

ITALIA-CORSE SPORTSCAR CHALLENGE 2010

Bulletin

A full recognisance of the Six Day 2010 Sportscar Challenge route has now been completed. Corsica really does have some of the most dramatic rallying roads in the world, we are so pleased to be returning to this beautiful Mediterranean island. But before that, the first day sees cars entering the legendary roads used on the San Remo Rally heading across Liguria to the overnight ferry in Savona.

The start of the rally hotel will be the Hotel Napoleon in San Remo. This lovely hotel on the Corso Marconi overlooks the sea on the Riviera dei Fiori. It has secure underground parking and easy access from the autoroute.



The beachside hotel in Corsica, nestled amongst trees and a large flower garden, is opposite the Gulf of Ajaccio and the Sanguinaires Islands. This was our Rally Headquarters in 2001. Again the secure car park will be available to us. It will be a luxury for competitors to have the same room for five days and not have to carry luggage with them on the rally.



We are pleased to announce that journalist Ian Hyne will be joining the marshalling team of Ben Hall, Dick Tyler and Louisa Bayliss for the Italia-Corse 2010.

"Which minute did you say you wanted?"



Start numbers: rather than cars being divided by category as proposed for 2010, it will revert back to being divided by cubic capacity. Also classes with only a few cars in will be amalgamated into the next class. This means there will be 3 classes divided by engine size: up to 1600cc, 1601-1800cc, and 1801cc and over. Again daily starting times of improving cars will move forward.

Crews will once again require the ability to maintain or repair their cars without back-up and have that special determination to keep going regardless. Those experienced in endurance will know what this means. Then at the end of each day the adrenaline will be washed down in the warmth of a Corsican evening at our idyllic beach side hotel. Here tales of the day's chase, and the proposed climb back through the field, will be elaborated upon.



With the dawn comes the sound of spanners and engines being started, another day of squealing tyres and Corsican sun.



This isn't going to be a down to the second Corsican road rally as in 2001. No, it's going to be far more challenging. Just getting through the first days maze which is Liguria, and reaching Savona, would be enough for many. Then comes five days of relentless bends through the breathtaking mountain roads of Corsica. Here driver and navigator skills will be called upon to stay on the pace. The crew, which after six days finishes on the least marks, will truly have earned the accolade of winner. If it's an easy time you're looking for, then the promise of Corsican hospitality, sun, a relaxing drive, and just finishing the event, will be more than an accomplishment.



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