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A major competition in the 2009 sporting calendar

On the calendars of the FIA Cross-Country World Cup and FIM World Championships for motorbikes and quads the 2009 Tunisia OiLibya Rally will allow all competitors to express their driving talents and demonstrate their off-road sense of direction. Alongside the “traditional” rally categories, NPO has maintained the “Enduro Cup” (first mount motorbikes-quads, with refuelling every 90km) and “Classe Open” (Autos-SSV-Trucks with basic preparation) categories, and, for the first time ever, will count towards the “Wildcat Trophy”.

A “magical” route with 11 first-time African stages!

For the 2009 Tunisia OiLibya Rally, competitors meet in Marseille to load their vehicles on board ship. Administrative checks will start in the ship and technical checks will take place in Tunis, “on the seaside”. The OiLibya Rally will set off after a huge celebration in Tunis with a super-special stage on the beach. Competitors will then head for the desert, facing 6 further stages in Tunisia and 4 in Libya! There will be very few link routes: 6 stages will set off and arrive from camp to camp, without ever seeing tarmac. This 2009 rally is a demanding event but will remain accessible to all. In case of missed waypoints or mechanical problems, time penalties will be levied but no competitors will be dismissed from the race. Every competitor can set off again the next morning: the OiLibya rally is still a 100% pleasure Rally-Raid! In case of abandonment, motorbikes will be transported by NPO back to Tunis and riders who wish will be carried free of charge from camp to camp to follow the end of the rally. In Libya a marathon stage of 850km over 2 days is planned, with a drivers’ camp without assistance staff or motorbike trunks. Course management will be essential for both professionals and amateurs alike. The reward is a 100% off-road track through the dunes of the Ouari erg, with the discovery of 5 lakes surrounded by dunes. Sand, from morning to night ... as far as the eye can see! Meanwhile, assistance vehicles will have a “reserved” camp where everyone will be kept informed of race events. Note that the daily routes taken by assistance vehicles have been considerably limited and take only tarred roads.

The OiLibya rally: an “All in” rally

From loading to unloading of vehicles in Marseille everything is taken care of: boat transport, accommodation, lunches, dinners, prize giving - everything is included in the entrance fee. This is a surprise-free budget that saves time too (no bookings, money transferred abroad, searching for hotels), allowing you more time to concentrate on preparing the race itself.



Safety, ever at the heart of NPO concerns

In addition to Irritrack systems (geographic positioning in real time and satellite telephone link with the race CP) and Sentinel (overtaking alarm), all motorbikes and quads will be fitted by NPO, free of charge, with an individual distress signal.

20 doctors, 4 4x4 tangos, 2 Amis motorbikes, 4 helicopters, 2 planes, 224 hour race control posts, 2 advanced medical units, 2 sweeper trucks, 3 CP vehicles, 7 supply vehicles and assistance from the Tunisian and Libyan military will all be used to ensure that the race goes to plan.

