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HI, I'M NANCY!

I've been on the road for the past 30 days! Thanks to Direwheel i was able to travel through most of Europe's exciting winter hotspots! So far we visited Andorra, France and now Austria. I can't describe how many exciting things we have done both on the road and on location!

Our first visit was to the winter hotspot of most Spanish people, Andorra! The roads in this area are steep and challenging as you'll always be driving near the edge of a cliff. It really is a lot different than in our home country where everything is completely flat (the Netherlands). Especially during the winter we have to be extra careful as the roads can be treacherous. The many hotspots we visited included a mountainbike center, the most popular ski slope and many historical towns!

The hotel provided to us by Direwheel was in the town of La Massana. We spent most of our time traveling between La Massana and Andorra la Vella the capital of the country. Although Andorra is a small country it can feel absolutely massive due to its high mountains. Because of these mountains travel can also take a lot longer than most people will think, since you'll spend most of your time driving up and down the mountains to get from one place to another.

One of the activities that was waiting for us on location was the winter offroad challenge. This challenge took us through the mountains of Andorra while riding a 4x4. It was a tough ride with lots of obstacles to face but we managed it thanks to our assistant and safety instructor Louis! It truly was an unbelievable experience.

Thanks for allowing me to be the driver of the day and letting me tell my quick story of one of my adventures in the past 30 days!

As always drive safe everyone!

NANCY MOLENAAR





EXPLORING THE AUSTRIAN ALPS

EPISODE 1



THE EXTREME 4x4 AUSTRIAN ROADTRIP

CAR: FORD BRONCO, 2021

LOCATIONS: LECH, SÖLDEN, INNSBRUCK & KAPRUN

TIME: 7 DAYS

CHALLENGERS: Darin, Kyle, Leah & Michelle

DISTANCE TRAVELLED: 380KM



After a year of preparations Darin, Kyle, Leah and Michelle of team Direwheel have teamed up to overcome the extreme 4x4 Austrian roadtrip.

“It wasn’t an easy task but now that i look back at it, it sure was one of the best experience of my life.”, says Michelle after returning from the challenge. The roadtrip put the 4 members on a difficult path to travel to 4 Austrian cities using the most dangerous roads in the most hazardous conditions.

The 4 took turns driving the 2021 Ford Bronco around the Austrian alps most treacherous roads. “Every day felt like a new day full of challenges, we never knew what to expect next. Sure we knew what we’ve gotten ourselves into but nothing prepares you for unexpected situations.”, says team leader Darin.

The first days took the team from Lech to Sölden. Not through the conventional roads, but through the mountains. The team packed up a bunch of supplies including plenty of water and food, but also proper equipment and clothing for if things could go south. They never knew what to expect, especially during

the stormy winter. The first part of the journey was pleasant. As the team left Lech to head up the mountains they were making quick work of the challenge. “It helped that the Ford Bronco was fairly new and was specifically made to take on such rough terrain”, noted Leah.

However when they passed the first check-in station things started to get a little tense. During the decent on one of the mountains the car had to stop for a snowy surprise. The entire road ahead of them down the mountain was blocked by a wall of snow. The team had to get out of the car to start making room so they could get past.

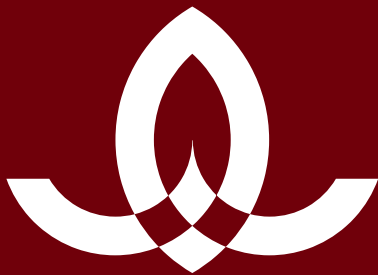
“Nobody comes up to take these roads during winter which is what makes these roads so dangerous”, says Kyle. “I hate to admit it but clearing the road took us a lot longer than we had expected, there was just so much snow it wasn’t safe for us to just drive through it.”

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