THE 2015 DAKAR: CHALLENGING EVERY DAY

For the sixth time in its history, the Dakar will offer its competitors a loop-shaped course. The drivers and teams will have to cover more than 9,000 kilometres to return to Buenos Aires having set off from there, including around 4,500 kilometres of special stages where they will have to distinguish themselves. Above all, the organisation of the day of 11th January will be based on an exceptional programme, with three races taking place on three entirely different routes. The 2015 Dakar will also be innovative with specific rest days according to the different vehicle categories.

DAY DATE		TOWN START	TOWN FINISH	MOTORCYCLE / QUAD BIKE RACE KM				CAR RACE KM				TRUCK RACE KM				
				Stage	Road Section	SS	Total	Stage	Road Section	SS	Total	Stage	Road Section	SS	Total	
S	3/1	BUENOS AIRES			START PODIUM											
s	4/1	Buenos Aires	Villa Carlos Paz	1	663	175	838	1	663	170	833	1	663	175	838	
М	5/1	Villa Carlos Paz	San Juan	2	107	518	625	2	107	518	625	2	315	331	646	
т	6/1	San Juan	Chilecito	3	437	220	657	3	258	284	542	3	258	284	542	
w	7/1	Chilecito	Copiapo	4	594	315	909	4	594	315	909	4	594	174	768	
т	8/1	Copiapo	Antofagasta	5	239	458	697	5	239	458	697	5	239	458	697	
F	9/1	Antofagasta	Iquique	6	369	319	688	6	392	255	647	6	370	255	625	
s	10/1	Iquique	Uyuni (Car) Marathon (Truck)		REST IQUI			7	396	321	717	7	101	335	436	
s	11/1	Uyuni (Car) Marathon (Truck) Iquique (Motorcycle)	Iquique (Car/Truck) Uyuni (Motorcycle)	7	396	321	717	8	24	781	805	8	0	271	271	
М	12/1	Uyuni	Iquique	8	24	781	805	REST DAY IQUIQUE								
т	13/1	Iquique	Calama	9	88	451	539	9	88	451	539	9	88	451	539	
w	14/1	Calama	Marathon (Motorcycle) Salta (Car/Truck)	10	520	371	891	10	501	359	860	10	501	359	860	
Т	15/1	Marathon (Motorcycle) Salta (Car/Truck)	Termas Rio Hondo	11	161	351	512	11	326	194	520	11	326	194	520	
F	16/1	Termas Rio Hondo	Rosario	12	726	298	1 024	12	726	298	1 024	12	726	298	1 024	
s	17/1	Rosario	Buenos Aires	13	219	174	393	13	219	174	393	13	219	174	393	
S	S 17/1 BUENOS AIRES			FINISH PODIUM												
	TOTAL				4 543	4 752	9 295		4 533	4 578	9 111		4 400	3 759	8 159	

Key:

Road Section: a route that mostly follows the road network which the competitors must take to reach the start of the special stage, or the bivouac once the special has been completed.

SS: Selective Section, also known as a "special". This is the portion of the stage during which the vehicles enrolled in the race are timed.