

# Mario Kart Tour



# This is what Mario Kart Tour is all about.

When an oversized, walking mushroom, a talking turtle, a gorilla and an Italian plumber compete in fantastic-looking vehicles, throwing banana peels in front of their tires, it's clear that this is Mario Kart. Just like in the predecessors, which were only available on Nintendo's various consoles, characters from the various Nintendo franchises compete against each other in the version for mobile devices. Whether Super Mario, Zelda or Donkey Kong - your favorite character will also be available in Mario Kart Tour.

16 different tracks are available so far. Some of these correspond to the tracks of the previous Mario Kart parts, but in other sections they have been reworked and adapted especially for the mobile version. As usual for Mario Kart, there are also numerous items available that you can use to hinder your opponents. Only the star, which makes you invincible for a short time, is not found in Mario Kart Tour. In its place, however, a new event - party time - has been introduced. During this time, the player can use the selected item without limit and is invincible as well. The incomparable Mario Kart feeling is therefore guaranteed. # The gameplay of Mario Kart Tour

In Mario Kart Tour, the player can also compete in four different cubic capacity classes, which also indicate the level of difficulty. While 50 cm<sup>3</sup> and 100 cm<sup>3</sup> are available right from the start, the third class with 150 cm<sup>2</sup> must first be unlocked by winning a tour. The fourth class with 200 cm<sup>3</sup> is only available for users with the paid Gold Pass.

During the race, the player's go-kart is simply controlled via touchscreen. Just a few touch zones are enough for throttle, brake, slide and steering, which makes it very easy to use.

Question mark blocks are found at regular intervals on the race track. If one of them is picked up, the player receives a random item. Whether banana peel or turtle shell: The most popular items from Mario Kart are also represented in the mobile version. You can use them to make life difficult for your opponents. But be careful: They also have items and are guaranteed to use them. However, how good the computer opponents are and how sensibly the items are used depends on the selected difficulty level.

Unfortunately, it is only possible for users of the Gold Pass to also compete against friends. Those who want to play Mario Kart Tour for free are therefore limited to competing against the AI.

# Mario Kart Tour review in detail

Mario Kart on mobile devices - many children, teenagers and the young at heart have long dreamed of this. The implementation is basically also very well done. The controls are simple and

intuitive. The game is just as much fun as the versions for Nintendo Switch and Co. Well, at least almost as much. Because the most fun of Mario Kart has always been competing against friends. When a computer opponent slips on the banana peel, it's only half as funny as when it's your best friend. And this is where the big criticism of Mario Kart Tour lies. Only those who get the paid Gold Pass can also play against their friends. However, the price is also kept within limits. A game as entertaining and well-made as Mario Kart Tour should also cost something.

#### Avantages / Désavantages

Mario Kart Tour is an excellent implementation of the very popular party classic. The controls are very simple and intuitive. The tracks are entertaining as usual and are great to drive on mobile devices.

Multiplayer with friends is only possible via the paid Gold Pass. In general, there are a lot of microtransactions built in, which means that some fun is lost. Frequent ads reduce the gaming fun.