



PHARAONS news

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“ We found a track very interesting and varied, now fluent now technical. We will push on as far as South towards Farafra and Dakla Oasis, then toward East to reach the unfailing Siwa. The tracing will be prevalently sandy, but don't run out technical distances to face with caution. The zones are beautiful, we come back to the white desert and we have discovered some unheard-of place very spectacular. ”

Jacky Ickx



PHARAONS INTERNATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RALLY 30 september – 9 october 2006

PHARAONS 2006 TRACK IS READY!

2600 km of selective sections, as half of the Dakar course of this year! It's the first important datum resulted after the recognitions of the *Pharaons International Cross Country Rally*, ended some days ago. Jacky Ickx and its experienced staff spent many days in the Egyptian desert to outline the track of the 2006 edition: **Baharia, Farafra, Dakla** and **Siwa** will be the Oasis touched this year, the best that it can be found in the Egyptian desert, magical places for their millenarian history still today rich of mysteries.

So the *Pharaons 2006* is taking its form, coming back to the original configuration of 7 stages, more appreciated by the pilots. Almost 3000 km in total, with the transfers reduced at the least as by then tradition of the Egyptian race. At the end of the first entry fee of the 30th April, already about 60 pilots have given their adhesion to the one that is rightly considered the most complete race of the world outline, that is the demonstration of the increasing favour that the Pharaons is obtaining among the passionate of the African rallies.

The second entry fee will stop, we remind you, the 30th June.

Anyway there are novelties not only about the course of the 2006 edition. It will change also the logistic partner in Egypt: bivouacs and services will be managed by **Travco**, the most important Egyptian tourist operator that will guarantee a reception of very high level for the convoy of the Rally.

Positive balance also on the institutional front: JVD International responsible are just coming back from a meeting with the Sport and Tourism Ministries, and they obtain again the total support of the Egyptian authorities, with there is an excellent relationship of cooperation that lasts by now from 9 years. In conclusion, all is ready for a 2006 edition that seems will be memorable.

Start from Europe Saturday 30th September for all the participant, technical and administrative verification Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd October at the Intercontinental Pyramid Park Hotel of Giza, start of the rally on the 3rd October for the first stage, Cairo – Baharija and come back to Cairo the 9th October, so here you have the dates of the 2006 rally: for everyone the rendezvous is under the Sphinx.

THE DATES 2006

- April 30th First rate registration deadline
- June 30th Second rate registration deadline
- August 31st End of registrations
- September 16th-17th Vehicles shipment (to be confirmed)
- September 30th Participants departure with flight from Europe to Cairo and check-in in hotel
- October 01st-02nd Collection of vehicles in Alexandria (cars and trucks) and sport, technical, administrative scrutining in Cairo
- October 03rd First stage start from Cairo
- October 09th Rally finish in Cairo – Prize giving
- October 10th Flight back of all participants with flight from Cairo
- October 21st Vehicles arrival in Genova (expected date to be confirmed)



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