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Lidl Deutschland Tour ready for another cycling festival

The Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024 starts in six weeks' time, with five days of cycling between Bavaria and Saarland beginning with an opening time trial in Schweinfurt on August 21. 748 kilometers await the pros. Compared to the original plans, the route has therefore become slightly longer. This does not change the classic character of the tour. The many opportunities to join in alongside the sport also remain unaffected.

The changes to the overall length of the route are mainly due to rescheduling on the last section in Saarland. Storms here had caused that some roads were no longer passable. As it is not foreseeable whether this will change by the 4th stage on August 25, the route will take a small detour there as a precaution. The highlights of the route remain unaffected. Early in the stage, the route climbs up to the Kalmit in the Palatinate Forest. The longest climb of this year's Deutschland Tour will therefore be withheld from the queen stage.

This will be ridden the day before between Schwäbisch-Gmünd and Villingen-Schwenningen. The 211-kilometre section is not only the longest ever since the Deutschland Tour was relaunched in 2018, but also features four mountain classifications and the highest point of this year's tour. At Tanneck, part of the Großer Heuberg on the Swabian Alb, the highest point of the tour is reached at 975 meters above sea level. However, there will be no mountain classification here.

The elevation profiles, timetables and GPS files for all stages are now available for download at deutschland-tour.com. All fans can use them to plan their visit to the route and secure the best spots at the visitor hotspots or ride the routes themselves.

Take part in the Ride Tour or the Cycling Tour

In Schweinfurt, this is possible as part of the Ride Tour. After registering at ride.deutschland-tour.com, any participant who brings a bike and a helmet can ride around the finish area on a closed-off route free of charge. For the younger age groups, the "kinder Joy of Moving mini tour" is available at every destination and on the day of the prologue. Places are limited and registration is now open at kinderjoyofmoving.de.

At the finale in Saarbrücken, the Cycling Tour also offers the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the pros. The "Bliesgau loop" is 100 kilometers long, while the "Tälerrunde" is 56 kilometers long. In both cases, closed roads and challenging profiles await, on which the elite will also be riding later. All further information and the last places available for booking can be found at cycling.deutschland-tour.com.

Newcomer Tour for the female juniors

This year's Lidl Deutschland Tour program once again includes the Newcomer Tour, an international U17 race for young female riders. Last year, the girls were able to show what they can do in Essen. This year, there are two opportunities to present themselves and be successful. The newcomers will race both at the finish of the 3rd stage in Villingen-Schwenningen and one day later at the grand finale in Saarbrücken.

Stages of the Lidl Deutschland Tour 2024

- Prologue (Wednesday, August 21): Schweinfurt 2,9 km
- Stage 1 (Thursday, August 22): Schweinfurt – Heilbronn 176,4 km
- Stage 2 (Friday, August 23): Heilbronn – Schwäbisch Gmünd 174,6 km
- Stage 3 (Saturday, August 24): Schwäbisch Gmünd – Villingen-Schwenningen 211,1 km
- Stage 4 (Sunday, August 25): Annweiler am Trifels – Saarbrücken 182,7 km