



PRESS RELEASE

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The 18th occasion of the Tour de Corse Historique

Corsica is a place where respect for tradition has gone to another dimension. Corsica is also a land of mechanical passion and has been proving it year after year by keeping its tradition of legendary rallies. More than a moving museum, it is almost all of the rally history that is gathering before the eyes of an always more numerous audience, who appreciates the proximity with the competitors.

From October, 8 2018 to October, 13 2018, the Tour de Corse Historique will attempt to bring the legend back again.

Tour de Corse Historique 2018, conquer the Beauty Island.

Gathering rare and exceptional cars driven by pros and amateurs through the years, the rally known as the Tour de Corse Historique has cemented itself as an essential appointment for all petrolheads. It has also become a renowned cultural event.

Last year, more than 200 contenders had taken part to the 17th occasion of the race in any of the two categories (VHC and VHRS). Let us point out the fact that the spectators were delighted to see such legends as Vic Elford, Gérard Larousse, Romain Dumas, Erik Comas and Jean-Claude Andruet.

The magic surrounding the Tour de Corse Historique is the result of a secret recipe combining challenge, competitiveness and friendship. Even if the pilots' skills are being pushed to their limits, the absolute priority remains the thrill of driving. The officials in charge of designing the route always make sure that the crews find pleasure on the road, and they keep renewing the stages so that the contenders would remember this week for a long time.



On this new occasion, and over a five days' race, everyone will have the opportunity to discover and appreciate an exclusive route that will pay homage to the races that took place between the 60s and the 80s.

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.

Key figures :

- 840km (520mi) to travel
- 500km (310mi) of connection roads
- 340 km (210mi) of special stages
- 200 cars
- 18th occasion
- 17 special stages
- 5 days
- 4 stages



Chronology :

1921 : 1st Grand Prix Automobile de Corse

1956 : 1st Tour de Corse

1973 : The Tour de Corse becomes a World Rally Championship race

2001 : 1st Tour de Corse Historique

Practical information :

Cars can be shipped from the continent in partnership with the carrier Corsica Ferries. Host city for the start and arrival of the race, Porto-Vechio benefits from an easy air and road access from the following airports :

- Figari (20km – 25min away)
- Ajaccio (126km – 2h42 away)
- Bastia (147km – 2h50 away)

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