



Agadir, June 28, 2022.

Under the sign of the Southern Cross! Ocean, dunes, and desert



Three months before the 2022 Rallye du Maroc, which will take place from October 1st to 6th, David Castera revealed the details of the 2300 km loop around Agadir that will take the competitors of the 22nd edition along the Atlantic coast.

An immersion in the great south of the Kingdom to Laâyoune through Tan-Tan, which is part of the objective declared by the race and its sponsors to share the event with the entire Cherifian territory.

New provinces await the regulars of the race as well as newcomers. For all competitors, the counters will be reset to zero at the start of a touring route punctuated by five stages between ocean, dunes, and Sahara Desert and four nights in a bivouac.





In the footsteps of the Dakar of yesterday and today

It was in the Atlas Hotel in the capital of Souss Massa and in the presence of more than 130 people, the representative of the Wali of the region of Souss Massa, representatives of the urban community of Agadir, the headquarters of the Royal Gendarmerie of Agadir, the regional direction of tourism, the ONMT, the two Moroccan federations car and motorcycle, representatives of the main sponsors and many Moroccan competitors that David Castera unveiled the details of the next edition of the Rally of Morocco on June 28. It is in the ultra-modern complex of the Grand Stade d'Agadir that this round of the F.I.A. and F.I.M. World Rally-Raid Championship will be installed for the traditional administrative and technical verifications starting on September 30th.

The sport will start with the Qualifying Special Stage on the afternoon of October 1st, at the gates of the seaside resort. A podium will be set up on the corniche, the famous promenade along the beach of Agadir. This will be an opportunity for the inhabitants and tourists passing through to see the rally-raid caravan made up of the stars of the discipline, amateurs, and continental drivers of the Africa Rally Team. This will be a great opportunity to inspire tomorrow's vocations!

The next day, the competitors will head towards the south of Morocco with the Atlantic Ocean at their right-hand side. Direction Tan-Tan, in the footsteps of the last African edition of the Dakar in 2007, which had stopped there before continuing its route to Mauritania and Senegal. A nod to history but also to today's Dakar, thanks to the navigation that awaits the competitors around Laâyoune. Tom Colsoul, a professional co-driver who now puts his expertise at the service of the W2RC (World Rally-Raid Championship) road books, has encountered in this region less frequented and consequently less visible tracks, like those of Saudi Arabia "that we spend our time looking for". An excellent rehearsal for the navigators in view of the Dakar 2023.

Priority to the course, place to the conviviality

"It's a less common route but just as interesting," said David Castera, who knows that prejudices are persistent and who developed his remarks as follows: "The dunes of Merzouga and Chegaga will not be on the program this year, but competitors can rest assured, and even prepare themselves, because there will be beautiful portions of dunes in stage 2 and stage 3, which will be the most difficult. I wanted to take the competitors elsewhere, on new tracks. From a sporting point of view, it will be more interesting because the regulars won't have more reference points than the competitors who are less initiated in Morocco".

Four consecutive nights in bivouac will be on the menu of the five stages, a framework tailor-made after two years constrained by the necessary precautionary principles related to the health crisis. A program dictated above all by the care given to the quality of the course, the absolute priority of David Castera: "When I design a new edition, with my teams, the priority is the course. Then, we organize the base of life according to the possibilities and existing infrastructures. This philosophy leads us to opt for the bivouac, a way to get closer to one of the arts of living and historical know-how of our hosts. It is also an integral part of the adventure dimension of our sport, which has always consisted in getting out of our routines".



An eco-responsible and fraternal rally in the heart of Morocco

The environmental impact is a main concern of the Rallye du Maroc and its main partners, who, since their association, have been ensuring the sustainable development of the race and the regions they cross. This year again, the standards of collection, treatment and recovery of waste will be the strictest within the bivouac. The carbon compensation will be translated at the end of the race by the planting of trees by local partners.

The cultural exchange between the Rallye du Maroc and the host regions will finally be able to take on its new dimension thanks to a relaxation of the health risk prevention system.

This opening will allow the organization of cultural events and sharing with the Moroccan people in the wake of the Rally:

A prologue followed by a presentation on one of the most touristic sites of Agadir.

A large-scale concert on the evening of the prologue in Agadir, on October 1st. A second concert on October 3rd, in Laâyoune.

Surprise personalities, invited on the Rally to discover this universe and who wish to share a moment of conviviality by getting involved through an action.

The rally will once again reinforce a caravan of mobile medical consultations for populations that are too far from health care centers. Vehicles, doctors and medicines will be made available for this purpose.



Symbolizing the seed of brotherhood planted in 2018 between the Rallye du Maroc and the region of Erfoud that hosted it then, the village of Outarra will continue to benefit from a development program tailored to the needs of its rural situation. While the school is well underway in this village, the well installed and supplied by a water tower has shown its limits in the face of the droughts of recent months. Aman Iman: water is life. A new water supply system in the heart of their needs is being studied in consultation with the inhabitants' association.

Africa Rally Team

The Rallye du Maroc and its major partners have set themselves the goal of making the African continent, the birthplace and historical home of the rally-raid, a player in our sport. A commitment that has not waited to bear fruit. Last year, Amine Echiger won the Afriquia Enduro Cup category of the Rally of Morocco. In the Dakar, a team composed of three Moroccan bikers was then at the start in Jeddah.

From the next edition in Agadir and in line with these performances, the Africa Rally Team will allow a dozen competitors to push for the first time the doors of the Rally of Morocco or to progress in exceptional conditions. This process started with a first selection phase based on the candidates' files and will continue this summer for about fifteen of them with a training course and final selection to access the third and last stage of the support and follow-up on the 2022 edition of the Rally of Morocco.

Dates

- Registration deadline: 22/09,
- Private tests: all day on 29/09 and on the morning of 30/09,
- Technical, administrative checks: 30/09 and 01/10 morning, Grand Stade Adrar, Agadir,
- Qualifying special and podium: 01/10 afternoon,
- Stages 1 to 5: from 02/10 to 06/10,
- Awards ceremony: 06/10, evening, Palais des Congrès Dunes d'Or, Agadir.

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