



GRANFONDO ALE' LA MERCKX 2022: REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

The Veronese international granfondo Alé La Merckx has opened registrations for the 2022 edition. It is one of the most beautiful and scenic cycling marathons in Europe: 129 km among vineyards and mountain pastures, starting from the charming Verona.

Bonferraro di Sorgà (VR) 14th January 2022 - Registrations are now open for the 15th edition of the granfondo Alé La Merckx. The start, as usual, is scheduled in Piazza Bra, in Verona, under the clock tower and a few steps from the famous Arena. The date is set for Sunday, **June 5**, with arrival on the famous climb of the Torricelle.

An international event, with an average of 2000 participants per year, this beautiful cycling marathon is a reference point for granfondo cyclists from all over Europe and beyond.

Athletes can choose between two routes: the **129 km long granfondo** with an altitude difference of 2,600 m and the **82 km mediodondo** race with an altitude difference of 1,450 m. After the start the cyclists of the two circuits will ride about 50 km together, heading outside the city walls towards the Lessinia park and the vineyards of the famous Valpolicella wine. At the village of Ronconi the two groups will split up. Those who choose the medium route will proceed towards the finish line, passing through Grezzana and Quinto, while those who choose the long route will start the long climb, pedaling between shepherd's huts and mountain pastures until they reach the 1568 m high "Bivio del Pidocchio". This is the King of the Mountain of the race, the highest point of the main route. Afterwards, all athletes will take the medium course again, descending towards Verona.

For both circuits the finish line is uphill, on the "**Le Torricelle**" stretch. At 4.5 km long, with an average gradient of just under 5%, this famous climb was included in the route of the 1999 and 2004 World Cycling Championships, as well as by the Giro d'Italia: in 2019 the Corsa Rosa made it the King of The Mountain, in the final time trial stage.

Registration for the 2022 edition of the Alé La Merckx, can take place on the website **www.alelamerckx.com** in the "Registration" section or through accredited points at the best bike shops (visit the granfondo website for further information about this subject).

Entry fees start from:

- € 45 until 31st March 2022
- € 50 from 01 April to 31 May 2022
- € 60 from 01 June to 04 June 2022

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At the moment, always taking into account the evolution of the pandemic situation, **some collateral initiatives** are also confirmed, such as the Expo village and the Griglia Scaligera, in addition to the event dedicated to the young cyclists: the Sprint Giovanissimi Alé.

The Alé La Merckx granfondo from this year is part of the **Prestigio 2022**, which brings together the most prestigious events of the Italian granfondo calendar, including the Dolomiti and the Nove Colli granfondo. In addition, and as always, the Verona race is included in the **Alé Challenge**, which includes 12 granfondo races, including the Via del Sale, the Felice Gimondi and La Pinarello.

For further information:

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