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TOUR OF TÜRKİYE 2022
STAGE 4 İZMİR (Konak)-MANİSA (Spil Mountain Natural Park)
ROUTE NOTES

Stage 4 – April 13, Wednesday İzmir (Konak)-Manisa Spil 152.1 km

Signing Ceremony: 09:50 am-10:40 am
Start: 10:50-İzmir Konak
Finish: Manisa-Spil Mountain
Expected Finish: 02:32 pm
Total Distance: 152.1 km

From the Seaside to the Mountainside...

The fourth stage of the 57th Presidential Cycling Tour of Türkiye will start from Konak Square Clock Tower, the symbol of İzmir. This city, which is the sound of the sea and the wind, is a very significant place for the history of the Republic where the war of independence began and ended with victory. Then, it will finish in Manisa Spil National Park, one of the natural wonders of Turkey famous for its 1238 m-high valleys, forests and tulips. In this stage, the Queen Stage of the Tour, it will be time for climbers.

Beginning with a neutral start at 10:50 am from İzmir Konak Square Clock Tower, the race will continue around Kültürpark from Fevzipaşa Boulevard and 9 Eylül Square to the Port of İzmir with a great celebration for the locals. Then, they will ride towards Karşıyaka via Altınyol.

Continuing in the direction of Menemen from Karşıyaka crossroads, the cyclists will turn right from the Muradiye, Manisa, Emiralem exit at the roundabout and pass through the Beauties of Turkey Prime at 40.5 km on Manisa Asfaltı Street.

Riding from Yukarıçobanisa, the cyclist will turn right at the roundabout to take the first exit on Manisa Turgutlu Road and continue towards Bağyurdu after passing through the Sprint Prime at 97 km by leaving the city of İzmir behind.

The world-famous cyclists pedaling in the direction of İnik Çarşıklı Housing Estate from Ören İzmir Street via Yiğitler will arrive at Akalan Village by turning left and right at the roundabout from Okan Street. They will turn right towards Spil Mountain from Akalan

Village and ride towards the summit from Yukarı Sütçüler Village at 145 km. The first racer to reach the Finish will win the Queen stage.

At this stage, the Tour takes a little break from its seaside adventure. The longest ride away from the seaside so far, the race of 152.1 kilometer will finish in Manisa Spil Mountain National Park. Manisa is also called as the "City of Princes" as many Ottoman sultans received their education in Manisa. The most important aspect of Manisa is that it is a city that has embraced the cycling culture. Also, Muradiye Mosque, one of the works of Mimar Sinan, is among the significant cultural values of this city.

Stage 4 Route Notes:

İzmir

The sound of the sea and the wind, İzmir is sunny throughout the year thanks to its Mediterranean climate. Summers are hot and winters are mild. İzmir has a very significant role in history not only in Western side of Turkey but also in the entire Aegean with its towns and historical sites such as Bergama, Çeşme, Foça, Kemalpaşa, Selçuk, Seferihisar, Karaburun, Ödemiş, Tire and Urla.

İzmir known as the pearl of the Aegean has 600 kilometers of coastline, UNESCO World Heritage ancient cities, vineyards and fertile gardens. İzmir is also a member of Eurovélo 8 Mediterranean Route. A 500 km cycle route of Eurovélo 8 passes through İzmir. This beautiful city also offers 28 cycling routes around mythological sites!

<https://gocyclingturkiye.com/izmir>

Spil Mountain National Park, Manisa

There are deep valleys and stream beds surrounding the Spil Mountain, which was accepted as a national park in 1968. There are dense forests on the mountain.

Spil Mountain is also has a unique value with its endemic plant species more than 120. It is also home to historical wealth as well as the hiking and cycling paths, paragliding facilities and off-road parkours. Manisa tulips growing on Spil Mountain and blooming from April to May are under protection.

Ahmet Bedevi the Tarzan of Manisa

Having been born in 1899 and awarded with the War of Independence Medal, Ahmet Bedevi devoted his life to afforest Manisa and planted thousands of trees all his life.

Ahmet Bedevi, who lived on Spil Mountain and walked around the streets of Manisa only in shorts, was called as the Tarzan of Manisa by the people. When he died in 1963, he was



turned into a legend by the people of Manisa and his statue was erected. Ahmed Bedevi is remembered with ceremonies in Manisa on May 31 every year.
