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## Deutschland Tour starts in Koblenz at the Deutsche Eck

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Bad Soden – February 6, 2018. The first edition of the new Deutschland Tour will start in Koblenz. With that, the course of the four-day stage race is settled: the Deutschland Tour 2018 runs from August 23 to 26 from Koblenz to Stuttgart. During these four days the race will visit, amongst others, Trier and Merzig in the Saarland. The complete course will be announced on March 2.

As the start city, Koblenz will host the Deutschland Tour for two days, because the day before the race actually starts, the team presentation will be held, as well as an extended program with Expo and kids' races in the Rhineland-Pfalz city. For the race start on August 23, Koblenz offers a special and prestigious atmosphere: the pro riders will start the first stage at the Deutsche Eck, the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. The peloton will first take on a neutralized circuit through the Koblenz Old Town before the real start of the new edition of the Deutschland Tour. The fans will enjoy the extended program and cycling on the car-free streets, as well as many other attractions in addition to the pro race.

"The premiere of the new Deutschland Tour will be celebrated in Koblenz. Special occasions call for special pictures and so we are happy that with the start at the Deutsche Eck, our famous landmark is featured. We Koblenzers look forward to the athletes but also to the many visitors to the Deutschland Tour," said Prof. Dr. Joachim Hofmann-Göttig, Mayor of the city of Koblenz.

"With the Deutschland Tour, we greet a major event which will attract many sport fans to our region. I am especially pleased that on these two days we will celebrate the bicycle in its great diversity of athletic possibilities. With the attractive planned attractions, we will motivate many people to getting on their bikes," added Monika Sauer, President of the Sportbund Rheinland.

Claude Rach, director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports, which is organizing the Deutschland Tour, said: „Koblenz offers exactly the right location for the start of the Deutschland Tour. A bike festival at the Deutsche Eck – that will make great pictures right at the start. And from a sporting view, the way from Koblenz to Stuttgart promises an exciting Tour."

The whole course of the Deutschland Tour between Koblenz and Stuttgart will be presented in four weeks, on March 2. Until then, fans can take part in setting up the Deutschland Tour with their suggestions for the course by submitting their suggestions to the [DeutschlandDeineTour.de](http://DeutschlandDeineTour.de) web site or via email to [Strecke@DeutschlandDeineTour.de](mailto:Strecke@DeutschlandDeineTour.de).

### About the Tour of Germany

The new Tour of Germany will take place for the first time on August 23-26, 2018 as a four-day stage race. Like the cycling classic Eschborn-Frankfurt, the Deutschland Tour is also organized by the Amaury Sport Organization (A.S.O.) and its German subsidiary Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports GmbH. The A.S.O. has agreed with the German Cycling Federation (BDR) to organize at least ten events of the Deutschland Tour. In addition to racing for professional, junior and amateur cyclists, the bike will be featured in its full diversity at the Tour of Germany. For the first time, fans can actively participate in creating a cycling event. More than 1,500 route suggestions and ideas have already been submitted, making the motto "Germany. Your Tour." come alive.