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## From the Indian Ocean to the Italian Alps for the UTMB World Series in June

### The heart of the Indian Ocean takes centre stage for Mauritius by UTMB



The **first edition** of Mauritius by UTMB® will take place on 22-23 June, with over 1,000 runners ready to discover the **beautiful beaches, tropical green mountains and welcoming locals** that make the stunning island in the heart of the Indian Ocean so special.

With almost **20% of runners deriving from the local area**, the event also offers the perfect opportunity for participants to race against an international field, experience world-class support and earn Running Stones for the UTMB® World Series Finals lottery on home soil.

Event Director, Clothilde Lefebure said, *"Runners will get to truly discover the authentic side of Mauritius through the diversity of landscapes and the welcome, kindness and generosity of the Mauritians - whether that be their hosts, organisers or volunteers who will transmit their joy of making the event an unforgettable and unmissable moment on the circuit."*

*"For local runners, this is the first ultra trail in Mauritius and what's more, an ultra trail affiliated with a global network and one internationally known for its finale at HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc - the holy grail of any trail runner."*

#### Elite Runners

The race has attracted an impressive list of Elite runners looking to experience island life, take on the craggy steep peaks and discover the alluring blue lagoons. In the **Black River Peak 100M**, Gregoire Curmer (FRA, [UTMB Index 852](#)) and Angelique Lesport (FRA, [UTMB Index 658](#)) head into the race as top-ranked in their respective races.

In the **Chamarel 100K**, Simon Desvaux de Marigny (MRI, [UTMB Index 824](#)) heads into the race with the home advantage and will be fighting to hold off the likes of Helio Fumo (POR, [UTMB Index 845](#)).

*"As a Mauritian trail runner, it is a dream come true to have a UTMB World Series event in Mauritius. I have participated in several UTMB races, and it was beyond my expectations that such a prestigious event would come to our island,"* said Desvaux de Marigny.

*"Being part of the UTMB family is a significant privilege for Mauritius. The impact of hosting a UTMB World Series event in Mauritius is profound in terms of global visibility and the level of competition. UTMB World Series races are known for their high level of competition, where the three finishers of each race earn direct entry to the UTMB World Series Finals."*

In the **Bel Ombre 50K**, Azara Garcia de los Salmenes (ESP, [UTMB Index 781](#)) will be the one to beat in the Women's race, alongside Tiago Vieira (POR, [UTMB Index 850](#)) in the Men's race, but local runner Andrianirina Rivosoa Habalalaina (MRI, [UTMB Index 739](#)) will certainly be looking to make his mark at the first edition of the race.

RACE INFORMATION					
RACE	START	FINISH	START DATE	FINISH DATE	START TIME
BLACK RIVER PEAK	100M	100M	22 JUN 2024	23 JUN 2024	07:00
CHAMAREL	100K	100K	22 JUN 2024	23 JUN 2024	07:00
BEL OMBRE	50K	50K	22 JUN 2024	23 JUN 2024	07:00
LETOBRE	50K	50K	22 JUN 2024	23 JUN 2024	07:00

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### Over 6,500 runners head to the Italian Dolomites for La Sportiva Lavaredo Ultra Trail by UTMB



La Sportiva® Lavaredo Ultra Trail® by UTMB® returns to the **Italian Dolomites** on the 26-30 June, as over 6,500 runners head to the host town of Cortina d'Ampezzo - the **host venue of the 2026 Winter Olympics** - to discover the **UNESCO World Heritage site** and the stunning mountain range in the Italian Alps.

A **50-50 split of local and international runners** will line-up for the 2024 edition of the race. **600 more Italian runners than in 2023** will also take to the start, taking the opportunity to discover the best of their backyard.

RACE INFORMATION					
RACE	START	FINISH	START DATE	FINISH DATE	START TIME
LAVAREDO 100K	100K	100K	26 JUN 2024	27 JUN 2024	07:00
LAVAREDO 80K	80K	80K	26 JUN 2024	27 JUN 2024	07:00
LAVAREDO 50K	50K	50K	26 JUN 2024	27 JUN 2024	07:00
LAVAREDO 30K	30K	30K	26 JUN 2024	27 JUN 2024	07:00
LAVAREDO 10K	10K	10K	26 JUN 2024	27 JUN 2024	07:00

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#### Elite Runners

As one of Europe's most popular trail running events, the race has also attracted a stacked Elite field. In the queen **100M race**, Fiona Porte (FRA, [UTMB Index 742](#)) returns to defend her title in the Women Elite race, she will have to face some tough opposition from Rosanna Buchauer (GER, [UTMB Index 761](#)). Giuditta Turini (ITA, [UTMB Index 744](#)) also heads into the race as one of the top-ranked and will be one to watch with an impressive history of results on Italian trails.

2023 winner, Jonas Russi (SUI, [UTMB Index 882](#)) is also back for more in 2024 but also faces a stacked field in the Men Elite race, including 2023 HOKA UTMB MontBlanc UTMB® third-place finisher, Germain Grangier (FRA, [UTMB Index 898](#)), plus Hannes Namberger (GER, [UTMB Index 906](#)) and **one of the UTMB Legends**, Pau Capell (ESP, [UTMB Index 890](#)).

The who's who of top-runners continues in the **Lavaredo 80K**, including multiple UTMB World Series winner, Andrzej Witek (POL, [UTMB Index 892](#)) in the Men's race, and the 2021 HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc CCC® winner, Marta Molist (ESP, [UTMB Index 763](#)).

In the **Lavaredo 50K**, Spain is looking good to secure at least one podium position in the Women's race, with Patricia Pineda Cornejo (ESP, [UTMB Index 744](#)), Julia Font Gomez (ESP, [UTMB Index 750](#)) and Marta Martinez Abellan (ESP, [UTMB Index 730](#)). The Spanish strength continues in the Men Elite race, with Antonio Martinez Perez (ESP, [UTMB Index 909](#)) heading up the UTMB Index rankings for the race, but the pressure will be on from Italian athletes, Luca del Pero (ITA, [UTMB Index 899](#)) and Daniel Pattis (ITA, [UTMB Index 898](#)).

#### Climbing legends to join running legends on the trails

From UTMB legends to **two world climbing legends** from the United States of America, **Alex Honnold** and **Tommy Caldwell** have announced they will also be taking on La Sportiva Lavaredo Ultra Trail by UTMB, hoping to discover the beauty and challenge of the region as part of this event.

*"I am racing because La Sportiva Lavaredo Ultra Trail by UTMB seems like a beautiful way to see the Dolomites. I am coming on a family climbing vacation for the summer - this seems like a great way to get to know the area at the beginning of the trip. I also set the arbitrary goal to run a marathon or ultra each year as a dad, so this is my race for the year,"* said Alex Honnold, who will take on the 50K while his climbing partner, Tommy Caldwell, will take on the 10K race.



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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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#### About UTMB® World Series

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® MontBlanc, 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® 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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