Team 77 Getriebesand For Algau-Orient Rally – Part 6

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While having breakfast we check our GPS tracker. It looks like our cars are already waiting at the harbour of Haifa. So we cancel breakfast, grab a taxi and start an odyssey. It seems like the taxi drivers here know their city pretty bad. We ask them to bring us to the industrial harbour. They

say "no problem, get in". And just after a few meters they ask you how to get there or they stop pedestrians to show them the way. You drive around Haifa. You pass some crossings several times. And in the end you pay 20 Euros for one single Kilometer.

Unfortunately we did not catch the official bus to enter the harbour. Now we have a problem with the authorities. Without being on the bus we are not allowed to enter the customs area where our cars are waiting. We spend nearly one hour discussing with several authorities. Finally we are allowed to enter and get our cars. Still, the customs have to check our cars.



At 11 AM we are on the road towards Jerusalem. The driving is easy. Nearly autobahn-like roads. We make a stop at a small brewery called Alexander which is on our way. They are super busy brewing their Blonde beer, but they find some time for a chat and to show us around.



The temperature is constantly rising. This is not just uncomfortable for us, but also for the cars. The Saabs are not produced to withstand this high temperatures. The engine temperature reaches the red zone. We have to drive faster, faster then allowed, to cool the engine. Luckily the Mercedes has no problems with the heat. And also its drivers with a working air condition.

We still have some time and stay in Jerusalem for a sightseeing tour. We wander around the old city and have some street food. Before spending the night at the Dead Sea.



Next day we make our way towards the north where we have to take the Sheikh Hussein Bridge to enter Jordan. We go through Palestine and stop in Jericho. We need some pictures for our road book. We are hearty welcomed in the city. Not many tourists seem to stop here. Jericho and the rest of Palestine could be a very beautiful place.

We arrive the border at noon and spend there some hours waiting till all bureaucracy is done. We enter Jordan about 3 PM.

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