



2019 MEDIA GUIDE



## Rally Argentina

April 25 - 28, 2019

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# HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Argentina for round five of the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship and an event where everyone here at the Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team will be doing their best to try and consolidate our lead in both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' championships.

This came courtesy of a very welcome win for Thierry and Nicolas on Tour de Corse, which was our first of the season. We did of course inherit the victory as a result of Elfyn Evans picking up a puncture on the final Power Stage, but taking first place is naturally a positive thing for the team.

Were it not for that misfortune, Thierry and Nicolas would have claimed second in Corsica, which would've been an encouraging result and is thanks to their fantastic efforts in the Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC. But for a true win you have to be fastest and, on this occasion, we didn't quite manage that.

As a team, however, we have been pushing hard and this result will definitely act as a morale boost, even if we have to be clear with ourselves where we are performance-wise and where we need to be. We were helped in Corsica by Dani and Carlos' strong showing to score important points in fourth place, and even though Sébastien and Daniel encountered problems on day one that left them on the back foot they were still able to use the rally to learn more about the Hyundai i20 Coupe and how to get the best from it.

So now to Argentina, where our team has enjoyed its fair share of success in the recent past. Thierry won this classic rally in 2017, and both he and Dani helped Hyundai Motorsport to a podium double last year. Andreas and Anders have both made the top three on this challenging event too. We know our Hyundai i20 Coupe is strong on gravel so there is everything to play for – and every reason to believe we can still be leading the championship when we head to an all-new event in Chile.

**Andrea Adamo**

Team Director, Hyundai Motorsport





# ON STAGE WITH... ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

## Can you describe the challenge of Rally Argentina?

"It's a beautiful rally and one I really enjoy. The people are amazing and the stages are cool – quite long and tricky – but the thing that is difficult is it normally gets very rough for the second pass. You really need to attack the stages but not too much so you can still avoid the stones. This for me is the challenge, to stay out of trouble and be fast at the same time."

## What do you need from your car in terms of set-up and performance?

"You could make the car perform more by running it very low, but then there would be too much risk of damaging it. So, you are looking for a set-up that has good reactivity because some of the stages are quite fast. But you also need a strong car, maybe raising the ride height a little bit to be on the safe side, and it needs to be easy to drive. It's very sandy on some of the stages, so to get the right angle before the corners you really floor the accelerator just after the entry; that's very important."

## What are your aims for the event?

"My aim for the event is to fight at the front. We have a really good road position and that should help us. I just hope it will not be too dusty like we saw last year, especially on the first pass, and that we'll get four minutes between each car."

## Thousands of fans follow Rally Argentina. What's the atmosphere like?

"Nothing beats the atmosphere in Argentina. There are a lot of fans out on the stages, especially at Mina Clavero and El Cóndor. It's really cool to be a part of that and see it from inside the car. You really notice it, especially at El Cóndor. It's my favourite."



**ANDREAS MIKKELSEN**

**TEAM POSITION:** Driver

**AGE:** 29

**WRC STARTS:** 102



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# HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport celebrated its first victory of the 2019 World Rally Championship season on Tour de Corse, where Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul took a last-gasp win. The pair had been second heading into the final Power Stage before a puncture for Elfyn Evans ended his chance of victory.
- The Belgian crew's success has lifted Neuville back into the lead of the Drivers' championship by two points and Hyundai has also regained its advantage in the Manufacturers' title chase, which it now leads by 12 points thanks partly to a strong fourth-place finish in Corsica for Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio. It was also Hyundai Motorsport's 11th victory in the WRC and its second Tour de Corse triumph.
- Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena had less luck on the Mediterranean island after picking up damage on their Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC on day one of the gruelling tarmac event, but thereafter continued to gain some useful knowledge of the car.
- Testing for Rally Argentina and the next round in Chile took place in northern Portugal at the start of April on roads similar to those found in South America. All four drivers each had one day at the wheel to prepare for the upcoming challenges.
- Gabriele Tarquini began his WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup title defence with a win in the season-opening event in Morocco on April 7. The Italian took his BRC Hyundai N Squadra Corse i30 TCR to victory in the reverse-grid Race 2 after fellow Hyundai driver Nicky Catsburg crashed out of the lead with a brake issue. Tarquini is third in the standings after three races.
- TCR Asia champion Luca Engstler also got his title defence off to a strong start with a win in his Hyundai i30 N at Sepang during the same weekend. He headed Team Engstler stablemate Théo Caicaud at the finish. There was more Hyundai success in Race 2 as Daniel Miranda took second for Eurasia Motorsport. Pepe Oriola finished third for Indigo Racing having started eighth to make it an i30 N TCR double podium.
- Paraguayan Diego Dominguez continued his strong start to the season by winning the Rally Trans Itapúa (April 5-7), round one of the national championship in his home country. The Hyundai Paraguay-supported team was consistent throughout the two-day event. With the rally also counting towards the continent-wide CODASUR championship, it strengthened his advantage in that series too.
- Tom Cave claimed a first British Rally Championship victory for the Hyundai i20 R5 at the West Cork Rally in mid-March, round two of the 2019 season. Cave and co-driver James Morgan finished third overall on the event, which brought together teams from the British series and their Irish Tarmac counterparts.



# HYUNDAI IN NUMBERS

**1967:** Company founded in Korea and has gone on to establish sales networks in 190 countries and employs over 110,000 people.

**10,000:** Of those global employees, some 10,000 people work at Hyundai's R&D base in the Korean city of Namyang.

**50:** Hyundai Motorsport's hub in Alzenau, Germany, is located within a 50-kilometre radius of Hyundai Motor Europe's HQ in Offenbach and Hyundai Motor Europe's Technical and Design Centre in Rüsselsheim. It's home to more than 200 employees representing some 29 nationalities.

**11:** With crews allowed to select their own permanent car numbers for 2019, Thierry Neuville has opted for 11 as a reminder of the first time he and Nicolas Gilsoul finished as championship runners-up in 2013: "It means a lot to us because it was our first strong season in WRC," he explains. "Both Nicolas and I wanted the number 11, which also has the number one in it. We hope it will bring us success."

**89:** Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland's car number is partly based on their successful driving partnership. "It was a natural choice for us," says the Norwegian. "It represents the year we were both born: 1989. We are good friends, we work together very well and this number seemed the perfect fit."

**19:** Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena's car number was an obvious choice, given that this season marks the 20th anniversary of their WRC debut. But as he explains there were other reasons for the decision: "The number 19 is the birth date of my daughter, Valentine. It's also representative of the one JWRC title and nine WRC titles that I have acquired over the years, which is nice."

**6:** Dani Sordo, meanwhile, is sticking with a car number that has served him well. "I chose the number six because it's what I've been using in recent seasons with Hyundai and it has brought us some good results," says the Spaniard, who is co-driven by Carlos del Barrio. "We have nice memories using this number, so maybe it will bring us even better results this season!"

**82:** Neuville has made his 2019 title ambitions clear with victory in Corsica and podium finishes from the first two rounds in Monte Carlo and Sweden to amass 82 points at the head of the Drivers' championship.

**46:** Thierry and Gilsoul's win in Corsica was also Hyundai's 46th podium result in the WRC.

**5.2:** Hyundai Motorsport has fans all around the world who follow its efforts in the WRC and Customer Racing through social media, with over 5.2 million likes on Facebook. The team also has 70,900 followers on Twitter and more than 201,000 on Instagram.



# N BRAND

- Hyundai Motor's high-performance N brand enforces the company's goal to create vehicles that match up to the high standards of excellence expected, but are as fun to drive as they are practical.
- N represents two important elements. Firstly, the Namyang district in South Korea where Hyundai Motor Group's global R&D base is located and the N brand was born. Secondly, the Nürburgring race track in Germany, which is home to Hyundai's Technical Center and used to hone the N vehicles. Meanwhile, the N logo itself is also a graphical representation of a classic race track chicane; a tight serpentine turn in the road.
- The N name and reputation have become established in global motorsport. Since its launch in 2015, N has performed at the highest level with success in the FIA World Rally Championship, the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup, the Pirelli World Challenge series and the gruelling Nürburgring 24 Hours.
- Hyundai's competition-honed N vision and philosophy come to life in a systematically structured product portfolio.
- N models including the i30 N and Veloster N offer exclusive engine performance and dynamic technology innovations to satisfy performance-oriented enthusiasts. The introduction of the latest N car, the i30 Fastback N, completes the first phase of the N performance vehicle rollout.
- The new N Line, characterised by N-specific design and performance-enhancing elements, further widens the range of choices available to customers. These vehicles will be instantly distinguishable by their differentiated design elements.
- Finally, N Options will offer N-produced customisation parts for drivers who desire improved performance and uniqueness.





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# HYUNDAI I20 COUPE WRC UNCOVERED

**Engine:** Hyundai Motorsport turbocharged engine with direct injection 1,600cc and fitted with a mandatory 36mm air restrictor

**Power:** 380hp at 6,500RPM with a maximum torque of 450NM at 5,500RPM

**Transmission:** Six-speed sequential gearbox, four-wheel drive, mechanical front and rear differentials, electro-hydraulic centre differential

**Suspension:** MacPherson struts with adjustable dampers front and rear

**Steering:** Hydraulic power-assisted rack and pinion

**Brakes:** Ventilated Brembo disc brakes (370mm on asphalt, 300mm on gravel) and air-cooled, four-piston calipers, hydraulic handbrake

**Tyres:** Team partner Michelin will supply its LTX Force M6 and H4 gravel tyres for Rally Argentina. The medium compound M6 is the first choice and designed for cold and damp conditions, while the hard compound H4 is available for warm and dry weather. Teams can use a maximum of 28 tyres for the entire event including four for shakedown

**Electronics:** Magneti Marelli SRG Engine Control Unit and dash

**Safety:** Sabelt seats and multiple fixing points with adjustable straps

**Chassis:** Steel bodyshell with welded multi-point roll cage, steel and composite fibre bodywork components

**Dimensions:** length: 4,100mm, width: 1,875mm, track width: 1,665mm, wheel base: 2,570mm

**Weight:** 1,190kg (1,350kg with driver and co-driver on board)

**Lubricants:** Shell Helix-Ultra

**Fuel:** FIA approved







# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul

### #11 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 016)



#### THIERRY NEUVILLE

**Date of birth:** June 16, 1988

**Place of birth:** Sankt Vith, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 101

**WRC wins:** 10

No driver has driven for or won more with Hyundai Motorsport than Neuville, an ever-present for the team since 2014, when he scored the first of 10 (and counting) WRC wins. Four came in 2017, but while no driver bettered his total that season, he would have to settle for second to Sébastien Ogier, something he did in 2016 and 2018 when he lost out on Rally Australia's final-round decider. Having enjoyed huge success at junior level before stepping up to the WRC in 2009, the Belgian finished second in 2013. That achievement caught the eye of Hyundai's fledgling WRC team and he was signed for its debut season in 2014. He scored the team's first podium in Mexico that year and led a memorable one-two (ahead of Dani Sordo) on Rallye Deutschland – the squad's maiden victory. Neuville took his first win of 2019 in Corsica and has also made the podium in Monte-Carlo and Sweden.

#### RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 2, Best result: 1



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



#### NICOLAS GILSOUL

**Date of birth:** February 5, 1982

**Place of birth:** Chênée, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 97

**WRC wins:** 10

Gilsoul's WRC adventure began in 2007, two seasons before Neuville's step up to world level, while the Belgians did not join forces until 2011. The partnership quickly blossomed, however, with victory on the Tour de Corse, then a round of the IRC, in only their second event together. Their move to Hyundai Motorsport for 2014 has so far produced nine wins while Gilsoul was awarded the prestigious WRC Co-driver of the Year accolade in 2016 after finishing second in the championship. As well as myriad stage rallies in Europe and beyond, Gilsoul has tackled the East African Safari Classic Rally on three occasions, finishing a best of third in 2015 alongside Grégoire de Mevius.

#### RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:

Starts: 7, 2018 result: 2, Best result: 1



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

Andreas Mikkelsen and Anders Jæger-Amland

## #89 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 009)



### ANDREAS MIKKELSEN

**Date of birth:** June 22, 1989

**Place of birth:** Oslo, Norway

**Nationality:** Norwegian

**WRC starts:** 102

**WRC wins:** 3

Having joined Hyundai Motorsport for three late-season events in 2017, Mikkelsen is embarking on his second full campaign with the squad this year when better luck will be the order of the day following a frustrating 2018, which the Norwegian completed with a solitary podium to show for his efforts. A successful skier at youth level, Mikkelsen switched to rallying when injury curtailed his promising career on the slopes. Relocating to the UK for 2006, he was a winner shortly after getting his driving licence following his 17th birthday. After becoming the youngest WRC point-scorer in 2008, Mikkelsen won back-to-back Intercontinental Rally Challenge titles in 2011-12. He took his maiden WRC victory with Volkswagen in 2015 and triumphed again in Poland and Australia the following season.

### RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:

Starts: 6, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 3



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### ANDERS JÆGER-AMLAND

**Date of birth:** July 29, 1989

**Place of birth:** Oslo, Norway

**Nationality:** Norwegian

**WRC starts:** 46

**WRC wins:** 2

Jæger-Amland has enjoyed a rapid rise to rallying's top level having started his career in 2014 in his native Norway alongside Bernt Kollevold. He made his world championship debut that year with Ole Christian Veiby in Spain before going on to contest a mix of mainly Junior WRC and European championship events the following season, scoring five podiums including a win in the former. Jæger-Amland's partnership with long-time friend Mikkelsen began in fine style in 2016 when they were second on Rallye Monte-Carlo, one of six podium visits that year which included two victories.

### RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:

Starts: 2, 2018 result: 5, Best result: 3



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio

### #6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 011)



**DANI SORDO**

**Date of birth:** May 2, 1983

**Place of birth:** Torrelavega, Spain

**Nationality:** Spanish

**WRC starts:** 161

**WRC wins:** 1

One of the WRC's most consistent performers, Sordo's relaxed and outgoing nature has won him legions of fans – and not just in his native Spain. His motorsport career began aged 12 in motocross and karting, and he won the Junior world rally crown in 2005. Sordo became a WRC winner in Germany 2013 and is now regarded as one of the most trusted drivers in the championship. The Spaniard joined Hyundai Motorsport at the end of 2013 and has become an integral member of the organisation. Having been part of the team's milestone 1-2 result on Rallye Deutschland in 2014, he has gone on to secure many more podiums. Scoring two top-three finishes in 2018 in Mexico and Argentina only added to Sordo's already impressive list of achievements.

#### **RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:**

Starts: 12, 2018 result: 3, Best result: 2



@DaniSordo



/DanielSordo



**CARLOS DEL BARRIO**

**Date of birth:** August 15, 1968

**Place of birth:** Santander, Spain

**Nationality:** Spanish

**WRC starts:** 87

**WRC wins:** 1

Santander-born del Barrio has co-driven for some of the biggest names in Spanish rallying. His career began in 1987 on Rally Vidal de la Peña, but it was in 1994 that he made his WRC debut with Jesus Puras. This partnership enjoyed tremendous success in their native Spain, winning three national titles. In 2004, Carlos joined forces with Dani Sordo for an initial four-event campaign with the young Spaniard looking for an experienced co-driver. The pairing would reunite in 2011 for a longer WRC programme, which included three podiums and a popular win on the 2013 Rallye Deutschland. The crew will be chasing further success on selected events in 2019, starting in Mexico.

#### **RALLY ARGENTINA RECORD:**

Starts: 9, 2018 result: 3, Best result: 3



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# PLACE NOTES

with Carlos del Barrio

*Dani Sordo will count on Carlos del Barrio's considerable experience on Rally Argentina. These are his place notes*



I did my first Rally Argentina in 1994 and have started the event nine times in total. Like most rallies we do in the world championship, each day provides a different challenge.

Leg one to the south in the Calamuchita Valley is known for its very fast and wide roads. They are smooth but sandy and technical as well. Of course when you have more speed you have more risks, but they are fantastic stages to drive and co-drive.

On the second day of the rally we go west of Carlos Paz to the Punilla Valley for stages that were used on the Dakar Rally. It's the most difficult day for the driver and co-driver, and the most demanding because you still have the high speed but the roads are narrower than on the first day.

We have the longest stage of the rally on Saturday, Cuchilla Nevada – Characato. It's 33.65 kilometres and had been out of the rally for quite a few years. The most difficult thing about this stage is the fog. It's autumn time in Argentina now and there is always a lot of fog moving around.

Then we have a really demanding end to the rally on Sunday with El Cóndor and Mina Clavero. They are two very narrow and technical stages, and without them Rally Argentina wouldn't be Rally Argentina. For sure the average speed is less than the rest of the rally but you also have to deal with more rocks and stones.

I know these stages almost by heart and even remember in 1996 when they had to change the recce schedule because there was heavy snow.

Of the nine times I have done Rally Argentina, eight times El Cóndor was downhill. But, like last year, it's uphill. At first I thought it would be boring like this, but it wasn't at all. It's a good end to the rally with a great atmosphere and full of people. Some people will have been camping there since before the start of the rally. They don't see anything else, just El Cóndor, but it's a big party for the fans. If I had to pick one favourite stage on Rally Argentina, it would have to be El Cóndor.

Overall for Rally Argentina, you work just as hard with your preparation and it is the same amount of effort as it is on all other rallies. But while there are thousands of fans, you don't have so much traffic, the fans help you get from one stage to the next by moving over and that is very good.



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# HYUNDAI IS HERE... EN ARGENTINA

- Hyundai products have been imported into Argentina for 26 years through its national distributor, Hyundai Motor Argentina S.A.
- During this period, more than 70,000 Hyundai vehicles have been sold in the country with the Hyundai Tucson undoubtedly the best seller. Indeed, sales of the Tucson have exceeded 13,000 units, followed by the Santa Fe (pictured).
- The Tucson and Santa Fe SUVs have provided Hyundai with a solid platform for growth in Argentina, while the company also has one of the best market shares in sportscar sales thanks to the Veloster and the Genesis Coupé. In just four years, more than 2,200 units have been sold, such are the vehicles' popularity.
- But the Hyundai line-up in Argentina goes much further with 12 models – including commercial vehicles such as the HD78, HD65, H100 and H350 – on sale. The most recent launches were for the new H1, Tucson, Veloster, Veloster N and the Kona. And in the next few months the range will grow with the new Santa Fe earmarked for an upcoming launch.
- Hyundai is currently focusing its efforts on the SUV line-up in Argentina. Aligned with the '#SUV4ALL' concept, Hyundai offers the most extensive SUV line-up to satisfy its customers. Kona, Creta, Tucson and Grand Santa Fe are very important players in the Argentinian market and the Tucson is now one of the referents in the segment.
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# HYUNDAI'S WORLD TOUR

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 calendar

	Round 1	Rallye Monte-Carlo <a href="http://www.acm.mc">www.acm.mc</a>	January 24-27
	Round 2	Rally Sweden <a href="http://www.rallysweden.com">www.rallysweden.com</a>	February 14-17
	Round 3	Rally Guanajuato México <a href="http://www.rallymexico.com">www.rallymexico.com</a>	March 07-10
	Round 4	Tour de Corse <a href="http://www.tourdecorse.com">www.tourdecorse.com</a>	March 28-31
	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Rally Argentina</b> <a href="http://www.rallyargentina.com">www.rallyargentina.com</a>	<b>April 25-28</b>
	Round 6	Rally Mobil (Chile) <a href="http://www.rallydeportugal.pt">www.rallydeportugal.pt</a>	May 09-12
	Round 7	Vodafone Rally de Portugal <a href="http://www.rallydeportugal.pt">www.rallydeportugal.pt</a>	May 30 - June 02
	Round 8	Rally Italia Sardegna <a href="http://www.rallyitaliasardegna.com">www.rallyitaliasardegna.com</a>	June 13-16
	Round 9	Neste Rally Finland <a href="http://www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi">www.nesteoilrallyfinland.fi</a>	August 01-04
	Round 10	ADAC Rallye Deutschland <a href="http://www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de">www.adac-rallye-deutschland.de</a>	August 22-25
	Round 11	Marmaris Rally Turkey <a href="http://www.marmarisrallyturkey.com">www.marmarisrallyturkey.com</a>	September 12-15
	Round 12	Wales Rally GB <a href="http://www.walesrallygb.com">www.walesrallygb.com</a>	October 03-06
	Round 13	RallyRACC Catalunya-Rally de España <a href="http://www.rallyracc.com">www.rallyracc.com</a>	October 24-27
	Round 14	Kennards Hire Rally Australia <a href="http://www.rallyaustralia.com.au">www.rallyaustralia.com.au</a>	November 14-17



# THE SCORES ON THE BOARDS

Hyundai drivers 2019 season results:

Event	Neuville	Mikkelsen	Loeb	Sordo
Monte-Carlo	2	–	4	–
Sweden	3	4	7	–
México	4	11	–	9
Corsica	1	–	8	4
Argentina	–	–	–	–
Chile	–	–	–	–
Portugal	–	–	–	–
Sardinia	–	–	–	–
Finland	–	–	–	–
Germany	–	–	–	–
Turkey	–	–	–	–
Great Britain	–	–	–	–
Spain	–	–	–	–
Australia	–	–	–	–

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 standings  
(after round 4 of 14)

## DRIVERS

**1 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 82pts;** 2 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 80; 3 Ott Tänak (EST) 77; 4 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 43; 5 Kris Meeke (GBR) 42; 6 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 26; **7 Sébastien Loeb (FRA) 22; 8 Dani Sordo (ESP) 16;** 9 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 15; 10 Teemu Suninen (FIN) 14; **11 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 12 etc.**

## MANUFACTURERS

**1 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 114pts;** 2 Citroën Total World Rally Team 102; 3 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 98; 4 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 70



# ARGENTINA MEANS

- South Americans are passionate about their rallying, with around a million fans normally attending Rally Argentina – and some camping out days in advance for a prime viewing spot. Originally known as Rally Codasur, the event has featured in the WRC since 1980 and moved to its current base in Córdoba four years later.
- The rally is famous for its mix of gravel stages, including fast and sandy roads in the Santa Rosa de Calamuchita Valley, and narrow rocky tracks at high altitude in the Traslasierra mountains. The higher stages are famed for their moonlike landscape, with El Cóndor providing an opportunity to spot the large bird it is named after.
- Deep ruts often form on the soft gravel roads to make the second pass of a stage tricky, with the cars' ride heights raised as a result. The valley stages feature large watersplashes where the route crosses rivers, offering a great spectacle.
- The rally is based in the lakeside resort of Villa Carlos Paz, 700km north-west of Buenos Aires and close to Córdoba city, where the action begins on Thursday evening with a downtown superspecial stage. On Friday, the crews head to the Calamuchita Valley for two loops of tests, which is interspersed by a superspecial at Fernet Branca.
- Sandy roads turn to mountainous tracks as the rally heads west to the Punilla Valley for two more loops of three stages on Saturday, again with a Fernet Branca stop halfway. Added excitement comes with the Mataderos – Cuchilla Nevada test being covered live on TV.
- Finally, on Sunday crews head to the Traslasierra mountains for two loops of the renowned El Cóndor test – covered live on TV and counting as the final Power Stage – as well as a visit to Mina Clavero/Giulio Cesare, which runs in the opposite direction this year. Both stages reach a height of more than 2,100 metres and the autumnal weather could bring fog and ice.
- Hyundai Motorsport has enjoyed its fair share of success on Rally Argentina, where Thierry Neuville and Dani Sordo helped the team to a podium double last year. Neuville is also a previous winner of the event in 2017, but although he isn't contesting the event in 2019, Hyundai Motorsport's Sébastien Loeb has racked up a record eight wins.

## Recent winners

2018	Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja	Toyota Yaris WRC
2017	Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
2016	Hayden Paddon/John Kennard	Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC
2015	Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	Citroën DS3 WRC
2014	Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	Volkswagen Polo R WRC





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY ONE, PART ONE: Thursday April 25, 2019

Start - Villa Carlos Paz	18h30
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Regroup Villa Carlos Paz In	0h15	18h45
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SSS1 Super Especial Villa Carlos Paz	1,90km	19h08
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Parc Fermé - Villa Carlos Paz In (early check-in allowed)	19h33
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## DAY ONE, PART TWO: Friday April 26, 2019

Service A - Villa Carlos Paz In	0h15	06h25
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SS2 Las Bajadas - Villa Del Dique 1	16,65km	08h08
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SS3 Amboy - Yacanto 1	29,85km	08h55
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SS4 Personal Santa Rosa - San Agustin 1	23,44km	10h08
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Regroup Fernet Branca In	Max 0h12	11h48
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SSS5 Super Especial Fernet Branca 1 (2 laps)	6,04km	12h03
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Regroup Villa Carlos Paz In	Max 0h15	12h28
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Service B - Villa Carlos Paz In	0h40	12h43
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SS6 Las Bajadas - Villa Del Dique 2	16,65km	14h51
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SS7 Amboy - Yacanto 2	29,85km	15h38
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SS8 Personal Santa Rosa - San Agustin 2	23,44km	16h51
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Technical Zone Villa Carlos Paz In	0h10	18h31
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Flexi-Service C - Villa Carlos Paz In	0h45	18h41
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Parc Fermé - Villa Carlos Paz In (early check-in allowed)	00h00
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## DAY TOTALS (PARTS ONE AND TWO):

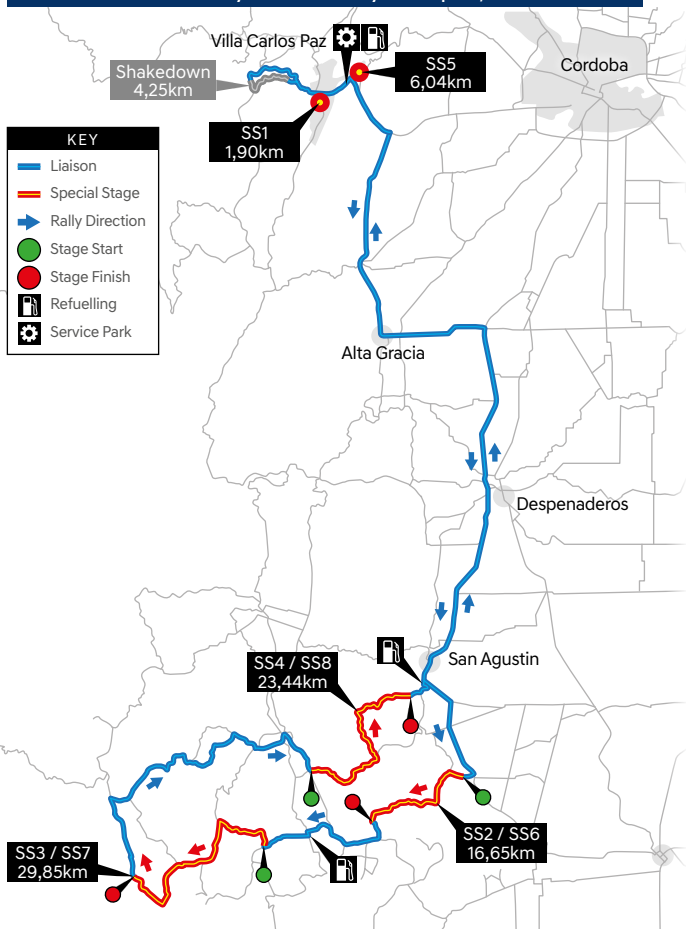
Special stage distance: 147,82km

Liaison distance: 520,20km

Total distance: 668,02km



**DAY ONE: Thursday 25 & Friday 26 April, 2019**





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## DAY TWO: Saturday April 27, 2019

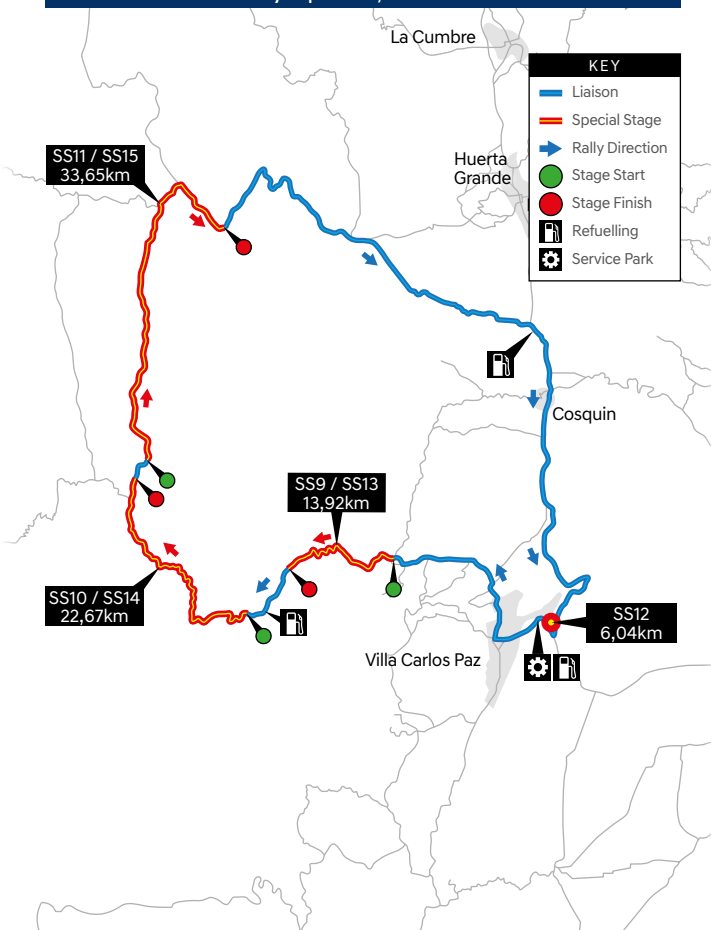
Service D – Villa Carlos Paz In		0h15	06h57
SS9	Speedagro Tanti – Mataderos 1	13,92km	07h47
SS10	Mataderos – Cuchilla Nevada 1 (Live TV)	22,67km	08h38
SS11	Cuchilla Nevada – Characato 1	33,65km	09h25
Regroup Fernet Branca In		Max 0h08	11h15
SSS12	Super Especial Fernet Branca 2 (2 laps)	6,04km	11h26
Regroup Villa Carlos Paz In		Max 0h11	11h51
Service E – Villa Carlos Paz In		0h40	12h02
SS13	Speedagro Tanti – Mataderos 2	13,92km	13h17
SS14	Mataderos – Cuchilla Nevada 2 (Live TV)	22,67km	14h08
SS15	Cuchilla Nevada – Characato 2	33,65km	14h55
Technical Zone Villa Carlos Paz In		0h10	16h55
Flexi-Service F – Villa Carlos Paz In		0h45	17h05
Parc Fermé – Villa Carlos Paz In (early check-in allowed)			00h00

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	146,52km
Liaison distance:	198,77km
Total distance:	345,29km



**DAY TWO: Saturday April 27, 2019**





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY THREE: Sunday April 28, 2019

Service G – Villa Carlos Paz In	0h15	07h45
SS16 Copina – El Cóndor	16,43km	09h08
SS17 Mina Clavero – Giulio Cesare	20,30km	10h31
Regroup El Cóndor In	Max 0h34	11h41
SS18 El Cóndor (Power Stage and Live TV)	16,43km	12h18
Technical Zone Villa Carlos Paz In	0h03	13h58
Service H – Villa Carlos Paz In	0h10	14h01
Holding Area In (early check-in allowed)		14h31

## DAY TOTALS:

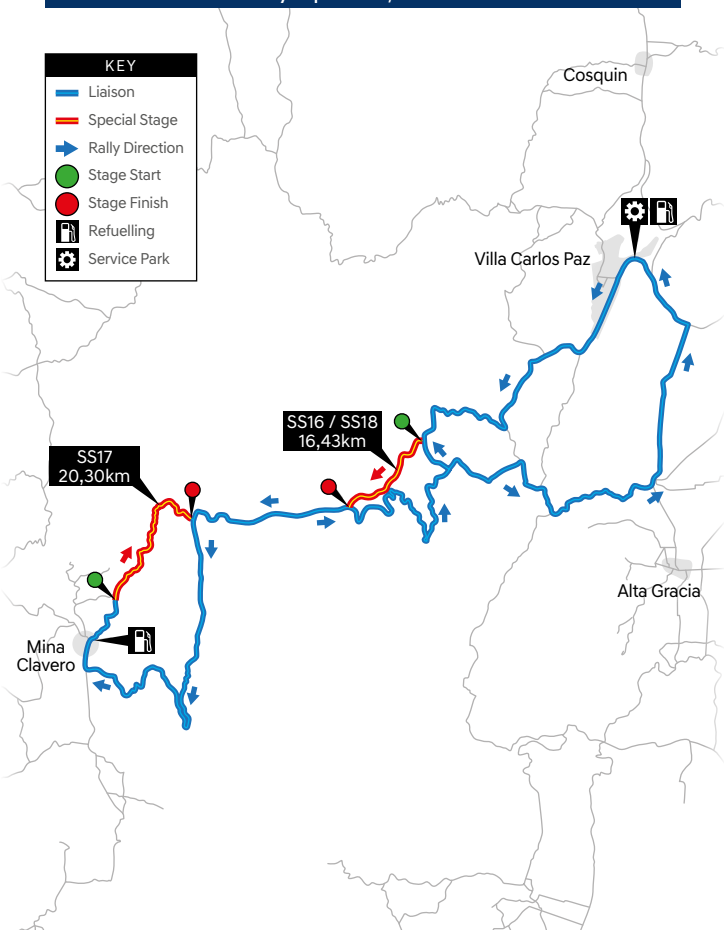
Special stage distance:	53,16km
Liaison distance:	233,91km
Total distance:	287,07km

## RALLY ARGENTINA TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	347,50km
Liaison distance:	952,88km
Total distance:	1300,38km



**DAY THREE: Sunday April 28, 2019**





# LEADING ENTRIES\*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Citroën C3 WRC
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Marko Salminen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
89	<b>Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jæger-Amland (NOR)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
11	<b>Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
6	<b>Dani Sordo (ESP) / Carlos del Barrio (ESP)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
10	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
5	Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC



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## TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY ARGENTINA:

### Media Lounge:

17h30-18h15, Wednesday April 24, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, Villa Carlos Paz

## OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY ARGENTINA:

### Shakedown:

10h00-14h30, Thursday April 25, Cabalango (4,25km)

### Pre-event FIA press conference:

14h20, Thursday April 25, Media Centre, Villa Carlos Paz

### Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

15h00, Sunday April 28, Pte. U. Illia between Medrano and Nahuel Huapi streets, Villa Carlos Paz

### Post-event FIA press conference:

16h00, Sunday April 28, Media Centre, Villa Carlos Paz





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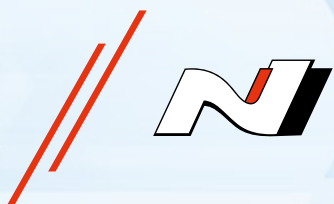


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