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## Kassel will host the Deutschland Tour 2023

**The Deutschland Tour 2023 is coming to Hesse. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage starts in Kassel on August 25. The race day will run from the major city in northern Hesse to Winterberg in the Sauerland region.**

For the 120 professionals of the Deutschland Tour, the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage begins in the middle of downtown Kassel. With a neutral start, slowly and very close to the Hessian cycling fans, they are led out of the city center in the direction of Bad Wilhelmshöhe. The sharp start will take place in front of the Marstall building of Schloss Wilhelmshöhe - the prelude to a tough stage through northern Hesse into the Sauerland region.

With the award to Kassel, it is already certain that Germany's most important cycling race will visit five German states this year. The Deutschland Tour will pass through Saarland, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia as well as Lower Saxony on its way to the finale in the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. The exact route will be announced at the end of April.

*"I am delighted that the state of Hesse is hosting the Deutschland Tour again this year and that we are getting to know a new stage location in Kassel. The Deutschland Tour comes to the cities, directly to the fans, and it is all the nicer that another major city is shaping the tour this year. This means that the second stage, which is very interesting from a sporting point of view, will have the perfect backdrop right from the start,"* says **Matthias Pietsch**, Managing Director of the Society for the Promotion of Cycling - the organizer of the Deutschland Tour.

*"We are very much looking forward to being a host city for the Deutschland Tour for the first time. For the sports city of Kassel, the Deutschland Tour is another outstanding sports event this year that all citizens in Kassel can look forward to. In coordination between the Sports Office, Kassel Marketing and the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports, we were able to make the necessary preparations within a very short time and agree to our participation as a start location. The very good cooperation between the players is very promising and makes us look forward to a very special event in the heart of Kassel,"* says **Dirk Stochla**, head of the sports department of the city of Kassel.

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### Stages of the Deutschland Tour 2023:

- Prologue (Wednesday, August 23): St. Wendel
- 1. Stage (Thursday, August 24): St. Wendel – Merzig
- 2. Stage (Friday, August 25): Kassel – Winterberg
- 3. Stage (Saturday, August 26): NN – Essen
- 4. Stage (Sunday, August 27): NN – Bremen