

Atacama Crossing 2018



Competitors from nine countries represented in top 10 at 2018 atacama crossing

The 14th edition of the grueling 250km / 155 mile Atacama Crossing ultramarathon finished in main square of San Pedro de Atacama.

Wong Ho Chung, a fireman from Hong Kong, was the overall winner in an impressive time of 24 hours and 20 minutes. In the Top 10 there were nine different countries represented including **France, Japan, Switzerland, Holland, Canada, New Zealand, Poland** and **Romania**, as well as **Hong Kong**.

Among the Top 5 women a further five countries were represented: **South Africa, United Kingdom, China, Hungary** and **Australia**. The 1st place team was from **Korea**.

Among the twelve British competitors were Fiona Oakes, a vegan athlete who is also known from her recent documentary film Running for Good. Fiona won her age category in the race. Leon Clarence, a film producer and actor best known for Sense8 (2015), Blake's 7 and Kodachrome (2017) completed his third 4 Deserts Ultramarathon this year – Leon is after a bigger goal to complete the 4 Deserts Grand Slam, all 4 Deserts races within one calendar year. Victoria Connelly from the UK earned the second place (and came 18th overall).

Asia, North America, Europe, Africa and Australasia were all represented in the top places among a truly international field that included thirty-six countries in total! The most represented countries in the race were the United Kingdom, the United States and Switzerland.

88% of those that started the race completed it despite intense heat, freezing nights and harsh terrain including water up to their thighs, salt flats that are like walking on coral, climbing soft sand dunes and long flat sections going on beyond the horizon in the driest desert in the world. However racers were rewarded with stunning desert landscapes, running through narrow canyons and spectacular starry skies.

The last person to cross the finish line was Korea's Lim Chunghyun who took 71 hours and 21 minutes to complete the race.

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TOP 5 MEN

RANK	BIB	NAME	COUNTRY	AGE	TIME
1	107	WONG, Ho Chung	Hong Kong	31	24:20:56
2	100	WAKAOKA, Takuya	Japan	34	29:12:46
3	86	SANTINI, Christophe	France	47	30:51:53
4	7	BECKER, Maik	Switzerland	48	32:51:19
5	83	ROADLEY, Greg	New Zealand	44	33:42:19

TOP 5 WOMEN

RANK	BIB	NAME	COUNTRY	AGE	TIME
1	82	REYNOLDS, Lara	South Africa	48	39:29:07
2	26	CONNELLY, Victoria	United Kingdom	37	40:07:29
3	61	LE, Ping (Denise)	China	39	41:33:32
4	68	LUBICS, Szilvia	Hungary	44	41:49:13
5	9	BELL, Jacqui	Australia	23	41:54:50