

La Vuelta a España 2023

AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 17

The Vuelta a España – cycling's final Grand Tour of the year – was launched in 1935, aiming to emulate the growth and prestige of the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia

The 2023 race begins in Barcelona and concludes 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

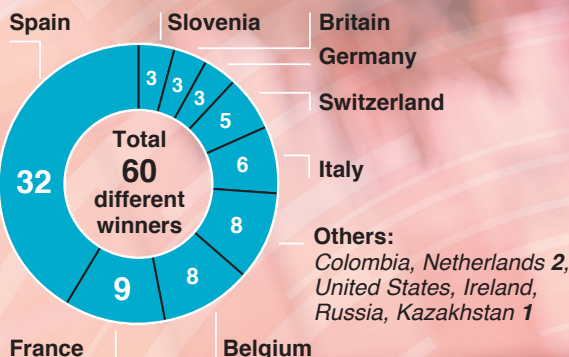
4 Roberto Heras ESP
2000, 03, 04, 05
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3 Alberto Contador ESP
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3 Primoz Roglic SVN
2019, 20, 21
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TITLES BY COUNTRY



HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN LEADER'S JERSEY

Alex Zülle SUI (1993, 96, 97, 2000)	48
Primoz Roglic SVN (2019, 20, 21, 22)	37
Roberto Heras ESP (2000, 02, 03, 04 05)	34
Gustaaf Deloor BEL (1935, 36)	32
Delio Rodriguez ESP (1941, 45, 46, 47)	32
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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 4300 km long

■ **1937-50:** Race held only spasmodically during Spanish Civil War, World War II and afterwards

■ **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** Race returns after 5-year gap – **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

2022 winner

Remco Evenepoel

Belgian rider faces tough competition from 3-time champion **Primoz Roglic** (below left), winner of 2023 Giro d'Italia, and Tour de France champion **Jonas Vingegaard** (right), both of Team Jumbo-Visma

La Roja

Race leader's red jersey introduced in 2010, inspired by success of Spain's World and European Cup-winning football team – **La Roja**. Earlier colour variations included inaugural orange jersey of 1935

■ **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** claims third title as race finishes at Santiago de Compostela

2023 Route

0 Stage
● Stage start
● Stage finish
⌚ Individual time trial
⚡ Mountain stage
🚲 Flat stage
⌚ Team TT
— Transfer
★ Rest day



1 START: Aug 26, Barcelona

21 FINISH: Sep 17, Madrid

STAGE BREAKDOWN

Stage	Aug	km
1	26	14.8
2	27	181.8
3	28	158.5
4	29	184.6
5	30	186.2
6	31	183.1
7	Sep 1	200.8
8	2	165.0
9	4	184.5
10	5	25.8
11	6	163.2
12	7	150.6
13	8	134.7
14	9	156.2
15	10	158.3
16	12	120.1
17	13	124.4
18	14	178.9
19	15	177.1
20	16	207.8
21	17	101.1

2023 edition visits France and Andorra, and features seven mountain stages, four flat stages and two flat stages with high altitude finishes, plus team and individual time trials

Total race distance
3157.5km

Cibeles Palace

Iconic backdrop for winner's podium in Madrid

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