

TOUR D'AFRIQUE RACE RESULTS

2003 - 2017



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TDA RACE CROSSES THE FINISH LINE

It is with a mixture of emotions that we confirm that 2017 was the last year of the race component of the Tour d'Afrique. On the one hand we can celebrate the success of the race for its initial 13 years, from 2003 to 2015, when many clients were keen on competing and the contest itself was both friendly and fierce. However during the past 2 editions interest in the race has dwindled to a handful of participants or less. Not to mention we've even had clients, who were all in for the race on the TDA, exclaim, when they were riding another of our trans-continental tours, how refreshing it was not to be competing.

The TDA race was another one of our social experiments and we did our level best to make it as realistic, challenging and inspiring for the participants, from the honour system of self timing in the early years to timing to the second using a job clock and i-button system provided by Time Pilot. Over the years the race covered the lion's share of the distance from Cairo to Cape Town, including individual time trials, notably the notorious climb up the Blue Nile Gorge, the creation of the infamous mando days including the marathon 207 km longest day from Ghanxi Botswana to the Namibia border, and the merciful grace days that forgave one's weakest performances due to illness, injury or just wanting a break from the strain of riding hard day after day.

Cyclists on future TDAs will still be riding many of the same daily stages, they just won't be racing them ... unless they decide among themselves when a little friendly competition is warranted. Instead the removal of the race component will allow our staff to focus on providing the same level of quality service to all participants, while enabling those riders who are inclined to put pedal to the metal, to slow down a bit and inhale Africa and all it has to offer.

With that said it is our privilege to salute all those who partook in the race component. Among their numbers were professional and amateur endurance athletes, cyclo-cross aficionados, mountain bike specialists, muscular men, tall and skinny characters, and tenacious women. We will continue to display the historical race results at our website. In the meantime here is the list of the male and female winners who survived and conquered all that the trans-Africa race threw at them.



2003

The inaugural TDA was a true expedition and 10957 km in length, with a finishing route through Zimbabwe and across South Africa. Austria's Sascha Hartl and Marie-Claude Baehler became the first winner's of the world's toughest cycling race, while the 9 male racers with the best overall times also achieved EFI and were recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for the (at the time) fastest crossing of Africa by bicycle. Austria's Sascha Hartl and Marie-Claude Baehler became the first winner's of the world's toughest cycling race.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Sascha Hartl	Austria	143:28:20
2	David Genders	United Kingdom	144:38:00
3	Steven Topham	Canada	152:09:20
4	Scott Robinson	Canada	156:10:00
5	Jeremy Wex	Canada	161:05:00
6	Paul Reynaert	Belgium	169:19:00
7	Michael Kennedy	United Kingdom	172:09:00
8	Chris Evans	United Kingdom	178:07:20
9	Andrew Griffin	United States	186:30:20
10	Colin Biggin	Canada	190:13:20
11	Martin Sander	Germany	193:11:00
12	Fred Promoli	Canada	194:40:20
13	Michael de Jong	Netherlands	195:31:00
14	Peter Hallatt	United Kingdom	215:24:00
15	Paul Gamsby	Canada	216:47:20
16	David Atwell	Canada	220:23:20
17	Alan Clarke	United Kingdom	221:39:20
18	Robert Ball	Canada	225:49:00
19	Paul Davison	Canada	228:01:00
20	Jonathan Davies	United Kingdom	239:47:00
21	Alexander Campbell	Canada	243:30:00
22	Charles Giles	United States	248:31:20
23	Henry Gold	Canada	267:57:00
24	James Brown	Canada	270:07:00
25	Kyle Yost	United States	302:11:00
26	Tim Padmore	Canada	309:06:00
27	David Auger	Canada	384:47:40



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Place	Name	Nationality	Time
WOMEN			
1	Marie-Claude Baehler	Switzerland	175:34:00
2	Lorry Schmidt	Canada	222:12:20
3	Hermione McEwen	United Kingdom	251:10:20
4	Moiria Atwell	Canada	288:04:00
5	Ronda Green	Canada	334:31:20
6	Sandra McMillan	Canada	351:17:20



2004

All full tour riders were timed on the 2004 TDA. The race was dominated by Flying Dutchman Rob van der Geest who finished with the leading or joint leading time on 77 of the stages. He and his partner Wilbert Bonn  were also among the 8 EFliers this year. Women's champion Sandra Simon is considered one of the strongest ladies every to cycle the TDA.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Rob van der Geest	Netherlands	142:12:00
2	Wilbert Bonn�	Netherlands	148:41:00
3	Armin K�hli	Switzerland	153:45:00
4	Arthur Rijk	Netherlands	167:46:00
5	Martin Neitzke	Germany	179:20:20
6	Erik Drent	Netherlands	188:12:00
7	Desmond Hann	Canada	188:54:40
8	Gerard van Putten	Netherlands	190:24:20
9	Marc Mentink	Netherlands	206:39:40
10	Team Golder	South Africa	208:16:20
11	Dave Atlee	Canada	213:11:40
12	Daniel Ludwig	Switzerland	218:36:20
13	Randy Pielsticker	Canada	228:10:20
14	Bart Buitendijk	Netherlands	232:25:20
15	Scott Miller	United States	238:07:40
16	Frank Bradley	Canada	245:04:20
17	John Brewer	United States	248:23:20
18	John Rice	United Kingdom	271:23:00
19	Len Spratt	Canada	275:22:40
20	Brian Rodgers	United States	284:16:00
21	Dave Sylvester	United States	292:15:20
22	Joe Mattinson	Canada	316:23:20
23	Wolffert Otte	Netherlands	347:39:00



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Place	Name	Nationality	Time
WOMEN			
1	Sandra Simon	Austria	187:35:20
2	Stephanie Falkenstein	United States	220:14:40
3	Yuko Iwasa	Japan	236:00:40
4	Traci Brewer	United States	302:25:40
5	Edwina Mattinson	Canada	315:32:20



2005

The 2005 TDA was the 3rd and final edition in which all full tour participants were timed. Denmark's Kim Bremer and Swiss Miss Franziska Morger each won 4 of the 8 sections and the overall race, while South African Leana Niemand became the 1st woman to achieve EFI. David Houghton penned "the EFI Club" based on his 2005 TDA ride, and later produced "Ten", our TDA 10th anniversary book.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Kim Bremer	Denmark	137:21:13
2	Maarten van Dalsen	South Africa	140:26:39
3	Stefan Tobler	Switzerland	144:10:05
4	David Houghton	Canada	152:13:29
5	David Buchanan-Dunlop	United Kingdom	159:37:17
6	Eddie Carter	United Kingdom	162:25:35
7	Jack van der Veen	United States	168:08:32
8	Giles Trevethick	United Kingdom	174:59:22
9	Allen Marcoux	Canada	182:52:55
10	Stefan Schlett	Germany	188:16:26
11	Frans van de Vorst	Netherlands	198:31:35
12	Ruut van Wijk	Netherlands	199:50:38
13	JJ Hilsinger	Canada	200:23:01
14	Bart Couck	Belgium	201:01:26
15	Henning de Jager	South Africa	204:37:07
16	Patrick Stobbs	Canada	205:32:44
17	David Williams	Canada	206:29:00
18	Matthew Ryder	United Kingdom	211:20:35
19	Marius Bazuin	Netherlands	213:02:38
20	Henk Jan van der Torren	Netherlands	217:04:03
21	Arnold van Dijk	Netherlands	221:35:00
22	Aris Blok	Netherlands	226:24:36
23	Martin Parnell	Canada	238:24:55
24	Andre Koene	Netherlands	246:38:12



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Place	Name	Nationality	Time
WOMEN			
1	Franziska Morger	Switzerland	185:57:02
2	Leana Niemand	South Africa	194:33:20
3	Hannie Bazuin	Netherlands	229:09:02
4	Christine Rousseu	Canada	249:51:01





2006

The 2006 competitors may have been the best conditioned TDA racer group in terms of endurance, because 11 of them including the top 5 women also achieved EFI, riding Every F*cking Inch of the way from the Pyramids to Table Mountain.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Matthew Caretti	United States	137:10:27
2	George Oertel	South Africa	141:07:30
3	Urs Luethi	Switzerland	146:29:42
4	John Lofty-Eaton	South Africa	149:16:57
5	Urs Hausermann	Switzerland	151:55:55
6	Jaco Cotter	South Africa	157:04:18
7	Monty Orr	Canada	181:31:30
8	Pieter van Rooyen	South Africa	192:01:26
9	Geert Jan Schrauwers	Netherlands	296:21:50
WOMEN			
1	Joan Louwrens	South Africa	157:30:47
2	Phillippa le Roux	South Africa	168:20:36
3	Christa Meier	Switzerland	170:34:24
4	Emmerentia Jacobs	South Africa	176:03:48
5	Geraldine Paques	Canada	181:22:04
6	Deborah Taylor	United States	196:38:57
7	Sarah Grill	Canada	204:39:45





2007

The 2007 race was dominated by the 2 Dutch winners Adrie Fritjers and Eva Nijssen, each of whom won 7 of the 8 race/tour sections. But it may be most remembered for the remarkable performance of 2 Kenyans on a tandem bike, Douglas Sidialo who is BLIND and his friend Joash Aswani who steered them from Cairo to Cape Town.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Adrie Fritjers	Netherlands	131:41:39
2	Christopher Maund	United Kingdom	136:10:16
3	Gunther Tielemans	Belgium	141:34:03
4	Jan Eisenloeffel	Netherlands	153:00:01
5	Andrew Cameron	Canada	157:16:03
6	Joash Aswani	Kenya	161:15:44
7	Douglas Sidialo	Kenya	161:15:44
8	Remy Benois	Canada	175:03:17
9	Nels Hagglund	Canada	215:59:38
WOMEN			
1	Eva Nijssen	Netherlands	166:36:23
2	Janet Alexander	New Zealand	260:06:20





2008

The 2008 Race featured a trio of strong competitors at the top, Flying Dutchman and semi pro Jos Kaal, Austrian MTBer Bernd Prorok, and 7 Epics Challenger/Canadian triathlete Chris Wille. Due to election related violence in Kenya, the 2008 TDA did not travel overland between Moyale and Arusha which reduced the overall tour distance to 10501 km and the racing distance to 8578 km.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Jos Kaal	Netherlands	111:07:00
2	Bernd Prorok	Austria	113:17:20
3	Chris Wille	Canada	115:31:40
4	Bent Nielsen	Denmark	127:11:20
5	Dave Bouskill	Canada	138:48:00
6	Ed Din	United Kingdom	143:42:40
7	Max Allard	Canada	165:12:00
8	Clive Rogers	United Kingdom	171:44:40
WOMEN			
1	Deb Corbeil	Canada	169:03:00
2	Joya van Hout	Netherlands	183:20:20





2009

2009 was a year of experimentation. Racers were required to start each day together, which made it easy to determine each day's exact order of finish and times to the second, but after the 1st section some of the better racers dropped out because they liked leaving camp as early as possible (the shotgun start model has since only been used on mando days.) It was clear by the time the tour reached Addis Ababa that South African's Allan Benn and Taryn Laurie would win, barring injury, and with a small contingent of competitors, this resulted in the decision by the Race Director, with the consensus of the racers, to have lots of non-race days and half day races thereafter — a format which has not since been repeated in the interest of keeping the TDA the longest and toughest race on the planet.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Allan Benn	South Africa	138:46:54
2	Bruce McPhail	South Africa	144:06:28
3	Tim Gane	South Africa	144:10:46
4	Malcolm Campbell	United Kingdom	150:05:43
5	Tom Stephens	United Kingdom	161:30:23
6	Simon Gardner	United Kingdom	189:22:25

WOMEN			
1	Taryn Laurie	South Africa	143:02:23
2	Lone Sand	Denmark	203:14:03





2010

The Men's 2010 Race was won by MTBer Stuart Briggs, who was fastest over only 1 of the 8 sections but proved to be the most consistent racer overall. The 2010 edition will probably be most remembered for the performance of Gisela "Gizzy" Gartmair who set the Women's Blue Nile Gorge record at 1:42:00 and finished 2nd overall behind Stuart, even after her time bonuses for winning almost all of the women's mando day 1st place time bonuses are excluded. There was also a 6 hour bonus deduction for racers who rode EFI, 2010 was the only year that this experimental change was incorporated into the overall race times.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Stuart Briggs	Australia	143:44:00
2	Jethro de Decker	South Africa	149:11:00
3	Tim Thomas	United States	150:53:40
4	Daniel Spasojevic	Australia	159:32:20
5	Rod Atkinson	Canada	163:34:00
6	Simon Francis	South Africa	168:35:20
7	Sunil Shah	Canada	170:30:00
8	Eric Dufour	Canada	188:20:00
9	Frans Smit	Netherlands	192:39:20
10	Felix von Fürstenberg	Germany	198:43:20
11	Marcel van Zwam	Netherlands	199:10:20
12	Gerard Coniel	France	208:01:20
13	Dave Arman	United States	211:52:40
14	Tony Nester	United Kingdom	218:39:40
15	Jos Malherbe	South Africa	224:13:40
16	Peter Pizer	South Africa	228:51:00
17	Rick Wasfy	United States	233:51:40
18	Daniel Johnson	United States	235:08:40

WOMEN

1	Gisela Gartmair	Germany	146:04:40
2	Juliana Austin-Olsen	Canada	163:35:20
3	Jennifer Crake	Canada	191:36:20
4	Lynne Wolfson	Canada	198:26:20
5	Erin Sprague	United States	212:03:20
6	Stephanie Sleen	Canada	236:01:20
7	Cat Hardee	United States	289:31:20



2011

The 2011 Race was won by 2 of the strongest TDA cyclists ever, 2 time Canadian Cycling Champion Paul Wolfe — the oldest TDA victor ever at age 57 — and fellow Canuck Tori Fahey who raced and completed the likewise super challenging and offroad Tour Divide a few months later. Paul's 27 1/2 hour margin of victory was also at the time the largest ever (since exceeded by 2014 winner).

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Paul Wolfe	Canada	139:16:40
2	Dennis Kipphardt	Germany	149:08:00
3	Adam Stickler	United Kingdom	150:09:00
4	Jörg Hartmann	Germany	152:41:20
5	Scott DeMoss	United States	158:12:20
6	Paul Spencer	United Kingdom	159:46:00
7	Francis Staunton	United Kingdom	168:06:40
8	Jean Bernier	Canada	176:14:00
9	Lindsay Gault	New Zealand	196:11:20
10	Kim Lindberg Christensen	Denmark	203:42:20
11	Hardy Grüne	Germany	206:42:20
12	Kim Frandsen	Denmark	210:56:40
13	Shan Guo	United States	212:32:00
14	Peter-Jan Van As	Netherlands	220:17:00
WOMEN			
1	Tori Fahey	Canada	164:54:40
2	Carrie Buckmaster	New Zealand	195:10:00





2012

The 2012 Race proved to be the closest ever with Switzerland's Christian Sailer edging Germany's Raffael Schrof by just over 2 hours. The difference came down to the tough mando day stage from Kanso to Yabello Ethiopia which Raffa was unable to complete due to illness. 2012 was also one of the biggest fields of serious racers, with a fast peloton that often included more than 10 cyclists, and on most days a battle to the finish line for the stage honors. 11 full tour ladies were also timed, the most to date. Norwegian sectional rider Pal Fritsvold set the record for the Gorge Time Trial at 1:17:59. And on the longest day (207 km, Ghanxi Botswana to Namibia border) the group pulled the top dogs for 150 km+ to give them a chance at the stage record, which Raffa set at 5:41:00, with Bryce a mere 15 seconds behind.

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
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MEN

1	Christian Sailer	Switzerland	125:31:59
2	Raffael Schrof	Germany	126:08:27
3	Bryce Walsh	United States	132:11:52
4	Adam Lister	Canada	135:14:33
5	Alaric Britz	Namibia	144:15:59
6	Norbert Christ	Germany	146:11:49
7	Alan Emerton	South Africa	162:31:33
8	Jonathan Cowan	Australia	164:59:21
9	Jurgen Meijer	Netherlands	167:58:27
10	Steve Smith	South Africa	175:35:21
11	Miguel Teixeira	South Africa	180:04:59
12	Robert Rowley	United States	197:03:02
13	Andrew Younghusband	Canada	214:18:05

WOMEN

1	Femke Nelissen	Netherlands	185:37:14
2	Jen Davenport	United Kingdom	206:28:28
3	Esther Borg	Australia	212:02:11
4	Marita Reilly	Ireland	218:56:38
5	Carla White	Canada	227:48:13
6	Gizele Price	Canada	235:08:29
7	Beverley Coburn	Canada	262:01:22
8	Genesse Beadman	Australia	266:10:17
9	Marianne Phillips	Australia	295:18:10
10	Nola Reynolds	Canada	301:18:24
11	Shona Bell	South Africa	326:05:00



2013

Place	Name	Nationality	Time
MEN			
1	Pascal Duquette	Canada	117:26:52
2	Philip Howard	Ireland	123:59:20
3	John Faulkner	New Zealand	127:35:31
4	Vince Langford	New Zealand	141:25:10
5	Freek de Haas	Netherlands	145:11:04
6	Alastair Insall	United Kingdom	153:32:11
7	Wayne Gaudet	Canada	154:17:10
8	Alex Morier	Canada	157:21:00
9	Steffen Vogt	Germany	160:27:03
10	Darragh O'Riordan	Ireland	163:49:23
11	Alan Knight	United Kingdom	165:57:51
12	Alex Beraskow	Canada	173:14:28
13	Phil Kissel	New Zealand	176:43:20
14	Daniel Wood	New Zealand	181:08:16
15	Marco Panebianco	Italy	183:36:57
16	Jared Lester	Canada	184:12:38
17	Thijs Kupers	Netherlands	184:15:15
18	James Campbell	Australia	188:13:01
19	Bas Willems	Netherlands	193:08:50
20	John Chevis	United Kingdom	210:38:41
21	Diederik Branger	Netherlands	224:20:52
22	Mike Vermeulen	United States	232:16:58
23	Chris Walker	Australia	266:32:07
WOMEN			
1	Bridget O'Meara	South Africa	149:24:04
2	Rosi Winn	Australia	157:01:53
3	Marie-Claire Oziem	United Kingdom	171:39:22
4	Elizabeth Brown	United Kingdom	177:06:52
5	Susanne Froehle	Germany	196:54:55
6	Tessa Melck	South Africa	206:16:02
7	Anne Cook	New Zealand	214:37:02
8	Naomi Johnson	United Kingdom	228:37:34
9	Tracy Esterhuyzen	Australia	273:53:11



2014

Place

Name

Nationality

Time

MEN

1	David Grosshans	Australia	138:49:09
2	David Wolfendale	United States	153:07:19
3	Alessandro Mauri	Germany	160:30:26
4	Diederik Heisey	Canada	162:33:28
5	David Crane	United States	164:49:14
6	Cameron Odro Kilgour	Canada	191:35:40
7	Chris Dick	Canada	256:43:42

WOMEN

1	Ina de Visser	Netherlands	139:01:33
2	Jennilea Hortop	Canada	197:19:05
3	Catharine Daly	Canada	230:27:28



2015

Place

Name

Nationality

Time

MEN

1	Mike Lantz	United States	107:16:39
2	Eric Beurton	France	113:25:01
3	Ivan Zimmermann	South Africa	122:01:14
4	David Snell	United Kingdom	134:12:28
5	Dirk Pater	Netherlands	145:08:21
6	Jaap Brasser	Netherlands	150:56:28
7	Timothy Illes	Australia	160:47:08
8	Nathaniel Freeman	United States	163:00:11
9	Marek Poplawski	Canada	199:03:30

WOMEN

1	Sue Shuttleworth	United Kingdom	191:18:03
2	Paige Webb	Canada	217:34:36



2016

Place

Name

Nationality

Time

MEN

1	Douwe Cunningham	Netherlands	97:22:18
2	Rupert Dixon	United Kingdom	106:54:53
3	Jason Metcalfe	Switzerland	117:07:18
4	Craig Thomson	South Africa	122:04:13
5	Graham Whelan	United Kingdom	128:24:01
6	Mike Voisin	Canada	148:32:35

WOMEN

1	Katja Steenkamp	South Africa	81:32:01
2	Emma Houterman	Netherlands	85:28:16
3	Jean Kapala Brown	United States	124:08:04
4	Stephanie Thornton	Canada	175:12:48



2017

Place

Name

Nationality

Time

MEN

1	Charles Butler	Australia	96:17:45
2	Mark Borsuk	United Kingdom	105:57:21
3	Niklas Frisk	Sweden	107:39:22
4	Julian Maycock	Australia	136:39:30

WOMEN

1	Alexandra Pastollnigg	Austria	121:74:43
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