




La Vuelta a España 2022

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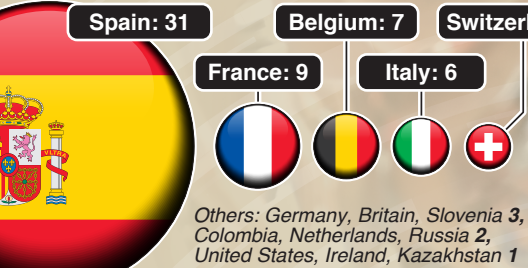
The Vuelta a España – cycling's final Grand Tour of the year – first departed from Madrid in 1935, aiming to emulate growth of the *Tour de France* and *Giro d'Italia*. The 2022 race begins in Utrecht, Netherlands, and navigates all eight Andalusian provinces, before concluding with the traditional final circuit along the main arteries of the Spanish capital, Madrid

Elite Club

Spanish rider **Roberto Heras** – who finished in Top 6 each year between 1997 and 2005 – is only man to have conquered La Vuelta four times. **Alberto Contador's** 2014 win – his third overall – provided most recent home victory

	4 Roberto Heras ESP	Vuelta tours
	2000, 03, 04, 05	9
	3 Tony Rominger SUI	
	1992, 93, 94	6
	3 Alberto Contador ESP	
	2008, 12, 14	5
	3 Primoz Roglic SVN	
	2019, 20, 21	3

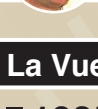
Titles by country
Home favourites have traditionally dominated race – winning 31 of 76 editions



La Roja

Race leader's red jersey – introduced in 2009 by race director **Javier Guillen**. Colour already associated with success of national soccer team, nicknamed The Red. Succeeded multiple earlier combinations including inaugural orange jersey of 1935

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN LEADER'S JERSEY

	Alex Zülle SUI (1993, 96, 97, 2000)	48
	Primoz Roglic SVN (2019, 20, 21)	36
	Roberto Heras ESP (2000, 02, 03, 04 05)	34
	Gustaaf Deloor BEL (1935, 36)	32
	Delio Rodriguez ESP (1941, 45, 46, 47)	32
	Tony Rominger SUI (1992, 93, 94)	32

La Vuelta: Start to finish

■ **1935:** **Clemente Lopez Doriga** and **Juan Pujol**, director of Informaciones newspaper, launch Vuelta a España. **Gustaaf Deloor** (right) of Belgium is first winner

■ **1936:** Deloor defends title in longest winning finishing time of 150 hours and seven minutes – race consists of 21 stages and is over 4,300 km long

■ **1937-54:** Race suffers several interruptions due to Spanish Civil War and outbreak of World War II

■ **1941:** Only Spanish and Swiss riders compete as **Julian Berrendero** becomes first home winner

■ **1945** Points classification introduced, awarded to most consistent sprinters

■ **1955-56** Appeal of Vuelta increases – **Jean Dotto** and **Angelo Conterno** are first winners from France and Italy

■ **1963** **Jacques Anquetil** (right) wins title to become first rider to win Vuelta, Tour de France and Giro d'Italia

■ **1984:** **Eric Caritoux** defeats Alberto Fernández Blanco by six seconds, smallest margin of victory in Vuelta history

■ **1987:** **Luis Herrera** charges to victory becoming first South American cyclist to win Grand Tour title

■ **1994** Swiss **Tomy Rominger** becomes first man to win three consecutive Vueltas

■ **1995:** 50th edition marks move to September date to avoid clash with other Grand Tours

■ **1997** Tour departs from Lisbon, Portugal – first time race starts outside of Spain

■ **2005** **Roberto Heras** (right) becomes first four-time winner

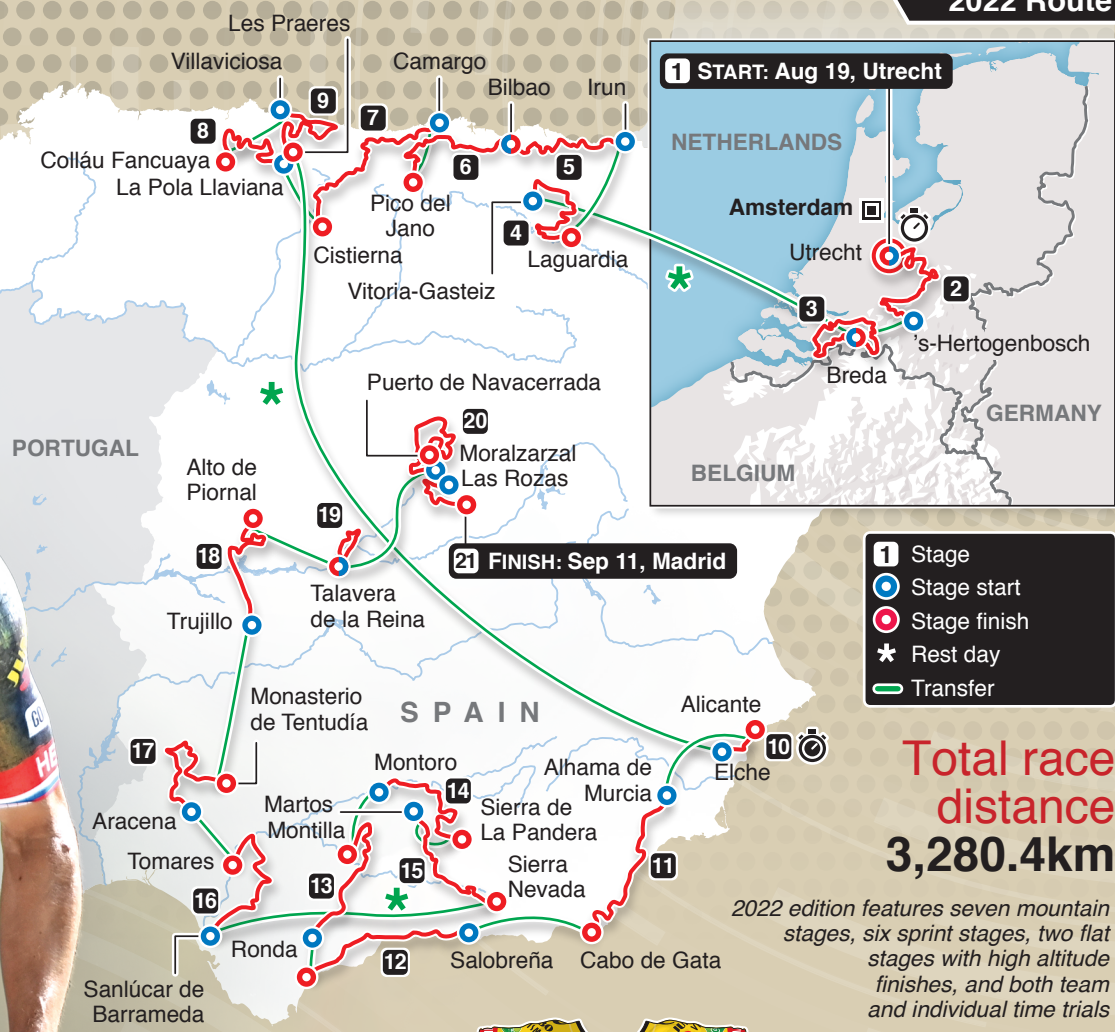
■ **2013:** American **Chris Horner**, 41, becomes oldest winner

■ **2021:** **Primoz Roglic** retains crown as race finishes at Santiago de Compostela

■ **2022** **Cibeles Palace**

Race returns to iconic host of winners' podium in Madrid

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Total race distance
3,280.4km

2021 winner
Primoz Roglic
Dominant Slovenian cyclist abandoned assault on Tour de France title after dislocating shoulder in crash



LA VUELTA

Jersey colours

Race Classifications

Overall leader: Red

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 first introduced in 2017

STAGE BREAKDOWN

- Individual time-trial
- Team time-trial
- Mountain stage
- Sprint stage

Stage	Aug-Sep	km
1	19	23.3
2	20	175.1
3	21	193.5
4	23	152.5
5	24	187.2
6	25	181.2
7	26	190.0
8	27	153.4
9	28	171.4
10	30	30.9
11	31	191.2
12	1	192.7
13	2	168.4
14	3	160.3
15	4	149.6
16	6	189.4
17	7	162.3
18	8	192.0
19	9	138.3
20	10	181.0
21	11	96.7