

Giro d'Italia 2023

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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 2023 race begins with a time trial along the picturesque Abruzzo coast and ends with a circuit stage in the Italian capital, Rome, 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 Stage wins 41
1925, 27, 28, 29, 33

5 Eddy Merckx BEL 24
1968, 70, 72, 73, 74

5 Fausto Coppi ITA 22
1940, 47, 49, 52, 53

RECENT CHAMPIONS

2022	Jai Hindley	AUS	Bora-Hansgrohe
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

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 261 different riders

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN MAGLIA ROSA

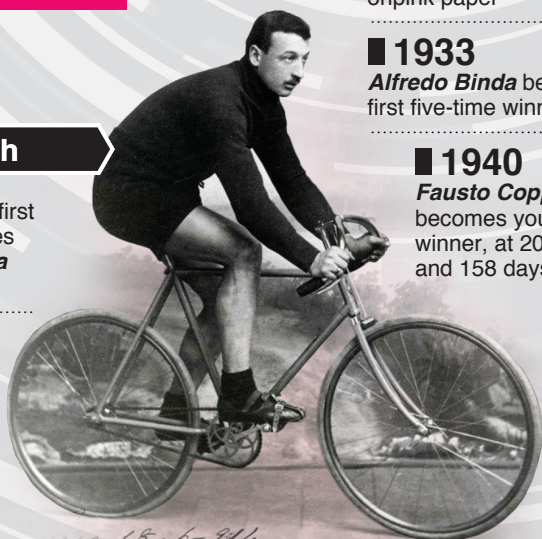
Eddy Merckx (1968-70, 1972-74)	77
Alfredo Binda (1925, 1927-29, 1931, 1933)	60
Francesco Moser (1976-77, 1979-82, 1984-85)	57
Gino Bartali (1936-37, 1939, 1946-47)	50
Giuseppe Saronni (1979, 1981, 1983, 1985-86)	49
Jacques Anquetil (1959-61, 1964, 1967)	42

Sources: Giro d'Italia, Gracenote
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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



Vuelta a España 2022 winner **Remco Evenepoel**

Belgian rider – reigning road race world champion – heads field after winning first Grand Tour in September

2023 edition features five mountain stages and seven summit finishes – including brutal mountain time trial on penultimate stage in **Julian Alps** – and passes through 13 of Italy's 20 regions

STAGE BREAKDOWN

- Individual time-trial
- Mountain stage
- Sprint stage
- Hill stage

Stage	Date	km
1	May 6	19.6
2	7	201
3	8	216
4	9	175
5	10	171
6	11	162
7	12	218
8	13	207
9	14	35
10	16	196
11	17	219
12	18	179
13	19	207
14	20	193
15	21	195
16	23	203
17	24	195
18	25	161
19	26	183
20	27	18.6
21	28	135

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Home favourites have traditionally dominated race – winning 69 of 105 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 after pandemic

2022: **Jai Hindley** becomes first Australian to win race

Trofeo Senza Fine

'The Trophy with No End' first awarded in 1999

