

 **HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT**



2019 MEDIA GUIDE



# Rally de Portugal

May 30 - June 02, 2019

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# HYUNDAI'S HELLO

Welcome to Portugal as we reach the halfway point in the 2019 World Rally Championship, where everyone at Hyundai Motorsport will be looking to continue our strong run so far this season.

Rally de Portugal was the scene of victory for Thierry and Nicolas last year, and hopefully that memory will inspire them as they look to fight back from their big accident last time out on new territory in Chile, which ended their promising run on that event.

It wasn't all bad news on Rally Chile though, where Sébastien and Daniel did a great job to take their first podium finish as a Hyundai Motorsport crew in third and help keep our title hopes alive. Following that competitive performance, they will compete here in Portugal, with Andreas and Anders rejoining the team for Rally Italia Sardegna next month.

This decision was not taken lightly. We need to move forward as a team and make the most effective use of our versatile crew line-up. Sébastien and Daniel had a competitive event in Chile, and have found a good feeling in the car on gravel. We felt their contribution would allow us to increase our points-scoring potential in Portugal. We are trying hard to find a way to get Andreas's confidence back and we are sure he will approach his next event, Sardinia, in the same way he was able to in Argentina. When you have a line-up like ours and look at the results from Chile, it's necessary to react quickly.

Sébastien's result in Chile, along with the seventh place for Andreas, means that Hyundai Motorsport still has a healthy 29-point lead in the Manufacturers' championship. The Chile score helped us to minimise the damage to an extent, but when you consider the nature of Thierry and Nicolas's accident, things are certainly not as bad as they could have been – and for that we are thankful. Also, Thierry is still third in the Drivers' championship with his rivals firmly in his sights heading to an event where he can hopefully make up ground.

So now we are back on familiar territory in Portugal, where Dani and Carlos will rejoin the team, and I know they will be gunning for a podium finish. With a good result from our crews and the team as a whole, we can hopefully head into the second half of the 2019 season as firm title favourites.

**Andrea Adamo**  
Team Director,  
Hyundai Motorsport



# ON STAGE WITH... THIERRY NEUVILLE

## After your accident on Rally Chile, how is your leg?

"The leg is fine and recovering quickly. I feel good."

## What was it like to be back in the car for pre-event testing?

"Not a big change. We jumped in the car and straight away had a good feeling, as on the last couple of events. It was nice to be back and we were also able to improve the car for Portugal and Sardinia, so I am already looking forward to the next rallies."

## How confident are you of making a winning return in Portugal?

"It's always difficult to know if you are going to win but we won last year, we have a good start position this year, but it's going to be a tough fight. The Toyota was very fast last year in Portugal but retired early with Ott, so we will have to see what the speed will be for them. Also, Citroën has improved in between but I am quite confident we are going to have a good pace."

## What aspects of the rally are you looking forward to this year?

"It's a challenging event and, obviously, there are some new stages on Friday which we don't know. It's an additional challenge and this could be interesting."

## Where does Portugal rank among this year's rallies in terms of the challenge you face?

"It's not an easy event, especially on the second pass. The roads can be quite rutted and this also makes it difficult in terms of punctures. There are definitely more challenging rallies than this, but there are more easy ones as well. What is nice is Portugal's a very famous event with lots of spectators and that's important."

## What are your best and worst memories of Rally de Portugal?

"My best memory was definitely the win last year; the worst was in 2016 when I ran out of fuel while running in a very good position. That was not nice."



THIERRY NEUVILLE

TEAM POSITION: Driver

AGE: 30

WRC STARTS: 103



@thierryneuville



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# HYUNDAI HAPPENINGS

- Hyundai Motorsport took its sixth individual top-three result in this year's World Rally Championship when Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena finished third on Rally Chile. It was the multiple world champions' first podium as a Hyundai Motorsport crew and was well-earned as they improved their pace and performance throughout the new-for-2019 event.
- Andreas Mikkelsen couldn't match the high of his second place in Argentina in Chile, but nevertheless scored some useful manufacturer points in seventh, while Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul thankfully walked away unhurt from the huge accident that ended their event on day two.
- The Rally Chile result led to a change at the top of the Drivers' classification with the non-scoring Neuville dropping from first to third, 12 points behind Sébastien Ogier and two from Ott Tänak. In the Manufacturers' championship, Hyundai Motorsport continues to lead the way by 29 points.
- Hyundai Motorsport tested on gravel in Sardinia in mid-May in preparation for Rally de Portugal and Rally Italia Sardegna with Dani Sordo and Thierry Neuville each spending one day behind the wheel of the i20 Coupe WRC.
- BRC Hyundai N Squadra Corse driver Norbert Michelisz was three times on the WTCR – FIA World Touring Car Cup podium in May with a double in Slovakia and a single top-three in The Netherlands. Nicky Catsburg, part of the BRC Hyundai N LUKOIL Racing Team line-up, was also on form in Slovakia in his Hyundai i30 N TCR, with a brace of pole positions.
- The Hyundai i30 N TCR was the car to beat when TCR Asia and TCR China joined forces at Zhuhai during the first weekend of May. After beating Pepe Oriola in a Hyundai i30 N TCR 1-2 in Race 1, Luca Engstler headed Diego Moran and Daniel Miranda in a i30 TCR podium lockout in Race 2.
- Armindo Araújo kept his hopes of a second consecutive Portuguese championship title alive with second place on Rali de Mortágua at the start of May in his Team Hyundai Portugal-entered i20 R5.
- Former title winner Iván Ares beat fellow Hyundai i20 R5 driver José Suárez by 6.8s to win Rally Villa de Adeje, the third event of the Spanish championship. Ares was also on form on Rally Islas Canarias the previous weekend with second place among the domestic crews and sixth in the FIA European Rally Championship ranking.
- Rok Turk's switch to a Hyundai i20 R5 for 2019 continues to pay dividends after he won Croatia-based Rally Opatija, part of the FIA CEZ and Mitropa schedules.



# 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!"

**110:** Neuville has made his 2019 title ambitions clear with victory in Corsica and Argentina, plus podium finishes in Monte Carlo and Sweden, helping him to amass 110 points in the Drivers' championship.

**49:** Sébastien Loeb's third place on Rally Chile means Hyundai Motorsport has now scored 49 WRC podiums since 2014. In Argentina, Neuville and Mikkelsen took Hyundai's third 1-2 result as well as its 11th double podium and its 12th win in total.

**5.2:** Hyundai Motorsport has fans 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 72,200 followers on Twitter and more than 215,900 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 de Portugal. 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 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 017)



#### THIERRY NEUVILLE

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

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

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 103

**WRC wins:** 11

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 11 (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 Rallye 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 has won in Argentina and Corsica so far this year, and also made the podium in Monte Carlo and Sweden.

#### RALLY DE PORTUGAL RECORD:

Starts: 8, 2018 result: 1, Best result: 1



@thierryneuville



/thierryneuvilleofficial



#### NICOLAS GILSOUL

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

**Place of birth:** Chênée, Belgium

**Nationality:** Belgian

**WRC starts:** 99

**WRC wins:** 11

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 DE PORTUGAL RECORD:

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



@nicolasgilsoul



/nicolas.gilsoul

# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Dani Sordo and Carlos del Barrio

### #6 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 015)



**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 DE PORTUGAL RECORD:**

Starts: 10, 2018 result: 4, Best result: 3



@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 DE PORTUGAL RECORD:**

Starts: 6, 2018 result: 4, Best result: 4



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# HYUNDAI HEROES

## Sébastien Loeb and Daniel Elena

### #19 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC (chassis 012)



#### SÉBASTIEN LOEB

**Date of birth:** February 26, 1974

**Place of birth:** Haguenau, France

**Nationality:** French

**WRC starts:** 176

**WRC wins:** 79

Twenty years after he burst onto the world stage in Spain, rallying's most successful driver returns to the sport's top flight for a multi-event campaign with Hyundai Motorsport, only the third car make he's represented in the WRC. Loeb secured his first podium finish as a Hyundai Motorsport driver with third place on Rally Chile, adding to the 79 wins and 118 podiums scored during his career so far. He's demonstrated impressive versatility over the years too, winning in the World Touring Car and World Rallycross championships. He was competitive in two appearances in the Le Mans 24 Hours - finishing second in 2006 - in Formula One tests with Renault and Red Bull, and brought his considerable ability to the Dakar Rally and Pikes Peak Hillclimb, where he broke the course record in 2013 by 1m30s. Loeb has transferred his talents to team management, with the eponymous team he co-owns winning in several disciplines.

#### RALLY DE PORTUGAL RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



@SébastienLoeb



/SebLoebOfficial



#### DANIEL ELENA

**Date of birth:** October 26, 1972

**Place of birth:** Monte Carlo, Monaco

**Nationality:** Monegasque

**WRC starts:** 176

**WRC wins:** 79

Loeb's wingman since 1997, four years after he first began competing, Elena has also tried driving for size. Indeed, he began 1997 behind the wheel on Rallye Monte-Carlo but crashed out. He had another go 12 months later and finished second in class, but his partnership with Loeb was already in full swing by then and driving was put firmly on the backburner. The Loeb/Elena alliance soon flourished and would be the stuff of legend by the time Loeb stopped rallying full-time at the end of 2012. While Loeb then raced in the WTCC and WRX, Elena has remained 'rally fit' by competing sporadically both driving and navigating.

#### RALLY DE PORTUGAL RECORD:

Starts: 5, 2018 result: -, Best result: 1



@DanosElena



/DanielElenaOfficial

# PLACE NOTES

with Carlos del Barrio

*Carlos del Barrio made his Rally de Portugal debut 25 years ago. He's back this year to partner Dani Sordo. These are his Place Notes.*



It's been 25 years since my first Rally Portugal and I still look back to 1994 with great fondness although, actually, I visited the rally for the first time two years earlier, but just as a spectator.

In 1992 I had the chance to see many of the stages and the World Rally Cars of the time sliding with gravel specification on very old tarmac, sometimes cobbled stones. It was amazing and I have many good memories.

Rally Portugal is now a gravel event but it used to be mixed surface and it was much longer. In 1994, we started in Estoril and then moved north for 10 or 12 different stages on tarmac. And then we did three full legs completely on gravel.

Back then, the rally started at 7am on Tuesday and finished at 11pm on Friday. It really was a massive event with so much support from the Portuguese fans, not just on the stages but on the road sections through villages. Children would not go to class so they could watch the rally passing by their schools.

Although the format is different now, we still get a lot of support, not just from the Portuguese people but from the Spanish as well because there are many fans coming from Spain. It's only a one-hour drive for some of them and it's quite easy to get to the rally. It's a good combination because we have followers not just in Spain but also in Portugal.

We did Rali Serras de Fafe in February. For sure we went there to get on the pace again on gravel before Rally Mexico after a long winter and we wanted to show the potential of the Hyundai i20 R5 for the Customer Racing department. But it was also nice to experience the stages of Fafe that will be similar to this week's WRC event. And it was great to compete in front of so many fans, it was like a mini world championship rally.

It's true that together Dani and I have had a lot of misfortunes in Portugal, including last year when we were leading but finished fourth. Hopefully we can turn this around and get a good result this year. But in 1994, for what was actually my first event outside Spain, I won Group N and made eighth overall with Jesús Puras. I was 25 years old and it was a massive result. Then in 1996, when it was a round of the 2-litre world championship only, I won my class in fifth overall with Jesús.



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# HYUNDAI IS HERE... EM PORTUGAL

- In the past four years of activity, Hyundai Portugal has enjoyed very strong performance, finishing 2018 for the third time in a row as the top 20 brand with the biggest growth rate. Last year, sales grew by more than 30 per cent while the market registered 2.8 per cent, with Hyundai Portugal maintaining this record in the first quarter of 2019.
- With a sustained and renewed dealer network covering all territories, 2018 was marked by the launch of a large number of new models including the New Generation Hyundai Santa Fe, Hyundai Tucson and i20 Facelifts. The i30 family was completed with the i30 N and i30 Fastback, joining the i30 Hatchback and i30 Station Wagon (Family Car of the Year 2018). The launch of the electric version of the KAUAI earned Hyundai the Eco Car of the Year 2019 award, further strengthening the brand's position as a leader in eco-mobility.
- Hyundai Portugal has enjoyed a very strong start to 2019. The make registered a 41.5 per cent growth in the first four months and continues to lead the way in the light vehicles segment with the biggest market growth.
- Hyundai presents itself today as a strong brand with a renewed and extended range in which the design, quality of construction and use of technology stands out in a complete package that includes an exclusive five years unlimited mileage warranty, and great value for both business and private customers.
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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
	Round 5	Rally Argentina <a href="http://www.rallyargentina.com">www.rallyargentina.com</a>	April 25-28
	Round 6	Copec Rally Chile <a href="http://www.copecrallychile.com">www.copecrallychile.com</a>	May 09-12
	<b>Round 7</b>	<b>Vodafone Rally de Portugal</b> <a href="http://www.rallydeportugal.pt">www.rallydeportugal.pt</a>	<b>May 30 - June 02</b>
	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	1	2	-	6
Chile	Rtd	7	3	-
Portugal	-	-	-	-
Sardinia	-	-	-	-
Finland	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	-	-	-
Turkey	-	-	-	-
Great Britain	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-

FIA World Rally Championship 2019 standings  
(after round 6 of 14)

## DRIVERS

1 Sébastien Ogier (FRA) 122pts; 2 Ott Tänak (EST) 112; **3 Thierry Neuville (BEL) 110**; 4 Kris Meeke (GBR) 59; 5 Elfyn Evans (GBR) 55; **6 Sébastien Loeb (FRA) 39**; **7 Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) 36**; 8 Esapekka Lappi (FIN) 34; 9 Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) 32; 10 Teemu Suninen (FIN) 30; **11 Dani Sordo (ESP) 26**; etc.

## MANUFACTURERS

**1 Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team 178pts**; 2 Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team 149; 3 Citroën Total World Rally Team 143; 4 M-Sport Ford World Rally Team 100



# PORTUGAL MEANS

- Named 'Best Rally in the World' on five occasions, Rally de Portugal holds good memories for Hyundai Motorsport following Thierry Neuville and Nicolas Gilsoul's triumph last year. Based on fast and technical gravel roads around Matosinhos, near Porto, this year's event features a new ceremonial start in Coimbra on Thursday evening.
- There are changes to leg one as well, with the rally returning to the famous Arganil region on Friday for the first time since 2001. Two loops of three stages will be followed by a side-by-side superspecial stage at the Lousada rallycross circuit – guaranteed to attract a huge crowd.
- More than half the event's stage distance is covered on Saturday – totalling 160,70km. Once again there are two loops of three tests, this time in the Cabreira Mountains east of Matosinhos.
- Sunday's final leg remains unchanged from 2018, with the action based around the renowned Fafe test – acclaimed for its huge jumps and even bigger crowds. It's one of five tests run in the municipality on the day and counts as the final Power Stage.
- Automóvel Club de Portugal (ACP) ran the first TAP Rally in 1967, which was also a founding round of the World Rally Championship in 1973, before taking on its Rally de Portugal title in '75. Finn Markku Alén and Sébastien Ogier have both won the event five times.
- Heavy rain in 2001 resulted in the event being dropped from the calendar in favour of Rallye Deutschland, but Rally de Portugal made a welcome return as a WRC fixture in 2007 with the action based south in the warmer (and drier) Algarve region. It then returned to the north of the country in 2015.
- The first TAP Rally was won by Portuguese crew Carpinteiro Albino/Silva Pereira in a Renault 8 Gordini, while the first event to count as a round of the WRC was won by Jean-Luc Thérier/Jacques Jaubert in an Alpine Renault.

## Recent winners

2018	Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC
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2017	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Ford Fiesta WRC
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2016	Kris Meeke/Paul Nagle	Citroën DS3 WRC
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2015	Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
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2014	Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia	Volkswagen Polo R WRC
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# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY ONE: Friday May 31, 2019

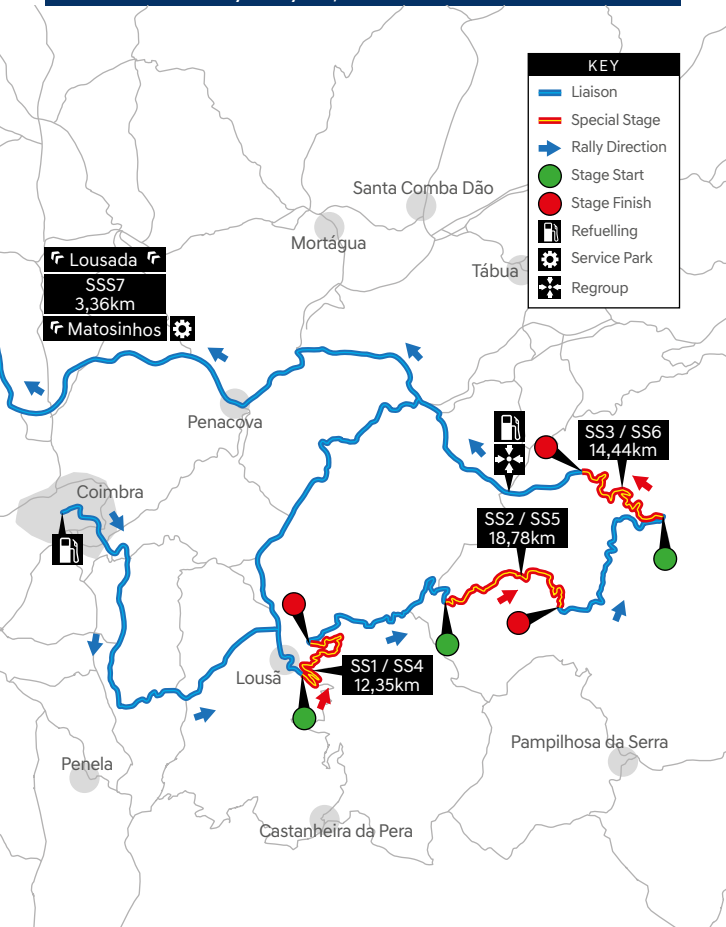
Start – Coimbra		08h30
Tyre Fitting Zone Coimbra In	0h15	08h35
SS1 Lousã 1	12,35km	09h48
SS2 Góls 1	18,78km	10h32
SS3 Arganil 1	14,44km	11h20
Regroup and Technical Zone Arganil In	0h45	11h48
Tyre Fitting Zone Arganil In	0h15	12h33
SS4 Lousã 2	12,35km	13h51
SS5 Góls 2	18,78km	14h35
SS6 Arganil 2	14,44km	15h23
SS7 Lousada (SSS)	3,36km	19h03
Technical Zone Exponor In	0h10	20h00
Flexi-Service A – Exponor In	0h49	20h10
Parc Fermé – Exponor In	No later than	00h00

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	94,50km
Liaison distance:	435,44km
Total distance:	529,94km



**DAY ONE: Friday May 31, 2019**





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY TWO: Saturday June 01, 2019

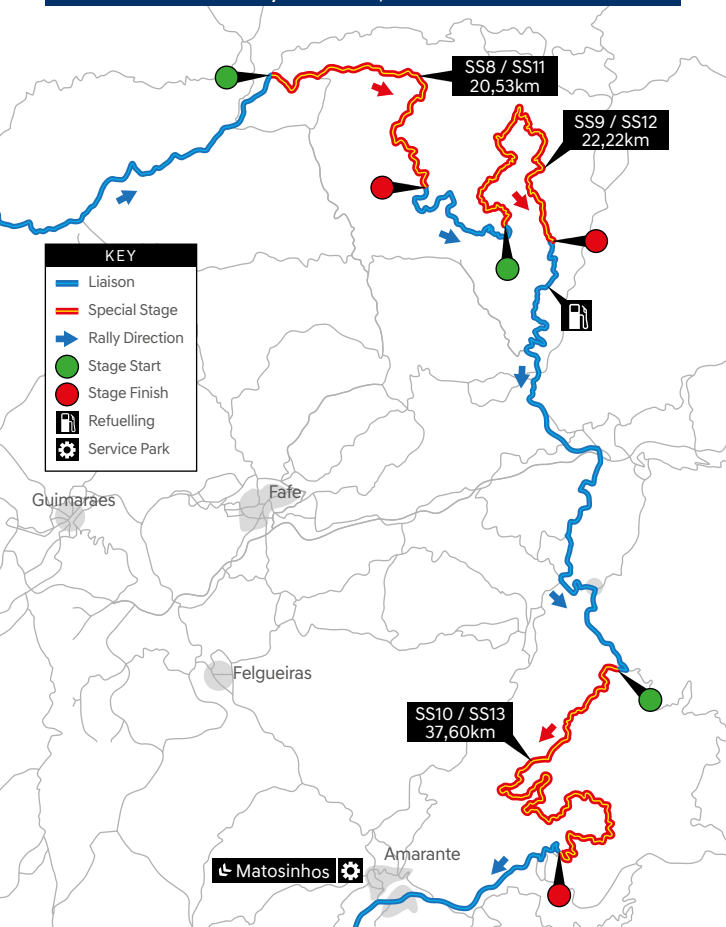
Service B – Exponor In	0h19	06h45
SS8 Vieira do Minho 1	20,53km	08h38
SS9 Cabeceiras de Basto 1	22,22km	09h31
SS10 Amarante 1	37,60km	10h47
Regroup and Technical Zone Exponor In	0h15	12h35
Service C – Exponor In	0h44	12h50
SS11 Vieira do Minho 2	20,53km	15h08
SS12 Cabeceiras de Basto 2	22,22km	16h01
SS13 Amarante 2	37,60km	17h17
Technical Zone Exponor In	0h10	19h05
Flexi-Service D – Exponor In	0h49	19h15
Parc Fermé – Exponor In	No later than	00h00

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	160,70km
Liaison distance:	462,16km
Total distance:	622,86km



**DAY TWO: Saturday June 01, 2019**





# EVENT ITINERARY\*

## DAY THREE: Sunday June 02, 2019

Service E – Exponor In	0h19	06h50
SS16 Montim 1	8,76km	08h25
SS17 Fafe 1	11,18km	09h08
SS18 Luíhas	11,89km	09h49
SS19 Montim 2	8,76km	10h35
Regroup Fafe In	1h00	10h55
SS20 Fafe 2 (Power Stage)	11,18km	12h18
Technical Zone Exponor In	0h03	13h47
Service F – Exponor In	0h14	13h50
Finish – Matosinhos In		14h20

## DAY TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	51,77km
Liaison distance:	224,62km
Total distance:	276,39km

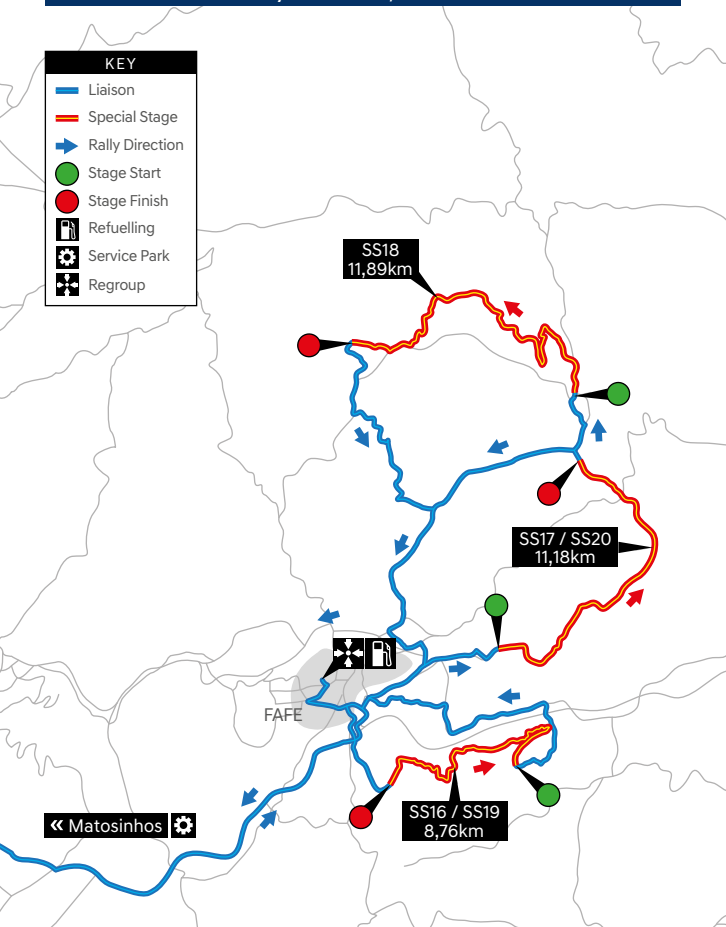
## RALLY DE PORTUGAL TOTALS:

Special stage distance:	306,97km
Liaison distance:	1122,22km
Total distance:	1429,19km



**DAY THREE: Sunday June 02, 2019**

KEY	
	Liaison
	Special Stage
	Rally Direction
	Stage Start
	Stage Finish
	Refuelling
	Service Park
	Regroup





# LEADING ENTRIES\*

1	Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA)	Citroën C3 WRC
8	Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST)	Toyota Yaris WRC
<b>11</b>	<b>Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
5	Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR)	Toyota Yaris WRC
33	Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC
<b>19</b>	<b>Sébastien Loeb (FRA) / Daniel Elena (MCO)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
4	Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN)	Citroën C3 WRC
10	Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN)	Toyota Yaris WRC
3	Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Marko Salminen (FIN)	Ford Fiesta WRC
<b>6</b>	<b>Dani Sordo (ESP) / Carlos del Barrio (ESP)</b>	<b>Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC</b>
44	Gus Greensmith (GBR) / Elliott Edmondson (GBR)	Ford Fiesta WRC



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## TEAM MEDIA FUNCTIONS DURING RALLY DE PORTUGAL:

### Media Lounge:

18h30-19h15, Wednesday May 29, Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team Hospitality Unit, Service Park, Exponor, Matosinhos

## OTHER EVENTS DURING RALLY DE PORTUGAL:

### Shakedown:

08h00-13h30, Thursday May 30, Paredes Baltar (4,60km)

### Pre-event FIA press conference:

13h00, Thursday May 30, Exponor

### Rally start:

19h00, Thursday May 30, Coimbra

### Podium ceremony and prize-giving:

15h45, Sunday June 2, Matosinhos

### Post-event FIA press conference:

16h30, Sunday June 2, Media Centre, Exponor





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