

Fact sheet

UCI World Tour cycling race Copenhagen Sprint

Concept for the cycling event

- Copenhagen Sprint consists of two professional races: an elite cycling race for both women and men.
- The women's race will take place on Saturday, 21 June 2025.
- The men's race will take place on Sunday, 22 June 2025.
- A public cycling event for everyone on the route through the streets of Copenhagen. Participation is free.
- Public festivities in Roskilde, Copenhagen, and along the route with hot spots and activities for children, adults, tourists, and cycling fans.
- There will be a cycling 'festival' at the finish area in Copenhagen. Volunteers, businesses, and organisations will be involved to create cycling side events that includes all cycling-loving Danes.
- As part of the cycling event, a political summit will be held on 20 June 2025. The Cycling Summit will set the framework for new strategic collaborations to promote everyday cycling in Denmark and the rest of the world.

The route

- 21 June 2025: The route for women is 160 km: 130 km from Roskilde to Copenhagen, with 3 laps of a 10 km circuit in Copenhagen.
- 22 June 2025: The route for men is 230 km: 180 km from Roskilde to Copenhagen, with 5 laps of a 10 km circuit in Copenhagen.
- The starting point for both races is at the Viking Museum in Roskilde, with the finish line at the National Gallery of Denmark in Copenhagen. The route winds through the North Zealand landscape with scenic roads, castles, and landmarks, culminating in the streets of Copenhagen over bridges, lakes, and past historical and modern buildings and attractions.

Start city – Roskilde

- Roskilde is known for the 'Race of Stars' Stjerneløbet, Denmark's oldest road cycling race, first held in 1895.
- Roskilde Municipality was back on the cycling world map as the start city of the 2nd stage of the Tour de France in 2022, with the stage starting in Roskilde and finishing in Nyborg.

Finish city – Copenhagen

- Copenhagen has been repeatedly named the world's best cycling city. There are five times more bicycles than cars in Copenhagen and 14 cycling and pedestrian bridges in the city.
- Every day, around 40,000 cyclists cross Queen Louise's Bridge. In 2022, Copenhagen hosted the Grand Départ as the start city of the Tour de France.

Partnership group

- The partnership group consists of the City of Copenhagen, Roskilde Municipality, the Danish Cycling Federation (DCU), Sport Event Denmark, Wonderful Copenhagen, and the state represented by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Business.

Who is responsible for the event's implementation and planning?

- The DCU has established an independent company, receiving grants from the state, municipalities, and Sport Event Denmark for the first three years to handle the planning and execution of the World Tour races.
- The aim of the event company is to create a robust organisation capable of hosting a world-class cycling race. The company will focus on commercialising the race, ensuring future events are privately funded.
- A director and an independent board have been appointed, with members designated by the partnership group.
 - Director: Tobias Hoff

Economy (DKK)

- The City of Copenhagen has allocated a total of DKK 45 million for the cycling event
- From the city's mega event fond, DKK 10 million will be allocated annually over three years. Additionally, DKK 5 million annually over three years will be allocated for host city activities in the 2024 budget.
- The state has allocated DKK 10.5 million in the law of finance over three years with approximately DKK 3.5 million annually.
- Sport Event Denmark has allocated a total of DKK 10 million, with DKK 5 million allocated in the first year to kickstart the cycling event.
- Roskilde Municipality has allocated a total of DKK 6 million, distributed over three years with DKK 2 million annually.
- Additionally, the partnership group is working on establishing partnerships, and collaboration agreements.

Denmark's cycling legacy

Denmark is globally recognized for its cycling infrastructure and culture, with Copenhagen repeatedly honored as the world's top cycling city.

The country boasts 12,000 km of marked cycling routes and cycling constitutes significant local transportation, emphasizing its role in sustainable urban mobility.

Denmark as a cycling event nation

Denmark has extensive experience in hosting cycling events:

- Tour de France Grand Départ in 2022, three stages
- Tour of Scandinavia, a women's UCI World Tour stage race in 2022, and 2023
- PostNord Danmark Rundt (Tour of Denmark) in 2024 the 33rd edition
- UCI Track Cycling World Championships in 2024 in Ballerup
- UCI BMX World Championships 2025 in Copenhagen

Danish cycling culture and Copenhagen as a cycling city

- Denmark has a long and proud tradition of everyday cycling
- Cycling accounts for 26 percent of all trips under 5 km in Denmark and 16 percent of all trips in Denmark (source: Cycling-embassy.dk).
- Denmark has 12,000 km of marked cycle routes (source: Dansk Turismefremme)
- On average, Danes cycle 1.5 km per day (source: DTU's transport survey)
- Copenhagen has been named the world's best cycling city in 2017 and 2019 (source: Copenhagenize Index).
- In Copenhagen, there are 745,800 bicycles, and 45 percent of all trips to work and education in Copenhagen are by bicycle (source: Mobility Report 2023).
- In Copenhagen, a total of 2.03 million km are cycled every day (source: Mobility Report 2023).
- Approximately 40,000 cyclists cross Queen Louise's Bridge daily, making it the busiest spot in Copenhagen (and the rest of Denmark).
- Copenhagen has 392 km of cycle tracks and 64 km of Green Cycle Routes, 55 km of Supercycle Highways (source: Mobility Report 2023), and 14 cycling and pedestrian bridges.
- In several places abroad, cycle tracks separated by kerbstones are referred to as Copenhagen lanes.
- In Roskilde, new cycling infrastructure has been established since the adoption of the Cycling Plan 2017, including 709 new cycle parking spaces.
- There are 224 km of double-directional cycle tracks in Roskilde Municipality and two Supercycle Highways leading to Jyllinge and Copenhagen. In 2022, the 45 km Supercycle Highway to Copenhagen was opened.

Denmark

Denmark as a Nordic Kingdom forms a bridge that connects the Nordic countries and continental Europe. Our rich social history includes one of the oldest monarchies in the world, the Viking exploration of uncharted seas and a long-established parliamentary democracy.

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