

The logo for the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge features the words "Abu Dhabi" in white, bold, sans-serif font, slanted upwards, set against a red rectangular background. Below this, the words "DESERT CHALLENGE" are written in a large, black, blocky, sans-serif font, also slanted upwards. The text is set against a background of orange and yellow brushstrokes that radiate outwards from the center.

Abu Dhabi

**DESERT
CHALLENGE**

RALLY GUIDE

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1. The 2012 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

The world's ultimate desert rally, the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is back for 2012 and is once again set to push participants to their physical and mental limits over some of the toughest yet most dramatic scenery the world has to offer.

No other rally pits competitors against such demanding terrain – wave after wave of some of the world's most spectacular sand dunes – yet simultaneously takes in five-star luxury in the form of the stunning hotel that is located right in the middle of the Rub al Khali (Empty Quarter) desert and acts as the race's base, and the dynamic, cutting-edge capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi.

Mohammed Ben Sulayem, FIA Vice-President, President of the Automobile and Touring Club of the UAE (ATCUAE) and President of the UAE Motorcycle Club (UAEMC) is a sporting ambassador for the Arab world. He is also the driving force behind the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge.

Sulayem launched the UAE Desert Challenge in 1991 and under the title sponsorship of the Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority (now the Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority) the event gradually migrated to the emirate of Abu Dhabi in 2009.

Now returning for its 22nd running, the Desert Challenge is once again being held across the emirate, from 30th March to 6th April, with spectators able to enjoy unrivalled access to the action in a number of breath-taking settings. Dedicated, easy-to-access viewing points in the beautiful desert of the Western Region of Al Gharbia will be complemented by the venue for the exhilarating start of the rally, the Super Special Stage (SSS).

As in 2011, the race bivouac will again be located adjacent to the magnificent Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara. This magnificent venue provides a unique contrast between the harshness of endurance rallying and the supreme luxury of the amazing five-star resort, while simultaneously focusing the eyes of the world on Al Gharbia.

This year's rally serves as the opening round of the FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship, and Round 2 of the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies. Registration is open until 13th March to competitors driving cars and trucks complying with FIA T1, T2, T3 and T4 technical regulations, and motorcyclists and quads running under the auspices of the FIM.

The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in the Western Region, and organised by the ATCUAE with the backing of a number of major sponsors. These include the Ruler's Court in the Western Region DIWAN, the Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority, Nissan, the UAE Army, Abu Dhabi Police, Yas Marina Circuit, ADNOC, Abu Dhabi Aviation, Al Ain Water, Abu Dhabi Waste Management, Rotana Hotels – Yas Island, Abu Dhabi and Al Gharbia Municipalities, the Tourism Development and Investment Company, TAG Heuer, Explorer and DP World.

Event history

2011: The Bivouac is moved to the footsteps of Qasr Al Sarab and the event is supported by Eurosport.

2010: Incorporating the new Liwa landmark – Al Qasr Al Sarab into the rally route.

2009: The event runs under the title sponsorship of Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority.

2008: The proximity warning device was incorporated to the GPS tracking.

2007: the tracking and results were carried out from a mobile command centre, provided by Dubai Civil Defence who has backed the event's safety.

2006: TDCOM fully integrated Results System introduced.

2005: Sentinel "proximity alarm" system introduced.

2004: Full trial of Iritrack competitor status and location tracking system.

Past winners:

Year	Competitors	Type of vehicle	Make
2011	PETERHANSEL/ COTTRET	Car	MINI
	NIKOLAEV / MIZYUKAEV/ / RYBAKOV	Truck	KAMAZ
2010	Leonid Novitskiy / Andy Schulz	Car	BMW
	S. Rotsaert / S. Vanbesien / D. Dendooven	Truck	MAN
2009	Guerlain Chicherit / Tina Thoerner	Car	BMW
	G. Vismara / M. Cambiaghi / A. Bettiga	Truck	Iveco
2008	N. Al Attiyah / T. Thoerner	Car	BMW
	V. Chagin / S. Savostin / A. Tanin	Truck	KAMAZ
2007	S. Peterhansel/ J-P.Cottret	Car	Mitsubishi
	F.Kabirov / V.Mizyukaev / A.Mokeev	Truck	KAMAZ
2006	L. Alphand / G. Piccard	Car	Mitsubishi
	R. Minnikhanov / A.Belyaev / V.Chagin	Truck	KAMAZ
2005	S. Peterhansel/ J-P.Cottret	Car	Mitsubishi
	V. Chagin / S. Konopko / E. Nikolaev	Truck	KAMAZ

2. Organizer Contact Details

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Before March 28th

Sunday – Thursday, from 8:00 to 16:00

ATCUAE Clubhouse, Al Wuheida Str., Al Mamzar, Dubai

March 27 - April 1 and 6-7

Daily from 9h00 to 20h00; Yas Marina Circuit (YMC)

April 2 - 6

Bivouac (Qasr Al Sarab)

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3. Event Schedule

- **OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES:**
Saturday, 14th January, 2012 23:59
- **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:**
Tuesday, 13th March, 2012 23:59
- **CLOSING DATE FOR CO-DRIVER DETAILS:**
Thursday, 29th March, 2012 18:00
- **OPENING OF MEDIA CENTRE AND MEDIA ACCREDITATION:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Time: Friday, 30th March, 2012 09:00-18:00
- **ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS & COLLECTION OF MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Friday 30st March, 2012 09:00-18:00
- **DATE OF SCRUTINEERING OF THE CARS, MARKING AND SEALING:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Saturday 31st March 2012 09:00-18:00
- **PRE-RALLY PRESS CONFERENCE:**
Place: Yas Island ROTANA Hotel
Time: Thursday 29th March 2012, 11:30
- **1st STEWARDS MEETING:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Time: Saturday, 31st March 2012, 18:00.
- **PUBLICATION OF START LIST FOR THE SUPER SPECIAL:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Time: Sunday 1st April 2012, 10:00.
- **COMPETITORS BRIEFING:**
Place: Rally HQ Yas Marina Circuit
Time: Sunday 1st April 2012 11:00.
- **CEREMONIAL START and SUPER SPECIAL STAGE**
Place: TBC
Time: Sunday, 1st April 2011, 15:00
- **ISSUE OF THE ROAD BOOK LEG 1:**
Place: Finish of Super Special
Time: Sunday, 1st April 2012

- **TIMETABLE FOR THE VARIOUS LEGS AND COMPETITORS BRIEFING:**

Sunday	1 st April	Publ. Authorised Start List	10:00	Rally HQ
		Competitors Briefing	11:00	Rally HQ
		S/Special Stage "Parc" open	14:00	Rally HQ
		Super Special Stage Start	15:00	TBC
		Roadbook Leg 1 – Issue	16:05	Super Special
		Leg 1 Start List - publ.	20:00	Rally HQ
Monday	2 nd April	Leg1: Abu Dhabi : Qasr al Sarab		
		Start Parc - Open/Close	07:30 / 08:30	
		Start SS1 – “ Al Gharbia ”	09:00	Al Dafrah
		Finish		Qasr al Sarab
		Roadbook Leg 2 – Issue	16:30	Bivouac
		Drivers Briefing for Leg 2	19:00	Bivouac
		Leg 1 ProvClass/Leg 2 St List	21:00	Bivouac
Tuesday	3 rd April	Leg 2: Qasr Sarab : Qasr al Sarab		
		Restart – MTC 3	06:00	Bivouac
		Start SS 2 – “ ADNOC ”	08:00	MZ Road
		Roadbook Leg 3 – Issue	16:30	Bivouac
		Drivers Briefing for Leg 3	19:00	Bivouac
		Leg 2 ProvClass/Leg 3 St List	21:00	Bivouac
Wednesday	4 th April	Leg 3: Qasr al Sarab : Qasr al Sarab		
		Restart – MTC 6	06:00	Bivouac
		Start SS 3 - “ Qasr al Sarab 1 ”	07:00	Tharwaniyah
		Start SS 4 – “ Qasr al Sarab 2 ”	10:50	Qasr Al Sarab
		Roadbook Leg 4 – Issue	16:30	Bivouac
		Drivers Briefing for Leg 4	19:00	Bivouac
Thursday	5 th April	Leg 4: Qasr al Sarab : Qasr al Sarab		
		Restart MTC 9	06:00	Bivouac
		Start SS 5 – “ NISSAN ”	07:30	MZ Road
		Roadbook Leg 5 – Issue	16:30	Bivouac
		Drivers Briefing for Leg 5	19:00	Bivouac
		Leg 4 ProvClass/Leg 5 St List	21:00	Bivouac
Friday	6 th April.	Leg 5: Qasr al Sarab – Abu Dhabi		
		Restart MTC 12	06:55	Bivouac
		Start SS 6 – “ Abu Dhabi ”	07:00	Bivouac
		Official Finish Ramp	16:30	Yas Marina
		Post Event Press Conference	17:00	RALLY HQ
		Final Scrutineering	From 15:00	RALLY HQ
		Provisional Classification	19:00	RALLY HQ
		Final Classification	19:30	RALLY HQ
		Prize Giving	20:00	TBA

- **FINISH OF THE RALLY:**

Place: TBA

Time: Friday, 6th April, 2012 16:30

- **FINAL TECHNICAL CHECKS:**

Place: TBA

Time: Friday, 6th April, 2012 15:00

- **PUBLICATION OF FINAL PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION:**

Place: TBA

Time: Friday, 6th April, 2012 17:00

- **PUBLICATION OF FINAL OFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION:**

Place: TBA

Time: Friday, 6th April, 2012 17:30

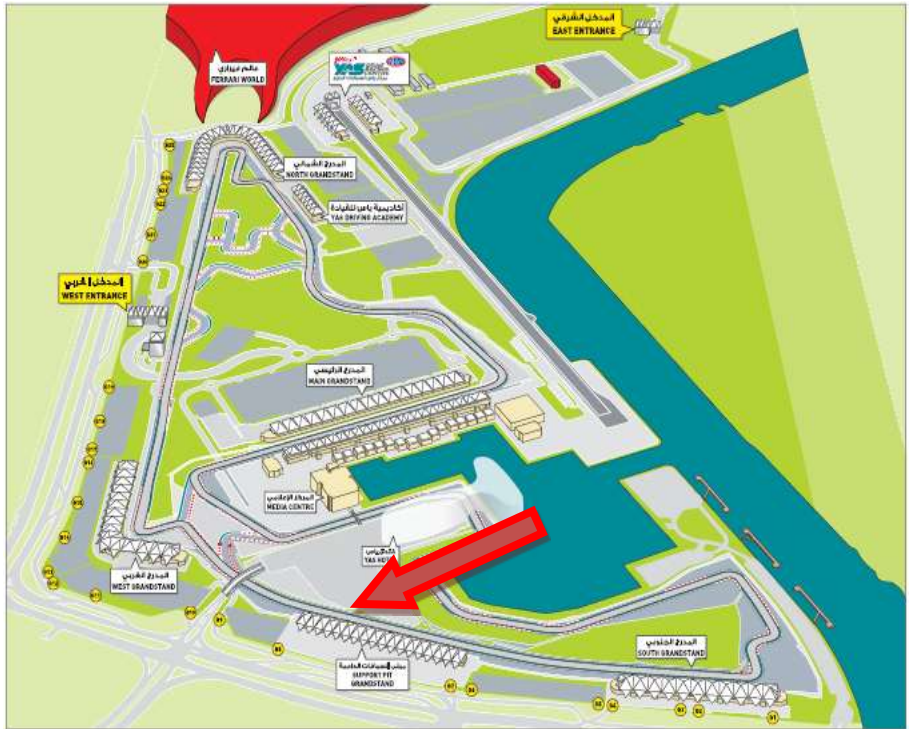
- **PRIZE-GIVING:**

Place: TBA

Time: Friday, 6th April, 2012 20:00

RALLY HQ

Yas Marina Circuit. Support Pits. Gate 7, 8.



SUPER SPECIAL LOCATION

TBC

Liaison : 524 25% Selective: 1519 75% Total : 2050 100.00%	PC dist into SS	Kms	1st competitor due		Allowance (Target)	Max	
			Estimate	Real			
Monday 2nd April: LEG 1 MTC /ATC 1: Rally Start SS 1: AL GHARBIA PC 1: Plateau PC 2: SVC - Moto Fuel PC 3: Wide sand track PC 4: Hameem gate Finish SS 1 RS 1: Fin 1 to Bivouac MTC 2 Bivouac		297.70					
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					9:00		8h 0m
		65.50		9:40			
		126.40		10:25			
		217.70		11:30			
		246.38		11:45			
		285.05	12:10		(3h 10m)		
		12.65					
Tuesday 3rd April: LEG 2 MTC 3: Leg 2 Start RS 2 Bivouac to DSS 2 MZ Rd ATC 4 SS 2: ADNOC PC 1: Underpass PC 2: Desert Post PC 3: SVC & Moto Fuel Arada PC 4: Khis gatch Finish SS 2 RS 3: Fin 2 to Bivouac MTC 5 Bivouac		434.33					
					6:00		
			135.30				1h 55m
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	163.36		10:25				
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		283.35	12:05		(4h 05m)		
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Wednesday 4th April: LEG 3 MTC 6: Leg 3 Start RS 4: Biv to DSS 3 Tharwaniyah ATC 7 SS 3: Qasr Al Sarab PC 1 Old Farm PC 2: Khis gatch Neutralisation Start Moto fuel/SVC Neutralisation Finish PC 3: Plantation PC 4: Hameem gate Finish SS 3 RS 5: Fin 3 to Bivouac MTC 8 Bivouac		426.43					
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					6:55		
					7:00		09h 30m
		66.47		7:45			
		143.00		8:35			
		168.13	9:00		(2h 00m)		
		8.83	9:40		40m		
	73.52		10:40				
	139.15		11:30				
		177.82	11:55		(2h 15m)		
		12.65	12:05				
Thursday 5th April: LEG 4 MTC 9 Start Leg 4 RS 6: Biv to DSS 4 M Zayed Rd ATC 10 SS 4: NISSAN PC 1 Gayathi Rd underpass PC 2 - SVC - Moto fuel PC 3 Oasis Junction PC 4 Gayathi Roundabout Finish SS 4 : Morib Rd RS 7 : Fin 4 to Bivouac MTC 11: Bivouac		522.05					
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					7:25		
					7:30		9h 20m
		102.80		8:45			
		168.42		9:35			
	201.18		10:25				
	275.06		11:05				
		317.80	11:35		(4h 05m)		
		96.87	12:20		1h 20m		
Friday 6th April: Leg 5 MTC 12 : Start Leg 5 RS 8: Bivouac to DSS 5 ATC 13 SS 5: ABU DHABI PC 1: Hameem gate PC 2 SVC & Moto Fuel PC 3 Arjan Finish SS 5 : Al Dhafra RS 9: Fin 5 to Yas MTC 13: Rally Finish - Yas		364.10					
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			12.68				
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		38.60		7:25			
		163.02		8:45			
		211.00		9:30			
		287.32	10:10		(3h 10m)		
					1:15m		
		64.10	11:15				

4.Itinerary

5. Accommodation

In Abu Dhabi

Yas Island Rotana is the Official Hotel and a recommended accommodation in the city of Abu Dhabi.

Yas Island Rotana is a 4 star deluxe hotel conveniently located on the spectacular Yas Island, minutes away from the Formula 1 Race Track, The Links Golf Course, Yas Southern Marina and the all new Ferrari World Abu Dhabi.

Yas Island Rotana offers 6 exquisite dining venues; to suit all taste. The hotel's conference and banqueting facilities consists of 6 fully equipped and flexible meeting rooms and a spacious ballroom with modern, sophisticated décor coupled with the very latest communication technology. The state-of-the-art recreation facilities include a temperature controlled swimming pool, exquisitely designed massage treatment rooms, Sauna, Steam rooms, Jacuzzi and a well- equipped health and fitness centre.

Adjoining Yas Island Rotana and providing guests access to deluxe facilities is **Centro Yas Island** which is a modern, stylish and affordable business hotel brand. Young and fresh, Centro Yas Island is a contemporary concept that is original in its presentation and dynamic in its offerings. This 259 room hotel meets the demands of a new generation of traveler, seeking finesse and functionality at reasonable rates.

Unique aspects of a typical Centro property include an executive centre, meeting rooms, the latest in-room technology from wireless connectivity to entertainment and personal amenities, gymnasium and a swimming pool. This is in addition to 'C Taste', which is a three-meal restaurant, 'C Mondo', a bar offering a selection of beverages and snacks, and 'C Deli', an innovative deli take-away dining concept allowing guests to enjoy great food and to consume their purchase on the spot, in the lobby lounge, or if they prefer, in the privacy of their rooms.

We have negotiated a special rate for ADDC competitors and guests:

Yas Island Rotana: AED 350 (twin) and AED 300 (single) inclusive of Breakfast & subject to 10% Service Charge and 6% Tourism Fee.

Centro Yas Island: AED 300 (twin) and AED 250 (single) inclusive of Breakfast & subject to 10% Service Charge and 6% Tourism Fee.

The special rate is valid for the bookings made before end of February.

Visit the web-site to download the booking form: www.abudhabidesertchallenge.com

For more information about hotels visit: <http://www.rotana.com/rotanahotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/yasislandrotana>

IN THE DESERT (Apr 3 - 7)

Under the direction of Mr. Mohammed Ben Sulayem, the Chairman of the Organisation and the founder of the event, the nucleus of the event, the bivouac, has been located once again next to Qasr al Sarab (Mirage Palace), a 5+ Star desert resort, located in the Empty Quarter on the edge of the Liwa Oasis.

While maintaining the spirit of the bivouac, the nearby resort offers the event, for those involved, in a sophisticated facility, with a choice of rooms and villas spread over 2KM which is distinctively the only resort in the Cross Country discipline that can host such a wide audience of guests and cater every single one of them to their smallest needs, from fans, family, friends, sponsors, corporate guests and similar, who may not be disposed to the rigours of bivouac life, however the breathtaking scenery of the desert and the luxurious Arabian architecture and hospitality are also part of the very core of the action.

To maximise this opportunity, the third Leg of the rally (Tuesday, 4th April) has been designed to focus on the resort and cater for this "guest element". The Leg will be divided into two stages, the first of which finishes at the bivouac at 09:00, whereupon the competitors will refuel and regroup for an hour, presenting a great opportunity to mingle with the competitors, before they are flagged off from the entrance of the hotel to tackle the second of the day's stages, which restarts from the resort at 09:40. The stage presents the competitors with a further 170 kms of desert and will lead them back to the bivouac finish at midday.

Meanwhile the guest can enjoy a leisurely lunch in the choice of 4 outlets at the resort while the family relaxes by the pool, prior to going to the stage finish to welcome the competitors back to the bivouac.

Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

Perched on the shoulder of a dune on the edge of the world's largest sand desert - the Empty Quarter (*Rub al Khali*) - Qasr Al Sarab meaning "mirage palace" is located at the heart of the Liwa Desert. Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara is a five-star luxurious leisure resort inspired by the indigenous desert culture and reflects true Emirati lifestyle. It is composed of connecting sand-colour castle towers, *burj*, and other Arabian style architecture, in which visitors will find the traditional Emirati ambiance along with all the comforts of a first class hotel and third millennium technology.

You too can spend time in the desert and feel like Lawrence of Arabia. Relax in any of their 70 rooms, over 40 deluxe-with-balcony rooms, 28 rooms with a terrace, 14 suites with king-sized beds, oversize bathtubs, rain showers and complimentary WI-FI. The 42 villas which resemble small private palaces offer their own delights: they come in 1-2-3 bedrooms, spacious living and dining areas; maximum privacy is assured with private sun decks, private pools, oversized bathtubs and private butler service. The resort's 500 employees from 28 different nationalities will cater to guests' wishes and offer quality Spa pampering.

The resort's four restaurants offer world-class cuisine. Al Waha is where guests can wake up to a morning breakfast buffet, Suhail is a rooftop bar and grill where you can enjoy seafood flown from all over the world and wine tasting at their walk-in wine cave. Ghadeer is a poolside bar restaurant that offers grilled sandwiches and light meals and Al Liwan is an all-day lobby lounge that serves refreshments and quick bite sandwiches. This beautiful island setting has bridges

From the main guest area that are lit up with flame torches. From traditional Middle Eastern cuisine including *hummus* and *ganoush*, to nouvelle cuisine and Mediterranean cuisine with Italian, Spanish and Greek influences, guests will enjoy a unique desert dining experience. The resort's culinary experience includes a choice of fine wines like Chablis and the prestigious Chateau Latour Paulliac 2001.

Read more at <http://qasralsarab.anantara.com>

6. Media

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7. Insurance

The entry fee includes cover for civil liability of the competitor from the Start of Documentation until retirement/exclusion, the limit for protests and appeals, post event Scrutineering.

Competitor and service vehicle (non GCC) are covered for Civil Liability towards Third Parties (Road Legal), from (and including) 27th March 2011 to (and including) 9th April 2011.

This cover provides for a maximum liability, in respect of any one claim or series of claims resulting from one accident, of Dh 10,000,000.

Damages to rally and/or service cars as well as the liability of a crewmember towards other crewmembers are not covered by the insurance provided by the organisers.

4.2. Overseas entries: 4.2. Overseas entries: Repatriation and medical insurance is included in the entry fee to a level of €150,000.

8. Entry details

FIA titles for which the rally counts

- 2011 FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies for:
- Drivers T1
- Co-drivers T1
- Drivers T2
- Co-drivers T2
- Teams T1 and T2
- 2WD Drivers
- 2WD Manufacturers

Final date and time for receipt of entry forms:

- Entries open: Saturday, 8th January, 2011 23:59
 - Entries close: Thursday, 17th March, 2011 23:59
 - Reduced entries close: Thursday, 20th, February, 2011, 23:59
- The entry form should be faxed (+971 4 296 1133) or e-mailed (tanya@atcuae.ae) to the Organizers and should be accompanied by:
- the copies of the competitors' FIA competition licences;
 - the proof of payment of the entry fees (copy of the bank transfer);
 - for foreign competitors the entry form must be stamped by the ASN or should be accompanied by an authorization letter (Start permission).

Eligible Vehicles

Group T1: Improved Cross-Country Vehicles

Class T1.1: 4 x 4 Petrol

Class T1.2: 4 x 4 Diesel

Class T1.3: 4 x 2 Petrol

Class T1.4: 4 x 2 Diesel

Group T2: Cross-Country Series Production Vehicles

Vehicles homologated in the Cross-Country Group (vehicles must comply with the prescriptions of the Group T2 vehicles – Appendix 3).

Class T2.1: Petrol

Class T2.2: Diesel

Group T3: Lightweight Improved Cross Country Cars

Group T4: Series Cross-Country Trucks weighing more than 3,500 kg

Class T4.1: > 10,000 cm³ nominal Cylinder capacity

Class T4.2: < 10,000 cm³ nominal Cylinder capacity

There will be a separate classification for T4 trucks in international cross-country rallies.

Series production vehicles, which are no longer homologated in Group T2, are authorized to take part in Group T1 with a T2 safety and preparation level.

Vehicles must fully respect Article 284 (Group T2).

Maximum number of entrants:

The maximum number of entries that will be accepted is 100.

Entry fees

The entry application will only be accepted if accompanied by the total entry fees or by a receipt issued by the competitor's National Sporting Authority.

Entry fees valid to 20.02.2011. Thereafter +20% to 05.03.2010.

Bank Transfer:

Account Name: UAE Desert Challenge

Account Number: 1012002872503

Bank Name: National Bank of Dubai

Branch: Main branch

Address: P. O. Box 777, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Swift Code: EBILAEAD

IBAN: 750 26 000 101 2002 872 503

	Overseas Entries		Gulf Entries	
	T1 & T2	T4	T1 & T2	T4
Entry Fee	\$5,450	\$6,900	AED 7,750	AED 10,600
Included				
Fuel	YES	YES	YES	YES
Repatriation Insurance	YES	YES	NO	NO
4 Nights Bivouac	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gala Dinner Ticket(s)	2	3	2	3
Visa (if req'd)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Water	YES	YES	YES	YES
Liaison Office Service	YES	YES	NO	NO
Public Liability Insurance	YES	YES	YES	YES
Road Legal Insurance (15 days)	YES	YES	NO	NO
Not Included				
Sentinel Rental *	€ 130.00	€ 130.00	€ 130.00	€ 130.00
Iritrack Rental *	€ 350.00	€ 350.00	€ 350.00	€ 350.00
GPS Rental *	€ 320.00	€ 320.00	€ 320.00	€ 320.00
Shipping Accommodation Travel (Flights)				
Team Entry, per vehicle (max 5)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	AED 165	AED 165
Service Vehicle Registration Fuel Service Roadbook & Plates	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00	AED 1,250	AED 1,250
Service Personnel (per person) 4 nights bivouac Gala Dinner Ticket	\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00	AED 1,360	AED 1,360
Visa, if required for non competitor (Apply by March 1 st)	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	AED 200	AED 200

* Competitor is required to purchase fitting kit, bracket, power lead and antennae and to pay a refundable deposit.

9. Regulations and exceptions

The rally will be run in compliance with the International Sporting Code (and appendices), the General Prescriptions applicable to all FIA Cross Country and Baja Cup rallies, the national sporting regulations which comply with the FIA regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.

Modifications, amendments and/or changes to these Supplementary Regulations will be announced only by numbered and dated bulletins (issued by the organiser and approved by FIA up to the time of the first stewards meeting and thereafter by the stewards).

The rally will be twinned with a motorcycle event in the FIM series for World Championship Cross Country Rallies and, therefore the required interval of 30 minutes between the FIA Cross Country event and the Motorcycle event will be observed. Separate supplementary regulations for the motorcycle event are available from the organisers

Unless specifically covered within these Supplementary Regulations, the text of the FIA Cross Country Rallies General Prescriptions applies and should be referred to.

In the event of differences in interpretation of these regulations the ENGLISH TEXT alone will be considered as binding. The official time will be as GPS. The official distance calibration will be as GPS.

FIA website address: <http://www.fia.com/sport/Regulations/ccrallyregs.html>

The Supplementary Regulations for Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge 2011 can be downloaded from the web-site: www.abudhabidesertchallenge.ae

10. General facts and Information

Climate

Dry and hot humid summer with comfortably soft winter. The best time to visit is between October and May. Temperatures range from a low of around 10C (50F) in winter to a high of 48C (118 F) in summer.

For up to date weather reports, log on to www.bbc.co.uk/weather and choose your destination.

Time zone

4 Hours ahead of G.M.T

Sunrise, Sunset

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>
March 30, 2012	06:16	18:38
March 31, 2012	06:15	18:38
April 1, 2012	06:14	18:39
April 2, 2012	06:13	18:39
April 3, 2012	06:12	18:40
April 4, 2012	06:11	18:40
April 5, 2012	06:10	18:40
April 6, 2012	06:09	18:41

Currencies

The local Currency is UAE Dirham (AED) = 100 fils.
The Dirham is tied to the US Dollar.

Most hotels will handle the exchange of foreign currency.
Exchange rate indications at the date of publishing:
USD 1.00 = 3.65 AED
EUR 1.00 = 5.2 AED

The import and export of both local and foreign currency are unrestricted. Amounts over AED 40,000 must be declared at the Customs Counter at Abu Dhabi International Airport.

Credit & debit cards: American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted.

Traveller's cheques: are widely accepted. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travellers are advised to take traveller's cheques in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling.

Banking hours: Sat-Wed 0800-1300, Thurs 0800-1200. Some also open Sat-Wed 1630-1800.

Water

The tap water is heavily purified and safe to drink, but we would recommend the locally bottled mineral water (e.g. Oasis).

Electricity

The electricity supply is 220/240 volts and 50 cycles; the socket type is the same as the three pin British system; most hotels have adapters for electrical appliances.

Fuel

Diesel and gasoline are allowed. Bio-diesel and AVGAS may be used during the event but is not supplied by the organisation.

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Petrol stations

Petrol stations in the UAE are numerous and run by EPPCO and ADNOC in Abu Dhabi. Most offer extra services, such as car wash, oil change. Almost all of them have little supermarkets.

The majority of visitors will find petrol far cheaper than in their home countries, prices range from AED 1.81 per litre for Special (95 octane), AED 1.92 per litre for Super (98 octane) to AED 2.55 per litre for diesel.

UAE must be one of the few countries where diesel fuel actually costs more than other fuels.

Transportation

You can enter the Bivouac with a regular car, although a 4x4 will allow experiencing the driving in the dunes.

Crew

Competitors, Service Crews, Media, Officials and Organisation personnel will all be identified with coloured wrist-bands and ID badges.

Telephones

There are two telecommunication services providers in the UAE: Etisalat & Du.

The telecommunication tariffs are reasonably fare.
The international dialling code of the UAE is +971.

Driving rules

To drive in the UAE, you must hold an International Driving Permit and a driving licence issued in your country of residence, or a driving licence issued by a GCC country.

In the UAE you drive on the right hand side of the road. It is mandatory to wear seatbelts in the front seats.

Most of the roads are monitored by both fixed and movable radars. Speed limits are usually 60-80 km around town and 100-120 km on the freeways. The speeding fines vary depending on the excess speed level.

The Traffic Police exercise a zero tolerance on drinking and driving!

If you are involved in a traffic accident, however minor, you must remain with your car at the accident scene and report the incident to the Traffic Police (by calling 999).

Airports

It is worth taking a look at the websites of the airports where you will be arriving to learn about the facilities, regular and e-services and value added features:

- Dubai International Airport: www.dubaiairport.com
- Abu Dhabi International Airport: www.dcaauh.gov.ae/english/index_adia.html

The following items may be imported into the United Arab Emirates without incurring customs duty:

2000 cigarettes and 400 cigars and 2kg of tobacco; 2l of spirits of more than 22 per cent alcohol, and 2l of wine (non-Muslims over 18 years only); a reasonable amount of perfume for personal use.

Prohibited items: firearms and dangerous weapons, drugs, religious propaganda, pornography materials, unstrung pearls except for personal use, raw seafood (only when visiting Dubai and/or Sharjah), fruit and vegetables from cholera-infected areas, a number of medications (if you are on a medication please, check whether it is allowed in the UAE before you leave).

Breakdown services

For the round the clock roadside assistance (mechanical repair, towing services, battery boosting, fixing a flat tyre, lockout service, emergency fuel delivery) throughout the U.A.E you may contact **Arabian Automobile Association (AAA)** at a Toll Free number 800 4 900.

Emergency services & numbers

- Ambulance & Police – 999
- Electricity & Water – 991
- Emergency Services (Dubai) – 04 2232323
- Fire – 997

Healthcare and Medical facilities

The general standard of healthcare in the UAE is high, both in the public and private sectors, although private hospitals have some distinct advantages (predominantly English-speaking, less waiting time, less cultural restrictions).

Medical facilities are of a very high quality but are extremely expensive. Private health insurance is essential.

Pharmacies are open Saturday-Thursday from 0830-13:30 and 1630-2230, Fridays 1630-2230. Quite a few are open 24 hours.

Ambulance number is 999.

Photographs

Normal tourist photography is acceptable, but it is courteous to ask permission before photographing people. Do not take photos of the Arabic women.

In general, photographs of government buildings, military installations, ports and airports should not be taken.

Vehicle spares and services and franchises

We recommend to use the services and to buy the spares from the official car dealers of the UAE.

Meals

There are plenty of restaurants in Abu Dhabi that will fit any budget. The food courts at the shopping malls have the variety of food outlets. Any hotel will have restaurants and bars. It is safe to eat in smaller restaurants in town due to the strict control of the quality by the authorities.

11. Prizes - Auto

General Classification

1st Overall Two trophies

To

10th Overall Two trophies

Class Awards

1st in each Class Two (or 3) trophies

Other Awards

Best Ladies Team Two trophies

Team Award One trophy

Super Special Stage Award Two trophies

UAE / Gulf Competitors Awards

A separate, additional classification will be drawn up for those crews where **both** members are holders of Gulf/UAE competition licences. This classification will be determined by penalties expressed in time, with the crew with the lowest total being the winner, the next lowest second etc.

1st Overall Two trophies and a cash award of Dh 12,000

2nd Overall Two trophies and a cash award of Dh 10,000

3rd Overall Two trophies and a cash award of Dh 8,000

12. Entry form

On Website: www.abudhabidesertchallenge.com