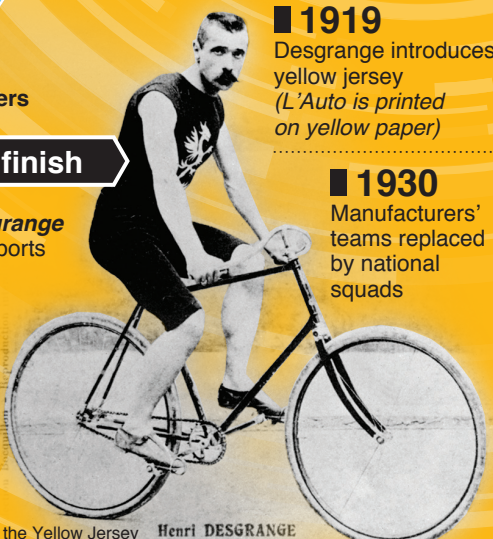
YELLOW JERSEY WEARERS BY COUNTRY



Le Tour: Start to finish

1903: Henri Desgrange (right), editor of L'Auto sports newspaper, creates Tour de France. **Maurice Garin** of France is first winner

1904: Cheating crisis – some riders take trains and sabotage rivals' bicycles



Henri DESGRANGE

1930 Manufacturers' teams replaced by national squads

1905 Inaugural mountain climb, on Ballon d'Alsace

1937: Derailleur systems permit gear changes without removing wheels

1952 Italy's **Fausto Coppi** wins by postwar record of 28 mins, 27 secs

1967: First drug tests after Briton **Tom Simpson** dies on Mont Ventoux

1969 In stunning debut, Belgian **Eddy Merckx** (right) wins all three main jerseys – only rider ever to do so



1986: American **Greg LeMond** becomes first non-European winner

1989: LeMond defeats **Laurent Fignon** by eight seconds, smallest margin of victory in Tour history

1991-95 Spaniard **Miguel Induráin** becomes first man to win five consecutive Tours

1998 Major doping scandal involving **Festina** team rocks Tour – team ejected from race

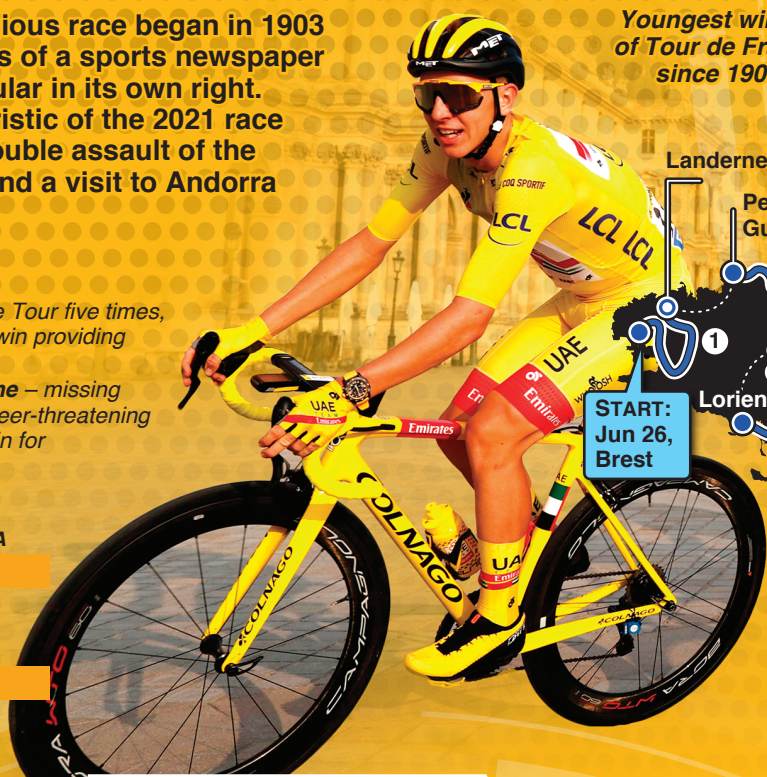
2019: **Egan Bernal**, 22, is first Colombian to win Tour de France

2021: Tour de France departs from north-west city of Brest – one week early – to avoid clash with **Tokyo Olympics**

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2020 winner
Tadej Pogacar

Youngest winner of Tour de France since 1909



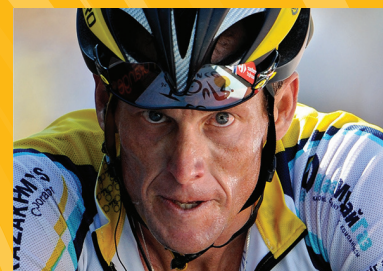
Race Classifications

Jersey colours



Total race distance
3,417.5km

Stage	Jun-Jul	km
1	26	198
2	27	183.5
3	28	183
4	29	150.5
5	30	27.2
6	1	161
7	2	249.5
8	3	151
9	4	145
10	6	191
11	7	199
12	8	159.5
13	9	220
14	10	184
15	11	191.5
16	13	169
17	14	178.5
18	15	130
19	16	207
20	17	30.8
21	18	108.5



1999-2005: **Lance Armstrong** (above) wins seven Tours in a row but is stripped of his titles in 2012 after lengthy doping investigation

2012-18 **Bradley Wiggins** (right) becomes first British winner. Compatriots **Chris Froome** (4) and **Geraint Thomas** (1) win five of next six Tours for Team Sky



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