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UTMB World Series events in France and Austria spotlight UNESCO World Heritage Site treasures

The hills are alive in Salzburg for mozart 100 by UTMB

The UTMB® World Series heads to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salzburg, Austria on 1-2 June, ready to welcome more than 3,200 athletes to mozart 100™ by UTMB®.

Known as the birthplace of the famous Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the shooting location of 'The Sound of Music', the city will certainly leave its mark on runners from around the globe as they head out from the foothills of the Austrian Alps to discover the breath-taking mountains, lakes, and meadows of the area.

RACE INFORMATION

RACE	START TIME	DISTANCE	D+	CUT-OFF TIME
MOZART 100	1 JUNE 2024 - 18:00	100KM	6500	40 HOURS
MOZART 100 ULTRA	1 JUNE 2024 - 18:00	100KM	6500	40 HOURS
MOZART MARATHON	2 JUNE 2024 - 08:00	42KM	2000	16 HOURS
MOZART 100 TRAIL	1 JUNE 2024 - 18:00	30KM	1500	10 HOURS
MOZART MARATHON TRAIL	2 JUNE 2024 - 08:00	30KM	1500	10 HOURS
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mozart 100

Dylan Bowman (USA, UTMB Index 856) will make the trip over to Europe to experience some of the mozart magic in the 105 km race. As one of the pre-race favourites, he will be looking to add some of his own magic to the trails, alongside Maite Maiora Elizondo (ESP, UTMB Index 756) in the Women Elite race.

mozart Ultra

A close battle is expected in the 81 km race, with Cristina Santurino (ESP, UTMB Index 695) and Julia Davis (GBR, UTMB Index 686) both looking for their first UTMB World Series wins.

mozart Marathon

Setting off from the stunning lakeside town of St Gilgen, the mozart Marathon looks to be a favourite amongst elite and amateur runners. In the Men Elite race, Tiago Vieira (POR, UTMB Index 846) will have to hold off the charging Italians, Hannes Perkmann (ITA, UTMB Index 840) and Giacomo Forconi (ITA, UTMB Index 855) in the hunt for the top spot. Sophia Laukli (USA, UTMB Index 790) looks to be the one to beat in the Women Elite race, but Martina Cumerlato (ITA, UTMB Index 710) and Katarina Lovrantova (SLO, UTMB Index 700) could be amongst the runners putting on the pressure from behind.

Race Directors, Claudia Kolussi and Josef Mayerhofer said, *"With each passing year, mozart 100 by UTMB continues to exceed expectations, showcasing the very best of Salzburg's breathtaking landscapes and the spirit of endurance. As part of the esteemed UTMB World Series, this year's event promises unparalleled challenges and rewards for participants.*

"We are thrilled by the overwhelming support from the local community, sponsors, and collaborators, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment to making this edition truly exceptional. Get ready to experience the ultimate blend of athleticism and natural beauty as we gear up for another unforgettable journey through the heart of Austria."

With all race distances finishing in the beautiful city square of Kapitelplatz in Salzburg, it will be an unforgettable experience as runners cross the iconic finish line.

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Record-breaking numbers at Trail du Saint-Jacques by UTMB

Over 5,800 runners will embark on a cultural and spiritual journey around the stunning Haute-Loire region in France and the famous Camino de Santiago trails on 14-16 June, as part of Trail du Saint-Jacques by UTMB®.

A favourite amongst locals, with 91% of registered participants coming from France, the event uncovers the rural beauty, wild landscapes and imposing Massif Central Mountain Range as runners make their way towards the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cathédrale Notre-Dame du Puy-en-Velay and the new finish line for 2024 in front of the Rocher et Chapelle Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhe.

RACE INFORMATION

RACE	START TIME	DISTANCE	D+	CUT-OFF TIME
TRAIL DU SAINT-JACQUES BY UTMB	14 JUNE 2024 - 18:00	100KM	6500	40 HOURS
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TRAIL DU SAINT-JACQUES BY UTMB	15 JUNE 2024 - 08:00	42KM	2000	16 HOURS
TRAIL DU SAINT-JACQUES BY UTMB	14 JUNE 2024 - 18:00	30KM	1500	10 HOURS
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Trail du SaintJacques by UTMB® 50K runner-up, Laure Paradan (FRA, UTMB Index 713) will make the leap to the queen-100M stage for 2024. As her first 100-miler, Paradan is stepping into the unknown but already has experience on these trails and heads into the race as the top-ranked in the Women Elite race.

Paradan said, *"I am an athlete but I work full time and it's sometimes hard to bulk up the distance in between. I wanted to run my first ultra on terrain that seemed quite familiar to me. I live in Puy-de-Dome, so the SaintJacques trail seemed like a good option to me, and I ran the 40km last year and really enjoyed the course. I think the terrain suits me quite well too!*

"My main objective is to finish the race because it will be a new adventure for me, including starting the race in the night. I hope I manage the distance well and set a good time."

A strong French contingent also features in the Men Elite race, with Romain Lieux (FRA, UTMB Index 836), Alexandre Beraud (FRA, UTMB Index 834) and Samir Tazi (FRA, UTMB Index 820) amongst the favourites.

Three-time French national trail champion, Thomas Cardin (FRA, UTMB Index 905) will take on a UTMB World Series event for the first time and looks to be the one to beat in the Men Elite 100K. Anna Louise Astad Serlie (NOR, UTMB Index 629) takes on one of her first international trail races in the Women Elite 50K, but should not be counted out for a top spot amongst some strong French athletes.

The 2023 World Mountain and Trail Running Long trail (85km race) Champion, Benjamin Roubiol (FRA, UTMB Index 897) joins Adeline Martin (FRA, UTMB Index 751) as the top-ranked athletes in their respective categories. Both take on a UTMB World Series event for the first time in 2024 and could be quick to make their mark. Two-time Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB® 50K podium finisher, Kirsteen Welch (GBR, UTMB Index 698) could prove dangerous on these trails however as she makes her comeback to racing after illness in 2023.

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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 sport's 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; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at https://utmb.world.

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