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ARWC 2026

A historic world championship, supported by an entire region

With two months to go before the start, the 2026 Adventure Racing World Championship (ARWC 2026) is cementing its status as an extraordinary international event. Organized by Raid in France, a long-standing leader in the sport since 2006, this world championship—held in Corsica—is the third to be entrusted to the French organization, a first that no other organization has achieved to date.

An adventure on a global scale

With 100 teams and 30 nations participating, the ARWC 2026 stands at the pinnacle of the global adventure racing calendar. Competitors come from the American plains, the peaks of New Zealand, Northern Europe, and Asia... from radically different cultures, yet all speaking the same language: absolute effort and team solidarity.

400 athletes will converge on Corte, making this edition one of the most international ever organized on the Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS) circuit.

Beyond hosting this world championship, Corsica will be represented on the sporting stage. In partnership with the Corsican Triathlon League, wild cards have allowed two club teams from the island and one university team to secure their race numbers and wear the black-and-white colors. Twelve athletes from the island will take the starting line with the firm intention of turning their intimate knowledge of the terrain into an advantage against the international competition.

It's not just an event that happens to take place in a region; it's an event with strong regional roots, built on sharing and respect.



A legitimacy built up over the past 20 years

Behind this success, one figure has been shaping the world of adventure racing for two decades: Pascal Bahuaud. A former Olympic athlete, a competitor in the legendary Raids Gauloises, and a key player on the circuit since its inception, Pascal has built a reputation as a race director recognized far beyond France's borders. His demanding courses—designed to reveal the raw essence of the territories they cross, where the teams' total self-sufficiency remains a non-negotiable condition—are his signature. At his side, Nancy Bahuaud embodies the human dimension of the event, orchestrating the media and partnership strategy that gives the 2026 ARWC its global reach.

Together, they have established Raid in France on the world stage. No other organizing body on the ARWS circuit has earned the ARWS's trust three times to host a world championship. This track record places France among the leading nations in adventure racing.



An entire island mobilized

An event of this magnitude is part of a broader movement: the Adventure Racing World Series—which brings together more than 80 races around the world—and the institutional support of the French Triathlon Federation and the international federation, IARA.

But a race is never organized on its own. In Corsica, the entire region rallies together: the Corsican Regional Authority, the towns of Corte and L'Île Rousse, the Corsican Regional Nature Park, as well as an army of volunteers who, on the ground, bring the race to life day by day (providing safety, supplies, and welcoming teams in the island's most remote areas). Hundreds of people come together to make five to eight days of non-stop racing happen.



The voices of Corsica

A native of Cervioni, Guillaume Peretti embodies better than anyone else the raw and passionate connection Corsicans have to their land. A well-rounded athlete and holder of the record for the assisted GR20 traverse, he embodies the values of the ARWC 2026 in his own words: high standards, humility, and a deep connection to the land. He is the event's patron.

Singer, journalist, and farmer, Diana Saliceti is a multifaceted voice of contemporary Corsica. Trained in the island's polyphonic traditions and open to the world, she will be present at both ceremonies of the event to share the soul of the region with athletes from around the world. She is the event's patroness.

An entire chain of people is coming together to make the 2026 ARWC an exceptional event—proof that a region and a world championship can become one.



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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