

THE MILLE MIGLIA 2018

The 36th edition of the re-enactment of the Mille Miglia will start on Wednesday 16 May 2018.

The classic route to Rome and back will end in Brescia on <u>Saturday</u> 19 May with stages in Cervia-Milano Marittima, Rome and Parma.

Four days of travelling through the most beautiful places of Italy: passing through the traditional places of the race and long-awaited returns.

Car's registration process will open on 24 October.

Ninety-one years after the first of the twenty-four speed editions, held from 1927 to 1957, and three with the rally formula from 1959 to 1961, Wednesday 16 May 2018 will be the starting of the thirty-sixth re-enactment of Mille Miglia, which will be the 63rd automotive competition under the sign of the Freccia Rossa (Red Arrow).

The date, as per tradition, is one-week before the Monaco Formula One Grand Prix.

Respecting the tradition which dates back to 1927, the route will start and end in **Brescia**, travelling through half of Italy before and after the turning point in **Rome**.

Every year, the route undergoes modifications in order to take the Mille Miglia to the places it has not passed through for some years: in 2018, continuing with the same philosophy, some changes were made to the route.

As in 2017, the Mille Miglia will be held in four stages over as many days but there is an important novelty in 2018. The race - instead of on Thursday - will start a day earlier, on Wednesday 16 May and will return to Viale Venezia on Saturday afternoon, 19 May.

Shortly thereafter, on the stage of **Piazza della Loggia**, the prize giving ceremony will start the long **Night of the Mille Miglia**.

The first leg, starting in the early afternoon of **Wednesday**, **16 May**, after the passage to **Desenzano** and **Sirmione**, to the **Parco Sigurtà di Valeggio Sul Mincio** and to **Mantova**, **Ferrara** and **Comacchio**, will end in **Cervia-Milano Marittima**.

The next day, on **Thursday**, **17 May**, after the passage to **Pesaro** and the **Republic of San Marino** and crossing through magnificent places such as **Arezzo**, **Cortona** and **Orvieto**, the second leg will bring the competitors to **Rome**, for the usual night parade in the "**Urbe**", so appreciated by competitors and the public.

On Friday 18, the route from the capital city will remain virtually unchanged until Siena.

Among the novelties of the **2018** edition, there will be the passage to **Lucca** and along **Versilia**. After the restoration of the ancient road, the **Mille Miglia** will finally be able to travel through a section of the route of the **1949** edition, between **Sarzana** and **Passo della Cisa**.

Including the re-enactment editions, 1949 was the only year in which the Freccia Rossa crossed over the CISA: 2018 will mark the return after a 59-year wait.

The third leg will end once again in **Parma**, which in previous years has always given an enthusiastic welcome to the Freccia Rossa: from here, on Saturday morning, the convoy will return to **Brescia**.

Going towards the finish line, the long **Freccia Rossa** convoy will cross **Lodi** and continue north. Taking note of the huge appreciation of both the crews and the vast audience, the **Mille Miglia** will return to run some trials inside the **Autodromo Nazionale di Monza** to then proceed through **Bergamo** and **Franciacorta**, in order to continue with the promotion of the Brescia's province, which began with the Garda area two days previously.

Apart from some race safety updates, for which 1000 Miglia Srl has always paid very close attention, there is nothing new regarding the race rules which remain unchanged sport-wise, including Coefficients which are identical to last year.

Entries will open on 24 October: by filling in the required forms and information available on www.1000miglia.it all the owners of cars that meet the necessary requirements will be able to submit their candidacy to participate in the thirty-sixth re-enactment of "the most beautiful race in the world".

Vehicles of which at least one specimen was registered in the Mille Miglia speed edition (1927-1957) can be entered, in one of the models on the list of candidate cars published on the site.

440 vehicles will be allowed to race: in order to be selected, registered cars must have at least one of these documents: ACI-CSAI (Italian Automobile Sport Commission), Htp FIA (Historic technical passport issued by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) or FIVA ID (Identity Card of Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens).

Registered cars will be selected by a special commission consisting of experts nominated by 1000 Miglia Srl and by international technical commissioners from the FIVA Technical Commission.

Registrations will close at 23:59 on 4 January 2018 (Italian time).

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