

= 2013 Tour de France =

The 2013 Tour de France was the 100th edition of the Tour de France , one of cycling 's Grand Tours . It started on the island of Corsica on 30 June and finished on the Champs @-@ Élysées in Paris on 21 July . The Tour consisted of twenty @-@ one race stages and covered a total distance of 3 @,@ 403 @.@ 5 km (2 @,@ 115 mi) . The race was won by Chris Froome of Team Sky . Second and third respectively were the Nairo Quintana (Movistar Team) and the Team Katusha rider , Joaquim Rodríguez .

Marcel Kittel (Argos ? Shimano) was the first rider to wear the race leader 's yellow jersey after winning stage one . He lost the lead the next day to Jan Bakelants of RadioShack ? Leopard , who managed to obtain a one @-@ second lead from a late solo attack . Simon Gerrans gained the race lead after his team , Orica ? GreenEDGE , won the stage four team time trial . Gerrans passed the lead on to teammate Daryl Impey after the fifth stage . Froome took the lead from Impey after the eighth stage , the first classified as mountainous . Froome maintained his lead for the remainder of the race by consolidating his lead through solid performances in the individual time trials and in the high mountains .

Froome became the second consecutive British cyclist to win the Tour de France , after Bradley Wiggins accomplished the feat the year before . In the race 's other classifications , Movistar Team rider Quintana won the mountains classification and also finished as the best young rider in the general classification , finishing in second place overall ; Peter Sagan of the Cannondale team was the winner of the points classification , with Saxo ? Tinkoff finishing as the winners of the team classification . Christophe Riblon (Ag2r ? La Mondiale) was given the award for the most combative rider .

= = Teams = =

Twenty @-@ two teams participated in the 2013 edition of the Tour de France . All of the nineteen UCI ProTeams were entitled , and obliged , to enter the race . On 27 April 2013 , the organiser of the Tour , Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO) , announced the three second @-@ tier UCI Professional Continental teams given wildcard invitations , all of which were French @-@ based . The presentation of the teams took place at the harbour of Porto @-@ Vecchio on the island of Corsica on 27 June , two days before the opening stage held in the town . Each team arrived by boat to the stage , before being introduced to the crowd .

The number of riders allowed per squad was nine , therefore the start list contained a total of 198 riders . From the riders that began this edition , 169 completed the race . The riders came from 34 countries ; France , Spain , Italy , Netherlands , Australia , Belgium and Germany all had 10 or more riders in the race . The average age of all the riders was 29 @.@ 45 , with 19 @-@ year @-@ old Danny van Poppel (Vacansoleil ? DCM) as the youngest rider , and 41 @-@ year @-@ old Jens Voigt (RadioShack ? Leopard) the most senior . Cannondale was the youngest team and Saxo ? Tinkoff the oldest .

The teams entering the race were :

= = Pre @-@ race favourites = =

In the run up to the 2013 Tour de France , Chris Froome was wideley considered as the top pre @-@ race favourite for the general classification , with his closest rivals were thought to be Alberto Contador (Saxo ? Tinkoff) and Joaquim Rodríguez (Team Katusha) . Astana 's Vincenzo Nibali was also a possible contender after getting his first Tour podium in 2012 but he had focused on the 2013 Giro d 'Italia . The riders considered outsiders were BMC Racing Team riders Cadel Evans and Tejay van Garderen , Richie Porte (Team Sky) , Jurgen Van den Broeck (Lotto ? Belisol) , Thibaut Pinot (FDJ.fr) , Ryder Hesjedal (Garmin ? Sharp) , Robert Gesink (Belkin Pro Cycling) , and Movistar Team riders Alejandro Valverde and Nairo Quintana .

The 2012 Tour de France winner , Bradley Wiggins of Team Sky , had focused on the Giro d 'Italia ,

but retired early due to illness , subsequently pulling out because illness and injury had left him insufficient time to train for the Tour de France and chose not to ride . This left Froome , runner @-@ up in 2012 , the undisputed leader of Team Sky . He had shown his form so far in 2013 season by winning four of the five stage races he had rode : Tour of Oman , Critérium International , Tour de Romandie and Critérium du Dauphiné . Two @-@ time Tour winner (2007 and 2009) Contador returned to the race having been suspended from the 2012 race ; he had won the 2012 Vuelta a España and his best major result of the season had been second in Oman . Rodríguez had podium finishes in both the Giro and Vuelta in 2012 , as well as winning the UCI World Tour . He had top @-@ ten placings in three major stage races in the season .

The sprinters considered favourites for the points classification and wins in bunch sprint finishes were Mark Cavendish (Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step) , Peter Sagan (Cannondale) , André Greipel (Lotto ? Belisol) , Matthew Goss (Orica ? GreenEDGE) and Argos ? Shimano riders Marcel Kittel and John Degenkolb . Cavendish won the points classification at the 2013 Giro and had shown his form with thirteen wins in the season . In the previous year 's Tour , Sagan won the points classification and had won the same at the Tour de Suisse in the month preceding the Tour . Greipel , whose team manager Marc Sergeant claimed he had the best sprint train , came into the Tour with nine wins in the season , including three at the Tour Down Under . Goss only had one victory in the season , but had a team of strong and experienced riders . Kittel , as with Greipel , would arrive with a team dedicated for the sprints and he had accumulated eleven wins in the season . His teammate Degenkolb won five stages at the 2012 Vuelta and it was thought he was most likely to be used for the hillier stages .

= = Route and stages = =

On 24 November 2011 , the ASO announced Corsica would host the 2013 edition 's Grand Départ (the Tour 's opening stages) , the first time the Tour has visited the island . The route of the race was unveiled on 24 October 2012 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris . The Tour was the first to be completed entirely on French soil since 2003 and included ten new start or finish locations . The Grand Départ in Corsica consisted of three stages . The ASO chartered the Mega Smeralda cruise ferry in Porto @-@ Vecchio to house members of the organisation , media and others who work on the Tour and to host press conferences , although the riders stayed in hotels in and around the town .

The opening stage left Porto @-@ Vecchio and ended in Bastia , with next two stages ending in Ajaccio and Calvi respectively . The race then moved to mainland France at Nice . Stages five to eight formed a four @-@ stage journey that navigated westwards finishing at the Ax 3 Domaines ski resort in the Pyrenees . Stage nine took place between Saint @-@ Giron to Bagnères @-@ de @-@ Bigorre , before riders took an air transfer to the north @-@ west of the country . Stage ten finished in the port city of Saint @-@ Malo , with the next finishing at the Mont Saint @-@ Michel island commune in Normandy . The following four stages , 11 to 15 , crossed the center of the country back to the south @-@ east finishing atop Mont Ventoux . The next five stages took place in and around the Alps , before a second air transfer took the Tour to the finish with the Champs @-@ Élysées stage in Paris .

There were 21 stages in the race , covering a total of 3 @, @ 403 @. @ 5 kilometres (2 @, @ 115 mi) , 93 @. @ 4 km (58 mi) shorter than the 2012 Tour . The longest race stage was the fourth at 228 @. @ 5 km (142 mi) , and stage 20 the shortest at 125 km (78 mi) . It featured a final set of stages which were described by journalist William Fotheringham as " brutal " , including three Alpine stages in the last week along with a " viciously hard " time trial . As the 100th edition of the race , the 2013 edition featured some of the famous climbs from the history of the race , including a summit finishes on Mont Ventoux on stage 15 , and Alpe d 'Huez on stage 18 . These included a double ascent of the Alpe d 'Huez , the first time the tour featured a double climb of this scale . There were eight flat stages , three hilly stages , seven mountain stages (with four summit finishes) , two individual time trial stages and one team time trial stage . The final stage ending on the Champs @-@ Élysées was an evening finish for the first time . The rest days were after stage 9 , in Saint

@-@ Nazaire , and 15 , in Vaucluse .

= = Race overview = =

In the first stage , the Orica ? GreenEDGE team bus had become stuck under the finishing arch in Bastia , Corsica , and with the peloton (the main group) 10 km (6 @. @ 2 mi) away , the race officials moved the finish to the 3 km (1 @. @ 9 mi) to go marker . As the peloton closed in , the bus was freed , and the decision was reversed . Marcel Kittel took the victory from the bunch sprint , putting him in the race leader 's yellow jersey ; he also became the first leader of the points classification , with Juan José Lobato (Euskaltel ? Euskadi) taking the polka dot jersey as the leader of the mountains classification . Two crashes occurred in the stage ; the first with 37 km (23 mi) remaining and the second in the final kilometers , which included a contender for the stage , Mark Cavendish . The second stage RadioShack ? Leopard 's Jan Bakelants launched an attack from a breakaway group in the final kilometer to win in Ajaccio , one second ahead of the encroaching peloton . The yellow jersey switched to Bakelants , and Pierre Rolland of Team Europcar claimed the polka dot . Simon Gerrans (Orica ? GreenEDGE) won the third stage , the final in Corsica , from a bunch sprint in Calvi . Peter Sagan took over the points classification . Orica ? GreenEDGE won stage four 's 33 km (20 @. @ 5 mi) team time trial in and around Nice , putting Gerrans in the yellow jersey . Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step came in second place , one second in arrears , with Team Sky a further two .

The fifth and sixth stages ended in bunch sprints , with Cavendish and André Greipel the victors respectively . After stage six , Daryl Impey became the first South African rider to wear the yellow jersey . His teammate Gerrans ensured it for him by holding back at the finish allowing Impey ? who was second overall ? the time necessary to replace him at the top of the general classification . Sagan claimed the seventh stage from a bunch sprint in Albi , with Ag2r ? La Mondiale rider Blel Kadri taking the polka dot jersey . In stage eight , the Tour 's first mountain stage , which ended at the Ax 3 Domaines , Froome attacked a select five @-@ rider group , which included Alberto Contador and Alejandro Valverde , as they passed the lone leader Nairo Quintana with 5 km (3 @. @ 1 mi) remaining . Froome took the stage win , fifty @-@ one seconds ahead of his teammate Richie Porte , with Valverde third a further seventeen down . Contador and Quintana finished one minute forty @-@ five seconds behind Froome . Froome 's victory win put him in the lead of the general and mountains classifications , ahead of Porte . In the ninth stage , Froome managed to subdue attacks from his rivals , although his team 's efforts left him isolated for the majority of the stage . After a descent from the mountain pass of La Hourquette d 'Ancizan , a group of twenty @-@ three riders came into the finish in Bagnères @-@ de @-@ Bigorre , where Dan Martin (Garmin ? Sharp) beat Jakob Fuglsang (Astana) from sprint , twenty seconds ahead of the group . Porte lost eighteen minutes , dropping from second overall to thirty @-@ third , with Valverde moving up to second . Rolland took back the polka dot jersey . The next day was the first rest day of the Tour .

Kittel took his second stage of the Tour win from the bunch sprint in the tenth stage , with his compatriot Greipel second . Stage eleven 's individual time trial between Avranches and Mont Saint @-@ Michel was taken by Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step 's Tony Martin . Froome came second with a deficit of twelve seconds , over two minutes ahead of the second placed overall Valverde , extending his lead to over three minutes . Two flat stages ending with bunch sprints then followed ; the first , stage twelve , was won by Kittel , ahead of Cavendish , who came back to win the next . The stage saw Valverde suffer a punctured tyre and lose almost ten minutes , struggling to match the pace set by Cavendish 's Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step team at the head of the race . Stage fourteen was taken by Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step 's Matteo Trentin from a large breakaway that held off the peloton . Stage fifteen , finishing on Mont Ventoux , saw all of the leading contenders , with exception of Froome and Contador , dropped on the early part of the final climb . Froome then moved away from Contador and caught Quintana , who had attacked earlier in the climb . The pair worked together to put time into their rivals , before Froome attacked with 1 @. @ 2 km (0 @. @ 7 mi) remaining and soloed to the finish . This gave Froome a lead of four

minutes and fourteen seconds over Mollema in second place , with Contador a further eleven seconds back . Froome regained the lead in the mountains classification . The following day was the Tour 's second rest day .

The sixteenth stage saw a twenty @-@ six rider breakaway reach the final climb , the Col de Manse , where Rui Costa (Lampre ? Merida) attacked and then descended on his own to the finish in Gap . Froome won stage seventeen 's time trial , finishing the 32 km (19 @.@ 9 mi) course from Embrun to Chorges in 51 minutes and 33 seconds , with Contador coming in nine seconds behind , in second place . Contador moved up to second overall , four minutes and thirty @-@ four seconds down , with teammate Roman Kreuziger third . In the Tour 's queen stage , the eighteenth , early breakaway riders Christophe Riblon (Ag2r ? La Mondiale) and Tejay van Garderen lead on the second ascent of Alpe d 'Huez . Van Garderen attacked on the early slopes , opening up a margin of forty @-@ five seconds on Riblon in the second part of the climb , before Riblon passed with 2 km (1 @.@ 2 mi) remaining and took the stage win by fifty @-@ nine seconds . Quintana and Rodríguez came in fourth and fifth respectively , over two minutes in arrears . With 5 km (3 @.@ 1 mi) to go , Porte and Froome , who came in under minute after the aforementioned pair , were penalised twenty seconds as Porte went back to the team car to retrieve an energy gel and water bottle for Froome outside the designated zone . Froome extended his lead over Contador by thirty @-@ seven seconds .

Costa repeated his feat of three stages previous by taking victory in stage nineteen , by attacking on the final climb of Col de la Croix Fry and soloing to the finish in Le Grand @-@ Bornand . There were no major changes at the head of general classification . Stage twenty , the penultimate stage , saw the leaders of the general classification still together at the head of the race with 8 km (5 mi) remaining of the final climb of Mont Semnoz . Quintana and Rodríguez then attacked , with Froome the only rider able to bridge , and again the pair pulling away , with Quintana managing to hold off Rodríguez by eighteen seconds to take the stage win , with Froome a further eleven down . Contador came in seventh , two minutes and twenty @-@ eight in arrears , dropping to fourth overall , with Rodríguez moving up to third . With the double points gained with his win Quintana secured the mountains classification .

The final stage was won by Kittel on the Champs @-@ Élysées , his fourth stage win of the race . Froome finished the race to claim his first Tour de France , becoming the second British rider to win the race . He beat second @-@ placed Quintana by four minutes and twenty seconds , with Rodríguez third , a further forty @-@ four seconds down . Sagan won his second consecutive points classification with a total of 409 , 100 ahead of Cavendish in second . Froome placed second behind Quintana in the mountains classification , with Rolland third . The best young rider was Quintana , followed by Andrew Talansky (Garmin ? Sharp) and Micha? Kwiatkowski (Omega Pharma ? Quick @-@ Step) respectively . Saxo ? Tinkoff finished as the winners of the team classification , eight minutes and twenty @-@ eight seconds ahead of second @-@ placed Ag2r ? La Mondiale .

= = Classification leadership = =

There were four main individual classifications contested in the 2013 Tour de France , as well as a team competition . The most important was the general classification , which was calculated by adding each rider 's finishing times on each stage . The rider with the least accumulated time is the race leader , identified by the yellow jersey ; the winner of this classification will be considered the winner of the Tour . If a crash happened within the final 3 km (1 @.@ 9 mi) of a stage , not including time trials and summit finishes , the riders involved received the same time as the group they were in when the crash occurred . There were no time bonuses given for this edition of the Tour .

The points classification leader was identified with a green jersey . Riders received points for finishing among the highest placed in a stage finish , or in intermediate sprints during the stage . The points available for each stage finish were determined by the " coefficient " ranking scale .

No changes were made to the mountains classification , where points were awarded to the riders that reached the top of the most difficult ascents first . The climbs were categorised as either hors

catégorie (English : beyond category) , first , second , third , or fourth @-@ category , with more points available for the higher @-@ categorized climbs . The overall leader wore a polka dot jersey . Double points were awarded on the summit finishes on stages 5 , 15 , 18 and 20 .

The young rider classification , denoted by a white jersey , was calculated the same way as the general classification , but the classification was restricted to riders who were born on or after 1 January 1988 . The team classification was calculated using the finishing times of the best three riders per team on each stage (not the team time @-@ trial) ; the leading team was the team with the lowest cumulative time . The number of stage victories and placings per team determined the outcome of a tie . The riders in the team that lead this classification were identified with yellow number bibs on the back of their jerseys and yellow helmets . In addition , there was a combativity award , given after each stage to the rider considered , by a jury , to have " made the greatest effort and who has demonstrated the best qualities of sportsmanship " . The winner wore a red number bib the following stage . At the conclusion of the Tour , Christophe Riblon won the overall super @-@ combativity award .

A total of ? 2 @,@ 023 @,@ 300 was awarded in cash prizes in the race . The overall winner of the general classification received ? 450 @,@ 000 , with the second and third placed riders getting ? 200 @,@ 000 and ? 100 @,@ 000 respectively ; all finishers of the race were awarded with money . The holders of the classifications benefited on each stage they lead ; the final winners of the points and mountains were given ? 25 @,@ 000 , while the best young rider and most combative rider got ? 20 @,@ 000 . Team prizes were available , with ? 10 @,@ 000 for the team time trial and ? 50 @,@ 000 for the winners of the team classification . There was also a special award with a prize of ? 5 @,@ 000 , the Souvenir Henri Desgrange , given to first rider (Nairo Quintana) to pass the summit of the highest climb in the Tour , the Port de Pailhères in stage eight .

= = Final standings = =

= = UCI World Tour rankings = =

The race was the eighteenth of the twenty @-@ nine events in the UCI World Tour , with riders from the WorldTeams competing individually for points that contributed towards the rankings . Points were awarded to the top twenty finishers in the general classification and to the top five finishers in each stage . The 587 points accrued by Chris Froome put him in to the lead of the individual ranking , with Peter Sagan dropping to second . Team Sky retained their lead of the team ranking , ahead of Movistar Team . Spain remained as leaders of the nations ranking , with Great Britain second .