

# Press Release

## GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello – UCI Gravel World Series

**In the heart of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo: an authentic alpine route for the major gravel race on June 20**

The debut of gravel racing in the UNESCO territory of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo is getting closer. Fewer than 100 days remain until the GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello, the Italian stage of the UCI Gravel World Series, starting and finishing in Auronzo di Cadore and leading athletes through one of the most iconic landscapes of the Dolomites.

The Long course—133 km with 3,170 meters of elevation gain—has been designed as a true alpine gravel marathon: not an adaptation, but a route conceived to enhance the territory while testing athletes' endurance, pacing strategy, and technical skills. The course was previewed by Massimo De Bertolis, 2004 UCI Marathon World Champion, who confirmed the “authentic” nature of the GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello: a balance between sporting challenge and full immersion in the landscape.

The race opens with the climb to Passo Sant'Antonio and continues toward the KOM of Danta di Cadore, the first natural selection of the peloton. The decisive section is the long ascent to Malga Klammbach—25 km leading to the highest point of the course (1,929 m), where the terrain alternates between mule tracks and compact gravel. Endurance will again be crucial on the final KOM at Passo Tre Croci, reached after the fast stretch of the Old Railway, before the final descent toward Auronzo.

Gravel terrain is the true protagonist of the GT3 Lavaredo Pinarello: from the fast white roads of the Old Railway to the more technical alpine mule tracks, all the way to the demanding descents beneath the Pomagagnon. A mix that requires clarity, clean handling, and adaptability. Alpine conditions in June also make clothing choices essential, with particular attention to thermal management and protection on the descents.

The route crosses some of the most striking locations in the Dolomites: the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, Val Fiscalina, Malga Klammbach—the event's “Cima Coppi”—the Dobbiaco–Cimabanche Old Railway, the Somadida Forest, and finally Val Grande, which accompanies athletes toward the finish line.

Registrations are open: all details are available on the official website. Reduced-rate entries are available until the end of April.