

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROMOTION
WORLD TOUR - 3RD EDITION

80edays 10th anniversary

Electric car travel around the world 2012-2022



Ten years ago, the longest standard electric car journey and the story of an international clean air project began. Rafael De Mestre on his Tesla Roadster went around the world, starting on May 11, 2012. And on this trip, he set several world records: the fastest trip around the world in an electric car at that time in 127 days, the longest route on a 100% standard electric car, and the longest trip alone behind the wheel of an electric car.

We are pleased to announce that today this incredible adventure has grown into an event series for fans of the electric world and fighters for clean air. Participants achieve incredible goals, overcome difficulties every time and prove to the whole world that electric mobility technologies are available in every corner of the world.

During these 10 years, many new electric mobility initiatives have been born along with the project. Rafael took the range anxiety from the Chinese crossing as the first man China with a production electric car transporting the message: "You can do it too! Just buy an EV!" began to mark each charging point on the map during his first trip around the world, which inspired a lot of developers to create charge point location apps. He joined with his Chargelocator app the Electromaps founders and helped to make this application the standard application of the Iberic region. Now the app is showing over 200,000 charge points on the map, so that every owner of an electric car can find charge stations all around the world and use the app even for the payment of the charge. The number of users is growing every month. By 2022, the number of users reached 200 thousand.

The world project takes place every four years, like the Olympic Games. Between the 80edays editions, electric car owners are entertained with another format: Rafael De Mestre organizes the Eco Grand Prix series. These are the races, where EV drivers can compete in endurance challenges on the famous race tracks and street courses of the world.

By 2023 the participants of 80edays will travel through more than 30 countries and three continents, crossing oceans and seas as emission free as possible. They will set new records and plant trees along the route, as a symbol of environmentally friendly transport and green energy. The trees will be planted in the cities of the countries along the way, calling to save our native planet for future generations. EV pilgrims can use the great opportunity to follow the 80edays Tree Road!

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How it all started



The project started in 2012 when Rafael De Mestre accepted the challenge of the French people, who went on a trip around the world called "Electric odyssey". He planned to drive around the world on his electric Tesla Roadster and get to Strasbourg faster than they did. Planning to meet the French, who started the trip three months earlier in March 2012, in the desert Gobi.

On May 11, 2012, he started in Barcelona and hit the road. He drove through Strasbourg and went to catch up with the French team. Rafael and his Tesla drove all the way through the difficulties of visas and permits, celebrations and bad roads. Several times Rafael had to fly to Germany for paperwork, come back and continue on his way. The roads of Kazakhstan were difficult for the roadster, and at that time there were practically almost no charging stations in the world so charging the electric car from ordinary sockets was the way to travel.

After 20.000 km of driving through desert sandstorms, heat till 53°C, the worst roads on earth and thunderstorms, the electric car reaches Germany and crashes into a car close to the finish line. Nothing could stop the car from driving and then Rafael de Mestre was standing beside the remains of his car. But even there he managed to find support and in an accelerated mode of five days the Tesla Roadster was restored by Tesla and returned to life.

As a result, Rafael was ahead of the French team. His way took 28.282 km and became the longest trip on a serial 100% electric car ever driven, a world record. He spent 127 days on this trip and became the first person in the world to single-handedly overcome the path around the world in an electric car - and by the way being the winner of the first around the world electric car race.

World records are persecuting Rafael, in 2016 when he went around the world in an electric car for the second time. This time he started on a Tesla Model S, but 10 more teams from a lot of countries rode with him. These are the most kilometers driven by electric cars in an event. Even though there have been a lot of events in the last 6 years, this record has not been beaten so far. Rafael will try to beat it himself in 2023 where every of the maximum 8 participants (sailing cargo ship limit) will drive 40.000 km.

This second edition of 80edays focused on the internationality of the teams pointing out that air pollution is an international matter and it is breaking 12 world records. 28 trees were planted on the more than 25 thousand km long route through 20 countries and three continents. The teams were from Germany, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Switzerland, USA and China.

Participants toured large cities where more than 40 events were organized to raise awareness of electric vehicle technology. The planted trees got a memorial plaque and were planted as clean air measurement instruments which will be the meeting points for all future 80edays participants taking probes to be researched by partner universities. Welcome to join the research in case you are a University or a research institute!

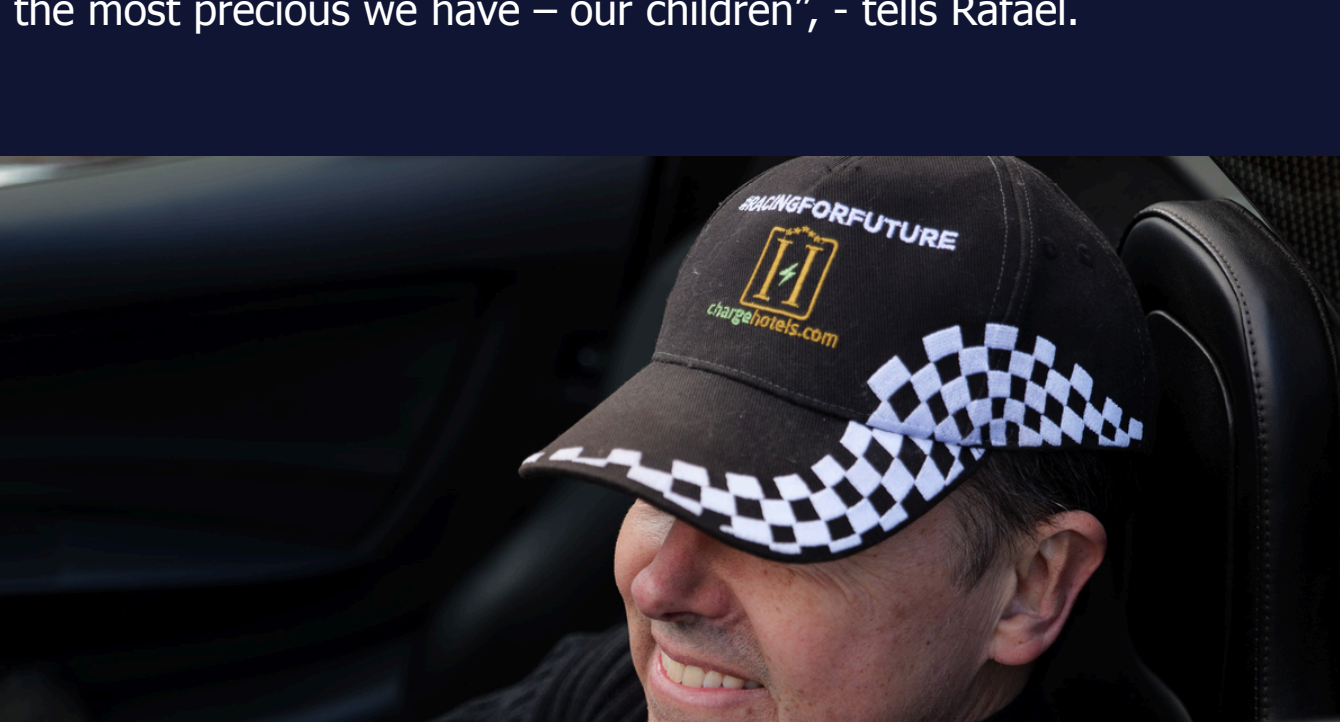
The teams successfully completed their trip in 80 days like "Jules Verne 2.0", including intercontinental flights - another world record.

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New records await

We are waiting for a new start of 80edays in February 2023. The third stage of the trip around the world will again set several world records. The global rally will cross three continents, 34 countries and total 40,000 km, which must be completed within 80 days.

The route was updated in 2022 and only includes countries where the political situation is stable. And this time 80edays is going to be an eco-friendly tour more than anytime, thanks to our partners AVONTUUR and BRIGANTES: the sailboats will transport crews and electric vehicles across the Pacific Ocean without the use of fossil fuels.

To be eligible to participate in the race, the teams from any country will have to drive 100% standard electric cars. Official registration is already open, more information here: <https://80edays.com/contact/>

Four teams have already been assembled, and they are ready to complete the entire route. The team captains are: Rafael De Mestre (Spain), Kai Howaldt (Germany), Ras Nielsen (United States), Alexander Goldberg (Germany).

We invite you to join us!

More information about the rally and the participants can be found on the official website: <https://80edays.com/2023/route/tree-route/>

We will be pleased to answer your questions. You can contact us in any convenient way:

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Short note:

#80edays — is a mission that breaks boundaries! We are proving that electric vehicle technology is poised to become the first choice for drivers because it is environmentally sustainable and has a well-developed infrastructure.

The 80edays mission is to accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility. This is the largest rally on 100% electric vehicles around the world. Participants of the world race prove that electric vehicles have already become the choice of drivers. It is a conscious transition to quiet, clean and sustainable energy.

The world electric car race is held every 4 years across three continents. In 2012 and 2016 participants crossed more than 20 countries, and covered more than 28 thousand kilometers on electric vehicles. Any team from any country in the world can take part in a serial electric car.

Tree route — in collaboration with Myclimate, the official eco-partner of 80edays, trees were planted along the route of the race in 2016, which today determine the route. The Myclimate project seeks to restore forests and offset carbon emissions. The 80edays project, which promotes clean air, is well complemented by the goals of our partner and provides a joint opportunity to raise public awareness of environmental issues. Together, we highlight the critical social and climate issues arising from increased pollution and rapid deforestation.

80edays planted 10.000 trees to compensate the CO2 footprint of 80edays:

<https://www.myclimate.org/information/carbon-offset-projects/detail-carbon-offset-projects/nicaragua-forestry-7186/>

Rafael De Mestre — is an ambassador for electric mobility and founder of the Eco Grand Prix electric car 24h races, winner of the first round-the-world race in 2012. He holds the record for solo trip around the world in a standard electric car, the fastest round-the-world trip in an electric car (80 days) together with the teams of 2016's 80edays Elduro and won several EV rallies in Europe.

