

## Terre di Canossa 2018: fast approaching its eighth edition!

**19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018:** these are the dates of the eighth “Terre di Canossa” to note in your diary; an itinerary crossing the delightful roads of Emilia, Liguria and Tuscany and the same, unrivalled combination of sport, passion, scenery, culture and unforgettable evening entertainment. Art towns and cities, marvellous countryside, ancient castles, rolling hills and challenging mountain passes will provide the backdrop for one of the top rallies in the international panorama of classic car events.

As always, the rally will be limited to a maximum of 100 cars in order to safeguard the highest standards of hospitality, and once again, registrations will close ahead of schedule as soon as the maximum number of crews has been reached, testimony of this event’s unmitigated success.

As usual, there will be an equal number of participants from Italy and abroad, from across Europe and further afield.

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April** the participants will meet up at Salsomaggiore Terme for scrutineering and administrative checks, and then the gala dinner by Michelin star chef Massimo Spigaroli in Salone Moresco, a marvellous example of Liberty architecture. The rally will head off on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April** with the cars setting out from the centre of Salsomaggiore Terme for Autodromo di Varano de’ Melegari where a series of time trials awaits them on this famous racetrack. From here, they will then enjoy the drive through the Apennine hills to Borgo Val di Taro before crossing **Passo di Cento Croci** and heading down to the Bay of La Spezia, passing through the Navy base and the customary leg to the delectable scenery of **Cinque Terre** and the enchanting coastal villages of Portovenere and Lerici. The crews will then face a spectacular series of trials at Montemarcello, passing through the area of Ameglia ahead of dinner at the Capannina da Ciccio restaurant at **Bocca di Magra**, a very popular venue among those familiar with the area. The crews will stay overnight at the best hotels in Forte dei Marmi.

On **Saturday**, the route will explore Tuscany’s spectacular scenery and some of the most famous art cities in Italy. The crews will pass through **Lucca’s** lovely old town and parade on the old city walls, lunch in the ancient quadrangle at the Real Collegio and then parade through the heart of **Pisa**. They will then reach **Forte dei Marmi**, the pearl of Versilia, where the evening will culminate, as always, with the long-awaited **Beach Party** with live music on Bambaissa beach starting at sunset, for an unforgettable night.

On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the crews will experience the challenging roads of the **Apuan Alps** and the testing bends leading up to the **Cerreto pass**. When they arrive at Reggio Emilia, the rally will terminate with the highly-awaited Tricolore Trophy on the Calatrava Bridges with the finish in Piazza del Duomo in **Reggio Emilia**. A new venue has been chosen for lunch and the awards ceremony, one that is linked to the passion for classic cars: Ruote da Sogno

The rally will cover an itinerary of **around 600 km** and include **6 average speed trials** and **60 tough timed trials**, also designed to avoid over-challenging older vehicles that can be tricky to manoeuvre and accommodate those competing with a trusty old mechanical chronometer.

The Terre di Canossa is part of the new “SuperClassiche” Italian Trophy, promoted by ACI Sport and assigned to just 7 of the top rallies in Italy.

We can also proudly say that the Terre di Canossa is **the only event** of its kind that puts great attention on its impact on the environment. The organisers decided to adopt the CarbonZero protocol several years ago, requiring measures to be employed that can help reduce our impact on the environment, calculating the residual emissions of climate-altering gases, which are then compensated by planting trees in the Tuscan Emilian Apennine Mountains.

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