

Terre di Canossa 2016: we are turning six!

April 14th – 17th, 2016: these are the dates not to be missed for the wonderful sixth edition of the “Terre di Canossa”. It takes place along the charming roads of Emilia, Liguria and Tuscany and will, as always, feature its unique combination of sport, passion, landscapes, culture and unforgettable evenings.

As usual and to guarantee the highest standards of hospitality the maximum number of crews will be limited to just 100 cars. This includes our traditional tribute to Ferrari & Maserati.

The 2016 edition of the Terre di Canossa **pays homage to the 70th anniversary of the Italian Republic**, and to the **970th anniversary of the birth of Matilda of Canossa**

The “patron” of our race, also known as the Great Countess, was one of the key figures of the Middle Ages. This independent and progressive woman played a pivotal role in the political scene of her age, and is remembered for her diplomatic and military achievements.

For the first time this year’s event will start in Parma, with a **gala soirée** and a dinner designed by the Michelin-starred chef Massimo Spigaroli, famous “representative” of the Parmesan cuisine and undisputed “king” of the culatello. The Lands of Canossa are also the Lands of Verdi, therefore the first evening will delight not only the participant’s palates, but also their ears with a brief, exclusive **concert**.

The race will start on **Friday 15th**, when the cars will leave the historical city centre of the “Ducal City” and go to the Varano Racetrack for a group of timed trials at the famous circuit.

The crews will then drive along the Apennine roads and reach Borgotaro, “home” of the porcino mushroom; afterwards, they will go through the **Cento Croci Pass** and arrive in the Gulf of La Spezia.

The participants will enjoy a refreshing break at the Navy Arsenal, followed by a tour of the coast of La Spezia and of the Cinque Terre.

The day will end with a pleasant aperitif at the **Castle of Lerici** and the dinner in **Bocca di Magra** at the Capannina da Ciccio, a popular restaurant among local sailors.

On **Saturday** the route will focus on Tuscany, with spectacular parades through the centres of some of the most beautiful Italian cities of art, such as the ones under the “Leaning Tower” of **Pisa** and on the walls of **Lucca**. The crews will then arrive in front of the Cathedral of Pietrasanta, the city of Botero and many other great artists.

As always, the highlight of the evening will be the not to be missed **Beach Party** at sunset with live music on the beach of the Bambaissa, one of the most glamorous Italian seaside resorts. This promises to be, an unforgettable night.

Finally, on **Sunday 17th**, the competitors will face the challenging mountain roads of the **Apuan Alps** and the tough hairpin bends of the **Radici Pass**, followed by lunch at the **Castle of Montefiorino**. Afterwards, the cars will reach the traditional finish in Piazza del Duomo, Reggio Emilia, for the Awards Ceremony inside the magnificent Sala del Tricolore.

