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Everything is ready for the start of the 2025 Vuelta a España

Tour of Spain

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USPA NEWS - The 80th edition of the Vuelta features a 3,284 km route, 21 stages with 8 summit finishes, 2 time trials, and over 50 categorized climbs, cementing its reputation as one of the most demanding Grand Tours on the UCI calendar.

This Saturday, August 23rd, from the regal city of Turin, the curtain will rise on the 90th edition of the Vuelta a España, one of the three great epics of the international cycling calendar. The multicolored peloton, made up of the world's most seasoned road warriors, will set off to conquer a route that, like in its finest years, promises thrills, skirmishes, and heroic feats at every turn.

The colorful serpent will cover a total of 3,151 kilometers across 21 stages, with two rest days for domestiques, climbers, and time trialists to catch their breath.

Vuelta 2025 unfolds as a symphony of endurance and strategy, crossing four countries—Italy, France, Andorra, and Spain—and testing the physical and mental fortitude of the peloton's fiercest riders.

The route includes 4 flat stages, 6 medium mountain stages, 5 high mountain stages, 1 individual time trial, 1 team time trial, 2 rest days, and 3 hilly stages with summit finishes. From the slopes of Limone Piemonte to the legendary Bola del Mundo, passing through Alto del Morredero and the Lakes of Somiedo, the course is riddled with traps, ambushes, and climbs that will challenge both muscle and mettle.

This year's edition celebrates the 90th anniversary of La Vuelta. It was on April 29, 1935, that the first stage departed from Madrid's Puerta de Hierro en route to Valladolid. That inaugural edition, with fourteen stages and a finish in Casa de Campo, planted the seed of a tradition that has grown into one of cycling's three Grand Tours. In 2025, five cities from that first edition—Zaragoza, Bilbao, Valladolid, Madrid, and Barcelona—return to the route, a tribute to the race's history and legacy, which has seen legends born and farewells made.

Among the favorites are Jonas Vingegaard, Egan Bernal, Tom Pidcock, and Spaniards Juan Ayuso and Pablo Castrillo. Mexican rider Isaac del Toro, fresh off his victory in the Vuelta a Burgos, also emerges as a potential breakout star. Coverage will be comprehensive, with daily broadcasts, technical analysis, and expert commentary.

The finale will take place on September 14th in Madrid, where the survivors of this two-wheeled odyssey will parade through the capital's arteries like modern-day gladiators. There, the wearer of the red jersey—symbol of absolute dominance in this Spanish tour—will be crowned.

La Vuelta is not just a race: it is a living chronicle of cycling. Each stage is a chapter, each breakaway a metaphor, each finish a verdict. And this year, more than ever, the story is written in the ink of legend.

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