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2019 MICHELIN

WRC FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

CORSICA LINEA TOUR DE CORSE 2019

MARCH 28»31

PORTO-VECCHIO / BASTIA / CALVI

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62nd RUNNING

Organised by the FFSA
(Fédération Française du Sport Automobile)

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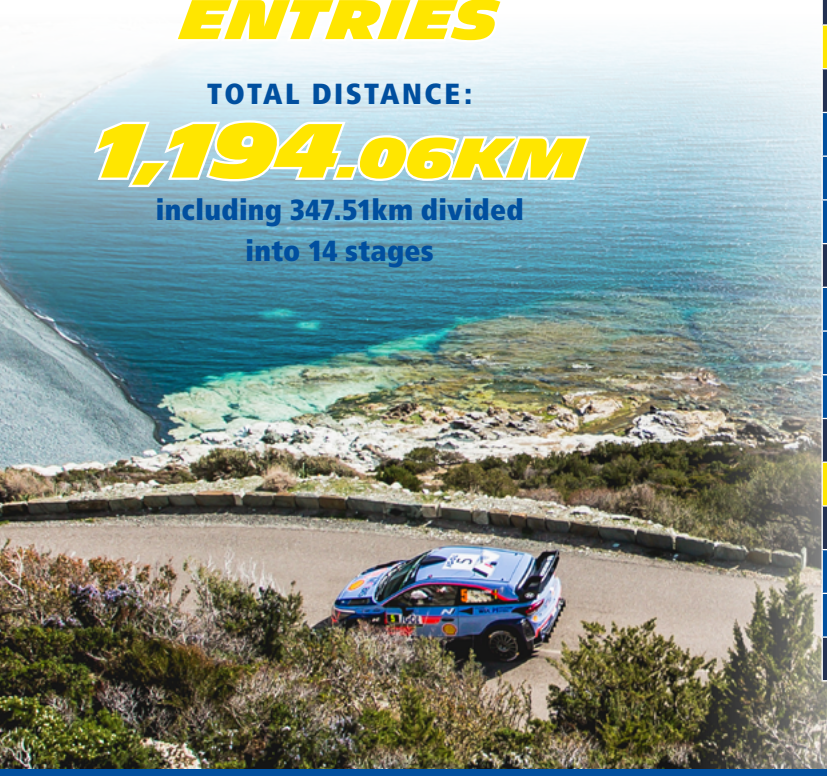
ROUND 4: 2019 FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

96 ENTRIES

TOTAL DISTANCE:

1,194.06KM

including 347.51km divided into 14 stages



TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28		
9:00am		Shakedown (5.39km)
7:00pm		Start ceremony, Porto-Vecchio
FRIDAY, MARCH 29 (121.82KM)		
7:00am		Exit parc fermé, Porto-Vecchio
7:05am		Tyre Fitting Zone (TFZ), Porto-Vecchio (15 minutes)
8:29am	SS1	Bavella 1 (17.60km)
9:24am	SS2	Valinco 1 (25.94km)
10:32am	SS3	Alta-Rocca 1 (17.37km)
12:41pm		Tyre Fitting Zone (TFZ), Porto-Vecchio (15 minutes)
2:05pm	SS4	Bavella 2 (17.60km)
3:00pm	SS5	Valinco 2 (25.94km)
4:08pm	SS6	Alta-Rocca 2 (17.37km)
7:38pm		Service, Bastia (45 minutes)
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (174.50KM)		
6:05am		Service/Tyre Change, Bastia (15 minutes)
7:38am	SS7	Cap Corse 1 (25.62km)
9:08am	SS8	Désert des Agriates 1 (14.45km)
10:14am	SS9	Castagniccia 1 (47.18km)
12:32pm		Service/Tyre Change, Bastia (40 minutes)
2:38pm	SS10	Cap Corse 2 (25.62km)
4:08pm	SS11	Désert des Agriates 2 (14.45km)
5:14pm	SS12	Castagniccia 2 (47.18km)
6:34pm		Service, Bastia (45 minutes)
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 (51.19KM)		
8:10am		Service/Tyre Change, Bastia (15 minutes)
9:45am	SS13	Eaux de Zilia (31.85km)
12:18pm	SS14	Calvi (19.34km), Power Stage
3:00pm		Finish ceremony, Calvi

LOCAL TIME - SOURCE: WRC.COM - INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MICHELIN

"THE ASPHALT IS STILL VERY ABRASIVE IN PLACES"

ARNAUD RÉMY,
WRC Programme Manager, Michelin Motorsport

"The Tour de Corse is the first real asphalt round of the season and the 2019 event promises to be particularly interesting because it really does tour the island, with the start in Porto-Vecchio, an overnight in Bastia and the finish in Calvi. Corsica's roads are smoother than before, but the surface is still very abrasive in places and tyre life stands to play a big role again, especially on the Castagniccia stage which is the longest of the week [47.18km]. There's a great entry, too, with 96 crews. So it's going to be a big logistical challenge for our fitters."

MICHELIN'S TYRES FOR THE 2019 TOUR DE CORSE

WRC

MICHELIN PILOT SPORT

✓ Drivers may use up to 28 tyres from an allocation of 28 H5s, 20 S6s and 8 FW3s

WRC2

MICHELIN PILOT SPORT
RH3 (HARD), **RS** (SOFT) **ET FW3** (RAIN)

✓ Drivers may use up to 26 tyres from an allocation of 26 RH3s, 18 RSs and 8 FW3s

MICHELIN'S TOUR DE CORSE WINS (AS A WRC ROUND)

1973: Nicolas/Vial — Renault-Alpine A110 1800
1975: Darniche/Mahé — Lancia Stratos HF
1979: Darniche/Mahé — Lancia Stratos HF
1980: Therier/Vial — Porsche 911
1981: Darniche/Mahé — Lancia Stratos HF
1982: Ragnotti/Andrié — Renault 5 Turbo
1985: Ragnotti/Andrié — Renault 5 Maxi Turbo
1986: Saby/Fauchille — Peugeot 205 Turbo 16 E2
1987: Beguin/Lenne — BMW M3
1988: Auriol/Occelli — Ford Sierra RS Cosworth
1989: Auriol/Occelli — Lancia Delta Integrale
1990: Auriol/Occelli — Lancia Delta HF Integrale
1992: Auriol/Occelli — Lancia Delta HF Integrale
1993: Delecour/Grataloup — Ford Escort RS Cosworth
1994: Auriol/Occelli — Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD
1995: Auriol/Occelli — Toyota Celica GT/Four
1999: Bugalski/Chiaroni — Citroën Xsara Kit Car
2000: Panizzi/Panizzi — Peugeot 206WRC
2001: Puras/Marti — Citroën Xsara WRC
2002: Panizzi/Panizzi — Peugeot 206WRC (2001)
2004: Martin/Park — Ford Focus RS WRC
2005: Loeb/Elena — Citroën Xsara WRC
2015: Latvala/Anttila — Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2016: Ogier/Ingrassia — Volkswagen Polo R WRC
2017: Neuville/Gilsoul — Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC
2018: Ogier/Ingrassia — Ford Fiesta RS WRC

MICHELIN AND THE TOUR DE CORSE

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse 26 times with 11 different car makes since 1973

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse six times with Didier Auriol

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse with every type of transmission (rear-wheel drive, front-wheel drive, four-wheel drive)

Michelin has won the Tour de Corse with 12 different French drivers

In 2012, Sébastien Loeb and his Michelin tyres were fastest on all of the event's 12 stages

Michelin has scored 78 Tour de Corse podium placings since 1973

Michelin tyres have posted 496 fastest Tour de Corse stage times since 1973

Michelin tyres have won at least one stage on every Tour de Corse since 1973

MICHELIN

THE 2019 TOUR DE CORSE

GENERAL INFORMATION

First 'clear asphalt' round of the 2019 WRC

Starts in Porto-Vecchio / Finishes in Calvi

The route is 75-percent new compared with 2018

No opportunity to service on Day 1, only two TFZs (Tyre Fitting Zones)

Leg 3 visits Corsica's Balagne region for the first time since 1995

STAGES

Bavella (SS1/4) hasn't been used for 30 years

Valinco (SS2/5) has been shortened by 16km (at the finish) compared with 2015

Cap Corse (SS7/10) has been shortened by 10km (at the start) compared with 2018

Alta-Rocca (SS3/6), Castagniccia (SS9/12), Balagne (SS13) and Calvi (SS14) are new

Castagniccia (SS9/12) is this year's longest stage (47.18km)

The Power Stage (SS14) provides spectacular views over the Mediterranean

TOUR DE CORSE TRIVIA

The popular seaside resort Porto-Vecchio is Corsica's third biggest town

Calvi, in northwest Corsica, is another popular tourist destination (bay, beaches, citadel)

Corsica was conquered by the Kingdom of France 250 years ago in 1769

The island of Corsica is 164km from the French mainland, 83km from Italy and 12km from Sardinia

Corsica is the Mediterranean's fourth biggest island, after Sicily, Sardinia and Cyprus

The 2019 route visits several Corsican regions: Alta-Rocca, Cap Corse, Bagnaja, Balagne, Castagniccia, etc.

The Bavella stage passes close to the Bavella Needles which feature seven peaks that surpass 1,500 metres above sea level

MICHELIN GREEN GUIDE

Discover the delights of Corsica with the Guide Vert Corse Michelin and Guide Vert Week-end Corse Michelin

MICHELIN

THE 2018 TOUR DE CORSE

WINNERS:
Sébastien Ogier/ Julien Ingrassia
(Ford Fiesta RS WRC Michelin)

STAGE WINNERS:
Lappi (4), Ogier, Loeb and Tänak (3)

RALLY LEADER:
Ogier (SS1-SS12)

- ✓ *Ogier's third win of 2018 from four rounds*
- ✓ *An 'off' for Sébastien Loeb on SS2*
- ✓ *Fourth Corsica win for Ford/Michelin (all with different cars)*
- ✓ *Esapekka Lappi celebrated his first asphalt rally in a WRC car with the highest number of stage wins*

THE TOUR DE CORSE

The Tour de Corse is often referred to as the Rallye of 10,000 Corners

This is the 40th Tour de Corse to count towards the FIA World Rally Championship

The Tour de Corse did not count towards the WRC from 2009 to 2014

The inaugural Tour de Corse was won by Belgian lady driver Gilberte Thirion (Renault Dauphine)

Bernard Darniche and Didier Auriol hold the record for the highest number of Tour de Corse wins (6)

The fastest Tour de Corse in WRC history was won by Loeb in 2007 at an average speed of 98.28kph

Lancia has won the Tour de Corse 10 times

FLASHBACK

1999

IT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO THAT THE LATE PHILIPPE BUGALSKI STEERED HIS CITROËN XSARA KIT-CAR/ MICHELIN TO VICTORY AHEAD OF ALL THE WORLD RALLY CAR CONTENDERS. NO OTHER TWO-WHEEL DRIVE CAR HAS WON A WRC ROUND SINCE.

After his recent victory in Spain, Bugalski was favourite to win the 43rd Tour de Corse and he effectively won nine stages to beat Citroën team-mate Jesus Puras.

Between them, the two Michelin-equipped Citroën Xsara Kit-Cars were fastest on 13 of the event's 16 stages en route to an emphatic one-two finish in Ajaccio. It was the last victory to date of a two-wheel drive car in the World Rally Championship.

ENTRY LIST

CITROEN-TOTAL WRT — Citroën C3 WRC

#1
- **Sébastien Ogier** (FRA) — Race starts 139 - Wins 46 - Podiums 73
- **Julien Ingrassia** (FRA) — Race starts 139 - Wins 46 - Podiums 73

6 Champions 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

#4
- **Esapekka Lappi** (FIN) — Race starts 45 - Win 1 - Podiums 5
- **Janne Ferm** (FIN) — Race starts 45 - Win 1 - Podiums 5

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WRT — Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC

#11
- **Thierry Neuville** (BEL) — Race starts 100 - Wins 9 - Podiums 35
- **Nicolas Gilsoul** (BEL) — Race starts 96 - Wins 9 - Podiums 35

#6
- **Dani Sordo** (ESP) — Race starts 160 - Win 1 - Podiums 44
- **Carlos del Barrio** (ESP) — Race starts 86 - Win 1 - Podiums 9

#19
- **Sébastien Loeb** (FRA) — Départs 174 - Victoires 79 - Podiums 117
- **Daniel Elena** (MCO) — Départs 174 - Victoires 79 - Podiums 117

9 Champions 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT — Toyota Yaris WRC

#5
- **Kris Meeke** (GBR) — Race starts 94 - Wins 5 - Podiums 12
- **Sebastian Marshall** (GBR) — Race starts 50 - Wins 0 - Podiums 4

#8
- **Ott Tänak** (EST) — Race starts 95 - Wins 7 - Podiums 20
- **Martin Järveoja** (EST) — Race starts 66 - Wins 7 - Podiums 16

#10
- **Jari-Matti Latvala** (FIN) — Race starts 198 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65
- **Miikka Anttila** (FIN) — Race starts 209 - Wins 18 - Podiums 65

M-SPORT FORD WRT — Ford Fiesta RS WRC

#3
- **Teemu Suninen** (FIN) — Race starts 43 - Wins 0 - Podiums 1
- **Marko Salminen** (FIN) — Race starts 27 - Wins 0 - Podiums 0

#33
- **Elfyn Evans** (GBR) — Race starts 79 - Wins 1 - Podiums 8
- **Scott Martin** (GBR) — Race starts 123 - Wins 0 - Podiums 3

COMPLETE ENTRY LIST HERE

WRC DRIVERS' STANDINGS

		Monte-Carlo 24/01 > 27/01	Sweden 14/02 > 17/02	Mexico 7/03 > 10/03	France 28/03 > 31/03	Argentina 25/04 > 28/04	Chili 9/05 > 12/05	Portugal 30/05 > 02/06	Italy 7/06 > 10/06	Finland 26/07 > 29/07	Germany 16/08 > 19/08	Turkey 13/09 > 16/09	Great Britain 4/10 > 7/10	Spain 25/10 > 28/10	Australia 15/11 > 18/11	TOTAL
1	Ott TÄNAK	15 + 2 (3)	25 + 5 (1)	18 (2)												65
2	Sébastien OGIER	25 + 4 (1)	0 + 2 (11)	25 + 5 (1)												61
3	Thierry NEUVILLE	18 + 3 (2)	15 + 4 (3)	12 + 3 (4)												55
4	Kris MEEKE	8 + 5 (6)	8 (6)	10 + 4 (5)												35
5	Elfyn EVANS	0 (R)	10 + 3 (5)	15 (3)												28
6	Esapekka LAPPI	0 (R)	18 + 1 (2)	0 + 1 (13)												20
7	Sébastien LOEB	12 (4)	6 (7)	- (-)												18
8	Jari-Matti LATVALA	10 (5)	0 (21)	4 (8)												14
9	Andreas MIKKELSEN	0 (R)	12 (4)	0 (R)												12
10	Benito GUERRA	- (-)	- (-)	8 (6)												8
11	Gus GREENSMITH	6 (7)	- (-)	- (-)												6
12	Marco BULACIA WILKINSON	- (-)	- (-)	6 (7)												6

MANUFACTURERS

1	Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT	86 pts
2	Citroën Total WRT	78 pts
3	Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT	77 pts
4	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	45 pts

WRC2 PRO DRIVERS

1	Gus GREENSMITH	40 pts
2	Lukasz PIENIAZEK	37 pts
3	Kalle ROVANPERÄ	36 pts
4	Mads OSTBERG	25 pts
5	Eerik PIETARINEN	0 pts

WRC2 DRIVERS

1	Ole Christian VEIBY	40 pts
2	Yoann BONATO	25 pts
3	Adrien FOURMAUX	18 pts
4	Emil LINDHOLM	18 pts
5	Johan KRISTOFFERSSON	15 pts

THE 2019 WRC REGULATIONS

START ORDERS

Day 1 in 2019 Drivers' championship order, then reverse order of overnight classification

MANUFACTURERS CAN NOMINATE UP TO THREE CARS

with the two best-placed cars to score Manufacturer points.

POINTS

1st, 25 points • **2nd**, 18 points • **3rd** 15 points • **4th**, 12 points
5th, 10 points • **6th**, 8 points • **7th**, 6 points • **8th**, 4 points
9th, 2 points • **10th**, 1 point

POWER STAGE POINTS

1st, 5 points • **2nd**, 4 points • **3rd**, 3 points • **4th**, 2 points
5th, 1 point.

MICHELIN

MICHELIN'S WRC RANGE 2019 SEASON

ASPHALT TYRES: MICHELIN PILOT SPORT

H5 (HARD COMPOUND)

Size: 20/65-18
Conditions: dry stages

S6 (SOFT COMPOUND)

Size: 20/65-18
Conditions: wet, cold conditions

SS6 (SUPER SOFT COMPOUND)

Size: 20/65-18
Conditions: icy, frosty, damp, cold conditions

FW3 (FULL WET)

Size: 18/65-18
Conditions: showers, standing water or heavy rain

WINTRY ASPHALT: MICHELIN PILOT ALPIN A4

NON-STUDDED

STUDDED

Size: 18/65-18
Conditions: ice and/or snow

GRAVEL TYRES: MICHELIN LTX FORCE

H4 (HARD)

Size: 17/65-15
Conditions: rough, rocky, abrasive surfaces

M6 (MEDIUM)

Size: 17/65-15
Conditions: smooth, loose surfaces, mud

S6 (SOFT)

Size: 17/65-15
Conditions: wet, muddy, cold conditions

SNOW/ICE TYRE: MICHELIN X-ICE NORTH

X-ICE NORTH 3

Size: 15/65-15
Conditions: ice and/or snow

WRC TYRE REGULATIONS

- ✓ The FIA has registered two different tyre manufactures for the 2019 WRC: Michelin and Pirelli
- ✓ Car manufacturers must register the tyre brand they have chosen with the FIA
- ✓ Only moulded tyres are authorised
- ✓ Tyres must be identifiable by a barcode and RFID chip
- ✓ Re-cutting or otherwise modifying the tread pattern is not permitted
- ✓ Only marked tyres are allowed to be used on stages
- ✓ Tyre pre-heating systems are prohibited
- ✓ Cars may carry up to two spares
- ✓ Tyres may only be inflated using air
- ✓ Only one type of dry-weather asphalt tyre (construction + pattern) and two compound options are authorised for the season (a third compound option is allowed for the Rallye Monte-Carlo)
- ✓ Just one type of asphalt rain tyre is authorised
- ✓ Only one type of gravel tyre (construction + tread pattern) and three compound options are authorised for the season (choice of two compounds per event)
- ✓ A single type of snow/ice tyre (one compound only) to be fitted to 7x15-inch rims
- ✓ A single 'joker' change is allowed per manufacturer in the course of the season
- ✓ Tyre quotas per event for Priority 1 drivers are calculated on the basis of four tyres per tyre-change opportunity plus four spares

DO YOU SPEAK RALLY?

Special stage (SS)

Special stages (or just 'stages') take place on roads or tracks which are closed to traffic and made secure for competitors and spectators. The length of these timed tests – which can take place in daylight or at night – tend to vary from five to up to 80 kilometres.

Super-special

This is a short stage generally organised in a town centre, especially for spectators. The intention is to take the sport to a wider audience and to organise promotional events at the same time. The times recorded count towards the official results.

Power Stage

On every round of the WRC, the last stage of every rally is known as the Power Stage. The drivers who post the five fastest times on this test are awarded five, four, three, two and one bonus points respectively. The stages are timed to the closest 1,000th of a second.

Road section

Road sections are the itinerary that crews must follow to get to the different stages. These roads are open to other users and competitors must comply with local traffic legislation at all times. Road sections must be covered in a time specified by the organisers. Penalties are incurred for late or early arrival at the next time control. The penalty for late arrival is 10 seconds per minute and the penalty for early arrival is one minute per minute.

Service park

The service park (or service area) is a place where work is permitted on the cars, including tyre changes. The time spent in a service park can vary from 15 to 45 minutes.

Regroup

'Regroups' are holding zones which enable the organisers to include a pause in the timetable, before a service halt, for example, or between two loops of stages. Work on the cars is not permitted.

Parc ferme

This is the zone where competing cars park up before the start of a rally and at the end of each leg. Work on the cars is not permitted.

Time controls (TC)

Crews must have their timecard stamped by marshals before and after each stage, as well as into and out of service areas and regroups. These mandatory passage controls ensure that competitors comply with the official timetable.

Shakedown

A shakedown test is organised ahead of all WRC events using a short section of a sample road. This test usually takes place on the Thursday morning before the start. Each priority driver must complete at least three passes. Should the car suffer damage or break down during this test, crews can still take part in the event if repairs are completed in time.

Road book

An official road book is given to all competitors before the start of 'recce'. It provides a detailed description of the itinerary in the form of detailed illustrations of junctions, etc. A competitor who doesn't follow the road book may be disqualified.

Recce

Recce involves driving over the special stages at slow speed at the wheel of road cars ahead of the rally, the aim being to take turn-by-turn pace notes. Only two passes through each stage are authorised.

Course cars ('triple zero', 'double zero' and 'zero')

Course cars are safety cars which cover the stages before the competitors. Their mission is to warn spectators of the imminent arrival of the cars. Course cars bear the numbers '000', '00' and '0' on their doors. They pass between 30 and five minutes before the due time of the first competitor.