



THE HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP: THE 2026 EDITION

After a truly momentous edition, the HERO UCI Cross-Country Marathon World Cup returns for its second edition. The rounds which saw athletes compete for the top on the podium have now welcomed an addition to kick the circuit off: the HERO Costa Blanca.

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"If it ain't broke, don't fix it" – this saying is at the heart of the **2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup edition**. All five rounds of the 2025 edition have been confirmed for next year. With one interesting surprise: the event's international visibility had many locations knocking on our door to become part of the circuit. Among these locations, one was welcomed to the family and will kick off the circuit in February on the trails of the Costa Blanca in Spain. The UCI Marathon World Cup's new entry – the **HERO Costa Blanca** – will take place in Calpe, in Spain on 21 February. A new round which can rely on the experience of the local organisers to create a high-level competition.

From Spain the circuit will continue to Italy for the **Capoliveri Legend Cup**, a legendary race on Elba Island scheduled for Saturday, 9 May. For 2026, the race won't be held on the trails of the 2025 edition, but on the original 2021 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship trail. Following that, the circuit will return to mainland Spain among the summits of Andorra for the **Naturland-Andorra** on 31 May. Only a few weeks separate the third round from the **HERO Südtirol Dolomites** in Italy, set against the backdrop of the Dolomites, on 13 June.

On Sunday, 26 July, the cyclists will compete in Germany at the **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon**. After the summer break, the sixth and final round will crown the winners of the **2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup** in Spain on 20 September, in occasion of the **La Tramun Sea Otter Europe** in Girona.

Nearly **500 km** and over **18,600 hm** await on a high-octane circuit which will test the best Elite athletes. They won't be alone as, similarly to the 2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup, this second edition will also have its own, dedicated Master Licence category and ranking (for participants born before 1995).

REGISTRATION AND RANKINGS

To register for each race, the Elite and Master Licence categories will have to choose "UCI Marathon World Cup" during the process. Only by taking part in each round will athletes qualify for the overall ranking of the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup. At the end of each race, the ranking will be updated on the circuit's official website, herouci-marathon-worldcup.com.

To register for the 2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup: <https://onreg.datasport.com/2026-hero-uci-marathon-world-cup>

HERO COSTA BLANCA

The 2026 edition will kick off with the circuit's newcomer, which brings the event's total rounds to six. The HERO Costa Blanca will take place in Calpe along the stunning Costa Blanca's Spanish coastline. The clear, blue waters and bright, blue sky offset the sun-kissed beaches and cliffs. The trail boasts 82 km and 2,722 hm.

For further information visit www.herocostablanca.com

CAPOLIVERI LEGEND CUP

Organised yearly on Elba Island, the Capoliveri Legend Cup has been sweeping athletes off their feet since 2010 for its beautiful Mediterranean palette, its historical iron mines, and a unique microclimate. The marathon trail, which qualifies for the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup, boasts 72 km and 2,700 hm.

For further information visit <https://www.herouci-marathon-worldcup.com/capoliveri-legend-cup>

NATURLAND - ANDORRA

A go-to event for lovers of everything nature, Andorra is the yearly home of the Bike Show Naturland and the same-named race. A breathtaking mountain bike marathon in the heart of the Pyrenees, whose summits, valleys and forests are the perfect backdrop for this trail featuring 63 km and 2,190 hm.

For further information visit <https://www.herouci-marathon-worldcup.com/naturland>

HERO SÜDTIROL DOLOMITES

Known as the most spectacular mountain bike marathon in the world, now at its sixteenth edition, it also lends its name to the UCI Marathon World Cup circuit. Out of its iconic trails, the qualifying ones for the UCI Marathon World cup are 86 km/4,500 hm for the Men, and 60 km/3,200 hm for the Women. It takes place on the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and crosses Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arabba, Val di Fassa, and the Seiser Alm.

For further information visit www.herodolomites.com

BLACK FOREST ULTRA BIKE MARATHON

Set in a fairy-tale landscape, the Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon will be a race to remember. The qualifying trail for the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup boasts 118 km and 3,550 hm. The race kicks off in Kirchzarten, reaching Baden-Württemberg's highest summit – Feldberg Mountain (1,493 m) – and then continues through Menzenschwand and Hofgrund all the way back to the finish line in Kirchzarten.

For further information visit <https://www.heroucimathonworldcup.com/black-forest-ultra-bike-marathon>

LA TRAMUN SEA OTTER EUROPE

The last round of the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup is the La Tramun Sea Otter Europe. This is a homage to raw, unfiltered mountain biking at its very best, boasting a demanding trail of 82 km and 2,969 hm. A round which will truly test the body and skills of every single cyclist. The Costa Brava is also where the winners of the UCI Marathon World Cup will be crowned.

For further information visit <https://www.heroucimathonworldcup.com/girona-latramun>

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