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Dakar 2027 Calendar

Dakar Rally and Dakar Classic · Portugal and Morocco · 9 to 23 January 2027

Prologue + 12
stages

7,824 km
in total

4,341 km
special stages

6 bivouacs
plus marathon refuge



KEY DATES

16 Nov 2026	Registration deadline
5 Jan 2027	Service park opens, Algarve Stadium, Loulé/Faro
6 to 8 Jan	Administrative and technical scrutineering, Loulé/Faro
9 Jan	Prologue, Loulé/Faro
10 Jan	Stage 1, then overnight ferry Algeciras to Nador
17 Jan	Rest day, Agadir
23 Jan	Finish, Marrakech

Dakar Classic 2027: same dates as the Dakar Rally, with the same scrutineering, bivouacs and finish.

DAY BY DAY

DATE	DAY	STAGE	ROUTE	SPECIAL KM	TOTAL KM
9 Jan	Sat	**Prologue**	Loulé/Faro loop	29	129
10 Jan	Sun	**Stage 1**	Loulé/Faro loop, then ferry Algeciras to Nador	100	300
11 Jan	Mon	**Transfer**	Nador to Bouarfa		590
12 Jan	Tue	**Stage 2**	Bouarfa loop	390	490
13 Jan	Wed	**Stage 3**	Bouarfa loop	410	490
14 Jan	Thu	**Stage 4**	Bouarfa to Zagora, dunes of Merzouga	490	750
15 Jan	Fri	**Stage 5**	Zagora loop, Erg Chegaga	365	540
16 Jan	Sat	**Stage 6**	Zagora to Agadir	365	760
17 Jan	**Sun**	**Rest day**	**Agadir**		
18 Jan	Mon	**Stage 7**	Agadir to Smara	500	790
19 Jan	Tue	**Stage 8**	Smara to marathon refuge	355	525
20 Jan	Wed	**Stage 9**	Marathon refuge to Smara	390	625
21 Jan	Thu	**Stage 10**	Smara loop	470	560
22 Jan	Fri	**Stage 11**	Smara to Marrakech, Plage Blanche	455	1,035
23 Jan	Sat	**Stage 12**	Marrakech loop, finish	22	240

Loop: start and finish at the same bivouac. Marathon refuge near Dakhla: one night without assistance crews.

Ferry: ASO organises the overnight crossing from Algeciras to Nador on 10 January. **Return from Marrakech:** still being clarified with ASO.

Source: ASO official statement of 30 October 2026 and dakar.com. Map: TimeOut Racing, map data Natural Earth.

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