



# Adventure Racing World Championship 2018

La Réunion, France

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## The world's best adventure races athletes in Reunion Island

Reunion Island will welcome from next 4<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Novembre the Adventure Racing World Championship 2018 (ARWC). An exceptional event, organized in France for the second time.

Among the 65 international teams (21 nations represented) on the start line, 9 are ranked on the World Top 15:

Avaya (New-Zealand), the world's number 1 and title-holder, Naturex, best French team, 4<sup>th</sup> at the ARWS ranking.

Other teams to keep an eye on, Bones (United-States), Tri Adventure Antelopes (Australia), Columbia (Spain), Blizzard (Russia), Movistar-Terra Aventura (Equator), all winners of a round of the Adventure Racing World Series - ARWS.

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### Good to know about the World Championship

- 21 nations, 65 teams of 4 racers (including at least 1 woman)
- From 5 to 8 days of non-stop race, day and night
- 450 km of non-stop expedition in total autonomy
- A succession of activities: trek, MTB, kayak, packraft, caving, ropes, canyoning...

### A sport affiliated with the French Triathlon Federation

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, adventure races have been integrated into the French Triathlon Federation (FFTri).

### A «Barjot» as patron

The kickoff of this exceptional sporting event will be given from the village of Hell-Bourg, in the Cirque de Salazie, by the patron of this world championship, Jackson Richardson. Born in Saint-Pierre in Reunion Island, the former handball international voted best player in the world in 2001 decided to support and invest in the race. The multiple world champion will be present all along the event.



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### **The master of adventure races**

The Adventure Racing World Championship (ARWC) is each year the conclusion, since 2001, the adventure races season, contested around the world.

It gather the best teams selected during the 11 rounds, parts of the worldwide circuit of the Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS), that reunite the multi-sport raids around the world: Gallaecia in Spain, Expedition Africa in South Africa, Cameco Cowboy Tough in the USA, XPD Expedition in Australia, Raid in France in France (this year, ARWC organiser), Huairasinchi in Equator, Xtrail Expedition in China, Itera in United-Kingdom, Raid Maya Mountain Adventure Challenge in Belize, Expedition Guarani in Paraguay and finally, Nordic Island in Sweden. Each one of these rounds qualify the winners to the great final, the Adventure Racing World Championship (ARWC).

### **A World Championship organized by a «Lyonnais»**

Pascal Bahuaud, rowing finalist at the Seoul Olympic games, 13 times French champion and 10 «Raids Gauloise» participations (6 podiums) is the race director of this World Championship. Without counterpart, this intense race is intended at both of experienced athletes and enthusiasts amateurs who are motivated enough to take up the challenge. Adventure races offer an immersion in nature that goes beyond the surpassing of yourself by appealing to strong human values - versatility, autonomy, dynamism and generosity - essential to progress untill the finish line.

#### **1. ARWC 2018**

Jackson Richardson, patron of the event.



#### **2. ARWS 2017 - Raid in France**

Rappelling in the « gorges de l'Ardèche ».



#### **3. ARWC 2018**

Beach along the lagoon in Reunion Island, arrival in November 2018.



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