



RALLY KAZAKHSTAN 2019

A Round of the 2019 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup

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Introduction

Automotosport Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan is proud to present Rally Kazakhstan, a part of FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies since 2016. The event, near the Caspian Sea, showcases the spectacular countryside and difficult sand dunes in the region over 6 long days of arduous stages.

The Ceremonial Start and Finish of the Rally will take place on the main square of Aktau city with incredible view on Caspian Sea. This year's main hotel will be Caspian Riviera Grand Palace, the most luxurious 5-stars hotel in the city, located just 1500 meters away from the Ceremonial Start of the Rally.

Following the ceremonial start, the first stage on May 27th will move to the Caspian Seashore at Kenderly Sea Resort, just 220 km from Aktau. The resort is famous for its warm sea and shallow water. The average altitude above sea level here is above 0 meters and first stage's altitude will be around -100 meters below sea level.

We offer more than 1 900 km of Special Stages over 6 cross country stages within a total distance of 2 500 km for the competitors. The event enjoys indispensable governmental support to ensure its success, along with emergency helicopters and numerous medical cars on the route.

Past Winners

AUTO			
Years	Driver	Co-Driver	Vehicle
2018	Yazeed Al-Rajhi	Timo Gottschalk	Mini John Cooper Works Rally
2017	Nasser Al Attiya	Mathieu Baumel	Toyota Hilux
2016	Yuriy Sazonov	Dmitro Tsyro	Land Rover Bowler
2015	Andrey Cherednikov	Dmitro Tsyro	Polaris RZR 1000

Organiser Contact Information

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Website: www.rallykazakhstan.com

Working hours:

Monday – Friday, from 09:00 to 18:00 (GMT +6)

Category	Federation	Phone	Email
AUTO – International	FIA	+33 1 43 12 44 55	info@fia.com
AUTO – National	AMFK	+7 727 2939028	info@fams.kz

Event Regulations

2019 FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rallies Sporting Regulations
2019 Auto Supplementary Regulations

Programme of the Rally

- **OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES:**
 - Monday 4 March 2019
- **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:**
 - Friday 12 May 2019
- **PUBLICATION OF ENTRY LIST**
 - Monday 13 May 2019
- **ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS & COLLECTION OF MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS:**
 - Place: Rally HQ, Caspian Riviera Grand Palace, Aktau city
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 06:00-17:00
- **OPENING OF MEDIA CENTRE AND MEDIA ACCREDITATION:**
 - Place: Rally HQ, Caspian Riviera Grand Palace, Aktau city
 - Time: Saturday 25 May 2019, 12:00-18:00
 - Sunday 26 May 2019, 06:00-15:00
- **DATE OF SCRUTINEERING OF THE VEHICLES, MARKING AND SEALING:**
 - Place: Red Station, Aktau city, 1^a Micro district, Building #7
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 08:00-16.00
- **PRE-RALLY PRESS CONFERENCE:**
 - Place: Caspian Riviera Grand Palace
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 18:00
- **ISSUE OF THE ROAD BOOK LEG 1:**
 - Place: Rally HQ
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 17:00
- **FIRST STEWARDS MEETING**
 - Place: Rally HQ
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 17.30
- **PUBLICATION OF START LIST FOR LEG 1:**
 - Place: Rally HQ
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 18:00
- **COMPETITORS COMPULSORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT BRIEFING**
 - Place: Caspian Riviera Grand Palace
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 16.00 - 19:00

- **COMPETITORS BRIEFING:**
 - Place: Media Centre, Caspian Riviera Grand Palace
 - Time: Sunday 26 May 2019, 19:00

- **LEG 1**
 - Place: Aktau city
 - Time: Monday 27 May 2019, 08.00
 - Issue of road book 2 at Kenderly Resort - 17.00
 - Competitors briefing 17.30

- **LEG 2**
 - Place: Kenderly Resort
 - Time: Tuesday 28 May 2019, 08.00
 - Issue of road book 3- 17.00
 - Competitors briefing 17.30

- **LEG 3**
 - Place: Kenderly Resort
 - Time: Wednesday 29 May 2019, 08.00
 - Issue of road book 4- 17.00
 - Competitors briefing 17.30

- **LEG 4**
 - Place: Kenderly Resort
 - Time: Thursday 30 May 2019, 08.00
 - Issue of road book 5 - 17.00
 - Competitors briefing 17.30

- **LEG 5**
 - Place: Aktau city
 - Time: Friday 31 May 2019, 08.00
 - Issue of road book 5 at Aktau Rally HQ - 17.00
 - Competitors briefing 17.30

- **LEG 6**
 - Place: Aktau city
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 08.00

- **FINISH OF THE RALLY:**
 - Place: Caspian Riviera Grand Palace
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 15:00

- **FINAL TECHNICAL CHECKS:**
 - Place: Red Station, Aktau city, 1^a Micro district, Building #7
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 13.00

- **FINAL STEWARDS MEETING**
 - Place: Rally HQ
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 17:00

- **PUBLICATION OF THE PROVISIONAL FINAL CLASSIFICATION:**
 - Place: RALLY HQ
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 17:30

- **PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL CLASSIFICATION:**
 - Place: RALLY HQ
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 18.00

- **PRIZE GIVING:**
 - Place: Caspian Riviera Grand Palace
 - Time: Saturday 01 June 2019, 19:00

Official Notice Board

Sunday 26 May, 06:00, to Monday 27 May 2019, 10:00	Rally HQ, Caspian Riviera Aktau
Monday 27 May, 10:00 to Thursday 30 May 2019, 10:00	Rally Bivouac, Kenderly Resort
Thursday 30 May 10:00 to Saturday 01 June 2019, 19:00	Rally HQ, Caspian Riviera Aktau

Itinerary



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KILOMETRAGES OF RALLY KAZAKHSTAN 2019

Stage #	Date	Start / Finish	LIAISON 1	Special Stage	LIAISON 2	Total Liaison	Total SS	TOTAL
Stage 1	27 May	Aktau – Kenderly	20,04	280,35	-	20,04	280,35	300,39
Stage 2	28 May	Kenderly – Kenderly	8,78	414,12	7,47	16,25	414,12	430,37
Stage 3	29 May	Kenderly – Kenderly	122,02	327,47	-	122,02	327,47	449,49
Stage 4	30 May	Kenderly – Aktau	111,00	405,00	43,00	154,00	405,00	559,00
Stage 5	31 May	Aktau – Aktau	162,00	296,00	103,00	265,00	296,00	561,00
Stage 6	01 June	Aktau – Aktau	44,29	149,52	42,79	87,08	149,52	236,60
TOTAL KM:						664,39	1 872,46	2 536,85

***Figures can be changed during last reconnaissance**



Accommodation

Caspian Riviera Grand Palace Hotel is a 5 stars **Official Hotel** for Rally Kazakhstan 2019, located in Aktau, 70 m from the coast of the Caspian Sea. It features a terrace with sea view and private embankment. The property also offers a spa centre with an indoor pool and Finnish sauna. Free WiFi access and private parking are available.

The elegant rooms are very big and air conditioned and have a balcony with a sea view and flat-screen TV. The private bathrooms come with a hairdryer and free toiletries.

The restaurant at Caspian Riviera Grand Palace Hotel serves buffet breakfast each morning. Le Voyage lounge and dining area offers lunch and dinner. Riviera banquet hall features facilities up to 250 guests. Guests can have a drink at the 24-hour lobby bar.

The property offers a winter garden and billiards. Aktau International Airport is 30 km from the hotel. Guests can request shuttle service.

Technical Park for Rally Kazakhstan 2019 will be located just 50 meters from Caspian Riviera Grand Palace Hotel on secured and hard stone surface parking zone with a splendid view on Caspian Sea.

We have negotiated a special rate for Rally Kazakhstan competitors and guests (KZT):

Hotel	Single Room	Double Room	Junior Suite	Executive	Business Suite
Caspian Riviera Grand Palace Hotel	35 000	40 000	50 000	60 000	75 000

Above Rates are:

- ✓ Including Breakfast;
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi Access;
- ✓ Only for the following dates: 25 – 28 May and 31 May – 03 June. Additional bookings may be made upon request;
- ✓ The hotel's check-in time is 14:00 hrs and check-out time is 12:00. Early check in and check out are available on request, and subject to supplementary charges.

Legs 2 to 4 on Caspian Sea shore

«Kenderly» - a modern architectural complex, located 210 km from the city of Aktau on the Caspian Sea shallow bay. The warm, clean sandy beach, long summer with a clear dry weather creates unique conditions for good, comfortable stay, pure sea air Caspian Sea, swimming pool and sports - recreation centers, comfortable hotel rooms. Accommodation of tourists is organized in comfortable and cozy cottages, as well as the hotel in which each room: TV, telephone with connection to the long-distance communication, air conditioning, shower room and toilet. In the attic of the hotel are a solarium, and a winter garden. In the central part Kenderly is a building with hotel rooms, a sauna and an indoor swimming pool, measuring 18 x 25 m with five swimming lanes. For tennis fans there's in the recreation area - playground tennis courts with synthetic surface. The hotel, leisure sauna, pool, workout room, a video room, dance hall, football playground and a beach volleyball court, outdoor swimming pool, sailing boats, water bikes .

Kenderly Resort offers the below rates for the Rally Kazakhstan event (KZT):

Hotel	Standard Double	Double Room in a Cottage	4 Double Rooms Cottage
Kenderly Resort	<i>tba</i>	<i>tba</i>	<i>tba</i>

Limited places due to renovation of the Resort. Preferences will be given to the first entries.

Above Rates are:

- ✓ Catering includes Breakfast and Dinner from 27 till 30 May;
- ✓ Only for the following dates: from 27 till 30 May. Additional bookings may be made upon request.

Media Information

Press Office

Press Office and Media Center will be located in Caspian Riviera Grand Palace from 26 till 28 May and from 31 May till 02 June and in Kenderly Resort bivouac from 28 till 31 May accordingly.

For all press enquiries and media information please contact:

Andrey Kukushkin,
Media officer for Rally Kazakhstan 2019
E-mail: rallykazakhstan@gmail.com

Press Accreditation

All media should complete the media accreditation form from www.rallykazakhstan.com. Please then send your completed forms along with any required documentation to rallykazakhstan@gmail.com

The deadline for media accreditation application is 24th May 2019.

Media Fees

Media accreditation fee for Rally Kazakhstan 2019 is 250 Euro per person.

The following will be presented to each media representative:

- Media wristband;
- Water;
- Gala Dinner ticket;
- Catering in Kenderly Resort from 27 till 30 May (Dinner and Breakfast)
- Daily lunch box from 27 May till 02 June;
- Merchandise.

Please note that Drones are forbidden to use in Aktau city and its surroundings.

Insurance

The entry fee includes cover for civil liability of the competitor from the Start of Documentation until retirement/exclusion, the limit for protests and appeals, post event Scrutineering.

Competitive vehicles are covered for Civil Liability towards Third Parties (Road Legal), from (and including) 26th May to (and including) 01st June 2019. A separate fee may be charged for each service vehicle requiring insurance, at the organizers discretion.

This cover provides for a maximum liability, in respect of any one claim or series of claims resulting from one accident, of KZT 3,000,000.

Damages to rally and/or service cars as well as the liability of a crewmember towards other crewmembers are not covered by the insurance provided by the organizers.

Repatriation and medical insurance is included in the Overseas entry fee (Art. 35.1 2019 Cross-Country Rally General Prescriptions).

Entry Details and Fees

All Entries fees are in Euro.

Please study the payment summary to fully understand what is and is not included in the entry fee.

Auto

FIA titles for which the rally counts:

- One World Cup for Drivers;
- One World Cup for Co-Drivers;
- One World Cup for teams;
- One FIA Cup for T2 drivers;
- One FIA Cup for T2 teams;
- One FIA Cup for T3 drivers;
- One FIA Cup for T3 teams;
- One FIA Trophy for drivers of two-wheel drive cars;
- One FIA Trophy for two-wheel drive cars Manufactures

A National Class, for vehicles not in conformity of international regulations for T1, T2, and T3 vehicles and not counting towards FIA World Cup points, will also be included in the event. There will also be a national class for T4 vehicles.

The entry application will only be accepted if accompanied by the total entry fees or by a receipt issued by the competitor's National Sporting Authority.

Entry fees / Entry packages

	Until 15 April 2019	Until 12 May 2019
Entry fee – Overseas		
T1, T2, T3	€ 5,000	€ 6,000
T4	€ 7,000	€ 8,000
Ladies crew	€ 1,000	€ 2,000
Entry fee – FIA Eurasian Zone		
T1, T2, T3	€ 4,500	€ 5,000
T4	€ 5,000	€ 5,500
Ladies crew	€ 1,000	€ 2,000
Included	T1, T2, T3	T4
Public Liability Insurance	YES	YES
Repatriation Insurance	YES	YES
3rd Party (on Highway) Insurance ⁽¹⁾		
Gala Dinner Ticket	2	3
Bivouac catering in Kenderly: 27 May – Dinner, 28 May – Breakfast and Dinner, 29 May – Breakfast and Dinner, 29 May – Breakfast and Dinner, 30 May – Breakfast.	2	3
Daily Lunch Boxes from 27 May till 01 June	2	3
Water	YES	YES
Visa (if required)	Free consulate fee	
Merchandise	2	3

Not included		
Tracking and Timing rental – Sporttraxx	€ 584	€ 584
Navigation and Sentinel rental – ERTF	€ 455	€ 455
Shipping		
Accommodation ⁽²⁾		
Travel (flights)		

(1) 15 days

(2) Special rates will be provided for the Rally

Service Fee's	Until 15 April 2019	Until 10 May 2019
Service vehicle & Press registration (service book, plates)	€ 100	€ 100
Service personnel (per person) ⁽³⁾	€ 500	€ 600
Team Manager ⁽³⁾	€ 400	€ 500
Media ⁽³⁾	€ 250	€ 250

(3) Including merchandising, water, bivouac catering in Kenderly, daily lunch box from 27 May till 01 June, gala dinner ticket.

All entries must be sent to rallykazakhstan@gmail.com before the closing date of 10 May 2019.

3.5 Payment

The Entry Fee for competitors, as laid out in these Regulations, is inclusive of Repatriation and Medical insurance.

Payment of Entry Fee should be done by wire transfer together with the entry form applied to the following details:

Automotosport Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kazybek Bi 12/24 – Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 050010
Business Identification Number: 920540001354
Beneficiary Bank: JSC Halyk Bank,
40 Al-Farabi ave., A26M3K5, Almaty, Kazakhstan,
SWIFT/BIC: HSBKKZKX
ACCOUNT NUMBER: KZ126017131000057192
Currency: EURO

3.6 Refunds

Refunds, refer to ART 11.7 – 2019 FIA Cross Country Rally General Prescriptions
All entry forms can be downloaded from website www.rallykazakhstan.com

Navigation and Safety Equipment

Tracking and Timing

This year Rally Kazakhstan will use a timing and tracking system provided by rally specialists Sporttraxx

The system will use Iridium Satellite and GSM based tracking. No need to purchase any expensive bracket as they are provided by Sporttraxx.

The device will be fixed to the vehicle's roll cage with a dedicated RAM mount. External antennas, fitted with velcro, for the T1 and T2 vehicles. No external antenna for T3 vehicles.

Only a simple power supply cable has to be provided, directly from the battery, as per FIA Regs. Art 28.2. Sporttraxx will connect it to the device.

There will be a deposit taken at event registration on for the safe return of the Tracking and Timing Equipment.

Instructions for the use of the device are available here <http://goo.gl/mijNoq>

Navigation and Sentinel

The AMFK will continue working with ERTF to provide navigation and sentinel for competitors. The cost of these devices is not included in the Entry Fee, and must be paid directly to ERTF.

Further information about the systems and technology that will be used in 2019 can be found on Rally Kazakhstan official website www.rallykazakhstan.com.

Prizes

The following trophies will be awarded at the prize giving on the evening of 01 June 2019:

Auto

1st Overall	(Two trophies)
2nd Overall	(Two trophies)
3rd Overall	(Two trophies)

Class Awards:

1st in each Class (T1, T2, T3, Open)	(Two trophies)
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General Information

Time zone

Aktau time zone is UTC/GMT +5 hours.

Kazakhstan Entry Visas

KAZAKHSTAN'S VISA-FREE REGIME FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS
holders of national passport (63 countries)

Denmark (up to 30 days)	Kyrgyzstan (up to 90 days)	Romania (up to 30 days)
Argentina (up to 30 days)	Ecuador (up to 30 days)	Russia (up to 90 days)
Armenia (up to 90 days)	Estonia (up to 30 days)	Serbia (up to 30 days)
Australia (up to 30 days)	Finland (up to 30 days)	Singapore (up to 30 days)
Austria (up to 30 days)	France (up to 30 days)	Slovakia (up to 30 days)
Azerbaijan (up to 30 days)	Georgia (up to 90 days)	Slovenia (up to 30 days)
Belarus (up to 90 days)	Germany (up to 30 days)	Spain (up to 30 days)
Belgium (up to 30 days)	Greece (up to 30 days)	Sweden (up to 30 days)
Brazil (up to 30 days)	Hong Kong, PRC (up to 14 days)	Switzerland (up to 30 days)
Bulgaria (up to 30 days)	Hungary (up to 30 days)	Tajikistan (up to 30 days)
Canada (up to 30 days)	Iceland (up to 30 days)	Turkey (up to 30 days)
Chile (up to 30 days)	India* (up to 72 hours)	Ukraine (up to 90 days)
China* (up to 72 hours)	Ireland (up to 30 days)	UAE (up to 30 days)
Croatia (up to 30 days)	Israel (up to 30 days)	UK (up to 30 days)
Cyprus (up to 30 days)	Italy (up to 30 days)	USA (up to 30 days)
Czech Republic (up to 30 days)	Japan (up to 30 days)	Republic of Korea (up to 30 days)
	Latvia (up to 30 days)	Uzbekistan (up to 30 days)
	Lithuania (up to 30 days)	
	Luxembourg (up to 30 days)	
	Malaysia (up to 30 days)	
	Malta (up to 30 days)	
	Mexico (up to 30 days)	
	Moldova (up to 90 days)	
	Monaco (up to 30 days)	
	Mongolia (up to 90 days)	
	Netherlands (up to 30 days)	
	New Zealand (up to 30 days)	
	Norway (up to 30 days)	
	Poland (up to 30 days)	
	Portugal (up to 30 days)	

* For transit passengers of Kazakhstan's airlines traveling through int'l airports of Astana and Almaty; effective till 31 Dec. 2019)

For service passports (76 countries)
Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong (PRC), Hungary, Iceland, Iran, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

For diplomatic passports (79 countries)
Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong (PRC), Hungary, Iceland, Iran, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vatican and Vietnam.

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All other Nationalities must procure a visa prior to travelling to Kazakhstan. Additional information can be found on www.mfa.gov.kz or upon request to organizers rallykazakhstan@gmail.com

Currencies

The local Currency is Kazakhstan Tenge (KZT)

Exchange rate indications at the date of publishing:

USD 1.00 = 376 KZT

EUR 1.00 = 426 KZT

GBP 1.00 = 490 KZT

These rates are accurate as of 21st February 2019.

The import and export of both local and foreign currency are unrestricted. Cash amounts equivalent over USD 10,000 must be declared with the Customs.

Credit & debit cards: MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted.

Banking hours: Monday-Friday 09:00-18:00.

Water

The tap water is heavily purified and safe to drink, but we would recommend the locally bottled mineral water. Organisers will provide each person on the rally as much bottled water as needed.

Electricity

The electricity supply is 220 volts and 50 cycles; the socket type is two pin system; most hotels have adapters for electrical appliances.

Fuel

Petrol stations in the Kazakhstan are numerous, but the quality of diesel and petrol can be poor in the Region.

Organizers will provide Petrol (Super) and Diesel Euro-5 on request. Special order forms can be found soon on www.rallykazakhstan.com.

Most offer extra services, such as car wash, oil change. Almost all of them have small supermarkets.

Transportation

You can enter the Bivouac with a regular car, although 4x4 vehicles would be required for driving in the sand. The organizers insist that only experienced desert drivers take vehicles off road. Only vehicles with valid door plates from the event will be permitted in the bivouac.

For Aktau city, Rally Kazakhstan Organizers will provide shuttle buses from Airport to Main and Partner Hotels upon request.

Crew

Competitors, Service Crews, Media, Officials and Organization personnel will all be identified with colored wristbands.

Telecommunications

There are three main telecommunication services providers in the Kazakhstan: Beeline, Kcell and Altel.

The telecommunication tariffs are reasonably competitive.

The international dialing code of the Kazakhstan is + 7.

Driving rules

To drive in the Kazakhstan, you must hold an International Driving Permit and/or a driving license issued in your country of residence.

In Kazakhstan you drive on the right hand side of the road. It is mandatory to wear seatbelts.

Most of the roads are monitored by both fixed and movable radars. Speed limits are usually 60 km around town and 90/100 km on the highways. The speeding fines vary depending on the excess speed level.

The Traffic Police exercise a zero tolerance on drinking and driving.

If you are involved in a traffic accident, however minor, your car MUST remain in position and you MUST stay with it while awaiting the Traffic Police (by calling 102). All insurance claims require a police report to be processed.

Airport

It is worth taking a look at the website of the airport before your arrival:

- Aktau International Airport: www.aktau-airport.kz

Emergency services & numbers

- Ambulance – 103
- Police – 102
- Fire – 101

Healthcare and Medical facilities

The general standard of healthcare in the Kazakhstan is high, both in the public and private sectors, although private hospitals have some distinct advantages (predominantly English-speaking, less waiting time, less cultural restrictions).

Medical facilities are of a very high quality but are extremely expensive. Private health insurance is essential, and highly recommended.

Pharmacies are open 24/7.

Photography

Normal tourist photography is acceptable, but it is courteous to ask permission before photographing people.

In general, photographs of government buildings, military installations, ports and airports should not be taken.

Vehicle spares and services and franchises

We recommend to use the services and to buy the spares from the official car dealers of the Kazakhstan.