



MAYA CLASSIC

RALLY

FEB 24- MAR 26, 2027 |
30 DAY TOURING RALLY



PANAMA to New ORLEANS

PANAMA - COSTA RICA - NICARAGUA - HONDURAS - GUATEMALA - BELIZE - MEXICO - USA



8 COUNTRIES IN 30 DAYS...

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND





Join us

Back by popular demand for 2027 is the Maya Classic Rally which takes in eight countries in the space of 30 days but includes plenty of time to see the great Mayan monuments as well as enjoy the road, the countries and the people.

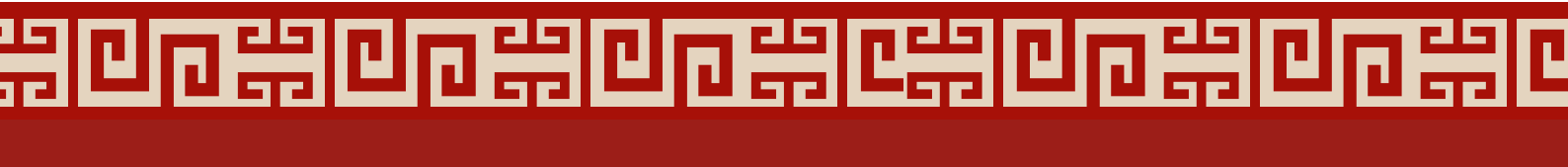
Join us on this superb journey across Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Mexico and the USA in February/March 2027.

For vintage and classic cars it offers great roads, superb scenery, history, Mayan archaeological sites, rainforests, volcanoes, Spanish colonial towns, classic hotels, wonderful people, unique flora and fauna, authentic and unspoiled locations. From the famous Panama Canal we go from one great sight to another on the roads less travelled, visit towns not on the tourist routes and meet people who will love to see your classic car.

It's a truly remarkable journey which is open to anyone with a car dated pre-1990 - we will take more recent cars if they are true classics. Please call us now to reserve your place.

Please note that we can only take Left Hand Drive cars.





Our Itinerary

Day	Date	From/To	From/To	Kms	Hotel
1	Feb 24	Panama City			Intercontinental
2	Feb 25	Panama City			Intercontinental
3	Feb 26	Panama City	Boquete	480	Valle Escondido
4	Feb 27	Boquete	Puerto Viejo	249	Caribblue
5	Feb 28	Puerto Viejo	La Fortuna	310	Tabacon
6	Mar 01	La Fortuna	Day off	-	Tabacon
7	Mar 02	La Fortuna	Granada	313	Hotel Granada
8	Mar 03	Granada	Day off	-	Hotel Granada
9	Mar 04	Granada	Tegucigalpa	400	Hotel Real Intercontinental
10	Mar 05	Tegucigalpa	Copan	406	Clarion Hotel
11	Mar 06	Copan	Antigua	268	The Casa Santo Domingo
12	Mar 07	Antigua	Day off	-	The Casa Santo Domingo
13	Mar 08	Antigua	Flores	529	Las Lagunas
14	Mar 09	Flores	Day off	-	Las Lagunas
15	Mar 10	Flores	Belize City	286	Radisson Hotel
16	Mar 11	Belize City	Tulum	397	Kore Tulum
17	Mar 12	Tulum	Day off	-	Kore Tulum
18	Mar 13	Tulum	Chichen Itza	151	Hotel Chichen & Yaxkin Spa
19	Mar 14	Chichen Itza	Campeche	323	Hotel Puerto Campeche
20	Mar 15	Campeche	Palenque	377	Hotel Mercedes
21	Mar 16	Palenque	Day off	-	Hotel Mercedes
22	Mar 17	Palenque	Tuxtepec	550	Hotel de la Meson de la Chinantla
23	Mar 18	Tuxtepec	Puebla	385	Quinta Real
24	Mar 19	Puebla	Day off	-	Quinta Real
25	Mar 20	Puebla	Mineral de Pozos	404	Posada de las Minas
26	Mar 21	Mineral de Pozos	Saltillo	570	Quinta Real
27	Mar 22	Saltillo	Alice Texas	323	Hampton Inn
28	Mar 23	Alice Tx	Port Arthur	545	Holiday Inn
29	Mar 24	Port Arthur	New Orleans	465	Hotel Monteleone
30	Mar 25	New Orleans	New Orleans	-	Hotel Monteleone
31	Mar 26	New Orleans	Depart	-	
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The Route

Starting in Panama we head north through the less populated regions of the country, spending our first night in the bowl of a defunct volcano at Boquete which reputedly has one of the healthiest climates in the world. Travelling through the quiet countryside we reach our first border where we cross into Costa Rica before stopping in Puerto Viejo on the Caribbean coastline.

The next day is a superb drive through the mountains to the fantastic resort of La Fortuna where you can bathe in the hot volcanic waters of the Arenal volcano. We have a free day to try the zip wire experience, go on a search for Sloths and red eyed frogs, visit a butterfly farm and local restaurants – or just enjoy the hot springs.

Driving around Arenal dam we head for the border and Nicaragua where we see more volcanoes in the near distance, great lakes and fantastic countryside. It's a brief two days stay in Nicaragua before we drive to Honduras and the oddly named capital, Tegucigalpa. The next day we get our first sight of some of the great Mayan ruins at Copan, one of the most southerly fingers of the Mayan empire.

It's Antigua in Guatemala after that, one of the great stop-overs of the event. Here we stay in the Casa Santo Domingo with its own museum and ruins. The town is preserved in aspic with some of the most interesting scenery on the trip.





Driving north we head for Flores where there are the Tikal Mayan ruins. On this day the lush greenery makes a welcome change from the parched central plains.

From Tikal we head for another border where we cross into Belize and stay in Belize City.

Crossing into Mexico the next day is one of the more straightforward borders with good roads and a great destination in Tulum. Also home to its own beautiful Mayan ruins.

Following that, we drive to the world famous town of Chichen-Itza where we see some of the best preserved Mayan ruins. From there it's an easy drive to Campeche before a great dash through the Yucatan to Palenque where there is one of the most original sets of ruins on the journey.

After that we drive to San Juan Bautista Tuxtepec on the way to Puebla, a fantastic old colonial town in the heart of Mexico.

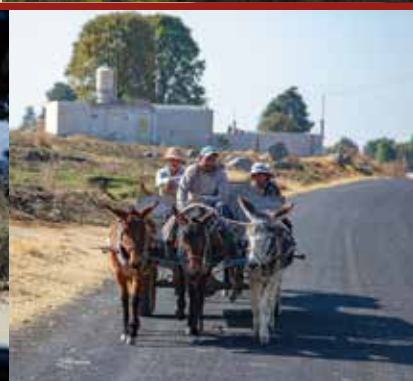
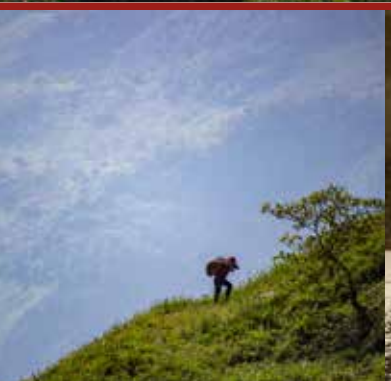
Heading north we drive to Mineral de Pozas, once a gold and silver mining centre. From here we drive to Saltillo before crossing the border into the USA, where we stop at Alice, Port Arthur and finally the great New Orleans.

FEB 24 & 25 - PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

Panama City was the launch pad for the expeditions that conquered the Inca empire in Peru and was the main port for the export of the gold and silver. It is also the start point of the Maya Rally 2027. We include a visit to the amazing Miraflores canal locks.

FEB 26 - PANAMA TO BOQUETE, PANAMA

Our first day on the road is to Boquete which in Spanish means 'gap or opening'. It was through this volcano bowl that curious gold seekers trekked looking for a quicker way to the Pacific. We stop here on our way to Costa Rica





FEB 27 – BOQUETE TO PUERTO VIEJO, COSTA RICA

After we cross the border into Costa Rica our first stop is on the coast at Puerto Viejo. Without any doubt, the most famous visitor that arrived at this piece of paradise was Christopher Columbus. A peace loving country, Costa Rica has no army.

FEB 28 & MAR 1 – PUERTO VIEJO TO LA FORTUNA, COSTA RICA

La Fortuna, in the shadow of the towering Arenal Volcano is a major attraction in Costa Rica. From a volcano observation post to hot water springs - it has it all.

MARCH 2 & 3 – LA FORTUNA TO GRANADA, NICARAGUA

Granada drips with photogenic elegance, a picture postcard at every turn. With its cobbled streets and variety of churches it is truly a wonderful stop off.

MAR 4 – GRANADA TO TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa was founded by Spanish settlers in 1578 on the site of an existing native settlement. The city was a mining centre for silver and gold but has left its past behind. Now it's a bustling capital city.

MAR 5 & 6 – TEGUCIGALPA TO COPAN, HONDURAS

Copan, near to the Guatemalan border, is the site of a major Maya kingdom, Xukpi, which flourished from the 5th century AD to the early 9th century. We have time to enjoy the ruins.

MAR 7 & 8 – COPAN TO ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA

Antigua was founded in the early 16th century. Built 1,500 m above sea-level it was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1773 but its principal monuments are still preserved as ruins. Beautiful stop over.





MAR 9 – ANTIGUA TO FLORES, GUATEMALA

Flores is the nearest town to Tikal, a Mayan city of great power and size, - the largest during the 'Classic Era' over 1000 years ago. Many beautiful buildings have been uncovered and many more wait to be discovered. An extraordinary site.

MAR 10 – FLORES TO BELIZE CITY, BELIZE

Belize, formerly British Honduras, is the only country in Central America without a coastline on the Pacific Ocean and the only one in the region with English as its official language. Here also is arguably the best preserved coral reef in the world.

MAR 11 & 12 – BELIZE CITY TO TULUM, MEXICO

Tulum's spectacular coastline – with all its bright white icing sugar sands, jade-green water, balmy breezes and bright sun – makes it one of the top beaches in Mexico. We visit Xcaret from here

MAR 13 – TULUM TO CHICHEN-ITZA, MEXICO

Chichen-Itza is one of the most famous and visited Mayan sites in Central America. Having some of the finest and best preserved ruins it is a must see on the Maya Rally.

MAR 14 – CHICHEN-ITZA TO CAMPECHE, MEXICO

Campeche was discovered by the Spanish in 1517. The name of Campeche comes from the Mayan word Ah Kim Pech, which means The Place of Boa Serpent.

MAR 15 & 16 – CAMPECHE TO PALENQUE, MEXICO

The site of Palenque had been abandoned by the Maya people for several centuries when the Spanish explorers arrived in the 16th century. A great stop off with unique architecture.





**MAR 17 – PALENQUE TO SAN JUAN
BAUTISTA TUXTEPEC, MEXICO**

San Juan Bautista Tuxtepec, literally “on the hill of rabbits” in the local language is a convenient and photogenic stop on our way to Mexico City.

MAR 18 & 19 – TUXTEPEC TO PUEBLA, MEXICO

A stunning and well preserved colonial town. The hotel is magnificent and the local architecture spectacular.

**MAR 20 – PUEBLA TO MINERAL
DE POZOS, MEXICO**

Originally a gold and silver mining town it has preserved its character with colonial houses, cobbled streets and flamboyant festivals.

**MAR 21 – MINERAL DE POZOS
TO SALTILLO, MEXICO**

It grew to prominence in the 19th century and now has a diverse modern manufacturing economy. Interior designers know Saltillo for its famous thick, lightly glazed, earthen ceramic floor tiles, and the brightly coloured shawls known locally as assarapes.

MAR 22 – SALTILLO TO ALICE, TEXAS, USA

So good they named it three times! It started life as Bandana, then became Kleberg and finally Alice after the daughter of a famous rancher.

MAR 23 – ALICE TO PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, USA

Conceived as a resort centre it has become a major port on the south coast of the USA.

**MAR 24 & 25 – PORT ARTHUR
TO NEW ORLEANS, USA**

Needs no introduction. We stay at one of the top hotels in the French Quarter, just one block away from Bourbon Street. A truly perfect place to end a great adventure.





WHAT'S INCLUDED

Entry includes 2 people in one car
32 days accommodation on a twin room basis
(Single rooms and upgrades may be available with supplements)
Great hotels
Breakfast
Rest days
Most evening meals
Tracker on each car
An incredible journey
Astonishing Mayan ruins
Help through the borders
Our experienced team
Mechanical support
Rally regalia
GPS and Roadbook
Photographer
Rally Plates
Adventure

HOTELS

By charting our way via the various Mayan sites we have discovered excellent accommodation along the way. Hotel and breakfast every day plus most evening meals are included.

THE BACK-UP

We provide mechanical back-up and will be taking a medic for those little ailments.

THE ROADS

It is virtually all tarmac so is suitable for all types of vehicles. There are speedbumps so a good ground clearance is preferable.

THE CLIMATE

It goes without saying that although we are going at the best time of year, it is still a hot and sticky environment and you should expect some rain from time to time. In the hills of course it will be cooler and less humid while on the coast expect it to be hot and dry.

HOW TO ENTER

Entry Fee: (2 people per car) £34,850 Early Bird entry. Please see full T&Cs including cancellation and refund policies on our website - <https://bespokerallies.com/terms-and-conditions/>

If you need more information don't hesitate to get in touch.

Interested? Call us now to reserve your place.

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or download an entry form by scanning the QR code below.



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