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UTMB World Series heads to Argentina for first of three South American Events

4,200 runners ready to discover the testing trails, cultural treasures, and epic scenery at Valhöll Argentina by UTMB



Valhöll Argentina by UTMB® returns to the stunning Province of Córdoba on 9-12 May, celebrating the fifth edition of the race and its second as part of the UTMB® World Series. With 75% of the 4,200 runners hailing from Argentina, the event remains a firm favourite amongst locals looking for a technical test and the chance to qualify for the UTMB® World Series Finals closer to home.

Dubbed 'the most epic race in Argentina', international runners also get the chance to experience the bucket-list destination via mountain trails, river crossings and beautiful peaks.

RACE	START DATE	START TIME	START LOCATION	START TIME	START LOCATION
IRONMAN	09-10-11 MAY	06:00	VALHÖLL	06:00	VALHÖLL
ADVANCE	09-10-11 MAY	07:00	VALHÖLL	07:00	VALHÖLL
CHALLENGE	09-10-11 MAY	08:00	VALHÖLL	08:00	VALHÖLL
COURAGE	09-10-11 MAY	09:00	VALHÖLL	09:00	VALHÖLL
POWER	09-10-11 MAY	10:00	VALHÖLL	10:00	VALHÖLL
EXPLORE	09-10-11 MAY	11:00	VALHÖLL	11:00	VALHÖLL

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A Calamuchita native, Adriana Vanesa Vargas (ARG, [UTMB Index 669](#)) knows the trails more than most as she takes on the 'Epic 125K'. Seizing the opportunity to qualify for the UTMB World Series Finals in front of family and friends, she will face strong competition in the Women's race, including Annie Hughes (USA, [UTMB Index 711](#)) and Tara Fraga (USA, [UTMB Index 743](#)).

The Argentinian trails also caught the attention of UTMB Legend, Ludovic Pommeret (FRA, [UTMB Index 872](#)). The 2016 UTMB® and 2022 TDS® winner heads into the race as the top-ranked athlete, closely followed by Cristofer Clemente Mora (ESP, [UTMB Index 863](#)) who finished second at Valhöll Argentina by UTMB 100M in 2023.

Santos Gabriel Rueda (ARG, [UTMB Index 825](#)) will also be fighting for a podium position in front of a home crowd, commenting, "As someone originally from Argentina but now living in Europe, it is particularly special for me to have the opportunity to compete again in my home country and showcase my improvement since I left Argentina three years ago."

"It is truly exciting for both Argentina and the trail running community to host a UTMB World Series event and I am looking forward to the chance to compete alongside some of the world's top trail runners, as well as experiencing the unique atmosphere and breathtaking scenery that Argentina has to offer. It is going to be an unforgettable experience for everyone involved and I cannot wait to be part of it."



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Sergio Gustavo Pereyra (ARG, [UTMB Index 856](#)) headlines the talented list of South American runners taking on the race. A bricklayer by trade, the Argentinian athlete finds innovative [ways to combine work with training](#) to prepare for upcoming races.

Favourites across the other race distances include Wellington Roberto Noronha (BRA, [UTMB Index 828](#)) and Remigio Huaman Quispe (PER, [UTMB Index 836](#)) in the 'ADVANCE 80K', Joaquin Narvaez (ARG, [UTMB Index 835](#)) and Nicolas Ignacio Benavides (CHI, [UTMB Index 826](#)) in the 'CHALLENGE 55K', Maria Paula Galindez (ARG, [UTMB Index 651](#)) and Ezequiel Alexis Pauluzak (ARG, [UTMB Index 786](#)) in the 'COURAGE 35K' and Tiago Vieira (POR, [UTMB Index 847](#)) in the 'POWER 22K'.

A thrilling double-header weekend awaits for the UTMB World Series, as runners on the other side of the world prepare to tackle Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB in the United Kingdom. The action-packed month continues with Mountain Ultra Trail by UTMB® in South Africa, Trail Alsace Grand-Est by UTMB® in France and Ultra-Trail Australia by UTMB®.

To get more information about the UTMB World Series sport system and qualification for the UTMB World Series Finals, [click here](#).

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UTMB® World Series is the world's ultimate trail-running circuit that unites the sport's biggest stars and passionate runners through the best, leading international events in the most stunning locations. Built on a passion for the mountains with sustainability at its heart, UTMB® World Series gives all trail runners the chance to experience the UTMB® adventure across the world, with events taking place across Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. It is the only place where runners can begin their quest to HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, where the prestigious UTMB® World Series Finals will be held. Launched in May 2021 through the collaboration between the UTMB Group and The IRONMAN Group, the UTMB World Series circuit brings together many of the best international trail-running events on the planet. For more information, visit <https://utmb.world>.

About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail® technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global, premium, and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fairplay; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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