



Tim in KY VaE Stage 21 is 112 kilometers in and around Granada. It is likely that the only real racing will occur during the final fifty or so Km when the route returns to the central city for a circuit including four climbs to the Alhambra Palace. That climb is two kilometers at 7% and partially cobbled. After the last ascent there is eight Km to the finish.

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789240282-stage-21-route.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789240323-stage-21-route-finale.jpg>

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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1789240342-stage-21-profile.jpg>

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Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 16:23 CEST. Finish is imagined either side of 19:15. Forecast is for hot sunshine in the low-30s. Peacock stream from before the start.

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03:08:52 pm



Tim in KY Not sure what prompted this sudden change. There's zero chance of rain: GC times will be taken with 9.8 kilometres remaining. There will be no bonus seconds at the finish, while the points classification remains unchanged.

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08:52:42 am



Tim in KY Then there's this: <https://www.cyclingnews.com/pro-cycling/racing/final-lap-to-be-neutralised-on-stage-21-of-la-vuelta-a-espana-in-granada-after-safety-concerns-raised/>

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08:56:43 am



Tim in KY Good morning, Katie.

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09:25:56 am



Katie S Good morning. That link also has a story about Zigart crashing out with a fractured jaw.

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09:28:11 am



Katie S So she and Pog will sit out Worlds together.

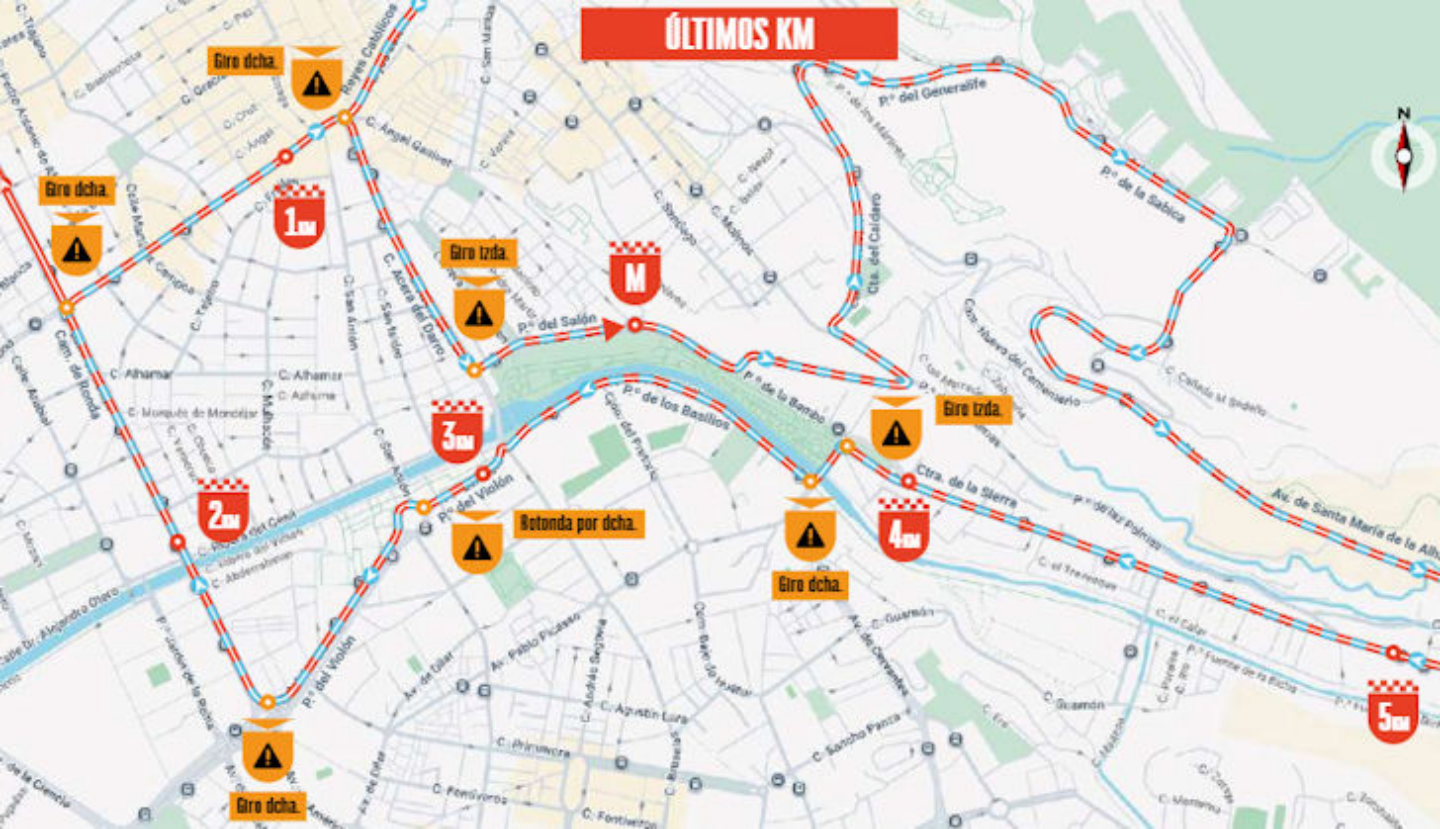
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Tim in KY I think she was allowed to go back to racing too soon.

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ÚLTIMOS KM



CARREFOUR GRANADA / 665 m





Katie S Today's stage is ending in the namesake of our town. Except who ever named our community used the masculine article instead of the feminine that would go with Granada. But I gave up being annoyed two decades ago.

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10:25:02 am



Tim in KY So, Katie, what is the masculine?

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10:26:49 am



Tim in KY Neutral.

09-13-2026
10:28:02 am



Katie S El

09-13-2026
10:28:15 am



Katie S instead of La

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10:28:24 am



Tim in KY I thought maybe the ending changed.

09-13-2026
10:30:27 am



Tim in KY Yuck. Red shorts....

09-13-2026
10:32:37 am



Katie S the original streets of the community (we're an unincorporated place) are named after Spanish Spanish cities, explorers, historical figures, and landmarks: Valencia, Vallejo, Balboa, Coronado, Capistrano,

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10:32:41 am



Katie S Worse, red Ms

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10:33:16 am



Katie S M's

09-13-2026
10:33:22 am



Tim in KY If they have red Cava glasses, I quit.

09-13-2026
10:35:13 am



Tim in KY I'll be back for the interesting end.

09-13-2026
10:42:34 am



Mikey Yuck red shorts Morning

09-13-2026
10:44:54 am



Trish in MA Good morning! Strange to be watching the stage at the beginning. Big question - how much did all those new kits cost Movistar for one day of racing?

09-13-2026
10:45:38 am



Mikey Are you home home Trish? Last minute stories of travel doom?

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10:48:03 am



Trish in MA Mickey, we are home. Slept basically all day yesterday. Our trip ended with drama. Got on the bus to transfer from the train to our hotel and the bus would not go. The original estimate was that it might take up to an hour to get a replacement bus. Some passengers got all snippy and were demanding that they get a replacement bus NOW. Then they got off and demanded to get their luggage and called an Uber. The poor Mountaineer agent. She's trying to problem-solve, talk to her manager, deal with cranky entitled passengers, pull out luggage, etc. The replacement bus pulled up just as about 5 taxis showed up. So unnecessary.

09-13-2026
10:55:54 am



Katie S I am heading out to start my day. I wanted to say thank you to all of you for being such fun compatriots during this year's GTs. Before we know it, it'll be May again, though. Trish and I get to enjoy a bonus because we'll get to share Worlds together. We'll have to post something on FB. Tim, as always, thank you for being our anchor, our publican, together with Jo and our backup bartenders, Charlie and RCG. I really do enjoy our time together. Cheers, all!

09-13-2026
10:58:06 am



Trish in MA Katie, have a great day. See you for Worlds!

09-13-2026
10:58:38 am



Mikey Enjoy your day!

09-13-2026
10:58:56 am



Katie S Thank you!

09-13-2026
11:00:48 am



Mikey Ditto Katie... We are heading to our church fall festival. Food food and food. Hope to connect again soon. Ba

09-13-2026
11:01:20 am



Trish in MA Mikey, have a great festival o' food.

09-13-2026
11:01:51 am



Trish in MA All by my-self, she warbles.

09-13-2026
11:03:16 am



Trish in MA Morning, Dave

09-13-2026
11:10:19 am

 **Toulouse** I did bad time conversion. I thought the race was going to start at 9:30 my time, but it was really 8:30. Ish/ 09-13-2026 11:17:36 am

 **Toulouse** I'm sure I've missed lots. 09-13-2026 11:17:46 am

 **Trish in MA** Oh, yeah, the parade of teams, the photos, the slow rolling, a whole lot of nothing. 09-13-2026 11:19:32 am

 **Toulouse** But I did get to read about your bus drama. I worked on the ramp of our airport for 16 years. Travel can definitely bring out the worst in people. 09-13-2026 11:20:49 am

 **Trish in MA** It was amazing how quickly people turned into angry bees. They had clearly never been on the other side. 09-13-2026 11:21:52 am

 **Toulouse** I saw a comedian once, I think Lewis Black, talking about being on a flight with some new innovation (I don't recall what), and there was a glitch. People were sitting in chairs flying through the air, he said, and they were out of sorts because this thing they'd never been offered before still wasn't available. 09-13-2026 11:24:19 am

 **Toulouse** It was a lot funnier when he told it. 09-13-2026 11:24:26 am

 **Trish in MA** We used to have a cartoon in our office for what the staff looked like just before our big conference happened. Everyone's hair was on fire. We assigned the calmest person to the "trouble desk" because they could be relied onto soothe the crankiest, entitled person. I had one guy who was a walk-in and very upset that his badge was hand-written. He came back at the first break looking for a printed one. 09-13-2026 11:28:33 am

 **Toulouse** My wife used to own a bakery, and one Fourth of July she (which meant me, too) sold cookies at the Fourth of July vendors' court. One man pawed through the entire basket of large cookies to find one that wasn't broken, paid for it, opened it, and promptly broke it to give half to his girlfriend/wife. 09-13-2026 11:30:31 am

 **Trish in MA** Sheesh. 09-13-2026 11:32:07 am

 **Toulouse** That's what I thought. I still think it, lo these many years later. I end up telling that story a lot. 09-13-2026 11:32:38 am



Trish in MA We'd told the guy we didn't have a printer at the location. He responded with, "well, go back to the office and print me a badge." Needless to say, we did not.

09-13-2026
11:33:26 am



Alaska Dave Good morning from Salt Lake City airport on my way back to the rainforest. Busy time made busier by tragedy. Our housesitter, who calls us mom and dad, was found dead in her sleep Thursday." afternoon. We were unable to return but could do lots by phone. And were surrounded by friends in a faith based charitable organization. Puts a different perspective on life.

09-13-2026
11:33:41 am



Toulouse My gosh, Dave. If she calls you mom and dad she must have been quite young.

09-13-2026
11:34:20 am



Toulouse My condolences.

09-13-2026
11:35:22 am



Trish in MA Dave, so sorry for your loss. And grateful for your community that has been so supportive

09-13-2026
11:35:40 am



Alaska Dave She was 37. We've known her since her mother died when she was 4. We helped through her father's death 20 years ago. Lots of trauma in her life. Lots of potential never fully realized, but life is not always fair or easy.

09-13-2026
11:37:19 am



Alaska Dave Fortunately it was natural causrd

09-13-2026
11:37:54 am



Toulouse No, but it sounds like you folks were there for here. I'm sure you gave her a foundation she could always rely on.

09-13-2026
11:38:20 am



Trish in MA Such a gift you were for each other

09-13-2026
11:40:06 am



Toulouse I spend my mornings as servant to cats. In this door, out that door, give me food, and I mean NOW . . .

09-13-2026
11:51:47 am



Trish in MA I think that's the experience of every household with a cat. I can't even think of myself as an "owner".

09-13-2026
12:00:17 pm



Toulouse Right. Who really is getting owned?

09-13-2026
12:00:53 pm



Toulouse Well, brunch with friends calls, so I am taking my leave for this year. My most sincere thanks to Jo for hosting, Tim for the previews, RCG for the stage and GC results, and all the rest of you for the genial companionship, even when the news is sad (which there seems to have been too much of this year). It's very difficult to imagine watching cycling without all of you. Enjoy the rest of the "race," and hope to see you all next year.

09-13-2026
12:05:15 pm



Trish in MA See you next year!

09-13-2026
12:08:34 pm



Tim in KY 50 minutes slower that the slowest imaginable. That is some serious slacking.

09-13-2026
12:30:05 pm



Trish in MA On the circuit. Tiny, narrow twisty roads. Eeek.

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12:43:26 pm



Trish in MA 3 riders abreast on some of these roads.

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Trish in MA On the descent

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12:48:48 pm



Bikerabe uno KU

09-13-2026
12:54:30 pm



Trish in MA What a nasty little climb

09-13-2026
01:02:20 pm



Trish in MA Small group in front. Brennan is there.

09-13-2026
01:04:05 pm



Tim in KY This would be "interesting" in the rain.

09-13-2026
01:07:35 pm



Trish in MA Indeed.

09-13-2026
01:08:28 pm



Trish in MA According to the Vuela site, breakaway has 45 secs.

09-13-2026
01:09:48 pm



Trish in MA Corrected to 12 secs.

09-13-2026
01:10:39 pm



Trish in MA Attackers can't keep up with the moto. No idea who attacked.

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01:17:39 pm



SFinAus Hello everyone. As Tim has mentioned these late final stages schedule really don't mesh with the daily routine.

09-13-2026
01:17:39 pm



Trish in MA Hi Sean.

09-13-2026
01:18:28 pm



Trish in MA You've missed nothing.

09-13-2026
01:18:38 pm



Trish in MA Reshuffling of the break as the pavement widens.

09-13-2026
01:26:03 pm



Trish in MA And the times are frozen.

09-13-2026
01:26:57 pm



SFinAus Despite the early neutralization, I really like that they've copied the Tour for how set a final stage.

09-13-2026
01:27:40 pm



Tim in KY WvA struggling.

09-13-2026
01:27:59 pm



Trish in MA Bilbao going for going out in style.

09-13-2026
01:28:09 pm



SFinAus spritely cadence for Bilbao

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01:29:06 pm



Trish in MA Bilboa caught.

09-13-2026
01:30:31 pm



Trish in MA Laurance passes Bilbao and keeps on going.

09-13-2026
01:31:03 pm



Trish in MA Brennan in trouble.

09-13-2026
01:31:14 pm



Trish in MA Everyone back together.

09-13-2026
01:33:45 pm



SFinAus It's fun to see these guys go for it even with slim odd of success. These last flat kms can dash hopes.

09-13-2026
01:33:46 pm



SFinAus 11 dudes together including Brennan and Katie's fave, Yul Brenner

09-13-2026
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Tim in KY A lot of climbers in this sprint group.

09-13-2026
01:36:10 pm



SFinAus Two km

09-13-2026
01:36:15 pm



Trish in MA I'd like to see Bilbao get it just so he hits the trifecta in his very last GT.

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01:36:39 pm



SFinAus Yes. Four have gone. Hounds are chasing.

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01:37:09 pm



Trish in MA 3 riders ahead. Brennan gapped. Kte

09-13-2026
01:38:21 pm



Trish in MA Uno-X! Remele second

09-13-2026
01:39:46 pm



SFinAus Whoa, Johannessen went for it and barely got it

09-13-2026
01:39:54 pm



Trish in MA Just

09-13-2026
01:40:13 pm



Trish in MA Such joy!

09-13-2026
01:40:53 pm



Tim in KY Back to real life now.

09-13-2026
01:42:00 pm



SFinAus Thank you Tim as always for all your time and effort once again. It's genuinely appreciated. Thank you to Jo and everyone.

09-13-2026
01:42:17 pm



SFinAus Trish, have a great time at the Worlds. It will be a blast!

09-13-2026
01:42:38 pm



Trish in MA I shall enjoy the Worlds with Katie. Thank you, Tim, Jo, and everyone for being here. It makes it such fun. See everyone next year.

09-13-2026
01:43:15 pm

Bikerabe Go Remco get the Double!

09-13-2026
01:45:29 pm



SFinAus Heh, he def could. What a great Vuelta. I hate to see it and the GT season. Have a great "off season" to everyone

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01:46:16 pm