



92nd Monte-Carlo Rally (January 22-28, 2024*)

Back to the heights!

With 14 passes on the way, in 17 special stages spread over 5 French departments, the route for this inaugural event of the 2024 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) has moved up in latitude as well as altitude, following a strong wish of the Organizing Committee at Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM), hoping for more snow on the roads than in previous editions.

After two and a half strenuous days of recce, from **Monday January 22** to **Wednesday January 24**, all crews allowed to start will operate in real racing conditions from **4:01 pm** that Wednesday, during the **Shakedown (3.35km)**. On the same road portion that was introduced in 2017, **Route de la Garde** in **Gap**, a partner city which already played host to the rally from 2014 to 2021.

The official start of this 92nd edition of Monte-Carlo Rally will be given the next day, **Thursday January 25** at **4:52pm** on **Casino Square** in **Monaco**. On the menu of the 1st Leg, two timed stages in total darkness for a total of 46.01km, in the departments of **Alpes-de-Haute-Provence** and **Hautes-Alpes**. These two legendary stages, « **Thoard / Saint-Geniez** » (SS1 – 20.82km – 8:35 pm) and « **Bayons / Bréziers** » (SS2 – 25.19km – 9:58 pm) will serve as reality checks for the expected major players in the championship.

On **Friday January 26**, crews will be heading for the East of **Gap**, where the 2nd Leg will be spread over two departments (**Alpes-de-Haute-Provence** and **Hautes-Alpes**) for a total of 106.10 timed kilometers. With a loop of three special stages to cover twice, made of « **Saint-Léger-les-Mélèzes / La Bâtie-Neuve** » (SS3/6 – 16.87km – 9:06 am/2:53 pm), followed by « **Champcella / Saint-Clément-sur-Durance** » (SS4/7 – 17.87km – 10:34 am/4:21 pm) and « **La Bréole / Selonnet** » (SS5/8 – 18.31km – 12:02 pm/5:49 pm), setting up a very intense race day!

The West of **Gap** will be on the cards for **Saturday January 27** when the 3rd Leg covers three departments (**Hautes-Alpes**, **Drôme**, **Isère**) for a total of 134.86 timed kilometers. Again, with a loop of three stages not so close to each other, to complete twice, for what will probably be the toughest race day of the week. On the menu, « **Sigottier / Valdrôme** » (SS9/12 – 20.89km – 8:35 am/2:05 pm), followed by « **Les Nonières / Chichilianne** » (SS10/13 – 20.08km – 9:53 am/3:23 pm) and « **Pellafol / Agnières-en-Dévoluy** » (SS11/14 – 26.46km – 11:06 am/4:36 pm). There will certainly be several ups and downs during this strenuous 3rd Leg.

In order to conclude the event in style, on **Sunday January 28**, three stages totalling 51.65 kilometers will be scheduled between **Gap** and **Monaco**. This will be a brand new feature for a Final Leg and the last fights for honours will happen on « **La Bréole / Selonnet** » (SS15 – 18.31km – 7:04 am), followed by « **Digne-les-Bains / Chaudon-Norante** » (SS16 – 19.04km – 8:35 am) and, last but not least, « **La Bollène-Vésubie / Col de Turini** » (SS17 – 14.30km – 12:15 pm) which will serve as Power Stage. The Prize Ceremony will then take place, as usual, on **Casino Square**, from 4:15 pm...

Timings and stage lengths are indicative until official publication of the Rally Route.

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*Subject to final validation of the 2024 WRC Calendar by the World Motorsport Council of the FIA.