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## MILLET TOUR DU RUTOR EXTRÊME

**"It will be a record-breaking edition" says Marco Camandona.**

All is ready in the Aosta Valley for the **Millet Tour du Rutor Extrême**, scheduled for Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th, on the Aosta Valley peaks of La Thuile, Valgrisenche, and Arvier. This 22nd edition will also feature competition for the final of **La Grande Course 2026**, the prestigious ski mountaineering circuit that brings together the most beautiful and best-organized super classics of the "Old Continent".

To crown the king and queen of winter, a record-breaking 22nd edition. With 277 two-person teams representing as many as 19 nations, the Millet Tour du Rutor Extrême promises to be an unmissable two-day event. "We have matched our participation record from 2018," commented with satisfaction the deus ex machina of the TDR, Marco Camandona. "In the post-Covid period the race movement, and consequently our event as well, had to deal with a slight downturn, but now the trend is positive again and that can only make us happy. An important figure to highlight is that 10% are women. Let's not forget that to the numbers mentioned above we must add the participants in the non-competitive ascent 'Team 85', and all the young athletes who will race individually on courses dedicated to them, but still highly technical and selective."

### THE PROTAGONISTS:

The dominators of the Pierra Menta William Bon Mardion – Xavier Gachet, the two captains of the Italian and French national teams Alba De Silvestro – Axelle Mollaret are the favourites for the race, while William Boffelli – Alex Oberbacher and Sonia Brusoz – Marcela Vasinova are aiming straight for the circuit after their success at the Transcavallo. However, given the level of the athletes in the race, making a prediction is difficult.

On the peaks overlooking the towns of La Thuile, Valgrisenche and Arvier, a stellar cast is expected, with also Samuel Equy – Anselme Damevin, Davide Magnini – Anton Palzer and Federico Nicolini – Nadir Maguet competing for a podium place in the men's race.

In the women's field, a special mention goes to Ilaria Veronese – Corinna Ghirardi and Noemi Junod – Giulia Compagnoni. The test for everyone will be 5,000 metres of positive elevation gain spread over two stages with at least 20 equipment transitions, 50 km in total (35 uphill, 15 free ride), and 3 km of ridges and couloirs with sections above 3,000 metres altitude.





## THE RACE IN DETAIL:

### SATURDAY THE GREAT TRAVERSE

The opening stage will start from the centre of La Thuile and finish in Valgrisenche. A “big race”, a dive into history with over 2,400 metres of climbing that will partly follow the route of '33; namely the “first edition” of the Tour du Rutor, then called the “Trofeo del Rutor”. As in 2024, competitors will face a spectacular traverse on one of the largest glaciers in Valle d’Aosta. “It will be a memorable day that will put all competitors to the test.” Words of Marco Camandona.

### SUNDAY THE CLASSIC PLANAVAL FINAL

From the past to the present. The decisive stage will take place where the modern TDR was born, with start and finish in the hamlet of Planaval in the municipality of Arvier (1,554 m a.s.l.). It features a spectacular and dynamic loop around the Château-Blanc. A route that will take the athletes to the summit at 3,422 m a.s.l., after passing the mountain pastures of Orfeuille (1,982 m a.s.l.) and Plan-Petet (2,282 m a.s.l.). In this stage the positive elevation gain will be approximately 2,300 metres.

### TEAM 85, AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PARTICIPANTS

Also this year on Sunday the initiative “Team TDRX85” will be proposed again (the name obviously refers to the width of touring skis). Starting from Planaval, amateurs will be able to set off independently between 6:30 and 9:30 and reach the area near Plan Petet Alta (2,360 m); 850 metres up of full immersion in the unspoilt nature of the “Valgrisa” to follow the key moments of the race and collect the “finisher” coupon. The first 200 participants will win a beautiful 22-litre Millet backpack as a gadget. If you haven’t done it yet... Register!!

### PHOTOALPARVIER PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

The PhotoAlpArvier 2026 photographic contest is designed to enhance and promote the Millet Tour du Rutor Extrême 2026. The initiative aims to tell the story of the competition in its many aspects: from the athletes, to behind-the-scenes moments, up to the extraordinary natural setting of the mountains hosting the event. Participation in the contest is free and open to all non-professional photography enthusiasts. REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. The photographs must be taken in the area between 27 and 29 March 2026 and may depict any aspect of the race, from the energy of the athletes to behind-the-scenes moments.

For more information and registration: [www.tourdurutor.com](http://www.tourdurutor.com)

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