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From the Mediterranean Sea to Scandinavian shores, epic trio of UTMB World Series await in Europe

- The stunning Côte d'Azur area kicks off an exhilarating trio of UTMB® World Series events in Europe
- Rich in tradition, mythical charm and famous legends, Kullamannen by UTMB® showcases the best of Sweden's Kullaberg Peninsula
- Mallorca by UTMB® makes its debut on the circuit, with a local community of trail runners proudly creating the course designs, under the guidance of elite athlete and Mallorcan, Tòfol Castanyer

A journey from the Mercantour Massif to the Mediterranean Sea at Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB

The countdown is on for the highly anticipated Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB® on 3-6 October, as **over 6,000 participants** prepare to discover the breathtaking landscape and variety of the region.

From the rugged Mercantour Massif to the Mediterranean waters that make up the stunning French Riviera, runners will experience a trail running adventure, culminating at the iconic finish line on the Promenade des Anglais.

RACE INFORMATION		UTMB INDEX	
100KM	100M	100M	100M
50KM	50M	50M	50M
20KM	20M	20M	20M

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Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice, said *"We look forward to this legendary event taking place in the magnificent region of Nice Côte d'Azur. It fills us with pride to host such a unique sporting challenge in this exceptional setting, between the sea and mountains in a preserved natural environment"*.

Discover the elite runners [here](#).

Watch Live

The event will be **broadcast LIVE**, offering fans the opportunity to get closer to the action than ever before. **Follow the live stream** and get all the race updates and key statistics on [UTMB Live](#). Live broadcasts can also be watched on: [L'Équipe](#), [Outside](#), [DAZN](#), [IQIYI](#). You can also follow the action via social media, on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).



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2,500 runners face 'Lord of the Mountain' in Sweden at Kullamannen by UTMB

The rugged and rocky shores of the **Bjäre and Kullaberg Peninsula** in southern Sweden will host one of the **toughest events** on the UTMB World Series calendar on **November 1-2**.

Kullamannen by UTMB will welcome **over 2,500 runners**, with **75% of participants coming from the local Nordic regions**, ready to test themselves as they discover the **untamed beauty, dramatic coastlines and technical singletrack** of the region.

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From the mythical **Kullamannen legend** to the tradition of being led out by a knight on horseback, the event is one of a kind.

Elite Runners

In the **Ultra 100 (100M)** race, the **2023 podium** of **Jakob Åberg** [SWE, [UTMB Index 806](#)], **Alexandre Boucheix** [FRA, [UTMB Index 835](#)] and **William Englund** [SWE, [UTMB Index 783](#)] will return to battle it out once again.

Alexandre Boucheix was first attracted to the race in 2022, when he spotted a video online of the large Viking knight on horseback, leading out runners into the night. He said, *"I was looking for a new 100-mile race to do in Europe and it took me less than 15 seconds to tell myself that no matter the altitude or profile of this race, I want to do it. I won the race in 2022 and could have decided I was done then, but I already knew I wanted to come back. It is a race that is really runnable and the organiser really maintains the unique identity and legendary spirit of this race."*

In the women's race, **Anna Carlsson** [SWE, [UTMB Index 723](#)] heads into the race as the top-ranked and will look to reclaim her title after winning here back in 2021. Eight more elite runners from Sweden will join her on the startlist, looking for victory on home soil, alongside runners from Belgium and Finland.

Top-ranked favourites in the **Sprint Ultra (100K)** men's race include **Tobias Dahl Fenre** [NOR, [UTMB Index 858](#)], **Keith Wigley** [GBR, [UTMB Index 830](#)] and **Simen Hjalmar Wastlund** [SWE, [UTMB Index 846](#)]. In the women's race, **Anna-Stina Erkkila** [FIN, [UTMB Index 760](#)] recently celebrated a **top-10 finish** at the 2024 HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc OCC. Stepping up to her first **100K**, she will face **Karina Maier** [GER, [UTMB Index 675](#)] and **Michaela Pilat** [AUT, [UTMB Index 760](#)].

Ida Amelie Robsahm [NOR, [UTMB Index 722](#)] has experience on her side as she returns to take on the **Seventh Seal (50K)** race, facing talented debutants such as **Victoria Stansfield** [GBR, [UTMB Index 705](#)] and **Jojo Descheemaeker** [BEL, [UTMB Index 690](#)]. In the men's race, **Daniel Patis** [ITA, [UTMB Index 904](#)] and **Kristian Jones** [GBR, [UTMB Index 889](#)] look to be the ones to watch.



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An epic debut on the UTMB World Series circuit awaits at Mallorca by UTMB

Mallorca by UTMB makes its debut on the UTMB World Series stage on **1-3 November**, welcoming 3,200 runners to **Spain's largest Balearic Island**. Featuring the **Serra de Tramuntana mountains - a UNESCO World Heritage Site** - the course is considered **one of the most diverse and captivating** on the 2024 calendar.

Each of the **four race distances** (100M, 100K, 50K, 20K) have been **developed by locals** under the guidance of local legend **Tòfol Castanyer**, winner of the CCC® in 2013 and second in the 2014 edition of the UTMB®.

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Local elite runner, **Angels Llobera** [ESP, [UTMB Index 676](#)] said, *"I hope that Mallorca by UTMB serves to establish Mallorca as a reference point in the world of trail running at an international level. I believe it is very important for Mallorca and for the people of the area that we feel we have a race on our island that is recognised as a UTMB World Series event."*

Elite Runners

A strong field of elite runners are looking to make their mark at the events first edition. In the **Serra de Tramuntana (100M)** race, **Claudia Tremps** [ESP, [UTMB Index 753](#)] heads into the women's race as the favourite, having recently finished **8th in the UTMB** at the **2024 HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc**, alongside **two UTMB World Series podiums** in 2024. In the men's race, British runners **Mark Darbyshire** [GBR, [UTMB Index 888](#)] and **Josh Wade** [GBR, [UTMB Index 864](#)] are amongst the top-ranked, as they go head-to-head with top Spanish counterparts, **Pablo Villa** [ESP, [UTMB Index 875](#)] and **Cristofer Clemente Mora** [ESP, [UTMB Index 860](#)].

An epic battle is expected in the **heart of the Serra de Tramuntana mountains for the Mallorca 5000 (100K)** race. **Martina Valmassoi** [ITA, [UTMB Index 744](#)] will be the one to beat in the women's race. The Italian runner has enjoyed an incredible season, including **2nd at Western States™ 100 Endurance Run**, **1st place at UTMB World Series America's Major, HOKA Canyons Endurance Runs™** by UTMB® and **top ten** in the UTMB at **HOKA UTMB Mont Blanc**. She will be challenged by **Ekaterina Mityaeva** [HOKA [UTMB Index 755](#)] and Britain's **Eleanor Davis** [UTMB [Index 748](#)]. In the men's race, it looks to be all to play for with **Dmitry Mityaev** [UTMB [Index 913](#)], **Damien Humbert** [FRA, [UTMB Index 903](#)] and **Rod Farvard** [USA, [UTMB Index 894](#)] all in the running for the top spot.

In the **Els Tres Miles (50K)** race, **Sheila Avilés Castano** [ESP, [UTMB Index 762](#)] heads up a **strong Spanish field** as they look to dominate the podium spots. Top international athletes, **Bart Przedwojewski** [POL, [UTMB Index 899](#)] and **Sammy Chelangat** [KEN, [UTMB Index 866](#)] look likely to challenge Spain's dominance in the men's race however.



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Follow all the action from both Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB, Kullamannen by UTMB and Mallorca by UTMB [here](#).

Upcoming events on UTMB World Series international circuit:

- 28 - 29 September: Ultra Trail Whistler™ by UTMB® - Canada
- 3 - 6 October: Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB® - France
- 11 - 12 October: Kodiac Ultra Marathons™ by UTMB® - USA
- 12 - 13 October: Kodiac Ultra Marathons™ by UTMB® - South Korea
- 17 - 20 October: Ultra-Trail Ninghai by UTMB® - China
- 30 October - 3 November: Mallorca by UTMB® - Spain
- 1 - 2 November: Kullamannen by UTMB® - Sweden

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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® 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, fair-play, respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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