

Press release

UCI World Tour: Denmark's new classic 'Copenhagen Sprint' from 2025

A Danish future classic has been created among international cycling races. Today, the official launch took place in Copenhagen

When the race starts next summer in Roskilde and finishes in Copenhagen, it will be under the name Copenhagen Sprint. This was revealed at a launch event at Copenhagen City Hall today. The race, which includes an elite race for both female and male riders, has secured a place in the UCI race calendar on 21 and 22 June 2025, allowing sprinters to test their form ahead of Tour de France.

The route unveiled today offers new, spectacular stretches from Roskilde to 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 historic and modern buildings, and attractions.

- 21 June 2025: The women's route is 160 km, including 130 km from Roskilde to Copenhagen and three laps in the heart of Copenhagen.
- 22 June 2025: The men's route is 230 km, including 180 km from Roskilde to Copenhagen and five laps in the heart of Copenhagen.
- See more: www.copenhagensprint.com

During the race weekend, there will be festive cycling side events with plenty of activities for children, adults, and cycling fans. Among other events, a public cycling race will be organised where everyone can ride the route in Copenhagen for free. As part of the cycling event there will also be a political cycling summit, which will set the framework for new strategic collaborations to promote everyday cycling in Denmark and the rest of the world.

CEO of Copenhagen Sprint P/S, Tobias Hoff:

"We aim to make Copenhagen Sprint both an exciting cycling race and a festival for the people. We expect that several Danish and international companies will want to engage as commercial partners and contribute to creating an unforgettable event."

Lord Mayor of Copenhagen Sophie Hæstorp Andersen:

"Now all cycling fans can mark their calendars, as the countdown to the first Copenhagen Sprint race in Copenhagen and Zealand has officially begun! The route promises plenty of challenges for the riders and excitement for the audience. Around the race, we and our partners will create a celebration full of cycling activities for everyone who loves cycling. In Copenhagen, we will do our best to be excellent hosts and, through the event, also put everyday cycling on the agenda."

Minister of Culture Jakob Engel-Schmidt:

"It is fantastic news that we will be hosting a UCI World Tour race in Denmark at the end of June. I consider it the perfect opportunity to highlight the best of our country. This includes the fantastic route start at the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde and the finish at the National Gallery of Denmark in Copenhagen. I cannot wait to join fellow cycling enthusiasts and cheer on some of the best cyclists in the world. As a passionate cycling nation, I'm sure that we are ready to create a vibrant celebration of the sport."

Minister of Business Morten Bødskov:

"It is a tip of the hat for Denmark as a cycling nation that we have got our own World Tour race and are getting some of the world's best cyclists to the country. Now the date has been set – and that is good news for both the many cycling-loving Danes and for tourism in Denmark. Because we know that big sporting events also attract international attention and attract spectators from all over the world."

Johnny Lillelund, acting chairman of The Danish Cycling Federation:

"The UCI calendar is a colossal puzzle, so we are very happy to have been given such an attractive date. It is just before the national championships and the start of the men's Tour de France, so the Copenhagen Sprint races will give the Danish cycling lovers something to look forward to and at the same time it is a free date on the women's calendar, so we can hope for a visit from the biggest stars. There will be cycling at a high level and lots of exciting activities around the races, so Denmark will be affected to that extent of cycling fever when we launch Danish cycling's new summer tradition."

Lars Lundov, CEO, Sport Event Denmark:

"With the World Tour cycling race, Copenhagen Sprint, from Roskilde to Copenhagen, we mark an important step in the history of Danish cycling. The race, which highlights world-class sprinters and talents from both women and men, underscores Denmark's commitment to top-level cycling and its fundamental cycling DNA. It confirms all the partners' extensive groundwork and Denmark's role as a key player in international cycling. We look forward to welcoming the world elite on 21 and 22 June 2025."

Mayor of Roskilde Municipality, Tomas Breddam:

"We are excited to send off the world's best cyclists from Roskilde. Together with the citizens, businesses, and local organizations, we are putting together a huge cycling event. We know from the Tour de France that it brings great value to the local community and creates new friendships and partnerships."

Mayor of Culture and Leisure at City of Copenhagen Mia Nyegaard:

"It's exciting that Copenhagen will have a recurring cycling race with the world's best riders. Hopefully, the race and a wide range of popular events around the 'Copenhagen Sprint' will provide great experiences for Copenhagengers, sports enthusiasts and tourists and emphasize that Copenhagen is a cycling city."

Mayor of Technical and Environmental Affairs at City of Copenhagen Line Barfod:

"We have a strong cycling culture in Copenhagen, and I am hoping it will become even stronger when we are hosting one of the world's top cycling events. Hopefully, it will be an inspiration and have a positive impact on everyday cycling."

Mikkel Aarø-Hansen, CEO of Wonderful Copenhagen:

"Copenhagen Sprint presents a great potential for creating long-term positive impact that goes far beyond the race itself. It also reaffirms Copenhagen's position as one of the world's most bike-friendly cities, and we look forward to welcoming bike enthusiasts from all over the world."

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