



Deutschland Tour 2022 presents a demanding course

The Deutschland Tour will run over five stages this year. The addition of an extra race day is just one of many debuts. For the first time, Germany's largest bike event begins with a prologue, and on top, the Deutschland Tour will feature a mountain-top-finish. The UCI ProSeries race takes place from August 24 to 28 and runs from the center of Germany to the south. Riders compete on 710 kilometers and tackle more than 11,000 meters in altitude.

This year's Deutschland Tour runs from Weimar in Thuringia, a city with a unique historical and cultural heritage in Germany, to the south-western metropolis of Stuttgart. The course design demands for all-round qualities. A short prologue benefits the powerful riders, a sprint finish on the first stage is followed by a highly selective finish lap the day after. Climbers will be happy about the 12 kilometers ascent up to the famous Schauinsland mountain, while the puncheurs want to turn everything around on the hilly and steep course of the final day.

Prologue: Weimar (2.7 km)

The opening day is short but spicy. Running through the city center of Weimar, the course is only 2.7 kilometers long and not too technically. It clearly favors the explosive riders, and only a small gap will decide over the red leader's jersey.

Stage 1: Weimar – Meiningen (171 km)

The first stage starts in Weimar and runs over 171 kilometers through the southern part of Thuringia to the city of Meiningen. The peloton must pass the mountains of the Thuringian Forest in the stage's middle part. But given the long and flat run-in to the finish, a sprint final is expected.

Stage 2: Meiningen – Marburg (199 km)

The longest day of this year's race leads from Meiningen to Marburg. Running from the East to the West of Germany, this stage goes straight through the center of Germany. Not only the distance but also several steep climbs in the last hour of racing will see a selective group competing for the stage win. A local lap in Marburg includes two ramps shortly before the finish that might encourage late attacks and splits in the field.

Stage 3: Freiburg – Schauinsland (150 km)

Time has come for the first mountain-top-finish of the revived Deutschland Tour. The race visits the Black Forest and includes one of its iconic climbs – the Schauinsland. The penultimate race day starts in Freiburg, the first German host city of the Tour de France ever, and takes a big loop that includes the Kaiserstuhl, the Rhine River on the French-German border and the southernmost point the new Deutschland Tour has visited so far. The climbing festival begins with a short, but selective ascent on tiny and steep roads – it's just the opening for the real challenge. 12 kilometers of climbing up to the mountain station of the Schauinsland which is on 1,200 meters above sea level.

Stage 4: Schiltach – Stuttgart (188 km)

After the mountain-top-finish the day before, the final stage presents another 3,100 meters in altitude. Running from Schiltach in the Black Forest to Stuttgart, the course design reminds on a demanding classic. The climbing begins shortly after the start line, and it won't stop until the region of Stuttgart is reached. The Deutschland Tour 2022 will be decided on 3 local laps which include the Herdweg climb, known



from the 2007 World Championships and the Deutschland Tour 2018. Featuring a gradient of up to 16% the Herdweg will see the final attacks before the winner is crowned in the city center of Stuttgart.

With the finale in Stuttgart the Deutschland Tour remembers its first edition. In 2018, Nils Politt celebrated his first pro win in Stuttgart which was followed by a Tour de France stage win and the overall win of the Deutschland Tour last year. Besides Politt, the last two winners of Milano-Sanremo Jasper Stuyven and Matej Mohoric prevailed in the previous editions of Germany's most significant bike race.

Deutschland Tour 2022:

- Prologue (August 24): Weimar, 2.7 km
- Stage 1 (August 25): Weimar – Meiningen, 171 km
- Stage 2 (August 26): Meiningen – Marburg, 199 km
- Stage 3 (August 27): Freiburg – Schauinsland, 150 km
- Stage 4 (August 28): Schiltach – Stuttgart, 188 km