



## Internazionali d'Italia Series lands in Argentario

*A thrilling new course set against breathtaking landscapes – the ultimate challenge in Italy's premier cross-country series!*

Argentario is officially part of the Internazionali d'Italia Series circuit. The second stage of this year's edition will be held on a course that winds through the breathtaking scenery of the promontory, surrounded by crystal-clear waters. The result of a careful design that combines technical challenge, spectacle and enhancement of the territory, this exciting addition marks a significant milestone for both the event and the entire Italian mountain biking scene.

"We are thrilled to welcome Argentario to the Internazionali d'Italia Series circuit," said Luca Carton, CM Outdoor. "This stunning location, with a strong mountain biking tradition, has already made its mark thanks to the huge success of the Granfondo dell'Argentario and its spectacular course. It is inspiring to see how the organisation has decided to take up the challenge of raising the event to the level of international cross-country competitions. We are confident that this new stage will bring excitement to both athletes and spectators, creating a unique experience for all."

After years of hosting the **Granfondo dell'Argentario**, the organising team has **leveled up**, creating a course that meets top international XCO standards. Taking inspiration from the world's most iconic World Cup courses, this track is built for speed, skill, and pure adrenaline.

The track stands out with its unique layout, with moderate elevation changes that make it particularly fluid. The width of the course, combined with well-distributed technical sections, will provide numerous tactical opportunities and encourage dynamic action throughout the race. The mix of varied terrain, alternating between compact sections and rocky, uneven stretches, will test not only the physical endurance but also the technical skills of the riders, making the competition unpredictable and selective, while ensuring an exciting spectacle for the spectators.

Among the most spectacular features are the descent followed by a rock garden, a fairly steep climb and a technical section with a series of descending steps.

The width of the course, together with the well-distributed technical sections, offers numerous tactical opportunities and encourages dynamic movements throughout the race. The terrain, varied and unpredictable, alternates between compact areas and rocky, uneven sections, testing not only the riders' physical endurance but also their precision and control. Spectators will be treated to an exhilarating race with many spectacular spots concentrated in a small area, where rock gardens, drops and technical climbs will showcase the riders' abilities and add to the excitement of the competition.

"We wanted a course that would be on a par with the world's biggest competitions, but would still retain the unique essence of our region," explains event organiser Sofia Costanzo. "We worked to integrate high level technical elements into the course, taking full advantage of the topography of the area without changing its nature. We wanted to find the right balance between technique, speed and spectacle. The result is a course that will excite experienced riders and be accessible and safe for all participants."

The addition of this new course to the international circuit is an important step towards a possible bid for a World Cup stage in the future. With its layout and technical quality, the course meets the standards of the world's most prestigious competitions and offers athletes a testing ground that rivals the major XCO events. "We know that becoming a World Cup stage requires further development, but we believe this is the right direction. Our goal is to continue to grow, improve and offer athletes an experience that is closer to the highest level of international cross country," concludes Sofia.



With this new course, the second stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series is preparing to write a new chapter in the history of cross country, putting Argentario on an increasingly global stage and consolidating itself as one of the most anticipated challenges of the 2025 season.

In keeping with the format of the event, the course will be available for the National Youth Competition on Sunday. Due to the high number of applications received, it has become necessary to limit the number of entries.