

The tour de France is an annual mens **multiple stage bicycle race**.



This year it is meant to start on **Saturday, 29 August** and end on **Sunday, 20 September**.

Eddie Merckx is won of the most famous cyclists as he has won **5** Tours of France .

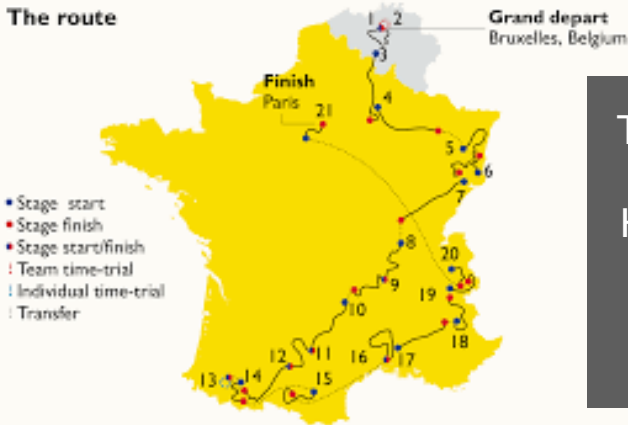
The **first** Tour de France took place in **1903**.

Lance Armstrong is another famous cyclist but he got **disqualified** after he had been using drugs after he had won

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The **youngest** winner was Henric Comet aged **19**.

The race was invented by a newspaper company called **L'Auto** to boost their popularity and circulation.

The **leader** of the race after every stage gets to wear the **yellow jersey**.

It takes place over **23** days, **21** stages and covers **2,000** miles.

The Tour de France is the world's **most famous** cycle race.

The **oldest** winner was Firmin Lambot aged **36**.

It ventures into different **countries** but always ends in **Paris**.

