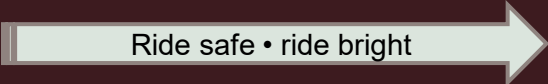




The Great Crossing Epic 2026

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TIMELINE



July 3–4

Tracker reservation deadline
Reserve your tracker by July 4 and review the tracker guidance.

July 11
10:00–11:45

10:00–11:30 Accreditation and starter bag pick-up
11:30–11:45 rider briefing

July 11
11:45–13:00

11:45–12:00 bag drop
12:15 toast with alcohol-free Hoppebräu beer

13:00 challenge start, following Iñaki by bike

July 24
21:35

Time limit for challenge completion

RIDER “MUST DOs”

Deadline	Action
4 July	Reserve your Tracker Device by transferring the 150 euro deposit
ASAP	Ensure you have all required insurance coverage in place
9 July	Download, read, and send a signed copy of the Rider Agreement (EN , DE) to info@ultracyclingchallenges.com .
10 July	If you want to have your bag or bike transported from Munich to the Fountain of Wine, learn more about the service and book your spot now
10 July	Share your bike setup with the ultracycling community by 10 July
10 July	Read the Rider Manual and Rider Safety Document carefully.
10 July	Download all route GPX files and upload them to your navigation device.
10 July	Verify that you carry all mandatory safety equipment as indicated in the Rider Manual .
Before the challenge	Download and familiarise yourself with the tracking app (Madcap.cc). Get insights on how to switch-on and transport the tracker before the challenge starts. Finishers hand the tracker over at the finish line; DNF riders must contact Iñaki on WhatsApp (+34 646 007 887) to ask how to proceed.
Before the challenge	Join the Official WhatsApp Group through this link to receive real-time relevant communications. <i>Official safety-related updates will be shared both via WhatsApp and e-mail.</i>
Before the challenge	Ensure you have all required insurance coverage in place

FAQs

What is included in my starter bag?	• Tracker device (shared by participants in Team mode) • The Great Crossing Epic personalized cap • The Great Crossing Epic pen • The Great Crossing Epic route map and rider letter • Event stickers to be placed on bike frame, helmet, or bikepacking bags (these help identify you on the road) • Ultracycling Challenges gummies • Ultracycling Challenges reflective armband • MNSTRY energy gel and energy bar • Cyclite discount card • Hoppebräu alcohol-free beer • Specialized water bottle
What if there is anything in the rider bag that I am not going to use?	We strive to be as sustainable as possible. If there is anything you are not planning to use, we welcome you giving it back to us so we can make it available to other riders.
I have booked the Bag & Bike Box transport service. How does it work?	You may hand-over your bike-box from 10 July, upon prior alignment with the organisation (Whatsapp to +34 646 00 78 87). Bags will be collected from 11:45 – 12:00 on 11. July. All information on terms and conditions is in the service booking page.
How will the departure be organised?	The challenge starts at 13:00h. During the first 4,7 kms riders will follow the lead bike within a single traffic lane, maintaining a compact formation, and respecting all traffic regulations. After the neutralised start, real challenge guidelines will apply, such as no drafting for solos, and riding together at all times for couples / groups. Ensure you comply with this as the disqualification policy applies.
Any must know about the “no drafting” policy?	Drafting means riding closely behind another rider (less than 10–12 m) in a way that the rider benefits from reduced wind resistance and gains an unfair advantage. To avoid drafting, maintain a minimum distance of about 5–6 bike lengths to the rider ahead whenever possible and, when you overtake, complete the manoeuvre promptly. If you are being overtaken, allow the passing rider to move ahead before re-establishing the required gap. If you observe repeated or intentional drafting, please document it with the cap number visible and send it to the organisation. Do not confront other riders on the road. If photos or video show a rider drafting, the rider may be disqualified.
What if I encounter temporary roadworks, detours, or unexpected road closures?	Follow local traffic regulations and the steps described in the Rider Manual (especially the section Spirit and Rules – During the Challenge) and Rider Safety Document. Remember: Leaving the official route in a way that also results in a violation of traffic regulations will lead to disqualification.
Any must know about the free route sector?	As safety measure, during the free route sector, riders are <u>NOT</u> allowed to ride through national roads (any road starting with N like N-113). Always follow the GPX, local traffic regulations, traffic signs and the instructions in the Rider Manual and Rider Safety Document.
Is there any official communication during the challenge?	Relevant official weather alerts and safety-related communications will be published, if available and necessary, via e-mail and the riders’ WhatsApp group.



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Is there any memory or service I will enjoy after finishing?	All official finishers will receive: The Great Crossing Epic Finisher Trophy Gift of a small red wine bottle from Bodegas Irache Access to Camping Iratxe facilities, including pool and showers
May I share my experience with the public?	Sure! You may post on your preferred social media by mentioning @ultracyclingchallenges and @thegreatcrossingepic . We will repost when possible, so the experience reaches more people. If you want to bring the experience closer to your friends, family, and followers, record short videos or messages about how your adventure is going, memorable moments, and send them to Iñaki on WhatsApp (+34 646 007 887). We will feature these updates on the event's social media channels so people can feel the challenge as if they were beside you.
How can I help the media team recognise me on the route?	We encourage you to wear the elements provided by the organisation — reflective item, stickers and especially the event cap — throughout the route. This helps us recognise you during the challenge and increases the chance that we can capture photos and videos of you on the road.
What could make me disqualified during the challenge?	• Lacking the mandatory equipment and insurance • Drafting after the neutralised start if registered as a solo • Not riding with your couple / group at all times if registered as a group • Not following the designated route at all times, unless traffic signs indicate otherwise • Disobeying traffic signs and laws • Leaving the official route in a way that also results in a violation of traffic regulations • Not having the tracker on and with signal at all times • Receiving pre-arranged support or third-party assistance • Systematic use of pills

Thank you for being a role-model to this community and helping us bring The Great Crossing Epic to life for everyone following along.

Ride safe, ride bold, ride bright, and enjoy every kilometer!

See you in the finish line,

Ultracycling Challenges

Please note that this document is for informational purposes only. The Rider Agreement remains the sole and official source of your contractual terms.

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