

Defending champion
Tadej Pogačar

UAE Team Emirates XRG

Favourite to claim fourth yellow jersey amid challenge from chasing pack, including two-time winner Jonas Vingegaard

Tour de France 2025

JULY 5-27

The 112th edition of cycling's most prestigious race takes place entirely within France for the first time since 2020. The lung-bursting route features punishing climbs in the Massif Central, Pyrenees, Alps and the Jura – gaining over 52,500m in elevation – peaking at the grandiose Col de la Loze on Stage 18

Double Olympic champion
Remco Evenepoel

Soudal-QuickStep

Ambitious to improve on third-place finish in 2024, but struggles with stamina on arduous climbs – illustrated by disappointing mountain stage in Critérium du Dauphiné race

Elite Club

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

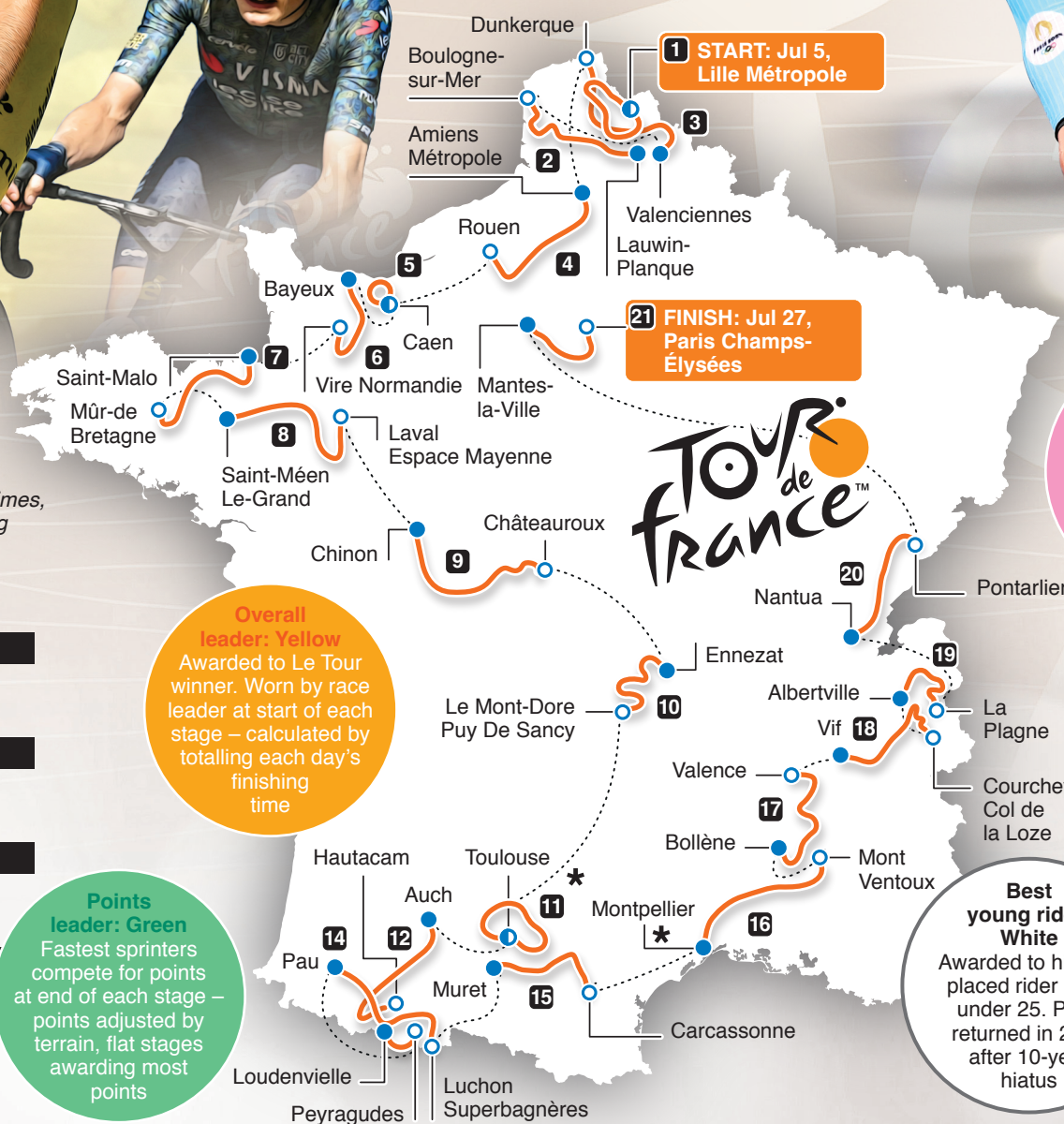
- 5 Jacques Anquetil FRA**
1957, 61, 62, 63, 64
- 5 Eddy Merckx BEL**
1969, 70, 71, 72, 74
- 5 Bernard Hinault FRA**
1978, 79, 81, 82, 85
- 5 Miguel Induráin ESP**
1991, 92, 93, 94, 95
- 4 Chris Froome GBR**
2013, 15, 16, 17

Overall leader: Yellow
Awarded to Le Tour winner. Worn by race leader at start of each stage – calculated by totalling each day's finishing time

Points leader: Green
Fastest sprinters compete for points at end of each stage – points adjusted by terrain, flat stages awarding most points

ROUTE 2025

Total race distance:
3338.8km



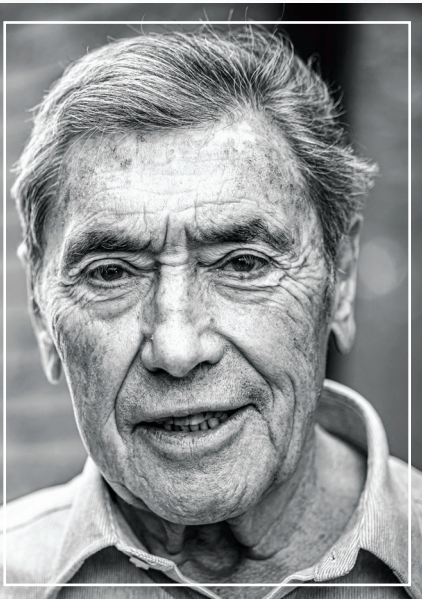
King of the Mountains: Polka dot
Held by rider who proves to be best climber, with more severe climbs offering most points

Best young rider: White
Awarded to highest placed rider aged under 25. Prize returned in 2000 after 10-year hiatus

| Stage | Date | km |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Jul 5 | 184.9 |
| 2 | 6 | 209.1 |
| 3 | 7 | 178.3 |
| 4 | 8 | 174.2 |
| 5 | 9 | 33.0 |
| 6 | 10 | 201.5 |
| 7 | 11 | 197.0 |
| 8 | 12 | 171.4 |
| 9 | 13 | 174.1 |
| 10 | 14 | 165.3 |
| 11 | 16 | 156.8 |
| 12 | 17 | 180.6 |
| 13 | 18 | 10.9 |
| 14 | 19 | 182.6 |
| 15 | 20 | 169.3 |
| 16 | 22 | 171.5 |
| 17 | 23 | 160.4 |
| 18 | 24 | 171.5 |
| 19 | 25 | 129.9 |
| 20 | 26 | 184.2 |
| 21 | 27 | 132.3 |

STAGE BREAKDOWN

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



Eddy Merckx, pictured in 2025, arguably most successful rider in history of competitive cycling with 11 Grand Tour titles

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**



UAE Team Emirates XRG have secured most victories (55) in 2025 season, but failed to conquer Giro d'Italia title – won by **Simon Yates (GBR)**, racing for Team Visma–Lease a Bike

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**

In 2024, prolific rider **Mark Cavendish** (GBR, left), racing for **Astana Qazaqstan Team**, broke stage wins record – surpassing Merckx – with superb sprint finish to claim his 35th victory in Saint Vulbas

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** becomes first man to win five consecutive Tours

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