

ADVENTURE RACING WORLD SERIES

THE ULTIMATE RACE OF HUMAN ENDURANCE



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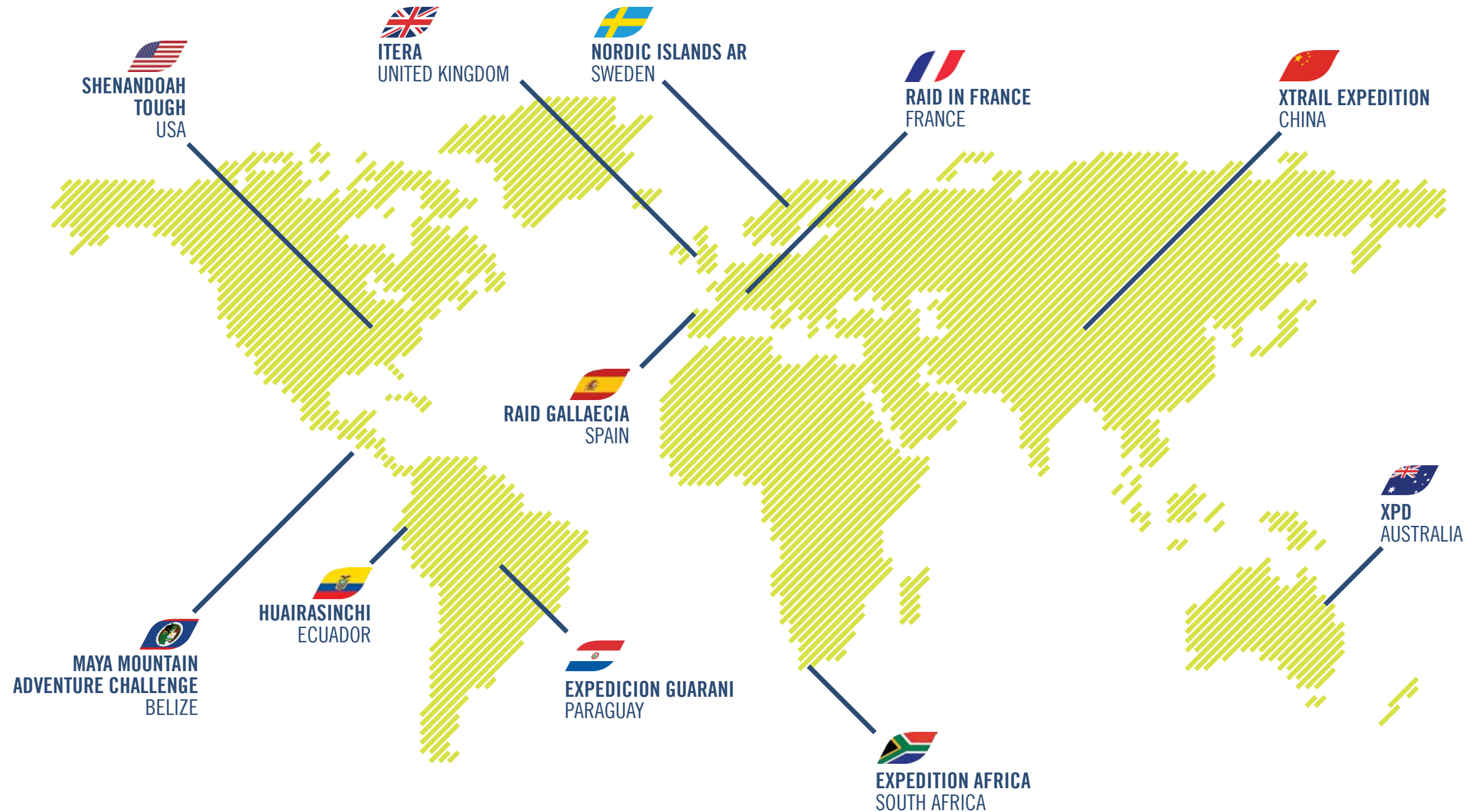
THE ADVENTURE RACING WORLD SERIES

The **ADVENTURE RACING (AR) WORLD SERIES** unites in competition the worlds best endurance athletes at premiere Qualifier events around the globe. The top team from each of these races gains a coveted position on the start line of the annual pinnacle of the sport, the **ADVENTURE RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Each international Qualifier event in the AR World Series sets a unique course to test mixed teams of four athletes, racing from 3-10 days non stop, in the disciplines of trail running, mountain biking, paddling, navigation and more. Courses are kept secret until just before the start.
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2018 XTRAIL
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2018 WORLD CHAMPION XTRAIL



WHAT IS ADVENTURE RACING?



ADVENTURE RACING is the ultimate race of human endurance. Teams of four athletes race non stop, day and night, through courses up to 800km in length. Each course is a unique journey, including legs of mountain biking, trail running, kayaking and rope work. Teams must navigate using map and compass through remote wilderness checkpoints. They battle not only other teams, but extreme fatigue, sleep deprivation and unpredictable weather. If one team member quits, the entire team is unclassified. Often just reaching the finish line is a victory.

AR WORLD SERIES races are the pinnacle of all adventure races and are held across the far reaches of the globe.





Photographer: JJ Raynal



Photographer: Kirsten Oliver



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Race Name	Raid in France
Distance	500km
Winning Time	Days 5
Course Open	Days 7
Dates	European Summer
Website	www.raidinfrance.com
Disciplines	Trek/Run, Mountain Bike, Kayak, Ropes, Canyoning, Caving, Navigation



“BACK TO NATURE”

No other race is remotely like **Raid in France**. The concept is simple: 4 racers completely immersed in the wilderness for 5 to 7 days - an adventure race in total autonomy. The route is uncovered in real time during the race.

Discovery, sharing, environmental protection, self-transcendence, effort, humility, courage, generosity and... high level sports: so many key words to qualify **Raid in France**. A unique expedition combining sport and adventure, with an invitation to dive into the wild. It's an authentic adventure: no GPS, basic maps... and an always crucial respect of nature!





“As much an expedition as a race”

XPD is Australia’s own expedition length adventure race and the longest running member of the AR World Series. Teams of four competitors from around the globe trek, mountain bike, and kayak for eight days in this world renowned expedition. XPD is scheduled every 18 months in a new, adventurous and remote Australian destination. Teams are permitted the full 8 days to reach the finish line with no mid race cut offs.

XPD is know by competitors worldwide “as much and expedition as a race”.

XPD is the host of the AR World Championship 2016.



Photographer: Jim Zirn

Race Name	XPD Expedition Race
Distance	500km
Winning Time	Days 3
Course Open	Days 5
Dates	Various
Website	www.xpd.com.au
Disciplines	Trek/Run, Kayak, Mountain Bike, Navigation



Photographer: Michael Page



Photographer: Johan Lundahl

Race Name

Expedicion Guarani

Distance

500 km

Winning Time

Days 4

Course Open

Days 5

Dates

April

Website

www.expedicionguarani.com

Disciplines

Mountain Bike, Trail Run,
Trek, River Kayak, Ropes,
Navigation



Photographer: Agatha Boveda Aguirre



Amazing Paraguay

Expedicion Guarani is Paraguay's annual expedition adventure race - exploring the incredible landscapes of the country including the highest peaks, the last remnants of the Atlantic Forests and the mighty Paraguay river.

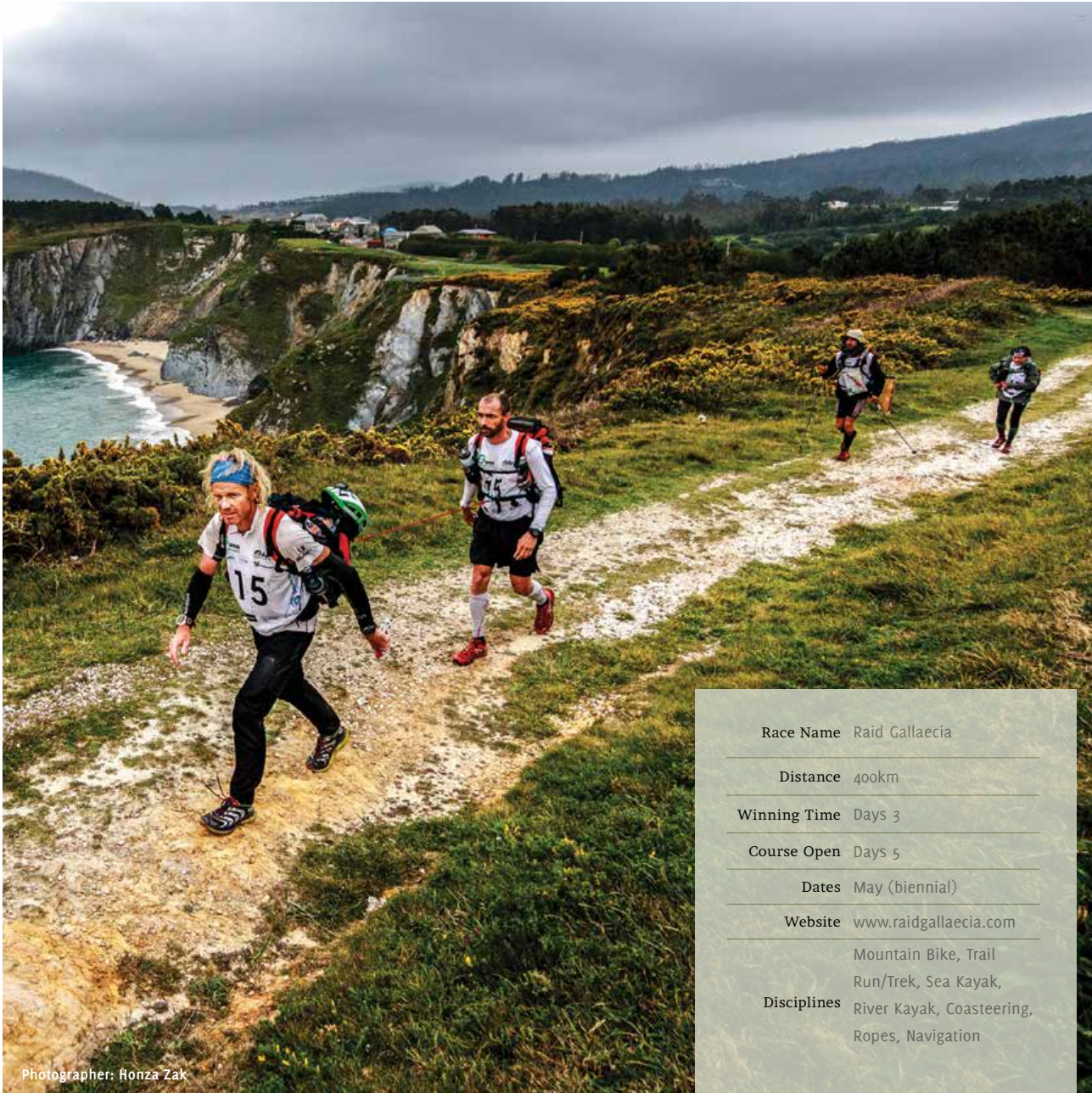
Paraguay is a beautiful country full of friendly and welcoming people ready to create an unforgettable race for all the athletes.



COUNTRY:
PARAGUAY







Photographer: Honza Zak

Race Name	Raid Gallaecia
Distance	400km
Winning Time	Days 3
Course Open	Days 5
Dates	May (biennial)
Website	www.raidgallaecia.com
Disciplines	Mountain Bike, Trail Run/Trek, Sea Kayak, River Kayak, Coasteering, Ropes, Navigation

Raid Gallaecia

Welcome to the land of magic and mystery. You keep the secret.

Raid Gallaecia opens the door to the big adventure in Galicia, Spain. This region is an incredible paradise with its coastline, mountains and estuaries.

The organising team’s focus is creating a special race for those who love great adventures and expeditions. We design a fantastic route in the most spectacular places with a balance between the physical and technical difficulties of the race. We aim to create a surprising experience for the veteran teams and a unique challenge to those who are not.



COUNTRY:
SPAIN



Photos this page: Enrique Blanco Ramos



Photographer: Bruce Viaene



Photographer: Anja Aucamp

Race Name	Expedition Africa
Distance	500 km
Winning Time	Days 3
Course Open	Days 6
Dates	May annually
Website	www.kinetic-events.co.za
Disciplines	Trek/Run, Kayak, Ropes, Navigation, Mountain Bike



Photographer: Bruce Viaene



500km Heartbeat of Africa

Expedition Africa originated in 2011 in the picturesque town of Hermanus, Western Cape. For the past 8 years this epic adventure experience has been criss-crossing the length and width of Southern Africa.

The animal splendour of the Sunshine Coast, the majestic Drakensberg, the spectacular Wild Coast, the natural beauty of the Garden Route, the remoteness of the Baviaans mountain range have all been the canvasses against which adventurers from all over the world have experienced so many diverse sights and sounds of Africa.

In 2015 the adventurers crossed international borders into the Kingdom of Swaziland, there; they once again displayed their indomitable spirit. 2018 we will experience the unique landscape of the Namaqua West Coast. The future plans of Expedition Africa will involve exploring several more diverse adventurous destinations in and out of Southern Africa.

Do join us for a complete experience, the warm hospitality and to share our love for adventure and all things naturally beautiful. Come let us make special memories together as part of the Adventure Racing Family.

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COUNTRY:
SOUTH AFRICA





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Photographer All Images: James Pitman



Race Name XTRAIL

Distance 500km

Winning Time days 3,5

Course Open days 6

Dates May annually

Website <http://xtrail.arworldseries.com>

Disciplines Trek, kayak, mountain bike, ropes



Xtrail - Dare To Achieve

XTRAIL Altay Expedition race will take place in the iconic Altay. This race will take you to regions that are not normally accessible to tourists be they Chinese or foreigners.

Teams will experience the unique grasslands, lakes, mountains in this spectacular part in the world. Altay prefecture located in northern Xinjiang, its northwest connect to Kazakhstan and Russia, its northeast border with Mongolia. The Kazak culture surround across iconic destinations that teams will explore during their one week journey.



COUNTRY:
CHINA



Photographer: All Images Pablo Rojas

Race Name	Huairasinchi
Distance	450 km
Winning Time	3 days
Course Open	4 days
Dates	February/ March
Website	www.huairasinchi.com
Disciplines	Trek, mountain bike, kayak and ropes.



“The Strength of the Wind”

TRANSLATION FROM THE
NATIVE KICHWA LANGUAGE

HUAIRASINCHI, is known as the adventure race that crosses the Andes at latitude 0°. It has been a part of the AR World Series since 2009.

HUAIRASINCHI is an adventure race that each year discovers the hidden corners of Ecuador. The race is renowned for it's biological and cultural diversity and crossing the country's three regions: the Amazon, the Andes, and the Pacific coast.

HUAIRASINCHI promotes protection and respect for nature and works with local communities along the course to support sustainable and responsible tourism.



COUNTRY:
ECUADOR



Photographer: James Kirby



Photographer: James Kirby



Photographer: Aya Kubota




Racing Through History

ITERA is a race format and course designed to allow all the teams to finish. The race is achievable yet challenging to all levels. Itera isn't hardest adventure race ever, in fact quite the opposite; its a fun, interesting and an accessible event.

ITERA is held biennially (every two years) in a great new location in Ireland or the United Kingdom. Teams will leave having experienced the scenery, adventure, history and the people - 5 days not to be forgotten.



COUNTRY:
UNITED KINGDOM



Race Name	Nordic Islands AR
Distance	600km
Winning Time	5 days
Course Open	5 days
Dates	European Summer (biennial)
Website	http://nordicislandsar.com
Disciplines	Trek, kayak, mountain bike



All Photographs: VisitÅland



Nordic Islands



The Nordic Islands are the ancient home of the Vikings and in their spirit you will undertake great feats of exploration as part of the Nordic Islands Adventure Race. A journey into the past.

The 2018 race will set teams on an epic journey from Sweden, across the Baltic Sea, through the Åland Islands and ending in Finland. A multi country race.

Stockholm is the capital of Sweden and teams will meet here to start the race. The 700 year old city spreads over 14 islands, is paved with cobblestone streets and has a rich history of castles, museums and a long past culture.



COUNTRY:

SWEDEN			
ÅLAND			
FINLAND			



Photographer: Chris Radcliffe

Race Name Shenandoah Tough

Distance 400km

Winning Time 3.5 days

Course Open TBC

Dates September 2018

Website www.artough.com/shenandoahtough

Disciplines Trek, canoe, mountain bike, ropes



“We’ll provide the
Southern Charm.
Y’all bring the grit”

Adventure Enablers brought you a world-class event with the Adventure Racing World Championship last August in Wyoming, so now they are ready to show you around their home state of Virginia! The Shenandoah Tough, a 3.5 day expedition race Sept. 13-16, 2018, has teams of 2, 3 or 4 navigating 250 miles across the challenging and beautiful terrain of the Northern Shenandoah Valley via foot, mountain bike, and boat. As a nice bonus, it’s also the last ARWS qualifier before the 2018 Adventure Racing World Championship. This race is perfect for the first-time expedition racer and the seasoned veteran.

It is an adventure race match made in heaven....Both the canoe capitol and mountain bike capitol of Virginia are located in the Shenandoah Valley. We’ll provide the Southern Charm. Y’all bring the grit.



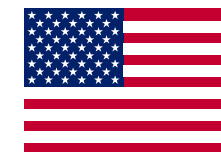
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Photographer: Vlad Bukalo



COUNTRY: USA





Race Name	Maya Mountain Adventure Challenge
Distance	400km
Winning Time	3 days
Course Open	4 days
Dates	February (biennial)
Website	www.mayamountainadventurechallenge.com
Disciplines	Trek, kayak, mountain bike, ropes, caving



Photographer: All Images Legendary Randy Ericksen



...Into an enchanting world

MAYA MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CHALLENGE joins the AR World Series to bring international athletes to Belize, a vibrant country rich with diverse history and people.

Belize starts at sea level with serene aqua waters but quickly bursts upwards with fierce energy as you head west into the breathtaking Maya Mountains, the largest contiguous block of rainforest north of the Amazon. Once in the mountains, the rainforest immediately overpowers your senses with its towering canopy, unique, vibrant flora, and striking karst canyons that will stir your inner spirit. The biodiversity is astounding!



COUNTRY: BELIZE





Hear the Call of the Wild

Croatia is renowned for its clean oceans, unforgettable landscapes, and steep mountains that will literally take your breath away. While the history and culture might blow your mind, be warned the infamous Bora Wind may just blow you away! The ancient villages of Croatia may heal your soul, but be prepared the razor sharp limestone landscapes may wear out your soles. Come and explore Croatia... the adventurous way! Welcome to Adventure Race Croatia, welcome to Zadar county.

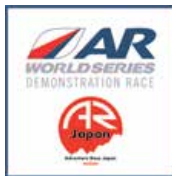
COUNTRY:
CROATIA



adventureracecroatia.com



Photographer: Denis Peros



Maximum Impact

Adventure Race Japan will be held in the Nagano Prefecture from June 13 to 17 2018. Teams will race for 3 days through this world famous environment. The Adventure Race Japan is a demonstration event in the Adventure Racing World Series and is the culmination of many smaller adventure races being held there. Japan offers mountains, whitewater and beautiful trekking. The winning team will complete the course in 1.5 days and other teams are permitted up to 3 days for the full course.

COUNTRY:
JAPAN



adventureracejapan.jp



Photographer: Aya Kubota



Photographer: Alfredo Cerra/Shutterstock.com



Through the Summits of Patagonia

Patagonia conjures in visitors that magic feeling of being the first explorer. The Raid Del Viento will send teams exploring the summits Neuquén in the Northern Patagonia and close to the regions spectacular Volcan Domuyo at 4,800m in altitude. The diversity of terrain of Neuquén is unparalleled, from the grasslands in the east, through the majestic mountains in the north, and to the picturesque lakes and valleys in the south. Come and see Argentina!

COUNTRY:
ARGENTINA



raidelviento.com



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Expedition Oregon

Hosted in the extraordinary playground that is Central Oregon, you will race amidst some of the world's most stunning snow-laden mountains, cascading hidden waterfalls, frosty alpine lakes, and ancient lava fields. Designed by world-class athletes from Team BendRacing/YogaSlackers, this AR World Series sanctioned race will definitely be an epic adventure. Get ready for world-class mountain biking and exhilarating whitewater! This is the race not to miss in the USA this year.

COUNTRY:
USA



bendracing.com/expedition-oregon





The AR World Championship has defined the sport of adventure racing and crowned the worlds top adventure racing team since 2001. Each year an event is chosen to host the championship. They accept the top placed team from each international Qualifier, the previous AR World Champions, teams with an AR World Ranking and allocate wild card entries.

Over 30 countries are regularly represented at the annual AR World Championship.



Photographer: Chris Radcliffe



ADVENTURE RACING WORLD RANKING



The AR World Rankings are a ranking order of the worlds best adventure racing teams based on their 4 best results over the previous two years of AR World Series events.

Teams at each Qualifier race are awarded AR World Ranking Points based on their finishing position. Teams at the annual AR World Championship are awarded points, which are more heavily weighted to reflect the increased competition level at the annual championship race.



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SPONSORSHIP:

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Qualifier events or feature teams.

MEDIA:

Journalists, Photographers and Cameramen travel
the globe to follow the adventure lifestyle of the
athletes and races.

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