

## PRE CHECK-IN INFORMATION

**CONTACT KT Control Room at 04-4050444 at any point if you need any help during the drive.**

**Please read this carefully:**

1. Please remember to bring the car, **details of which were given at the time of registration** and ensure that:
  - a. The car is well maintained and serviced;
  - b. Has a spare tyre in good working condition and is properly inflated;
  - c. Carry the wheel jack and all necessary tools;
  - d. User manual of the car must be handy;
  - e. The car must have valid insurance and vehicle registration card;
  - f. Both KT Desert Drive **numbers are affixed on each side of your car** on passenger door/window. **Any car without both rally number stickers may be denied participation and/or recovery support in the field**
  
2. Kindly carry all off-road recovery gear:
  - a. **Mandatory:**
    - i. Shovel;
    - ii. Tow rope, rated for at least 150% of your car weight;
    - iii. Shackle (2nos) rated for at least 150% of your car weight;
    - iv. Tyre pressure gauge;
    - v. Fire Extinguisher.
  - b. **Highly recommended, but optional:**
    - i. A flag mounted on your car;
    - ii. Compressor;
    - iii. Tyre puncture repair kit;
    - iv. Battery jump start cable;
    - v. Jerry can, if your car has a single fuel tank
  
3. Please carry the phone that you have provided with your registration:
  - a. Ensure that it has a working data connection
  - b. **Install WhatsApp, Google Maps and Google Earth applications or any other application that can handle .kml or .gpx files. Some of the recommended Navigation Apps:**

### **Best Off-Road Navigational Apps for Android.**

- a. All-In-One Offline Maps
- b. ViewRanger
- c. BackCountry Navigator TOPO GPS

- d. Polaris GPS Navigation
- e. Gaia GPS Navigation App

**Best OFF-Road Navigational Apps for iOS**

- a. MotionX GPS Navigation App
- b. Gaia GPS Navigation App
- c. Off Road Trail Guide
- d. Avenza Maps
- e. View Ranger

4. Upon your arrival to the Bin Majid Beach Resort :

Location Map for Parking: <https://goo.gl/maps/jfdroF5UACftBUPH9>

- Closest petrol pump near Bin Majid : <http://bit.ly/2Ppj3nQ>
  - Closest petrol pump near Bassata: <http://bit.ly/2vhKhWC>
  - Closest mosque near Checkpoint 3: <http://bit.ly/2TfxHPU>
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- a. Please follow the signage and proceed to the participant parking from the access track created in between the north bound and south bound drive ways of E11 in front of the Bin Majid Beach Resort. The volunteers on duty will guide you to the parking area
  - b. Park in an orderly fashion without blocking any other car
  - c. Walk through the designated walkway to the Resort. Take care to cross the south bound E11 very carefully
  - d. Proceed to the Check-in desks with a valid Emirates ID
  - e. Collect your Route notes and vouchers for food and goodie bag
  - f. Enjoy your buffet breakfast
  - g. Return back to the parking and deflate the tyres:

**15psi for off-road/all-terrain tyres**

**18psi for others**

- h. Wait for the announcement for departure area line-up. Departure area line-up is expected to start at 0830 hrs
- i. Once you line-up for departure, our Marshals will guide you towards the Flag-off arch
- j. The event will flag-off at 0900 hrs, after which the participant cars will be gradually released on the rally route

- k. Please fill up the fuel tank before you arrive at the check-in area. Remember that there are no petrol stations directly on the rally route. If you need fuel while on the rally, you will have to exit to fill up. It is therefore advisable that you carry a 20 litre jerry can if your car has only one fuel tank.

**Note:** All participant cars have to depart between 0900 hrs - 1100 hrs, after which the departure area will be closed

5. Drive carefully and very slow at the flag-off. As you drive out of the Flag-off arch, cross the north bound E11 very very carefully and go straight on the tarmac. Thereafter follow the route.

**Note: Once your tyres are deflated, please make sure that you DO NOT EXCEED THE SPEED LIMIT OF 40KM/H BEFORE YOU HIT THE DESERT**

6. Drive through the rally route with the guidance of the route map that will be provided to you.
7. The whole rally route will be marked with tiger tapes, signage and caution boards. Keep yourself to the rally route.
8. Do not deviate from the official rally route. **Please remember that if you go away from the rally route, our ability to search and/or guide you gets severely restricted and you will have to fend for yourself.** In any case, rushing help in such situations takes extremely long and you may have to wait for upto 2 hours if you are away from the official rally route.
9. **In case, you suspect to have deviated from the route, park your car at a safe spot and climb up a tall dune. By doing this you will be able to spot the other cars in the event, and even get a better phone signal to call your friends and/or KT for help.**
10. If you face any difficulty in navigating the route and your car gets stuck, please stop the car at a safe corner, come out and clear the sand around your wheels and try to drive back and forth. In case, this attempt fails, look for any of the drive marshals around you and they will be more than happy to help you.
11. Please note the Marshals have been advised to help you to recover the vehicle yourself. Therefore, please follow their advice and that will help you move again.
12. The whole route is divided into six sections and you will find a Checkpoint at the start of every section. Please slow down and pause near every Checkpoint so that the Checkpoint staff can take note of your KT Desert Drive number. **In case you chose to leave the rally route and exit at any point of time, please report to the nearest Checkpoint and/or the KT Control room.**

13. You will get the route for the first four sections at the time of check-in. Route for the 5<sup>th</sup> section will be provided to you at the Check Point 4 provided you reach there by 1500 hrs. If you arrive late, you will be requested to drive straight to the Finish point at Bassata Village in Ras Al Khaimah.
14. Similarly, the route notes for the 6<sup>th</sup> section will be given to you at the Check Point 5 provided you arrive at the said checkpoint on or before 1600 hrs. If you arrive late, you will be requested to drive straight to the Finish point at Bassata Village in Ras Al Khaimah. These cut-off timings have been kept to ensure your safety and to ensure that you reach the Finish point with ample day-light in hand.
15. You are requested to drive safely all through the rally route to ensure safety for you and your passengers, and do not take any unnecessary risk

**Please remember that this event is NOT A RACE and is designed for fun and enjoyment for the whole family. Therefore, please participate in it with that spirit to ensure safety for yourself, your passengers and your vehicle.**

Let's do this and see you on Friday!

**PS:** Keep an eye for an email/SMS/Whatsapp that will be sent to you on Thursday night with download instructions. This will carry any further updates relevant for KT Desert Drive.