



Rally Guide

Rally Barbados 2025

FEBRUARY 2025





Welcome

Rally Barbados here we come!

If you're reading this, chances are you've decided to enter our event and my heartfelt thanks to everyone that has registered an entry. If you're traveling to Barbados - pack the sunscreen, a few t-shirts, some shorts and a sense of fun. **There is only one Rally Barbados** and our island is a pretty unique place to go rallying.

We're well advanced with our planning for this year's event. It promises some new challenges and a few from the past - which we're pretty excited about.

You can expect another Friday night start with three stages held at two venues. Saturday and Sunday feature another 19 stages spread over the two days all to be held in daylight. The island will again play host to stages in a number of parishes and we will be at a different venue for First Citizens King of the Hill in 2025.

Rallying in Barbados experienced real growth during 2024 and the Barbados Rally Club continues to work with the Barbados Motoring Federation and other local motoring organisations to continue to ensure our sport is sustainable and safe.

This event is a large collection of moving parts kept in motion by a huge team of people that give freely of their time and energy. Our incredible organising team of officials, marshals, timing crew, stewards, medical professionals, security and emergency personnel that really do work tirelessly to ensure that we run a safe and enjoyable event for the competitors, the fans and our sponsors. Thanks in advance to the residents and travelling public for their patience and understanding, and of course the spectators, competitors and visitors - local, regional or international - who are such a large part of making this event what it is.

We are so pleased to be joined again by BCIC our title sponsors, who came on board last year and will hopefully be with us for many years to come. We're grateful for ALL of our partnerships but our continued collaboration with the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc is worthy of special mention.

We're very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to the island and once again executing a safe, professionally run rally. The organising team is a fairly accommodating bunch and Bajans are naturally welcoming so please feel free to ask if there's anything we can help with.

Hope to see you at the Welcome Party on May 23rd!

Neil Barnard
Rally Director







Key Dates & Contacts

Schedule of Events Overview

Entries Close		Friday, March 7
Entry Fee payment deadline		Monday, April 7
Deadline for delivery of cars to Portsmouth for shipping from UK		Wednesday, April 30*
Estimated departure from Portsmouth, UK		Sunday, May 4*
Supplementary Regulations Published		Friday, May 2
Road Book Published Online		Friday, May 2
Media Launch		Thursday, May 8
Road Books available from Motorsport Services		Friday, May 9
Rally Office & Rally Central Opens		Monday, May 19
Rally Barbados Welcome Party	6:30pm	Friday, May 23
The Auto & Rally Show -	2:00pm	Saturday, May 24
King of the Hill -	11:00am	Sunday, May 25
Rally Barbados Competitors Briefing	7:00pm	Wednesday, May 28
Rally Barbados (Day 1) -	7:00pm	Friday, May 30
Rally Barbados (Day 2) -	10:00am	Saturday, May 31
Rally Barbados (Day 3) -	9:00am	Sunday, June 1
Rally Barbados Prizegiving -	4:00pm	Monday, June 2

The week between KotH and RB25 will be an opportunity to work on cars and recce the route

* Estimated date. To be confirmed

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Key Information

Entry Fees*

- the entry fee is US\$4,750.00
 - this includes:
 - entry fees and third party insurance for King of the Hill, RB25 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
 - secure storage and workshop space at Rally Central
 - RallySafe unit rental
 - all competitors must complete the on-line entry form
 - drivers who have participated in Rally Barbados more than three times will receive an additional discount of US\$900.00 reducing the entry fee to US\$3,850.00
 - local entry fee - BDS\$1,950.00
- * as exchange rates vary, please check your local currency against the US\$ figure throughout this document*

Shipping for Overseas Entrants (Europe)

- the **Geest Line** is our Official Shipping Partner, from Portsmouth to Barbados return
 - Estimated Departure from Portsmouth - May 4 2025*
 - Estimated Arrival at Bridgetown - May 13 2025*
 - Cars are to be delivered to Portsmouth NO LATER than - April 30 2025*
- 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
- please note that all vehicles consigned to the Barbados Rally Club to compete in RB25 must leave the island on the scheduled return shipping date. Any alternative arrangements must be made with the importer - The Barbados Rally Club

** shipping dates are subject to change*

Rally Central

- the Rally Office manages brokerage in Barbados and arranges immediate carriage from the Bridgetown Port to 'Rally Central'
- '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



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Fuel

- apart from locally-available pump fuel, the following racing fuels are on the Approved Fuel List and available locally:
- VP MS109 BDS\$300 per 5 gallon*
- VP C9 BDS\$275 per 5 gallon*

Email address for orders is vpfuelsales@gmail.com or jcronney@cemtile.com. Jeremy Cronney - Tel: (246) 826-2195

**Prices are subject to change*

- Avgas is also on the Approved Fuel List and available. Please contact the Barbados Rally Club for more info
- 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 RB25, 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
R5/WRC: 210-230 litres

Insurance

Rally Barbados

Rally Competition third party insurance, purchased through the BRC, is obligatory for all competitors and is included in the entry fee for King of the Hill and Rally Barbados. Competitors are required to obtain this insurance in order to compete, however they may also seek more comprehensive insurance (own damage cover), if available to them, from their own insurer. The rally competition insurance is in two parts:

- a) Competition Road Traffic Act (RTA Third Party) insurance is in effect from the time the vehicle arrives at Arrival Control at the Service Park, throughout the day's competition, including while on the open public road during transits, up until the time that the competitor leaves the location of the finish/Service Park when the competitor is no longer under the control of the organisers. The RTA Limit of Indemnity for personal injury and death is BDS\$30 million limited to BDS\$10 million per person.
- b) Public Liability Third Party insurance is in effect during the time the vehicle has entered the 'Closed Road' for the Special Stage until the vehicle has left the 'Closed Road' and is again in transit. The Limit of Liability is BDS\$3 million Any one Occurrence. Please note that should you cause damage to other (Third Party) property during a Special Stage, the driver is required to pay the first BDS\$1,000.00 of any claim admitted by the insurers.

International entrants are also required to obtain road insurance (non-competition) and must do this before driving their vehicles on the public roads. The BRC will arrange this Road Traffic Act third party 30-day Cover Note (the premium is also included in the entry fee for International entrants) and provide the documentation. The Cover/Limit of Indemnity is the same as stated for a) above.

King of the Hill

The insurance arrangement for the 'Closed Roads' in KotH is the same as for the 'Closed Roads' in Rally Barbados ie Public Liability (see b) above). Please Note: when the vehicle is not on a 'Closed Road' in the Speed Event, such as when returning to the Start for the next run or when going to, from or while in the Service Area, your normal Road Traffic Act (RTA) insurance will apply during that time.

- John Sealy, Insurance Manager, Barbados Motoring Federation



Key Information

Licences and Safety Equipment

- for UK competitors, the minimum Motorsport UK licence requirement is either **RS National – Stage Rally** or **RS National – Stage Rally Navigator Only**. For Irish competitors the minimum license requirement is **National A**
- the BRC's vehicle classifications (2025-2027) can be found under Regulations in the draw-down under the Competitor tab on the web site – www.rallybarbados.net
- HANS devices are mandatory
- 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. Please check with Rally Office if interested

Car Rental

Stoute's Car Rental Ltd is our Official Vehicle Rental Partner

- Stoutes Car Rentals is offering discounts on online bookings made at www.stoutescar.com. The discount booking code is **RB25** and this applies to competitors entered in the event and their crews or family members.

Hospitality

Official Hospitality

There will be limited number of tickets available for purchase to competitors and team supporters in the official Rally Barbados hospitality enclosure for both KotH and on the Sunday of Rally Barbados. More info to come.

Bushy Park

Bushy Park Circuit Inc would like to extend an offer to the competitors of Rally Barbados for the rental of a corporate suite for the Rally. As the servicing for the start and service for one day of the rally will be at Bushy Park this will allow the competitors to have a secure base during those competitive periods.

Price to competitors is BDS \$1,750 VAT inclusive for a basic furnished (chairs and tables) corporate suite for the Rally Barbados period. They can also offer a day rate for the box if persons wish to only use it on specific days and this would be BDS \$450 per day unfurnished or BDS \$550 furnished.

If anyone would like to book a suite for Rally Barbados, please email info@bushyparkbarbados.com and they will organise everything for you.



Schedule of Events

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Friday, May 23

The Welcome Party at Savvy on The Bay

6.30pm

- Barbados Rally Club hosted event
 - All competitors and team supporters are welcome
 - pay bar & food available for sale
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Saturday, May 24

The Auto & Rally Show at Bushy Park Barbados

2.00pm to approx 6.00pm

- ALL entrants' competition vehicles must be present at this event as it 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
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Sunday, May 25

King of the Hill

11.00am to approx 5.00pm

- a tarmac course approximately 4 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
 - four official timed runs
 - the results are the basis for the seeding of RB25
 - initially, competitors are seeded in 'reverse' order, from Clubman up to WRC; after the second official timed run - if time allows, the top 10 may 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
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Wednesday, May 28

7.00pm - RB25 Briefing Meeting

- Venue - Savvy on The Bay
- attendance at the Briefing Meeting is for drivers and co-drivers only
- there will be a formal introduction to key officials, plus a Q & A session



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Wednesday, May 28 & Thursday, May 29

- 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 and no speeding
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Friday, May 30

RB25 - day 1

- start at approx 7.00pm - provisionally, three stages at two venues one of which will be a floodlit circuit-based venue
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Saturday, May 31

RB25 - day 2

- start at approx 10.00am - provisionally, nine stages at three venues
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Sunday, June 1

RB25 - day 3

- start at approx 9.00am - provisionally, 10 stages at four venues
 - approx total RB25 stage distance - 130km
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Monday, June 2

4.00pm – RB25 Prizegiving

- The Boatyard, Bay Street, St Michael
- the Presentations will take place at approx 5.00pm
- pay bar & food available (except during the presentations)

- *the information in this document is subject to change*





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