



PRESS RELEASE

Trier to host a stage at the Deutschland Tour



Bad Soden – 23. October 2017. The course of the new Deutschland Tour is taking shape. The city of Trier will host a stage in the new edition of the four-day stage race, which will be held August 23-26, 2018. This means that the Deutschland Tour will visit not only Baden-Württemberg but also Rheinland-Pfalz.

After Stuttgart was announced as the final stop of the Deutschland Tour, cycling fans can now also look forward to Germany's oldest city. In Trier, fans will not only experience the professional race but also a cycling festival with Expo, Kids Race and family-friendly rides on closed roads.

For the pro race, the Landkreis Trier-Saarburg promises an especially challenging stage profile, with the Moselle River valley and the foothills of the Eifel and Hunsrück providing many steep climbs. To honor this terrain and the many famous landmarks of Trier, including the Porta Nigra and the UNESCO World Heritage Roman ruins, the city on the Moselle will host both the finish and start of a stage. Further stations of the Deutschland Tour 2018 have already been selected and will be announced along with the exact course of the race in the next few weeks.

"From a sporting viewpoint, Trier offers a stage design which will excite the fans. There will also be great pictures of this both antique and modern city, which will surprise the many fans watching on TV. The region stands for cycling enthusiasm. The Deutschland Tour aims directly at this enthusiasm – from the pros to the hobby riders," said Claude Rach, director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports, which is organizing the Deutschland Tour.

"I am happy to welcome the Deutschland Tour to Trier this coming August. The cycling fans will experience Trier in all its diversity: Roman monuments, a vibrant university town, exciting cultural landscapes, artistic nature. Trier gives the bicycle a high priority, because we want to increase the amount of cycling traffic in our city," said Wolfram Leibe, Mayor of Trier.

Like many hobby riders already have, the pros and fans of the Deutschland Tour will have some exciting moments with us. As a vacation land in the heart of Europe, we offer a unique landscape with many wonderful cycling paths. I am sure than in the coming August we will be able to greet many guests not only from all over Germany but also cycling fans from neighboring Luxembourg, Belgium and France," said Günter Scharitz, county commissioner for Kreis Trier-Saarburg.

About the Deutschland Tour:

The new Deutschland Tour will be carried out for the first time from August 23-26, 2018, as a four-day stage race. Just like the Cycling Classic Eschborn-Frankfurt, the Deutschland Tour is organized by the Amaury Sport Organization (A.S.O.), the organizer of the Tour de France, and its German daughter organization, the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports GmbH. The A.S.O. Has agreed with the Bund Deutscher Radfahrer to put on at least ten editions of the Deutschland Tour.