

# **2017 Taiwan Cycling Festival**

## **The Road to Taiwan KOM - Spring**

How about a no-pressure riding experience on the world famous “Taiwan KOM Challenge” route?

As the “Taiwan KOM Challenge” has become so well known by cyclists worldwide, many dream of riding the same road as the professionals and elite amateurs but feel daunted by the prospect of having to compete with these experienced riders and fear they will be unable to make the time cut of six hours.

And so, we present “The Road to Taiwan KOM”. Come experience the amazing beauty of Taroko Gorge and Hehuan mountain, and the awe-inspiring sense of achievement of riding up the very same route as the Taiwan KOM Challenge, and take anything up to 9 hours on a fully supported ride to do it.

From 2016, “The Road to Taiwan KOM” will be two times a year, Spring and Summer time.

“2017 The Road to Taiwan KOM - Spring”, held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, gives you the opportunity to take the “Taiwan KOM Challenge” at your own pace, and to take home the incredible experience of riding the route of one of the hardest bike race of the world.

**The Road to Taiwan KOM 2017 - Spring: the journey of a lifetime!**

**Director** : Ministry of Transportation and Communication R.O.C., Tourism Bureau MOTC R.O.C., Hualien County Government, Nantou County Government.

**Organizer** : Taiwan Cyclist Federation

**Assistant** : Directorate General of Highways R.O.C., Dongshih Forest District Office

**Date**: April 17th, 2017 (Monday)

**Start Line** : Hualien Qixingtang (on the eastern Taiwan coastline of the Pacific Ocean.)

**Route** : Hualien Qixingtang → Taroko Bridge → Taiwan No.8 Highway → Tianxiang → Xinbaiyang → BiLu Sacred Tree → GuanYuan → DaYuLing → Taiwan No.14A Highway → HeHuan mountain / WuLing.

Total: 105 KM. Altitude Rise: 3275 M.

**Feed Zone and Check Point: All point with water/medical/toilet services except DaYuLing**

Feed Zone & Check Point (* check point only)	XiBao	XinBaiYang	BiLu Sacred Tree	GuanYuan	DaYuLing*	WuLing
Distance/km	46.1 km	64.8 km	79.4 km	90.7 km	94.9 km	105 km
Altitude/m	915 m	1644 m	2150 m	2374 m	2565 m	3275 m
Event closing time				15:00	14:00	15:00
Feed zone	Water	Water/Food	Water/Food	Water/Lunch		Water/Food
Note		Warm keeping car, Transportation service	Warm keeping car, Transportation service  Team car feed zone	Warm keeping car, Transportation service  Lunch box, Team car feed zone	Event closing check point	Take back personal supply bag,  Finish medal,  Time chip return, deposit refund, Warm keeping car, Transportatio n service.

**Team cars are only allowed to do the fixed feeding service at BiLu Sacred Tree and GuanYuan.**

**Event Schedule :**Apr. 16th, 2017(Sunday):

16:00 - Teams and riders check in at the Hualien Astar Hotel.

17:00 - Riders Meeting in the Hualien Astar Hotel.

Apr. 17th, 2017 (Monday):

05:30 - Riders sign in and check in their day bags (for items they will need immediately at the finish line), at the Hualien Qixingtang.

05:50 - Opening Ceremony.

06:00 - Race Start.

14:00 - DaYuLing event closing time.

15:00 - Wuling and all check point closing time. The time limit is 9 hours after the start.

**Rider Qualifications :**

Riders must be 16 years old or above, and capable of finishing the route in 9 hours.

Total riders: 300

**Categories :**

M16: 16 ~ 19 years old (born 1998-2001)

M20: 20 ~ 29 years old (1988-1997)

M30: 30 ~ 39 years old (1978-1987)

M40: 40 ~ 49 years old (1968-1977)

M50: 50 years old and above (born before 1967)

Women: 16 years old and above (born before 2001)

**Entry fee :** 2,000 NTD per rider.

**Entry fee covers :** Insurance fee, finishing medal, digital finishing certificate, event T-shirt, event scarf, event backpack, race handbook, feed zone supply, daily lunch.

**Downhill Transportation service:**

1500 NTD per rider (one rider, one bike) (WuLing to Astar Hotel.)

2000 NTD per rider: WuLing to Taipei Main station or HSR Taichung station.

- Rider without a team car for after the finish line must purchase the official downhill transportation service. Please check the “Note” in this information.

**Timing chips :**

The Taiwan KOM Challenge will use the Japan J-Chip system to do rider timing. Riders are required to deposit 1000 NTD for the sensor chip which will be refunded in Wuling or back to Astar hotel after the event, once the chip has been returned. In the case of a lost sensor chip, the 1000 NTD will not be returned so, please be careful with them.

**Registration :**

Please check the “On Line Registration” on [www.cyclist.org.tw](http://www.cyclist.org.tw) . The registration period is open from Feb.9<sup>th</sup> until Mar.20<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be closed automatically when the entry application limit of 200 riders has been reached. For registration questions please email to: [service@cyclist.org.tw](mailto:service@cyclist.org.tw).

**Accommodation & Transportation service:** Please check event official website.

Riders must prepare their team cars or order the official transportation service for downhill transportation.

**Awards:**

All riders who finish the event within the time limit will be awarded with a finishing medal and a digital finishing record certificate. Riders not pass finish line on event closing time will be awarded a stage digital finish record certificate.

**Notice :**

1. Riders finish time in 7.5 hours are qualified for the entry of “2017 Taiwan KOM challenge”.
2. This event strictly prohibits participants riding down the hill back home or next destination by bicycle.  
The organizer is not responsible for any accident after participants cross the finish line. Riders please access by team car or other support vehicle. If you have no support vehicles, the organizer provides a shuttle service back to Hualian (please check the event web site).
3. Riders must hand the event backpack offered by the organizer (included in the entry fee) to the organizer before the race start. Organizer will convey the rider backpacks to the finish area, for riders to collect after the race. Please remember to pack warm clothing.
4. Falling rocks in Taroko Gorge are a hazard. Riders are requested to please consider these risks when deciding whether to participate in this event. Riders will be required to sign a consensual risk form before taking part in the event.
5. The finish line is situated at an altitude of 3275M, which can cause altitude sickness and we request that

each rider arrives in good physical condition. If riders feel the onset of the symptoms of altitude sickness or any other unhealthy feeling, they are strongly advised to stop riding immediately and seek medical attention.

6. There is a certain degree of difficulty involved with this cycling event. Attendee should consider the risk of riding this event and evaluate his/her own health condition to decide if entry is appropriate. Any rider with any health issues, or history of health issues such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease, heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy and asthma, is not allowed to participate in this cycling race, event. The event organizer will not be responsible for any accident caused by these health issues.
7. In high altitude mountain area, temperatures and weather can change very fast. Riders are requested to prepare warm clothing to keep warm before and after the finishing line. Event backpack with post-event stuff are required to be handed over at the start, and it will be carried to the finish area by the organizer.
8. The Organizer has the right to terminate or pause the event if there is deemed to be any risk to the rider's health and/or route safety. Riders and any other attendees must abide by this decision.
9. All riders must ride standard road bike or flat bar road bike fitted with a full braking system of front and rear brakes. Both front and rear lights MUST also be mounted for riding through tunnels (some of which are without light) and foggy area. Jerseys cannot be sleeveless and helmets are mandatory. This equipment is mandatory.
10. Riders must ride on the right side of road at ALL times. Riding against the flow of traffic on the left side is prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification.
11. All riders are responsible for the effective and safe working condition of their bicycles. Any rider on a bicycle deemed unsafe by the organizer will not be allowed to start the event.
12. Riders pass the finish line in Wuling must follow the following procedure: Take personal backpack, refund time chip, take team car or ordered official transportation car. The official transportation car will back to Hualien Astar Hotel, HSR Taichung Station, or Taipei Main Station.
13. Riders must prepare their own team cars or order the official transportation service for downhill transportation. The official transportation is starting on 15:00~ back to Hualien Astar Hotel.
14. Rider should carry their health insurance card during the event trip. If any rider crashed and injured when riding, please seek medical care immediately and keep the receipt and diagnosis for any insurance claims.
15. The insurance for this event (participants) is 5-million NTD "Public Liability Insurance" which is for accident payments caused by organizer responsibility only. That means, based on the law, the insurance only covers the race or event accident payments that is caused by the organizer's liability. Please refer to

the event insurance policy website (click here) of “Public Liability Insurance” for the coverage details of the event insurance. The organizer is only responsible for the indemnity amount with the maximum price per person as the insurance policies offers. Do not register for the event if you do not agree with the coverage, items, and indemnity amount of insurance policy. Any personal health issues during the race or any riding injury caused by a personal health problem will not be included in the insurance. Riders that have personal health problems should not attend this event.

16. All entry information offered by the rider must be correct, if it is not correct, the rider will be personally responsible for all results caused by incorrect information.
17. If the weather on the event day is bad, the organizer will announce the new event policy at the Riders’ Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. For example, the organizer may cut short the riding time limit or shorten the riding distance...etc.
18. In the case of extreme weather conditions or a local government suspension of traffic on HeHuan Mountain, the Organizer retains the right to delay, terminate or postpone the event, change the time limit of check point, to alter the route at any time. In the event of such cases, all information will be forthcoming at the appropriate time.
19. The Organizer has the right to publish or share all videos, photos, race results related to this event on media, internet, galleries etc. Attendee and riders must agree to the right of the Organizer to use all material for promotion.
20. Please cherish the natural environment, riders are forbidden to litter all the way of riding route and anyone seen doing so will be removed from the event.
21. Please continue to visit the TCF, Taiwan KOM website and TCF Facebook periodically for any additional information. Any updates, alterations and general information will be posted there.
22. Tour Services: **Please order in registration webpage.**

Transportation: All rider and bike transportation service is by VW T5 minivan, 4 persons + 4 bikes per van (On Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>, the loading capacity per van may be adjusted according to the actually needs.)

4/17(Mon.) 15:00 WuLing → HuaLien Astar Hotel: 1,500 NTD

4/17(Mon.) 15:00 WuLing → Taipei Main Station: 2,000 NTD

4/17(Mon.) 15:00 WuLing → HSR Taichung Station: 2,000 NTD

Accommodation: Please check the registration webpage.

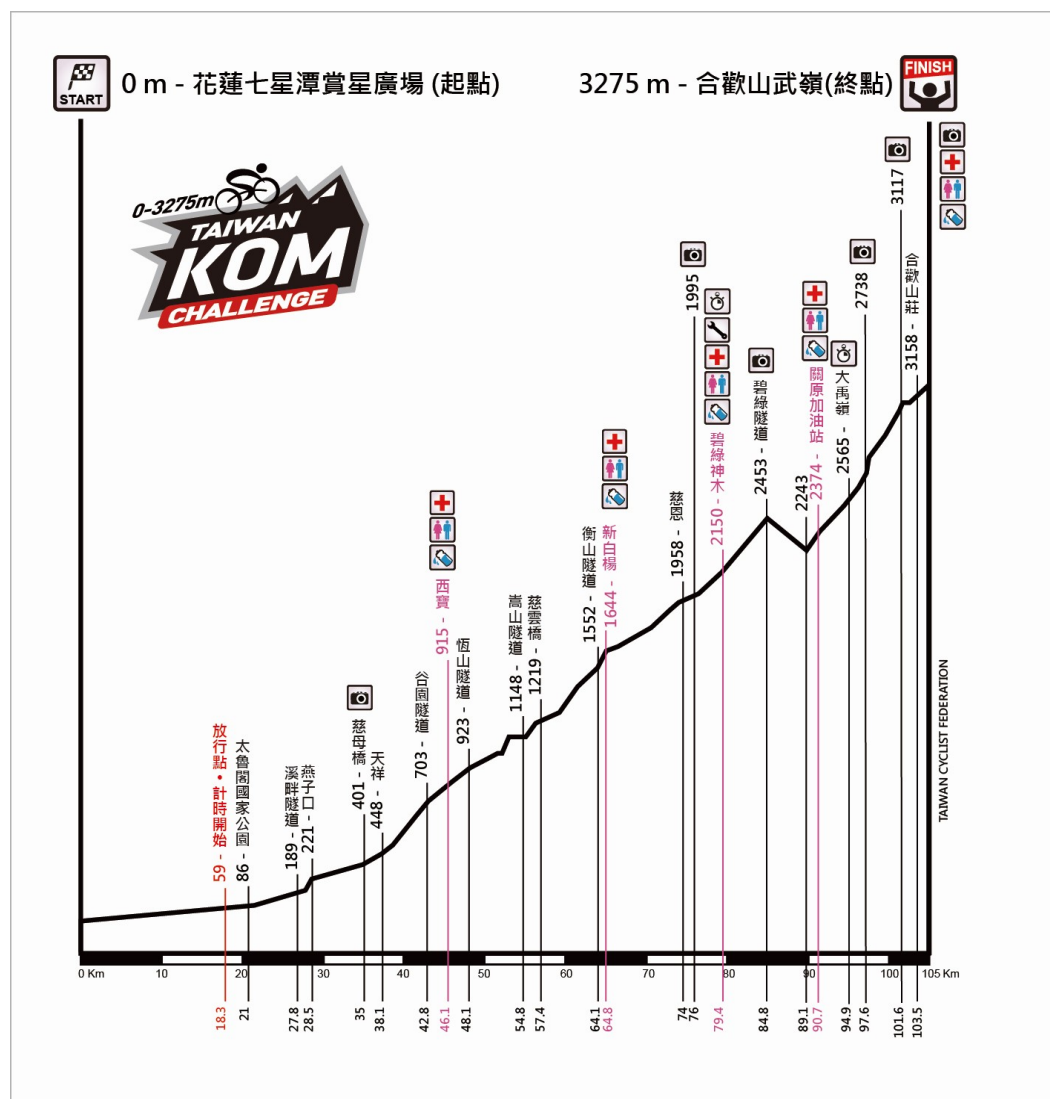
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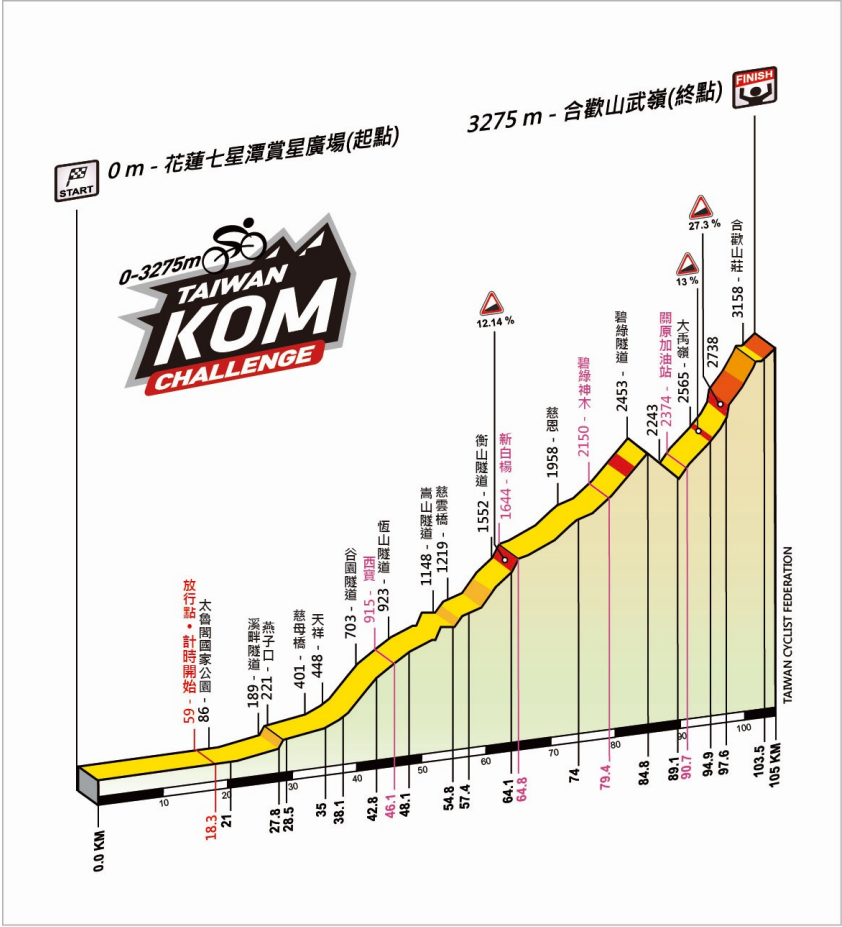
## Route Map



## Route Profile



Climb Details



Last Kilometers

