



RACE BOOK

UCI MTB MARATHON

**HERO Costa Blanca
Calpe-Benissa, Spain**

Saturday, 21.02.2026

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01 SCHEDULE

HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON RACE SCHEDULE*

Calpe-Benissa Spain

[Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#) - Partida Gargasindi, 03710 Calpe

[Hotel AR Diamante Beach](#) - Av. Juan Carlos I, 03710 Calpe

Thursday, February 19th

9:00 AM – 05:00 PM Unofficial Training

Friday, February 20th

9:00 AM – 05:00 PM Unofficial Training

9:00 AM – 06:00 PM Paddock assembly in HERO Village at [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

10:00 AM - 07:00 PM Start Number Collection and Elite Rider Confirmation at [Hotel AR Diamante Beach](#)

03:30 PM UCI XCM Team Presentation in HERO Village at [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

04:00 PM HERO Race Talk in HERO Village at [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

04:45 PM Team Manager Meeting in HERO Village at [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

Saturday, February 21st

6:30- 7:30 AM Start Number Collection at [Hotel AR Diamante Beach](#)

At [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#):

08:00 AM START HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP: Elite Men

08:10 AM START HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP: Elite Women

08:20 AM START HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP: Master Licence

08:30 AM START HERO COSTA BLANCA 82 km / 50 km: Amateurs

12:00 PM Arrival Elite Men

12:45 PM Arrival Elite Women

01:00 PM Official HERO Costa Blanca Prize Giving Ceremony in HERO Village

*Schedule is subject to change

02 CONTACTS

02.1 SERIES AND LOCAL ORGANISER CONTACTS

HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP

Chairman: Gerhard Vanzi gerhard.vanzi@heroucimarathonworldcup.com

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UCI & Race Organization: info@heroucimarathonworldcup.com

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LOCAL ORGANISER CONTACTS

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Managing Director and Race Director: Javier Fernández

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Rosana Uriarte: rosana@fivecontinentsrace.com

UCI REPRESENTATIVES

President of the Commissaires Panel: Federica Guarniero

02.2 WEBSITES AND SOCIALS

HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP

Website: www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com

Instagram: @heroucimarathonworldcup

Facebook: HERO UCI Marathon World Cup

YouTube: @heromtbtv

03 RACE ENTRIES

03.1 RIDER REGISTRATION

All registrations for HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup categories will need to be made through <https://onreg.datasport.com/it/2026-hero-uci-marathon-world-cup>

No late entries will be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS 13:00 CET FRIDAY 13 February 2026.

OPEN RACING

Registrations for HERO Costa Blanca 82 km / 50 km for Licensed Master and Amateur riders on https://www.rockthesport.com/es/evento/hero_costablanca_2026

03.2 RACE LICENCES

All riders participating in the HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup must hold a valid (in date) UCI license issued by their National Federation.

03.3 ENTRY FEES

- HERO UCI Cross-Country Marathon World Cup: € 150.00
- Open Marathon: Variable (please refer to https://www.rockthesport.com/es/evento/hero_costablanca_2026)

03.4 RIDER CONFIRMATION & START NUMBER COLLECTION

At [Hotel AR Diamante Beach](#)

Friday 20th February from **10:00 AM – 07:00 PM**

03.05 INSURANCE

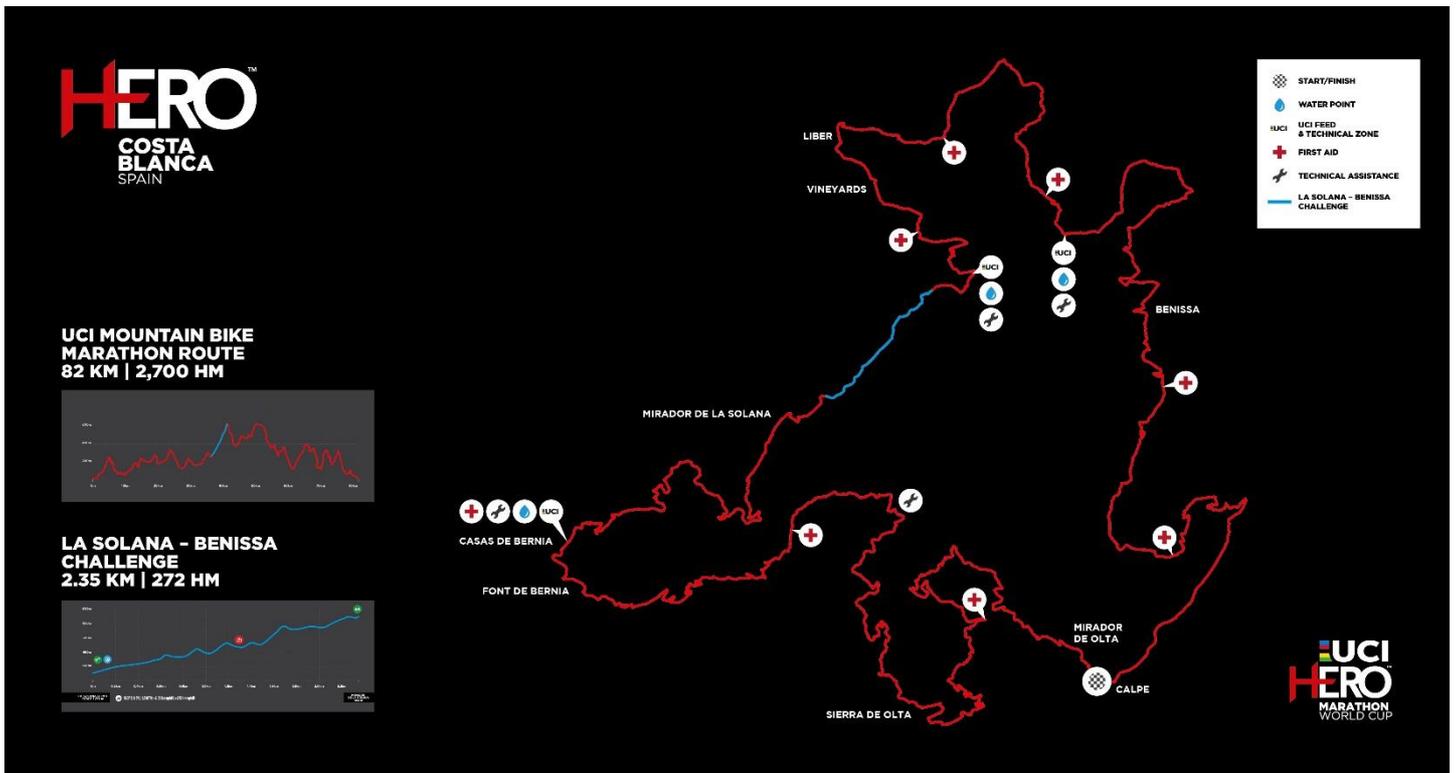
Personal insurance coverage is not provided by the Organizers.

According to **point I-I-3** of the Spanish regulations (described in 03.02), foreign riders other than those taking part in the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup round must have insurance provided by the Valencian Federation, even if they have insurance associated with their license.

03.06 DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY RELEASE

Racers voluntarily assume complete responsibility for all risks associated with participating in the Event and for any injury, accident or damage that may occur during their participation in the Event, including by way of example and not limitation: (a) travelling to and from the Event; (b) falls; (c) mechanical failures of equipment; (d) collisions with other participants, spectators and fixed or moving objects; (e) the effects of weather, including temperature extremes; (f) use of chairlifts, gondola or shuttle vehicles; (g) traffic accidents; (h) trail and road conditions; and (i) the negligence of themselves and/or others.

04.01 CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON COURSE MAP



82 km with 2,700 HM

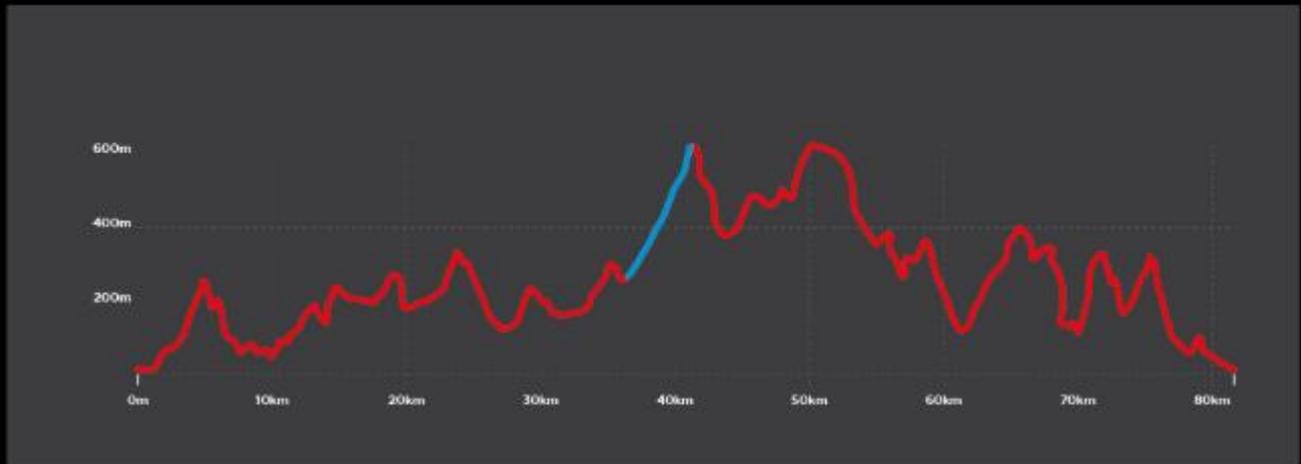
The most technical and spectacular terrain of the Costa Blanca provides the perfect setting to challenge even the most experienced riders. Steep and demanding climbs alternate with highly technical XC descents and some of the most breathtaking singletracks imaginable. The terrain is typically dry and characterised by loose rocks; in wet conditions, the combination of Mediterranean soil and limestone makes the course significantly more demanding.

Starting from the coastline in the municipality of Calpe, the route crosses Benissa, Senija, Llíber and Xaló before reaching the Sierra de Bernia - a spectacular natural balcony overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, surrounded by pine forests and holm oaks. The grand finale in the Sierra de Oltá delivers a demanding and memorable conclusion, sealing the HERO Costa Blanca as a truly unforgettable experience.

A total of **82 kilometres with 2,700 metres of elevation gain**, offering pure, demanding and exhilarating mountain biking at its very best.

PROFILE

UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON ROUTE 82 KM | 2,700 HM



04.2 TRAINING

Training on the signed course can be made on **Thursday, 19th and Friday, 20th February from 9 am to 5 pm** at the riders' own risk. There are no marshals or medical cover.

04.3 TIMING & GPS TRACKING

Live Timing and Live GPS Tracking will be available on:
www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com

04.4 TV OPERATIONS

Drone and camera operatives using E-Bikes and motorbikes will be operational throughout the race.
They will not interfere with the race in any way.

04.5 Feed Zones and Technical Assistance Zones

The race is divided into 4 Technical Assistance Zones, 3 of which are also Feed Zones, all of which are accessible as a technical area for the teams.

1. LIQUID + SOLID feed zone

km 22,3 of the race:

GPS data: 38°43'42.9"N 0°02'33.3"E

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ifJxiB7BvHS2yzqR7>

Access description: from Benissa to Senija by CV-745

2. LIQUID + SOLID feed zone

KM 35,8 of the race:

GPS DATA: 38°43'18.8"N 0°01'36.9"E

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tPdQSWc6FDYUA9Rw5>

Access description: from Benissa to Xaló by CV-750 at km 9.8

3. LIQUID + SOLID feed zone

KM 50,3 of the race

GPS DATA: 38°40'32.0"N 0°02'35.1"W

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ea3XqGgWbDYKbQGe6>

Access description: from Benissa to Casas de Bernia by CV-749 or from Xaló to Casas de Bernia by CV-749

4. ONLY TECHNICAL zone

KM 60,900 of the race:

GPS DATA: 38°40'45.1"N 0°00'49.2"E

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/JMCM7tNFrxkdnURB8>

Access description: leaving Benissa on the CV-749, after approx. 1 km, turn left towards the Ermita de Lleus.

Tech & feed areas will be clearly signposted and numbered; they are closed to the public and only authorized personnel will be admitted. Technical assistance is allowed in the provided technical zones only, in boxes out of the race course in order not to hamper the competitors. Bicycle spare parts and tools for the bikes must be put down in the technical assistance zones. In each zone, feeding and technical assistance can be done.

In addition to the technical assistance in the provided technical zones, technical assistance is allowed outside of these zones between competitors belonging to the same team or same representation. Competitors can carry tools and spare parts with them as long as these do not pose any danger to themselves and to others.

FEEDING ZONE ASSISTANCE.

We offer a free Feeding Zone Assistance to all riders. Prepare your liquid and solid alimentation in advance, label it with the stickers that we provide at the start area and you will find it waiting for you at the feeding zones.

05 START & RESULTS

05.1 START LIST

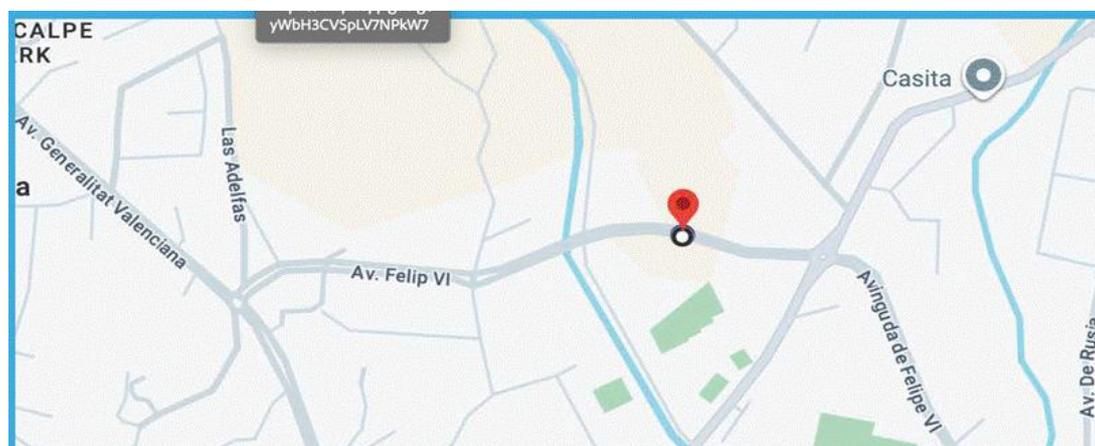
The start list will be published on Wednesday, 18 February 2026 on www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com and on MYRACERESULTS.

05.2 START

8:00 AM Start of round #1 of the HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP

Start Location: [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

LINK MAPS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dyiS8fViH2piWhA76>



Warm-up zones will be made available to the first 7 male and female riders on the start list. The Roll Call will concern the first 7 male and female riders on the start list.

CLOAKROOM SERVICE

A cloakroom service will be available at [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#). Participants may leave one backpack at the designated area before the start, which can be collected upon arrival at the finish.

05.3 LIVE TIMING & RESULTS

Race feed and Live Timing will be made available on the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup Website.

The results will be published on the home of the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup Website: www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com.

05.4 UCI MTB XCM POINTS

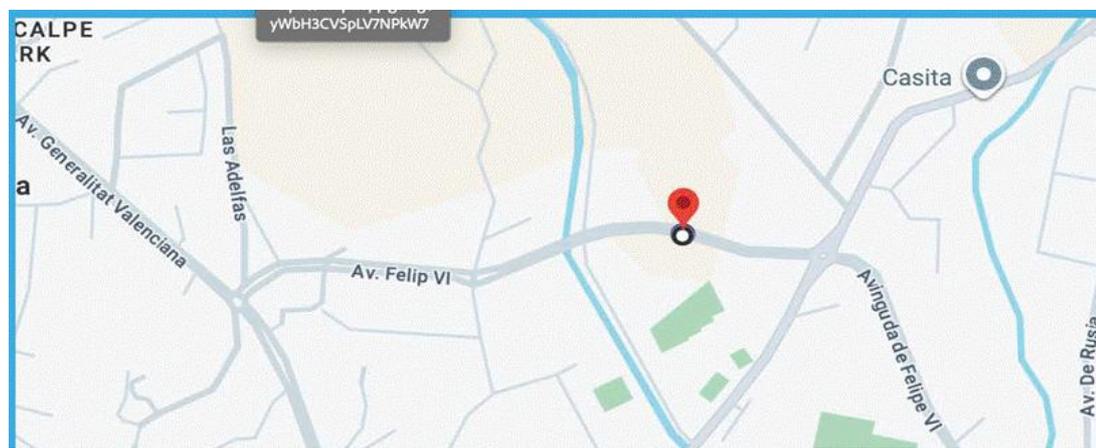
The following UCI MTB XCM points will be awarded to Elite Riders for each position from 1st to 60th in the respective general classification:

250 1st place	74 16th place	44 31st place	22 46th place
200 2nd place	72 17th place	42 32nd place	21 47th place
160 3rd place	70 18th place	40 33rd place	20 48th place
150 4th place	68 19th place	38 34th place	19 49th place
140 5th place	66 20th place	36 35th place	18 50th place
130 6th place	64 21st place	34 36th place	17 51st place
120 7th place	62 22nd place	32 37th place	16 52nd place
110 8th place	60 23rd place	30 38th place	15 53rd place
100 9th place	58 24th place	29 39th place	14 54th place
95 10th place	56 25th place	28 40th place	13 55th place
90 11th place	54 26th place	27 41st place	12 56th place
85 12th place	52 27th place	26 42nd place	11 57th place
80 13th place	50 28th place	25 43rd place	10 58th place
78 14th place	48 29th place	24 44th place	9 59th place
76 15th place	46 30th place	23 45th place	8 60th place

05.5 FINISH

Finish Location: [Parc de la Creativitat de Calpe](#)

LINK MAPS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dyiS8fViH2piWhA76>



The **Official Award Ceremony of the HERO Costa Blanca race** will take place directly after the arrival of the top 3 Women, approximately at **1 pm** on the podium in the HERO Village at the Parc de la Creativitat. The winner, the second and third placed riders shall be ready for the ceremony that shall be conducted under the responsibility of the chief of the commissaries panel.

The presence of the first three finishers (women and men) at the Award Ceremony is mandatory.

05.6 PRIZE MONEY

Cash prizes are provided for the first ten positions in the overall Men Elite and Women Elite classification.

XCM
1'500 €
1'200 €
900 €
750 €
600 €
450 €
375 €
300 €
150 €
75 €
6'300 €

Cash payments should be requested by filling out this form:

<https://www.heroucim Marathon World Cup.com/cash-prize-payment-form>

Cash Prizes will be awarded in accordance with UCI regulations and issued via bank transfer. The presence of the top three finishers in each stage's ceremony is mandatory.

Race prizes (cash and in nature) will only be awarded and handed over to athletes who are present.

06 RULES

06.1 RACE RULES

The event will be under UCI rules, the regulations of the HERO Costa Blanca UCI Marathon World Cup and the RFEC for the national event.

Press conference and HERO Race Talk: At the request of the organizer, the three best placed riders in the event and the leader in the world cup standings must attend the press conference and the HERO Race Talk.

Littering is strictly prohibited. No on-board cameras permitted.

The number and the chip, provided by the Organization, must be fixed to the handlebars and on the back of the participant in a clearly visible manner. The number cannot be modified or changed in any way.

Bikers must wear a hard safety-approved helmet, which must be kept fastened throughout the race.

All bikers must carry with them a puncture kit.

Bikers are required to move aside to allow faster bikers to overtake.

Participants who quit the race must give such communication to the Organization and hand the number back to the next security controller along the route.

It is severely prohibited to use any form of electric or electronic support on the bike itself.

06.2 DOPING CONTROL

All riders entering the event must comply with all Anti-Doping regulations and procedures if asked to do so. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from that event and further penalisation as deemed appropriate by WBDS.

WBDS will follow all ITA rules, protocols and procedures. It is the responsibility of all riders, teams and coaches to read and follow all advice and documents provided by ITA. The riders must adhere.

The Anti-Doping controls will take place in [Pavelló Domingo Crespo \(Calp Esports\)](#), Av. País Valencià, 03710 Calp, Alicante.

07 UCI MTB TEAMS

07.1 UCI MTB TEAM BENEFITS

These benefits are exclusively available to **UCI MTB Teams** registered with the UCI:

- **Paddock Space:** Allocation of 30 m² for all HERO UCI Marathon World Cup races upon request at least one month before each stage via info@heroucimarathonworldcup.com. Additional square meters can be requested for 20,00 Euro per m².
- **Team Standings:** Inclusion in the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup Team standings. A UCI MTB TEAM's standing is calculated by adding the points of the 4 best placed men and the 4 best placed women of each UCI MTB TEAM in the UCI XCM individual ranking.

07.2 FINISH AREA ACCESS

4 Accreditation passes for registered UCI MTB TEAMS valid for the entire 2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup season for the Start/Finish area and the dedicated areas in the Feed and Technical Zones. The passes will be handed out during the Team Manager Meeting on Friday, 20 February at 04:45 pm.

08 VENUE LOGISTICS

08.1 VENUE MAP

Address: [Parque de la Creatividad](#) & Surroundings – Calpe, Spain

Parque de la Creatividad and AR Diamante Beach & Spa Hotel, and its surrounding area, are easily accessible by car or bicycle. Both locations are less than four kilometres apart.



08.2 TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION

How to get there

By Air

The closest airports to Calpe are:

Alicante -Elche Miguel Hernández Airport. 70 km from the city center (1h by car).
Direct flights from several European cities.

Valencia Airport (BCN): About 130 km away (1h 40 m by car). Offers a wide range of international connections.

By Train

Alicante train station:

High-speed AVE/AVLO services connect Alicante with other Spanish cities.

By Car

From **Alicante:** approx. 50m (70 km) via the AP-7 motorway.

From **Valencia:** approx. 1h 40m (120 km) via the A-7 motorway.

From **Madrid:** approx. 4h 30m (470 km) via the A-3 motorway).

By Bus

From **Alicante Airport** and the **Alicante Bus Station** with direct connections.

08.3 ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to the tourism websites of Calpe to find accommodation options:

<https://www.calpe.es/es>

<https://www.costablanca.org/es/>

08.4 PARKING

TEAM Parking (closer to Start/Finish Area and HERO Village):

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UL3WmbB8DZqdALG48>

Alternative Parking:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/NHr6qukFXk16EbgY7>



08.5 WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please use the bins provided. Each team is responsible for its own waste.

08.6 BIKE WASH

There will be a bike wash service available inside the HERO Village at the Parc de la Creativitat.

08.7 SHOWERS & TOILETS ON ARRIVAL

Inside the sports municipal pavilion, there will be shower facilities available for participants. This service will remain open until Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: [Av. País Valencià, 03710 Calp, Alicante](#)

08.8 RESTAURANTS

In Calpe you can find a wide variety of restaurants with all kinds of international cuisine, with a large number of establishments specializing in local and Mediterranean food.

09 MEDICAL

09.1 HOSPITALS

In case of emergency during **HERO Costa Blanca**, visitors will have access to on-site medical assistance at the festival venue. In addition, there is the Hospital Marina Baixa in Benidorm (Av. Alcalde En Jaume Botella Mayor, 7, 03570 Villajoyosa, Alicante) and Hospital General Universitario Dr. Balmis in Alicante (Av. Pintor Baeza, 12, 03010 03010s3, Alicante)

In case of an accident or mechanical failure, you must contact the HERO Costa Blanca Control Centre at +34 687611918 and +34 687611935

In the case of an accident in an area without coverage, the notification must be given to the emergency telephone number 112.

10 USEFUL INFORMATION

10.1 USEFUL INFORMATION

Race Info

<https://www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com/hero-costa-blanca>

Live Timing and Live Tracking of the race on www.heroucimarathonworldcup.com

Tourism Info

<https://www.calpe.es/es>

<https://www.costablanca.org/es/>

10.2 PRESS ACCREDITATION

Press accreditation can be requested [online](#) through the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup Website.

The accreditation can be picked up at the race office.

SEE YOU AT THE RACE!

For any queries, please contact us at
info@heroucimarathonworldcup.com

