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22 Victories

st. 5 Tour Down Under (Valverde)
 GC Vuelta a Andalucía (Valverde)
 GC Vuelta a Murcia (Quintana)
 st. 1 Vuelta al País Vasco (Rojas)
 Klasika Primavera (Visconti)
 st. 2A Vuelta a Asturias (Herrada)
 st. 1 Vuelta a Madrid (Castroviejo)
 st. 14 Giro d'Italia (Amador)
 st. 2 Vuelta a Suiza (Costa)
 GC Route du Sud (Quintana)
 Belarusian ITT Champ (Samoilau)

st. 2 Vuelta a Andalucía (Valverde)
 st. 1 Vuelta a Murcia (Quintana)
 st. 3 Paris-Nice (Valverde)
 st. 3 Circuit de la Sarthe (Ventoso)
 GC V. a Castilla y León (Moreno)
 GC Vuelta a Asturias (Intxausti)
 st. 9 Giro d'Italia (Ventoso)
 st. 6 Critérium du Dauphiné (Quintana)
 st. 3 Route du Sud (Quintana)
 GC Vuelta a Suiza (Costa)
 Spanish RR Champ (Ventoso)

18 Second Places

GC Tour Down Under (Valverde)
 st. 4 Vuelta a Andalucía (Valverde)
 st. 2 Paris-Nice (Rojas)
 Klasika Primavera (Valverde)
 st. 3 Vuelta a Castilla y León (Moreno)
 st. 2B Vuelta a Asturias (Intxausti)
 st. 2 Vuelta a Madrid (Quintana)
 st. 8 Giro d'Italia (Intxausti)
 Spanish ITT Champ (Castroviejo)

Trofeo Deià (Costa)
 st. 2 Vuelta a Murcia (Castroviejo)
 st. 5 París-Niza (Valverde)
 st. 1 Vuelta a Castilla y León (Sanz)
 st. 2 Tour de Romandie (Costa)
 st. 3 Vuelta a Asturias (Intxausti)
 GC Vuelta a Madrid (Quintana)
 st. 4 Vuelta a Suiza (Rojas)
 Lit. ITT Champ (Konovalovas)

8 Third Places

st. 3 Volta ao Algarve (Costa)
 GP Miguel Indurain (Madrado)
 st. 4 Tour de Romandie (Samoilau)
 st. 10 Giro d'Italia (Visconti)

GC Paris-Nice (Valverde)
 st. 1 Vuelta a Asturias (Moreno)
 GC Tour de Romandie (Costa)
 st. 12 Giro d'Italia (Amador)

129 Top-10



Career

Geox-TMC (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2010)
 Fuji-Servetto (2009)
 Scott-American Beef (2008)
 Saunier Duval-Prodire (2004-07)

Palmarès

1° Vuelta a España '11
 1° st. 15 Vuelta a España '11
 1° st. 19 Vuelta a España '09
 1° st. 4 Vuelta a Castilla y León '09
 1° st. 10 Tour de France '08
 1° st. 8 Volta a Portugal '08
 1° st. 5 Vuelta a Burgos '08
 1° Vuelta al País Vasco '07

11 pro wins

1° st. 1 / 5 Vuelta al País Vasco '07
 1° st. 5b Vuelta a Navarra '03
 2° Subida a Urkiola '08
 3° st. 15 Tour de France '11
 3° Vuelta a Burgos '11
 3° Vuelta a Castilla y León '07
 4° Volta a Portugal '08
 4° Japan Cup '09
 10° Vuelta a España '09

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2012 Results

10° Spanish ITT Championship
 22° Spanish RR Championship
 26° st. 1 Vuelta a Madrid
 52° GP Miguel Indurain
 58° Vuelta a Murcia
 60° Tour de Romandie
 63° Vuelta a Castilla y León

2012 Schedule

Vuelta a Murcia (2.1): 59°, 48°. GEN: 48°
 GP Miguel Indurain (1.HC): 52°
 Klasika Primavera (1.1): ABN
 Vuelta a Castilla y León (2.1)
 139°, 71°, 56°. GEN: 63°

Tour de Romandie (2.WT)
 61°, 75°, 88°, 43°, 61°, 64°. GEN: 60°
 Vuelta a Madrid (2.1): 26°, ABN.
 Critérium du Dauphiné (2.WT)
 90°, 36°, 39°, 42°, 47°, ABN.

Spanish ITT Championship: 10°
 Spanish RR Championship: 22°

The reigning champion of the Vuelta a España tackles his first challenges of the 2012 season after a calm start to the season, with barely twenty racing days. A protagonist in his two previous appearances -top-20 finisher in his debut in 2007- and winner of the Queen stage towards Hautacam in 2008, he left the Tour while sitting in 8th place overall.

In the Tour de France

2008: DNS st. 12 (1° st. 10); 2007: 19° (3° st. 15).

All-rounder



Juanjo Cobo

11.02.1981, Torrelavega (Cantabria, ESP).
 1.76 m / 69 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2009-10)
 Benfica (2007-08)

Palmarès

1° Tour de Suisse '12
 1° st. 8 Tour de France '11
 1° st. 2 Tour de Suisse '12
 1° GP Montréal '11
 1° Vuelta a Madrid '11
 1° 4 Jours de Dunkerque '09
 1° st. 8 Tour de Suisse '10
 1° Trofeo Deià '10

12 pro wins

1° 4 Jours de Dunkerque '09
 1° st. 3 Vuelta a Chihuahua '09
 1° st. 4 C. Nat. Ville Saguenay '08
 1° Giro delle Regioni '07
 1° st. 4 Giro delle Regioni '08
 2° 4 Jours de Dunkerque '10
 2° Portuguese RR Championship '09
 2° Tour de l'Avenir '08

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2012 Results

1° Tour de Suisse
 1° st. 2 Tour de Suisse
 2° Trofeo Deià
 2° st. 3 Tour de Romandie
 3° Tour de Romandie
 3° st. 3 Volta ao Algarve
 4° GP Miguel Indurain
 5° Volta ao Algarve

2012 Schedule

Trofeo Migjorn (1.1): 98°
Trofeo Deià (1.1): 2°
Volta ao Algarve (2.1)
 7°, 19°, 3°, 33°, 13°. GEN: 5°
Strade Bianche (1.1): 47°
Tirreno-Adriatico (2.WT)
 19°, 69°, 93°, 19°, 40°, 45°, 39°. GEN: 29°

Milano-Sanremo (1.WT): 51°
GP Miguel Indurain (1.HC): 4°
Vuelta al País Vasco (2.WT)
 64°, 43°, 13°, 23°, 9°, 27°. GEN: 15°
Amstel Gold Race (1.WT): 19°
Flèche Wallonne (1.WT): 18°
Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1.WT): 17°

Tour de Romandie (2.WT)
 65°, 22°, 2°, 26°, 25°, 4°. GEN: 3°
Tour de Suisse (2.WT)
 45°, 1°, 25°, 24°, 15°, 18°, 8°, 14°, 10°. GEN: 1°

With his moral over the top a superb overall victory in the Tour de Suisse via seven days in yellow, the Portuguese rider comes back to the race where he shone at his best in 2011 with a stage triumph at the climb of Super-Besse. Constantly improving since he turned pro, Costa will make his 4th Tour appearances at only 25 years old, and will try to take profit from his versatility.

In the Tour de France

2011: 89° (1° st. 8); 2010: 72°; 2009: DNS st. 12.

All-rounder

Rui Costa

05.10.1986, Póvoa de Varzim (POR).
 1.82 m / 67 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2006-10)
 Illes Balears (2005)

Palmarès

1° Vuelta a La Rioja '11
 1° st. 10 Vuelta a España '10
 1° st. 18 Vuelta a España '08
 1° st. 6 Vuelta a Navarra '04
 3° st. 4 Volta ao Algarve '10

4 pro wins

7° st. 4 Tour Méditerranéen '09
 8° st. 2 Tour de l'Ain '08
 12° Spanish ITT Championship '07
 76° Tour de France '10
 78° Vuelta a España '10

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2012 Results

14° Dwars door Vlaanderen
 21° Spanish RR Championship
 27° Down Under Classic
 40° Tour de Picardie
 42° Gent-Wevelgem
 50° Paris-Roubaix

2012 Schedule

Down Under Classic (NE): 27°
Tour Down Under (2.WT)
 36°, 112°, 94°, 64°, 92°, 43°. GEN: 105°
Trofeo Migjorn (1.1): 86°
Vuelta a Andalucía (2.1)
 43°, 34°, 80°, 102°, 95°. GEN: 97°
Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 53°, 53°, 120°, 93°, 106°, 120°, 48°, 65°. GEN: 85°

Dwars door Vlaanderen (1.1): 14°
E3 Prijs Harelbeke (1.WT): 88°
Gent-Wevelgem (1.WT): 42°
Ronde van Vlaanderen (1.WT): 78°
Paris-Roubaix (1.WT): 50°
Amstel Gold Race (1.WT): 88°
Flèche Wallonne (1.WT): 116°

Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1.WT): 101°
Tour de Picardie (2.1)
 63°, 32°, 58°. GEN: 40°
Critérium du Dauphiné (2.WT)
 96°, 97°, 97°, 43°, 85°, 99°, 96°, 57°. GEN: 90°
Spanish RR Championship: 21°

For the third consecutive time, the tall Navarran rider will be of the team's road captains in the Grande Boucle. Part of the team's high-altitude training camp in Sierra Nevada prior to the Critérium du Dauphiné, Erviti will be one of the main references of the squad's leaders and will search his opportunities in the breakaways during the few chances the race will offer him.

In the Tour de France

2011: 87°; 2010: 76°.

Rouleur



Imanol Erviti

15.11.1983, Pamplona (Navarra, ESP).
 1.89 m / 82 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2006-10)
 Illes Balears (2004-05)
 iBanesto.com (2002-03)
 ONCE-Eroski (2000-01)

Palmarès

1° Spanish RR Championship '01, 10
 1° Spanish ITT Champs '00, '04, '05, '07
 1° Eneco Tour '07, '08
 1° prol. Eneco Tour '08
 1° Giro dell'Emilia '03
 1° Tour Méditerranéen '07
 1° GP Llodio '02
 1° GP CTT Correios '01

22 pro wins

1° st. 1 Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana '08
 1° st. 3 / 5 Vuelta a Burgos '06
 1° st. 3 Vuelta a Murcia '06
 1° st. 1 Tour Méditerranéen '06
 1° Clásica de Almería '05
 1° st. 1 Vuelta a Castilla y León '04
 1° st. 2 Vuelta a Murcia '04
 1° st. 2 Vuelta a Burgos '02

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2012 Results

5° Spanish ITT Championship
 5° st. 1 Vuelta a Madrid
 6° st. 2B Vuelta a Asturias
 7° st. 2A Vuelta a Asturias
 8° Down Under Classic
 15° Trofeo Deià
 20° Tour Down Under

2012 Schedule

Down Under Classic (NE): 8°
Tour Down Under (2.WT)
 33°, 55°, 55°, 15°, 23°, 29°. GEN: 20°
Trofeo Palma (1.1): 24°
Trofeo Deià (1.1): 15°
Vuelta a Andalucía (2.1)
 10°, 15°, 81°, 65°, 72°. GEN: 74°

Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 17°, 32°, 124°, 102°, 105°, 121°, 44°, 60°. GEN: 83°
Ronde van Vlaanderen (1.WT): ABN
Vuelta a Asturias (2.1)
 96°, 7°, 6°, ABN.
Vuelta a Madrid (2.1): 5°, 69°. GEN: 66°

Tour de Picardie (2.1): 53°, 28°, ABN.
Tour de Suisse (2.WT)
 28°, 82°, 62°, 95°, 53°, 107°, 120°, 69°, ABN.
Spanish ITT Championship: 5°
Spanish RR Championship: 46°

It's the ninth participation -the fifth consecutive one- for the Spaniard in the Tour after a season where, diagnosed celiac, he returned to his usual level following a rather disappointing 2011. In the move during last year's Grande Boucle thanks to his enormous combativity into the breakaways, Gutiérrez, will also be one of the key pieces for teamwork duties.

In the Tour de France

2011: 101°; 2010: 47°; 2009: 70° (8° st. 7); 2008: 53°; 2007: 21° (6° st. 19); 2004: 51°; 2001: 64°; 2000: ABN st. 11.

All-rounder



Iván Gutiérrez

27.11.1978, Hinojedo (Cantabria, ESP).
 1.81 m / 77 kg.





Career

Katusha (2009-11)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2006-08)
 Illes Balears (2004-05)
 iBanesto.com (2003)
 Itera (2001-02)

Palmarès

1° Volta a Catalunya '07
 1° Tour de Suisse '07
 1° Prueba Villafranca '08
 1° st. 2 Vuelta a la Rioja '07
 1° st. 3B Volta ao Alentejo '07
 1° st. 1 Vuelta a Castilla y León '07
 1° Vuelta a la Rioja '04

7 pro wins

2° Russian ITT Championship '11
 2° Tour de Romandie '09
 7° Vuelta a España '07
 7° Giro d'Italia '05
 12° Tour de France '09
 12° Vuelta a España '10
 14° Giro d'Italia '10

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2012 Results

12° Vuelta a Murcia
 13° Circuit de la Sarthe
 24° Tour de Romandie
 28° Vuelta a Castilla y León
 37° GP Miguel Indurain
 50° Tour de Suisse

2012 Schedule

Vuelta a Murcia (2.1): 15°, 34°. GEN: 12°
Volta a Catalunya (2.WT)
 142°, 168°, 82°, 71°, 52°, 39°, 36°. GEN: 64°
GP Miguel Indurain (1.HC): 37°.
Circuit de la Sarthe (2.1)
 79°, 51°, 21°, 30°, 55°. GEN: 13°

Vuelta a Castilla y León (2.1)

43°, 31°, 30°. GEN: 28°
Tour de Romandie (2.WT)
 66°, 50°, 32°, 35°, 34°, 32°. GEN: 24°
Tour de Suisse (2.WT)
 62°, 40°, 63°, 105°, 59°, 79°, 39°, 58°, 73°. GEN: 50°

A sole absent in 2008, the Russian has been a usual contender in the Tour since 2004, when he came into the spotlight by winning the white young riders' jersey. In his comeback season at the order of Unzué, Karpets will focus stronger on his luxury domestique abilities, but his versatility could surely bring him several opportunities to accomplish Movistar Team's objectives in the 2012 Tour de France.

In the Tour de France

2011: 27°; 2010: NS st. 9; 2009: 12°; 2007: 14° (3° st. 19); 2006: 29°; 2005: 50°; 2004: 13° (7° st. 16).

All-rounder 

Vladimir Karpets

20.09.1980, San Petersburgo (RUS).
 1.91 m / 75 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2009-10)
 Tinkoff (2007-08)
 OTC / Rietumu (2006)
 Grupa PSB (2004)

Palmarès

1° Route du Sud '11
 1° st. 20 Giro d'Italia '11
 1° st. 2 Vuelta al País Vasco '11
 1° st. 19 Giro d'Italia '08
 1° st. 5 Vuelta a Burgos '07
 1° st. 3 Ster Elektrotoer '07
 1° Belarusian ITT Championship '06

13 pro wins

1° st. 6 C. Solidarnosc '06
 1° Belarusian ITT Championship '05
 1° Giro del Casentino '05
 1° Coppa della Pace '05
 1° st. 3 Giro della Toscana '05
 1° Belarusian ITT Championship '02

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2012 Results

4° st. 5 Vuelta al País Vasco
 6° Critérium du Dauphiné
 6° st. 2 Tour de Romandie
 7° st. 7 Crit. du Dauphiné
 14° Vuelta al País Vasco
 27° Amstel Gold Race
 40° Liège-Bastogne-Liège

2012 Schedule

Vuelta a Andalucía (2.1)
 15°, 99°, 42°, 100°, 107°. GEN: 102°
Clásica de Almería (1.HC): 82°
Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 62°, 92°, 99°, 94°, 67°, 148°, 77°, 45°. GEN: 86°

GP Miguel Indurain (1.HC): 40°
Vuelta al País Vasco (2.WT)
 38°, 41°, 17°, 24°, 4°, 26°. GEN: 14°
Amstel Gold Race (1.WT): 27°
Flèche Wallonne (1.WT): 50°
Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1.WT): 40°

Tour de Romandie (2.WT)
 42°, 6°, 23°, 67°, 69°, 97°. GEN: 58°
Critérium du Dauphiné (2.WT)
 26°, 56°, 48°, 80°, 15°, 37°, 7°, 17°. GEN: 6°

Following a brilliant 2011, with victories in the Giro, País Vasco and the Route du Sud only overshadowed by his premature withdrawal in the Grande Boucle, the Belarusian comes into the Tour with the aim of washing that memory out from his mind and search for a stage win he came close to in 2010. A real allrounder, Kiryienka must be one of the team references.

In the Tour de France

2011: OOT st. 6; 2010: 59° (2° st. 10; 7° st. 19).

All-rounder



Vasil Kiryienka

28.06.1981, Rechytza (BLR).
 1.83 m / 72 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2010)
 Liberty Seguros (2009)
 Benfica (2008)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2007)
 Com. Valenciana (2004-06)
 iBanesto.com (2001-03)

Palmarès

1° Spanish RR Championship '03, '09
 1° st. 20 Vuelta a España '05
 1° GP Costa Azul '05
 1° st. 6 Volta a Portugal '09
 1° st. 2 GP CTT Correios '09
 1° st. 3 Circuit de Lorraine '09
 1° Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana '08
 1° prol. Volta a Portugal '08
 1° st. 1 Vuelta a Madrid '08

20 pro wins

1° Vuelta a La Rioja '07
 1° Clásica a los Puertos '06
 1° Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana '06
 1° prol. Volta a Portugal '06
 1° st. 4 Vuelta a Aragón '05
 1° st. 2 GP Costa Azul '05
 1° st. 5 Trofeu Agostinho '04
 5° Vuelta a España '05
 11° Tour de France '10

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2012 Results

10° Circuit de la Sarthe
 10° st. 3 Circuit de la Sarthe
 11° Vuelta a Madrid
 20° Vuelta a Castilla y León
 24° Volta ao Algarve
 28° GP Miguel Indurain

2012 Schedule

Volta ao Algarve (2.1)
 86°, 45°, 30°, 40°, 38°. GEN: 24°
Vuelta a Murcia (2.1): 55°, 28°. GEN: 50°
GP Miguel Indurain (1.HC): 28°
Circuit de la Sarthe (2.1)
 28°, 35°, 10°, 20°, 41°. GEN: 10°
Paris-Roubaix (1.WT): ABN
Vuelta a Castilla y León (2.1)
 68°, 29°, 13°. GEN: 20°
Tour de Romandie (2.WT)
 24°, 20°, 31°, 28°, 48°, 74°. GEN: 47°

Vuelta a Madrid (2.1): 19°, 12°. GEN: 11°
Critérium du Dauphiné (2.WT)
 28°, 74°, 49°, 51°, 18°, 69°, 42°, 102°. GEN: 53°
Spanish RR Championship: 42°

Happily recovered from a serious tibia and fibula fracture that made him miss almost the entire 2011 season, Plaza will be riding a Grand Tour again as he takes the start in a Tour he discovered late in his career but yet successfully in 2010 - 11th in the GC-, able to defend his habitual regularity in long stageraces. A hope for his team leaders and an individual win he doesn't find since his 2009 national road title.

In the Tour de France

2010: 11° (3° st. 16).

All-rounder

Rubén Plaza

29.02.1980, Ibi (Alicante, ESP).
 1.90 m / 77 kg





Career

Movistar Team (2011)
 Caisse d'Epargne (2007-10)
 Astana-Würth (2006)

Palmarès

1° Spanish RR Championship '11
 1° st. 1 Vuelta al País Vasco '12
 1° Trofeo Deià '11
 1° st. 6 Volta a Catalunya '11
 1° st. 2 Tour de l'Ain '09
 1° Trofeo Pollença '08
 1° st. 1 Vuelta a Murcia '07

2° Clásica de Almería '11
 2° GP dell'Insubria '10
 2° GP Llodio '08
 2° Trofeo Mallorca '07
 2° Trofeo Cala Millor '07
 3° Tour Down Under '09
 3° st. 3 / 5 / 10 Tour de France '11
 3° st. 6 Tour de France '09

7 pro wins

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2012 Results

1° st. 1 Vuelta al País Vasco
 2° st. 4 Tour de Suisse
 2° st. 2 Paris-Nice
 4° Camp. España Ruta
 4° Down Under Classic
 4° st. 2 Vuelta al País Vasco
 9° Trofeo Migjorn
 16° Paris-Nice

2012 Schedule

Down Under Classic (NE): 4°
 Tour Down Under (2.WT)
 97°, 33°, 17°, 6°, 18°, 5°. GEN: 16°
 Trofeo Palma (1.1): 11°
 Trofeo Migjorn (1.1): 9°
 Trofeo Deià (1.1): 16°
 Tour du Haut Var (2.1): 7°, 22°. GEN: 20°

Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 51°, 2°, 42°, 53°, 56°, 17°, 6°, 69°. GEN: 16°
 Dwars door Vlaanderen (1.1): 20°
 E3 Prijs Harelbeke (1.WT): 64°
 Gent-Wevelgem (1.WT): 69°
 Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 1°, 4°, 116°, 63°, 43°, 45°. GEN: 67°
 Amstel Gold Race (1.WT): 63°

Flèche Wallonne (1.WT): 45°
 Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1.WT): DQ
 Tour de Suisse (2.WT)
 69°, 66°, 11°, 2°, 14°, 33°, 45°, 36°, 49°. GEN: 42°
 Spanish RR Championship: 4°

One of the biggest revelations in the 2011 Tour -where he contested the green jersey until the final stage in Paris-comes for a fourth consecutive time into the start of the French event with the points ranking as the biggest dream. The fight for green and his first stage triumph in a GT focus Rojas's ambitions as he solidly makes part of the world's top elite.

In the Tour de France

2011: 79° (3° st. 3 / 5 / 10); 2010: 67° (4° st. 5 / 11); 2009: 83° (3° st. 6).

Sprinter

José Joaquín Rojas

08.06.1985, Cieza (Murcia, ESP).
 1.77 m / 70 kg





Career

Caisse d'Epargne (2006-10)
 Illes Balears (2005)
 Kelme - Com. Valenciana (2002-04)

Palmarès

1° Vuelta a España '09
 1° Liège-Bastogne-Liège '06, '08
 1° Flèche Wallonne '06
 1° Clásica de San Sebastián '08
 1° Spanish RR Championship '08
 1° Critérium du Dauphiné '08, '09
 1° 3 stages Tour de France
 1° 5 stages Vuelta a España

66 pro wins

1° Vuelta a Andalucía '12
 1° Vuelta a Burgos '04, '11
 1° Vuelta a Murcia '04, '07, '08
 1° Klasika Primavera '03, '04, '11
 1° Paris-Camembert '08
 1° Volta a la Comunitat Valenciana '07
 1° Challenge Illes Balears '03
 2° Vuelta a España '06
 6° Tour de France '07

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2012 Results

1° Vuelta a Andalucía
 1° st. 5 Tour Down Under
 1° st. 3 Vuelta a Andalucía
 1° st. 3 Paris-Nice
 2° Tour Down Under
 2° Klasika Primavera
 3° Paris-Nice
 9° Tour de Suisse

2012 Schedule

Down Under Classic (NE): 26°
Tour Down Under (2.WT)
 58°, 4°, 54°, 33°, 1°, 25°. GEN: 2°
Trofeo Palma (1.1): 76°
Trofeo Deià (1.1): 13°
Vuelta a Andalucía (2.1)
 25°, 52°, 1°, 24°, 2°. GEN: 1°

Paris-Nice (2.WT)
 41°, 9°, 1°, 8°, 2°, 65°, 45°, 6°. GEN: 3°
Volta a Catalunya (2.WT)
 50°, 64°, NS.
Klasika Primavera (1.1): 2°

Amstel Gold Race (1.WT): 22°
Flèche Wallonne (1.WT): 46°
Liège-Bastogne-Liège (1.WT): DQ
Tour de Suisse (2.WT)
 23°, 9°, 54°, 46°, 48°, 38°, 19°, 13°, 19°. GEN: 9°

Three-time stage winner in the Grande Boucle and wearer of the yellow jersey in 2008, Valverde comes back after a four-year lapse without contesting cycling's biggest event. A notable return into the elite ranks has welcomed him in 2012, with four victories and a strong gamble within the favourites for the GC, where he will try to make visible his strong preparations in high altitude and in the Tour de Suisse, where he became an improvised luxury domestique towards Ri Costa's overall success.

In the Tour de France

2008: 8° (1° st. 1, 6); **2007:** 6° (2° st. 9; 3° st. 8); **2006:** ABN st. 3; **2005:** ABN st. 13 (1° st. 10).

All-rounder

Alejandro Valverde

25.04.1980, Las Lumbreras (Murcia, ESP).
 1.77 m / 61 kg





STAGES

Tour de France



n°	day	route	km
Pr.	Saturday 30	Liège (ITT)	6.4
1st	Sunday 1	Liège - Seraing	198
2nd	Monday 2	Visé - Tournai	207.5
3rd	Tuesday 3	Orchies - Boulogne-sur-Mer	197
4th	Wednesday 4	Abbeville - Rouen	214.5
5th	Thursday 5	Rouen - Saint-Quentin	196.5
6th	Friday 6	Épernay - Metz	207.5
7th	Saturday 7	Tomblaine - La Planche des Belles Filles	199
8th	Sunday 8	Belfort - Porrentruy	157.5
9th	Monday 9	Arc-et-Senans - Besançon (ITT)	41.5
	Tuesday 10	REST DAY ONE	
10th	Wednesday 11	Mâcon - Bellegarde-sur-Valserine	194.5
11th	Thursday 12	Albertville - La Toussuire	148
12th	Friday 13	Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne - Annonay Davézieux	226
13th	Saturday 14	Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux - Le Cap d'Agde	217
14th	Sunday 15	Limoux - Foix	191
15th	Monday 16	Samatan - Pau	158.5
	Tuesday 17	REST DAY 2	
16th	Wednesday 18	Pau - Bagnères-de-Luchon	197
17th	Thursday 19	Bagnères-de-Luchon - Peyragudes	143.5
18th	Friday 20	Blagnac - Brive-la-Gaillarde	223.5
19th	Saturday 21	Bonneval - Chartres (ITT)	53.5
20th	Sunday 22	Rambouillet - Paris / Champs-Élysées	120

Hotels

days	hotel	place	address	phone
27-02	Best Western Post Hotel	Herstal	Rue Hurbise 160	--
02-03	Relais Volubilis	Marcq-en-Baroeuil	340, Avenue de la Marne	--
03-04	Best Western Hôtel du Parc	Hardelot	111, Avenue François 1er	(+33)0321332211 / 0321832971
04-05	Ibis Barentin	Barentin	15, Route Nationale	(+33)0235910123 / 0235917534
05-06	Novotel Reims - Tinquieux	Tinquieux	50, Route de Soissons	--
06-07	Campanile Pont à Mousson	Pont à Mousson	Lieu dit grand pré, ZA les Mesnils	--
07-08	Hôtel Arianis	Sochaux	11, Avenue du Général Leclerc	(+33)0381321717 / 0381320090
08-09	Castel Damandre	Les Planches près d'Arbois	Rue de la Cascade	(+33)0384660817 / 0384374969
09-11	Hôtel le Villon	Villié Morgon	Boulevard du Parc	(+33)0474691616 / 0474691681

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11-12	Hôtel Adelpia	Aix-les-Bains	215, Boulevard Robert Barrier	(+33)0479887289 / 0479887200
12-13	Hôtel Club la Ruade	La Toussuire	--	(+33)0479830179 / 0479567535
13-14	Môtel du Rhône	Bourg-lès-Valence	l'lot Girodet	(+33)0475556565 / 0475420333
14-15	La Distillerie de Pézenas	Pézenas	6, Rue Calquières Hautes	(+33)0467115111 / 0467115119
15-16	Radisson Blu Airport	Blagnac	2, Rue Dieudonné Costes	(+33)0561161817 / 0561161813
16-18	Mercure Palais des Sports	Pau	106, Avenue de l'Europe	(+33)0559842970 / 0559845611
18-19	Hotel Sol Vielha	Vielha	c/ Aneto, 1	973638000 / 973638009
19-20	Radisson Blu Airport	Blagnac	2, Rue Dieudonné Costes	(+33)0561161817 / 0561161813
20-22	Novotel	Chartres	Avenue Marcel Proust, La Madeleine	--
22-23	Concorde La Fayette	Paris	3, Place du Général Koenig	(+33)0140685068 / 0140685043



30th appearance (since 1983)

27 Stage wins

- '83: Ángel Arroyo (Puy de Dôme)
- '84: Ángel Arroyo (Morzine)
- '85: Eduardo Chozas (Aurillac)
- '86: Julián Gorospe (Saint-Étienne)
- '88: Pedro Delgado (Villard de Lans - ITT)
- '89: Miguel Indurain (Cauterets)
- '90: Miguel Indurain (Luz Ardiden)
- '91: Miguel Indurain (Alençon, Macon - ITT)
- '92: Miguel Indurain (San Sebastián, Luxemburgo, Blois - ITT)
- '93: Miguel Indurain (Le Puy de Fou, Lac de Madine - ITT)
- '94: Miguel Indurain (Bergerac - ITT)

80 days in yellow

- '88: Pedro Delgado (10 days)
- '91: Miguel Indurain (10 days)
- '92: Miguel Indurain (10 days)
- '93: Miguel Indurain (14 days)
- '94: Miguel Indurain (13 days)
- '95: Miguel Indurain (13 days)
- '06: Óscar Pereiro (7 days)
- '08: Alejandro Valverde (2 days)

- '95: Miguel Indurain (Seraing, Lac de Vassivière - ITT)
- '97: Abraham Olano (Eurodisney - ITT)
- '00: Chente García Acosta (Draguignan)
- '03: Juan Antonio Flecha (Toulouse)
- '03: Pablo Lastras (Saint Maixent L'École)
- '05: Alejandro Valverde (Courchevel)
- '08: Alejandro Valverde (Plumelec, Super Besse)
- '08: Luis León Sánchez (Aurillac)
- '09: Luis León Sánchez (Saint-Girons)
- '11: Rui Costa (Super-Besse)

2 Team overall victories

- '91: Banesto
- '99: Banesto

7 Overall victories

- '88: Pedro Delgado
- '91: Miguel Indurain
- '92: Miguel Indurain
- '93: Miguel Indurain
- '94: Miguel Indurain
- '95: Miguel Indurain
- '06: Óscar Pereiro

10 Overall podiums

- '88: Pedro Delgado (1°)
- '91: Miguel Indurain (1°)
- '92: Miguel Indurain (1°)
- '93: Miguel Indurain (1°)
- '94: Miguel Indurain (1°)
- '95: Miguel Indurain (1°)
- '06: Óscar Pereiro (1°)
- '83: Ángel Arroyo (2°)
- '99: Alex Zülle (2°)
- '89: Pedro Delgado (3°)

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