



Imagine yourself in the middle of the gargantuan Kazakh desert, your car slowly being shredded by the dirt track your map says is a motorway, completely lost hundreds of miles from civilisation. Just you, your wits, your increasingly brown pants, a car that shouldn't have got you past Dover and an angry looking Kazakh man with a gun...
 ...Welcome to the Mongol Rally...

...Adventure Starts: July 23rd 2011...

"A third of the way around the earth, from Europe to Mongolia via a plethora of countries most people haven't heard of in a car that has an engine with no bigger than 1(ish) litre. Starting from England, Spain and Italy, the rally finishes in the Mongolian capital Ulaan-Baatar around four weeks and a whole heap of adventure later. It's between about 8,000 and 10,000 miles depending on the route you choose. If you want a full support crew (or any support crew) you're in the wrong place. If nothing goes wrong, then everything has gone wrong. We don't guarantee your arrival at the finish line, or your safety, but of course, that is what makes it an adventure. **These adventures are genuinely dangerous things to do, your chances of being seriously injured or dying as a result of your participation are high. Individuals who have taken part in past adventures have been permanently disfigured, permanently disabled or even lost their life. These adventures are not glorified holidays. They are unsupported adventures and so by their very nature extremely risky...**

...You really are on your own."

...but its not all fun, The Mongol Rally isn't just about adventure, it's also about raising huge sacks of cash for some great charities. In 2009 the Mongol Rally topped £325,000, 2010 donations are still coming in and have nearly hit the £400,000 mark and we hope the 2011 Rally will smash that this year. Every team on the rally must endeavour to raise a minimum of £1000 for charity. We will be supporting two charities, **CNCF - Christina Noble Children's Foundation, and Cancer Research UK.**



CNCF have a variety of projects in Mongolia that change the lives of kids who have often been given a pretty rough hand in life. The funds from the Mongol Rally support the running costs of the incredible Blue Skies Ger Village in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. The Ger Village houses abandoned or homeless children and gives them a new chance in life with a safe place to live, education, and all the support of a family with their innovative techniques.

Cancer Research UK are the world's leading charity dedicated to **beating cancer through research.** They've saved millions of lives with their groundbreaking work into preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer. People's chances of surviving cancer have doubled in the last 40 years, and they've been at the heart of that progress. One in three of us will still get cancer at some point, but their vital work, funded entirely by the public, will help ensure that millions more people survive.



And that's not all..

"The Mongolian authorities requested that all Mongol Rally vehicles be younger than 10 years old, this means that the cars are better for the environment, and have a higher market value - so they can bring in more money or value for Mongolian charities when they are sold or donated"

That's right! As well as raising loads of cash we will be donating our trusty steed to the good people of Mongolia. So please give as little or as much as you can and make their lives that little bit better..

Alex & Ian – Team 'Jenson Baatarns'

