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Tradition and originality...

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Two words best describe the 9th Tour of Spain. First, tradition because the rally will head south, in the search of sunshine and mild autumn temperatures as has been the case in all the prior editions. The second is originality. For the first time in its history, the Tour of Spain will run beyond the Spanish border in neighbouring Portugal. And there's more: an internet site has been created exclusively for the event: www.tour-espana.com, which will allow for downloading the entry list and, of course, the results after the event. There will also be a section for the participants to acquire all pertinent information.

The quaint southern port of Marina de Vilamoura will be the venue for technical and administrative scrutineering, all day on Sunday. Collector automobiles, surrounded by extraordinary yachts all in a décor of soft colours and sunshine...the tone will be set!

On day one, the participants will run a Vilamoura/Vilamoura loop. A rather short distance for everyone to get into the swing of the event, followed by three stages, of which the most spectacular will be run in Portugal and a lunch in the sumptuous confines of the Golf de Penina Hotel.

The next morning, two short stages will see the rally return to Spain with a stop at the Monte Blanco circuit. The competitors will be among the first ever to head out on to this brand spanking new track that offers numerous challenges depending on the configurations chosen. The leg will conclude at Huelva.

On Wednesday, the event will head to the capital of Andalusia in the middle of a day paced by several stages on typically Spanish roads, which are the same used in local rally events. Lunch will be served in Spain's ham capital, Jabugo. Once everyone has experienced the countless savours of the famous Iberian ham, the cortege will make its way towards Seville, where a dinner will be served in the enclosure of one of the many private palaces in the centre of town, where the mix of Moorish and Christian architecture created the beauty of this city.

The following morning, the competitors will run two special stages before making their way to the Ascari circuit at Ronda for lunch. Once they arrive at Jerez, they will be invited to the International Equestrian School to be treated to a world renowned equestrian show. Dinner will be served in the near by barouche museum.

For the final day of the Tour of Spain, our gentleman drives will get their chance to run on the Jerez circuit and the corners of the two mountain stages, before having lunch in a typical Andalusian cortijo, surrounded by olive groves. In the afternoon they will serenely make their way to Jerez where they will be able to visit the ancient caves of the city in which the much awaited closing dinner will be held.

With one hundred expected cars, the 9th Tour of Spain will be a perfect blend of beautiful automobiles, gorgeous scenery and culture. This recipe, in which each year the organiser adds new ingredients is not far from that of pure happiness itself...and is to be consumed without moderation!

Tour de España 2007 in a nutshell

Dates	☉October 21-26	
Provisional Itinerary	☉ <i>Sunday 21</i>	Checks and Scrutineering –Vilamoura (Port)
	☉ <i>Monday 22</i>	LEG 1 Vilamoura – Vilamoura, 3 special stages
	☉ <i>Tuesday 23</i>	LEG 2 Vilamoura –Huelva 2 special stages and the Montebianco circuit
	☉ <i>Wednesday 24</i>	LEG 3 Huelva – Seville 4 special stages
	☉ <i>Thursday 25</i>	LEG 4 Seville –Jerez Ascari Circuit and 2 special stages
	☉ <i>Friday 26</i>	LEG 5 Jerez – Jerez Jerez Circuit and 3 special stages