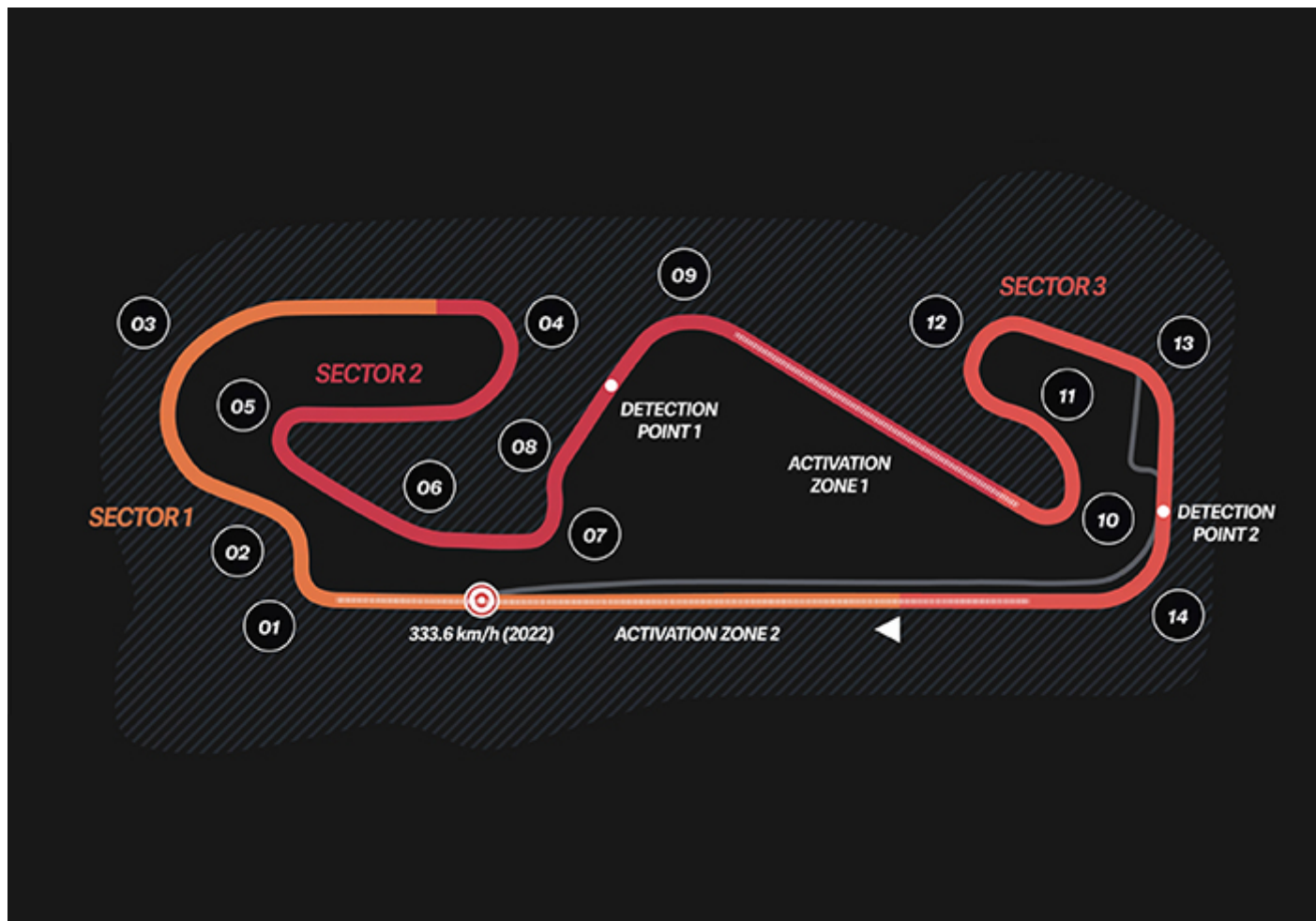




SPANISH GRAND PRIX

CIRCUIT DE BARCELONA-CATALUNYA - MONTMELÓ



HOME TURF FOR CARLOS

Maranello, 19 June 2024 – The Spanish Grand Prix takes place this weekend, the tenth round of the season and a home race for Carlos Sainz. Scuderia Ferrari HP is keen to put its poor performance in Montreal behind it and return to fighting for victory at the Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit.

The track. The track has undergone major changes in recent years: in 2021 turns 10 and 11 were transformed into one long hairpin and last year, the unpopular final chicane, a thorn in the driver's side which demanded a lot from the cars in terms of traction at the very end of the lap, has reverted to its original layout, namely two very fast corners propelling the cars onto the start-finish straight at full speed. These

changes have not created any major overtaking opportunities, but they have definitely improved the show. The best place to attempt a passing move is at the end of the straight that is over a kilometre in length, as well as at turns 5 and 10.

Special grandstand. As usual at his home race, there's a grandstand specifically for Carlos Sainz' most ardent fans. The man from Madrid has finished in the points in all nine of his appearances here.

Programme. The Spanish Grand Prix runs to the normal weekend format: the first two free practice sessions take place on Friday, starting at 13.30 and 17.00 CEST, with a final hour of practice on Saturday at 12.30. Then comes qualifying at 16.00 with the 66 lap race starting on Sunday at 15.00.

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The Spanish Grand Prix should see us return to being competitive, with the same level of performance we have demonstrated throughout the season prior to the Canadian Grand Prix. In fact, we come to Barcelona buoyed by the fantastic performance from our Ferrari Hypercar colleagues who have just won the Le Mans 24 Hours for the second year running. We learned some valuable lessons from the Montreal weekend and feel we have now moved on from there. We have to work calmly and continue to focus on ourselves. The Barcelona-Catalunya circuit has always been regarded as a great test of a car's all-round ability and we expect to be back on our usual form here.








However, all season long we have seen qualifying and the race fought out to the nearest hundredth of a second, so it will be vital for us to ensure we do everything correctly, down to the smallest detail. That will involve being on top of our game, because only by executing every session perfectly can we get the results we know we are capable of.

This is Carlos' home race and I'm sure all that extra support from the fans will be an added boost for him. It's going to be an interesting weekend and we are counting on scoring plenty of points.







Fred Vasseur

Team Principal Scuderia Ferrari HP

FERRARI STATS

	GP contested	1083
	Seasons in F1	75
	Debut	Monaco 1950 (A. Ascari 2 nd ; R. Sommer 4 th ; L. Villoresi ret.)
	Wins	245 (22.62%)
	Pole positions	250 (23.08%)
	Fastest laps	261 (24.10%)
	Podiums	816 (25.11%)

FERRARI STATS SPANISH GRAND PRIX

	GP contested	53
	Debut	Pedralbes 1951 (J.F. Gonzalez 2 nd ; A. Ascari 4 th ; P. Taruffi ret.; L. Villoresi ret.)
	Wins	12 (22.64%)
	Pole positions	14 (26.41%)
	Fastest laps	12 (22.64%)
	Podiums	55 (34.59%)



THREE QUESTIONS TO...

CARLOS SAINZ #55, SCUDERIA FERRARI HP DRIVER

1. It's time for your home race. How special is it to race in front of your fans?

It's definitely one of the most special moments of the year for me! Being able to race in front of your home crowd is a privilege and I'm super excited for the upcoming weekend. The circuit is buzzing the entire time with thousands of Spanish fans and the support I get from them is very special. I also have a special grandstand, the Grada CS55, which is full of super tifosi! It has become a very nice tradition and I simply love driving past it and seeing the atmosphere there.

2. Can you tell us about the characteristics of the track? What does it take to be quick at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya?

This is a track with a lot of character and we drivers (most of us at least!) know it very well because of the amount of testing we have done here in the past. Turns 1, 2 and 3 is a very nice combination with medium to high speed corners where your neck is put to the test! Turn 9 is also super-fast and a bit of a blind corner because it's uphill. You need to treat your tyres nicely in the first part of the lap if you want to extract the maximum in Sector 3 and complete a competitive lap in Quali!

3.

On Wednesday, you will be driving a Ferrari Formula 1 car through the streets of Barcelona in an event for the public organised by our partner Santander. How special is that going to be?

I think this is something unique in the city of Barcelona and I'm extremely proud to be able to participate! It will give the people a closer look at the car and we will have fun together doing some tricks! I'm really looking forward to the whole experience and I hope people enjoy it as much as I know I will!

Profile

Carlos Sainz

Nationality: Spanish

Born: 01/09/1994

City: Madrid, Spain

Click on the link below for hi-res pics of Carlos Sainz

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SPANISH GRAND PRIX: FACTS & FIGURES

1.6.

The length in kilometres of Barcelona's Passeig de Gràcia, which this **Wednesday** afternoon hosts a demonstration run through the streets, with **Carlos Sainz** at the wheel of a **Ferrari F1-75**, an event organised in collaboration with **team partner Santander**. It is one of the most famous avenues of the city, a commercial and business area, as well as a **tourist attraction** because of the exceptional examples of modernist architecture from the likes of Antoni Gaudí and Lluís Domènech i Montaner. It is a **UNESCO World Heritage site**, a classic boulevard in the French style, 61 metres wide, just nine less than the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

3.

The number of Catalan circuits that have hosted the Spanish Grand Prix. This Sunday will be the **34th** time the **Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit** has been the venue, while, **Montjuïc** and **Pedralbes**, both in the Catalan capital, have been home to the Grand Prix **four** and **two** times respectively. **Jerez de la Frontera** in Andalusia has hosted the race **five**

times, while there have been **nine** races at **Jarama**, on the outskirts of Madrid, the city due to host the race as from 2026.

4. The size in square kilometres of the town of Montmelo, home to the Barcelona-Catalunya Circuit. It is one of the **smallest municipalities** in the region with a population of under **9000**. The **earliest reference** to this town dates back to **945** and the act of consecration of the church of Santa Maria de las Puella in Barcelona, when there is a mention of a donation from **the parish of Santa Maria de Montis Moloni**, the ancient name for Montmelo.

5. The number of drivers from Barcelona who have raced in Formula 1: Pedro de la Rosa, Jaime Alguersuari, Luis Perez-Sala, Francisco Godia-Sales and Alex Soler-Roig. It's a record for Spain, with Madrid in second place thanks to Carlos Sainz, Emilio de Villota and Antonio Creus y Rubin de Celis.

9. The number of points finishes from the same number of starts for Carlos Sainz in the Spanish Grand Prix. His best result is a **fourth place** in **2022** at the wheel of a **Ferrari F1-75**. Last year he finished **fifth** in the **SF23**. In 2016, in a Ferrari-powered Scuderia Toro Rosso he finished sixth, the same position as in 2020. He has finished seventh three times in 2017, 2018 and 2021, eighth in 2019 and ninth in his debut F1 season in 2015, again with Toro Rosso.



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