

Team 77 Getriebesand For Algau-Orient Rally – Part 4

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Our road book directs us to some smaller villages near Çorum. There we visit Hattusa and its surroundings. We see a super interesting historical city with tons of ruins and a beautiful panorama view.



Next we move on to Çorum. But now we can pick one of two routes. We can choose between a 4×2 and 4×4 route. Although we have 4×2 cars, we have some pretty good self-confidence, so we do of course choose the 4×4 route. Just a few meters into the route we make a break. Saab 2 suffers a broken tire. A big cut so we have to replace it. The rest of the route was exciting. Some big puddles, mud and dirt tracks make this road fun. Later some water gets into the engine of Saab 2, but Andreas and Ramona are quick to fix this.

On arrival in Çorum a big fest takes place for us. We see a traditional music and dance show. While we enjoy this, some other teams are still fixing their cars.



Next morning we do a Schnitzeljagd. Finding places that are defined in the road book and take pictures of them. We have to find a guy who is roasting chickpeas, buy 1 Kilogram of his product and document this with the camera. Another task is to find a certain skeleton in a museum.

At noon we move on to Ankara. A great modern city with a nice old town. And an awesome view from the castle. We can camp at the racetrack. But today we take a hotel near the Motodrom. The last few days left us tired. So just a little dinner and sleep.



Next morning starts with a Le Mans start. Run to your car. Start the engine and off you go. We make a lap on the racetrack and drive into the crowded Turkish city streets. We are amazed that nobody crashes his car. We leave the city and go through some stunning landscapes.

Our route should take us to a camping site. We take the wrong road and end up in the world's second biggest canyon – the Ulubey Canyon. This road is fun. It is way more a 4×4 route than the one in Çorum. And our cars are heaving a really hard time. After this our cars need a workshop. Others did the same mistake as us, but again they have much bigger issues. You can really see which car went into the canyon.



We find out that this route is meant to be driven tomorrow. Good for us. We made it and have now much more time to check and fix the cars. But we warn people. Lots of teams skip the Canyon route. We hang around at Turkish workshops. We get tons of help for free or pay nearly nothing. We are totally stunned of the turkish helpfulness and hospitality. And tea is for free.