La Vuelta a España 2024

AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 8

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

2024 Route

0 Stage · Stage start · Stage finish
Individual time trial · Mountain stage · Flat stage
Hill stage · Transfer · Rest day

Total race distance **3304.3km**

*2024 edition begins in **Lisbon** for first time since 1997 and concludes with traditional final circuit along the main arteries of Spanish capital, **Madrid***

STAGE BREAKDOWN

Stage	Aug	km
1	17	12.0
2	18	194.0
3	19	191.2
4	20	170.5
5	21	177.0
6	22	185.5
7	23	180.5
8	24	159.0
9	25	178.5
10	27	160.0
11	28	166.5
12	29	137.5
13	30	176.0
14	31	200.5
15	Sep 1	143.0
16	3	181.5
17	4	141.5
18	5	179.5
19	6	173.5
20	7	172.0
21	8	24.6

Three-time winner

Primož Roglič

*Slovenian rider returns to Grand Tour action, racing for **Red Bull-Bora-Hansgrohe,** after recovering from crash at Tour de France*

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*

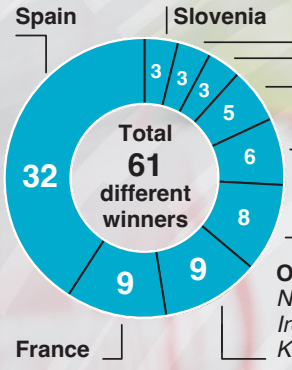
4 Roberto **Heras** *ESP*
2000, 03, 04, 05 — *Tours: 9*

3 Tony **Rominger** *SUI*
1992, 93, 94 — *6*

3 Alberto **Contador** *ESP*
2008, 12, 14 — *5*

3 Primož **Roglič** *SVN*
2019, 20, 21 — *5*

TITLES BY COUNTRY



Others: *Colombia, Netherlands, USA **2**, Ireland, Russia, Kazakhstan **1***

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN LEADER'S JERSEY

Alex Zülle *SUI (1993, 96, 97, 2000)* — **48**

Primož Roglič *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**

Tony Rominger *SUI (1992, 93, 94)* — **32**

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 include inaugural orange jersey of 1935*

2023 winner

Sepp Kuss *(left)*

*First U.S. rider to win La Vuelta since **Chris Horner** in 2013. Aiming to defend title, racing for **Visma-Lease a Bike,** but lack of Grand Tour exertion in 2024 could hamper bid to mount sustained challenge*

***Adam Yates** (1) and **João Almeida** (2) are lead riders for **UAE Team Emirates** tasked with securing clean sweep of Grand Tour titles for team this year after **Tadej Pogačar** claimed both Giro d'Italia and Tour de France crowns*

LA VUELTA

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

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: ***Primož Roglič*** claims third title as race finishes at Santiago de Compostela

Cibeles Palace

Iconic backdrop for winner's podium in Madrid

La Vuelta: Start to finish

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