



2nd TOUR OF AL ZUBARAH

17th to 20th of December 2014



Press release

Doha, 16th of December 2014

International cycling stage race TOUR OF AL ZUBARAH 2014 Stage one to be held at Aspire Zone

Organized by the Qatar Cycling Federation under Presidency of Sheikh Khalid bin Ali Al Thani, the race will see its second edition. It is becoming bigger and more interesting by aspect of sport promotion, media, sponsors and fans. The race is becoming stronger in organizational and competition sense.

From Wednesday, 17th of December, to Saturday, 20th of December, the race will cover big portion of State of Qatar in four stages. The goal of organizers is to always organize some new stages, which will make the race more interesting.

Schedule of stages:

17. December (Wednesday)	Aspire Zone-prologue	3,9 km
18. December 2013 (Thursday)	Madinat Al Kaaban – Dukhan	120,1 km
19. December 2013 (Friday)	Al Shamal Sports Club – Madinat Al Shamal	116,8 km
20. December 2013 (Saturday)	Lekhwiya Sports Club – Al Zubarah	122,6 km

RACE LENGTH **363,4 km**

The riders will have to tackle first with the short individual time trial, which will be held in Aspire Zone. Very interesting and technical course will be battled in the dark for the first time in Qatar, which will undoubtedly offer great experience for the riders as well as fans. Second day (National Day) will lead riders from Madinat Al Kabaan to Dukhan. The only stage with some hills in the last 25 km could be already deciding for the General Classification. Third day, the riders will start in Al Shamal Sports Club, which offered support for this event. The 13,5 km lap in the end is always an attraction. Last day. The riders will head from Lekhwiya sports club to their final destination to Al Zubarah. A mild drag to the finish and wind could present hard tackle for the riders. The stage proved to be very hard last year, since riders came in finish in small groups. The champion's ceremony will be held in front of Al Zubarah fort.

The race is hosting 15 teams, 90 riders from 20 different nationalities:

QATAR National Team

ADRIA MOBIL Continental Team (Slovenia)

AL AHLI Cycling Club

ALGERIA National Team





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AUSTRIA National Team

BAHRAIN National Team

CARBON WHEELS Cycling Club

CCN METALAC SERBIA Cycling Club

KUWAIT National Team

RACING CYCLES - KASTRO TEAM Continental Team (Greece)

SIGMASPORT.CO.UK Cycling Club (Great Britain)

TEAM BIKETEMPEL Cycling Club (Germany)

TEAM GIANT - GMS Cycling Club

UAE National Team

UZBEKISTAN National team

The main sponsors of the race are Aspire Zone Foundation and Qatar Museums.

Members of the public are encouraged to come and try a bike rental at aspire on the 17th of December at 4:30 pm and cycle the Tour of Zubarah Course with family or friends then watch the professionals do it There will be a grandstand for viewing the race and refreshments served. For more information please visit www.lifeinaspire.qa

The race can be followed on the internet site www.zubarahtour.qa where you can find all the information about the race, stages, teams and results.

