



Dlouhé stráně (1319m)

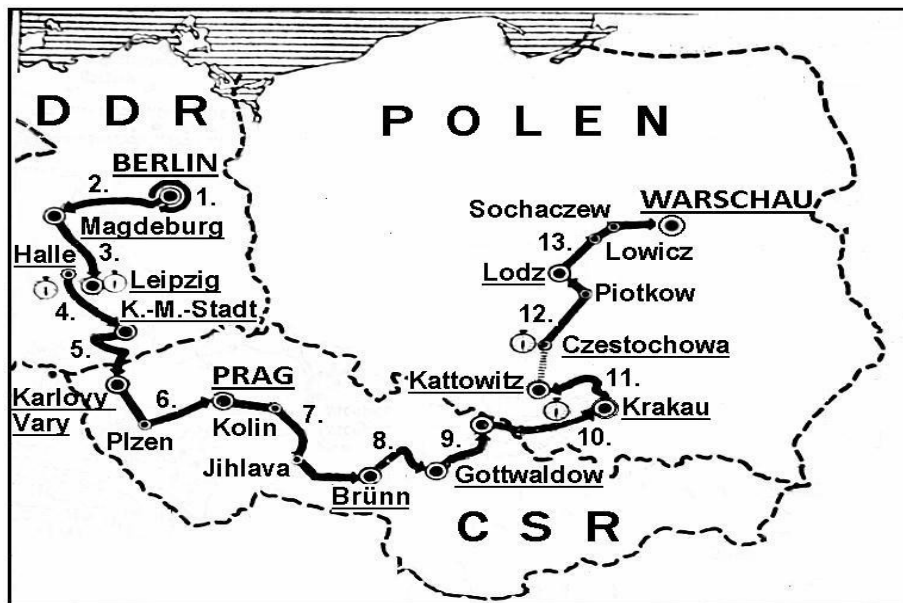
Závod Míru (Peace Race) U23



Peace Race

Remember this legendary multiple stages race connecting the three capitals, created just after WW2 (1948), in order to celebrate the Communist friendship between Poland, Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic. The « Tour de France » behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. A few names left their mark on this epoch: Szurkowski, Danguillaume, Soukoroutchenkov, Olaf Ludwig, Uwe Ampler. The Friedensfahrt survived the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, but without its ideological foundations, the race had a lot of difficulties and searched for new reasons to live in Western Europe. In vain. The dove finally died in 2006.

The Bible: http://friedensfahrt-info.de/ff_start.html



Route 1959



Carried by the crowd in the Steile Wand (Meerane)

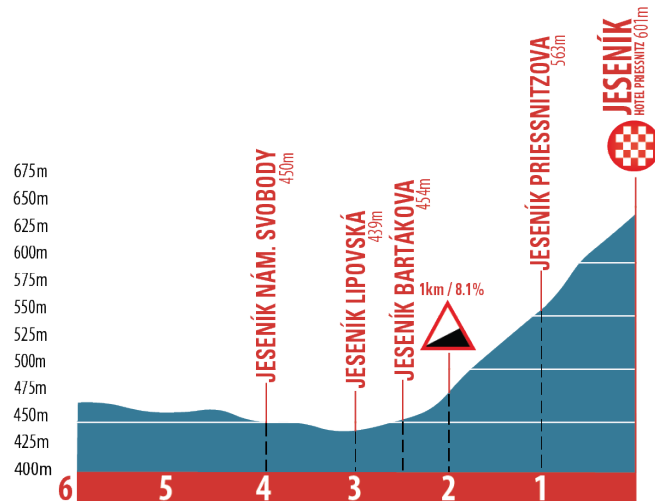
Meerane in video (1960): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNj3hyi2cec>

Meerane in text and photos: <http://www.steile-wand.de/steilewand/steile-wand/>

The Peace still exists today, but only as a race for young men. The Juniors run the race since 1974. The list of winners includes Menchov, Cancellara, Velits, Kreuziger or Kwiatkowski. In 2015 and 2016, Americans won it. Sign of the times? A race for Under23 is born in 2013, for rising from the ashes ?

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The Peace Race for Under23 doesn't go out the Czech Republic. In 2016, the three stages were very hilly, with two uphill finishes: in Jeseník – Hotel Priessnitz (601m, in the 3rd stage) and Dlouhé stráně (1319m, in the 2nd). The last one has drawn our attention.



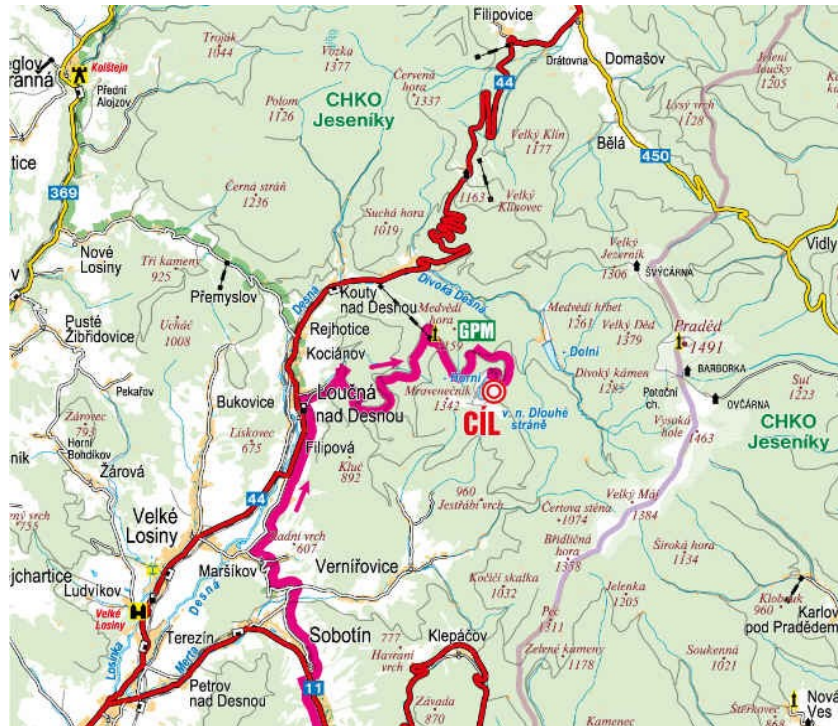
Uphill finish 3rd stage 2016

Official website: <http://www.ttvSPORTgroup.cz/zavody/zavod-miru-u23/etapy-stages/>



Dlouhé stráně – Portrait

The BIG members, who have ever been in the Czech Republic, know the area. The climb lies west of Praděd (BIG840), and south of the long and winding Červenohorské sedlo (BIG839).



End of the 2nd stage

Elevation gain: 817m

Distance: 13km

Average %: 6,3% ; Maxi % km: 11,1% in the 6th

Km % (Openrunner): 5,5 6,7 7,8 7,5 6,3 / 11,1 8,2 10,4 1,7 1,6 / 8 5,9 2,1

<http://www.cyklistikakrnov.com/Cyklotrasy/cyklotrasa-na-dlouhe-strane.html>

Some too short views on the top:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4BpRCwSuWI>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fY_AEbFhrvA

