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# Swiss Alps and Austrian Alps up next on **European calendar for UTMB World Series**

The UTMB World Series heads to the Jungfrau region in the Swiss Alps, followed by the famous Kitzbuhel Alps in Austria.

# Iconic peaks and Swiss mountain villages await at **Eiger Ultra-Trail by UTMB**



UTMB<sup>®</sup> World Series heads to world-famous the mountain village of Grindelwald in the Swiss Alps on 17-21 July, ready to welcome 4,400 participants to Eiger Ultra-Trail<sup>™</sup> by UTMB<sup>®</sup>.

EIGER ULTRA TRAIL BY UTMB SWITZERLAND, EUROPE

With race distances from 250K to 15K, plus a kids race and a team challenge, runners of all levels can enjoy an alpine adventure in the majestic Jungfrau region, with the Eiger North Face towering above at 3,970m.



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### **Elite Preview**

One of the **2023 podium stars** from the E51 - Panorama Trail (50K) race returns to the Swiss Alps, this time stepping it up to the queen E101 - Ultra Trail (100K). Third-placed Andreas Reiterer (ITA, UTMB Index 909) is looking forward to returning to Eiger Ultra-Trail by UTMB and is considered one of the favourites in the longer distance.

Reiterer said, "The race is beautiful and very challenging. The scenery around Grindelwald is stunning and it is one of the best races I have ever done!"

"This year, I will take on the 100K race and preparation has been going well. I like this distance and feel it is always special to run 100K. I am looking forward to being on the start line and ready to give it my all. My goal is to finish the race with good feeling and hopefully in a good position."

An epic battle is expected in the women elite race, with Hannah Osowski (USA, UTMB Index 760), Sandra Sevillano Guerra (ESP, UTMB Index 723) and Emilie Collomb (ITA, UTMB Index 690) expected to be the protagonists applying pressure at the front of the race as they cover 6,970m of ascent.

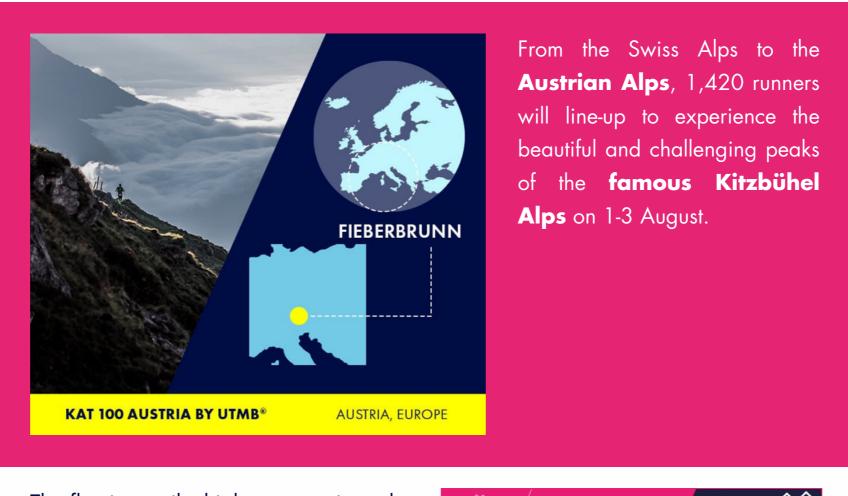
In the E51 - Panorama Trail, all eyes are on **Sophia Laukli** (USA, UTMB Index 790) and **Ricardo Cherta** (ESP, UTMB Index 875), while in the E35 - North Face Trail (50K), Robbie Simpson (GBR, UTMB Index 908) and Camilla Magliano (ITA, UTMB Index 749) are expected to dominate and set a fast and furious pace.

Alongside earning Running Stones - which count as an entry into the lottery to participate in the 2025 UTMB World Series Finals - all finishers will also receive a unique medal made of limestone collected from the mountain and handprepared by a local mountain guide.



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Runners to discover the best of the Kitzbühel Alps at KAT100 by UTMB



The flowing trails, high panoramic paths and rocky passages of KAT100<sup>™</sup> by



 $\mathsf{UTMB}^{\mathbb{R}}$  will take participants on a journey, uncovering highlights such as Wildseeloder at golden hour, the Jakobskreuz cross illuminated in the dark and sunrise at Kitzbüheler Horn.

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Local runner, Zoltán Körmendi (HUN) said, "KAT100 by UTMB is really special to me because it takes place in the mountains that I choose as my home, and I can also train over the terrain too. This year I am running for a bigger cause, with my goal being to raise as much money as possible for Hospital St Johann in Tirol."

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In the 100M race, Austrian talents Manuel Zorn (AUT, UTMB Index 813) and Gerald Fister (AUT, UTMB Index 828) will be looking for success on home soil as they try to hold off top-ranked Zachary Garner (USA, UTMB Index 875). Austria will also be looking for glory in the women elite field, as Sophie Schnabl (AUT, UTMB Index 649) heads into the race as one of the favourites, ready to battle it out amongst the likes of Kerstin Dusch (SUI, UTMB Index 662).

A brand-new course for 2024 in the Endurance Trail 100K will add to the excitement, with Katarina Lovrantova (SVK, UTMB Index 704), Karola Rennhack (GER, UTMB Index 686), Daniel Jung (ITA, UTMB Index 866) and Pierre-Emmanuel Alexandre (GER, UTMB Index 830) expected to do well here.

After first tackling the Western States<sup>™</sup> 100 Endurance Run on 29 June, **Hayden** Hawks (USA, UTMB Index 909) will head to Europe and shift his focus to the Marathon Trail at KAT100 by UTMB, as the countdown ramps up for the UTMB World Series Finals. In the women elite category, the Speed Trail winner from 2023, Laura Hampel (GER, UTMB Index 720) will be looking to repeat her success over the longer 50K distance.



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Follow the action from both Eiger Ultra-Trail by UTMB and KAT100 by UTMB here.

### **Upcoming events on UTMB World Series international circuit:**

• 26-30 June: La Sportiva<sup>®</sup> Lavaredo Ultra Trail<sup>®</sup> by UTMB<sup>®</sup> - Italy

- 29 June: Western States<sup>™</sup> 100 Endurance Run USA
- 3-7 July: HOKA Val d'Aran by UTMB<sup>®</sup> Spain
- 4-6 July: Restonica Trail by UTMB<sup>®</sup> France
- 5-7 July: Trail Verbier St-Bernard by UTMB<sup>®</sup> Switzerland
- 17-21 July: Eiger Ultra-Trail<sup>™</sup> by UTMB<sup>®</sup> Switzerland
- 19-20 July: Speedgoat<sup>™</sup> Mountain Races by UTMB<sup>®</sup> USA

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### About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Mont-Blanc. The UTMB<sup>®</sup> World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB<sup>®</sup> 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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