

Tour de France 2022

JULY 1-24

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. This year sees the return of the brutal Paris-Roubaix cobbles and the notorious climb of Alpe d'Huez

Elite Club

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

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5 Jacques Anquetil FRA
 1957, 61, 62, 63, 64
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5 Eddy Merckx BEL
 1969, 70, 71, 72, 74
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5 Bernard Hinault FRA
 1978, 79, 81, 82, 85
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5 Miguel Induráin ESP
 1991, 92, 93, 94, 95
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4 Chris Froome GBR
 2013, 15, 16, 17

Race Classifications

Jersey colours

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 275 riders from 25 countries


HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN YELLOW JERSEY

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Eddy Merckx (1969-72, 1974-75)
 97
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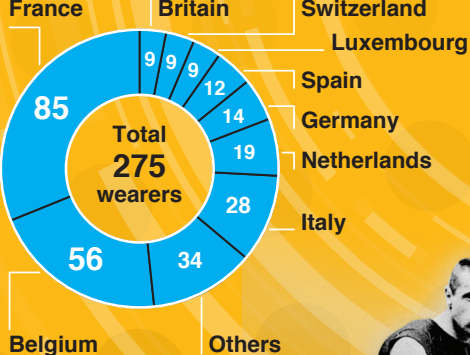
Bernard Hinault (1978-82, 1984-86)
 76
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Miguel Induráin (1991-95)
 60
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Chris Froome (2013, 2015-17)
 59
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Jacques Anquetil (1957, 1961-64)
 51

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



■ **1930** Manufacturers' teams replaced by national squads

■ **1905** Inaugural mountain climb, on Ballon d'Alsace

■ **1919** Desgrange introduces yellow jersey (L'Auto is printed on yellow paper)

■ **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



■ **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



Coupe Omnisports
Designed in 1971

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

■ **2022:** Cycling-obsessed Denmark becomes 10th nation outside France to host Grand Départ of Le Tour

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2022 Route

- Stage 1
- Start
- Finish
- Start / finish
- Rest day
- Individual time-trial
- Mountain stage
- Transfer

Total race distance
3350.4km

Stage	July	km
1	1	13.2
2	2	202.5
3	3	182
4	5	171.5
5	6	154
6	7	220
7	8	176.5
8	9	186.5
9	10	193
10	12	148.5
11	13	152
12	14	165.5
13	15	193
14	16	192.5
15	17	202.5
16	19	178.5
17	20	130
18	21	143.5
19	22	188.5
20	23	40.7
21	24	116