



**Tim in KY** GdI Stage 1 is 147 kilometers along the Bulgarian coast of the Black Sea from Nesebar to Burgas. The route goes through Burgas early in the stage and continues south for two loops of a circuit then returns north for the finish.

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07:51:17 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1778155084-GI%2026%20stage-1-route.jpg>

05-07-2026  
07:53:06 am



**Tim in KY** The profile is officially flat but has some lumps and a Cat 4 that is done twice.

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07:53:36 am



**Tim in KY** <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1778155158-GI26%20stage-1-profile.jpg>

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07:54:19 am



**Tim in KY** Bulgaria is on Eastern European Summer Time which is 7 hours ahead of EDT. Local Km0 time is 14:00. Finish is imagined either side of 17:15. Live stream on Max (in the US) from the start. Forecast is for clouds either side of 20 C.

05-07-2026  
07:59:00 am



**Tim in KY** A note about the previews. From May 15 through May 23 we will in Paris or the air and I will have better things to do.

05-07-2026  
08:12:30 am



**Tim in KY** I guess the EEST had everyone confused. Now it looks like Km0 is at 7:00 EST. Who knows.

05-08-2026  
06:24:56 am



**Tim in KY** Watching the Eurosport pre-race show on Max. Jens is pontificating.

05-08-2026  
06:42:36 am



**Tim in KY** Neutral start.

05-08-2026  
06:51:38 am



**Tim in KY** Km0.

05-08-2026  
07:04:17 am









**Tim in KY** Morning things to do while the two man breakaway begins its hopeless quest.

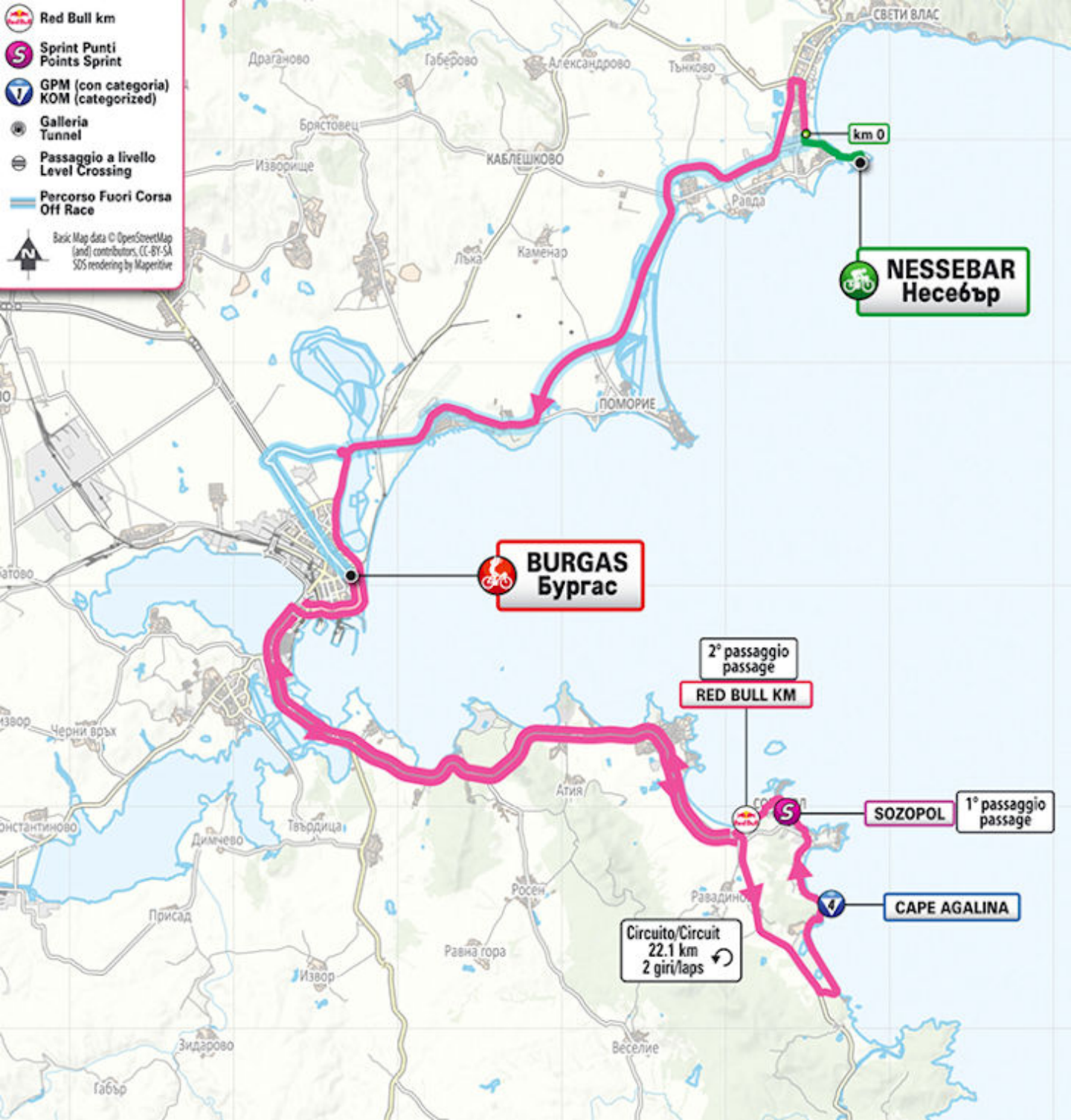
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**Tim in KY** Paint still drying and will for the next 50 km. Got lots of chores done and groceries shopped.

05-08-2026  
09:08:22 am

-  Red Bull km
  -  Sprint Punti Points Sprint
  -  GPM (con categoria) KOM (categorized)
  -  Galleria Tunnel
  -  Passaggio a livello Level Crossing
  -  Percorso Fuori Corsa Off Race
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km 0

 **NESSEBAR**  
Несебър

 **BURGAS**  
Бургас

2° passaggio passage  
**RED BULL KM**

**SOZOPOL** 1° passaggio passage

**CAPE AGALINA**

Circuito/Circuit  
22.1 km  
2 giri/laps

# 5 - NESSEBAR (Несебар)



SDS

# 26 - BURGAS (Бургас)



**PasadenaK8** Zdrasti!, Nuts. Nice to be back in the Pub, albeit a very quiet one this morning.

05-08-2026  
09:25:55 am



**PasadenaK8** Sevilla takes the KOM

05-08-2026  
09:34:29 am



**Tim in KY** Hi K8. Not a lot of interest in watching flat paint dry.

05-08-2026  
09:36:47 am



**PasadenaK8** Hi Tim ~ yep. I'm not happy with the color that I picked out, so I'm going thru some more paint swatches. Still enough time to paint a new color and watch it dry.

05-08-2026  
09:38:25 am



**Tim in KY** Giro gives a lot of KOM points for a little Cat 4.

05-08-2026  
09:38:49 am



**PasadenaK8** That KOM was more like a kom

05-08-2026  
09:38:50 am



**PasadenaK8** Are you watching on HBO? (Just wondering who are the commentators)

05-08-2026  
09:40:08 am



**PasadenaK8** 1 KU left to go....

05-08-2026  
09:43:13 am



**Tim in KY** I don't recognize either voice.

05-08-2026  
09:43:40 am



**Tim in KY** They just said Carlton Kirby is one.

05-08-2026  
09:48:08 am



**PasadenaK8** Seems like those were some fill-ins, before the big guns showed up.

05-08-2026  
09:48:31 am



**SFinAus** Good morning Tim and K8!

05-08-2026  
09:49:30 am



**PasadenaK8** 🙌 SF

05-08-2026  
09:49:38 am



**Tim in KY** Hi, Sean.

05-08-2026  
09:50:50 am



**SFinAus** Nice to have the GT season back and the Pub open. Always nice to see your preview the night before, Tim. 05-08-2026 09:50:56 am

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**Toulouse** I'm here, sort of. Lots of animals with needs this morning. 05-08-2026 09:51:41 am

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**Tim in KY** I hope you will forgive me for not doing them while we're in Paris. 05-08-2026 09:51:48 am

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**SFinAus** Heh, yes, you are forgiven. 05-08-2026 09:52:16 am

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**Toulouse** We probably can't function without you, Tim. 05-08-2026 09:52:17 am

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**SFinAus** Hello Toulouse 05-08-2026 09:52:26 am

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**Toulouse** Howdy. 05-08-2026 09:52:34 am

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**Toulouse** I had this on early while still mostly asleep. Did they say something about someone's kit being alien green, with an alien on the front? I'm hoping that's true. 05-08-2026 09:53:14 am

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**Tim in KY** EF is alien green for this race. 05-08-2026 09:53:51 am

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**Toulouse** Then that's my team! 05-08-2026 09:54:03 am

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**SFinAus** I signed up for another year with Flo. Matt Stephens is the lead comm and a former pro I can't recall... Jacamo, Jacobo something. The latter has a bit of a different style, but he has good insights and wit. 05-08-2026 09:54:33 am

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**PasadenaK8** Hi Toulouse! and agree SF! I realized I needed to reset my password to the Pub last night, and it was nice to see your Preview, Tim. 05-08-2026 09:54:38 am

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**PasadenaK8** Also noticed last night, that we've got 10 years of Archives here, so Happy 10 year Anniversary, everyone! <-^ 05-08-2026 09:56:23 am

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**Toulouse** Wow. Time flies, eh? 05-08-2026 09:56:42 am



**SFinAus** I've got nothing against Bulgaria, and it's interesting to see new places, but I think I'm more keen for the Vuelta Feminine stages today and tomorrow.

05-08-2026  
09:57:17 am



**Bikerabe** Hello all Catch is made

05-08-2026  
09:58:08 am



**PasadenaK8** I hear ya, SF, and hi Bikerabe!

05-08-2026  
09:58:27 am



**SFinAus** Does anyone remember when LUG actually started with LUG himself and POG, or the Velonews days?

05-08-2026  
09:58:28 am



**Toulouse** I found him during the HWSNBN era, but I think I was a latecomer.

05-08-2026  
09:59:15 am



**PasadenaK8** Yes, and I think there was another one too, back in the day. Might have been Bicycling News (???)

05-08-2026  
09:59:18 am



**Tim in KY** I remember those days but i have no idea of the dates.

05-08-2026  
09:59:23 am



**SFinAus** The first running joke I remember is asking Where's HWSNBN. :)

05-08-2026  
09:59:34 am



**Toulouse** That's right. He got that question a LOT.

05-08-2026  
09:59:57 am



**Toulouse** Like there was one cyclist in the race.

05-08-2026  
10:00:10 am



**PasadenaK8** I like it here best \*;-)

05-08-2026  
10:00:14 am



**Toulouse** When the race moves to Italy, will the finish be an hour later here in the US? As opposed to today?

05-08-2026  
10:09:16 am



**Tim in KY** Today ends at 17:30 EEST. In Italy stages finish at 17:30 CEST. Which is 18:30 EEST.

05-08-2026  
10:10:43 am



**Toulouse** Thanks.

05-08-2026  
10:11:03 am



**Toulouse** Not that it matters as much this year. I sold my business last November and retired.

05-08-2026  
10:11:42 am



**Tim in KY** Basically, in Italy stages will end an hour later in the US.

05-08-2026  
10:11:58 am



**PasadenaK8** That absolutely matters! Congrats, Toulouse!

05-08-2026  
10:12:38 am



**Toulouse** Thanks. I'm liking life with less stress.

05-08-2026  
10:13:29 am



**PasadenaK8** Good to hear, Toulouse. What kind of business did you have?

05-08-2026  
10:15:18 am



**SFinAus** Congratulations, Toulouse!

05-08-2026  
10:15:20 am



**Toulouse** I had a screen printing business that I took over from my friend who died of gall bladder cancer back in 1999. I sold to a younger woman who has an embroidery business.

05-08-2026  
10:16:18 am



**Toulouse** I didn't know the first thing about screen printing or business -- I was a writer. But between three owners, it's on its 45th year.

05-08-2026  
10:17:15 am



**PasadenaK8** Wow! very cool. Also nice to keep the biz with people in crafts. Wish her the best.

05-08-2026  
10:18:20 am



**PasadenaK8** It's vrooom time....

05-08-2026  
10:18:52 am



**Tim in KY** Yikes! Tomorrow Km0 is at 05:05 EDT. 221 Km.

05-08-2026  
10:19:01 am



**Toulouse** Thanks. I'll think she'll do well -- people really like her.

05-08-2026  
10:19:06 am



**SFinAus** That's a remarkable undertaking and long running success.

05-08-2026  
10:19:12 am



**PasadenaK8** Yeah, was just looking at that, Tim. 2am PDT.

05-08-2026  
10:19:43 am



**PasadenaK8** Glad they have a nice wide, well paved road to race on.

05-08-2026  
10:23:17 am



**SFinAus** I'm guessing this is for Milan, but not a shoe in.

05-08-2026  
10:23:59 am



**SFinAus** Bold forecasting, I know.

05-08-2026  
10:24:01 am



**PasadenaK8** Ooof.

05-08-2026  
10:24:05 am



**SFinAus** Tough uphill slog in last km

05-08-2026  
10:24:08 am



**SFinAus** OMG!!!

05-08-2026  
10:24:34 am



**PasadenaK8** Bad one.

05-08-2026  
10:24:45 am



**PasadenaK8** So much for the "wide" part of my previous comment...

05-08-2026  
10:25:15 am



**SFinAus** Massive crash and a total log jam.

05-08-2026  
10:25:55 am



**Tim in KY** Had him on my team and switched him out for Groves.

05-08-2026  
10:26:17 am



**SFinAus** Paul Magnier won, btw, for those reading. ;)

05-08-2026  
10:27:09 am



**Bikerabe** Vive la France Magnier gets win after that huge crash !

05-08-2026  
10:27:24 am



**Tim in KY** Things to do...

05-08-2026  
10:28:54 am



**Toulouse** Got a phone call with 3K . . . manana.

05-08-2026  
10:29:19 am



**PasadenaK8** Ta... See you all tomorrow - not at 2am, but eventually...



05-08-2026  
10:30:03 am

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**SFinAus** 1 down, 20 to go. See ya!

05-08-2026  
10:30:52 am

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