



BADAWI TRAIL TO THE LAST OASIS

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*A breathtaking motoring
adventure through...*



Sand Dunes

Mountain Passes

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Coastlines



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Remoteness



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Following the success of its groundbreaking debut in 2023, the Badawi Trail 2026 returns as a more ambitious and immersive journey across the Arabian Peninsula. This enhanced edition builds on its legacy, cementing its status as a premier and eagerly anticipated event in the region.

The 2023 debut edition of this Trans Arabian epic was very well received by the participants, who donned their pioneering caps and headed into the unknown, crossing territory hitherto not visited by an event of this type. However, the “pioneers” were met with spontaneous and abundant enthusiasm, hospitality and cooperation as the event wound its way across the peninsula and the local population became aware of the unique spectacle. This enthusiasm was mirrored by all those who took part in what became a great adventure, despite the route planning being somewhat cautious on this first visit to the region.

The great success of 2023 has opened up the huge potential that the region has to offer, and the 2026 edition will take full advantage of newfound freedoms, **delving deeper into the breath-taking landscape**, immersing the competitors further into the history and culture and finding new and more exciting territory to explore.

The start of the 20-day event will be from the city of **Jeddah, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, where we were so warmly welcomed in 2023 by the inhabitants and the **Jeddah International Circuit**, who we are hoping will renew their Corporate HERO-ERA membership and re-invite us to enjoy their stunning facility.

While the unmatched hospitality of Jeddah beckons us to stay longer, the Rally awaits. It kicks off with a loop south along the scenic Red Sea Coast into the rugged **Hejaz Mountains**, before heading north through



8,000 KM



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5°C to 40°C



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Taif and Madinah. From there, the route turns west back to the Red Sea, passing through **Yanbu** and potentially offering a glimpse of the visionary **NEOM project**. The journey then loops via **Tabuk**, leading to a well-deserved “non-driving day” at the breathtaking **Al-'Ula**, renowned for its stunning geological formations and rich archaeological treasures..

Following this, there is yet more new territory as the route takes in the city of **Hail**, en-route for the capital, **Riyadh**, so reducing one of the long transit days we had in 2023, before we progress onward to the UAE border and the **Emirate of Abu Dhabi**, on the shores of the Arabian Gulf with an overnight at the coastal city of **Al Dhannah**.

The next day leads to the **Rhub al Khali** (Empty Quarter): the **largest sand desert in the world** whose dunes cannot fail to impress before a night at altitude on the towering **Jebel Hafeet**, before entering the **Sultanate of Oman** and its stunning **Hajjar mountains**. Driving the thrilling gravel roads through the wadis, we will pick a path to **Muscat**, where three overnights are scheduled with a day looping South before a second 'non-driving' day at the resort hotel allows us to enjoy some legendary Omani hospitality courtesy of our OAA hosts, no doubt!



20 Days

Back to the mountains and some extensive wadi driving leads to the “**climb of climbs**” up **Jebel Akhdar**, its abundant terraced orchards hinting at the more comfortable climate at this altitude. Descending the Jebel, we now head back to the UAE and a final couple of testing days on the mountain back roads of the **Emirates of Dubai**, including **Fujeirah, Sharjah and Ras al Khaimah** and our final ascent for elevenses at the **2000m summit of Jebel Jais** followed by the descent and a run to the very fitting finish venue in the shadow of the **QE2**, an iconic backdrop to the finale of a truly classic marathon rally.

The event will incorporate all aspects of the sport; **sinuous mountain roads, offroad sections, mountain climbs, sun, sand and rain!** Two 'non-driving' days including at the enchanting **Al-'Ula** complete with a route with its Regularities and Sporting Sections will test the competitive spirit and the ever-changing scenery will enthrall a new band of pioneers.



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WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Badawi Trail (Badawi is Arabic for Desert Dweller) winds its way through the Arabian Subcontinent, a route that will channel your inner Bedouin, from desert floor to soaring mountains, travelling in tracks cut into the sand by pilgrims, armies, explorers and nomads, and through landscapes, that until recently, have seldom been seen by the western world. With daily distances averaging 450 kilometers, this is a true endurance rally that will test your mettle.

WHO CAN ENTER ?

Eligible Cars :

There Are Three Main Categories and Two 'Invitation' Classes:

A – Pioneer up to December 1920

B – Vintage & Vintageant from January 1921 up to December 1947

C – Classic from January 1948 to December 1975

D - Pre-1985 4X4 Vehicles by 'Invitation' only some categories may be subdivided into classes based on engine size.

E – Pre-1985 2WD cars production based for 'Invitation' consideration. D and E classes will have separate classes and awards from the main event.



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