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AUSTRIAN FUN FOR MotoGP STARS AT THE RED BULL RING

2026 GRAND PRIX OF AUSTRIA | 18 to 20 September | Red Bull Ring | Media Day | Pedro Acosta | Brad Binder | Enea Bastianini | Toprak Razgatıoğlu | Leo Rammerstorfer | Carlos Ezpeleta | Dr. Helmut Marko | Jason Kehl | Jonas Folger with Red Bull KTM RC16 Two-Seater Race Taxi | MopedGP von Österreich

The anticipation for the "GRAND PRIX OF AUSTRIA 2026" from 18 to 20 September was palpable at the Red Bull Ring on Tuesday. Four MotoGP stars, an Austrian world champion fighter, a moped race and Harley-Davidson power drummed up fiery enthusiasm for the race weekend in September. Tickets and all infos are available at www.redbullring.com.

From Barcelona to the mountains of Styria. Following the turbulent Catalan Grand Prix, four MotoGP riders arrived in Styria on Tuesday to hype up Austria's excitement for the Motorcycle World Championship. As a warm-up for the Austrian Grand Prix at Spielberg and for a typical Austrian ride, Pedro Acosta, Brad Binder, Enea Bastianini and Toprak Razgatıoğlu hopped on mopeds and threw themselves into the bends.

Third "MopedGP von Österreich". At the "MopedGP von Österreich" on 17 September – before the MotoGP riders start their training at the Red Bull Ring – fans will get the chance to ride a couple of laps on the Grand Prix track on the backs of their beasts. This has marked the typical local start to the Austrian GP since 2024. **After signing up at <https://win.gs/4eYhiuJ>** the race is on and the fearless amateur riders can give it all they've got in the curves with an engine capacity of up to 50 ccm. To show us just how it's done, the MotoGP stars who were invited demonstrated during a dynamic race in the Driving Center at the Red Bull Ring.

MotoGP fans and the wildest few minutes of their lives. For three MotoGP fans who would normally find themselves cheering from the stands, a whole new world opened up at the Red Bull Ring on Tuesday. Alongside MotoGP test rider Jonas Folger, they experienced their very own adrenaline kick on a real race bike – the Red Bull KTM RC16 Two-Seater.

Meet & Greet with Toprak Razgatıoğlu. The three-time Superbike Champion and 2026 MotoGP newcomer enjoys the support of a sizeable fan base in Austria. Which is why Toprak Razgatıoğlu will be cheered on by a dedicated zone at the T10 Grandstand at the Austrian Grand Prix in September. All those who secure a weekend ticket for the "[Toprak Razgatıoğlu Grandstand](#)" by 7 September will be in with a chance to win one of five spots in a "Meet & Greet" with the Turkish rider.

New date – same festival feeling and same prices at the Red Bull Ring. The Red Bull Ring is the place to be when it comes to racing combined with entertainment. Although the date for the "GRAND PRIX OF AUSTRIA 2026" has changed, the side event fireworks at the Red Bull Ring remain the same. Fans can look forward to live concerts and autograph sessions with the World Championship stars – and what's more, ticket prices remain unchanged, even featuring General Admission tickets for the entire weekend for 99 euros.

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Pedro ACOSTA (ESP, Red Bull KTM Factory Racing): *"Over the winter months, KTM have provided me with everything I need to be a race winner. We're performing better than expected. Fingers crossed we can secure a home victory for KTM and the fans this year. I'm not thinking too much about a maiden GP win, but to get it here at the Red Bull Ring would obviously be brilliant. I always keep the lederhosen from my Moto2 victory in my motorhome, and I hope I'm soon going to have the opportunity to fetch them out for MotoGP, too. We don't usually have much time to mix with the fans on race*

weekends, which is why I think the MopedGP is a brilliant idea. It's one of the best opportunities to spend time with fans and do a lap of this incredible circuit together with them."

Brad BINDER (ZAF, Red Bull KTM Factory Racing): "My wins here, and especially the one in MotoGP, were very special, cheered on by the KTM Orange Army and competing for Red Bull. I'll never forget that occasion, and another win would be fantastic. In three words, the Red Bull Ring is unforgettable, exhilarating and all about adrenaline, as far as I'm concerned. The focus here is on heavy braking and high speed. One day, when I'm no longer racing, I'll definitely come back to soak up the atmosphere here. What I'd really love to do is go for a ride around the campsite. I had loads of fun in the moped race today. I was glad there was no race control, as there were probably quite a few shortcuts taken! It's always great to come here and try something completely new."

Enea BASTIANINI (ITA, Red Bull KTM Tech3): "The whole of the Red Bull Ring bristles with tricky sections. You can win or lose anywhere. The toughest sections for us are definitely the chicane and Turn 3. But you can also gain a lot there. The moped race was crazy – a brilliant idea, really fun, and I'll be there any time there's a repeat!"

Toprak RAZGATLIOĞLU (TUR, Prima Pramac Yamaha MotoGP): "The last time I was here, I was competing in the Red Bull Rookies Cup. It's exciting to be back on a MotoGP bike – it'll be tough, but I'll give it my best shot. The Turkish fans are crazy, and I hope to see loads of them at the race weekend – the Red Bull Ring has set aside a dedicated grandstand. It's going to be brilliant, and there'll be Turkish food."

Leo RAMMERSTORFER (AUT, SIC58 Squadra Corse): "I'm living my dream at the moment. Ever since I was a little kid, I've tried to imagine what's actually happening now: racing in a world championship event on home soil. That gives me extra motivation to train even harder and try to bring out the best in myself. My family and friends will be present in September. I'm really looking forward to seeing them in the stands."

Carlos EZPELETA (Sports Director, MotoGP Sports Entertainment Group): "The race in September will play a major role in deciding the outcome of the world championship. We also have the final of the Harley-Davidson Bagger World Cup, and on the following Monday, all the riders will be at the first Pirelli test for next year. We want to serve up the very best we can again this year for the fans – both from a sporting perspective on the track and, together with Thomas (Überall, ed.) and his team, away from the track. We in the MotoGP community strongly urge everyone to come here and enjoy Austrian hospitality, the food and, above all, the uniqueness of this circuit in its magnificent mountain surroundings. Races have often been decided here on the final lap and even in the final corner. Without a doubt, MotoGP is the world's most exciting branch of motorsport, with all the action on the track and the proximity to the fans. We're like one big family when we come together on race weekends."

Dr Helmut MARKO (Ambassador, Red Bull Ring): "By comparison with Formula 1, in MotoGP it's the rider who makes all the difference. I find the man-to-man battle really fascinating. The competition is fierce. In F1, if you don't have the best car, you don't stand a chance. We've seen the opposite of that in MotoGP this year. At first, Aprilia were leading the way, now Honda and Ducati are on the rise again. Any one of six, seven or eight riders is capable of winning a race in MotoGP; that's something else you don't see in F1. The most impressive sight I've ever seen at the Red Bull Ring was Brad's (Binder, ed.) victory on slicks in the rain, as he slid through the final corner."

Jason KEHL (Technical Director & Team Principal, Harley-Davidson Factory Racing): "Following the first phenomenal round of the Harley-Davidson Bagger World Cup at the Circuit of the Americas, we were really looking forward to coming to Europe and seeing the next five rounds. Anyone with a ticket can pop over to the Harley-Davidson Garage in the Fan Zone to take a closer look at the bikes and have a chat with the riders. The facilities at the Red Bull Ring are fantastic. We're really looking forward to the season finale. Witnessing the authentic look and sound of Harley-Davidson in this setting is going to be sensational."

Thomas ÜBERALL (General Manager, Red Bull Ring): "MotoGP is a fantastic sport – sometimes very tough, as we saw last Sunday. That's when you really see how difficult it is. These guys deserve more attention. We're doing everything we can to attract a big crowd to the race in Austria."

All the information on the "GRAND PRIX OF AUSTRIA 2026" and tickets are available at www.redbullring.com and in the Red Bull Ring App.