

Endurance Athletes from all over South Africa will participate in the Quarter century Challenge to do FIVE daring events IN ONE YEAR!



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“Millennium Big 5 Challenge 2025”



Cape Town Cycle Tour, Comrades, Mt. Kilimanjaro

Cape Town Cycle Race

In 1977, road usage conditions in Cape Town for cyclists, both recreational and those who commuted to work was abominal. Following an initial protest labelled “Ride-In”, the green light was eventually given from the authorities for a safe cycle ride around the Cape Peninsula.

Since the first staging of The Argus (so-called because of the generous sponsorship of the local newspaper) on 28 October 1978 - the Argus Cycle Tour started outside the Castle in Strand and was supported by the local Argus Newspaper for many years and has now grown to be much bigger and attracted many South Africans including foreigners.

The route we know and love today almost didn't happen, on a number of levels. Initially, a number of options were looked at – northwards to Melkbos and back; out to Paarl for a 250-300km return trip, at one point it was even going to be a two-dayer - before it was settled on a start as close to the City Hall as dared before heading south along the newly built Blue Route Freeway and on down to Simon's Town. From there the initial plan was to head into Cape Point Nature Reserve, turn around at the farthest point and for the riders to return whence they came..... [ultimately] it was decided to bypass the entrance to the reserve and head through Misty Cliffs, over Slangkop, and then Chapman's Peak and Suikerbossie before finishing at the lamp-post opposite what is now called The Bay Hotel (it was called the Rotunda in 1978) where a pair of tables welcomed finishers.....

From its infancy the Cycle Tour set standards in world cycling and world sport. This was to be the first time that all cyclists would race the same course at the same time as officially sanctioned racing cyclists. The world and national governing bodies were and still are dead set against this happening for any number of nonsensical reasons but the organisers were determined to have a celebration of cycling for all cyclists, so a “split-group” arrangement was instituted.

The Cycle Tour started from a relatively small base of around 500 cyclists to some years where the number of entries have exceeded 42000. Entries were initially done by post and cyclists waited for weeks to receive confirmation of entry, then came online entries and today one can do everything online in a few minutes.

At first only local riders took part - today entries are received from all over the world.