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**TOUR OF TÜRKİYE 2022  
STAGE 3 ÇEŞME-İZMİR (Karşıyaka)  
ROUTE NOTES**

**Stage 3 – April 12, Tuesday Çeşme-İzmir (Karşıyaka) 121.8 km**

**Signing Ceremony: 10:50 am-11:40 am**

**Start: 11:50 am - Çeşme Castle**

**Finish: İzmir-Karşıyaka Ferry Terminal**

**Expected Finish: 02:33 pm**

**Total Distance: 121.8 km**

The third stage of the 57th Presidential Cycling Tour of Türkiye will begin at 11:50 am with a neutral start from Çeşme Castle, which was built by Bayezid II in 1508. The cyclists, who will turn left at the roundabout, will turn right at the crossroads with traffic lights from Atadağ Street. Riding into Şifne, the calmest bay of the Çeşme Peninsula famous for its turquoise beaches, from Paşalimanı crossroads, the cyclists will pass through Ildır, which is famous for movies and TV series and known as the Red City because of its red soil in the ancient period from the Beauties of Turkey Sprint prime at 17.1 km. They will pass through the 193m KOM sprint at 27.5 km, continue on the both sides from Balıklı Ova Street in direction the direction of Karaburun, make a sharp right and left turn and go straight, then turn left and exit to İzmir-Çeşme Road.

Passing the Urla crossroads, then arriving at İzmir by going straight on the roundabouts in parallel with the Gulf of İzmir, the cyclists will pass through the intermediate sprint prime at 81.1 km on Mithatpaşa Street in Güzelyalı and make a sharp right turn from Aliev Boulevard to Mustafa Kemal Coastal Boulevard and then arrive at 9 Eylül Square welcoming the cyclists at the gate of İzmir International Fair, one of the oldest fairs of Turkey, with its fountain shows just like for all tourist visiting İzmir after turning left from Mustafa Kemal Coastal Boulevard.

The cyclists, who turn right from 9 Eylül Square to Mürselipaşa Boulevard, will arrive at the Finish Zone located in front of Karşıyaka Ferry Terminal after entering the highway called Altınyol connecting İzmir to Karşıyaka on the left side of the road, then make a U-turn from Yalı Boulevard with its unique seaside over Cemal Gürsel Boulevard. So, they will have

completed the 121.8 km third stage of the 57th Presidential Cycling Tour of Türkiye at 02:33 pm.

### **Stage 3 Route Notes:**

#### **Çeşme**

Çeşme is one of the most popular tourist areas of İzmir with its clear sea, healing thermal water, historical artifacts, exciting nightlife and beautiful beaches. This is an ideal spot for sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, scuba diving, cycling and hiking. Your holiday in Çeşme gives you unforgettable memories in one of the most attractive yachting areas of the Aegean Region.

The sound of the sea and the wind, İzmir is sunny throughout the year thanks to its Mediterranean climate. Summers are hot and winters are mild. İzmir has a very significant role in history not only in Western side of Turkey but also in the entire Aegean with its towns and historical sites such as Bergama, Çeşme, Foça, Kemalpaşa, Selçuk, Seferihisar, Karaburun, Ödemiş, Tire and Urla.

#### **İzmir**

İzmir known as the pearl of the Aegean has 600 kilometers of coastline, UNESCO World Heritage ancient cities, vineyards and fertile gardens. İzmir is also a member of Eurovélo 8 Mediterranean Route. A 500 km cycle route of Eurovélo 8 passes through İzmir.

Surrounded by the Madra Mountains in the north, the Kuşadası Bay in the south, the Tekne Cape of the Çeşme Peninsula in the west, and Aydın and Manisa provinces in the east, İzmir embraces the gulf named after itself in the west. İzmir, which is the third largest city of Turkey, is a modern, sophisticated and also a busy commercial center. It is pretty fun to wander around its attractive shopping malls. Çeşme Peninsula lies on the West coast of İzmir with its excellent sea, beaches and thermal facilities.

#### **Karşıyaka**

Take a walk on the Karşıyaka Coast; this is the best spot to enjoy the sunset in İzmir. It is pretty pleasant in summer with a nice, cool breeze almost all the time and the whole city feels like a holiday resort.