

Tour de Pologne 2023, the first rumours about the route of the 80th edition

Details of the first, second, fifth and seventh stages of the race that will be 95 years old this year, 30 of its editions have been organised by Lang Team.

The 80th edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour will be officially presented live on TVP Sport on June 19th. While we wait for the full route and its features to be revealed, here are some interesting facts and rumours about the race course.

"*This year we have prepared a very unique route,*" announces Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour race director Czesław Lang. "We are moving the race from eastern to western Poland, where the Tour de Pologne has been held in previous years. We have planned challenging mountain stages in Lower Silesia and Silesia, and there will also be an individual time trial. This will be a unique edition of the race because in 2023 we will be celebrating three special moments: 95 years of the Tour de Pologne, the 80th edition of the race and 30 years of the Lang Team."

The **first** stage of the 80th Tour de Pologne will start in Poznań, the largest city in Wielkopolska, founded in the 10th century. The entire stage will take place in this province, with a spectacular finish on the track of the Automobil Klub in Poznań, which, like the Polish race, will celebrate a special anniversary in 2023. This stage will be particularly suited to sprinters.

The **second** stage marks the race's big return to Karpacz and the first opportunity for climbers in this edition. Karpacz, a mountain resort at the foot of the Karkonosze Mountains, has hosted the final day of the Tour de Pologne for many years. The route features climbs with gradients of up to 20%. It will be a very difficult stage with the finish line at the top of the Orlinek climb.

The **fifth** stage will be typically mountainous, with an elevation of over 3,000 metres. The finish is in Bielsko-Biała, where the race returns after a two-year break and where riders such as Richard Carapaz and Michał Kwiatkowski have already triumphed.

Before reaching 'Little Vienna', as Bielsko-Biała is known, the riders will have to tackle several challenging climbs, including the mountain town of Istebna, where the intermediate sprint points are up for grabs.

The **seventh** stage will traditionally finish at Blonie Park in Krakow, a city with which a partnership until 2026 has been sealed.

All the details will be revealed in a week's time at the official presentation of the seven-stage race, live on TVP Sport.