

The Ultimate Nurburgring Tour 23-27 July 2009

The current situation for the 2009 tour is as follows:

Dates:

Dates are now locked in for 23-27th July for 2009.

All you really need to do is be in Frankfurt on or before 9am on the 23rd of July.

What is included, what is not:

What is included is accommodation at Nurburg, all car hire and excess km charges.

What's not included is accommodation in Frankfurt, meals, Ring passes (will explain) and other personal expenses you might have.

Fuel and tolls:

The idea with fuel will be for everyone to contribute AUD\$500 towards the fuel kitty- and when your car needs fuel you pay for it and save the credit card receipt for me later. The idea is the fuel is shared and everyone pays the same. At the end of the tour depending on what you have spend in relation to the group you will receive money back.

Accommodation:

Anthony and I will be arriving the night before the bus leave Frankfurt and will arrange a Hotel in the city. We will be happy to arrange accommodation for anyone requiring it on the 22nd and again at the conclusion of the tour in Frankfurt on the 27th.

Accommodation in Nurburg is at a three star property in the heart of Nurburg. Accommodation included is twin-share, if you would like your own room a supplement is payable, please contact me for details. Everyone on the tour last year chose to be paired up- after all, we weren't there to hang around in the Hotel!

Insurance:

With Ring race cars, there is a 'write off' excess payable for each car, depending on its value. If you damage a door, bumper, etc you only need to pay for that item. If you damage the Ring- guardrails, fences, etc- they really start to charge you! Will go over this in detail later. We are in discussions currently with a number of different vehicle suppliers at the Ring and will confirm this in the next few weeks.

Personal travel insurance is very much recommended.

The Nurburgring Nordschleife:

At 'The Ring', obtaining a pass is like buying a car park ticket. You choose how many laps you would like to do and buy a ticket. They come in single, 4, 8, 15 and 25 lap amounts, at 21Euro for one lap and less per lap if you buy a multiple ticket. The idea is you get a small 'carpark style' ticket and move up to the gate in your car, put the ticket in the machine, boom opens and you are away!

The days we will be using the Ring are called "Touristenfahrten days" which mean the Ring will be filled with anyone with a car/bike/bus who can shell out for a lap ticket. Last year there were hundreds of cars and although occasionally the track was closed (usually to pull off a fallen motorcycle!) it did not affect us too greatly. At the track entrance it's pretty much like a car show most of the time, some unbelievable cars coming and going!

As soon as that boom gate opens you are on your own! Drive as fast and as hard as you like, but there are some rules on the Ring you must conform to or you will be fined or at worst thrown off the track! We will of course go through these at the track.

Clothing wise, no one wears race suits on these "tourist" drive days, but preferably long sleeve tops and long pants like any track day you might do. Even helmets are optional and they are included with the cars, or bring your own.

I can assure you if you do come on the tour your Nurburgring "itch" will be well and truly scratched with lots of track time!

The cars are the stars:

Cars for the Nurburgring currently being looked into are:

- Renaults- Clio Sport cup and Megane F1 sport cup
- Volkswagen Golf Gti and NEW Scirocco
- BMW's- 3 Series, 1 Series and M3
- Potentially Porsche's- GT3 and GT3 cup cars (rented for limited laps only)

The cars range from street cars on radials to semi-slicked roll-caged race cars. All of the vehicles are immaculately prepared and tuned for the Nordschleife.

Last year the pick of all the cars were the 2 x VW Golf GTi's we had. They were truly an awesome car for the Ring. This year one of our rental suppliers has prepared 2 x VW Scirocco 220HP beasts! These cars have already had rave reviews around the globe and VW will enter a 300HP version for the 24hr race in May.

If we fill the full 16 places there will be 8 rental cars minimum, which is 2 people per car. We will ensure we have a roster and a rotation schedule so everyone will get equal time in all of the cars. As one lap is 23kms long, I assure you more than one lap at a time will earn you a rest! (close to 50 fast kms!)

Eligible ages:

30 years of age is the minimum requirement to be able to drive all the vehicles we will rent. If you are 25-30 years old please contact me and I'll let you know what you are eligible for.

Pricing for 2009:

The good news is that confirmed pricing is \$5,900 per person plus a \$500 fuel allowance per head.

Pricing plan:

By end of March, 2009: \$1,500 deposit for tour

By end of April and May: \$1,500 per month (can debit off credit card each month if you prefer)

Balance payable end of June: \$1,400 remaining.

At this stage I will need a payment ASAP to confirm your space on the tour. Until the end of March and the tour is 100% going ahead this is fully refundable, after April 1 it will become non-refundable.

Expressions of Interest:

2009 EOI are attached, please get back to me ASAP if you are interested in being a part of the 2009 tour. This is currently an exclusive offer only to a limited amount of people and is already starting to fill.

The tour is limited to only 16 participants for 2009.

Please, if you have any questions at all do not hesitate to email or call anytime.

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