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## UTMB World Series heads to volcanic isles of Tenerife and Pyrenees mountains of Andorra

### UTMB World Series heads to highest race in Spain at Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB®



Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB® makes its debut on the UTMB World Series stage on 6-8 June, as over 3,000 participants prepare to reach new heights at the highest race in Spain, on the largest of the Spanish Canary Islands.

With four race distances on offer, plus a relay and Vertical Night Challenge, runners of all abilities will get the chance to uncover the otherworldly scenes that make up the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Teide National Park. From sea to summit, 100M and 100K runners will work their way from the coast to Mount Teide - the third-highest volcanic structure in the world when measured from its base on the ocean floor, before descending via pine forests and coastal paths to the finish line at Martiánez beach.

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Heading into its 13th edition, the event has attracted a world-class elite field, including previous winners, Azara Garcia de los Salmones (ESP, [UTMB Index 781](#)) and Cristofer Clemente Mora (ESP, [UTMB Index 862](#)). Claire Bannwarth (FRA, [UTMB Index 708](#)) and Manuel Anguita (ESP, [UTMB Index 875](#)) also have experience on the Tenerife trails and could also be ones to watch over the Women and Men Elite 100M.

Ragna Debats (NED, [UTMB Index 776](#)) and Borja Fernandez (ESP, [UTMB Index 871](#)) head into the 100K race as the top-ranked, alongside Maude Mathys (SUI, [UTMB Index 818](#)) and Andreu Simon Aymerich (ESP, [UTMB Index 899](#)) in the 50K.

From elite to amateur, all runners have their own reasons for taking on Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB®. For Mario Yllera (ESP) - also known as *Pura Vida Challenge* - the startline in Los Cristianos signifies part of a bigger challenge in which he aims to give visibility and raise funds for those in need.

He said, "I am going to be starting the greatest solidarity challenge for diseases that has ever been carried out in the world and will consist of running one million kilometres across mountain events. I have been carrying out these projects and raising funds for those in need for several years, from ALS patients to multiple sclerosis or children with functional diversity or childhood cancer. In the last year I also suffered a fairly significant cancer, but I want to give hope to everyone that you can continue living with an illness and never give up."

"I have been running in the mountains for 45 years and have done thousands of mountain races throughout much of the world and there is no other event like Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB®. It is a spectacular route, the highest race in Spain and one of the races with the greatest direct slope in the world. But aside from the route, it is the people that stand out and welcome you with their hearts. I could never miss it and want to thank the organisation for showing their support for my project from the very first moment."

**Watch Live**  
Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB® makes up one of the eight flagship UTMB World Series events to be broadcast LIVE in 2024, meaning fans can watch the action as it happens at [live.utmb.world](#).



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### UTMB legends, defending champions and new race distances at Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB®



The stunning Pyrenees Mountain range awaits 2,800 runners ready to take on Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB® on 14-16 June.

Starting from the town of Ordino, a complete tour of the country awaits the 100M participants, via the region's many stunning lakes and challenging peaks, including the Pic del Comapedrosa at 2,943m. The 100K, 50K and 20K distances uncover similar beauty via the emblematic Casamanya crossing and the stunning Comapedrosa Natural Park.

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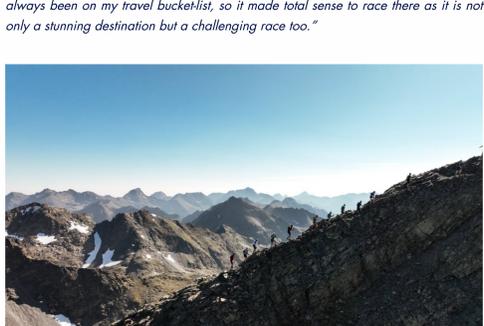
An impressive elite field heads up the start list, including four-time UTMB winner Francois D'Haene (FRA, [UTMB Index 904](#)) who faces a twenty-strong line-up of Men Elite runners in the 100M race, including defending champion Ben Dhiman (USA, [UTMB Index 887](#)). In the Women Elite field, Claudia Tremps (ESP, [UTMB Index 752](#)) looks to be on form after securing two impressive second-place finishes at UTMB World Series events already this year, but will face an experienced Yuanyuan Wu (CHN, [UTMB Index 707](#)) who finished second in the last edition of Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB®.

French athletes Gautier Airiau (FRA, [UTMB Index 865](#)), Valentin Benard (FRA, [UTMB Index 857](#)) and Paul Cornut Chauvinc (FRA, [UTMB Index 853](#)) head up the inaugural 100K distance, while it is set to be a Spanish showdown in the 50K with Sheila Aviles Castano (ESP, [UTMB Index 765](#)) and Ricardo Cherta (ESP, [UTMB Index 875](#)) the pre-race favourites in their respective categories.

With an additional 400 more women on the startline as compared to the previous year, Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB® has also attracted an inspiring group of women from around the world, including Imogen Short (GBR) who lives in Hong Kong.

She said, "I crewed my twin sister in the UTMB World Series Finals CCC® in 2022 and after that I knew I wanted to compete there in the next couple of years. Jess lives in Australia and whenever we travel together, the first thing we do is look up trail run races in the area - it is one of the best ways to get to know the area and experience things off the beaten track."

"We catch up virtually every week to chat about our training schedule for the week, as well as nutrition. It is something we are very passionate about, and having Andorra in our sights has given us a massive goal to work towards. Andorra has always been on my travel bucket-list, so it made total sense to race there as it is not only a stunning destination but a challenging race too."



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**About UTMB Group**  
Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc 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® MontBlanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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