



FAQs – Pazifik Eskapade – 2018

Driving Exhilaration along with Palm Springs Fun, Food, Diversity & Relaxation !

What is Pazifik Eskapade ? This event is an opportunity for BMW CCA members to experience performance driving at the BMW Performance Driving School, in Thermal California, adjacent to Palm Springs. At the same time, the Coachella Valley offers a spectacular set of extracurricular activities allowing everyone to customize their own weekend of diversity, fun, shopping, and adventure.

How do I get there, and will I be driving my own car ? The BMW Performance Center West is located at 86030 62nd Ave, Thermal, CA 92274. The Performance Center provides the cars, gas and tires for the driving schools. You simply show up and have fun in new model BMW M cars. For other activities, your own BMW or a rental car will be most convenient. Uber and Lyft are available, if needed. Flights to Palm Springs are an option, if you prefer not to drive to the event.

How do I make hotel reservations ? The Host hotel is the La Quinta Resort and Club. We have a block of rooms at \$149 (plus tax). The resort fee has been waived. Participants are responsible for reserving and paying for lodging and all related expenses. After this block of rooms is booked, regular rates apply. The cut off date for the \$189.00 room rate is August 31, 2018. You can make your reservation online [here](#), or call 800.598.3828 and ask for the Pazifik Eskapades 2018 room block .

What is the difference between the 4 hour curriculum on Saturday and the full days on Sunday and Monday? Saturday accommodates 100 drivers rotating through a series of exercises including lead-follow track time, drag racing, skid pad and autocross. While everyone gets to experience every segment, there is not enough time for instructors to give individualized help. Sunday and Monday Club M Schools are limited to 32 drivers a day. Each student will receive concentrated guidance with plenty of time to correct mistakes and refine each skill being taught.

Do all drivers have to be BMW CCA members ? All Sunday and Monday participants must be current BMW CCA members, no exceptions. While we prefer that all Saturday participants be BMW CCA members, we understand that you may want to bring along non-member friends, to show them what they are missing. We will have membership applications available and we strongly encourage you to tenaciously persuade your guests to sign up while they are in an M-car daze.

Do I need previous performance driving experience ? No, the BMW Performance Center instructors will adjust to your skill level.

What cars will we be driving ? A variety of M cars will be provided. They will all be new models with less than 5000 miles.

Why is the price for Monday different than Sunday? We want to encourage local members to use the Monday option so that people with farther to drive can get on the road to home earlier.

Can non-participants ride with me ? You will be sharing a car with a partner. If your guest isn't prone to motion sickness, signs the waiver, and an instructor approves it, you may be able to take someone in the back seat. Instead, we suggest that you just sign them up and let them drive.

Can I skip exercises and/or just do a few exercises repeatedly ? Sunday and Monday follow a pre-set fixed schedule that is not adjustable. On Saturday you will be divided into groups (you can pick your fellow group members). Then the groups rotate between all the exercises. You can sit out of something, but you still need to stay with your group. When all the groups have cycled through all the exercises, you may go back and repeat any exercise you want.

Can my teen driver participate ? No, you must be an adult (18 and older). Minors may not drive or ride. If you bring younger children with you, please be sure there is an adult to watch that child while you are in the car. Better yet, plan some extracurricular activities for your family.

What should I wear, and do I need to bring a helmet ? Wear comfortable driving clothes. Shorts are okay. Do not wear flip-flops, slides, sandals, open-toed shoes, or stilettos. You will not need to bring your helmet with you. The Performance Center will provide everything you need.

Can I add people to my registration ? Sunday and Monday Performance Center participants must register separately which makes it easier to verify BMW CCA membership. For all other events, one registration form for the whole group is fine.

Can I attend more than one day at the BMW Performance Center ? Yes.

What is the cancellation policy ? Can I substitute participants on my registration ? If you cancel before September 1, you'll get a full refund*. After that, the amount of your refund* will depend of whether we can fill your place, and whether the event has broken even. If you opt to give your entry to a friend, please make sure he/she meets the membership requirements for that day. Contact us at bmweskapade@gmail.com, to add, cancel, or substitute drivers. *Your refund may be subjected to a small handling fee.

Do I need to bring water or food to the BMW Performance Center ? Also, what about my special dietary needs ? The BMW Performance Center provides water and you are encouraged to drink a lot of it. Their caterers are excellent. Meals are served buffet style and you should be able to find something to met your personal dietary needs. If you have very restrictive needs, contact us and we'll check with the caterer.