



PRESS RELEASE

Deutschland Tour 2021 comes back to Thuringia - Ilmenau becomes host city

The Deutschland Tour and Thuringia combine enthusiasm for cycling. In the last edition, the Thuringian Forest, the Wartburg city of Eisenach and the state capital of Erfurt provided an impressive final backdrop for Germany's largest cycling festival. Reason enough for a return to the Free State. In August 2021 Ilmenau now welcomes the pros of the Deutschland Tour. The city of Goethe and college town will host the finish of the second stage and the start of the third stage, which ends in Erlangen.

From Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania via Thuringia to Bavaria - the Deutschland Tour 2021 connects the north with the south and runs over four stages from the Hanseatic city of Stralsund to Nuremberg. The centerpiece of the tour is full of highlights: historical moments, places the tour passes by worth seeing, such as the cultural city of Weimar, and again a stage profile that promises excitement until the end. A constant up and down on the way to Ilmenau as well as two crisp laps with an increasing home stretch will make it difficult for the sprinters on the Friday of the Deutschland Tour.

Also Saturday morning the professionals will feel that Ilmenau is at the foot of the Thuringian Forest. Climbing legs are required immediately after starting in the Ilmenau center. It goes up to the Frauenwald district to the Rennsteig - the highest point of the Deutschland Tour 2021. A worthy start to the final weekend, which takes the pros from Thuringia to Franconia.

With Stralsund, Schwerin, Ilmenau, Erlangen and Nuremberg, five of the six host cities of the Deutschland Tour 2021 are known. In the coming year, the tour will take place in the second half of August over four stages from Thursday to Sunday. The exact date is expected to be announced by the World Cycling Federation in autumn.

About the Deutschland Tour

The Deutschland Tour is Germany's largest cycling festival. The four-day professional race and the hands-on offers in all host cities attract more than 500,000 visitors. In Germany alone, more than 5 million viewers watch the live broadcast on ARD and ZDF - worldwide, the images go to 190 countries. On the Deutschland Tour, fans experience the German top stars and the international Tour de France elite up close. The event is a true festival around the bicycle and puts a special focus on the audience. In addition to thousands of tips on route planning before the race, 5,000 participants use the Jedermann Tour, the Ride Tour and the "kinder + Sport mini tour" to participate. The Deutschland Tour is organized by the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports mbH (GFR). The GFR is a joint venture between the Tour de France organizer Amaury Sport Organization (A.S.O.) and the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG). In addition to the Deutschland Tour, the company is also organizing the cycling classic Eschborn-Frankfurt on May 1st. The Deutschland Tour 2020 had to be postponed due to the corona pandemic and will now take place on the same route in August 2021.