Giro d'Italia 2026

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The Giro d'Italia, one of cycling's most prestigious Grand Tours, was first held in 1909, starting in Milan and inspired by the success of the Tour de France. The 2026 edition begins on the historic Black Sea coast in Nessebar, Bulgaria – the 16th start on foreign soil – before tackling the arduous Dolomites and concluding in the Eternal City, Rome





Title contenders

Red Bull BORA hansgrohe PRO CYCLING

Breakthrough star

Giulio Pellizzari

Red Bull-Bora-Hansgrohe

Emerging Italian talent ambitious to improve on sixth-place finish in 2025. With aggressive racing style and natural climbing ability, Pellizzari is tipped to excel during daunting mountain stages

Triple threat

Jonas Vingegaard

Visma-Lease a Bike

*Set for maiden tilt at Giro title after Grand Tour crowns at **Tour de France** and **Vuelta a España***

O Gran Camiño champion

Adam Yates

UAE Team Emirates

*British rider aiming for maiden Grand Tour victory. Leads team, alongside efficient Australian **Jay Vine,** after João Almeida ruled out with illness*

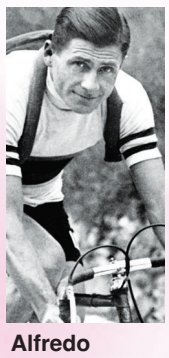
UAE TEAM Emirates

Elite Club

*Vingegaard, after claiming major race victories in both **Paris-Nice** and **Volta a Catalunya** this year, is aiming to become only eighth rider in history to win all three of cycling's Grand Tours*

Titles		Giro	Tour de France	La Vuelta
11	Eddy Merckx *BEL*	1968	1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974	1973
10	Bernard Hinault *FRA*	1980, 1982, 1985	1978, 1979, 1981, 1982	1983
08	Jacques Anquetil *FRA*	1960, 1964	1957, 1961, 1962, 1963	
07	Alberto Contador *ESP*	2008, 2015	2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014	
07	Chris Froome *GBR*	2013, 2017, 2018	2013, 2015, 2016, 2017	2011
05	Felice Gimondi *ITA*	1967	1965	1968, 1969, 1976
04	Vincenzo Nibali *ITA*	2013, 2016	2014	2010
03	Jonas Vingegaard *DEN*	2023	2022, 2025	

RACE LEGENDS: *Only three riders to have conquered Giro five times, while Italian **Mario Cipollini** holds record for most stage wins (42)*



Alfredo Binda *ITA*
1925, 27, 28, 29, 33



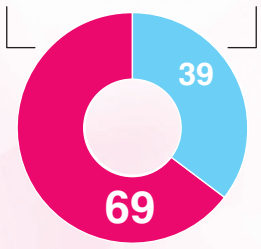
Fausto Coppi *ITA*
1940, 47, 49, 52, 53



Eddy Merckx *BEL*
1968, 70, 72, 73, 74

Giro d'Italia editions: 108

Italy	Rest of the world
44 riders	*29 riders*



Belgium (7 wins), France (6), Spain (4), Great Britain, Switzerland, Russia (3), Colombia, Slovenia, Luxembourg (2), Sweden, Ireland, United States, Canada, Netherlands, Ecuador, Australia (1)

***Maglia Rosa** – race leader's pink jersey – introduced in 1931 by **Armando Cougnet,** sports journalist at **La Gazzetta dello Sport,** to help spectators identify race leader. It has since been worn by total of 283 different riders*

HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAYS IN MAGLIA ROSA



Eddy Merckx *(1968-70, 1972-74)* — 77



Alfredo Binda *(1925, 1927-29, 1931, 1933)* — 60



Francesco Moser *(1976-77, 1979-82, 1984-85)* — 57



Gino Bartali *(1936-37, 1939, 1946-47)* — 50



Trofeo Senza Fine

'The Trophy with No End' first awarded in 1999

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

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

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

Best young rider: White
Awarded to highest-placed rider aged under 25. Prize returned in 2007 after 12-year hiatus

ROUTE 2026

Total race distance

3,468.0km

*2026 edition features breathtaking landscapes and legendary climbs, boasting over 48,000m of total elevation gain. Race peaks at Stage 19 – the **Cima Coppi** – on fearsome **Passo Giau***

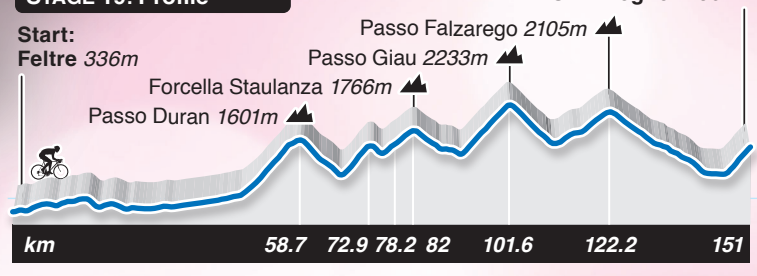
Stage 1 · Start · Finish · Start / finish · Rest day · Individual time-trial · Mountain stage · Hill stage · Flat stage

STAGE BREAKDOWN

Stage	Date	km
1	May 8	147
2	9	221
3	10	175
4	12	138
5	13	203
6	14	142
7	15	244
8	16	156
9	17	184
10	19	42
11	20	195
12	21	175
13	22	189
14	23	133
15	24	157
16	26	113
17	27	202
18	28	171
19	29	151
20	30	200
21	31	131

STAGE 19: Profile

Start: **Feltre** *336m*
Finish: Alleghe *1456m*



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