

## 81st Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour: Wrocław - Kraków

*The route of the 81st edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour will be presented today, 17 July, on TVP Sport.*

The biggest cycling race in this part of Europe will start from the Centenary Hall in Wrocław on 12th August and will traditionally end in Kraków a week later. The world's cycling elite will pass through the most beautiful corners of our country, ensuring a thrilling sporting event.

On 12 August, Poland will become the capital of the cycling world with the start of this new edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI World. The day before, the official presentation of the teams will take place at the Centenary Hall in Wrocław.

### Lower Silesia

The first three stages will take place in Lower Silesia, with two finishes on the Orlinek climb in Karpacz. While the first stage will see the riders start from the Centenary Hall, the following day they will compete in a 15 km time trial starting in Mysłakowice. On 13th August, the race will start from Wałbrzych to Duszniki-Zdrój, where Rafał Majka triumphed last year, followed by Matej Mahorič in second and Michał Kwiatkowski in third.

*"I am very happy that Wrocław is part of the race route, especially because it is a cycling city. Many riders come from here and the Dolmel club, founded by Mieczysław Żelaznowski, was based here. Many champions such as Ryszard Szurkowski, Henryk Charucki, Jan Faltyn and Jan Brzeźny grew up in this team. The second stage is a 'time trial'. Remember that multiple Tour de France, Giro d'Italia and Vuelta a España winner Alberto Contador started his career here by winning the individual time trial,"* said race director Czesław Lang.

### Sprinters' stages in Szozda city

The middle section of the 81st edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour will be a chance for the fastest riders in the peloton to fight for victory. This year's fourth stage will start in Kudowa-Zdrój and finish in Prudnik, the hometown of legendary Polish cyclist Stanisław Szozda. During his career, the legendary Szozda was a two-time Olympic silver medallist, won five World Championship medals and triumphed in the Peace Race and the Tour de Pologne.

*"The fourth stage is dedicated to a great cyclist and my dear friend Stasiu Szozda. We will start from Kudowa-Zdrój, over 200 kilometres - I think it will be more of a sprint stage and the whole peloton will arrive together,"* said Czesław Lang.

The start and finish of stage five will be in Katowice, with most of the route taking the peloton along the Eagle's Nest Trail, a region that has much to offer. Along the way, the peloton will cross the Krakowsko-Częstochowska Jura, Mysłówice, Jaworzno, Rabsztyn, Pieskowa Skała and Ojców.

### Final in Małopolska

The last two stages will be held in Małopolska. On Wednesday 16th August, the riders will start in Wadowice and finish at the BUKOVINA Resort. The start in Wadowice is a tribute to the great Pole John Paul II. The route then continues over the Krowiarki Pass, through Szaflary and ends with a final circuit well known to cycling fans. The finish will be at the BUKOVINA Resort, but first the riders will have to tackle the Gliczarów climb to the BUKOVINA Wall twice and the HARNASÍ Wall. The finish will be in the same place where Rafał Majka and Remco Evenepoel won. This will be a stage that could change everything," said Czesław Lang.

The final stage of the 81st edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour will start in the Wieliczka Salt Mine and finish in Błonia Park in Krakow, where the winner of the ORLEN general classification and all the individual classifications will be announced. The partners of this stage are the Wieliczka Salt Mine and the City of Krakow, long-time friends of the Tour de Pologne UCI WorldTour.

*"Krakow is to the Tour de Pologne what Paris is to the Tour de France and we want to keep this tradition going,"* said Czeslaw Lang.

## **81st Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour 12-18.08.2024**

Stage: 12.08 (Monday) WROCŁAW – KARPACZ

Stage: 13.08 (Tuesday) MYSŁAKOWICE – KARPACZ (individual time trial)

Stage: 14.08 (Wednesday) WAŁBRZYCH – DUSZNIKI-ZDRÓJ, COS

Stage: 15.08 (Thursday) KUDOWA-ZDRÓJ – PRUDNIK

Stage: 16.08 (Friday) KATOWICE – KATOWICE

Stage: 17.08 (Saturday) WADOWICE – BUKOVINA RESORT

Stage: 18.08 (Sunday) „WIELICZKA” SALT MINE – KRAKÓW