

Tour de France 2024

JUNE 29 - JULY 21

2024 Route

The 111th edition of cycling's most prestigious race begins in the historic city of Florence, as Italy stages the Grand Départ for the first time. Nice hosts the final-stage time trial, reminiscent of the famous Greg LeMond-Laurent Fignon duel in 1989

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

2023 winner Jonas Vingegaard

Danish rider, racing for **Visma-Lease a Bike**, set to challenge for third successive title after recovering from broken collarbone and collapsed lung sustained in April

Race Classifications

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

Yellow jersey first awarded in 1919 to help spectators identify race leader. Instantly recognisable and highly sought after, it has since been worn by riders from over 20 countries

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN YELLOW JERSEY

Eddy Merckx (1969-72, 1974-75)

Including half stages

111

Bernard Hinault (1978-82, 1984-86)

79

Miguel Induráin (1991-95)

60

Chris Froome (2013, 2015-17)

59

Jacques Anquetil (1957, 1961-64)

52

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

Source: Le Tour, Encyclopedia of the Yellow Jersey



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

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Mark Cavendish (GBR, above), racing for **Astana Qazaqstan Team**, needs just one stage win in his final Tour de France to become outright record holder with 35 victories, surpassing Merckx (34)

Points leader: Green

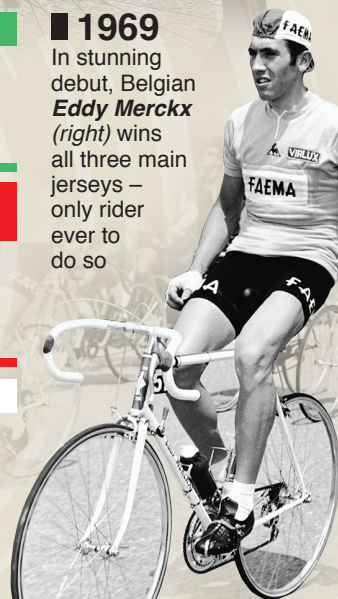
Fastest sprinters compete for points at end of each stage – points adjusted by terrain

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



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** (right) becomes first man to win five consecutive Tours



Giro d'Italia winner Tadej Pogačar

Slovenian targeting rare double ambition of winning both Giro and Le Tour in same year. Only seven riders have achieved historic feat, most recently **Marco Pantani** (ITA) in 1998

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

2024: Race finishes outside French capital for first time, due to Paris **Olympic** and **Paralympic Games**

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Total race distance
3498.3km

Stage	June	km
1	29	206.0
2	30	199.2
3	Jul 1	230.8
4	2	139.6
5	3	177.4
6	4	163.5
7	5	25.3
8	6	183.4
9	7	199.0
10	9	187.3
11	10	211.0
12	11	203.6
13	12	165.3
14	13	151.9
15	14	198.0
16	16	188.6
17	17	177.8
18	18	179.5
19	19	144.6
20	20	132.8
21	21	33.7

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