

2021 Taiwan Cycling Festival

The Road to Taiwan KOM - Summer

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

The Taiwan KOM Challenge is perhaps the most iconic hill-climb race in the world, attracting some of the world's greatest cyclists, such as Cadel Evans, Vincenzo Nibali and Marianne Vos. The event has featured on the Global Cycling News channel and is regularly voted as one of the toughest climbs in the world.

Cyclists worldwide dream of riding the same route as the professionals and elite amateurs.

Now, we present the Summer Road to Taiwan KOM, which feature an extended cut-off time of 9 hours (the October race is 6 hours).

We invite you to 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 featured in the Taiwan KOM Challenge.

Since 2016, the Road to Taiwan KOM has been held twice a year, in spring and summer respectively.

The 2021 Road to Taiwan KOM- Summer will be held this year, 2021, on June 28th, offering participants the opportunity to experience 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 races in the world.

The 2021 Road to Taiwan KOM- Summer: the journey of a lifetime!

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

Organizer : Taiwan Cyclist Federation, aka TCF.

Event Date: June 28th, 2020 (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 distance: 105 kms. Altitude rise: 3275 m.

Feed Zone and Check Point: All points 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				13:00	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, Transportation service.

Team cars are only allowed to do the fixed feeding service at Bilu Sacred Tree and Guanyuan.

Event Schedule :

June 27th, 2021(Sunday):

- 16:00 - Teams and riders check in at the TCF Training Center Hualien.
(Dahan Institute of Technology. Address: No.1, Shuren St., Dahan Village,
Sincheng Township, Hualien County, R.O.C.)
- 17:00 - Riders Meeting/Pre-event briefing in the Kadda Hotel Hualien.

June 28th, 2021 (Monday):

- 05:30 - Riders sign in, hand over their day bags (for items they will need immediately at the finish line), at the Hualien Qixingtang.
- 05:50 - Opening Ceremony. Final notice.
- 06:00 - Event start.
- 14:00 - Dayuling event closing time.
- 15:00 - Wuling and all check points closing time. Time allowance: 9 hours after the start.

Rider Qualifications :

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

Categories :

RACE-

Men: 18 or above (2003~)

Women: 18 or above (2003~)

CHALLENGE-

M20: 15 ~ 24 years old (1997-2006)

M25: 25 ~ 29 years old (1992~1996)

M30: 30 ~ 34 years old (1987-1991)

M35: 35 ~ 39 years old (1982-1986)

M40: 40 ~ 44 years old (1977-1981)

M45: 45 ~ 49 years old (1972-1976)

M50: 50 years old and above (born before 1971)

Women: 16 years old and above (born before 2006)

Entry fee : 2,000 NTD per rider. Plus a pre-paid time chip deposit of NT\$500.

Entry fee covers : Insurance fee, finisher medal, digital finisher certificate, event shirt or water-proof day bag, feed zone supply, daily lunch.

Timing chips :

The Road to Taiwan KOM event will use the Japan J-Chip system to do riders' time recording. Riders are required to deposit NT\$500 for the sensor chip which will be refunded in Wuling once the chip is returned. In case of a lost sensor chip, a NT\$1,000 penalty will be charged. So

please keep the sensor chip with care during riding.

Downhill Transportation service:

NT\$2,000 per rider (one rider, one bike): Normally operated by minivans.

- EAST-bound transportation: Wuling Parking lot – Hualien city.
- WEST-bound transportation: Wuling Parking lot – Puli, HSR Taichung Station, TPE Taoyuan International Airport, Taipei Main Station.
- Downhill transportation service starts from 12:00 on a fully-seated-and-go basis.
- Riders without a team/support car for the post-event transportation must purchase the official downhill transportation service. Please check the “Notice” in this information.

Hotel Booking Service: Please refer to the booking service chart in the entry webpage for Jun.27th hotel room in Hualien if needed.

COVID-19 NOTICE: Please strictly follow the Organizer’ s COVID-19 on-site epidemic prevention measures during the whole event.

Registration :

Please check the “Online Registration” on www.cyclist.org.tw . The registration period is open from now until May 10th. For registration questions please email to: service@cyclist.org.tw.

Accommodation & Transportation service:

Please check the registration website. Riders must prepare their team/support cars, or order the event downhill transportation service.

Awards:

All riders who finish the event within the time limit will be awarded with a finishing medal and a digital finishing record certificate.

Notice :

1. Riders finishing within 7.5 hours (from the flying start to the finish line) are qualified for the entry of the “2021 Taiwan KOM challenge” .
2. This event strictly prohibits participants from cycling down the hill after the event. The Organizer is not responsible for any accident after participants cross the finish line. Riders please depart by team car or other support vehicle. Riders without support vehicles MUST purchase the event downhill shuttle service (please tick in the event registration webpage).
3. Riders must hand over the day bag offered by the Organizer (included in the entry fee) to the Organizer before the event start. Organizer will convey these bags to the Wuling finish area, for riders to take back for immediate use when arriving Wuling. Please remember to pack personal warm-keeping stuff.
4. Falling rocks in Taroko Gorge are potential hazard. Riders are requested to consider these risks when deciding whether to participate in this event. Riders will be requested to sign a

consensual risk form while sign up to taking part in the event.

5. The finish line is situated at an altitude of 3275m in which it may cause altitude sickness, and we expect that each rider finished the event in good physical condition. If riders feel the onset of the symptoms of altitude sickness or any other unhealthy feeling during the ride, they are strongly advised to stop riding immediately and seek medical attention/support.
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 event. The Organizer will not be responsible for any accident caused by these personal health issues.
7. In high altitude mountain area, temperature and weather can change very fast. Riders are requested to prepare warm-keeping clothing at the finishing area. Event backpack with post-event stuff are required to be handed over at the start line, and it will be carried to the Wuling 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 bikes fitted with a full braking system front and rear. Both front and rear lights MUST also be mounted for riding through tunnels (some tunnels are without enough illumination) and foggy area. Jerseys cannot be sleeveless. Cycling helmets are mandatory.
10. Riders must ride on the right side of road at ALL time. 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: Receive the finishing medal, take personal bag back, refund time chip, take team car or pre-ordered official transportation vehicles for departure.
13. Riders must prepare their own team cars or order the official transportation service for downhill departure transportation. The transportation buses (also used for warm-keeping) will depart from 12:00.
14. Riders should carry their health insurance card during the event. If any rider crashed and injured when riding, please seek medical support immediately and keep the receipt and diagnosis certificate for latter 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 event 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 provided by the rider must be correct. The rider is responsible for all results caused by incorrect registration information.
17. If the weather on the event day is bad, the Organizer will announce the new event policy at the Riders' Meeting/Pre-event briefing. For example, the Organizer may cut short the riding time limit or shorten the riding distance...etc.
18. In case of extreme weather conditions or a local government suspension of traffic on Hehuan Mountain, the Organizer retains the right to delay, to terminate or to 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 event-related videos, photos, event results on media, internet, galleries etc. Attendee and riders must agree to the right of the Organizer to use all materials for promotion.
20. Cherishing the natural environment, riders are forbidden to litter all the way of riding route. Anyone doing so will be immediately disqualified from the event.
21. Please continue to visit the TCF website, Taiwan KOM website and TCF/KOM Facebook pages periodically for any additional information. Any updates, alterations and general information will be posted there.

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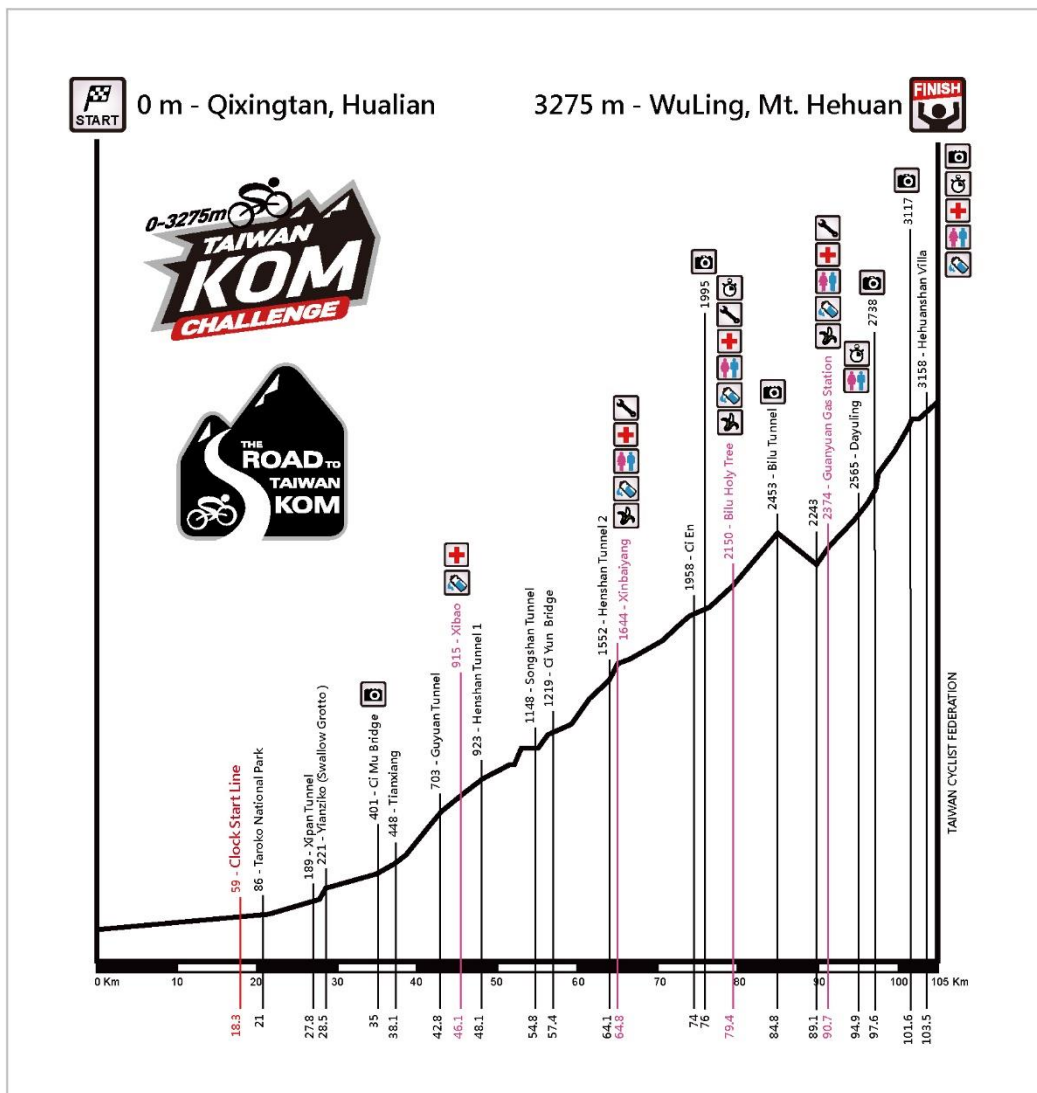
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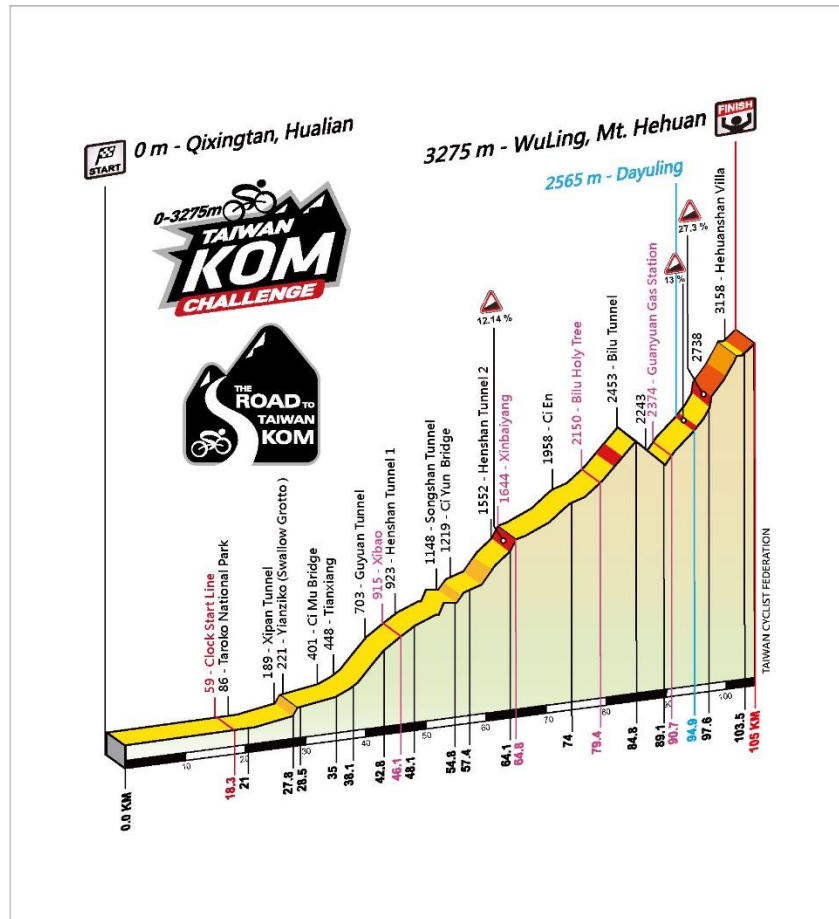
Route Map



Route Profile



Climb Details



Last Kilometers

