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Deutschland Tour 2024 starts in Schweinfurt

This year's Deutschland Tour will start in Schweinfurt. This means that the course of Germany's most important cycling race has been defined: the pros will travel from Lower Franconia to Saarbrücken, the capital of Saarland, over five days of racing.

The prologue to the start of the tour will take place in Schweinfurt on August 21. In the past two years, a short urban course has caused a buzz in the starting towns of Weimar and St. Wendel. And it will also be exciting in Schweinfurt when just a few seconds will decide who gets the leader's jersey of the Deutschland Tour 2024 for the first time. On August 22, the first stage of the Deutschland Tour 2024 will begin in the northern Bavarian city.

Sebastian Remelé, Lord Mayor of Schweinfurt, says: *"I am delighted that we have been able to bring this sporting event to our beautiful city. Schweinfurt will attract national attention as the venue for the start of the Deutschland Tour 2024."*

The bicycle has always played a special role in Schweinfurt. Important bicycle inventions such as the freewheel which still characterize bicycles today, originate from Schweinfurt. And in the history of the Deutschland Tour, the city on the Main also already played a role as host city - most recently in 2006 as the finish of stage 3.

"Schweinfurt will be a cornerstone of the Deutschland Tour 2024. With the exciting prologue, Schweinfurt will play a special role as the starting point. It is unique for visitors to experience every single professional up close and to be part of the battle for precious seconds. With the start in Lower Franconia, the course to Baden-Württemberg and the finale in Saarland, the tour has a common thread. We are looking forward to the return to Bavaria," says **Matthias Pietsch**, Managing Director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports.

Stages of the Deutschland Tour 2024:

- Prologue (Wednesday, August 21): Schweinfurt
- Stage 1 (Thursday, Aug 22): Schweinfurt – NN
- Stage 2 (Friday, Aug 23): NN – Schwäbisch Gmünd
- Stage 3 (Saturday, Aug 24): Schwäbisch Gmünd – Villingen-Schwenningen
- Stage 4 (Sunday, Aug 25): NN – Saarbrücken