



PRESS RELEASE

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The 18th Tour de Corse Historique : 80% of the route has been remodeled.

Because of its format alternating either quite long or short special stages that embody one of the core characteristics of this race, the rallye perpetuates the state of mind of the former Tours de Corse.

This year, 10 special stages that are completely unprecedented or that have not been raced for a long period of time will offer multiple challenges, while crossing the Beauty Island and its wonderful landscapes.

Program of Tour de Corse Historique 2018.

Among other things, a 55km (35mi) long special stage at Notre Dame de la Serra, which is a long and twisty asphalt line next to the seaside, will be a serious piece of bravery.

A new host city will be Bastia and its mythical Saint Nicolas place. The assistance park will be located in the Furiani stadium, this will give the opportunity to the public to hget a closer glimpse at the unique atmosphere of the assistance and the never ending ballet of mechanics. Calvi will be a new host city as well with a Parc Fermé at the bottom of the citadel, where the racing cars will be aligned next to the sea.

The gathering will occur at Francardo, La Porta which is an emblematic city of the Tour thanks to its legnedary church, the unmissable Porto and its gulf which is a Unesco world heritage site and as a last site, the village of Zonza, sitting on top of on the Barocagio-Marghese mountain channel, giving a nice viewpoint on the Bavella peak.



The organizers are deeply focused on bringing friendship and conviviality on the rally, and they wish that on Monday and Tuesday would turn out to be authentic moments of exchange with all the passionate people who come always more numerous each year.

The ending ceremony will take place in Porto-Vecchio's old town, the salt city also known for its nice beaches. It will offer a festive moment for both the spectators and the crews.

José Andreani, President of the Organization's committee :

« The Tour de Corse Historique is a magical rally where past and present meet to revive the legend. Our one and only goal is to share the passion for motorsport. »

With more than 330km (210mi) of special stages, The Tour de Corse Historique enables the competitors to live a true emotional moment at the wheel of their historically significant cars, and to enjoy a diverse array of landscapes that make this mediterranean venue world famous.

On the agenda of this 18th Tour de Corse Historique :

- Monday 8th, Tuesday October, 9 : administrative and technical check up in Porto-Vecchio
- Tuesday 9th : Porto-Vecchio / Porto-Vecchio – Starting ceremony and shakedown
- Wednesday 10th : Porto-Vecchio / Bastia – 1st stage
- Thursday 11th : Bastia / Calvi – 2nd stage
- Friday 12th : Calvi / Ajaccio – 3rd stage
- Saturday 13th : Ajaccio / Porto-Vecchio – Arrival and podium

In 2018, the new and exclusive route of the Tour de Corse Historique will take you directly from the sea to the mountains in just a few minutes through passes over 1200m high and through various landscapes that make Corsica so famous. From October, 8 2018 to October, 13 2018, you will enjoy the gentle autumn temperatures on the Island.

From Porto-Vecchio's Gulf to the UNESCO world heritage village of La Porta, Piana's rocky inlets and the nature reserve of Scandola with its tourmented cliffs, Corsica remains one of the most beautiful mediterranean venues. Driving pleasures as well as discoveries will be permanent.

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