



2ND MARRAKECH EXPRESS RALLY

We are delighted to announce the 2nd Marrakech Express Rally which will be run from March 30 to April 13, 2015. The first was won by the dynamic duo of Alastair Caldwell and Hayden Burvill.

Run by 2CV Adventures, this offers the ultimate Arrive and Drives rally with participants using one of our fleet of specially prepared 2CVs. As before we start and finish in Spain but we have added two days to allow for an extra day off and some shorter days with more competition.

From Tangier to the Atlas Mountains, from plush landscapes to desert, from tiny communities to exotic Marrakech, the rally explores it all. Here David Lean filmed Lawrence of Arabia, and Indian Jones went in search of the Lost Ark and the Temple of Doom.

We explore the network of roads less travelled including the fabulous Todra Gorge. We find tracks in the desert, visit Souks and watch the sunsets, try a Tagine of lamb and eat at a desert camp – all bringing you an authentic experience of this fabulous country.

THE ROUTE

DAY 1 - ARRIVE MALAGA

We pick you up and take you to your hotel. Introduce you to your 2CV. Welcome reception in the evening.
Hotel: Parador de Golf, Malaga

DAY 2 - MALAGA TO TARIFA TO TANGIER 184KMS

The rally starts in the southern Spanish town of Malaga which has frequent flights from around Europe. From here we drive to Tarifa and cross to Morocco on the fast ferry. We clear customs and head for the hotel.

DAY 3 - TANGIER TO MEKNES 290KMS

From Tangier we head towards the Roman ruins of Volubilis before our night stop near Meknes. The fabulous roads of Morocco beckon as we head through the foothills towards this pretty town, one of the ancient capitals of Morocco. Hotel: Transatlantique. This is an excellent 4-Star hotel with views across the city and the Medina.

DAY 4 - MEKNES TO BENI MELLAL 348KMS

A day in the Middle Atlas mountains. We route through the Bab Mansour gates and the Place el Hedimin in the

ancient town before we break out to the major wine growing region in Morocco. The route climbs through cedar woods to Ifran, the Switzerland of Morocco. Great scenery and competition sections. Hotel: TBA

DAY 5 - BENI MELLAL TO MARRAKECH 265KMS

Just 15kms outside Beni Mallal we have the first real mountain challenge as we head for a testing Regularity section - 470m to 1320m climb in 50kms. We visit the Cascades de Ouzoud, one of the major attraction in Morocco. From here we have 80kms of high agricultural land before dropping onto the Marrakech plane for a regroup in this picturesque town.
Hotel: 5 Star Sofitel Lounge and Spa.

DAY 6 - MARRAKECH REST DAY

DAY 7 - MARRAKECH TO OUARZAZATE 212KMS

With more than 50kms of competition today its a tough one. First you have to climb out of Marrakech on the famous Tizi n'Test, a demanding 20kms that climbs 1,000 metres! Then down through Berber villages and deep river gorges, ending up at Ait Benhaddou, the Hollywood of Morocco where many famous films have been made. Hotel: Ouarzazate Berbere Palace.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- One of our 2CVs
- Insurance
- Competition
- Ferries
- Hotels and breakfasts
- Most evening meals
- Gala Dinner
- Prizes
- Mechanical support
- Tulip roadbook
- Brantz
- Photographer
- Rally Plates
- Clerk of the Course
- Results service
- An experienced team



ARRIVE & DRIVE





Day 8 - Ouarzazate to Merzouga

377kms

Easy route out of Ouarzazate into flat stony desert with the High Atlas now to your left and views of the Grand Canyon of Morocco. Then we have a 10kms regularity section. After a passage control in N'Knob its back to the desert road. We pass Tazzarine and then Alnif before the busy town of Rissani. The stop for the night is the desert camp south of Merzouga. **Hotel:** Camp La Belle Etoile

Day 9 - Merzouga Camp

Technically a rest day but instead we will be taking to the desert for a bit of fun in the dunes. **Hotel:** Kasbah Tombouctou.

Day 10 - Merzouga to

Midelt 380kms

A big day in every way; distance; mountains; gorges; competition and spectacle. Today we drive the fabulous Todra Gorge and then find more gorges that are off the tourist trail. Its a tough day with fabulous scenery and plenty of competition. Don't expect to get in early which is no bad thing as Midlet is not the most lively place in Morocco. **Hotel:** Taddart

Day 11 - Midelt to Fes

315kms

Another great day over the high passes of the Middle Atlas. Out of the hotel we head for Boulmane and then the quiet roads of Imouzzar Marmoucha. The river falls into a deep gorge and provides good sections for competition.

Hotel: Sofitel Palais Jamais

Day 12 - Fes, Day Off

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Date	Day	Route	Hotel	KMs
March 30	Day 1	Fly to Malaga	Parador de Golf	0
March 31	Day 2	Malaga	Farah Tanger	184
April 1	Day 3	Tangier	Transatlantique	322
April 2	Day 4	Meknes to	TBA	345
April 3	Day 5	Beni Mellal	Sofitel	265
April 4	Day 6	Marrakech	Sofitel	0
April 5	Day 7	Marrakech	Berberie Palace	213
April 6	Day 8	Ourzazate	Kasbah Tadla	390
April 7	Day 9	Kasbah Tadla	Kasbah Tombouctou	45
April 8	Day 10	Merzouga	Taddart	460
April 9	Day 11	Midelt	Sofitel	315
April 10	Day 12	Fes	Sofitel	0
April 11	Day 13	Fes	Tangier	374
April 12	Day 14	Tangier	Parador de Golf	250
April 13	Day 15	Depart		
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Day 13 - Fes to Tangier

374kms

Out of Fez then into the Rif mountains. There's a fairly main road to Taounate before we find the quieter rural roads. A full day of twists and turns. **Hotel:** Tangier

Day 14 Tangier to Malaga

198kms

From the ferry we head east to Malaga where we say good bye to our tin snails and get ready for the Gala dinner and prize giving. **Hotel:** Parador de Golf Malaga

Day 15 Malaga Depart



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