

Tour de France 2023

JULY 1-23

Spain's autonomous Basque region stages the Grand Départ for the second time, with Bilbao the host city after San Sebastián had the honour in 1992. It will be the 25th time Le Tour will get underway outside France

Elite Club

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

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

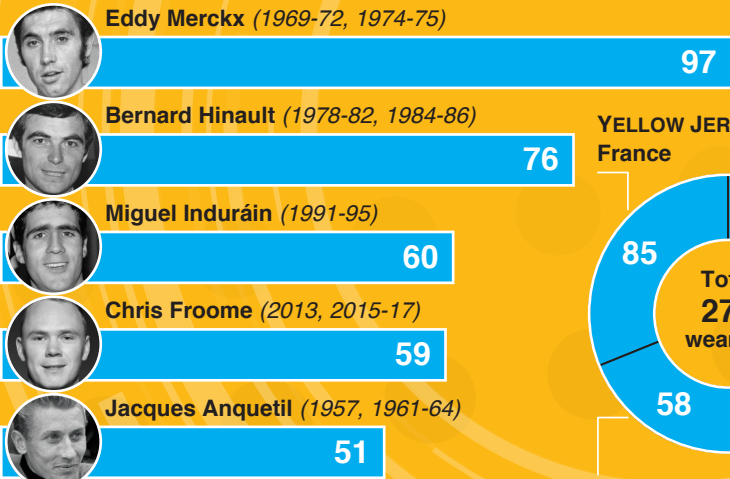
4 Chris Froome *GBR*
2013, 15, 16, 17

Team Jumbo-Visma rider **Jonas Vingegaard** (yellow, far right) aims to defend 2022 title



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 278 riders from 25 countries

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN YELLOW JERSEY



Le Tour: Start to finish

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

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



1905 Inaugural mountain climb, on Ballon d'Alsace

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

1930 Manufacturers' teams replaced by national squads

1937: Derailleur systems permit gear changes without removing wheels

1952 Fausto Coppi wins by postwar record of 28 mins, 27 secs

1967: Drug tests introduced after British cyclist Tom Simpson dies on Mont Ventoux

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 (right) becomes first man to win five consecutive Tours



Coupe Omnisports
Designed in 1971

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2023 Route

21-stage route favours climbers with record 30 categorised climbs and four epic summit finishes, including return of legendary **Puy de Dôme** for first time since 1988

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

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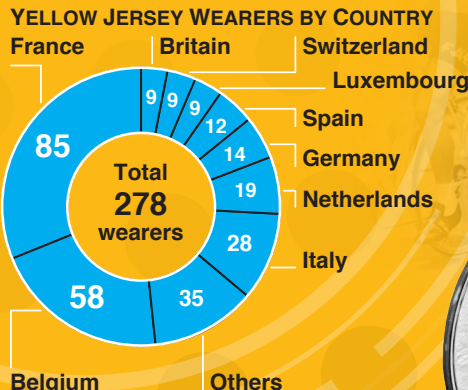


Stage	July	km
1	1	182.0
2	2	208.9
3	3	187.4
4	4	181.8
5	5	162.7
6	6	144.9
7	7	169.9
8	8	200.7
9	9	182.4
10	11	167.2
11	12	179.8
12	13	168.8
13	14	137.8
14	15	151.8
15	16	179.0
16	18	22.4
17	19	165.7
18	20	184.9
19	21	172.8
20	22	133.5
21	23	115.1

Total race distance
3399.5km

Overall leader: Yellow

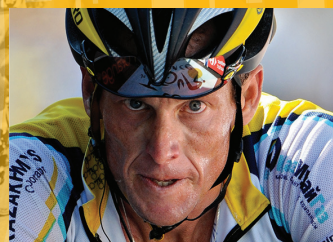
Awarded to race winner and worn by current race leader at start of each stage, calculated by totalling each day's finishing time



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



1998: Major doping scandal involving **Festina** team rocks Tour – team ejected from race. Later investigations reveal systematic doping within sport



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** (inset) becomes first British winner. Compatriots **Chris Froome** (4) and **Geraint Thomas** (1) win five of next six Tours for Team Sky



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