



Tim in KY VaE Stage 4 is 207 kilometers from Susa, in northwest Italy, over the Alps into France and along valley roads to Voiron, just north of Grenoble. 08-25-2025 03:24:25 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756150182-stage-4-route.jpg> 08-25-2025 03:24:43 pm



Tim in KY The route climbs into the Alps for the first 77 kilometers crossing a Cat 3 and two Cat 2s. This is followed by an 80-kilometer descent into the valley leading through Grenoble and onto the finish town. The Giro-like finish is strewn with turns and roundabouts. It is slightly uphill. 08-25-2025 03:25:22 pm



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756150237-stage-4-profile.jpg> 08-25-2025 03:25:38 pm



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Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756153393-stage-4-profile-finale.jpg> 08-25-2025 04:18:15 pm



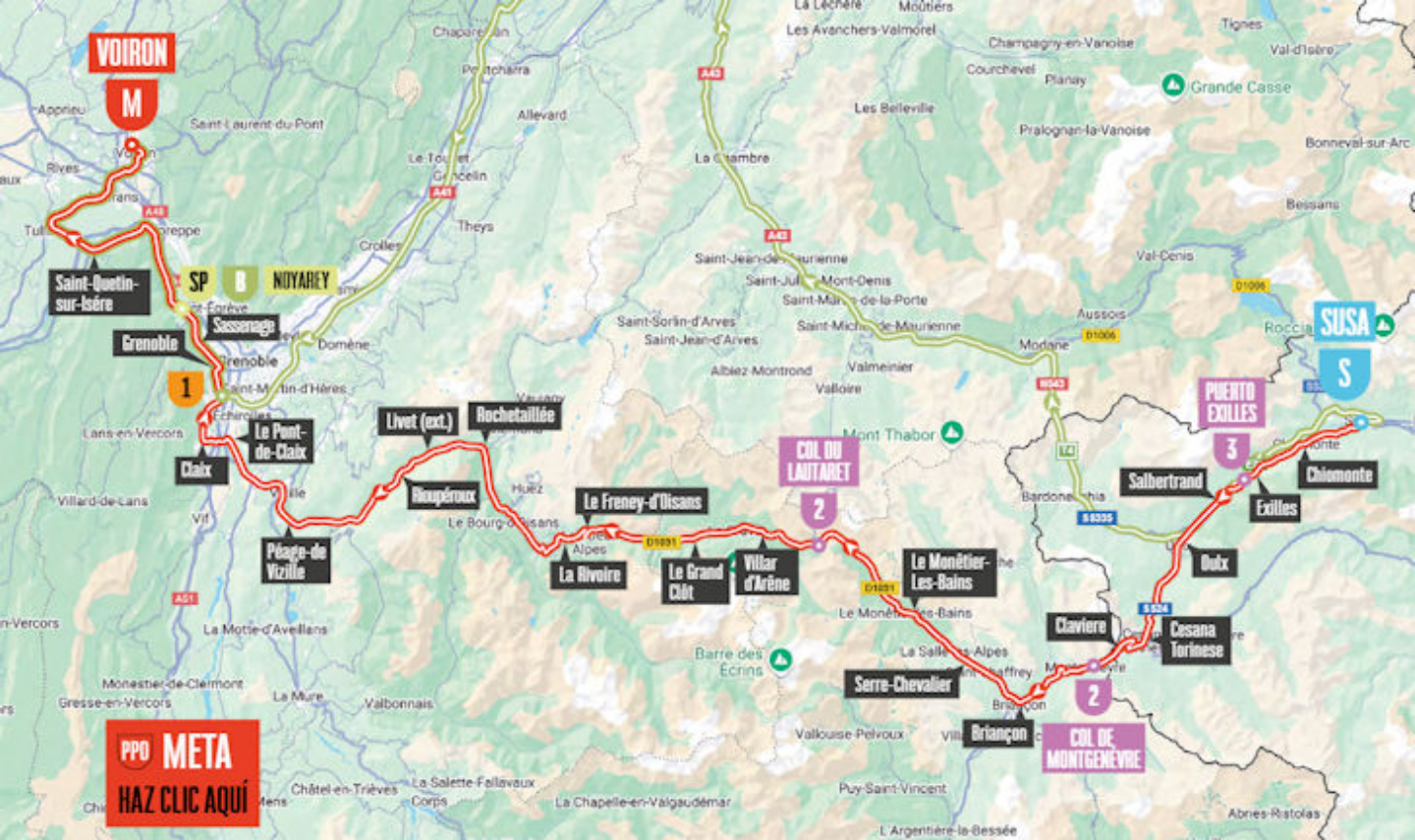
Tim in KY Kilometer zero is scheduled for 11:43 CEST but live stream does not begin until 14:05, well after all the climbing. Finish is imagined either side of 16:45. Forecast is for sunshine with low-20s in the mountains, low-30s in the valleys. 08-25-2025 04:19:10 pm



Tim in KY No DNF yesterday, no DNS today. Yesterday Eddie Dunbar (Jayco) was fined 200CHF for sticky bottle. 08-26-2025 06:30:37 am

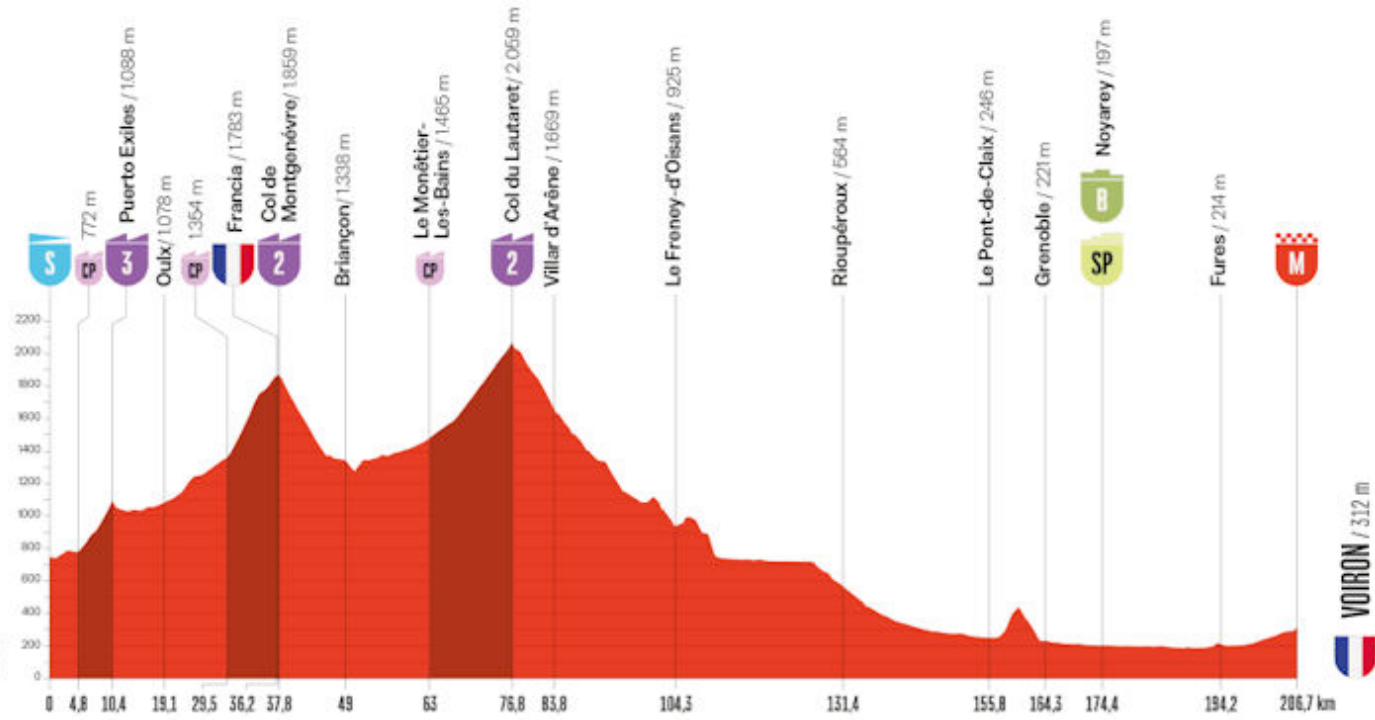


Tim in KY A Burgos has abandoned on the first Cat 2. 08-26-2025 06:42:17 am



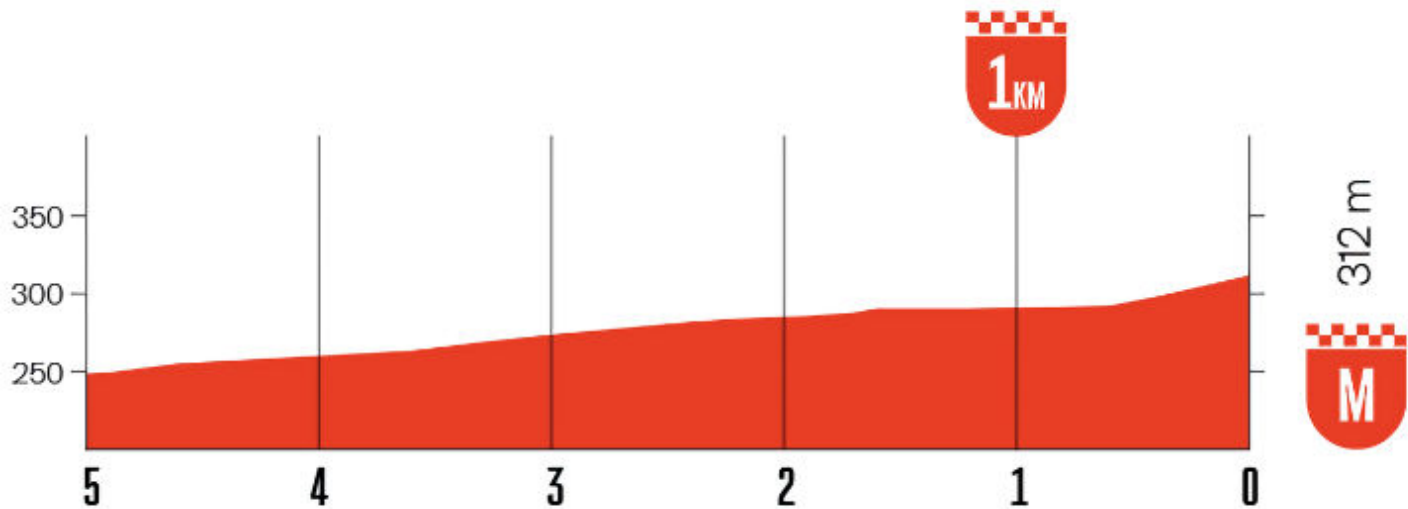


SUSA / 740 m



VOIRON / 312 m







Tim in KY Nearing the start of the last Cat 2 they are way slower than the slowest imaginable. Gap holding at around 2:30.

08-26-2025
07:22:36 am



Rob With technology in this day and age, I would have thought coverage would be better.

08-26-2025
07:42:28 am



Tim in KY I think this was about money, Rob.

08-26-2025
08:17:07 am



Charlie in Tenn Hi gang. I think Mads wants to make up for the second place yesterday.

08-26-2025
08:30:29 am



Tim in KY Doesn't look like a sprint stage but it's working out that way.

08-26-2025
08:35:43 am



Charlie in Tenn The eurosport announcers are counting this as a sprint stage. They mentioned the small number of sprints and think most sprinter teams will be there today. With the mountains behind them, I think so.

08-26-2025
08:40:37 am



Tim in KY Gap is tiny with 90 km still to go.

08-26-2025
08:41:13 am



Tim in KY No gap at all now.

08-26-2025
08:41:53 am



Charlie in Tenn Glad to see Bernal and Gaudu riding well. Always liked Bernal, not so much Gaudu but he seems to be under French pressure all of the time so maybe Spain can be his awakening.

08-26-2025
08:43:36 am



Tim in KY Gaudy will always find a way to lose.

08-26-2025
08:45:25 am



Tim in KY Stupid auto correct.

08-26-2025
08:46:13 am



Charlie in Tenn Gaudy it is. That seems to be his history.

08-26-2025
08:46:32 am



Charlie in Tenn I am off to move furniture. See ya tomorrow. Go Mads.

08-26-2025
08:47:07 am



KatieS Good morning.

08-26-2025
09:03:41 am



KatieS looks like there won't be much to see until the finale. And that's in France, correct?

08-26-2025
09:04:44 am



Tim in KY Very France.

08-26-2025
09:07:08 am



Tim in KY The TTT tomorrow is in Dali's hometown.

08-26-2025
09:16:12 am



Tim in KY One poor guy 50 seconds off the front.

08-26-2025
09:23:36 am



Tim in KY Right on the imagined time now.

08-26-2025
09:26:41 am



KatieS the TTT in Dali's hometown .. will it be melting?

08-26-2025
09:30:17 am



KatieS I love the TTT, it's just beautiful to watch

08-26-2025
09:30:51 am



Rocket City Gal We are on the road back home. I see that Sinhué Fernandez is in the break again, but this time all by himself.

08-26-2025
09:31:25 am



Tim in KY Not quite melting but in the high 80s.

08-26-2025
09:31:37 am



Rocket City Gal <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BATsQXYXH/?mibextid=wwXIfr> A functional bike made of chocolate. Suitable only for cooler temperatures.

08-26-2025
09:34:50 am



KatieS Here's ChatGPT's interpretation of a TTT in Dali's hometown...

08-26-2025
09:37:21 am



KatieS <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756215745-1756215445109.jpeg>

08-26-2025
09:37:27 am



Rocket City Gal Well, -that's- a bit disturbing...

08-26-2025
09:38:46 am



Rocket City Gal The Persistence of Anteaters

08-26-2025
09:39:25 am



**KatieS** HAH!08-26-2025
09:39:35 am**PasadenaK8** 🙌 Mornin', all. Love your ChatGPT creativity, Katie!. Hope you'll do more of these for the other stages too (hint, hint *;-)08-26-2025
09:46:07 am**KatieS** If you want some ChatGPT hilarity, check out the new season of South Park.08-26-2025
09:47:50 am**Tim in KY** Google Maps says it's a 4:30 drive south and then west from Voiron to Figueres. Not as long as I was guessing.08-26-2025
09:49:14 am**PasadenaK8** Will do, Katie! Hear this season has been a wild one.08-26-2025
09:49:35 am**PasadenaK8** Must have been pre-live broadcast time (?), but looks like Carlos Garcia Pierna and Valentin Paret-Peintre abandoned somewhere along the route? PCS has them listed as DNF already. Too bad. No shout outs for the Painting Parrot this Vuelta 🎨🦜
<https://www.procyclingstats.com/race/vuelta-a-espana/2025/stage-4/result/result>08-26-2025
09:57:10 am**Tim in KY** I mentioned the Burgos rider up at the top but I never heard or read about Parrot-Painter.08-26-2025
10:03:08 am**PasadenaK8** Funny factoid, from PCS... Historical event 3 kilometer from the location where the front of the race currently is. "This morning I gave the valiant Christophe a superb yellow jersey. You already know that our director decided that the man leading the race de tête du classement général should wear a jersey in the colours of L'Auto. The battle to wear this jersey is going to be passionate." The first yellow jersey was worn during stage 11 of the 1919 Tour de France by the Frenchman Eugène Christophe. The colour was chosen either to reflect the yellow newsprint of the organising newspaper, L'Auto, or because yellow was an unpopular colour and therefore the only one available with which a manufacturer could create jerseys at late notice. Christophe was not happy with his yellow jersey, and other cyclists called him a canary."08-26-2025
10:03:34 am**KatieS** That's a fun tale08-26-2025
10:04:33 am**Tim in KY** This stage has turned out to be more boring than it looked on paper.08-26-2025
10:06:44 am



Trish in MA Well, there goes my team if the Parrot has abandoned

08-26-2025
10:06:59 am



KatieS There's more excitement on the Mike's Bikes/Toyota ad

08-26-2025
10:09:11 am



Trish in MA The KFC commercial is just stupid

08-26-2025
10:09:23 am



KatieS It made me chuckle. That was my first real job - a summer at Kentucky Fried Chicken

08-26-2025
10:10:07 am



Tim in KY Parrot is sick. The Burgos sounds like residual crash injury.

08-26-2025
10:10:27 am



Tim in KY It is historically accurate, Trish, but not likely to sell anything.

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10:12:10 am



Trish in MA There used to be a very big sit-down restaurant in Tempe. I remember shaking "The Colonel's" hand. My only other significant interaction is that one year the folks got a bucket of chicken for us to eat before we loaded into the car and went off on vacation later that night. (Safer to drive across Arizona at night.). My siblings put the empty bucket on my head while I was sleeping. Luckily, no cell phones back then so no pictures exist

08-26-2025
10:15:17 am



Tim in KY This finish does not look like a bunch sprint was expected.

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10:15:52 am



Tim in KY <https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756218061-stage-4-route-finale.jpg>

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10:16:03 am



KatieS That's hilarious, Trish.

08-26-2025
10:16:55 am



KatieS When I was 7, I used a Kentucky Fried Chicken bucket to put my pollywogs in that I had caught down at the creek. I am here to tell you that those buckets are not watertight, as I discovered in the morning, when the water and the 'wogs were all over the kitchen floor.

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10:18:43 am



Trish in MA Katie, at least your summer job wasn't dressing up like the Colonel and shaking kids' hands all night..

08-26-2025
10:19:15 am





Tim in KY When we moved from Ann Arbor to Lexington back in 1962 we had KFC the first night we were here. And never again that I recall.

08-26-2025
10:19:54 am



PasadenaK8 Oopsie.

08-26-2025
10:23:07 am



Trish in MA A couple of weeks ago, I made chicken and waffles for dinner. Carlene in NH volunteered to bring KFC. We got a pick a-chicken from the supermarket instead. Made our own gravy

08-26-2025
10:24:08 am



PasadenaK8 Looks like Bennet is seeing little birdies flying around his head.

08-26-2025
10:25:00 am



Trish in MA Bennett very gingerly gets back on his bike

08-26-2025
10:25:34 am



RCG Bennett's second big crash this Vuelta

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10:25:37 am



KatieS looks like the race is starting

08-26-2025
10:32:01 am



KatieS Kite

08-26-2025
10:33:57 am



KatieS wow

08-26-2025
10:35:06 am



Tim in KY An Innie.

08-26-2025
10:35:29 am



Trish in MA Another Wha?

08-26-2025
10:35:46 am



RCG Ben Turner

08-26-2025
10:35:48 am













KatieS I love the media left him alone for a minute, silent, just the sobbing

08-26-2025
10:36:49 am



RCG https://rumbletalk-images-upload.s3.amazonaws.com/61922326bc2ef459e5ed5de71ef53a57/1756219347-IMG_0826.jpeg

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RANK		RIDER	UCI		PNT	TIME
1		TURNER Ben INEOS Grenadiers	180	80	4:50:14	
2		PHILIPSEN Jasper Alpecin - Deceuninck	130	50		"
3		PLANCKAERT Edward Alpecin - Deceuninck	95	35		"
4		VERNON Ethan Israel - Premier Tech	80	25		"
5		BIERMANS Jenthe Arkéa - B&B Hotels	60	18		"
6		PEDERSEN Mads Lidl - Trek	45	15		"
7		CHRISTEN Fabio Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team	40	12		"
8		AULAR Orluis Movistar Team	35	10		"
9		SILVA Guillermo Thomas Caja Rural - Seguros RGA	30	8		"
10		BURATTI Nicolò Bahrain - Victorious	25	6		"



Trish in MA Wow, nobody expected [the Spanish Inquisition]! Ben Turner

08-26-2025
10:38:20 am



KatieS Bob thinks Gaudu is in red

08-26-2025
10:39:47 am



RCG Gaudu now leads GC (Vingo 2nd at s.t.)

08-26-2025
10:40:20 am



Trish in MA It's all about placements. Gaudy obviously finished ahead of Vingo today.

08-26-2025
10:41:58 am



bikerabe good time to have a TTT tomorrow

08-26-2025
10:42:19 am



RCG Long transfer tonight...,

08-26-2025
10:42:38 am



KatieS All right, mes amis. Tomorrow we will be amigos.

08-26-2025
10:42:48 am



bikerabe Si

08-26-2025
10:43:15 am



RCG Oui -si

08-26-2025
10:43:30 am