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a cross-country rally throughout Egypt



Cross Egypt Challenge is an official Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM ) event.

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# THE CHALLENGE



With sand-covered tombs, austere pyramids and towering Pharaonic temples, Egypt brings out the explorer in all of us. Egypt is rich with temples, soaring lotus-bud columns; enormous stone portals laced with delicate carvings, elaborate underground tombs, windswept desert monasteries, and richly decorated mosques. But as extraordinary as these sights are, they will probably not be the things that linger in your memory after you return home. It is exploring them from the back of a motorcycle or a scooter - from the Mediterranean feel of Alexandria to the electric pace of Cairo to the timelessness of desert villages- that is unforgettable.

Cross Egypt Challenge adventure rally not only gives you the opportunity to explore this magnificent country on two wheels, but it also allows you to experience the Egyptian culture first hand and explore destinations and routes that normal tourists don't get to explore.



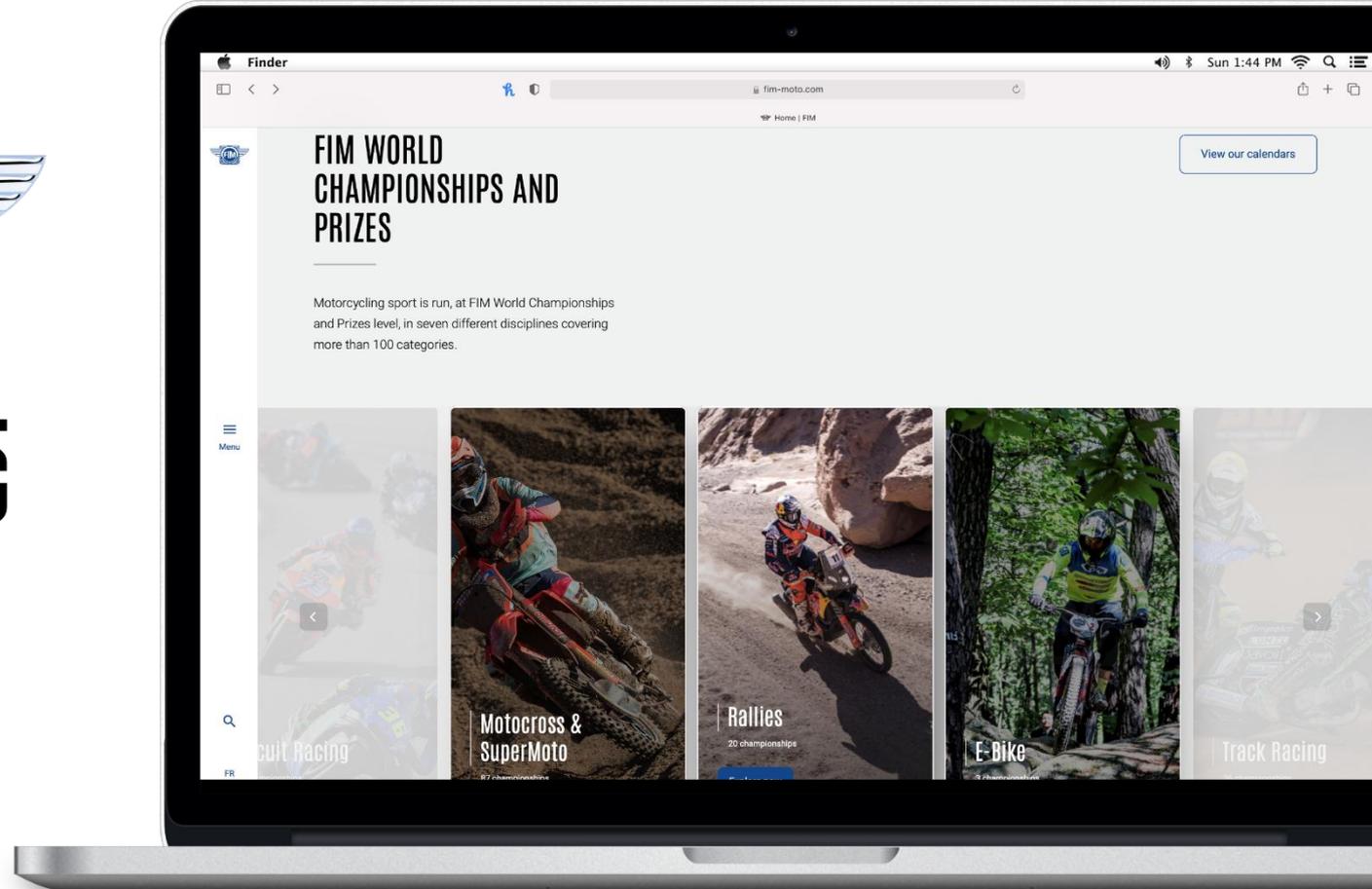
Cross Egypt Challenge is an international series of endurance motorcycles and scooter rallies conducted throughout the most challenging roads and tracks of Egypt, a breathtaking experience that is equally fascinating for spectators and riders alike. The challenge is organized by the Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan and Cross World Challenges, and in partnership with both the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and the Automobile and Touring Club of Egypt.

Cross Egypt Challenge is the only organized cross-country rally of its kind in the entire region and combines the best of adventure travel and extreme sport. Each season of the endurance rally introduces a new route throughout the most famous spots of Egypt, a track that nobody ever thought could be done on motorcycles or scooters.

Riders from the four corners of the globe fly yearly to Egypt to take part in Cross Egypt Challenge. To date, riders from over 35 countries participated in the previous seasons of the challenge.



**FIM**  
**TOURING**



Cross Egypt Challenge is an official FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) adventure touring rally. The FIM is the global governing/sanctioning body of motorcycle sports worldwide and is the supreme and sole international authority empowered to control international motorcycling events organized under its jurisdiction throughout the world.

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## THE HISTORY



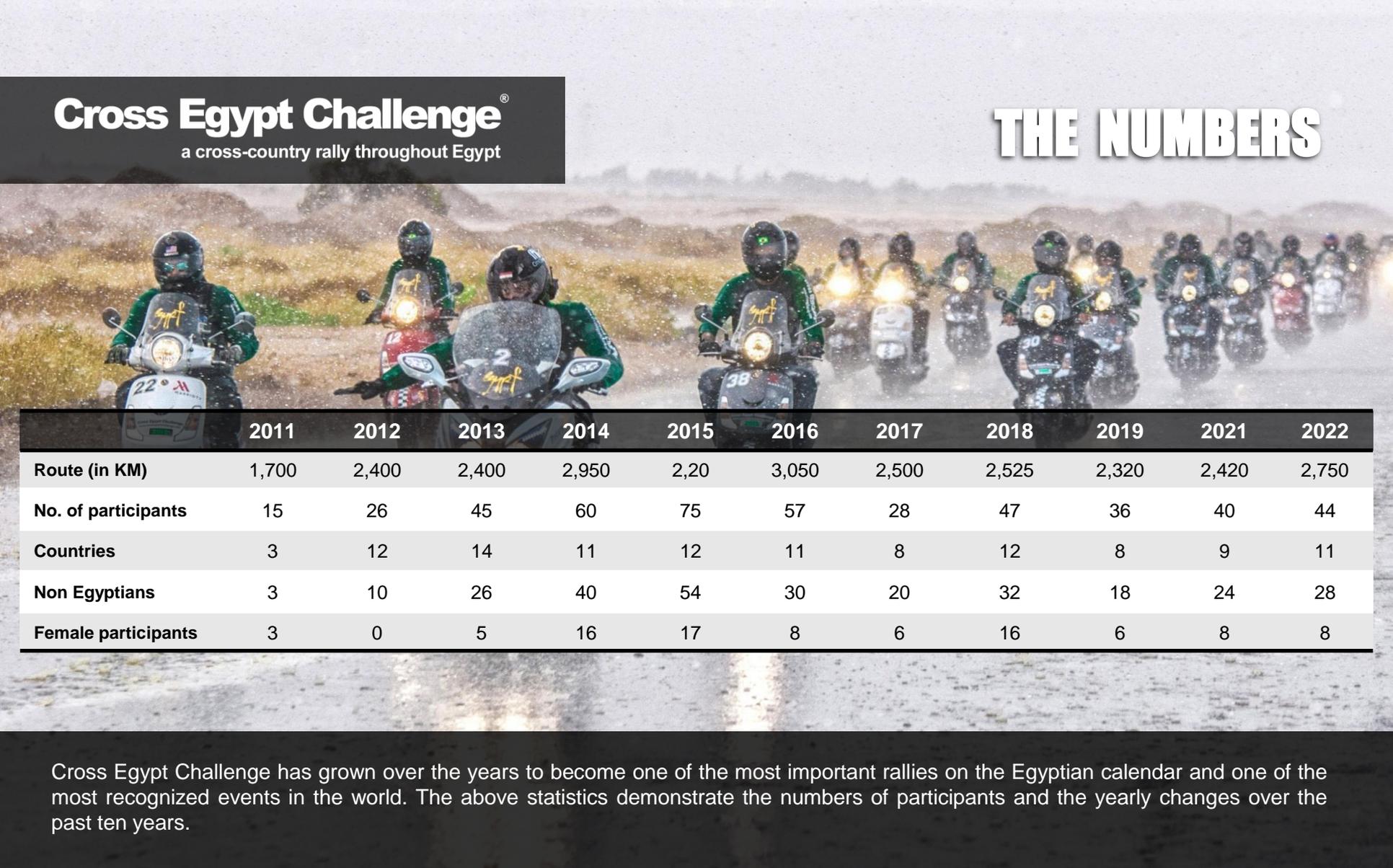
The series started in 2011 and the first season was a 9-days rally from the shores of the Mediterranean Sea in the north of Egypt to the temple of Abu Simbel, on the southern borders of Egypt with a total distance of over 1,700 km.

The following seasons witnessed different challenging routes that varied in length. One thing that was common in all these routes that they combined the best Egypt has to offer.

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## THE NUMBERS



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022
<b>Route (in KM)</b>	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,950	2,20	3,050	2,500	2,525	2,320	2,420	2,750
<b>No. of participants</b>	15	26	45	60	75	57	28	47	36	40	44
<b>Countries</b>	3	12	14	11	12	11	8	12	8	9	11
<b>Non Egyptians</b>	3	10	26	40	54	30	20	32	18	24	28
<b>Female participants</b>	3	0	5	16	17	8	6	16	6	8	8

Cross Egypt Challenge has grown over the years to become one of the most important rallies on the Egyptian calendar and one of the most recognized events in the world. The above statistics demonstrate the numbers of participants and the yearly changes over the past ten years.

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## 2022 PARTICIPANTS

### PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

16	Egypt
9	USA
7	Australia
2	Canada
2	Germany
2	India
2	Belize
1	Switzerland
1	Peru
1	Portugal
<b>44</b>	<b>Participant</b>

In 2022, 44 participants from 11 different countries joined Cross Egypt Challenge. To date, riders from over 35 countries participated in the previous seasons of the challenge. Above is a list of participating countries in CEC 2022 and the number of participants per country.

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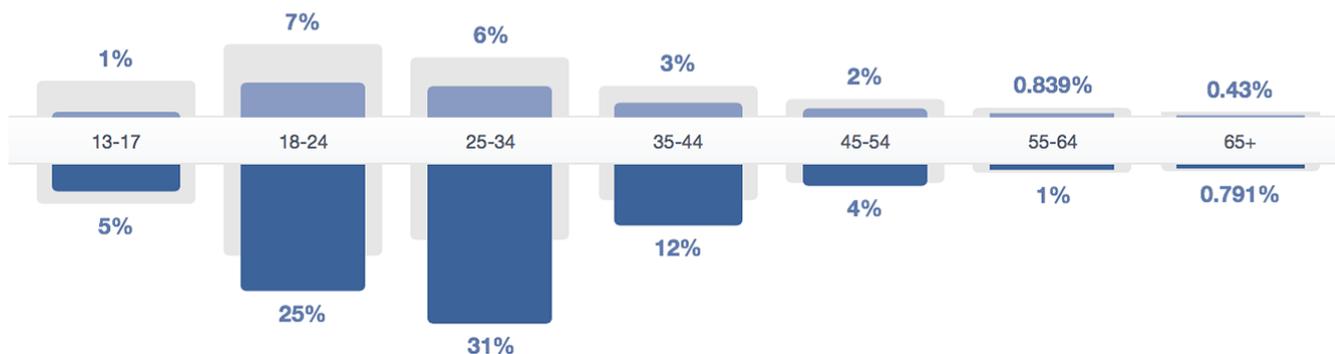
## MEDIA REACH

### Women

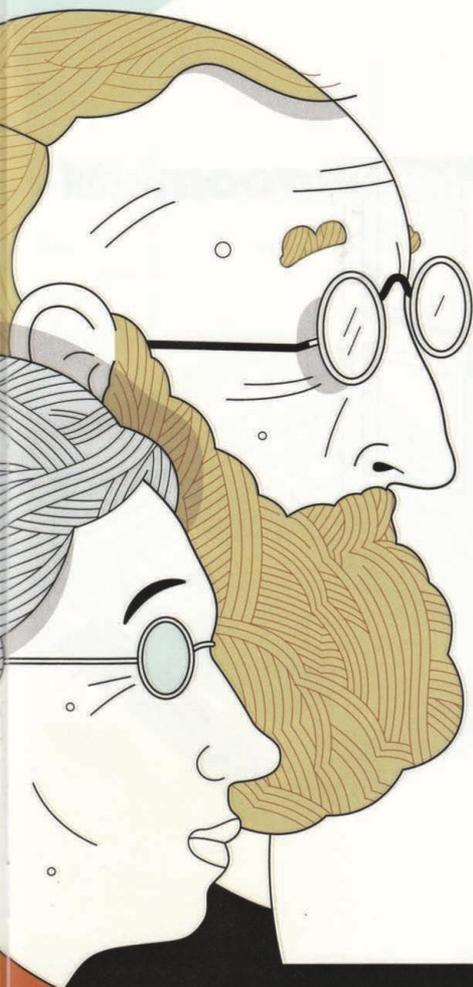
20%  
Your Fans

### Men

79%  
Your Fans



The past eleven seasons of Cross Egypt Challenge have achieved major local and international media exposure, with TV and radio interviews, magazines and newspapers articles, website and blog features with estimating reach of over 380 million people worldwide.



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**Ordinary Rotarians can find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. In their own words, they tell us what it's like to...**

## ride a scooter across the Sahara

**AHMAD ELZOGHBY**  
Rotary Club of Alexandria Cosmopolitan, Egypt

**BACK IN 2011, NOT MANY PEOPLE** were riding scooters here. But the car traffic where we lived in Alexandria was insane, so I and a few friends started to ride scooters as an alternative means of transportation.

One day a friend recommended that we do a tour around Egypt, from where we live in Alexandria to Sharm el-Sheikh, which is 450 miles away. And I said, why not? A few days later, I thought, why not go from the very north of Egypt to the very eastern border, then go south and visit all the tourist sights? Egypt depends mainly on tourism, and at this time tourism was

We started in October from the Plaza of the Library of Alexandria. We rode to Cairo and Tahrir Square, where the revolution started. After Cairo, we rode east to Suez and crossed into the Sinai Peninsula. We saw the Sinai Mountains, the Red Sea,

we were very lucky and had zero accidents. But in some years we have had accidents. In the second year, we were riding in the Western Desert near the end of the trip. We had gone about 1,800 kilometers and I was behind the group trying to make arrange-

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suffering because of the recent Egyptian revolution. So we thought we would do this to tell the world that Egypt is still a safe place to visit: We can tour the country on scooters and still be safe.

I spoke to my Rotary club and they were very excited. They gave me the go-ahead to put this together. Three months later on 1 July, at the beginning of the Rotary year, the Cross Egypt Challenge was born. In that first year, there were only 14 riders – from Egypt, the United States, and Mexico. In 2015, we had 75 riders from 12 countries.



ALEXANDRIA

## Quer durch Ägypten

Am 8. November geht's los, und mitmachen kann jeder: Neun Tage lang fahren die Teilnehmer der Cross Egypt Challenge 2400 Kilometer mit dem Motorrad durch Ägypten. Endstation sind die Pyramiden von Gizeh bei Kairo. Ziel der vom Rotary Club Alexandria Cosmopolitan initiierten Rallye ist es, den Tourismus in Ägypten zu unterstützen und einen Beitrag zur internationalen Völkerverständigung zu leisten. Es ist die dritte Tour dieser Art, die erste fand 2011 statt.

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## Quer durch Ägypten

Zehn Rotary Clubs, zwei Rotaract Clubs, 14 Rotarier – darunter drei Deutsche und ein Österreicher – und insgesamt 51 Teilnehmer: Das ist die Bilanz der Cross Egypt Challenge 2016, die die Teilnehmer 3000 Kilometer quer durch Ägypten führte. Organisiert hat die Rallye der RC of Alexandria Cosmopolitan und das ägyptische Tourismusministerium. Eine atemberaubende Erfahrung, die für die Motorrad- und Rollerfahrer als auch für die Zuschauer gleichermaßen beeindruckend war.

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**2023 SEASON**



The 2023 season of Cross Egypt Challenge will feature a fantastic route that spans over 8 stages and 2,900 km. The route will start from Alexandria, go through the Mediterranean coast, the Nile Valley, Eastern and Western deserts, The Red Sea riviera, Sinai, before finishing the season in one of most ancient places in Egypt and the world, under the Step Pyramid of Djoser in the Sakkara area.

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## 2023 ROUTE

### RIDING DISTANCES

464 km	Alexandria – Minya
455 km	Minya – Luxor
0 km	Rest day in Luxor
290 km	Luxor – Hurghada
480 km	Hurghada – Fayed
413 km	Fayed – Sharm El Sheikh
175 km	Sharm El Sheikh – Nuwebaa
333 km	Nuwebaa – Ras Sudr
290 km	Ras Sudr – Cairo

**2,900 km TOTAL DISTANCE**



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# 2023 SCHEDULE

5 October	6 October	7 October				
Day 1: Orientation meetings	Day 2: Alexandria - Minya	Day 3: Minya - Luxor				
8 October	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October	14 October
Day 4: Rest day in Luxor	Day 5: Luxor - Hurghada	Day 6: Hurghada - Fayed	Day 7: Fayed - Sharm El Sheikh	Day 8: Sharm El Sheikh - Nuwebaa	Day 9: Nuwebaa - Ras Sudr	Day 10: Ras Sudr - Cairo Closing Ceremony

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# REGISTRATION



Cross Egypt Challenge is an intensive rally that requires a lot of preparations and support services; therefore the following rates / fees cover part of the actual cost of participating in such a unique event while additional costs are covered by our loyal sponsors and partners.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Rider: **USD 2,550** per person  
Accompanying persons: **USD 2,450** per person

## OTHER AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Single room upgrade: **+USD 650** per person  
Double room upgrade: **+USD 350** per person

150cc Scooter rental fee: **USD 500** (SYM Fiddle II automatic transmission, 2014 to 2016 models)

600cc Motorcycle rental fee: **USD 900** (Honda Hornet or similar, 2003 to 2010 models)

1000cc Motorcycle rental fee: **USD 1,100** (Honda Varadero XLV or similar, 2000 to 2006 models)

All fees are to be paid at the time we confirm the participant's spot in the 2023 season of Cross Egypt Challenge.



### **THESE FEES INCLUDE:**

- Accommodation for 9 nights in 3 to 5 stars hotels based on triple room occupancy.
- Breakfasts and dinners at hotels
- Light lunches on the road.
- 3 branded long sleeve t-shirts and one branded polo shirt for each participant.
- Refueling during the entire challenge.
- Oil changes during the challenge for 150cc scooters.
- Motorcycle and scooter maintenance during the challenge.
- Road tolls (where applicable).
- Cost of army/military and special permits for the entire route.
- Airport pickup from Cairo or Alexandria airports for international participants to downtown locations.
- All rally support services including: mechanical, medical support, support trucks, photography, etc..
- Transport in air-conditioned vans throughout the challenge for accompanying persons.
- Transportation of the rented vehicle to the start point and pick up at the finish line (for rented vehicles).
- Supply of the basic spare parts in case of emergency (for rented vehicles).



## HOW TO REGISTER:

To register for Cross Egypt Challenge 2023, please visit: [www.crossegyptchallenge.com/registration](http://www.crossegyptchallenge.com/registration) and fill out the registration application.

If you need more information, please visit our website at [www.crossegyptchallenge.com](http://www.crossegyptchallenge.com), or email us: [info@crossegyptchallenge.com](mailto:info@crossegyptchallenge.com)

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