



PRESS RELEASE

Sangerhausen completes host cities of the Deutschland Tour 2021

The host cities of the Deutschland Tour 2021 are complete: Sangerhausen will be the start location for the second stage. The course of the professionals leads directly from the City of Mountains and Roses to Ilmenau. Harz, Kyffhäuser, Thuringian Forest - fans and professionals can look forward to an exciting second day.

The start between Harz and Kyffhäuser will trigger anticipation among the climbing-experienced pros for the Friday of the Deutschland Tour. But also, away from the mountains of the southern Harz Mountains, Sangerhausen offers a remarkable backdrop. With its historic city center, the historic mining landscape and the largest rose collection in the world, the city of Sangerhausen will leave its mark on the tour. For the Deutschland Tour it is a return to Saxony-Anhalt. Last year Pascal Ackermann made the fans cheer with his stage win in Halberstadt.

“Sangerhausen is happy to host the upcoming Deutschland Tour. This will be a highlight in the summer of 2021 for the Sangerhäuser and our guests, who appreciate our region for extensive cycling. We will greet the professionals with the enormous enthusiasm for bicycles the City of Mountain and Roses can offer. Because Sangerhausen has been a bike city for over 100 years,” says **Sven Strauß, Mayor of the City of Sangerhausen.**

With Stralsund, Schwerin, Sangerhausen, Ilmenau, Erlangen and Nuremberg, the host cities of the Deutschland Tour 2021 are complete. The heart of Germany in Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia connects two premieres: Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Bavaria are hosting the new Deutschland Tour for the first time. With its third run since the new edition, the tour will have visited 10 federal states. In the coming year, the tour will take place in the second half of August with four stages from Thursday to Sunday. The exact date is expected to be announced by the World Cycling Federation in autumn.

Dein Ride - Sangerhausen welcomes fans and former professionals already in 2020

In just two weeks, amateur cyclists will have the chance to ride the route of the upcoming Deutschland Tour together with former professionals. On August 21st, Jens Voigt, Fabian Wegmann, Johannes Fröhlinger and the fans will be at the start in Sangerhausen. The ambitious hobby athletes can ride the entire stage to Ilmenau (178 kilometers), including an ascent to the Kyffhäuser. There is a half-stage to get a taste of it: in the morning from Sangerhausen to lunch break in Weimar (95 kilometers) or in the afternoon from Weimar to Ilmenau (83 kilometers). Registration for the very limited places is possible at DeinRide.deutschland-tour.com.

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.