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Almost 230 km of exhilarating special stages are waiting to be conquered

At the end of June the organizers of Barum Czech Rally Zlín apart from announcing Supplementary Regulations also released the rally route and the itinerary of its 45th edition. This year the Barum rally is held between August 28 and 30 and its total length is 645 km. It comprises of 15 special stages divided into eight parts which make 227 km real challenge for the competing crews. Classical special stages like Pindula, Maják or Troják will not be missing. On Friday night the streets of Zlín will be the stage for the immensely popular Super Special Stage which regularly attracts almost thirty thousand fans eager to witness a fantastic show.

On Friday morning there will be a prologue for the drivers with FIA and ERC priority in the section Pohořelice, length 4.71 km. Based on the results, the drivers can pick their starting order for Saturday's Leg 1. Shakedown will take place on Friday 10:15am on a very well-known road from Komárov to Pohořelice. Barum Czech Rally Zlín starts Friday night with Super Special Stage in the streets of Zlín. Once again there will same three circuits as last year.

Leg 1 and 2 take place on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday August 29 we can look forward to 8 special stages taking place on four sections with two passages for each. Those special stages are Slušovice (length 16.05 km), Pindula (18.43 km), Maják (13.72 km) and Kudlovice (length 17.97 km). Competing crews start their journey to victory in Zlín, Parc Fermé - Velké kino, and then the road leads them to Slušovice then back to district Zlín and after scheduled service stop they will head to the first passage of Kudlovice. In the afternoon the second passage of each section will follow. Leg 1 is 142 km long. For Sunday August 30 the organizers scheduled six special stages on three sections - Semetín (length 11.74 km), Troják (23.01 km) and Žlutava (8.93 km). Unusually, the most difficult, challenging and longest special stage called Troják awaits the drivers on Sunday. Last year, it was this special stage that shuffled standings at the top. **"In comparison with the last year, we focused on the spectators and we created new spectators' areas for them to fully enjoy this year's edition of Barum Rally. By scheduling the most demanding sections in Vsetín to Sunday and on top of that they're the other way around the total level of difficulty of Leg 2 has significantly risen,"** said Miloslav Regner, Clerk of the Course.

There are still two months left to Barum Czech Rally Zlín, nonetheless, fans of rally, adrenalin and fast cars can already look forward to dramatic, blood pressure rising fights of the top European and Czech crews for precious seconds.

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