



Eschborn-Frankfurt Cycling Classic: Ride Along, Join In, Celebrate Together

May 1st is Cycling Classic Day! Alongside thrilling races featuring the world's elite riders and thousands of amateur cyclists, Eschborn-Frankfurt invites visitors to enjoy a colorful supporting program for the whole family – larger and more diverse than ever before.

Hotspot in the Heart of Eschborn

For the first time, the pro race kicks off at Rathausplatz in Eschborn – a traditionally popular fan hotspot, now becoming the official start location. From here, the world's best riders and the U23 talents head out through the Taunus hills, all the way to the finish line at Frankfurt's Alte Oper.

The fan festival on Eschborn's Rathausplatz begins at 10 a.m. with a big screen broadcasting the race, live music, and a stage program running throughout the day. The team buses will be parked right next to the start area – a perfect opportunity for photos and autographs. All teams will be introduced on stage before the neutralized start of the pro race at 12:05 p.m., followed 20 minutes later by the U23 riders. In the afternoon, the peloton returns briefly to Eschborn before racing toward the grand finale in Frankfurt.

By moving the race start into the town center, the ADAC Velotour gains more space along Elly-Beinhorn-Straße, offering a redesigned post-race refreshment zone and an activity-filled program for participants, families, and friends. Highlights include a stage show, live coverage by Hessischer Rundfunk, and handson activities for children – such as the German Cycling Kids course, Sportjugend Hessen's activities, and an ADAC mobility course. The fan zone at the XXXLutz parking lot opens at 8 a.m., just in time for the start of the amateur athletes.

Party at the Feldberg Summit

Fans will also be celebrating at the top of Feldberg mountain, 881 meters above sea level. A large video screen will broadcast the entire race, accompanied by culinary offerings. Spectators will have the chance to cheer on the riders up close as they tackle one of the toughest climbs of the nearly 200 km route. The pros are expected to pass Feldberg twice: the first time around 1:15 p.m., and again around 3 p.m.

The U23 race also takes on the summit twice – with the first passage expected at 1:30 p.m., and the second about 30 minutes later. Earlier in the day, around 8,000 amateur cyclists will take on the climb, aiming for the coveted titles of TISSOT King and Queen of the Mountain.

Roadside Celebrations in the Taunus

Celebrations aren't limited to Eschborn and Feldberg – lively street festivals await spectators all along the course in the Süwag Team Taunus communities. Festive hotspots include Oberursel (Marktplatz), Schmitten (Feldberg and Kittelhütte), Schwalbach (Sulzbacher Str.), Sulzbach (Dalles, with big screen),

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Kelkheim (Knoten Münster), Glashütten (Oberems and Schloßborn), and Kronberg (Berliner Platz, with big screen) – all offering unique local experiences and excellent views of the race.

A particularly electrifying spot will once again be the Mammolshainer Stich in Königstein, where the race often reaches a decisive moment. The Hochtaunuskreis will award more climbing points here. Between 2 and 4 p.m., the pros will tackle the infamous climb three times, cheered on loudly by the crowd.

Two Days of Cycling Festivities in Frankfurt

At the Alte Oper in Frankfurt, the Radklassiker festival begins the day before the race with exhibitors, live music, and family-friendly activities – the perfect way to kick off the May Day celebrations.

On May 1st, festivities at the Alte Oper begin at 10 a.m. A bustling expo, a variety of races, and non-stop entertainment await fans and visitors all day long.

Up-to-date information on course festivals, expected passage times, road closures, and travel can be found at:

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