

Mongol Rally for Smiles – 993cc for 10,000 miles



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Two adventurous friends from Edinburgh are determinant to drive 10,000 miles in a tiny car all the way to Mongolia for charity.

On July 17th Domonkos Nemeth, 26 and Gab G. Ballok, 27 will be setting off to tackle the challenges of the Mongol Rally. Their route goes through 17 countries, 2 continents covering western Europe sized steppes, mountain ridges and parts of the Gobi desert.

“Dom loves adventures as much as I do so we didn’t need much convincing. Exploring more remote, so to say wild places has attracted me for a long time. The Eurasian steppe with it’s nomadic cultures and magical history will surely give an adventure of a lifetime.” Says Gab who spent last summer camping in the woods while working as an outdoor instructor.

The rally is organised annually by The Adventurist, starting in London and finishing in Ulan-Ude, Russia, only a day’s drive north from Mongolia’s capital Ulan Bataar. Without any set route or check points, part takers are free to go anywhere in their own pace but must keep three simple rules. You can only take a farcically small vehicle, once you’re on the road you’re completely on your own and you have to raise a minimum £1,000 for charity.

Dom, who is currently studying electrical engineering says: “The exciting part is that there is no back up or any kind of support along the way except the generosity of local folks. Beyond the Caspian sea, roads are down to dirt tracks or

simply none existent. Our Suzuki definitely meets the requirements so we are already learning some mechanic skills. We have been planning, preparing since December and now launching our fundraising programme called Mongol Rally for Smiles. We are trying to raise awareness of the positive health benefits of laughter.”

The Carbored team hopes to raise £2000 for Hearts & Minds aka The Clownoctors an Edinburgh based charity and for Cool Earth.

Donations can be made by clicking [here](#).

“We are also looking for local businesses and individuals for sponsorship to help us with the personal costs of the trips as well as anyone who can donate parts or help us preparing the Swift for the journey.”

If you think you can help the pair get across the third of the globe, please get in touch by emailing to carboredteam@gmail.com or message the pair on [Facebook](#).

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