

L'ÉTAPE

CZECH REPUBLIC

BY **TOUR DE FRANCE**

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RIDERS GUIDE 2024



MOUNTAIN STAGE
PRACHATICE



Dear cyclists and sports fans,

I am very pleased that, in close cooperation with the South Bohemian Region, we have managed to secure excellent facilities in Prachatice for one of the biggest cycling events of the year, just a week after the Triathlon World Cup, which has already become a tradition here.

Now it's time for road cyclists to shine. I believe that the combination of the historical Renaissance gem on the Golden Path and the Šumava foothills surrounding Prachatice will create a perfect backdrop reminiscent of the famous Tour de France. Although the more than one hundred kilometers from the start at Velké náměstí (Great Square), where I hope all participants will safely return after a few hours of considerable effort, won't take us through the alpine climbs we know from television, the participants will enjoy beautiful mountainous scenery with the main climb up to Klet. The icing on the cake includes mostly high-quality asphalt roads, stunning views including the Český Krumlov Castle, a passage through the Boletice military area, and South Bohemian villages, which are a paradise for cottage owners. The majority of the route winds through beautiful fragrant forests and meadows. These are places I personally know from the saddle of my bike and they are a balm for my soul. It gives me sincere pleasure to be able to share them with all of you. I thank the organizers for preparing such a wonderful route for all of you. So welcome to Prachatice and let's get pedaling.

See you at the start and hopefully at future editions, which I look forward to.

Ing. Jan Bauer
Mayor of Prachatice



Dear cyclists and cycling fans,

I welcome you to the mountain stage of L'Etape Czech Republic by Tour de France, a public cycling race that allows you to compete in the style of professional cyclists. You can look forward to an authentic experience alongside the big stars of this beautiful sport and to the unique atmosphere that you know only from the legendary Tour de France. It is a cycling festival for all the little and big fans of the Grand Old Lady.

We are proud that our Prachatice has become the venue for this magnificent sporting event.

It is proof for us that the South Bohemian Region is a place where sport and tradition intersect and where major events find their home. This stage is significant for us not only as a sporting event but also as an opportunity to showcase the beauty of our region and the hospitality of its inhabitants.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Mayor of Prachatice, Jan Bauer, and to everyone involved in organizing this event. Their cooperation and support are invaluable, and without them, this race would not be possible.

I look forward to your participation and wish you to enjoy every moment on the track with the feeling that you are part of something exceptional.

Sincerely,



Martin Kuba
Governor of the South Bohemian Region



Jsme hrdým partnerem všech cyklistů

SKODA

Proto nás potkáte na závodě **L'Etape Czech Republic**, kde se staráme o jezdce i unikátní atmosféru po vzoru legendární Tour de France. V rámci online magazínu **WeLoveCycling.cz** navíc přinášíme nejen závodníkům, ale všem nadšeným cyklistům, tipy na výlety, praktické návody, dechberoucí příběhy a zajímavé reportáže ze světa cyklistiky.

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Ilustrativní fotografie

Kombinovaná spotřeba a emise CO₂ vozu
Škoda Kamiq: 5,3–6,3 l/100 km, 120–142 g/km



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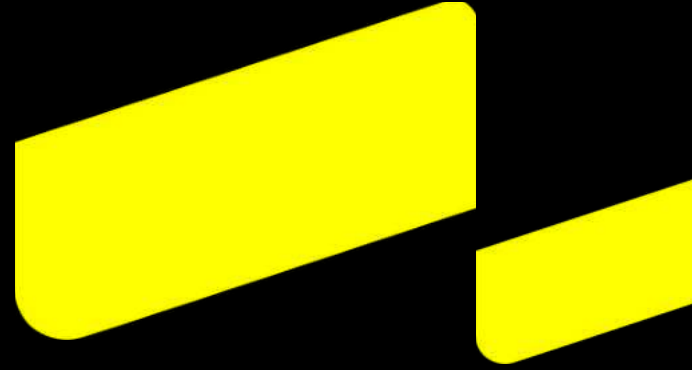
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During the race, you are required to adhere to the following rules. Please be aware that we reserve the right to disqualify you from the race if you do not comply with any of the instructions listed below, or if we observe you riding dangerously.

KEEP RIGHT

Stay in the right lane unless otherwise directed by course markings or instructions from the organizers.

SIGNAL

Respect the principles of group riding – signaling, smoothness, and maximum attention. If you have no experience riding in a pack, don't force your way in; ride at your own comfortable pace. If you see danger or need to stop for any reason, signal to the riders behind you by raising your hand and calling out loudly.

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Always follow the instructions of the organizers and members of the Police of the Czech Republic (PČR). Organizers on the course use acoustic signals (whistles) and visual signals (flags).

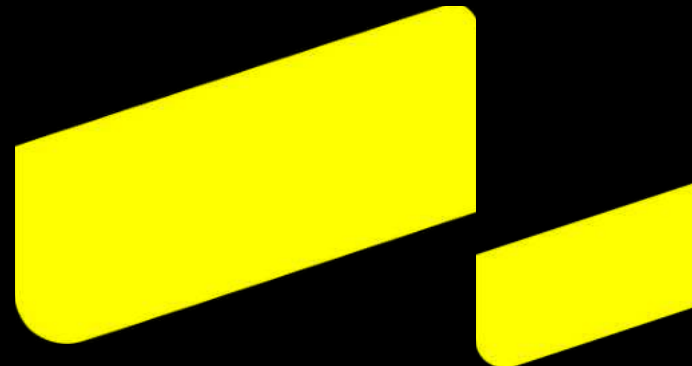
RIDE RESPONSIBLY

Remember, it's just a race, not a matter of life and death. Never overestimate your abilities and stay aware of the situation around you. Even if you are an excellent rider, anyone can make a mistake. Think of those waiting for you at the finish line and enjoy the race.

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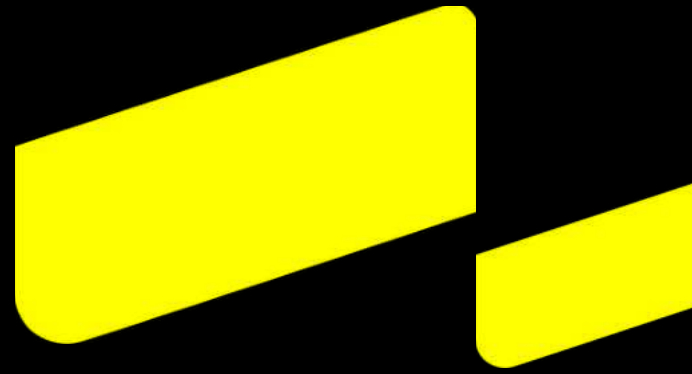




SCHEDULE - FRIDAY 16. 8. 2024

- 16:00 Opening of the L'Etape Village and Race Office
- 16:00 - 20:00 Distribution of Starter Packs in the Old Town Hall Hall
- Tour de France Museum
- Partner Stands
- Fanshop
- Kubík Tour
- 16:30 Riders Briefing
- 17:00 Organized Recon of the Last 10km of the Route
- 18:30 Discussion with Ambassadors
- 19:00 Ambassadors' Autograph Session
- 19:05 Riders Briefing
- 20:00 Closing of Stands and Race Office
- 20:05 Screening of Cycling-Themed Footage





SCHEDULE - SATURDAY 17. 8. 2024

9:00	Opening of the L'Etape Village and Race Office
9:00 - 15:30	Kubík Tour in Parkán Park
9:00 - 18:30	Tour de France Museum Partner Stands Fanshop
11:00	Team Presentation on Stage
11:55	Departure of the Promotional Caravan
12:00	Riders Briefing
12:30	Opening of the Start Corridor
12:45	Opening of the Race Route
13:00	START of the Race
15:20	Arrival of the Promotional Caravan
15:30	Kubík Tour Raffle Drawing
15:45	Expected Arrival of the Race Winner
17:05	Flower ceremony of TdF Jersey Winners
17:30	Flower ceremony of Individual Category Winners
18:00	Flower ceremony of Team Competition Winners
18:28	Arrival of the Last Rider Within the Time Limit
18:30	End of the Official Program
18:35	Afterparty in the Square - Band Concert



PASSION

Nové barvy

Kolekci PASSION, kombinující prvotřídní materiály a minimalistický design, jsme pro letošní rok rozšířili o nové barvy. Za využití špičkových technologických postupů vznikla řada cyklistického oblečení, která zpříjemní vaše cyklistické zážitky a nabídne svěží, elegantní vzhled.

Při vývoji kolekce jsme u jednotlivých výrobků kladli zvláštní důraz na propracované a vytříbené detaily, abychom docílili maximálního pohodlí v sedle.

Your Ride Made Better

 **KALAS**

RACE CENTRE

The main facilities for the race, including the start and finish lines, camp, and parking for participants, are located in Prachatice. The L'Etape village with the main stage, registration, and other amenities is situated in the historic center of Prachatice, which will be closed to traffic on Friday and Saturday. The Family Zone, with activities for children and parents, will be located in Parkán Park. The camp is situated in the disc golf course area. Post-race showers and the washing zone will be available at the indoor swimming pool.

A navigation system will be installed throughout the town to help everyone find their way. We have also uploaded all important points to mapy.cz.



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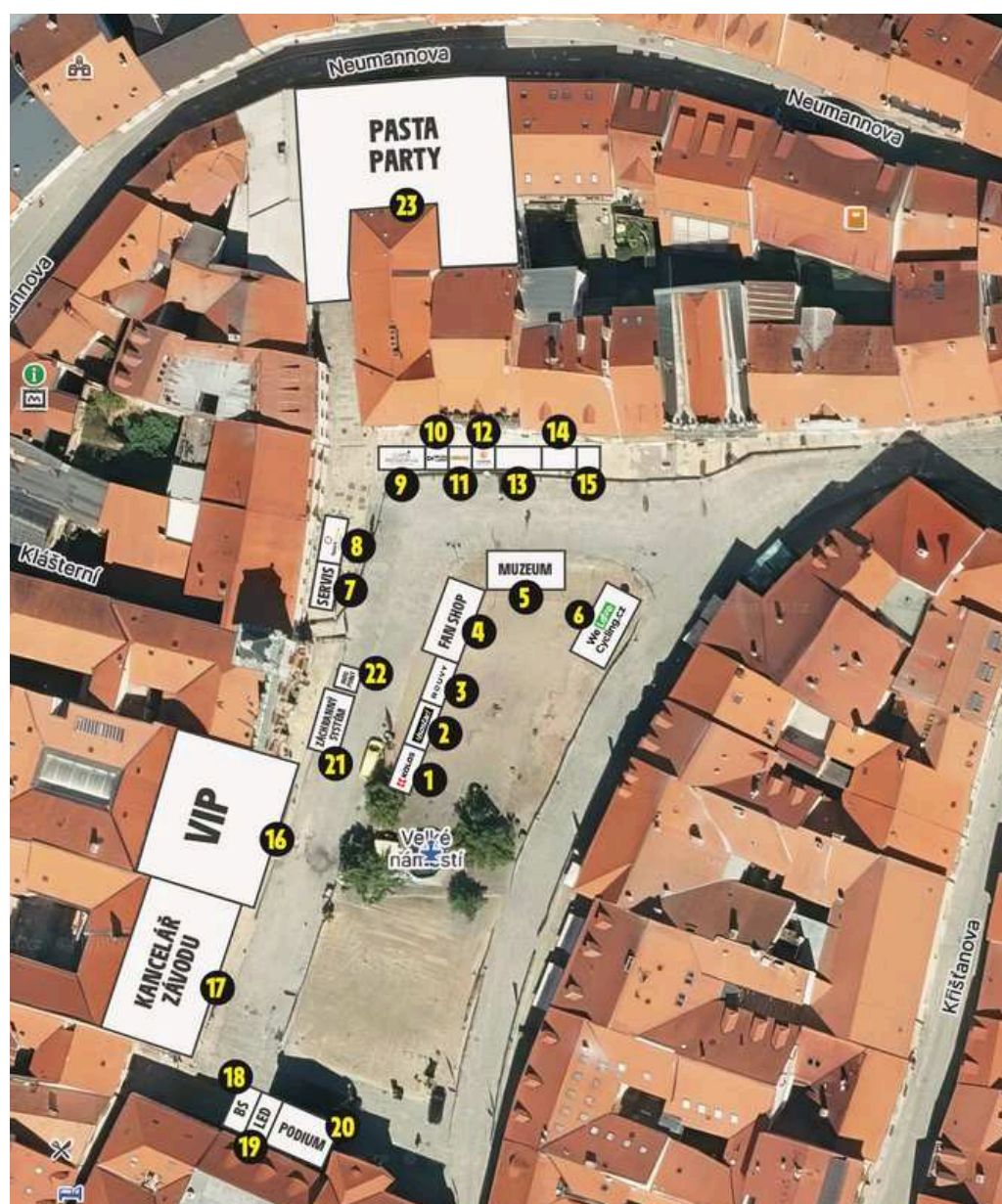
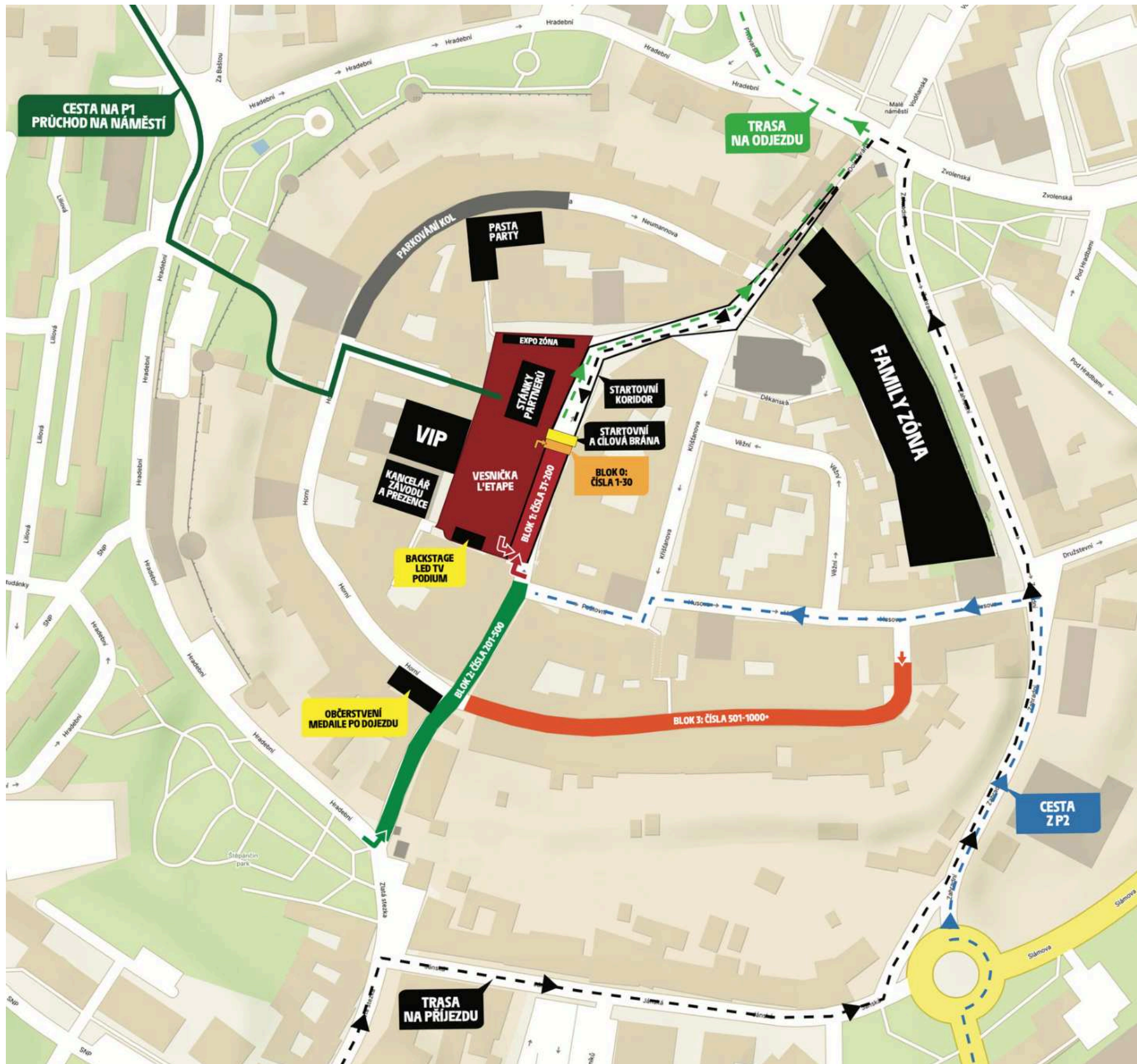
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RACE CENTRE PRACHATICE

NAVIGATION POINTS
AT MAPY.CZ



- 1 Kalas Sportswear
- 2 Isostar
- 3 Rouvy
- 4 Fanshop
- 5 Muzeum Tour de France
- 6 Škoda WeLoveCycling
- 7 Servisní depo Cycling Support
- 8 Fyzió-rehab zóna SportHelp
- 9 Café Reserva
- 10 DrWitt
- 11 Cyklostar
- 12 Harfasport
- 13 Šumavsko
- 14 R2
- 15 Integray L27 Cycling team
- 16 VIP hospitality
- 17 Race office
- 18 Backstage
- 19 LED
- 20 Podium
- 21 Integrated Rescue System
- 22 Infopoint
- 23 Pasta party

Arrival and Parking at Official Parking Lots

Upon arrival on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, please follow the instructions of the organizers and the signage to parking lots P1 or P2. Parking in these lots could be purchased during the check-in or registration process, and everyone who did so has a parking pass included in their starter pack. The entire inner city, where the race center is located, will be closed to car traffic from Friday morning, so there is no point in attempting to drive into Velké náměstí.

Parking for Participants Who Did Not Purchase Parking in Advance

We recommend using the city's designated parking areas, which require a fee, or parking at Kaufland or Lidl (30 CZK/hour). We strongly request that race participants do not park in residential zones or outside the city's official parking areas.

Camp

The official camp will be set up in the disc golf course area on Husinecká Street. Upon arrival, follow the directional signs. More detailed information will be emailed to those who purchased a camping spot in the week before the race. The campsite includes electricity hookups and access to portable toilets.

Prachatic

Both official parking lots are within walking distance of the race center at Velké náměstí. You can, of course, move around here by bike. However, on Saturday after reaching the finish line, entry to the village will only be allowed without a bike, which you can park at the supervised bike parking on Neumannova Street, located about 30 meters from the square.

L'ETAPE VILLAGE

The L'Etape village is located in the heart of Prachatice on Velké náměstí (Great Square). The entire inner historical city will be closed to car traffic and will only be accessible on foot or by bike. The race office, where starter and partner packs are distributed, is located in the Town Hall Hall of the Old Town Hall. The VIP zone is in the Municipal Theatre, and Saturday's breakfast and afternoon pasta party will take place in the cultural hall of Národní dům. All these buildings are situated directly on Velké náměstí and will be clearly marked.

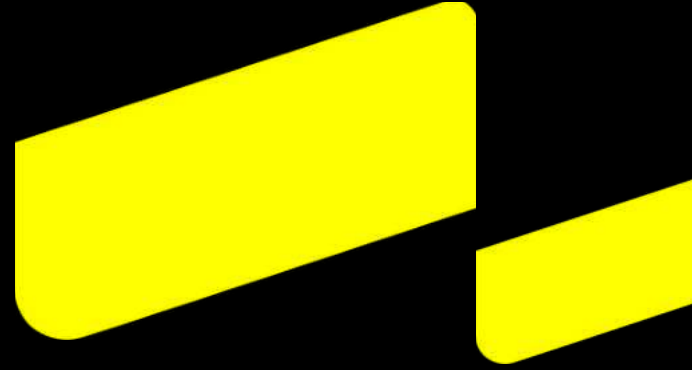
In addition to the main stage, Velké náměstí will also feature the Tour de France Museum, a fanshop with L'Etape and Tour de France products, and race partner stands. There are also numerous restaurants and cafés in the houses surrounding the square.

The following partners and vendors will be presented in the village:

- ŠKODA AUTO, a.s.
- Kalas sportswear
- Harfasport
- Isostar
- Rouvy
- Café Reserva
- Cyklostar
- SportHelp - Fyzio Rehab Zone
- DrWitt
- Service Depot Cycling Support (open on Saturday until 11:00)

Opening hours

Friday 16.00 - 20.00 | Saturday 9.00 - 19.30



SERVICE AND NEUTRAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The service partner is Cycling Support, which will have a booth open at Velké náměstí on Friday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Afterward, two of their vehicles will provide professional neutral technical support in the peloton. On the race course, they will be joined by two additional support vehicles from the local cycling team LYKO KLUB PRACHATICE.

BIKE PARKING ON NEUMANNOVA STREET AND AT THE INDOOR POOL

On Saturday after reaching the finish line, access to Velké náměstí with a bike will be restricted. Therefore, a supervised bike parking area will be set up on the adjoining street. To park your bike, it must have a race number, and the competitor must wear a wristband with their race number, which is included in the Starter Package. Supervised bike parking will also be provided at the entrance to the showers in the indoor pool area.

BAG STORAGE

You can leave your clothing and gear in the bag storage area on Saturday, which will be located in the atrium of the Old Town Hall, where the race office and registration are also situated.

PASTA PARTY

You can replenish your carbohydrates after the race at the Národní dům, which is located right on Velké náměstí.

SHOWERS FOR COMPETITORS AND CYKLOSTAR WASHING AREA

Showers for competitors are located in the indoor pool building, and the CYKLOSTAR washing area is in front of the pool.

ESPRESSO CAFÉ RESERVA

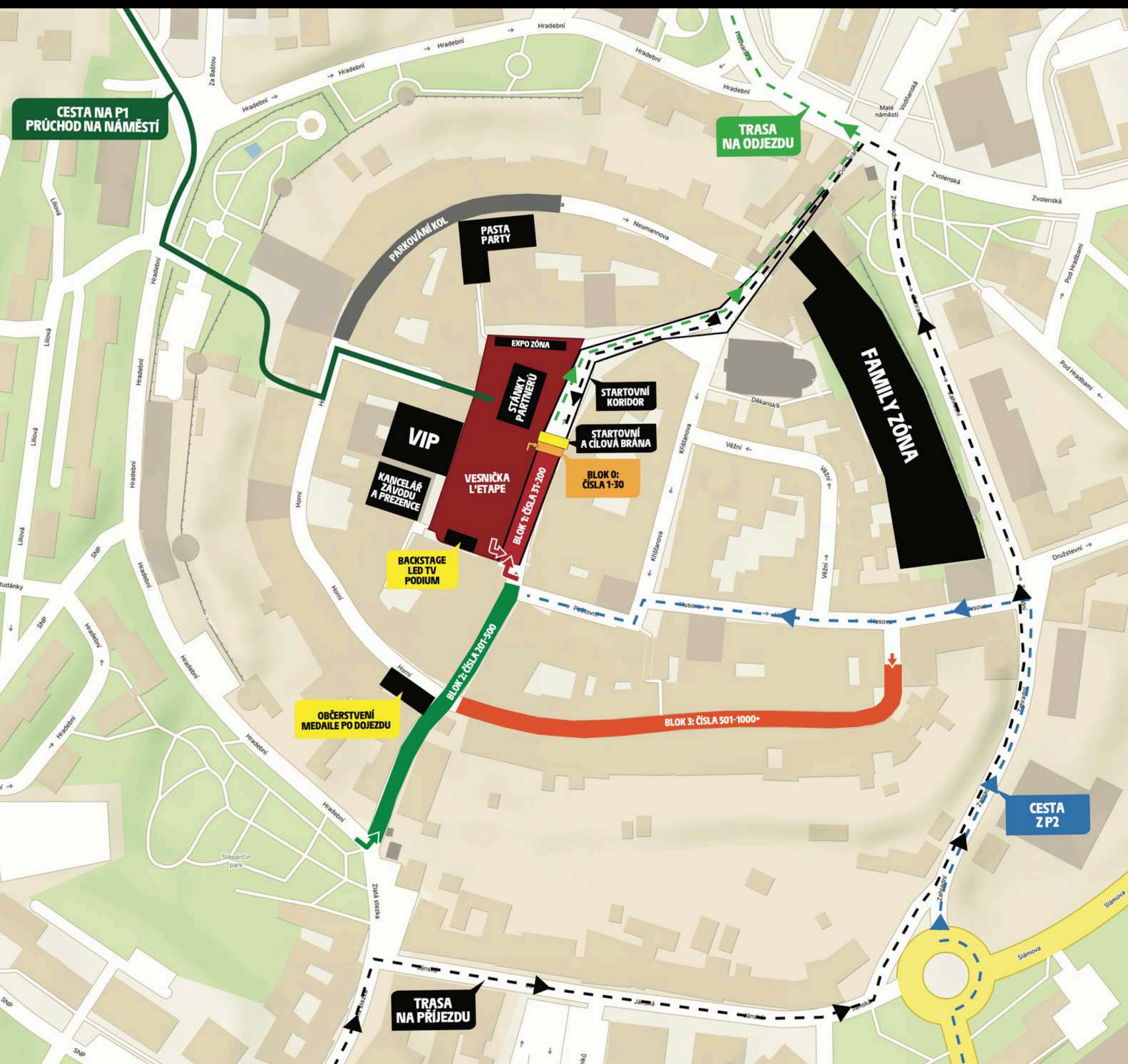
The entry fee includes one espresso, which you can get in exchange for a voucher from the starter package at the Café Reserva booth.

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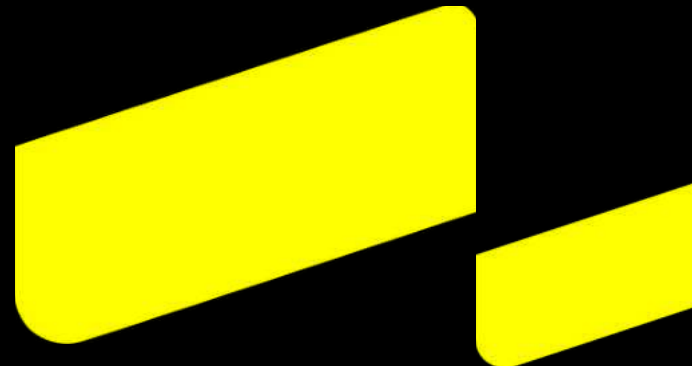
MAP OF THE CITY CENTRE AND CORRIDOR



ENTRY POINTS TO START CORRIDORS BLOCKS:

- BLOCK 0 - FOR NUMBERS 1 TO 30, ENTRANCE FROM VELKÉ NÁMĚSTÍ
- BLOCK 1 - FOR NUMBERS 31 TO 200, ENTRANCE FROM VELKÉ NÁMĚSTÍ AND POŠTOVNÍ STREET
- BLOCK 2 - FOR NUMBERS 201 TO 500, ENTRANCE FROM HRADEBNÍ STREET
- BLOCK 3 - FOR NUMBERS 501 AND ABOVE, ENTRANCE FROM DLOUHÁ STREET

Start corridors will open at 12:30.



Family Zone in Parkán Park

One of the goals of L'Etape Czech Republic by Tour de France is to foster a positive relationship with cycling among children. This means we want you to come to the race not just alone but with your kids, spouses, and family. Fun activities are guaranteed!

On Friday afternoon and Saturday until 15:30, the Family Zone and Kubík's Tour activity will be open in Parkán Park.

Kubík's Tour features six activity stations throughout the area under the patronage of the CYKLO KUBÍK project. Each station has an interesting task or skill to complete. After completing all the tasks, young participants will receive a unique medal and be entered into a raffle for valuable prizes from our partners.

You can collect the activity card with instructions at the following stands:

- Kubík (Parkán)
- Cyklostar (Velké náměstí)
- Rouvy (Velké náměstí)
- ŠKODA We Love Cycling (Velké náměstí)
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Additional Activities in the Accompanying Program:

- Children's Traffic Playground: We Love Cycling with bike and balance bike rentals (Parkán)
- Photo Booth (Velké náměstí)
- Workshop for Making Fan Banners (Parkán)

Opening hours of Family zone

Friday 16.00 - 20.00 | Saturday 9.00 - 15.00



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Starter Pack includes:

The starter pack is divided into two parts:

Basic Pack:

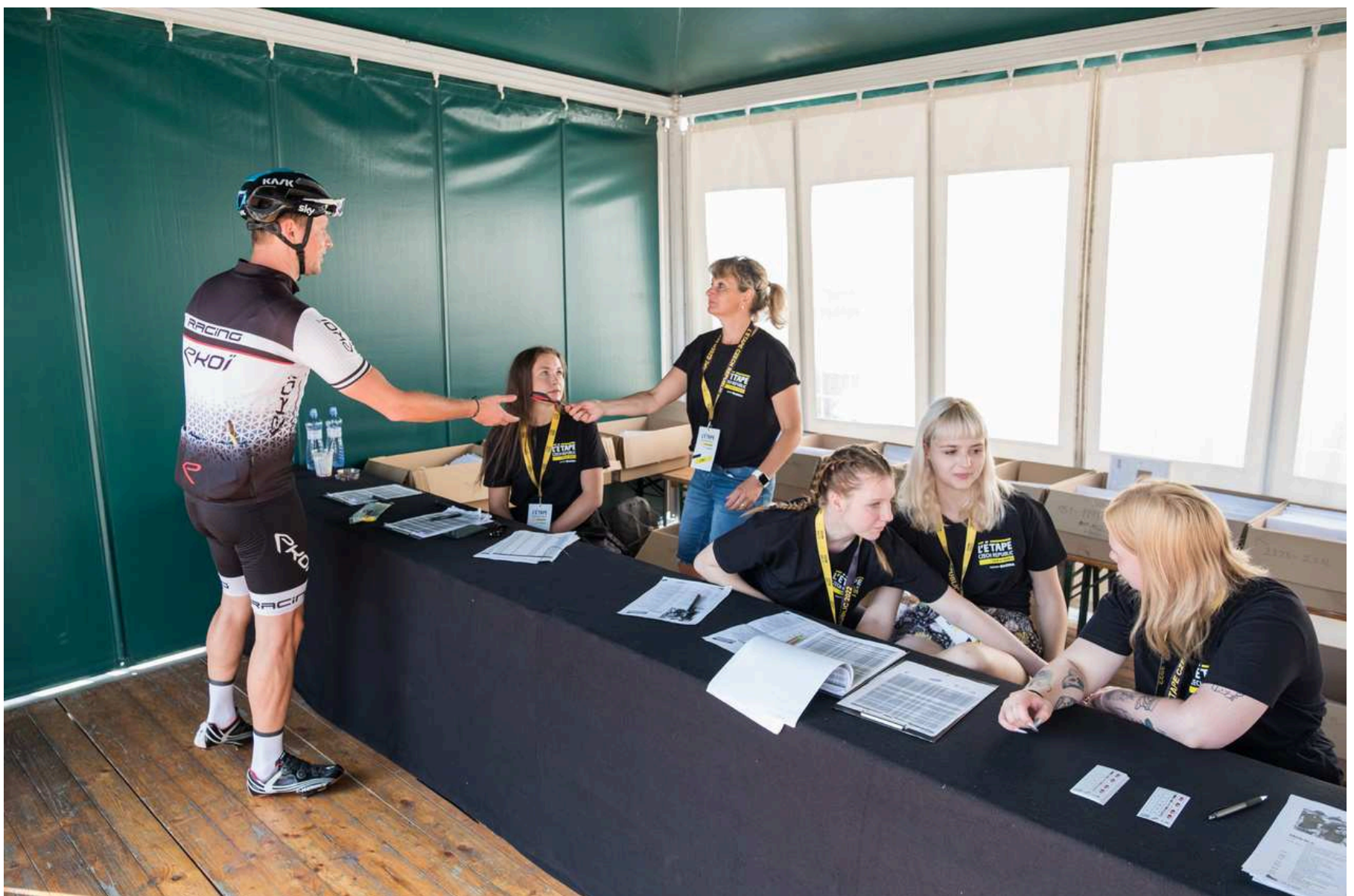
- Race number
- Sticker
- Voucher for food
- Coffee voucher
- Voucher for the partner pack

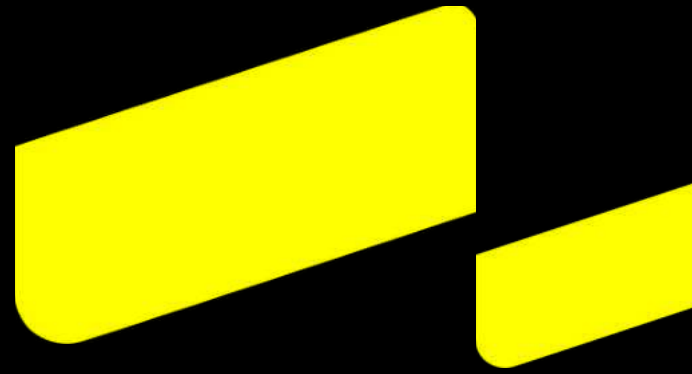
You could have this part sent to you via Zásilkovna or pick it up on Friday between 16:00 and 20:00, or on Saturday between 9:00 and 12:00 at the race office in the Old Town Hall.

Partner Pack:

- Contains valuable products from our partners
- Packaged in a stylish gym bag with the L'Etape Czech Republic by Tour de France design
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You can collect this part at any time during the race office opening hours, including after the race.





Starter Pack includes:

- Race Number and Saddle Sticker: Includes a passive chip, which remains the property of the organizer until the end of the race.
- Unique Online Racer Card: Accessible on your mobile phone, containing all essential information.
- Course Profile Sticker: For attachment to the top tube of your bike frame.
- Food Voucher: For the Pasta Party after finishing, to be used in the cultural hall of Národní dům.
- Espresso Voucher: From Café Reserva, to be redeemed at the Café Reserva stand.
- Plastic Zip Ties: For attaching the race number to your handlebars.
- Voucher: For picking up the Partner Pack.
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Partner Pack includes:

- L'Etape Czech Republic by Tour de France Gym Bag: Stylish and branded.
- L'Etape Cycling Socks: From partner Kalas Sportswear.
- Energy Bar: Provided by nutrition partner Isostar.
- Limited Edition Isostar Bidon: For L'Etape racers.
- Post-Race Refreshments: Provided by Isostar, DrWITT, and Rajec.

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Starter Pack Distribution System

Pre-Race delivery: nearly half of the registered participants have opted to have their starter packs delivered to their homes via Zásilkovna, which will be delivering between August 7 and 12. This option was available to everyone who completed the check-in or registration by July 28, 2024.

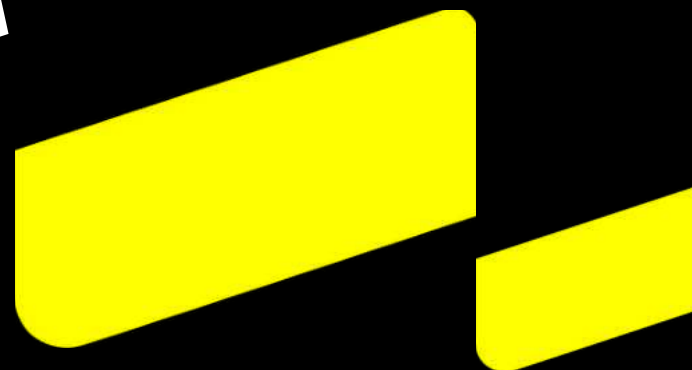
If your pack does not arrive for any reason, we will likely be aware of it. It will be returned to us and will be available for pickup at registration on Friday and Saturday. For confirmation, please email us, and we will arrange a time for you to collect it.

Pickup at the Race Office: You can collect both the starter pack and the partner pack at the race office, located in the Town Hall Hall of the Old Town Hall.

Opening hours of the Race office

Friday 16.00 - 20.00 | Saturday 9.00 - 19.00

On Saturday, starter packs will be distributed only until
12:00!!!



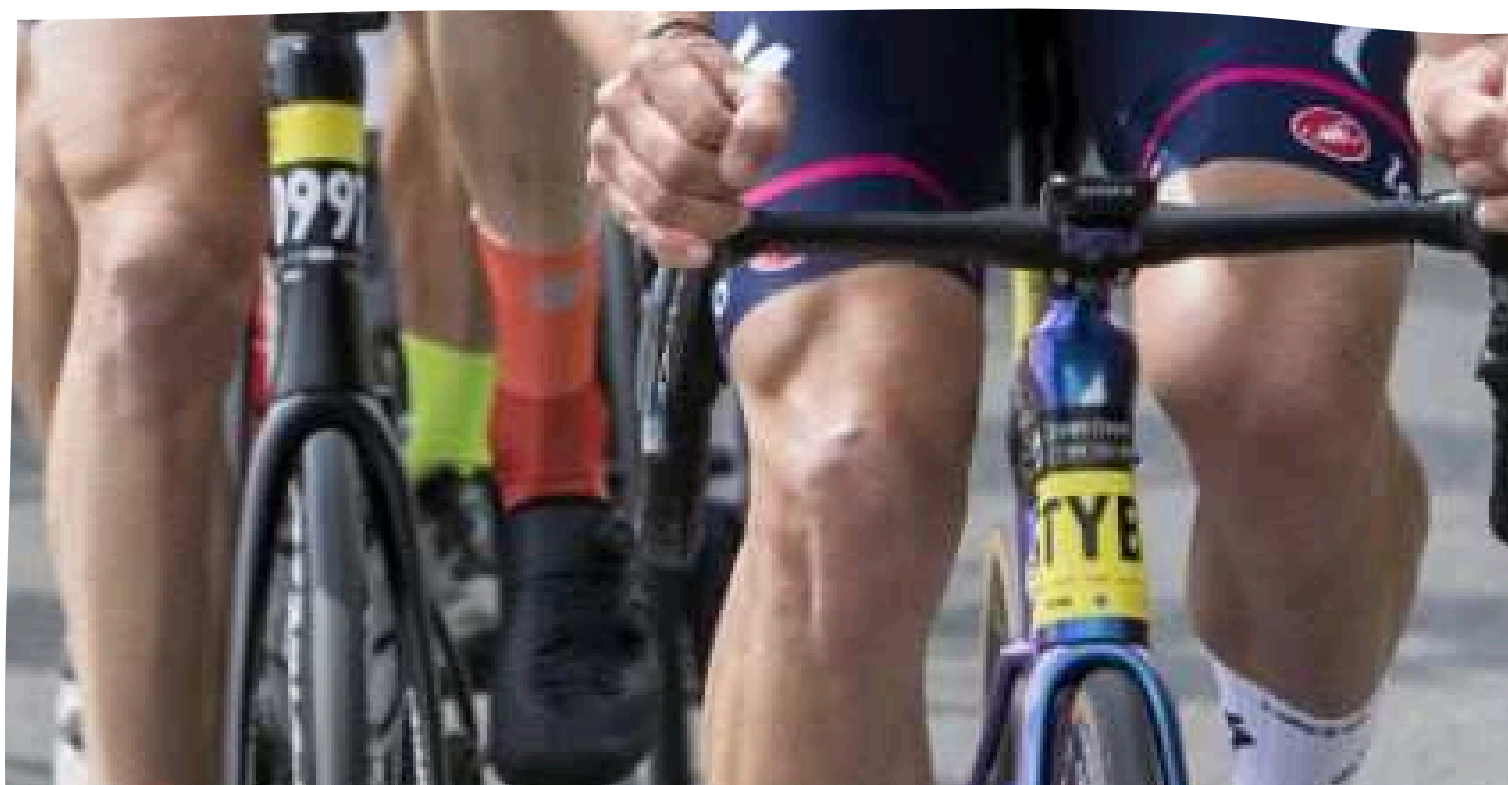
METHODS OF ATTACHING THE STARTING NUMBER AND STICKER



The ideal way to attach the starting number



The ideal way to attach the sticker to the seatpost



A possible way to attach the starting number when you have an integrated cockpit

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RACE ROUTE

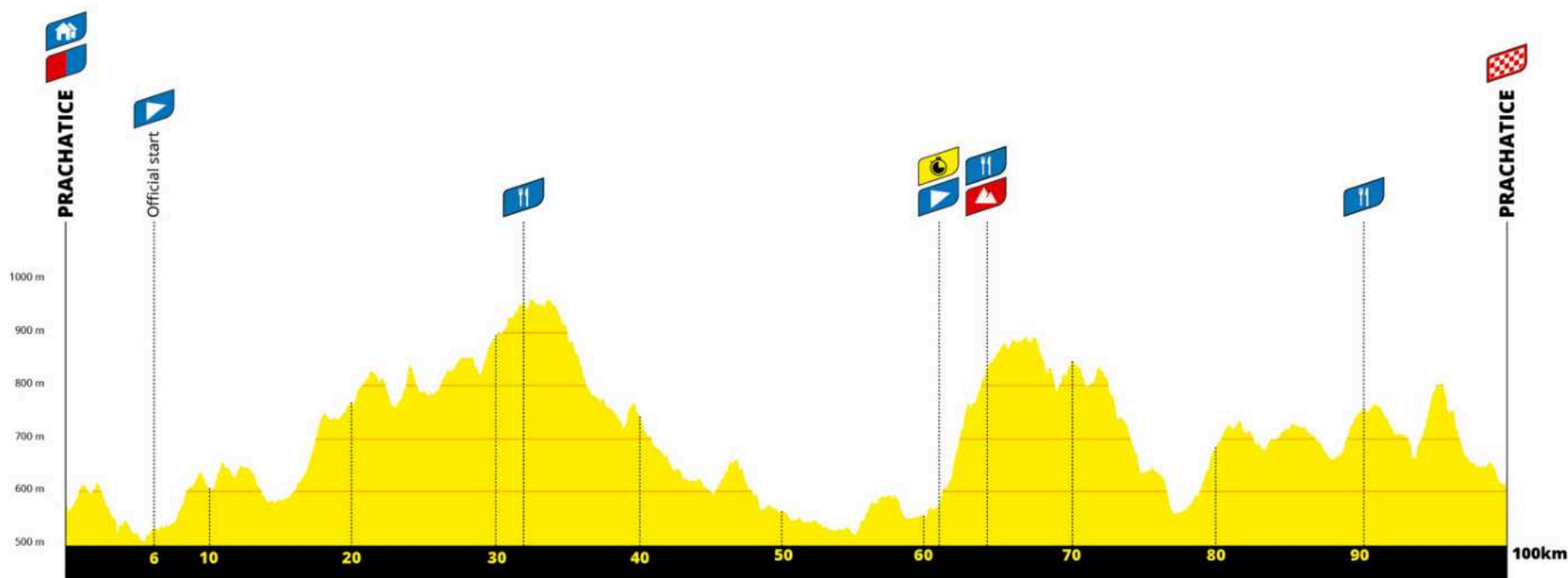
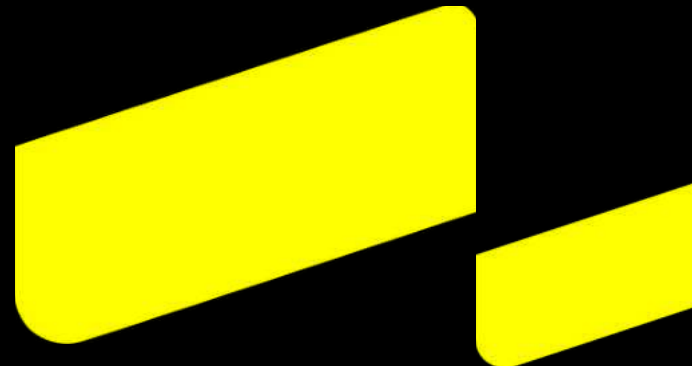
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August 17, 2024 - 100KM - ELEVATION GAIN + 2100M



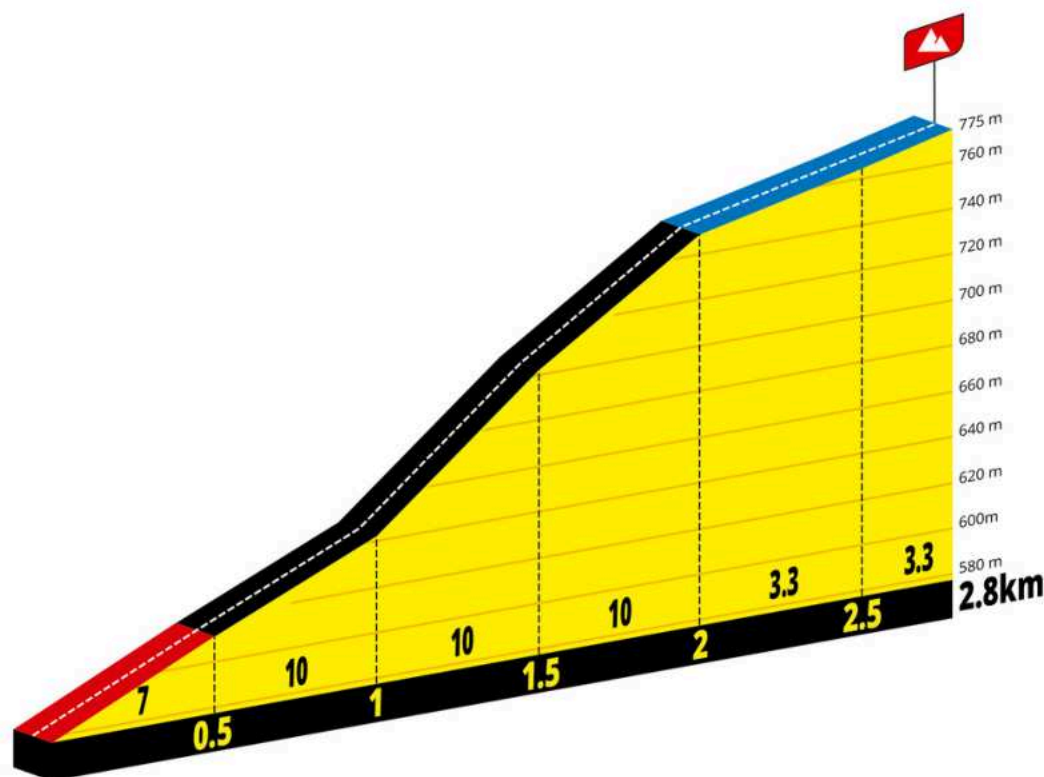
ROUTE PROFILE & CLIMB SEGMENTS



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L'ÉTAPE CZECH REPUBLIC BY TOUR DE FRANCE - MOUNTAIN STAGE- Kletř Climb August 17, 2024 - PRAGUE - 2,7KM - 7,5% AVERAGE



popis místa	délka úseku	čas prvního	čas posledního
Prachatice Velké náměstí - SLAVNOSTNÍ START		13:00:00	13:05:00
Kříž - konec stoupání	2,00	13:04:48	13:13:00
Hráz	1,60	13:07:33	13:17:48
Husinec	2,20	13:11:19	13:24:24
OSTRÝ START	0,20	13:11:39	13:25:00
Horouty	1,90	13:15:27	13:32:36
Dvory	1,10	13:17:39	13:37:41
Lažiště	2,00	13:21:39	13:46:54
Kratušín	2,00	13:24:09	13:51:42
Záblatí	2,70	13:27:32	13:57:06
Albrechtovice	4,50	13:36:32	14:15:06
Odbočka na 141	0,80	13:38:15	14:18:48
Motorest Blažejovice -> 165	2,10	13:41:15	14:23:00
Zbytiny	2,40	13:44:40	14:32:00
Křišťanov - Občerstvovačka	5,30	13:54:02	14:51:52
Markov - sjezd	3,40	13:57:26	14:58:40
Tisovka - odbočka ze 165 - vojenský prostor	3,50	14:01:15	15:06:27
Třebovice	4,30	14:09:19	15:23:39
odbočka zpět na 166	2,30	14:11:58	15:29:10
Chvalšina nám.	4,50	14:16:52	15:39:10
Křenov	3,80	14:21:15	15:48:18
Odbočka na Lazec	2,00	14:23:39	15:53:18
Lazec	2,10	14:28:19	16:01:42
Vyšný	2,90	14:32:40	16:08:39
Start - horská prémie	1,00	14:35:40	16:14:39
Cíl - horská prémie + Občerstvovačka	2,90	14:44:22	16:32:03
Vrchol stoupání -> dlouhé klesání	3,80	14:52:49	16:47:15
Nová Hospoda	5,90	14:59:15	16:56:06
Jánské údolí	1,50	15:00:38	16:58:40
Rychtářov	0,80	15:01:38	17:00:36
Brloch -> 143	1,70	15:03:17	17:03:31
Kuklov	3,50	15:09:51	17:17:31
Smědeč	2,30	15:12:47	17:23:47
Záhoří	4,00	15:20:17	17:40:55
Chroboly - Občerstvovačka	3,10	15:26:06	17:54:13
Leptač - železniční přejezd	3,50	15:29:36	18:00:13
Rohanov - CÍL MĚŘENÉHO ZÁVODU	1,60	15:34:56	18:12:13
Lázně sv. Markéty	4,10	15:39:24	18:22:03
Prachatice - Zlatá zteзка	0,70	15:40:14	18:23:44
ul. Jánská	1,00	15:41:26	18:26:08
Prachatice - SLAVNOSTNÍ CÍL	0,80	15:42:24	18:28:03
	101,8		

PICK UP AREA
SBĚRNÉ MÍSTO



DANGEROUS DOWNHILL
NEBEZPEČNÝ SJEZD



KEEP RIGHT
DRŽ SE V PRAVO



KEEP LEFT
DRŽ SE VLEVO



SPEEDBUMP
RETARDÉR



UNEVEN ROAD
NEROVNÝ POVRCH



1 KM



500 M



250 M



WARNING
NEBEZPEČÍ

km 0,0 - 7,1: Neutral zone

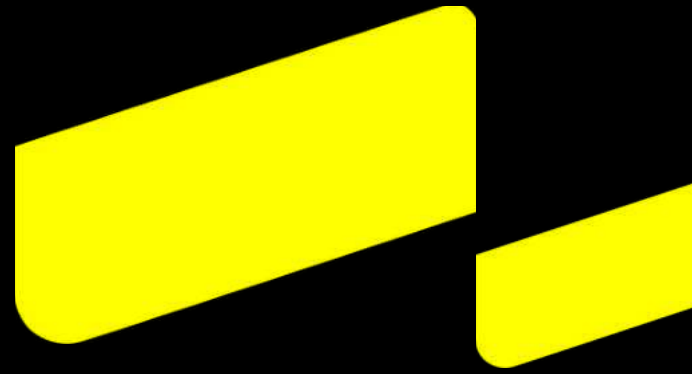
Start: The race starts ceremoniously at Velké náměstí in Prachatic. Riders will proceed at a walking pace through the Písecká Gate and during the subsequent descent. Cyclists in the rear can remain calm, as the peloton will not speed away. This is a great opportunity to warm up, align with the group's pace, and mentally prepare for the official start.

Rules: During this section, improving your position in the peloton through risky overtaking or dangerous sidewalk riding is prohibited. The descent will be led by a pilot car and ends with a sharp left turn. The official race start will be signaled after leaving the village of Husinec at the 7.9 km mark.

Recommendation: Don't rush; the route is long. You won't win the race here, but you could lose it entirely and spoil the day for others.

Important Points and Potential Hazards:

- 2.2 km: Sharp left turn
- 2.6 km: Sharp right turn
- 3.5 km: Sharp left turn onto the dam of the Husinec reservoir
- 5.7 km: Sharp left turn



km 7,1 - 15,7: Horouty - Záblatí

After the neutral zone, you will face almost twelve kilometers of climbing. This section features rolling terrain, with medium-length climbs alternating with short descents.

Before reaching the village of Horouty, the road gradient will briefly hit double-digit percentages. The first significant climb on the route peaks in the village of Dvory, covering 1750 meters with an average gradient of 4.9 percent, requiring a climb of 87 meters in elevation. Here, the peloton will likely split, and riders will find their place in groups that match their performance levels.

Approaching the picturesque village of Lažiště, the road rises steadily, and riders will need to climb 56 meters over 910 meters, with an average gradient of 5.6 percent.

For those not chasing every second, panoramic views are available: on the right, under ideal conditions, the Boubín peak; on the left, the Volovický or Petrovický peaks and the beautiful Pošumaví nature.

Recommendation: The race has started, and you now have a unique opportunity to improve your position in the peloton. However, be cautious not to exhaust all your energy in the first climb. The beauty of the Šumava nature can easily tempt you to push too hard and wear yourself out.

Important Points and Potential Hazards:

- 7.4 km: Start of the steep climb to the village of Dvory
- 12.3 km: Descent through Kratušín
- 14.3 km: Start of the next climb

km 15,7 - 30,8: Záblatí - Křišťanov

This section features nearly continuous climbing. Your bike computer might even display gradients of up to 22 percent in places, so don't be surprised. The climb spans 5230 meters, gaining 217 meters in elevation, with an average gradient of 4.1 percent. After completing the first five-kilometer section, you'll get a "rest" at Libínské sedlo.

Following this is a sharp ascent towards Zbytiny. The climb to the summit, according to Strava, measures 6680 meters, with a 121-meter elevation gain and an average gradient of 1.8 percent. The final kilometer of the ascent to Křišťanov is a real challenge for climbers. Beyond Tetřívčí stream, the road steepens, initially at 14 percent gradient. After a few dozen meters, the climb becomes slightly more manageable but will still require tackling gradients between 6-9 percent.

This segment is part of the Rouvy segment, which counts towards the King of the Mountains competition. The segment is 14.74 km long with a 480-meter elevation gain!

Recommendation: This is the first real test of your preparedness. Don't cling to the group at all costs; an ill-considered pace could land you in the sag wagon before reaching the halfway point of the race.

Important Points and Potential Hazards:

- km 21: Right turn onto the main road from Libínské sedlo
- km 21-22.8: The Albrechtovice-Blažejovice section will be on the left side of the road, which will be separated and monitored by the Czech Republic Police
- km 22.8: Left turn off the main road
- km 22.8: Road roll-up
- km 26.1: Railway crossing out of service
- km 16.1-30.8: KOM Záblatí-Křišťanov

km 30,8 – 56,7: Křišťanov - Chvalšiny - Lazec

After the aid station, there's a few hundred meters of mild climbing, so you don't need to worry about starting the upcoming thrilling descent feeling cold after stopping for energy and bottle refills.

Around the village of Markov, watch out for tricky turns, especially the right-hand chicane 600 meters past the village.

The descent into Tisovka is fantastic, running down a beautiful wide road. The descent continues all the way to the border of the Boletice military area.

On your left, you'll see Matoušek Hill, and before reaching the abandoned village of Sádlno, you'll need to climb 600 meters, where short sections again feature double-digit gradients. Afterward, there's a descent into the settlement of Třebovice and a passage through a tank firing range (currently out of service). Following the passage through the Boletice military area, the peloton will face a 1380-meter climb with a 66-meter elevation gain at an average gradient of 4.8 percent. This is followed by a continuous gently sloping flat section leading to the village of Chvalšiny, located on the edge of the Blanský les Protected Landscape Area.

From Chvalšiny, you'll encounter one of the few longer flat sections of the route. This is a chance to prepare for the toughest part of the course.

Recommendation: This is cycling heaven. Most of the time, you'll be descending. The section from Třebovice to Křenovský Dvůr is ideal for riding in a group, cooperating, resting, and preparing for the toughest part of the route.

Important Points and Potential Hazards:

- !!! km 35.1: Sharp right turn after the village of Markov
- !!! km 37.6: Sharp right turn in the village of Tisovka
- !!! km 38.6: Entrance into the Boletice military area
- km 38.6 – 39.4: Narrow road

km 38.7 – 39.2: Sharp uphill

km 39.5: Right turn

km 40.2: Left turn

km 40.4: Passage through a tank and artillery firing range

km 41.9: Right turn in Třebovice

km 46.2: Start of descent

km 48.7: Left turn into Chvalšiny

km 48.8: Sharp right turn

km 49.0: Sharp right turn

km 54.6: Left turn

km 54.8: Left turn

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ACTIVE DRINK



km 56,7 - 66,3: Lazec - Plánský

The climb to Lazec serves as the mountain preparation. It's a mild ascent, but almost two kilometers long. This is followed by a descent into Vyšný and the defining feature of the mountain stage. You will have already climbed over a thousand meters, with the imposing Klet awaiting you.

The change in environment will bring a change in the character of the route. You will continue on beautiful asphalt, mostly hidden in the forest, making it friendly in any weather.

Expect long, steep sections. Over eight kilometers, the peloton will climb 334 meters. After an initial warm-up, you'll face a section with a gradient of fourteen percent. Before the intersection near the parking lot, the gradient will increase even further and then stabilize between 10 and 15 percent until the left turn under the Granátník summit, where there is a tourist shelter at Přísečná. Biker Martin Stošek and road cyclist Karel Camrda hold records here in the Strava app.

This section includes the second mountain prime, so motivation should be high.

At the Plánský/Kájov junction, from which you can climb to Klet, a feed station will be set up.

Recommendations:

Give it your all, but be careful not to overdo it. You need to tackle 330 vertical meters over eight kilometers...

Important Points and Possible Hazards:

- !!! km 57.5: Right turn
- !!! km 58.1: Left turn
- !!! km 61 - 63: KOM - Mountain Prime at Klet
- km 63.5: Feed station at Modrý obrázek

km 66,3 - 82,7: Plánský - Smědeč

The narrow forest path will begin to pleasantly descend. However, don't get too comfortable; the Blanský Forest will still test your legs. You'll need to push hard for a few hundred meters and climb more elevation before descending towards the settlement of Rohy and then the village of Nová Hospoda.

Through Janské Údolí, you'll reach Brloh. The descent into this village is very fast!

The climb from Brloh to Kuklov is 3900 meters long. The first 1900 meters are gentle, with a gradient between two and four percent. But the final part... 2000 meters with an average gradient of 6.4 percent and an elevation gain of 130 meters. Triathlete František Linduška and Burgos rider Karel Vacek completed this climb in 4:55 minutes! It's a rideable climb, though the ending is more challenging, yet not extreme.

Recommendations:

The descent into Nová Hospoda is long, but keep your concentration. The road is narrow, with fairly sharp and sometimes unpredictable turns. When heading towards Kuklov, you can attack the climb in a big gear if you feel strong, but remember, there are still fifteen kilometers to the finish with a final climbing challenge, so plan your strategy wisely.

Important Points and Possible Hazards:

- km 68.8: Left turn
- km 68.9: Sharp right turn
- km 71.6: Start of descent on a narrow road
- km 73.2: Right turn (Nová Hospoda)
- km 77.5: Left turn in Brloh

km 82,7 - 90,1: Smědeč - Chroboly

The passage through the village of Smědeč will be controlled by the Czech Traffic Police, with traffic managed in a single lane.

Climb from Smědeč to Chroboly

The climb from Smědeč to Chroboly features a subtle ascent, 2070 meters long with an average gradient of 4.7 percent and an elevation gain of 97 meters. It's not extreme, but considering the distance and the elevation gained, it's not exactly easy either.

Refreshment Station

A refreshment station will be set up in Chroboly.

Recommendations:

Maintain your own pace. If possible, stay in a group to conserve energy for the subtle but brutal finale, named Rohanov.

Important Points and Possible Hazards:

- !!! km 82.7 - 83.3: Passage through the village of Smědeč will be managed by the Czech Traffic Police.
- !!! km 90: Refreshment station

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KEEP GOING

km 90,1 – 101,8: Chroboly - Prachatice

The descent to Leptač is rewarding, but once you turn off the main road, the real challenge begins for tired legs.

The climb to Rohanov is 1580 meters long with an elevation gain of 153 meters and an average gradient of 9.6%! The ascent starts with a five percent gradient and in the turn above the railway, the gradient will remain continuously in double digits. Even when it eases off, the road still has a gradient of around ten percent. Push yourself to the limit, because there will be a timing checkpoint at the summit, marking the end of the timed race!

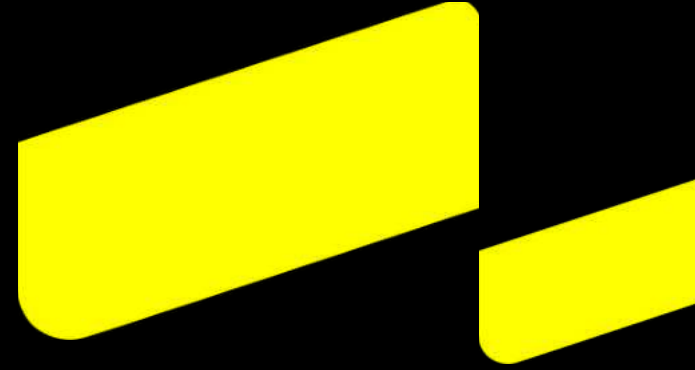
The following descent into the valley includes a series of sharp, extremely steep, and cambered turns. The timed race is over, but you need to reach the square in Prachatice, where you'll enjoy the applause of the crowd and receive your participation medal.

Recommendations:

- On the climb to Rohanov, use every bit of energy left in your tank.
- Maintain concentration on the descent to Prachatice, as the skill of flawless descending is what makes champions.
- Then, simply enjoy the feeling of being a champion who conquered the Mountain Stage of L'Étape Czech Republic by Tour de France.
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Key Points and Potential Hazards:

- km 93.6: Sharp left turn in the village of Leptač
- km 94: Railway crossing
- !!! km 95.1: END OF THE TIMED RACE
- !!! km 95.2: Very steep descent
- km 95.7: Left turn
- !!! km 95.8: Very sharp right turn in the descent
- !!! km 95.8: Very sharp left turn in the descent
- km 100.2: Right turn onto Zlatá stezka
- km 100.9: Right turn
- !!! km 101.7: Roundabout, to be taken on the left
- km 101.8: Ceremonial finish



Refreshment Stations

The locations of the refreshment stations can be found on the race map.

There will be 3 refreshment stations along the race route:

1. The first station is located at the 31 km mark in the village of Kratušín.
2. The second station is situated at the 63.5 km mark at the crossroads near U Modrého obrázku, just beyond the end of the mountain segment.
3. The third station is located at the 90 km mark in the village of Chroboly.

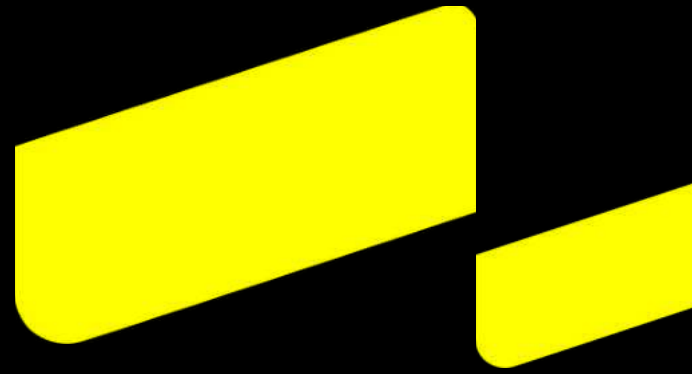
Each refreshment station will offer a variety of sweet and savory foods, as well as energy products from our nutrition partner, ISO STAR.

At each station, several hundred filled bottles from Škoda Auto will be available. You will also have the option to refill your bottle from barrels of water or sports drinks. For safety reasons, the refreshment station staff will not hand out bottles directly.

Approximately 200 meters before and after each refreshment station, the start and end of the Refreshment Zone will be marked. In this zone, you can receive support from your crew and dispose of any waste.

Littering anywhere else on the course will result in disqualification.

The final refreshment, including melons, water, and refreshments from DrWitt and Rajec, will be waiting for you at the finish line.



Timing

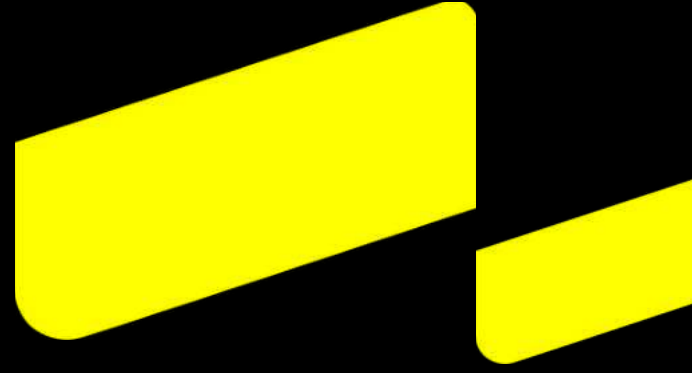
Each rider will receive two timing chips in their start package. One chip is attached to the handlebar number, and the other is on a sticker for the seat tube. All riders are required to properly attach both numbers to their bikes. An illustration of this is provided on page 19 of this document. Both the start number and the sticker are the property of the organizer until the rider crosses the finish line or the race ends.

The main timing system will be located at the finish line on the start arch.

The start time for all riders is the same and begins with the start gun.

Intermediate and overall results will be published online on the race website and on www.sportsoft.cz.





INDIVIDUAL TOUR DE FRANCE JERSEY COMPETITIONS

Absolute Winner in the Men's and Women's Categories

Yellow Jersey for the rider who completes the race in the shortest time. The Yellow Jersey will be awarded to the first man and the first woman to cross the finish line.

King/Queen of the Mountains

Polka Dot Jersey for the best climber of the Mountain Stage. The winner is the rider who completes the timed mountain sections in the shortest time. The timed mountain sections considered for this competition are the Rouvy segment and Klet.

Youngest Rider

White Jersey for the best young rider in the JM1/JW1 category. The winner is the rider with the shortest overall time.

The award ceremony for the Tour de France jerseys will take place on Saturday at approximately 17:00 on the main stage in the L'Etape Village.

INDIVIDUAL AGE AND GENDER CATEGORIES AND SPECIAL HEROES CATEGORY

Awards for Age and Gender Categories

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each listed and occupied category.

The complete list of age and gender categories can be found in the race regulations on the event website.

Special HEROES Category

Special Recognition will be awarded in the HEROES category.

The winners of the individual age and gender categories, as well as the HEROES category, will be announced on Saturday at the podium in the L'Etape Village.



TEAM COMPETITION

Each team must consist of exactly 5 riders. Team members compete in the individual classification.

Team Categories

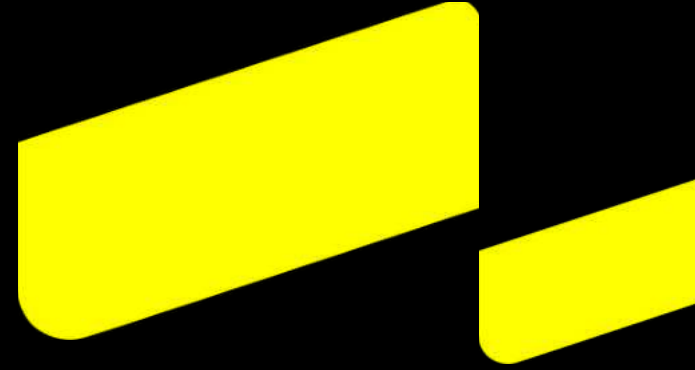
Men's Teams (MT), Women's Teams (WT), Mixed Teams (XT)

The team's ranking will be determined by the finish time of the 4th team member to cross the finish line.

For the Mixed Teams (XT) category, at least one team member in the scoring position must be of the opposite gender. All team members must wear identical jerseys.

The winners of the team competition will be announced on Saturday at approximately 18:00 at the podium in the L'Etape Village.





FANPOINTS AND ADVERTISING CARAVAN

Just as the Tour de France is more than just racing and racers, so is L'Etape Czech Republic. Each year, over 15 million spectators and enthusiastic fans gather along the route of the famous race. To get as close as possible to the original, we have prepared several fan zones and activities.

Fan Zone in Prachatice at Velké náměstí

Witnessing the start of a thousand-strong peloton is an experience that gives many goosebumps. The start is scheduled for 13:00, and the winner's arrival is expected between 15:35 and 15:45. The race will be broadcast on a large screen.

Fanpoints in Villages

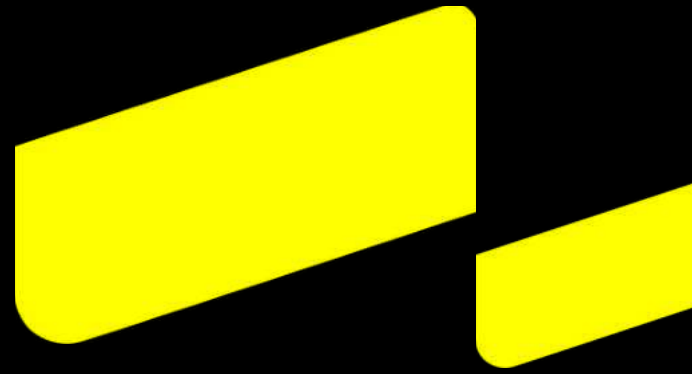
This year, 9 villages along the race route have answered our call and joined in creating a vibrant atmosphere that propels the racers toward the finish line like a gale-force wind.

You can find the locations of all fanpoints on the race website. They promise a great atmosphere, beer and non-alcoholic drinks at subsidized prices, accompanying programs, and a spectacular advertising caravan that will arrive about an hour to an hour and a half before the first racers.

Advertising Caravan

The advertising caravan consists of historical and modern ŠKODA vehicles and other partners. It will travel nearly the entire race route, stopping at fanpoints to distribute cheering items and promotional merchandise.

For complete information for fans and spectators, visit [here](#).



MEDIA COVERAGE

Live entries and reports on ČT Sport

The general media partner of the race will provide comprehensive coverage with a total of 5 live updates on ČT Sport.

On Saturday evening, a brief summary of the entire race day will be broadcast, followed by a 20-minute highlights reel during the week after the event.

Expected Broadcast Times:

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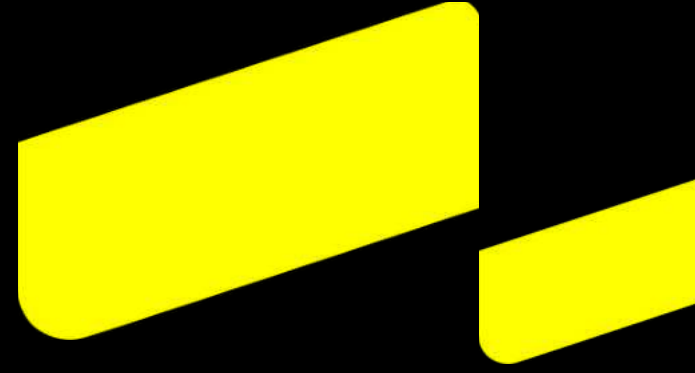
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- 13:50 / Update 3
- 14:50 / Update 4
- 15:35 / Update 5
- 23:05 / Summary of the Day
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Saturday, August 22:

- 15:25 / Highlights Reel
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Live Report on Roadcycling.cz

At roadcycling.cz, there will be a live report on the progress of the Mountain Stage, complemented by high-quality photos with descriptions.



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