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THE ROUTE TO THE UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS RUNS THROUGH QUEBEC AND MONTREAL IN 2026

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Quebec City and Montreal, Monday, 22 June 2026. The 2026 Grand Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal (September 11-13), which take place fewer than 10 days before the UCI Road World Championships (September 20-27), promise to be exceptional spectacles in their 15th edition.

With all 18 UCI WorldTeams competing (plus 3 invited teams) and modified courses, the only two UCI WorldTour events in the Americas will serve as a prime test ahead of the biggest cycling event of 2026.

September 11: Quebec City → September 13: Montreal → September 20-27: World Championships

AN EXCEPTIONAL FIELD FOR THE 15TH EDITION

Since their edition in 2010, the Grand Prix Cyclistes de Québec and de Montréal have established themselves as key events on the international cycling calendar. This year, the two races could feature the strongest field of competitors in their history, since the Grand Prix will be followed by the UCI Road World Championships. The peloton's biggest champions are expected to be on the start line.

Three-time UCI time trial world champion Remco Evenepoel (Red Bull - BORA - hansgrohe) announced his intention to participate at the start of the season. Nineteen-year-old French prodigy Paul Seixas (Decathlon CMA CGM Team), winner of the Flèche Wallonne in 2026 and runner-up at Liège-Bastogne-Liège and Strade Bianche, recently confirmed his participation as well.

In 2025, the two races had worth winners, with two-time UCI road world champion **Julian Alaphilippe** (Tudor Pro Cycling Team) in Quebec City and **Brandon McNulty** (UAE Team Emirates - XRG), just ahead of his teammate **Tadej Pogacar** (UAE Team Emirates - XRG), in Montreal.





MODIFIED, CHALLENGING, AND SELECTIVE COURSES

The courses for the 2026 Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec and Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal have been slightly modified.

Opening the weekend, the Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec (Friday, 11 September) is known for its unique urban course, its high level of difficulty, and its incomparable atmosphere in the heart of one of North America's most beautiful cities. The start and finish will be held, as in 2025, on the magnificent Plaines d'Abraham. The route retains the iconic sections of Côte de la Montagne and the final climb of Saint-Louis/George-VI. This year it offers 206 km (216 km in 2025), i.e. 20 laps of circuit (compared to 18 in 2025) and a total elevation gain of nearly 2,780 meters (2,610 meters in 2025), which will make the Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec a very popular race with riders who are punchy climbers.

Two days later, the Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal (Sunday, 13 September) offers an equally demanding course (4,304 meters of elevation gain) on the legendary Mount Royal circuit, renowned as one of the most selective on the UCI calendar. While the iconic climbs of Camillien-Houde, Polytechnique, and Pagnuelo remain unchanged, an urban loop via avenue du Mont-Royal Ouest, rue Saint-Urbain, and avenue des Pins Ouest, has been added, lengthening the circuit by a few kilometers, for a total of 214.4 km (209.1 km in 2025). The circuit is virtually identical to the one that will be used by the riders in the Elite Women's and Elite Men's races of the UCI Road World Championships.

JOSEPH LIMARE, GENERAL MANAGER:

“MORE EXPLOSIVE AND MORE SPECTACULAR RACES”

“The gravitational pull created by hosting the UCI Road World Championships in Quebec suggests that we will have one of the most competitive editions in our history. In both Quebec City and Montreal, the 2026 courses reinforce our identity and focus the action on the most decisive sections. In Quebec City, the course is shorter, more compact, and more challenging.

In Montreal, we have preserved the climbs while offering a circuit more conducive to tactical surprises. This promises more explosive races for the athletes and a greater spectacle for the public.”





THE HONOURABLE ADAM VAN KOEVERDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE (SPORT):

“SPORT HAS THE POWER TO UNITE US”

“The Grand Prix Cyclistes de Québec et de Montréal show the world exactly what Montreal, Quebec City and Canada are made of. These races bring communities together, inspire the next generation of kids to get involved, deliver economic benefits and create a long-lasting legacy. Our government knows that sport has the power to unite and elevate us. That’s why we’re incredibly proud to support world-class events like these that put Canada on the world stage. There’s no better way to celebrate 2026 as Canada’s Year of Sport.”

AMÉLIE DIONNE, MINISTER OF TOURISM:

“SHOWCASING OUR CITIES FOR THE WORLD TO SEE”

“The tourism industry is a major economic driver, and events like the Grand Prix Cyclistes de Québec and de Montréal contribute significantly to this. The Government of Quebec proudly supports these major sporting events that showcase our cities internationally and make them must-see destinations. I encourage cycling enthusiasts to take full advantage of our beautiful locations and discover everything that the metropolis and our national capital have to offer.”

BRUNO MARCHAND, MAYOR OF QUEBEC CITY:

“AN EXCEPTIONAL SHOWCASE FOR OUR CITY ON THE WORLD STAGE”

“The Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec is not only an exceptional showcase for our city on the world stage, but it is also one of the major sporting events that has won the hearts of Quebec City residents. This is evident in the crowds that gather and cheer on the riders along the entire course. This year, 20 laps of the circuit and an unparalleled elevation gain await the participants, for an epic competition. But one thing remains unchanged: the magnificent scenery of Quebec City.”

SORAYA MARTINEZ FERRADA, MAYOR OF MONTREAL:

“AN UNMISSABLE EVENT”

“The Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal has become an unmissable event on the international sporting calendar. With a spectacular course that notably passes through





Mount Royal, this event allows the public to experience the action up close and contributes to Montreal's international profile."

ABOUT GRANDS PRIX CYCLISTES DE QUÉBEC ET DE MONTRÉAL

Created in 2010, the Grands Prix Cyclistes de Québec and Montréal are the only UCI WorldTour events that take place in the Americas. Every year, the best teams and the biggest champions of international professional cycling compete in two races, which are recognized as among the most demanding and prestigious on the UCI calendar.

Grand Prix Cycliste de Québec route:

<https://gpcqm.ca/en/gp-quebec/>

Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal route:

<https://gpcqm.ca/en/grand-prix-cycliste-montreal/>

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