

# PRESS KIT QUEBRANTAHUESOS SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 SABIÑÁNIGO (HUESCA)





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### THE EVENT

This year the Quebrantahuesos will be held on the **18th of September**, with the start and finish line in the town of Sabiñánigo (Huesca). The event includes two non-competitive cyclosportive events:

The Quebrantahuesos Gran Fondo is the main event. This year it finds itself in its 30th edition, and it's positioned as the best Gran Fondo in Spain (noncompetitive and long distance). With a total distance of 200 kilometers, the route winds through the Aragon and French Pyrenees, and it includes four mountain passes, with some historic ones from the Tour de France, such as the climb to Marie Blanque.

This year the **Treparriscos Medio Fondo** celebrates its 17th edition. It's a Medio Fondo cyclosportive (middle distance) with a route of 85 kilometers within Spanish territory, and it includes two mountain passes.





## **PARTICIPANT PROFILE**

The event in June 2019 featured 11,500 participants (9,000 in the Quebrantahuesos and 2,500 in Treparriscos), coming from 47 different countries, which drives the event into an international perspective, with Spain, France and United Kingdom as the more representative. In national terms, every Autonomous Community was represented, with special attendance of participants from Comunidad Valenciana, Aragón, País Vasco and Catalunya. The average QH participant profile is a male aged between 35 and 42 years.



### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

As the course of both events goes through highly valuable natural environments, as well as for the safety of the participants, the number of participating riders is restricted. For this reason and given the high demand of applications to register for both events, each year there is a raffle for the available places. In addition to the process mentioned above, and as is customary, the sponsors have offered different raffles and promotional activities so that applicants can get a place. To add even more efforts and in order to give maximum number of opportunities, the Organisation works tirelessly year after year to find new ways to reward the most loyal participants, but also to provide options to those cyclists who have not been lucky in the raffle.

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As a result, this year, a place was also given to those participants with more than 15 Quebrantahuesos editions in their legs, those who for the third consecutive year had no luck in the raffle, those who registered for the Treparriscos in 2019 as a result of not obtaining a place for the Quebrantahuesos 2019, as well as those cyclists that appear in last year's medical reports and who weren't able to finish the event because they were hospitalised.



The Quebrantahuesos is the leading event in the country of popular cycling, annually concentrating more than 10,000 riders and receiving more than 14,000 applications for participation. The spectacular course in the Aragon and French Pyrenees, and the possibility of completing historic Tour de France mountain passes, make this one of the most beautiful cycling events from a scenic perspective. The comradeship which reigns on the day of the event and on the days leading up to it, as well as the total implication of the Organisation and volunteers, create a festive family atmosphere which is addictive. The town of Sabiñánigo, as well as local villages and businesses in the area, bend over backwards for the participants and open up their doors to celebrate this great cycling festival. Further to this great atmosphere, the event has significant police and security presence accompanying participants throughout the whole route. The Spanish Guardia Civil and the French Gendarmerie, as well as the Organisers, will do their upmost to comprehensively monitor the event to ensure the safety of all participants. Besides the large deployment of personnel, the Organisation has the invaluable support of the sponsors. Thanks to the Quebrantahuesos' positioning as the best cycling event in the country, the leading cycling brands were encouraged to sponsor the event, and the Organisation is very proud to count on the support of the best.

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## **VENUES AND SCHEDULE**

The XXX Quebrantahuesos Gran Fondo official start is at 08:00 hours on Saturday, 18th of September 2021, next to the Pirenarium building located in the Ejército Avenue in Sabiñánigo (Huesca). It's a 200 km course, and it will finish at the same place as the start, where race control will close at 19:30 hours. The start of the Quebrantahuesos will be divided into different starting boxes distributed as follows.

The Treparriscos Medio Fondo official start will be at 08:45 hours on Saturday, 18th of Seprember 2021, next to the Pirenarium building located in the Ejército Avenue in Sabiñánigo (Huesca). It's an 85 km course, and it will finish at the same place as the start, where race control will close at 16:45 hrs.



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### TERRITORY

The Quebrantahuesos is more than a sporting event. The event, which has the support of the Government of Aragón, Tourism of Aragón, Huesca County Council, Alto Gállego District and the Sabiñánigo City Council, is a great event for the autonomous region, as it promotes its beautiful landscape and infrastructures. One should not forget that the large volume of participants, who bring with them family and friends, is a great incentive for the entire Aragón tourism sector, as it exponentially activates reservations and consumption during the days leading up to the event, as well as on the day of the event itself. It is estimated that, in addition to the 11,500 participants, a further 30,000 people, between families and friends, as well as the Organisation, liven up the streets of Sabiñánigo during days of the event. International participants drive the image of the event onto the world stage, helping Aragón to appear as a great ecotourism destination



### THE COURSE\*

#### Quebrantahuesos Gran Fondo

The Quebrantahuesos has a course distance of 200 kilometers and a total elevation gain of 3,500 metres along the Aragon and French Pyrenees. The route includes four mountain passes: **Somport, Marie Blanque, Portalet and Hoz de Jaca.** During the event, participants will have at their disposal a total of 2 liquid feed stations and a further 6 liquid and solid feed stations. It is important to remember that the event counts with the invaluable help of volunteers throughout the whole course, who will assist the participants in anything they may need. There will also be Mechanical Assistance stations where professional mechanics will solve any technical incidents that may arise.

#### **Treparriscos Medio Fondo**

The Treparriscos has a course of 85 km and a total elevation gain of 1,350 metres, going through Spanish territory. The route includes two mountain passes: **Puerto de Cotefablo and Fiscal.** During the event, participants will have at their disposal a total of 1 liquid feed station and a further 3 liquid and solid feed stations. Just as in the Quebrantahuesos, the participants in the Treparriscos will have the help of volunteers and mechanical assistance.

\*Maps of the course and the feed stations, as well as maps of the characteristics of the event and the road closures can be viewed and downloaded on the website.

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### **SERVICES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS**

The participants receive the official jersey 2021 with the kit bag, which includes energy gels and different gifts from our sponsors. In addition, the participants will have WC's, medical services and mechanical services along the entire course, as well as different feed points with food and drinks with celiac option. Once the cyclists reach the finish line there is a physiotherapy service, bike park and showers at their disposition. Furthermore, and in order to recover, the Organisation will install a tent where food and drinks will be served to the participants. Participants crossing the finish line will be awarded with the official medal and diploma. The medal can be engraved there. The days after, participants will be able to purchase their pictures and download their video online



## **HIGH PROFILE PARTICIPANTS**

As a reference cycling event, the Quebrantahuesos each year counts with the participation of former outstanding athletes. The XXIX Quebrantahuesos was honored to have the Tour de France, Vuelta de España and Giro d'Italia winner, **Alberto Contador**. Many others have been an important part of the QH, for example, the five-time winner of the Tour de France, **Miguel Indurain**, usually participates every year.

Other famous athletes who have been willing to try our event include Aleix Espargaró, Purito Rodríguez, Edurne Pasabán, Abraham Olano, Carlos Coloma, José Antonio Hermida, Haimar Zubeldia, Gerard Farrés, Alberto Puig, David Albelda and Luis Pasamontes. One must not forget that the former cyclist, Fernando Escartín, is the president of the Edelweiss Cycling Fan Club, Organiser of the event, and thus providing the professional perspective that an event like this needs.



### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

The competition has exceptional media coverage. All the local and regional media cover the event, and the vast majority of national media also report on it. In addition, many specialised cycling magazines dedicate extensive reports on the Quebrantahuesos. The Organisation also has an audiovisual communications team that generates material for all TVs, and a more extensive final programme which is broadcast on public television. The whole event can be followed on the official website through the Live Timing and Live Tracking systems, and on the event's social media networks with more than 50,000 followers. In addition, at the finish line there will be a screen with live video from cameras distributed along the route and it will be also embed on the website. In addition, with the aim of providing quality content and tips for our cyclists, the Quebrantahuesos has created QH CHANNEL, an online television channel (in Spanish) that offers short videos with key aspects on how to successfully complete the event, as well as tips on the cycling world in general.

### **QH CHANNEL**







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