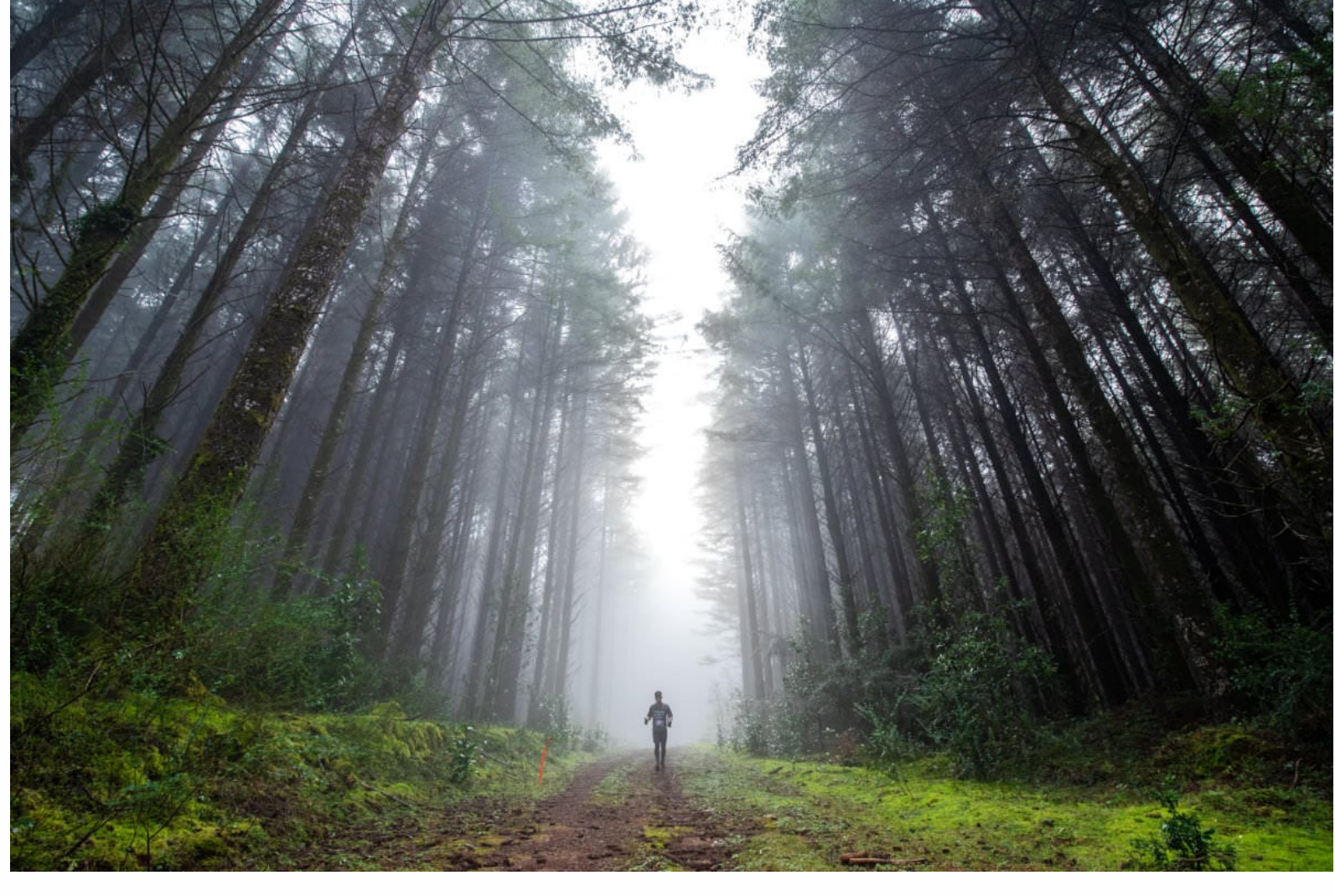


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## New challenge for UTMB World Series runners in 2025 at Torrencial by UTMB

Trail runners from South America and beyond have an exciting new challenge to look forward to in 2025 as **Torrencial by UTMB® joins the UTMB® World Series** for the first time in its ninth edition. Set in the host city of **Valdivia in Southern Chile**, the event will take place between **19-21 June** and showcase Chile's stunning **coastal mountains, unique biodiversity and community spirit**.



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Local runners are ready to seize the opportunity to **race on home soil and challenge themselves against international talents** over **six exciting race distances** - 100K **Pilalcura - 96 km** | D+ 3500 m, 50K **Oncol - 50 km** | D+ 1700 m, 20K **Quitaqui - 36 km** | D+ 1100 m, 20K **Quitaqui - 22 km** | D+ 430 m, **Cau Cau - 12 km** | D+ 300 m and **Saval - 6.5 km** | D+ 150 m. With **qualification spots** for the UTMB World Series Finals and Running Stones also on offer, South American athletes will not only be chasing their dreams close to home but be focused on claiming their spot on the global stage.

Race Director, Nicolás Nazal said, *"Torrencial has a well-established team with 10 years of mountain race organization experience, backed by local authorities and private sector support. This strong foundation has enabled Torrencial to join the world's premier trail running circuit: the UTMB World Series."*

### A dive into the world's southernmost temperate rainforest and the traditions of the communities that inhabit it

The event also coincides with an **important cultural celebration** for the local Mapuche people - **We Tripantu, or the Mapuche New Year**. Runners will have the opportunity to **witness and honor the Mapuche traditions**, from gathering around fires to share food, drink and ancestral stories, to visiting rivers for cleansing rituals that wash away the past year's negativity.

The tough weather is rewarded with one of the **most unique biodiversity hotspots**. Covering **less than 10% of the Earth's land**, the temperate rainforest is a **sanctuary for a remarkable variety of flora and fauna**, including the canelo -a sacred tree in Mapuche culture. Identified as one of only 35 biodiversity hotspots worldwide, this sanctuary is also home to the Chilean pudú (the world's smallest deer), puma and an array of native birds, who's call will follow runners as they traverse across the technical trails.



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### Strong links with young people and local schools

The event's organizing team has also cultivated a strong community connection through various initiatives, including offering **entries to students and teachers** from Los Pellines Rural School, **eliminating plastic with sustainable alternatives**, collaborating with the Cifán children and **youth orchestra** to perform and be part of the event and **working closely with residents of the coastal areas in the development of the event**. Additionally, over **400 boys and girls from seven Valdivia schools** are invited to experience the event, thanks to local government support. In response to community demand, **a new 3km walk** was also introduced in 2023 to welcome participants of all abilities.

***"We are thrilled to welcome Torrencial by UTMB to the UTMB World Series circuit**, bringing us closer to the vibrant community of Valdivia—a city celebrated for its rich cultural heritage, unique biodiversity, and welcoming spirit. Between the great Valdivian selva jungle and the Pacific Ocean, this is a unique opportunity to discover the region and local traditions alongside our partners at Corporación Deportiva Nimbus and those who have shaped this event over the past 8 editions into the success it is today. Trail running is growing fast in Chile, with exceptional athletes like Nicolás Ignacio Benavides (CHI, [UTMB Index 828](#)), recent winner of the 50K at Valhøll Argentina by UTMB® and Paraty Brazil by UTMB® in 2024, emerging on the scene. **We're delighted to offer Chilean runners the UTMB experience and the chance to qualify for the finals close to home**,"* said Florian Lamblin, Executive Director - UTMB International.

For more information, visit <https://torrencial.umb.world>.



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### UTMB® World Series 2024-2025 calendar (as of November 6, 2024)

- Puerto Vallarta México by UTMB®, Mexico (7-9 November 2024)
- Translantau by UTMB®, Hong Kong (8-10 November 2024)
- Malaysia Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, Malaysia (15-17 November 2024)
- Ultra-Trail Kosciuszko™ by UTMB®, Australia (28-30 November 2024)
- HOKA Chiang Mai Thailand by UTMB®, UTMB World Series Asia-Pacific Major, Thailand (5-8 December 2024)
- Arc of Attrition by UTMB®, United Kingdom (January 2025)
- Tarawera Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, New Zealand (February 2025)
- Ultra-Trail Xiamen by UTMB®, China (March 2025)
- Chianti Ultra Trail by UTMB®, Italy (March 2025)
- Valhøll Fin del Mundo by UTMB®, Argentina (March 2025)
- Istria 100™ by UTMB®, Croatia (April 2025)
- Desert RATS Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB®, USA (April 2025)
- Ultra Trail Mount Yun by UTMB®, China (April 2025)
- Grand Raid Ventoux by UTMB®, France (April 2025)
- Canyons Endurance Run™ by UTMB®, USA (April 2025)
- Quindío Trail Colombia by UTMB®, Colombia (May 2025)
- Ultra-Trail Great Wall by UTMB®, China (May 2025)
- Amazeon Jungle Thailand by UTMB®, Thailand (May 2025)
- Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB®, UK (May 2025)
- Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB®, France (May 2025)
- Ultra-Trail Australia™ by UTMB®, Australia (May 2025)
- Mountain Ultra Trail™ by UTMB®, South Africa (May 2025)
- Kaga Spa Trail Endurance 100 by UTMB®, Japan (June 2025)
- mozart 100™ by UTMB®, Austria (June 2025)
- Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB®, Spain (June 2025)
- Trail du Saint-Jacques by UTMB®, France (June 2025)
- Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB®, Andorra (June 2025)
- Torrencial by UTMB®, Chile (June 2025)
- La Sportiva® Lavaredo Ultra Trail® by UTMB®, Italy (June 2025)
- Western States™ 100 Endurance Run, USA (June 2025)
- HOKA Val d'Aran by UTMB®, UTMB World Series European Major, Spain (July 2025)
- Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB®, Italy (July 2025)
- Restonica Trail by UTMB®, France (July 2025)
- Trail Verbier St-Bernard by UTMB®, Switzerland (July 2025)
- Eiger Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, Switzerland (July 2025)
- Speedgoat™ Mountain Races by UTMB®, USA (July 2025)
- KAT100™ by UTMB®, Austria (August 2025)
- Quito Trail by UTMB®, Ecuador (August 2025)
- HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, France, Italy, Switzerland, UTMB World Series Finals (August-September 2025)
- Wildstrubel by UTMB®, Switzerland (September 2025)
- Kaçkar by UTMB®, Türkiye (September 2025)
- Chihuahua by UTMB®, Mexico (October 2025)
- Paraty Brazil by UTMB®, Brazil (September 2025)
- Grindstone Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB®, USA (September 2025)
- Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB®, Slovenia (September 2025)
- Ultra Trail Whistler™ by UTMB®, Canada (September 2025)
- Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB®, France (October 2025)
- Kodiak Ultra Marathons™ by UTMB®, USA (October 2025)
- Transleju by UTMB®, South Korea (October 2025)
- Ultra-Trail Ninghai by UTMB®, China (October 2025)
- Kullamannen™ by UTMB®, Sweden (November 2025)
- Mallorca by UTMB®, Spain (November 2025)

Runners can view the full calendar of events and choose their adventures [here](#).

### Images

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### Note to editors

#### 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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