

Team 77 Getriebesand For Algau-Orient Rally – Part 2

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The second day starts with the Wurzenpass. The steep grade is 18%. So down to first gear. Engines roar. The road to Ljubljana is chilling. To Croatia we take a shortcut through small roads and villages. We arrive at the border. We seem to be the first foreigners using this path. The border officials don't trust us. We have to show documents. They are confused. But we pass. They stay on the road and watch us for a long long while.

Bad mood in Croatia. After 7 hours we did only 200 Kilometers. But this is how it is. Croatia is not a flat country. Enjoy the curves. It can be fun. 50 Kilometers later we arrive at the road number 1 to Split. Pushing the gas pedal a little more than allowed we move fast. Twelve hours later we arrive in Split. Not enough. Yesterday we quit too early. So more to drive today. Burek with meat to go and then to Dubrovnik. After 16 hours we arrive.



We leave Dubrovnik. And have a beautiful drive along the coast of Croatia and Montenegro. Three Kilometers too fast. This is 120 Euros. The officer explains that the payment is really complicated when you do it the official way. Paying in cash without a receipt we save 95 Euros.

The border to Albania is not easy to find. Other teams stray around, drive towards us and then follow us. On the border we meet another team that wants to support the same orphanage as us. We lead. Two teams follow us. Nine colorful cars. Policemen greet us by our names. We are an attraction.

Only 13 Kilometers before Tiranë our SH1 turns into a highway. So we leave. The alternative road looks good on the map. Being there, this road is some off-road fun – when you have a Land Rover. Especially the last 4 Kilometers are hard. We need 1.5 hours for this last part.



We pass Tiranë with the help of tons of Albanian locals. They are by far the friendliest and most helpful people we came across on this rally so far. We arrive in Elbasan too late. The Kids are asleep. We miss some Kilometers for today, but we go to sleep. Next day we meet the kids. We fill up the food storage of the orphanage and hand around some giveaways.

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