

UCI Gravel World Series: A Historic Debut at the Tre Cime di Lavaredo

The UCI Gravel World Series returns to Italy with a prestigious new event organized by A.S.D. Pedali di Marca. The race will take place on 20 June 2026 in Auronzo di Cadore – Tre Cime di Lavaredo, in the heart of the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, bringing Italy back to the forefront of the international scene after the success of the 2023 UCI Gravel World Championships.

The Event

The race is the only Gravel Marathon in the Dolomites and serves as a qualifying round for the next UCI Gravel World Championships, scheduled for 10 October 2026 in Nannup, Australia.

Start and finish will be in Auronzo di Cadore, framed by the picturesque Lake Santa Caterina. The course winds around the iconic Tre Cime di Lavaredo/Drei Zinnen, crossing the evocative Comelico Valley, the Pusteria Valley, and the Ansiei Valley, offering athletes and spectators a truly unique setting in the heart of the Dolomites.

The Course

- **Total distance:** 133 km
- **Elevation gain:** 3,170 m
- **Surface:** 103.6 km gravel/dirt roads, 30.4 km asphalt
- **Features:** fast sections on compact gravel, technical single tracks with demanding descents, and segments on uneven terrain

Key Climbs

- Danta di Cadore
- Malga Klammbach
- Bagni di San Candido
- Cimabanche
- Passo Tre Croci

From the Organizers

Massimo Panighel, President of A.S.D. Pedali di Marca, states:

“We have organized a gravel event in a place that is very dear to us: Auronzo di Cadore – Tre Cime di Lavaredo. It’s a territory we know well, where we already hosted the MTB Marathon World Championships in 2018. The idea of the GT3 Lavaredo – Gran Tour delle Tre Cime had been on our minds for some time, but a series of events slowed us down: first the Vaia storm, then the Covid pandemic. The transition from MTB to gravel—now a very popular discipline—was natural. In 2023 we organized an excellent Gravel World Championship, which became the final step in establishing Pedali di Marca as a trusted partner for the UCI in delivering a Gravel World Series event. It has been a long organizational journey, and today we can proudly say that Pedali di Marca is a true guarantee in terms of event management.”

Registration

Registration is now open. All information and regulations are available on the official website: **www.gt3lavaredo.com**