



# TOR DES GEANTS

Endurance trail della Valle d'Aosta

330km - 24000m D+ - 150h

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**An extraordinary challenge in the heart of the 4 giants of the Alps!  
One of the highest peaks of ENDURANCE – TRAIL in the WORLD**

**330 km and a 24,000 metres of height difference  
Through the High Routes of Valle d'Aosta**

### LIVE FROM THE RACE | DAY 1 / NIGHT 1

*France, Italy, France: that's what the front of the men's Tor des Géants race looks like after the first day of the competition. In the lead is Lionel Trivel, who has stayed in first place all along the way and is already tackling the ascent to the Coda Hut. Behind him are Franco Collé and Antoine Guillon; the latter is taking part in the Tor for the first time ever. Francesca Canepa is still in the lead for the women's race and is seventh overall.*

*The race officials have however informed her of the initiation of a disqualification procedure due to alleged irregularities. Emilie Lecompte is almost an hour behind her, followed by Swiss Denise Zimmermann.*

The first night of the **Tor des Géants®** is over and, halfway, after the first 24 hours, we are already seeing a very interesting race taking shape, especially if we consider the very small number of drop-outs which characterised this first overnight part: **only 57 athletes** abandoned the race (updated figure as at 8.00 a.m. this morning), an extremely positive number compared to the other years. The favourable weather conditions certainly helped the participants to take on one of the hardest parts of the whole route, the one with the highest passes (Crosatie, Fenêtre, Entrelor, Loson) which comes to an end at the life base at Cogne, 102 km along the way.

The second finishing line, at Cogne, is still far off for many: only **81 competitors** have arrived at the life base and not all of them have headed off for Chardonney. Of note are the first famous names to drop out, like **Jules Henri Gabioud** and **Jamie Scott**.

We find a trio of great sportsmen at the top end of the table: **Lionel Trivel** has secured first place, racing ahead of his first pursuer, **Franco Collé**, by almost an hour. In third place is **Antoine Guillon**, taking part in the Tor des Géants® for the first time ever. The three have reached and passed through the life base at Donnass and are speeding towards the Coda Hut. The leader, one of the historic names of the Tor, is progressing at an incredible rate, not unlike that of the men's record-holder Iker Karrera, winner of the 2013 Tor des Géants®.

Following up is a strong little group of top runners, including **Hickademus Hollon**, **Oscar Perez** and **Christophe Le Saux**, as well as a real outsider, **Paolo Rossi**, bib number 1046, who, after taking the lead at the start of the race, has kept up an excellent eighth place overall.



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The women's challenge is between Italian **Francesca Canepa**, French **Emilie Lecompte** and Swiss **Denise Zimmermann**.

The Italian competitor, a two-times Tor des Géants queen (2012 and 2013), is at the front, leading by almost an hour with respect to her pursuers, but her position could be shattered due to notification by the race officials of the initiation of a disqualification procedure at her expense: checks are currently underway concerning alleged irregularities. Until her situation becomes clearer, Francesca, a native of Valle d'Aosta, will stay at the top of the tables and will very soon reach the life base at Donnas.

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