

# SANTOS FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

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## The pro's of past and present join the Virtual Challenge Tour powered by FulGaz

An ensemble cast of past and present riders is being assembled, who will jump on their smart trainers to join hosted rides as part of the **Virtual Challenge Tour powered by FulGaz** for the 2021 Santos Festival of Cycling, between 21-24 January 2021.

Innovating the event with COVIDsafe riding experiences, the Virtual Challenge Tour is giving cycling enthusiasts around the world the chance to experience some of South Australia's most iconic ride routes, which will now include a series of feature past and present pros of the Men's and Women's pelotons.

Days and times will accommodate audiences across Australia and the globe, which will include participation from two decorated former stars of the peloton, including:

- **Simon Gerrans** - 4-time TDU Overall Winner, multiple Grand Tour and 2-time monument winner, and;
- **Fabian Cancellara** - 4-time World Time Trial Champion, 2-time Olympic Time Trial Gold medalist and winner of countless cycling monuments

"As a 4-time winner of the TDU, the event is close to my heart and I can't wait to hit the Adelaide roads again, albeit virtually." said Santos Tour Down Under legend Simon Gerrans.

Time Trialist extraordinaire Fabian Cancellara added, "The parcours put together for Chasing Cancellara Stage 2 looks really challenging. Stuey (O'Grady) tells me the Greenhill Road climb is a really popular route into the hills, and it looks like its followed by a punchy circuit into Uraidla. It's going to be a lot of fun."

For those cycling enthusiasts that are not able to join the Santos Festival of Cycling in person, they can still immerse themselves in a once-in-a-lifetime experience of riding with the pro's through picturesque South Australia.

More star riders will be announced and participants can register for the free **Virtual Challenge Tour powered by FulGaz at [Tourdownunder.com.au/virtualchallengetour](https://www.tourdownunder.com.au/virtualchallengetour) TODAY through to 18 January, 2021**, with the event going live on 21st January.



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## NOTES:

Registered participants will be sent video links prior to the rides where they can dial into the hosted ride and engage in the Q&A session with the host and featured rider, whilst riding on their smart trainer.

Media who are unable to be on-ground at the Santos Festival of Cycling can access images, interviews, stories, race reports, audio, and vision through the new media portal SPOKE. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## Hosted Virtual Challenge Tour rides overview:

### Thursday 21 January

- **Ziptrak Stage 1: Seppeltsfield - Tanunda 34.1km / 496M gain**
  - 6:00am ADL / 6:30am AEDST – featuring Simon Gerrans

### Friday 22 January

- **Chasing Cancellara Stage 2: Greenhill Road to Uraidla 24.8km / 839M gain**
  - 6:00am ADL / 6:30am AEDST – featuring Fabian Cancellara
  - 6:30pm ADL / 7:00am AEDST – featuring Fabian Cancellara

### Saturday 23 January

- **Be Safe Be Seen Stage 3: Aldinga Beach - Willunga Hill (Queen stage) 34.8km / 587M gain**
  - 6:00am ADL / 6:30am AEDST
  - 6:30pm ADL / 7:00am AEDST

### Sunday 24 January

- **City of Adelaide Stage 4: Adelaide City loop 8.51KM (total 25.53km) / 19M gain per lap**
  - 8:00am ADL / 8:30am AEDST

The **Santos Festival of Cycling** is set to take place from 19 - 24 January, 2021 across Adelaide and regional South Australia. Information on the event, smaller public events, international race guests, and community participation can be found at [tourdownunder.com.au](http://tourdownunder.com.au)

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