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ARWC 2026 The World's Elite on the Starting Line

With less than four months to go, the Adventure Racing World Championship 2026 (ARWC 2026) is entering a new dimension. Three of the world's top six teams will be competing in Corsica. Three teams, three nations, three radically different adventure cultures. None of them are here just to take part: they all intend to conquer the dramatic terrain of the Island of Beauty and claim the world crown.

400TEAM ALTORE – France – World Ranking Leaders

The world number ones chasing history. Sébastien Raichon, Sandrine Béranger, Adrien Lhermet, and Matthieu Bajard are the 2024 World Champions (Ecuador) and 2025 bronze medalists (Canada). After fifteen years of heroic pursuits and strokes of bad luck overcome with legendary resilience, the French team arrives in Corsica at the very top of their game.

Led by the exceptional Sébastien Raichon: three-time winner of the Tor des Glaciers, first finisher of the Terminorum, and self-supported GR20 record holder. This perfectly balanced team is ready to take on the Island of Beauty. More than contenders, they are frontrunners who have come to write a new chapter of their story between Corte and l'Île-Rousse.

ESTONIAN ACE / LA SPORTIVA - Estonia - 2nd in World Rankings

Northern Europe's warriors, defined by absolute resilience. Hailing from a country without mountains, brothers Silver and Rain Eensaar, Timmo Tammemäe, and Reeda Tuula-Fjodorov have mastered dense forests and brutal winters to establish themselves as perennial contenders at the top of the adventure racing world circuit. Their strength? A quiet, understated approach and a unique ability to embrace suffering rather than fight it.

Tired of falling just short, these hungry challengers arrive in Corsica with a pack mentality, determined to break the curse and claim their first world title.

ENDURANCE - Spain - 6th in Word Rankings

Raw Hispanic power with a steel mindset. Guillaume Habouzit (CHI), Mariana Pontes (BRA), Juan Sanscomed Vasquez, and Borja Varela Paz are firmly established at the top of the world circuit. This elite Spanish squad is renowned for its surgical consistency and flawless management of extreme physical effort. Forged on the most demanding raids in Europe, they excel when the elevation becomes dizzying and clarity fades under exhaustion

In Corsica, their tactical intelligence and sheer refusal to break down make them formidable contenders for the crown.



About ARWC 2026

- 30 nations
- 100 mixed teams of 4 racers
- 500 km to cover non-stop, self-supported and without GPS navigation
- 20,000 meters of elevation gain (more than twice the height of Everest)
- 5 days of racing for the frontrunners / 8 for the last finishers
- Start city: Corte / Finish city: L'Île-Rousse
- Disciplines: mountain biking, trekking, canyoning, sea kayaking, packrafting, rope sections
- A race on the ARWS (Adventure Racing World Series) circuit, bringing together over 80 races worldwide
- A World Championship supported by the French Triathlon Federation and the International Adventure Racing Association (IARA)

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