



## The OVO Energy Women's Tour – Fact File

- The 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour takes place from Wednesday 13 to Sunday 17 June over five stages.
- It will be the fifth edition of The OVO Energy Women's Tour, which was launched by SweetSpot in 2014.
- The race is a part of the UCI Women's WorldTour for the third successive year and was one of the founding events of the new global calendar.
- The UCI Women's WorldTour visits 10 countries around the world, including 23 different events and 52 days of racing for the world's top riders.
- 17 teams will take part in the race, including 14 of the top 15 ranked teams in the world.
- Four British teams will race – Storey Racing, Trek-Drops, Wiggle HIGH5 and WNT-Rotor.
- Two teams will be making their OVO Energy Women's Tour debut – Storey Racing and Valcar PBM.
- The four former winners are – Kasie Niewiadoma (2017), Lizzie Deignan (2016), Lisa Brennauer (2015) and Marianne Vos (2014).
- Marianne Vos has the most stage wins to date with four victories (three in 2014, one in 2016).
- 11 reigning national champions rode in the 2017 OVO Energy Women's Tour.
- Northamptonshire is the only county to have featured in every edition of the OVO Energy Women's Tour.
- Atherstone is the joint most visited town (alongside Kettering) by the OVO Energy Women's Tour, with the Warwickshire venue hosting a stage start for the third time during this year's race.
- Since 2014 The Women's Tour has covered 2344.1 kilometres of racing on British roads.
- The 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour will be 678 kilometres in distance, the longest edition of the race to date.
- The 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour will once again feature designated SKODA Queen of the Mountains climbs and intermediate Eisberg Sprints during each stage.

## Did you know?

- Italian rider Giorgia Bronzini has finished in the top 10 of 13 OVO Energy Women's Tour stages, but has never claimed a victory. Her best results are second in Welwyn Garden City and Bury St Edmunds, both in 2014.





- The 2015 edition was the closest to date, with only six seconds separating winner Lisa Brennauer and runner-up (Jolien d'Hore). The top 10 in that year's race were separated by just 30 seconds. In comparison, Kasia Niewiadoma won the 2017 edition by the biggest margin to date, one minute 18 seconds.
- Only one British rider placed inside the top 10 in the 2015 (Hannah Barnes, fifth) and 2016 (Lizzie Deignan, winner) editions. The 2017 race saw Barnes (third), Alice Barnes (sixth) and Dani Rowe (ninth) all finish in the top 10.
- Of the previous race winners, only 2016 champion Lizzie Deignan has finished the following year's edition (42<sup>nd</sup> overall at 12:37). Marianne Vos did not start the 2015 race, while Lisa Brennauer abandoned the 2016 edition on the final stage.

### Distances

- The 2017 finale in London is the shortest OVO Energy Women's Tour stage to date, measuring just 62km.
- Last year's third stage, raced between Atherstone and Royal Leamington Spa, is the longest held to date (150.8km).
- Three of the five stages in the inaugural 2014 edition were below 100 kilometres.

### Previous editions

	Overall distance	Stages	Total ascent	Average speed
2018	678km	5	TBC	-
2017	627.9km	5	7,920m	37.861km/h
2016	621.1km	5	7,391m	38.781km/h
2015	596.2km	5	-	39.577km/h
2014	498.9km	5	-	39.231km/h

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