



ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2023: an undiscovered route with 5 stages and 3 countries

This edition of the U23 stage race will be held across Hungary, Slovakia and Poland over 5 days.

Five stages and three countries will provide a varied, selective and challenging route to the first round of the UCI U23 Nations Cup, that will test all riders at the start of the 2023 ORLEN Nations Grand Prix.

The **first stage** - entirely on Hungarian territory - will be the 132 km Kaposvar-Balatonföldvar route, a nervous track especially in the second half that will culminate with a short but steep climb leading to the finish line located on the shore of Lake Balaton.

The **second stage** will also run through Hungary, from Hatvan to Bükkszentkerest. 152 kilometres with three tough climbs, the last of which will end just a few hundred metres from the finish and will reward the climbers already shaping the general classification.

The **third stage** will take place in Slovakia, 124 kilometres, with a start in Levoča and an uphill finish up to the 1347 metres of Štrbské Pleso. The final ascent is the longest and toughest of the entire route, and will be ideal terrain for attacks by those who want to challenge their rivals for the final victory.

The caravan will arrive in Poland for the **fourth stage**, the 129-kilometre Bukovina Resort - Nowy Sącz. It is the only stage that features a flat finish, but will the fast wheels be able to sprint for victory, with the final climb finishing just over 10km from the finish?

The **final and decisive stage** will start from Sanok and features 145 kilometres without a single metre of flat road, punctuated by steep climbs and keeps descending until the finishing line at 581 metres at the Arłamów Hotel.

Here, in the woods of this beautiful resort, the final classification of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2023 will be decided.

Follow the race on the official website www.ornationsgrandprix.com