



Sol Rally Barbados 2015: FAQs

23/Jan/15





Provisional Key Dates

Saturday, May 23 - Scrutineering
Sunday, May 24 - King of the Hill (KotH)
Monday, May 25 - Sol RB15 Welcome Party, Fish Fry & Pig Roast
Tuesday, May 26 - Sol RB15 Briefing Meeting
Friday, May 29 - Sol RB15 - day 1
Saturday, May 30 - Sol RB15 - day 2
Sunday, May 31 - Sol RB15 - day 3
Monday, June 1 - Sol RB15 Prizegiving

The week between KotH and Sol RB15 will be filled with a mix of social events organised by the Barbados Rally Club (BRC) for crews, friends and family, plus the opportunity to work on cars and recce the route

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**if it is a specific query with which Jeanne cannot deal immediately, she will forward it to the right person*

How much does it cost to enter?*

- for first-time competitors, the entry fee is US\$3,250 (75 per cent of the real cost to the event, which is part-subsidised by Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc.)
- this includes entry fees and third party insurance for KotH, Sol RB15 and for road use, trans-Atlantic shipping (outbound and inbound charges at Portsmouth are extra), inbound and outbound charges at the Bridgetown Port, plus transport to and from 'Rally Central' (see below)
- repeat crews enjoy discounts based on the number of previous visits (US\$250 for one, up to US\$1,250 for five or more) up to a maximum of 30 entries
- above 30, overseas crews will pay the unsubsidised fee of US\$4,200 although we are working to secure additional support for Sol RB15 and are hoping to be able to offer a subsidised entry fee to all entrants
- all competitors must complete the on-line entry form

**as exchange rates vary, please check your local currency against the US\$ figure throughout this document*

How do we get to Barbados?

- Virgin Atlantic Airways is our Official Airline Partner, flying from London Gatwick and Manchester in the UK
- for a two-week visit from Gatwick, the suggested dates are May 20 to June 3, which covers all the planned events in Barbados, although other travel dates will be available
- return flight from London Gatwick (inc taxes/fees/surcharges) will be approx US\$875
- e-mail Jacqui Maloney: Jacqui.Maloney@fly.virgin.com and quote Sol Rally Barbados 2015 in the subject line – Jacqui will also be able to help with details of Manchester flights (only once a week, on Monday in May & June), also flight prices for children



Where can we stay?

- Our Rally HQ Hotel Partner for 2015 is again the Accra Beach Hotel & Spa, Rockley, Christ Church (tel + 1 246 435 8920)
- the idea is the same as in Europe, accommodation for visitors and a central location for the Rally Office and major functions, such as the Briefing Meeting

How do we get around the island?

- Stoute's Car Rental Ltd is our Official Vehicle Rental Partner
- cars can be delivered to the airport or to any hotel on the island (free of charge)
- Stoute's offer a wide range of vehicles, from saloons through people-movers to four-wheel-drives, ranging from around US\$350 to US\$525 per week, including CDW, one-third of a tank of fuel and one local driver's permit
- e-mail: info@stoutescar.com or tel + 1 246 416 4456

How does the rally car get to Barbados?

- the Geest Line is our Official Shipping Partner, from Portsmouth to Barbados return
- schedules are confirmed. The outbound date is Tuesday, April 21, cars arriving back in the third week of June
- all necessary documentation for shipping will be issued via the Rally Office, and you are advised to read it carefully to understand Geest Line's terms & conditions

What happens to the rally car when it arrives?

- the Rally Office manages brokerage in Barbados and arranges immediate carriage from the Bridgetown Port to 'Rally Central' (see below)
- 'Rally Central' is a storage and service facility, which accommodates most international and some regional competitors. A secure location, in which your vehicles are stored from their point of arrival to departure, when not in your care and custody. This facility provides support services for teams (particularly newcomers) and there will be helpful folk there who can assist with enquiries and source items you may need
- it also offers preparation areas for competition cars and a truck to transport larger spares, fuel and tyres that goes to main service for KotH and Sol RB15

What fuel can we use?

- apart from locally-available pump fuel, two racing fuels are on the Approved Fuel List:
VP MS109: 109 RON unleaded, highly oxygenated
VP C9: 100 RON unleaded, non-oxygenated; very similar octane to UK super unleaded, which also contains no added oxygenates
- both are available in 5 US gallon/19 litre or 54 US gallon/204 litre drums
- fuel will be on sale at Rally Central, as well as through the previous order/delivery system
- the 2015 price structure is:
VP MS109: US\$315/15 US galls; US\$1050/54 US galls
VP C9: US\$87.50/5 US galls; US\$875/54 US galls
- fuel requirements should be e-mailed to Barry Gale no later than April 1 to guarantee supply:
barry@redlinefuels.com
- no fuel other than the options listed above are permitted. Cars that require re-mapping must have this done before shipping, as there will be no exceptions



How much fuel might we use?

- for rental cars and rally cars running on pump fuel (or pump fuel plus octane booster), budget roughly US\$90 per tank (60 litres) at the pump. Rental cars might consume three or four tanks over your stay for recce and sightseeing
- on the rally side, taking in KotH and Sol RB15, competition cars will consume somewhere in the range of:
1300cc unmodified modern fuel injected car: 120 litres
2000cc normally-aspirated heavily modified car (kit cars, R2/R3): 160-180 litres
Group N/WRC: 210-230 litres

What else might we need to know?

- you take part as an invited guest of the BRC so you do not need an International licence – for instance, an MSA Nat B licence is OK
- the BRC's vehicle classifications (2013-2015) can be found under Regulations in the draw-down under the Competitor tab – what may differ from your experience elsewhere is that our Modified and SuperModified class are based on weight, so you are advised to read carefully to see where your car fits
- HANS devices are not mandatory, but will become so in BRC events from January 1, 2016. Nevertheless, the Club strongly recommends their use before that date
- UK spec fire extinguishers are OK
- there are no rally car rental companies in Barbados, although local cars have occasionally been made available for overseas visitors
- there are many experienced co-drivers in the island, some of whom are no longer in regular partnership with a local driver. If you are interested, please ask

Key events in more detail* . . .

**additional social events will be confirmed in due course*

Saturday, May 23

1.00pm to approx 8.00pm - Scrutineering

- similar to many International events, scrutineering is run to a schedule published in advance. The scrutineering area is fenced, so the serious work can be carried out without interruption - once released, competitors will be directed to a large open area alongside, where our title sponsor and other marketing partners will have displays, and fans can see competing cars close-up
- there is no Parc Ferme, so crews are free to leave at the end with their rally cars, although all are mandated to remain on site between 3.00pm and 6.00pm, as this event plays a major role in our pre-event promotion. Enjoy the chance to meet fans, sign autographs and distribute promotional give-aways. There is entertainment throughout and, once fans arrive in larger numbers late afternoon, driver interviews and a brief 'official welcome' to the overseas crews
- pay bar & food available throughout

Sunday, May 24

10.00am to approx 4.00pm - King of the Hill

- a tarmac course approximately 3 kilometres in length
- drivers must take a co-driver on all timed runs
- for locals, a round of the BRC Driver's and Class Championships
- for visitors, a shake-down and chance to drive a local stage at faster than recce speed
- one practice/sighting run, three official timed runs



- the results are the basis for the seeding of Sol RB15
- initially, competitors are seeded in classes, in 'reverse' order, from Clubman up to WRC-1; after the first official timed run, the top 10 will be re-seeded in reverse order of times and run at the end of the field, building the hype towards the final run
- pay bar & food available throughout, and a Prizegiving at the end of the day

Monday, May 25

Approx 3.00pm - Sol RB15 Welcome Party, Fish Fry & Pig Roast

- come help the Barbados Rally Club celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its premier event
- to be held at Rally Central

Tuesday, May 26

6.30pm - Sol RB15 Briefing Meeting

- to be held in the Conference Centre, Accra Beach Hotel & Spa
- attendance at the Briefing Meeting is mandatory (for drivers and co-drivers only)
- there will be a formal introduction to key officials, plus a Q & A session

Wednesday & Thursday, May 27 & 28

- rest days and recce. Recce is open throughout the week and not restricted to these two days, but recce rules must be adhered to: no practising, no speeding and, especially, no public nuisance. A specific time slot will be allocated to recce Friday's opening stages at Bushy Park Barbados and notified in advance by the Rally Office

Friday, May 29

Sol RB15 - day 1

- start at approx 6.30pm - at Bushy Park Barbados, provisionally two stages
- live commentary, internet stream and radio commentary

Saturday, May 30

Sol RB15 - day 2

- start at approx 10.00am - provisionally, 11 stages at three venues
- live commentary at one venue, internet stream and radio commentary throughout

Sunday, May 31

Sol RB15 - day 3

- start at approx 9.00am - provisionally, nine stages at three venues
- live commentary at one venue, internet stream and radio commentary throughout
- approx total Sol RB15 stage distance - 115km
- provisional results posted at the official finish

Monday, June 1

1.00pm – Sol RB15 Prizegiving

- The Boatyard, Bay Street, St Michael
- Provisional Results posted at 1.00pm, official at 3.00pm
- the Prizegiving will follow at approx 5.00pm
- pay bar & food available (except during the formalities)