

Press Release – GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello UCI Gravel World Series

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With less than a month to go before the first edition of the GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello UCI Gravel World Series—the gravel race set in the heart of the UNESCO-listed Dolomites—preparations are entering their final phase.

On 20 June, from Auronzo di Cadore, the only Italian event valid for qualification to the European Championships in Houffalize (Belgium) and the World Championships in Nannup (Australia) will officially start. As established by UCI regulations, **25% of participants in each category** will earn their spot at the international finals.

A course that circles the Tre Cime: the mountains as a natural compass

The GT3 Lavaredo Long course covers **133 km** and features **five KOMs** (three first-category, one second-category, and one third-category).

Its most distinctive feature is its **circular morphology**: the race forms a wide loop around the **Tre Cime di Lavaredo**, which remain constantly visible and serve as a natural reference point for riders throughout the course.

GPX files are available on the official website: gravelmarathon.gt3lavaredo.com/percorso/.

The route opens with the climb to **Danta di Cadore**, immediately revealing the character of the race: long, steady ascents set within a landscape that alternates dense forest sections and open valleys.

A descent into the Comelico area follows, before the climb to **Klammbach**, the second KOM, where the view opens up and the Tre Cime once again dominate the skyline.

After the first 40 km—the most demanding—the course becomes more flowing as it heads toward **Cimabanche**, a historic crossing point between Veneto and South Tyrol.

The final challenge is **Passo Tre Croci**, a demanding ascent that brings riders back toward Auronzo, closing the loop around the Tre Cime.

A **Medium course** of **105 km** with **2,470 m of elevation gain** is also available, reserved for women and men Over 60.

For men aged 19–59, the same distance is offered in a **non-qualifying version**, designed for those who wish to take part without aiming for UCI World Series qualification.

Mauro Bettin's insights

“All the climbs are long but rideable,” Bettin explains, “allowing every cyclist to set their own pace—crucial for managing effort. The descents are equally long but not technical, offering valuable moments to recover.”

The course features **3,170 metres of elevation gain**, yet remains smooth and consistent: it's a prolonged effort where personal pacing will make the difference. Nutrition and energy management will be decisive on the long climbs.”

Off-road champions at the start line

Several MTB Marathon World Champions will be at the GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello UCI Gravel World Series:

- **Massimo De Bertolis** – Marathon World Champion 2004
- **Alban Lakata** – three-time World Champion (2010, 2015, 2017)
- **Héctor Leonardo Páez León** – World Champion 2019 and 2020
- **Roel Paulissen** – two-time World Champion (2008, 2009)

Bikes and registration

Participation is open to both **gravel bikes** and **MTBs**.

Please note that **registration fees will change on 1 June**.

Final evening with Liveplay

After a day of effort and beauty on the alpine trails—when the legs slow down and adrenaline gives way to emotion—Auronzo di Cadore lights up with music.

The final evening will feature the **Liveplay – Coldplay Experience** concert, transforming the post-race atmosphere into a shared moment of energy and lightness.

Free admission.