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Here we go again,

2009 edition of Istanbul Rally, which has 37 years of history, is ready to Welcomes you at the first week of May. Rally route will once again be consisting of smooth gravel roads of Istanbul's Asian side and around its neighbor city Kocaeli.

2009 event will be counting for European Rally Championship and also the first round of Turkish Rally Championship. In 2009, we have small changes. At this year's event, Rally HQ will be in the Service Park. Once again Pendik Bazaar Area, next to the coastal road, will be served as Service Park. This year we have some surprises that will keep the Service Park lively and colorful as well. As in last year, the Organizing Committee is planning to start the event with a ceremonial start on Friday evening, 1st of May, in Fenerbahce Park. On Saturday and Sunday, drivers will head to deeming, fast smooth surfaced gravel stages to challenge for the victory. Most of the 2008 route will be unchanged, as we received very good comments in the last two years concerning the smooth gravel character of the stages. Drivers will compete on the stages of both Istanbul and Kocaeli during two days.

All the information, such as maps, forms, spectator's info and accommodation choices can be found at the rally's official web site; [www.istanbulrally.org](http://www.istanbulrally.org)

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