



# SILK WAY 2021 RALLY

## 丝绸之路拉力赛



Press-release

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### **SILK WAY RALLY 2021**

The 11th edition of the SILK WAY RALLY (from 1 to 11 July 2021) offers a brand-new route across 3 countries and a return to Mongolia.

Of note:

- Date of the rally : from 1st to 11 July 2021 / start podium 1st July
- Administrative checks and scrutineering: 30 June and 1st July 2021
- 10 stages – approx. 5,000 kilometres
- Mongolia is back in the route for 2021 and competitors will cross Russian and Mongolian Altai. Finish in China and the crossing of the Gobi Desert.
- Omsk (Siberia/Russia) – Khovd (Mongolia) – Urumqi (China)

SILK WAY RALLY 2021: Russia Mongolia China, 10 stages, crossing the Altai region.

The start will be held in Omsk (Russia, Siberia) on 1 July 2021. The rally will take the competitors across the countryside of the South-West of Siberia then West to East across the Russian and Mongolian Altai region, before a Chinese final in the Gobi Desert, with a finish in Urumqi on 11 July, after covering 5000 kilometres, of which approximately half will be selective sector.

### **PROGRAMME**

- JUNE 30 & JULY 1st - ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING IN OMSK
  - JULY 1st - START PODIUM CEREMONY IN OMSK
  - JULY 1st to 11 - 10 STAGES IN RUSSIA, MONGOLIA AND CHINA
- JULY 11 - FINISH CEREMONY IN URUMQI





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### QUOTES

#### **VLADIMIR CHAGIN (Director of the Silk Way Rally):**

“The events of the last months have had a profound effect on the world, that of sport and motorsport in particular.

Nevertheless, the Silk Way Rally team has been active throughout this difficult year and continue to be so, in order to be ready for the coming edition.

Next July, the Silk Way Rally competitors will discover completely new regions over a route that has never been used before: The South-West of Siberia, the Altai region with its untouched nature and it’s breath-taking scenery, Mongolia once again but in a different area to that of the previous edition, and of course the Gobi Desert – an indispensable part of the Silk Way Rally, eagerly anticipated by every competitor.”

#### **FRÉDÉRIC LEQUIEN (Deputy Director of the Silk Way Rally):**

“In these exceptional circumstances, everything must be done to facilitate participants’ organisation.

We will therefore offer turnkey transport solutions, fees adapted to the context and a more compact 10 stage rally.

One of our priorities will also be to maintain the excellent TV coverage (70 chains).

The 2021 route is superb and unique and the Silk Way will be the only rally-raid to cross 3 countries... Freedom, travel, wide open spaces, discovery and adventure are the key words of the next edition.”

#### **LUC ALPHAND (Sports and Competitors’ Relations Advisor):**

“What we discovered during the reconnaissance is fantastic, pure pleasure! Scenery to take your breath away! A feeling of total freedom...

The tracks are really made for rally-raid, a total pleasure for pilots and navigators.

After Irkutsk and Lake Baïkal in 2019, the competitors will discover another region of Siberia, before crossing the Russian and Mongolian Altai Mountains that will put them on the road to the Gobi Desert.”





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## THE SILK WAY IN A FEW WORDS

The SILK WAY RALLY, whose first edition linked Russia to Turkmenistan in 2009, celebrates its 11th anniversary in 2021 by crossing the main regions and countries of the ancient 'Silk Road' in the heart of Central Asia.

Coveted by the big teams and the most decorated champions in the discipline, but also by many amateurs, the SILK WAY RALLY has been won by some impressive names: CARLOS SAINZ, CYRIL DESPRES, YAZEED AL RAJHI and NASSER AL ATTIYAH, who on the 2019 edition pulled off the unique feat of winning all 9 stages.

In the truck category it is the KAMAZ MASTER TEAM with DMITRY SOTNIKOV, EDUARD NIKOLAEV, AYRAT MARDEEV, ANTON SHIBALOV, ANDREY KARGINOV and FIRDAUS KABIROV who've shared the victories since 2009, supremacy thwarted in 2011 by TATRA TEAM and his pilot ALES LOPRAIS.

In 2019 SAM SUNDERLAND (KTM) was the first bike rider to win the category on the SILK WAY RALLY, winning at the same time the second round of the FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship.

## FAITHFUL PARTNERS

GAZPROM and CAMF - principal partners of Silk Way Rally

The Silk Way Rally is a large scale international project, whose birth and development was made possible thanks to a unique close-knit team, as well as reliable support from rally partners.

In 2021 Gazprom and CAMF will act as General Partners of the rally, providing comprehensive support.

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