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Dear Dakar fan,

The 41st edition of the Dakar Rally will be held entirely in Peru in 2019. For the first time, the whole race will take place in one country. This is due to the sudden withdrawal of Chile and Bolivia. For the first time since the Rally was moved to South America, Argentina will not be included in the road book. Dakar 2019 will start on January 6 in Lima and will finish 11 days later also in the Peruvian capital. This means 7 stages of the race through the impressive sand dunes of Peru, an ultimate test for man and machine. In addition, the route will pass through other parts of Peru so that also other aspects of the off-road rallying will be revealed.

Many believe that Dakar 2019 promises to be one of the sandiest Dakars in the history of the desert rally. There will be stages with at least 70% of sandy dunes and that is unique in the history of the Dakar Rally. The stages are shorter but the navigation is more difficult.

New in 2019 is that participants in the car and truck class who dropped out during the first week can still reach the finish line in Lima. Those who drop out of the race for whatever reason before the rest day may, under certain conditions, rejoin the race in another class after the rest day in the second week. So you are likely to be able to cheer for your favorite team at the finish line anyway!

A trip Dakar 2019 this year offers only benefits. Since Peru is the only host country, the rally is organized with multiple "loops" in the route; the participants will start and finish at the same point. For you, it means that relatively few kilometers will be driven and that the show can be watched from several places.

This year we offer you trips to both the start and the finish of the race. Both VIP tours cover a different phase of the Dakar Rally 2019, so there will be something for everyone. Would you choose the podium celebration and the spectacular beginning of the race on the coast of Lima or would you like to feel the emotions and euphoria that erupt after crossing the finish line? Both trips offer all the conveniences and comfort needed to bring you closer to the rally; in fact, you become part of it.

If you have any questions/comments regarding this trip, you can always contact us.

We hope to welcome you to this unique Dakar experience.

Yours sincerely,

Roel Engel
Director - GPT Rally
GPT Rally, being a full-service tour operator specialized in rallies, knows everything about arranging a perfect trip to rallies anywhere in the world. Our main task is to provide tailor-made travel and accommodation solutions to rally teams and their partners and sponsors. In performing this task, we rely on almost 22 years of experience in the high-profile car and motorsport world.

Our unique concept, in which we work closely with national and international rally teams, offers many advantages. Our guests – you – visit the most beautiful places and stay in the same hotels as the participants. You don’t have to worry about anything: we use our experience to ensure a smooth flow of your trip. Everything will be taken care of for you so that you can enjoy an unforgettable journey.

Our experienced travel guides know their way in Peru and know the rally world inside and out. Not only do we bring you to the rally to follow it from a distance: we make sure you are in the middle of it. You won’t need to bring a tent along: this is an all-inclusive trip and your accommodation will be fully arranged by us.
DAY 1 | Monday, January 14
Today is the beginning of your unforgettable journey to Dakar Rally 2019! We will welcome you at the airport with a glass of sparkling wine. Your flight from Amsterdam Schiphol to the international airport of Lima will depart at 12:35 PM. Upon arrival at the airport of Lima, the 4x4 cars will be waiting for us. We will drive together to the five-star hotel, where we will end the evening with a welcome drink and some local delicacies.

DAY 2 | Tuesday, January 15
After an early breakfast, we will drive to meet the rally in Pisco. Of course, we will provide a well-stocked cooler with cold drinks and snacks so that you have everything you need. Arriving in Pisco, we will drive straight to the best waypoint of this special stage. There we will have prepared everything for lunch, so you won’t miss out on the rally. As soon as the last participants pass, we will head to Paracas, where we will dine and spend the night in a five-star hotel.

DAY 3 | Wednesday, January 16
After breakfast, we will drive again in 4x4 cars towards the start of the rally. The ninth stage of this edition is a loop that starts and ends in the wild dunes of Pisco. The advantage is that you can experience something very special because you can see both the start and the finish of this stage. After a wonderful day, we will drive to the bivouac in San Juan where you will have access to the exclusive “Dakar Club”. During this unique visit, you will have a tour, meet some well-known participants, have the opportunity to enjoy the buffet served in the bivouac together with them and receive an exclusive Dakar Goody Bag. The overnight stay is again at a five-star hotel.

DAY 4 | Thursday, January 17
All the good things come to an end; also the 41st edition of the toughest rally in the world. The last stage of the race is certainly full of surprises. After breakfast, we will depart early for the finish of the Dakar Rally 2019 where we will wait for the participants. The euphoria and emotions of the participants will be intense and it will be wonderful to share them. After the participants cross the finish line, we will drive to the five-star hotel in Lima to park your car here. Then we will go directly to the podium for the podium celebration where you can expect an unequalled show. Here you will be present at the award ceremony for the participants who have completed the rally.
Price € 4500.00 p.p. based on double occupancy

* It is possible to extend your trip with a Machu Picchu tour.

Including:
Return flight including all costs (excluding personal expenses)
4x4 rental car including insurance and fuel *
4 nights in a hotel based on a double room including breakfast
All lunches and dinners mentioned
All transfers mentioned
Unique bivouac experience and access to the Dakar Club (until 9 pm)
Travel guidance
At least 26 people

* calculating on the basis of 4 people.

For further information, please consult the rules.

DAY 5 | Friday, January 18
After an extensive breakfast, we will start the day with a tour in the center of Lima. The local tour guide will take you to the most beautiful places and answer all your questions. In the afternoon, lunch will be arranged for you in one of the best restaurants and the rest of your afternoon is free to spend as you wish. By the end of the afternoon, your transfer will be ready to take you to the international airport of Lima.

DAY 6 | Saturday, January 19
The plane will land at Schiphol Airport at 3:20 PM and we will say goodbye to you. We hope you return home with enough adventurous, unforgettable stories that your friends would love.
During both trips, you will stay in the best hotels in the vicinity of the race route. As soon as the rally has passed, you can enjoy the facilities offered there. The next day you can watch the next stage feeling refreshed.

In Paracas, you will stay in the five-star DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, situated at a private beach in the proximity of the race route. The hotel offers luxurious suites, a fitness center, and wellness facilities. The tasteful rooms are decorated with stylish woods and fabrics and have spacious balconies with pool or sea view. They all have a kitchenette, a lounge, and a flat-screen TV.
The first Dakar Rally was organized in 1979 by French driver Thierry Sabine. In 1977, French driver Thierry Sabine participated in the Abidjan-Rally. During this rally, he got lost with his motorcycle in the Libyan desert. Once rescued from the sand, he returned to France. His fascination for racing through the desert was getting bigger and bigger. The Frenchman was determined to find more enthusiasts to start his own project. In 1979 the idea became reality. 182 vehicles gathered at the Place du Trocadéro in Paris and together they stormed into the desolate dunes towards the capital of Senegal, Dakar!

The rally proved to be a great success over the years. In 1981 the first Dutch team also participated in the desert rally. Due to the standard truck, they did not get very high in the rankings. Over the years, more and more Dutch teams have participated in Le Dakar. In 1987 Le Dakar became really popular with the Dutch public. In this year a Dutch couple Kees and Wieke Tijsterman debuted in a Mercedes 300 GD and finished at the 2nd place. This was a great achievement among much more expensive cars. But the big success came with Jan de Rooy and his DAF Turbo Twin II. He won the truck classification of the Dakar Rally with a lead of more than 14 hours ahead of number 2 and became 11th in the overall ranking together with cars and motors. World famous are the images of De Rooy overtaking Ari Vatanen on the open plains.

In 2009, Dakar was organized for the first time in South America because of terrorist threats. The rally started and finished in January in Buenos Aires, Argentina and came with 5 stages in Chile. In the years that followed, the rally challenged the deserts of Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, and Argentina.

In January 2019 the 41st edition of the Dakar Rally will be driven again. The Rally will go from the Peruvian capital Lima along the coast and back again. Peru is the heart of the Inca Empire, has a rich history, breathtaking nature and its own culture. The country is known for the world famous Machu Picchu, Nazca lines and the Colca Canyon. But Peru has so much more to offer than the Amazon and the beautiful desert.

This means that this country is eminently suitable for the rally sport.
The Dakar Rally is a thrilling experience not only for the participants but also for the partners and sponsors who are visitors. In addition to visiting this fantastic competition, you are also invited to take a unique look behind the scenes.

Thousands of drivers, mechanics, trainers, journalists and organization staff members stay in the bivouac every day. Often a temporary tent camp is set up on nothing more but a strip of sand. The larger teams such as Kamaz and Peugeot have built large pavilions, the smaller teams have to get by with a party tent, for example.

Once the tent camps have been set up, everyone is waiting for the drivers to arrive in the bivouac. The mechanics are lucky if their drivers are on time, but sometimes they have to wait for hours. When it is bedtime for normal people, they still have to start tinkering. Another hard night, we will sleep some other time!

During the unique bivouac experience, you are invited to the “Dakar Club”. This section is only accessible to the most important partners of the rally and their teams. Here you can relax and enjoy a snack and a drink. The organization will then take you on a tour of the Dakar bivouac where they will answer all your questions. Afterward, you will have the opportunity to meet with various drivers, provided they have time for this, and you will receive the special Dakar Goody Bag.

Important to know: the “Dakar Club” is open from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM. The bivouac camp closes at 11:00 PM.
**IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Program**
The Dakar Rally is the toughest rally in the world; not only for the participants but also for the A.S.O. (organizers of the event). The A.S.O. can thus make changes at any time and then we will be forced to readjust the program. The proposed program is therefore subject to changes.

This trip includes:
- Return flight including all costs (except for personal expenses)
- 4x4 rental car including insurance and fuel*
- 5 overnight stays in a double room including breakfast**
- All mentioned lunches and dinners
- All mentioned transfers
- Unique bivouac experience and access to the Dakar Club (until 9 PM)
- A tour guide

At least 26 persons must participate

* calculated on the basis of 4 persons per vehicle
** two persons per room

**Rental car**
The rental car will be collected at Lima International Airport. 4 persons per vehicle, including 1 main driver. The vehicle will be registered in the name of the main driver and he/she shall provide a credit card to the rental company. The company will block an amount as a deposit for the car. GPT Rally is not liable for any damage to the car. Should any damage occur, it will be claimed from the four car occupants.

**Spot**
During the trip we will be in the dunes of Peru for at least three days and, of course, your safety is our top priority. We will lend you a Spot Gen3 for the trip. The Spot Gen3 Messenger is a life-saving GPS device. With the press of a button, you let GPT Rally know that you are okay or in case of a threatening situation you can call in the GEOS emergency services, who will be immediately informed of your location.

**Passport and visa**
You need a passport that is still valid after departure to enter Peru. You do not need to apply for a visa; however, you will be photographed at the customs and asked to submit your fingerprint.

**Money**
There is a limit of USD 10,000,- per person for entering Peru. If you bring more money and do not declare this, you risk that the full amount will be seized by the local customs.

You can get cash from an ATM at the BCP bank once per day at no extra cost. In other banks, you will have to pay extra and you can get (normally) a maximum of PEN 700,- cash each time, which means that you will have to use the ATM frequently. You can take cash with you in euros or in dollars and you can exchange it on the spot or at the airport.
ROUTE DAKAR 2019

GPT Rally is also present during the Dakar this year 2019. After a very successful 2018 GPT Rally set even higher standards in taking care of all team and sponsor requirements.

ROUTE DAKAR 2019

- Monday
  Lima - Pisco 07/01
- Tuesday
  Pisco - San Juan de Marcona 08/01
- Wednesday
  San Juan de Marcona - Arequipa 09/01
- Thursday (bikes)
  Arequipa - Moquegua Marathon 10/01
- Thursday (cars, buggy, trucks)
  Arequipa - Tacna Marathon 10/01
- Friday (bikes)
  Moquegua Marathon - Arequipa 11/01
- Friday (cars, buggy, trucks)
  Tacna Marathon - Arequipa 11/01
- Saturday (RUSTDAG)
  Arequipa 12/01
- Sunday
  Arequipa - San Juan de Marcona 13/01
- Monday
  San Juan de Marcona - San Juan de Marcona 14/01
- Tuesday
  San Juan de Marcona - Pisco 15/01
- Wednesday
  Pisco - Pisco 16/01
- Thursday (FINISH)
  Pisco - Lima 17/01