

Giro d'Italia 2022

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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 2022 race begins in Budapest, Hungary – the 14th time the route has departed from outside of Italy – and ends with a time trial in the historic city of Verona after 21 gruelling days

Elite Club

Italian legends **Alfredo Binda** and **Fausto Coppi** are 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

2021	Egan Bernal	COL	Ineos
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

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 257 different riders

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN MAGLIA ROSA

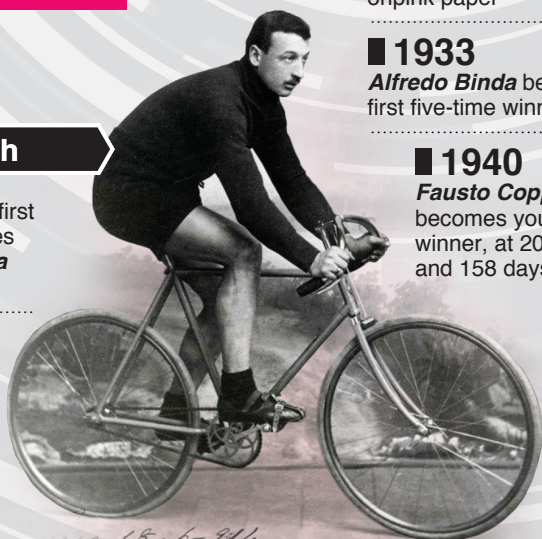
Eddy Merckx (1968-70, 1972-74)	77
Alfredo Binda (1925, 1927-29, 1931, 1933)	60
Francesco Moser (1976-77, 1979-82, 1984-85)	57
Gino Bartali (1936-37, 1939, 1946-47)	50
Giuseppe Saronni (1979, 1981, 1983, 1985-86)	49
Jacques Anquetil (1959-61, 1964, 1967)	42

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



1933
Alfredo Binda becomes first five-time winner

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

1914: Last race before WWI still holds record for longest stage – 430km from Lucca to Rome

1931
Learco Guerra wears first **Maglia Rosa** – colour chosen because *La Gazzetta dello Sport* is printed on pink paper

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

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



2021 winner Egan Bernal

Colombian rider – contracted to **Ineos Grenadiers** until 2026 – recently returned to cycling two months after horrific crash

INEOS
GRENADIER



2022 Route

- 1 Stage
- Stage start
- Stage finish
- Stage start / finish
- ✱ Rest day

2022 edition features six mountain stages, including perennial favourite **Monte Zoncolan** – one of the hardest climbs in Europe – seven sprint stages and two time trials, and passes through 14 of Italy's 20 regions

Total race distance
3,445.6km

Altitude gain
50,610m



STAGE BREAKDOWN

- 🕒 Individual time-trial
- ⚡ Mountain stage
- 🚴 Sprint stage

Stage	Date	km
1	May 6	195
2	7	9.2
3	8	201
4	10	172
5	11	174
6	12	192
7	13	196
8	14	153
9	15	191
10	17	196
11	18	203
12	19	204
13	20	150
14	21	147
15	22	178
16	24	202
17	25	168
18	26	152
19	27	177
20	28	168
21	29	17.4

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Home favourites have traditionally dominated race – winning 69 of 104 editions

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)



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

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

2021: Giro returns to traditional May slot. **Egan Bernal** secures victory – leading race from ninth stage – his second Grand Tour title after winning Tour de France in 2019

Trofeo Senza Fine

'The Trophy with No End' first awarded in 1999

