

SUBJECT: 113TH CYCLING TOUR DE FRANCE 2026

1. CONTEXT

The 113th cycling Tour de France is held from Saturday 4 July to Sunday 26 July 2026 inclusive and will include twenty-one stages as shown on the map here below (including 2 stages taking place entirely in Spain).

Airspace users' attention is particularly drawn to the concentration of aircraft in the vicinity of the race. The race is accompanied by an airborne system comprising helicopters which operate between the surface and 2000ft ASFC as well as between 4500ft AMSL and FL085 and fixed-wing aircraft which operate between FL100 and FL280. These aircraft operate respectively as camera platforms (helicopters), radio and video relays (fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters) and broadcasting (fixed-wing aircraft).

In addition, the overflight of gatherings of people along the various stages is not permitted below 1000 m (3300 ft) above the surface, with the exception of previously authorized aircraft, pursuant to 10th of October 1957 order relating to the overflight of built-up areas and gatherings of people or animals and to 17th of November 1958 relating to the regulation of helicopter air traffic.

Unmanned aircraft shall keep clear of gatherings of people on the stages pursuant to *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 of 24 May 2019 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft* and to the two 3rd of December 2020 orders on the use of airspace by unmanned aircraft on the one hand, and the definition of national standard scenarios and setting the conditions applicable to unmanned civil aircraft missions excluded from the scope of *Regulation (EU) 2018/1139* on the other hand.

It is reminded that unmanned aircraft may be neutralized if they are deemed to pose a threat to public safety under the provisions of article R. 213-2 of the French Internal Security Code.

Specific stages of the Tour de France are also protected by temporary restricted areas designed to exclude certain aircraft and certain aerial activities. These areas are designed to ensure the safety of helicopters following the race and ensuring the broadcasting of the event.

As a generality, it is recommended not to carry out any aerial activities, particularly with tethered balloons, in the immediate vicinity of the race.

Airspace users are invited to take note of any additional information that may be communicated via aeronautical information on access to airspace and the use of certain aerodromes located near the stages of the race.

2. STAGES LIST

1st stage : Saturday 4 July

Barcelone / Barcelone (team time-trial)

2nd stage : Sunday 5 July

Tarragone / Barcelone

3rd stage : Monday 6 July

Granollers / Les Angles

4th stage : Tuesday 7 July

Carcassonne / Foix

5th stage : Wednesday 8 July

Lannemezan / Pau

6th stage : Thursday 9 July

Pau / Gavarnie-Gèdre

7th stage : Friday 10 July

Hagetmau / Bordeaux

8th stage : Saturday 11 July

Périgueux / Bergerac

9th stage : Sunday 12 July

Malemort / Ussel

Monday 13 July

Day off Cantal

10th stage : Tuesday 14 July

Aurillac / Le Lioran

11th stage : Wednesday 15 July
Vichy / Nevers

12th stage : Thursday 16 July
Circuit Nevers Magny Cours / Chalon-sur-Saône

13th stage : Friday 17 July
Dole / Belfort

14th stage : Saturday 18 July
Mulhouse / Le Markstein Fellingring

15th stage : Sunday 19 July
Champagnole / Plateau de Solaison Brison

Monday 20 July

Day off Haute-Savoie

16th stage : Tuesday 21 July
Evian-les-Bains / Thonon-les-Bains (individual time-trial)

17th stage : Wednesday 22 July
Chambéry / Voiron

18th stage : Thursday 23 July
Voiron / Orcières-Merlette

19th stage : Friday 24 July
Gap / Alpes d'Huez

20th stage : Saturday 25 July
Le Bourg d'Oisans / Alpes d'Huez

21st stage : Sunday 26 July
Thoiry / Paris Champs-Élysées

