



BRASIL RIDE  
PARAÍBA 2026

# STAGE INFORMATION

## ULTRAMARATHON

October 10 to 17, 2026

João Pessoa and Serra da Raiz



The following information is subject to updates.

# STAGE INFORMATION

## FEATURES AND SUPPORT POINTS

Below we describe each of the stages, with their main features and the location of the support points.

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## SUPPORT POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE

During the stages, athletes can count on support points for hydration and energy replenishment, with **water, Coca-Cola, isotonic drinks, fruit, and sweet and savory snacks.**

The water at the support points is **for drinking only.** Do not use it to wash your hands, bottles, bike parts or to shower.

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## ROUTE AND OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Follow the marked route and the organization's instructions. Do not throw trash or wrappers along the course.

Private cars, motorcycles, mechanics and photographers may not follow athletes on the course. Only teams accredited by the organization are authorized. **Outside assistance may result in a penalty.**



# STAGE 1

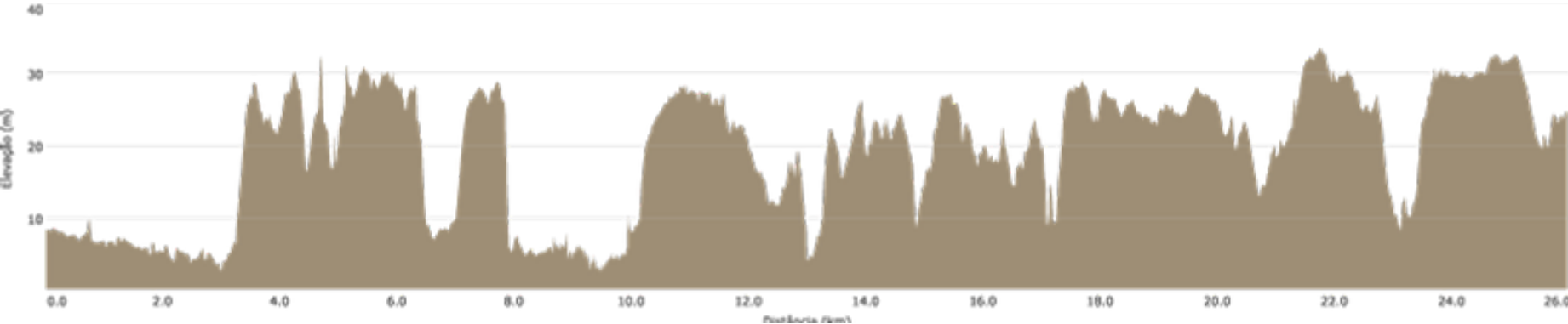
OCTOBER 11 · PROLOGUE IN JOÃO PESSOA

26 KM

DISTANCE

+270 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km)

Prologue in João Pessoa. The profile is short and shows a sequence of elevation changes after the first few kilometers, with several climbs and descents and new blocks of elevation in the final part.

The first stage of Brasil Ride Paraíba 2026 will be held as a **prologue**, on a short and intense course of approximately 26 km, with individual starts in waves.

The start takes place at the **arch in front of the Brasil Ride Arena, at the Busto de Tamandaré**, in João Pessoa. Athletes will initially ride along the beachfront. At that time, the road will be closed to allow the athletes through.

The first start will be at **6:30 a.m.**, with a **1-minute interval for every four athletes**. Each athlete must check their individual start time in advance and be in position at the location indicated by the organization ahead of time.

## INITIAL NEUTRAL ZONE

The **first 4 km will be neutralized**. This means this section will not count toward race time.

Upon reaching the timing point, at approximately km 4, athletes will be guided by the organization for the restart. From that point on, the race will officially begin, keeping the same order and **the same groups of athletes as the initial start**. Pay attention to the staff's instructions at the restart location.

## A SHORT BUT TECHNICAL PROLOGUE

Despite the short distance, the course has important technical features. Right in the first kilometers of the timed section, athletes will encounter **single tracks and narrow trails**, with plenty of twists and turns through the João Pessoa forest.

At **km 7**, there will be a **very steep drop**, with two ways through:

ROTA A

Faster, but steeper

ROTA B

Slightly longer, but less steep

Choose the option according to your technical skill and condition at the time you reach it.

## CAUTION ON PUBLIC ROADS

The course combines single tracks, narrow trails, short stretches of asphalt and sections on the beach sand.

Throughout the stage there will be intersections and crossings of streets and avenues. The organization will have signaling staff and support from SEMOB (the municipal traffic authority), but this does not mean the roads will be fully closed.

It is the athlete's responsibility to check for traffic before making any crossing and to obey traffic rules.

When crossing highways, be extra careful and strictly follow the instructions of the safety officers and the organization.

## BEACH SECTION

In one of the sections, the course will run along the beach sand. The forecast for race time is **low tide**, which favors more compacted sand. Even so, conditions may vary. Assess the terrain, keep control of your bike and respect beachgoers.

## FINAL SECTION

The final **2 km** or so will be ridden on a highway, mandatorily using the shoulder.

Stay on the shoulder, follow the organization's instructions and watch out for vehicle traffic.

## TIMING AND RETURN TO THE ARENA

Timing will end at the **Estação Ciência, in João Pessoa**, the point set by the organization as the end of the stage.

After crossing the timing point, **the race is over for the athlete**. The return to the Brasil Ride Arena will be via the beachfront bike path.

Attention: this return ride **will not be marked by the organization and will no longer be part of the race**.

Ride carefully and at reduced speed on the way back. The bike path will be shared with tourists, residents and other people enjoying the João Pessoa waterfront.

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## CLASSIFICATION

**Attention:** individual start times, the exact location of the restart point and other operational procedures will be confirmed by the organization at the briefing and on the event's official channels.



# STAGE 2

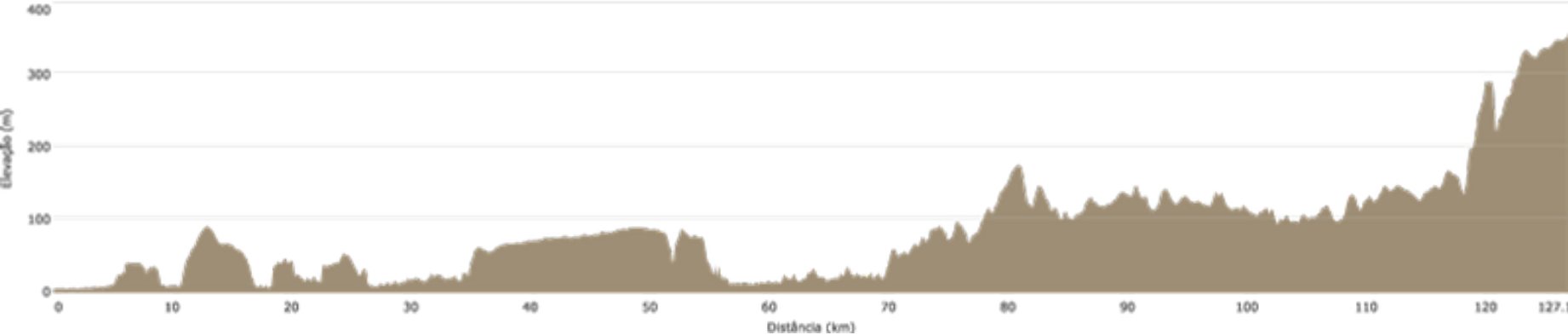
OCTOBER 12 · JOÃO PESSOA TO VILA BRASIL RIDE

20 + 126 KM

NEUTRALIZED + TIMED

+1.380 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km)

The first part shows little change in altitude. From approximately km 70 there is a progressive gain in elevation, and the final section concentrates the steepest climb of the profile.

The second stage marks the departure from João Pessoa and the arrival at **Vila Brasil Ride, at the Serra da Raiz camp**. It will be a long day, with most of the course made up of wide dirt roads and few technical demands, but with one important feature: **most of the climbing is concentrated in the final kilometers**.

## START AND NEUTRALIZED TRANSFER

The start will take place at **5:45 a.m.**, at the same location as the first stage, at the **Busto de Tamandaré, in front of the Arena**. From **5:30 a.m.**, athletes must be lined up for the start. The line-up will open 30 minutes beforehand.

We will have a **20 km neutralized transfer**, with no timing. During this section, there will be lead and sweep motorcycles and vehicles at the front and rear of the peloton to help with safety.

It is essential that athletes stay **bunched together and within the peloton**, following the instructions of the safety team.

## FERRY CROSSING

At the end of the neutralized transfer, there will be a **ferry crossing**. The ferry will be **chartered exclusively for the Brasil Ride ultramarathon** and everyone must cross together. After the crossing, athletes will be **regrouped again for the official start of the timed stage**.

**Attention:** athletes must start in João Pessoa, at the Busto de Tamandaré. Traveling by any other means to Costinha de Lucena to start the stage will not be allowed.

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## THE COURSE

After the timed start in Costinha de Lucena, there will be approximately **126 km to the camp**, for a total of about **146 km including the initial neutralized transfer**. The course begins on an asphalt section and then moves onto dirt roads. The stage is predominantly **wide dirt roads, among coconut palms and cliffs**, with little climbing and low technical difficulty. Even so, some points deserve attention, mainly due to the possibility of **sandy sections and small erosion ruts**. Along the course there will be **four support points**, whose locations and details are shown in this stage's table.

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## WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC

Although the course is marked, **roads will not be closed to vehicle traffic**. At various times, athletes will share the road with cars, motorcycles and other vehicles. Be extra careful when passing through **districts, small towns and more urbanized areas**. The course will go through at least four small municipalities/localities before arriving in Serra da Raiz.

There will also be some sections on paved highways. At these points, officers and staff will be positioned to help with safety, but **responsibility for riding safely remains with the athlete**.

Before any crossing, look carefully both ways and follow the officers' instructions. When riding on highways, **using the shoulder is mandatory** whenever available and as directed by the organization.

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## THE SURPRISE IS AT THE END

Don't be fooled by the first kilometers. The stage's major climbing challenge will be concentrated **in the final part of the course**.

The Serra da Raiz region is located in a higher area and, in the final kilometers, athletes will face the stage's biggest concentration of climbing, including the climb up the **switchbacks of the Mirante dos Chalés**. When you reach the lookout, you will already be very close to Serra da Raiz — but **the race is not over yet**.

After passing through the town center, athletes in the seven-day race must keep riding for approximately **4 km**, continuing to **Vila Brasil Ride, at the camp**, where the stage finish line will be located.

**Attention:** the Maratona da Paraíba will finish in Serra da Raiz. Athletes in the seven-day race, however, **must continue for another 4 km to the camp**.

## ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP

When you cross the finish line at the camp, your bag will be available. You will then be directed to your **individual tent**, where you can start the camp routine: recovery, food, bike care and preparation for the next stage.

## MARATONA DA PARAÍBA

On the same day, the **Maratona da Paraíba** will take place in parallel, using the same course as the stage. Maratona athletes **will not take the ferry crossing**. They must go directly to Costinha de Lucena and will start **30 minutes after the start of the seven-day race athletes**. The course will be the same for both.

## SUPPORT POINTS, HYDRATION AND CUT-OFF POINTS

| POINT     | KM      | ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
| SUPPORT 1 | km 33   | +291 m                     |
| SUPPORT 2 | km 63,5 | +481 m                     |
| SUPPORT 3 | km 94,3 | +878 m                     |
| SUPPORT 4 | km 112  | +1.027 m                   |
| RED BULL  | km 120  | +1.272 m                   |

MECHANICAL SUPPORT

SUPPORT 2 · KM 63.5

RACE TIME LIMIT

5:00 P.M.

CUT-OFF POINT 1

12:45 P.M.

Support 2

CUT-OFF POINT 2

4:00 P.M.

Support 4

# STAGE 3

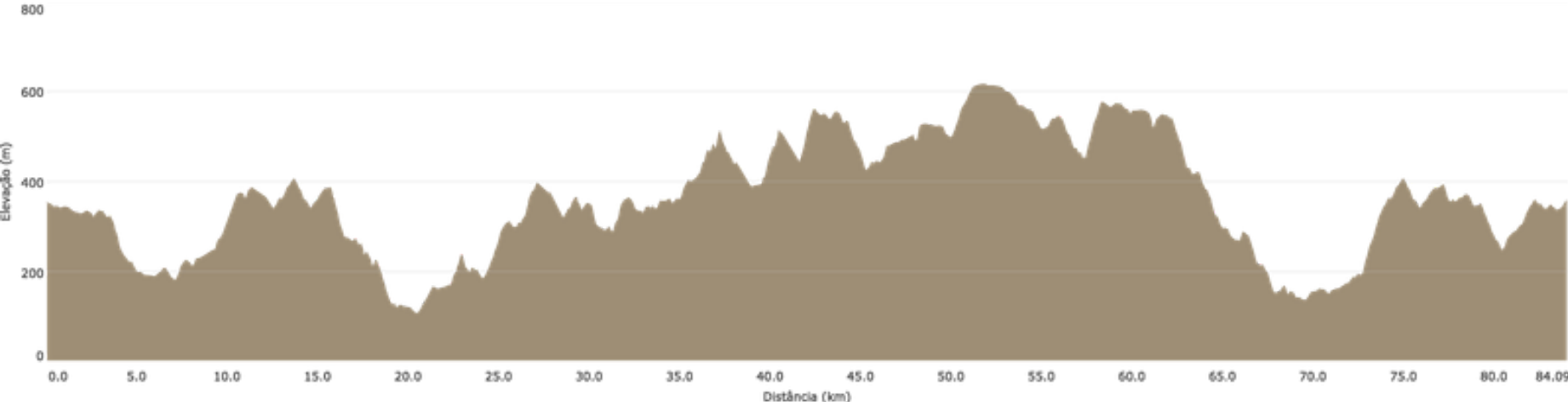
OCTOBER 13 · START AND FINISH AT THE VILLAGE

84 KM

DISTANCE

+2.300 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km).

A stage with heavy climbing demands, with successive climbs and descents. Between approximately km 35 and 62 lies the highest block of the profile. After that comes a major descent and new rolling sections up to the finish.

## A TOUGHER STAGE, WITH PLENTY OF CLIMBING

After a second stage marked by long dirt roads and less climbing, the third stage brings a significant change in the course's character. **From this day on, the climbing really starts to take its toll.**

The course starts with a descent down to a highway. **Between kilometers 19 and 22, be extra careful on the highway section**, riding safely and following the instructions of the signaling team.

From that point, the stage's main difficulties begin. The course enters a sequence of **harder and very steep climbs**, with ramps that will demand strength, endurance and, above all, good pacing. Be ready for terrain with significantly steeper gradients than those of the previous day.

## CHANGE OF SCENERY

Besides the climbing, the landscape also changes completely. The typical vegetation of the **Brejo Paraibano** becomes part of the course, offering an experience very different from the first days of the race. The route mixes **dirt roads, single track sections and passages through small localities**, requiring constant attention to changes in terrain.

During the stage, athletes will pass through the towns of **Bananeiras and Belém**.

In urban sections, it is essential to be extra careful. **Streets will be shared with other vehicles**, and athletes must obey traffic rules and follow the instructions of the officers and staff positioned along the course.

## CLIMBING AS THE MAIN CHALLENGE

In this stage, more than the distance, **it is the climbing that will determine the level of difficulty**.

Steep climbs appear at different points of the course and will require athletes to manage their effort well. Avoid spending too much energy on the first difficulties: the stage still has demanding sections ahead.

And watch out for the end: **the last kilometers will not be for recovery**. Before reaching the camp, the course once again presents very heavy climbing.

So save energy, keep a steady pace and be ready for a finish that will be demanding both physically and technically.

**The third stage is when Brasil Ride Paraíba begins to show its true toughness.**

## SUPPORT POINTS, HYDRATION, MECHANICAL SUPPORT AND CUT-OFF TIME

| POINT     | KM      | ELEVATION / REFERENCE |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| SUPPORT 1 | km 27   | +640 m                |
| SUPPORT 2 | km 43   | +1.340 m              |
| SUPPORT 3 | km 58   | +1.732 m              |
| SUPPORT 4 | km 73,8 | —                     |

Mechanical support

SUPPORT 2 · KM 43

Cut-off point

11:00 A.M.

Support 2

Finish time limit

5:00 P.M.

# STAGE 4

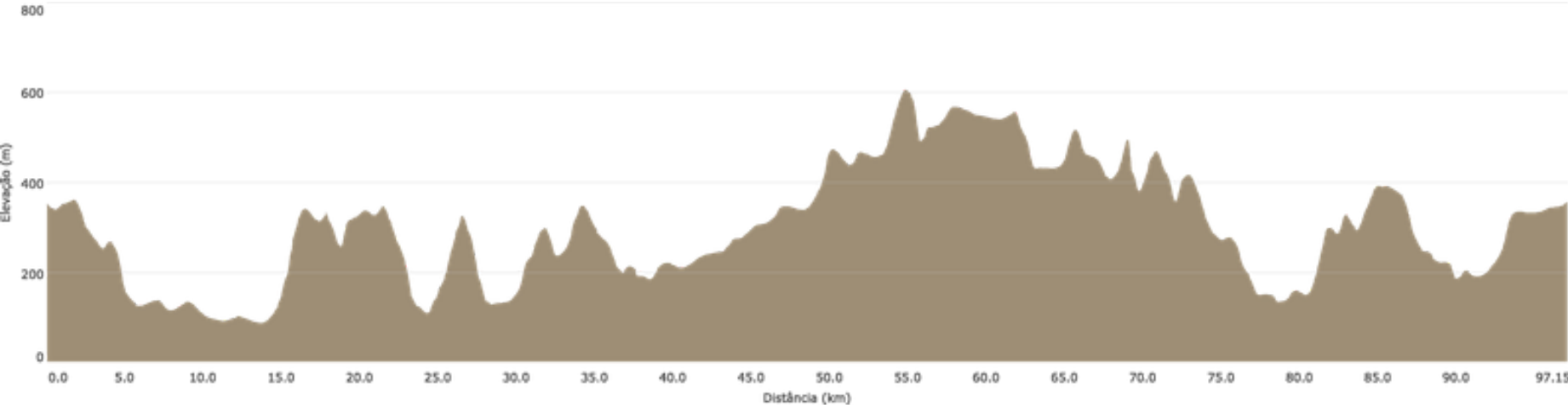
OCTOBER 14 · THE QUEEN STAGE

97 KM

DISTANCE

+2.310 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km).

The first half is very varied. From approximately km 45 there is a more consistent gain in elevation, with the highest point of the profile around km 53–60. After that comes a long descent, and the final kilometers gain altitude again.

## THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF BRASIL RIDE PARAÍBA

Considered the **Queen Stage of Brasil Ride Paraíba**, this may be, for many athletes, the hardest of the seven stages. Besides a high mileage, the course has **very challenging climbing**, with several climbs and steep sections that will test athletes of all levels.

## A CALM START BEFORE THE BIG MOUNTAINS

The stage starts in a relatively calm way, with an initial section that is mostly downhill to the town of **Pirpirituba**.

Around **kilometer 11**, athletes will already enter the town's urban section. **Be extra careful at this point**, as the course will be shared with vehicles and other road users. Slow down and follow the instructions of the officers and staff.

After Pirpirituba comes one of the day's first major difficulties: **a long, hard climb** that will take athletes to one of the region's landmark tourist spots, the **Memorial de Frei Damião**.

The effort will be rewarded by the scenery. From the top, you can enjoy an **impressive view of the region**.

## A SEQUENCE OF MOUNTAIN RANGES

After the Memorial de Frei Damião, the course continues through different towns and localities, including **Pilõezinhos, Borborema and Bananeiras**.

But don't be fooled by the urban passages: between one town and the next, the course once again presents **mountain ranges, long climbs and sections with plenty of climbing**.

It will be a day of constantly changing effort, requiring good energy management. Strategy will matter, especially because the difficulties follow one after another throughout the whole stage.

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## THE TUNNELS AND THE CRUZEIRO DE ROMA

Another striking element of the fourth stage will be the passage through **two tunnels**.

The first will be **completely dark**, with only a small light visible at the end of the tunnel. Be ready for this sudden change in light and ride through carefully, keeping control of your bike and following the organization's instructions.

When the stage is well advanced, around **kilometer 70**, another major challenge appears: the climb to the **Cruzeiro de Roma**, another of the region's landmark tourist spots.

Once again, the reward will be a beautiful view, but you will have to earn it by pedaling. From the Cruzeiro de Roma, the course has a **steep descent toward the town of Belém**. But be warned: reaching Belém does not mean the difficulties are over.

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## THE LAST BIG CLIMB

After Belém, athletes still have **one more of the stage's many challenging climbs** ahead, already on the approach to the finish.

So don't waste energy too early. The fourth stage will be a true test of endurance and strategy, with big climbs spread along the course and difficulties that will keep appearing until the final kilometers.

**Get ready for the Queen Stage. Here, Brasil Ride Paraíba will demand everything you have built up in the first days of competition.**

SUPPORT POINTS, HYDRATION, MECHANICAL SUPPORT AND CUT-OFF TIME

| POINT     | KM      | ELEVATION / REFERENCE |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| SUPPORT 1 | km 21,5 | +440 m — Frei Damião  |
| SUPPORT 2 | km 48,3 | +1.108 m — Borborema  |
| SUPPORT 3 | km 69   | Cruzeiro de Roma      |
| SUPPORT 4 | km 84,5 | —                     |

Mechanical support

**SUPPORT 2 · KM 48.3**

Cut-off point

**12:00 P.M.**

Support 2

Finish time limit

**5:00 P.M.**



# STAGE 5

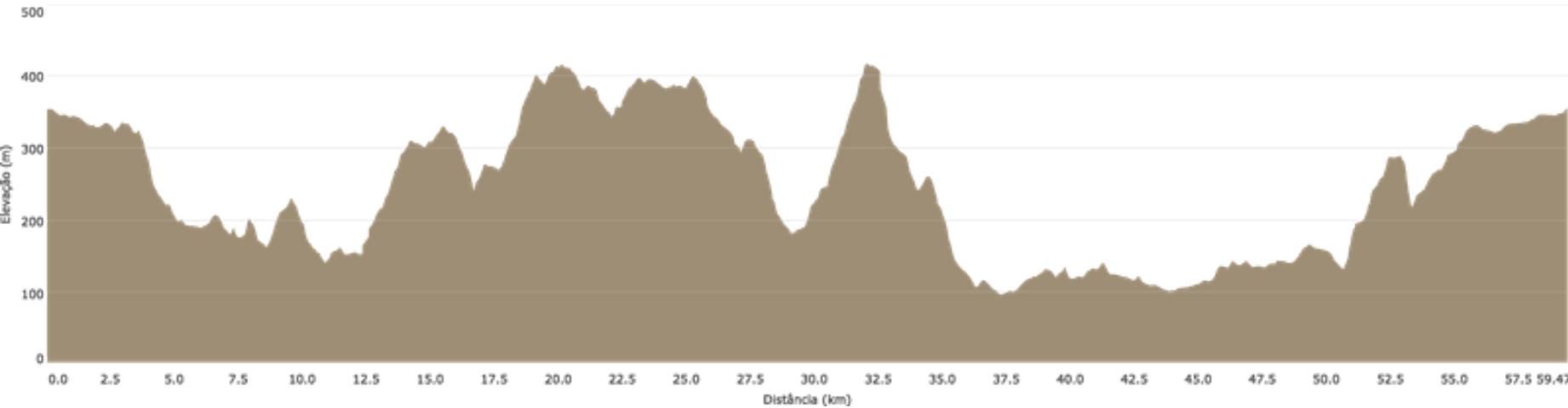
OCTOBER 15 · START AND FINISH AT THE VILLAGE

59,5 KM

DISTANCE

+1.362 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km).

The course starts at a relatively high altitude and descends in the first kilometers. Between km 10 and 35 there are several climbs and descents. After a long descent, the final part gains altitude again and finishes high.

## THE MOST FUN STAGE OF THE BREJO PARAIBANO

The fifth stage will be the **last stage in the Serra da Raiz region before returning to the coast**. And to mark this farewell, we have prepared a special course, with a balanced mix of trails, technical sections, climbing and beautiful scenery.

It will be a stage to **enjoy the bike and have fun**.

The course features good stretches of **single track**, including more technical sectors that will require attention and skill from athletes. Unlike other stages, there will be few dirt-road sections: here, **trails dominate** and make the course much more dynamic.

## TRAILS, TECHNIQUE AND SCENERY

The climbing comes in just the right measure, creating a very varied course. The climbs will require effort, but will be interspersed with trail sections and descents that let you enjoy everything the region has to offer.

Along the course, athletes will also find **beautiful views of the Brejo Paraibano**, making this one of the stages with the greatest potential to enjoy the scenery while riding.

After days of big challenges, it will be an opportunity to experience a more technical, fun and visually striking Brasil Ride.

## FAREWELL TO SERRA DA RAIZ

But don't think the stage will be easy or end easy. As a farewell to Serra da Raiz, the course once again includes the **climb up the mountain and the switchbacks of the Chalé/Mirante da Serra** in the final section.

The same area that marked the arrival at the camp will be present again at the end of this stage — this time, as the last big challenge before we leave the Brejo Paraibano and begin the return to the coast.

**Enjoy this stage. It was designed to be one of the most fun of Brasil Ride Paraíba.**

## SUPPORT POINTS, HYDRATION, MECHANICAL SUPPORT AND CUT-OFF TIME

| POINT     | KM      |
|-----------|---------|
| SUPPORT 1 | km 19,2 |
| SUPPORT 2 | km 38,5 |
| SUPPORT 3 | km 52,8 |
| RED BULL  | km 54,2 |

Mechanical support

SUPPORT 2 · KM 38.5

Finish time limit

3:00 P.M.



# STAGE 6

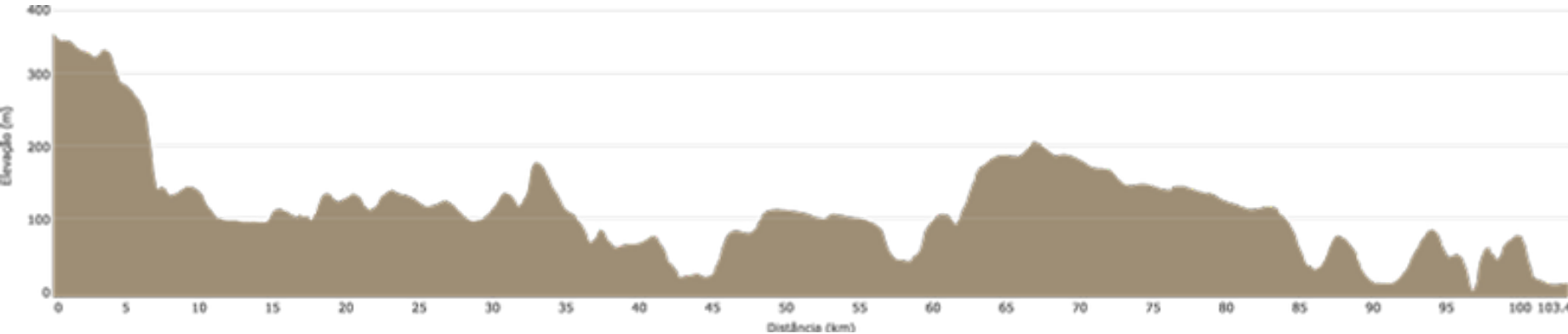
OCTOBER 16 · RETURN TO JOÃO PESSOA

115 + 16 KM

TIMED + TRANSFER

+925 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km).

A long initial descent, followed by a rolling, low-altitude section. The main block of climbing appears approximately between km 62 and 70. After that, loss of altitude predominates, with small undulations to the end.

## FAREWELL TO THE CAMP AND RETURN TO THE COAST

The sixth stage marks the **farewell to the Serra da Raiz camp**. After several days in the Brejo Paraibano, it is time to start the return to the coast, heading to João Pessoa.

Despite the long distance, this will be a **low-difficulty** stage, with little climbing and mostly dirt roads. Because of its characteristics, it will be a **faster** day, favoring the formation of pelotons and groups of athletes riding together.

## BACK TO THE COAST

The course will consist mainly of dirt roads, allowing a steadier pace. Take the chance to manage your strength well, but don't forget that the distance is long.

As in the other stages, there will be passages through **villages and urban sections**. At these points, be extra careful, slow down and respect other road users and the instructions of the officers and staff.

## FAREWELL TO SERRA DA RAIZ

Right at the start of the stage, athletes will get a reminder of the first days of the race: it will be time to descend the same switchbacks of the Chalé da Serra da Raiz that were faced on the arrival at the camp.

After the climb that marked the finish of the second stage, now the direction is reversed. Enjoy the descent, but stay alert, especially on the bends and in the faster sections.

## FINISH IN FORTE VELHO

The **timed part of the sixth stage ends in Forte Velho**, on the banks of the river that gives access to João Pessoa.

On arrival, athletes will be welcomed with **another hydration point** and, from there, will be directed to the river crossing by **catamaran**.

The crossing will take approximately **30 minutes**, also providing a moment of recovery before the final stretch to João Pessoa.

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## ATTENTION: THE RACE IS ALREADY OVER

After disembarking at **Porto do Jacaré**, race time **will no longer count**.

From that point on, athletes must ride approximately **16 km within João Pessoa**, using the route defined by the organization, to the **Busto de Tamandaré**, in front of the Arena.

This final transfer is not part of the competition time. Even so, it is essential to ride prudently, obey traffic rules and be extra careful when sharing the roads with vehicles and other users.

At the Busto de Tamandaré, **athletes' bags, transported by the organization**, will be available.

**The sixth stage ends in Forte Velho, with 116 km of racing.**

The following kilometers represent the return to the Arena and the preparation for the last challenge of Brasil Ride Paraíba.



SUPPORT POINTS, HYDRATION, MECHANICAL SUPPORT AND CUT-OFF TIME

| POINT     | KM      | ELEVATION / REFERENCE |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| SUPPORT 1 | km 37   | +295 m                |
| SUPPORT 2 | km 62,7 | +442 m                |
| SUPPORT 3 | km 94,5 | +714 m                |
| RED BULL  | km 104  | +776 m                |

Mechanical support

**SUPPORT 2 · KM 62.7**

Cut-off point

**12:00 P.M.**

Support 2

Finish time limit

**5:00 P.M.**



# STAGE 7

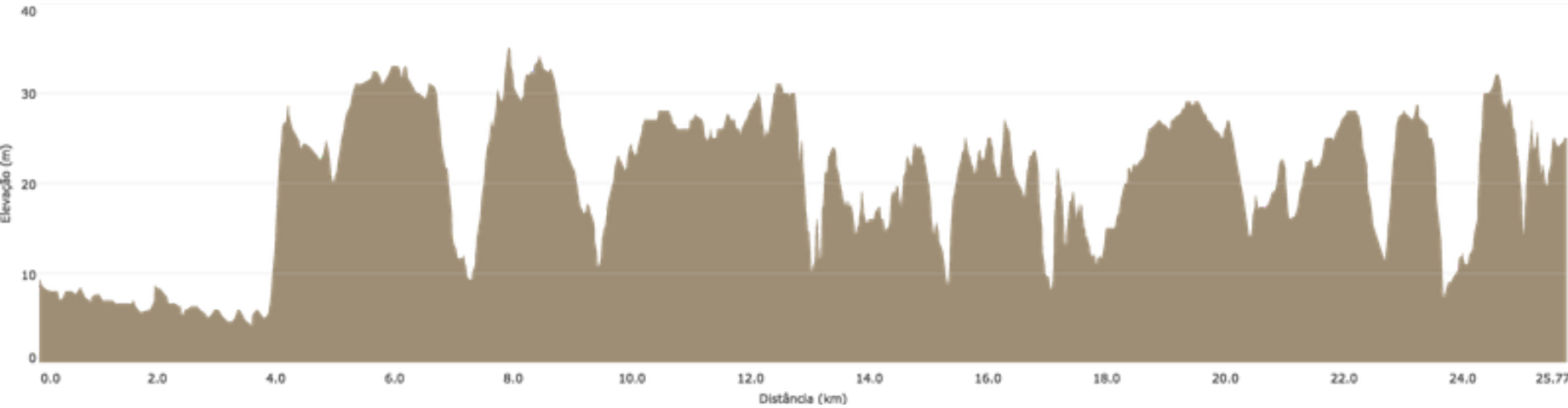
OCTOBER 17 · FINAL STAGE IN JOÃO PESSOA

25,6 KM

DISTANCE

+264 M

ACCUMULATED ELEVATION GAIN



Stage profile · elevation (m) × distance (km).  
A short stage, starting at low altitude with a marked climb from approximately km 4. The middle section has several changes in elevation, and the final part again has climbs and descents before the finish.

The seventh and final stage is very similar to the first. After six days of competition, the time has come to enjoy the last kilometers of **Brasil Ride Paraíba**.

The course will be **27 km**, with **time-trial** starts at times set in advance for each athlete.

The first start will be at **6:30 a.m.** and, from then on, new athletes will be called at **1-minute** intervals, according to the order and times set by the organization.

## THE FIRST KILOMETERS

As in the first stage, the **first 4 km will be ridden as a transfer, with no timing**.

After this initial section, athletes will be regrouped and the officially timed section of the last stage will begin.

## LOTS OF SINGLE TRACK AND FAREWELL TO THE COAST

From the timed start, the course will feature **many single track sections**, running along the hillsides and the area near the beach.

It will be a stage unlike the long days faced throughout the week. After so many kilometers, climbs, descents, dirt roads, trails, heat and challenges, the last kilometers will be an opportunity to **ride, enjoy the scenery and celebrate finishing the race.**

The hardest effort is already behind you.

So enjoy this last day. **Enjoy the course, the trails, the scenery and the company of the athletes who shared this journey with you.**

These are the last kilometers of seven days of Brasil Ride.

**Ride, smile and enjoy. You made it this far.**



# PROTECH ZONE AND E-BIKES

## EQUIPMENT BOXES AND SPARE BATTERIES

### PROTECH ZONE — UCI EQUIPMENT BOXES

Athletes in the UCI category will be entitled to use a Protech Zone box to store equipment and personal items needed during the competition.

The boxes will be collected by the organization and transported to the stage support point that also has mechanical support, as described for each stage.

BOX DROP-OFF DEADLINE:  
**BY 6:00 P.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE STAGE.**

After that time, the organization cannot guarantee transport of the box to the support point of the following stage.

### E-BIKES — SPARE BATTERY

Athletes using **e-bikes or pedal-assist** bikes who wish to have a **spare battery** available during the stage may hand it over to the organization in advance.

The battery must be **clearly labeled with the athlete's full name and race number**, to allow correct identification and transport.

Like the Protech Zone boxes, spare batteries must be handed over to the organization **by 6:00 p.m. on the day before the stage.**

The organization will transport the battery to the support point that has mechanical support during the stage.

**IMPORTANT:** batteries without proper labeling or delivered after the set deadline will not be accepted.

# INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

## BRASIL RIDE OFFICIAL CHANNELS

Follow the Brasil Ride website and read the ultramarathon rules.

[www.brasilride.com.br](http://www.brasilride.com.br)

Information about each stage's schedule, times, routes, cut-off times and hydration points will be communicated at the official briefings and in the updates sent to the event's WhatsApp group. To join the group, **click here** or scan the QR code below.

Follow these channels during the event to receive the organization's instructions and any updates.



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