

# BIC lines up offers for National Day

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**Bahrain International Circuit (BIC)** has lined up a series of National Day offers for race fans to enjoy in Sakhir.

The deals feature some of the circuit's most adrenaline-pumping experiences, such as the Ultimate Track Experience, the Land Rover Experience and the Dragster Experience.

The deals, and their new prices, include the following:

Clio Cup Driver Experience and SR1 Driver Experience at BD220, reduced from BD260.

As a major part of BIC's Ultimate Track Experience, the Clio Cup Drive puts you in a Renault-manufactured mean machine that features a 1.6-litre Turbocharged engine that can generate up to 220bhp and 6,000rpm.

In addition, the Radical SR1 drive promises the ultimate adrenaline

rush. The SR1 prototype's engine can generate 185bhp, and it launches from zero to 100kph in 3.6 seconds.

The Clio Cup Passenger Experience at BD15, reduced from BD25.

This comprises an exciting three-lap session of around 40 minutes in the ultra-quick Clio Cup sports car.

The SR3 Passenger Experience at BD25, reduced from BD35.

The Radical SR3 can go from zero to 100kph in 3.4 seconds, and the passenger ride consists of a three-lap session of around 40 minutes.

The Land Rover Driver Experience at BD50, reduced from BD65.

The Land Rover Drive offers the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a Land



Rover vehicle to tackle BIC's off-road obstacle course, guided by a qualified Land Rover Experience instructor. The drives are unique and tailored to each guest, no matter what skill level. One can experience the full line up of Land Rover models, from Range Rover and Discovery Sport to the LR4 and Range Rover Evoque.

Dragster Experience - Buy 1 and 50% off 2nd passenger at BD60, reduced from BD80.

This is one of the circuit's most unique and ultimate-adrenaline activities, and you can finally get in with an unbelievable offer for two persons. The passengers will enjoy the thrill of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second, while seated side by side in BIC's top-of-the-line Dragster.

Each of the National Day offers are available for a limited period only. Visit [www.bahraingp.com](http://www.bahraingp.com) or call +973-17450000 today to make an advanced booking.



## Thomas will not ride 2018 Giro d'Italia



Chris Froome celebrates with Geraint Thomas (left)

London

**Geraint Thomas** (Team Sky) has confirmed that he will not ride the 2018 Giro d'Italia due to teammate Chris Froome's decision to ride the corsa rosa next year. The Welshman acknowledged that Froome's attempt at the Giro-Tour double limits his opportunities to lead a team in a Grand Tour, and he said that he will listen carefully to offers from other teams for 2019.

Thomas is due to attend a Team Sky training camp this week, and he told *BBC Wales* that he would avail of the chance to discuss his 2018 programme and his longer-term ambitions with manager Dave Brailsford.

"It's a team sport but at the same time every individual in that team has their own goals and aspirations, what they want to do in their career," Thomas told *BBC Wales* last week.

"I'd love to go to a couple more Grand Tours as a leader and fully target them and just see what I can do, whether that's ninth, winning one, third or fourth, whatever really."

Thomas began the 2017 Giro as Team Sky's co-leader with Mikel Landa, but a crash at the foot of the Blockhaus on stage 9 ended his overall ambitions, and he abandoned the race in the second week.

After placing 15th at the 2015 and 2016 editions of the Tour de France, Thomas was keen to take the opportunity to lead a team in a Grand Tour, and it was initially anticipated that he would again be given his freedom at the Giro in 2018. Froome's decision to ride the Giro, however, means that Thomas will forgo the corsa rosa, and will instead build towards the Tour.

"Last year was unfinished business but with Froomey going there [the Giro - ed.] he's obviously going to be the main guy, so I don't want to go there and just... I've ridden a lot of Grand Tours in support roles now, so I'm just looking to get those bigger opportunities myself," said Thomas, who added that Froome's Giro exertions might have a knock-on effect come the Tour. (*cyclingnews*)



## Bahrain-Merida head to Croatia for training camp

Zagreb, Croatia

**L**ike the majority of WorldTour teams, Bahrain-Merida have decamped to the warmer parts of Europe in preparation for the 2018 season. Unlike the majority, however, the team haven't headed to Spain but rather to the Croatian island of Hvar in the Adriatic Sea.

A little over 80km in length, the riders will be clocking up several laps of the island to get the pre-season kilometres in the legs.

The training camp is also an important two-week period for the riders to dial in their positions on their road and time trial bikes, try on new kit, and acquaint themselves with new teammates and tactics. With the full Bahrain-Merida team in attendance for the camp, the race programmes for the year are likely to be finalised.

The training camp has been coordinated by sports director Vladimir Miholjević, with the training and team activities split between a number of the Sunčani Hvar Hotels on the island of Hvar. The team will hold a general press conference 14 December with team management to outline their 2018 season objectives. (*cyclingnews*)

## Hardeep to challenge Leary

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**H**ardeep Rai made a statement after overcoming the challenge posed by Sam Patterson at Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions with a first-round Knockout.

Hardeep Rai choose KHK MMA Gym for his fight against Sam Patterson training in Bahrain. Hardeep is looking to face experienced opponents as he progresses in his professional MMA career.

Hardeep Rai is looking forward to challenge Charlie Leary.

Leary knocked out Daniele Scatizzi in the third round.

Former UFC fighter Norman Parke challenged the Englishman after Brave 9.

Rai's reason for challenging Leary is personal, in an interview with MMA UK, Leary opined that Hardeep was



beatable.

Hardeep Rai had requested a bout with Charlie Leary following the instance. Hardeep's latest victory came against a training partner of Leary's. Rai faced Sam Patterson from Team Crossface, who wasn't able to stop the first fighter of Asian origin to win a medal at IMMAF World Championships.