

## Discover Syria Rally 2010 participant's information From 12<sup>th</sup> till 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2010

All teams that are planning to take part in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Discover Syria Rally should read carefully this letter and start planning and contacting the organizing committee of the rally to submit their entry form and fees and to arrange all their travel bookings and hotels.

Due to the number of applications that we have for the 2010 Rally and the limited number of participants (65 teams) that we can accommodate, we would kindly ask everybody that is interested in taking part to start planning now to guarantee places and best services.

The rally will start from Damascus on the morning of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 from Sheraton Damascus, as usual the organizing committee will organize a tour in Damascus on the Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May for all the foreign participants after the press conference and participants briefing in Sheraton Damascus, day one will finish on the coastal city of Lattakia.

Day two 13<sup>th</sup> of May will start from Lattakia towards Aleppo the capital of the north.

Day three 14<sup>th</sup> of May will start from Aleppo through the desert towards the ancient city of Palmyra where the Rally ends and the prize giving will be held in the Bedouin tent.

All participants must attend the Morning introductory meeting in Sheraton Damascus on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May

We therefore suggest that participants arrive in Syria no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. **The rally fees cover hotel accommodation during the rally in addition to one night before the start of the rally in Sheraton Damascus (may 11<sup>th</sup>)**, if any participant wishes to arrive in Damascus earlier or wish to extend their visit after the rally they can ask for the organizers help in hotel bookings in or outside Damascus. We have negotiated special rates with our partner hotels and we would ask you to note that hotels are heavily booked at this time of year.

### **What Participants should start to do?**

- 1- fill in the application form of the rally and send it to our office either by email or fax
- 2- plan the trip dates and reserve your hotels in Damascus for the period before and after the Rally (look at our hotel partners below)
- 3- Decide on what kind of car are you going to use for the rally and if it is a local rental car or your own car, go through the details below for our car rental partners and car entry assistance.
- 4- apply for the visa for all participants through the Syrian Embassy in your country (we can send you an invitation letter to the embassy if needed)

### **Rally participation Fees:**

#### **Before January 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- 1- One couple in a double room 1050Euro
- 2- additional person in the same room 170Euro
- 3- additional rooms for accompanied passengers will be :
  - a- 750Euro for double room
  - b- 600Euro for single room

These rates will include the requested room in the rally hotels starting from the 11<sup>th</sup> of May in Sheraton Damascus till the finish night in Palmre Dediman Hotel, all three meals during the rally, taxes, and rally materials for each car.

#### **From January 21<sup>th</sup> till April 25<sup>th</sup> 2010:**

- a- One couple in a double room 1500Euro
- b- additional person in the same room 170Euro
- c- additional rooms for accompanied passengers will be :
  - a. 850Euro double room
  - b. 700Euro single room

These rates will include the requested room in the rally hotels starting from the 11<sup>th</sup> of May in Sheraton Damascus till the finish night in Palmre Dediman Hotel, all three meals during the rally, taxes, and rally materials for each car.

### **Payments:**

- 1- 25% of the entry fee should be paid during two weeks of receiving the entry form, all other reservations for extra hotel nights or car rentals etc. should be paid in full 30 days before the date of the reservation.
- 2- 25% should be paid 30 days before the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2010
- 3- Complete entry fees should be paid upon arrival.

### **Hotel partners in Damascus:**

As part of our hotel partners the Sheraton Damascus is offering the participants of the Rally some special room rates for the period before and after the rally if reservation is made with the entry form fees, and since the Sheraton Damascus is the official hotel for the rally so it will be easier for all participants to stay there since all the activities will start from the hotel.

Room rates:

- 1- Single room 150Euro bed and breakfast including all taxes
- 2- Double room 165 Euro bed and breakfast including all taxes

We might be able to help with reservation and advices for any other hotel in Damascus.

### **Rent A Car:**

We do have special treatment with Europcar in Damascus and we can help with reserving your car including car delivery to and from your hotel in Damascus if reservation is made by the organizers. You need to send us what kind of car you are looking for and we will check the availability and make the reservation. Car rental fees can be remitted with the rally fees.

-Any ordinary car is good for the rally you don't need to have a 4x4 or any special car

- Unleaded fuel price is 40sp per litter (around 75cents)

### **Car entry assistance:**

If you are planning on using your own car in the rally it's possible but take note of the boarder formalities and fees.

- 1- Car trip ticket from your local automobile club will make things easier but might be expensive, so you can issue a ticket at the border instead and pay from 80-120\$, this is for one entry only.

- 2- Car liability insurance, this can be done at the border and costs from 40-80\$ depending on the type of your car valid for one month.
- 3- If you have a diesel car you must pay 100\$ diesel tax for every week of your stay in Syria. This is because of the cheap diesel price in Syria as it is supported by the government for Syrians.
- 4- Other fees might be applied for stamps and government taxes.
- 5- Entry and exit procedures might take some time depending on the traffic that day so be prepared. Please let us know which border you are planning to come through as we might give you some useful tips

**Airport Taxi:**

Taxi from the airport to the city are available in front of the arrivals door, also we can help with special collection.

Costs are from 25-66euro

For more information contact [sport@syrianautomobileclub.com](mailto:sport@syrianautomobileclub.com)

Visit the rally website [Discoversyriarally.com](http://Discoversyriarally.com)

Best regards  
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