

The meeting of legends

20th Edition

TOUR DE CORSE HISTORIQUE

05/10 october 2020



CONVIVIALITY, PASSION, SPORT

The Tour de Corse Historique takes its roots very deep inside the Beauty Island. Back in 2001 when it was created by José Andreani, 21 cars were at the start of what was just a regularity challenge. Since then, it kept on evolving and it is now welcoming more than 200 contenders. The rally is now known as one of the world's most iconic historic races and its core values are passion, conviviality and sportivity.

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A SMALL SEMANTIC REMINDER

VHC (Véhicule Historique de Compétition, aka Historic Racing Vehicle) :

- The crew's position is determined by the time realized in the special stages.

Are eligible:

- Historic competition vehicles from 1947 to 1985 with an Historical Technical Passport
- Vehicles of the group « Classic of competition » from 1977 to 1981 with 3 parts passport
- Competition vehicles of the J2 period (1986 to 1990) with an HTP

VHRS (Véhicule Historique de Régularité Sportive, aka Historic Sports Regularity Vehicle) :

- Average speeds are determined at the beginning of a special stage. There are three different average speeds : high, intermediate, low. The goal is to be as close from the average speed as possible.

Are eligible:

- Vehicles from 1947 to 1990, 4 averages to choose (High, Intermediate, Low, Reduced)

LEGEND

- This category was created to allow gentlemen drivers who wished to take part in our event to enjoy the atmosphere and itinerary of a major historic rally without stopwatch.

Are eligible:

- Vehicles from 1947

EDITO

Twenty years... barely. Twenty years...already. It depends. But one thing is certain, it's the same for a sports event and a child. Even if we watch him grow up, even if we do everything to give him a solid foundation that will allow him to face the future, one fine morning we realize that twenty years have passed. Twenty years, a milestone, a piece of life, but above all a human adventure. What a long way we have come for the Tour de Corse Historique, what unforgettable moments, some more difficult ones...but isn't that the lot of all growth? Before this twentieth edition takes its course, I would like to have a thought for those who have allowed this rally, which has become an international reference, to be what it is today. In this adventure, some have been here from the beginning, others have travelled a short or long way with us and have taken a different direction. All of them have at one time or another brought their (precious) stone to the edifice. But one thing is certain, all of them have, deep down, this passion that allows them to take up the greatest challenges. A big thank you to the volunteers and commissioners, they are the wealth of the associative milieu and deserve the greatest consideration. Thank you to all our partners, public and private, without them nothing would be possible. Of course, these thanks are addressed to those lovers of beautiful old machines, which are, forever, one of our reasons for being. For them and for the crews who will make us dream between 5 and 10 October, we wanted this twentieth edition, and its twenty special stages, to be an unforgettable moment. In the purest spirit of freedom, which is the hallmark of this rally, with free assistance and the sharing with the public. Unforgettable like the Tour de Corse has known to remain, at all times, for all the crews who have taken part. Reviving this magic has been our credo for twenty years in this land of Corsica which is so steeped in motorsport. So, for a week, we're going to fulfil, once again, one of man's wildest wishes. If not to stop the course of time, or even to rejuvenate, just to relive, not with nostalgia, but in an exhilarating way, this other era of motor sport. All this thanks to these crews who will take us on the mythical roads. Those of another century... already. So thank you all, but before closing my speech, I would like to leave the sporting context for a moment, to talk about this year 2020, which is very complicated from a health point of view. My last words will go to those who are working to deal with this Covid 19 epidemic. We would pay them a tribute. This celebration of the 20th Tour de Corse Historique is also their. May it be a beautiful celebration and above all a rendezvous is already planned for the next editions.

José Andreani

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AN INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC RALLY

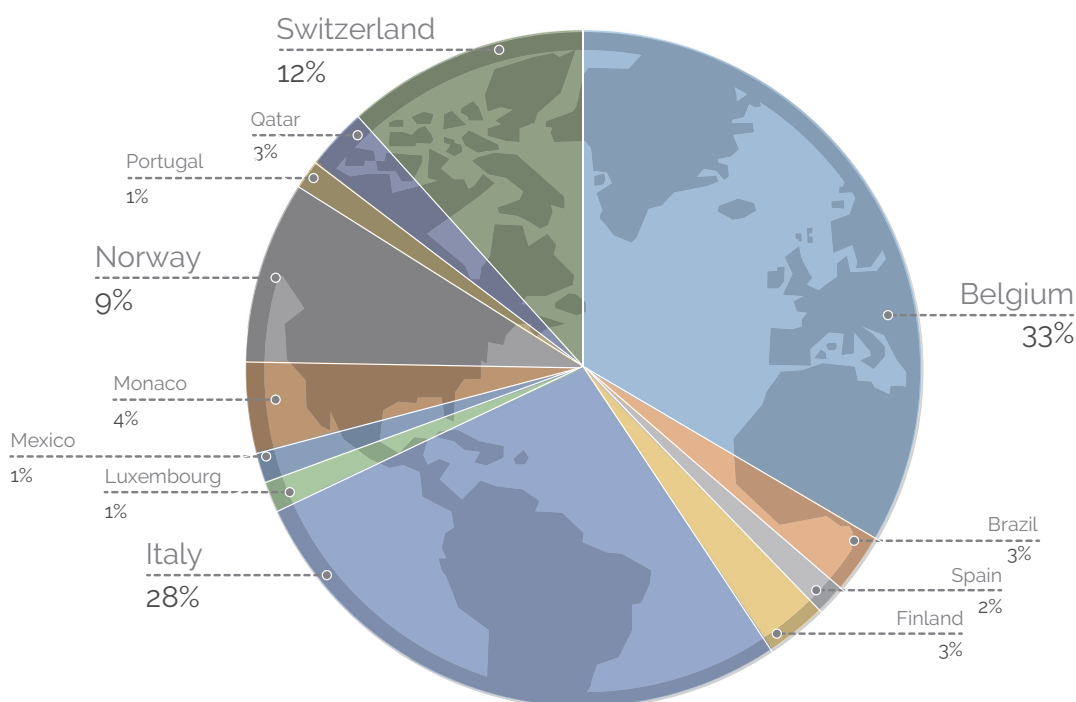
The parc fermés are not only a sports automotive open museum and a meeting place for passionate people, but they are also great forums where the greatest drivers in history as well as gentlemen drivers at the wheel of their beautiful machine meet and talk without any distinction. It all happens in front of numerous spectators that love this proximity with the competitors.

Some of our contenders have fallen in love with Corsica and therefore, they have been faithful to the race since day one. Each year, they experience a medley of challenge, discovery and enchanting landscapes.

It is a great reward for the Tour de Corse Historique to be on the international agenda. Crews from all over Europe and from other continents contribute to the international reputation of a race that is always reinvented by a small group of unsinkable passionate islanders. For them, these five days filled with this unique atmosphere created by the spectators, competitors and inhabitants are the priceless reward of a year's hard work.



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*2019 Datas

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A HUGE ECONOMIC IMPACT

Each year, the crews and their teams represent almost a thousand people to which we must add their families, friends and partners. They represent five hundred more people. Three hundred and eighty officials are involved in the race to make sure that all goes without any incident. Let us not forget the rallye partners, the media and thousands of visitors that want to attend the race. As a consequence, the Tour de Corse Historique manages to mobilize more than two thousand five hundred people on the Island, most of which want to enjoy the race, but also to discover Corsica and its traditions during an entire week.

During this week, one hundred and thirty cities and villages benefit from the activity and they live according to the rythm of the rally.



This crowd brought by the Tour de Corse Historique is a serious asset to bring value to the Corsican touristic, natural and cultural heritage. New in 2020, the Tour de Corse Historique will return to the mythical Saint Nicolas square in Bastia for one stage. And for the show to be complete, the service park will also be installed on the square, no doubt that all the enthusiasts will find their happiness there. The race is the source of hundreds of thousands of euros of economic activity.

THE TURN IN NUMBERS

650 mi
to run

441 mi
of connection roads

239 mi
of special stages

20 special stages

200 cars

6 days

5 stages

1 day of show
and ride

THE 2019 TOUR DE CORSE HISTORIQUE

The Tour's new route will take the competitors directly from the sea to the mountain in just a few minutes, over peaks 1200m high and through an array of landscapes that make Corsica renowned all over the world. From Monday, October 5th to Saturday, October 10th, the Tour de Corse Historique will once again push the pilots to their limits, but the race will again and mainly focus on the thrill of driving !

On the agenda :

- An unprecedented route following some of the legendary special stages from the Tour de Corse.
- A day of show and ride to warm up the riders, the machines and the pleasure of the public.
- A four days competition : a total of 1046km (650mi) for the crews with 4 special stages a day on average.
- A closing ceremony will conclude the week in the most enjoyable way.



CHRONOLOGY

1921 : 1st Grand Prix Automobile de
Corse

1956 : 1st Tour de Corse

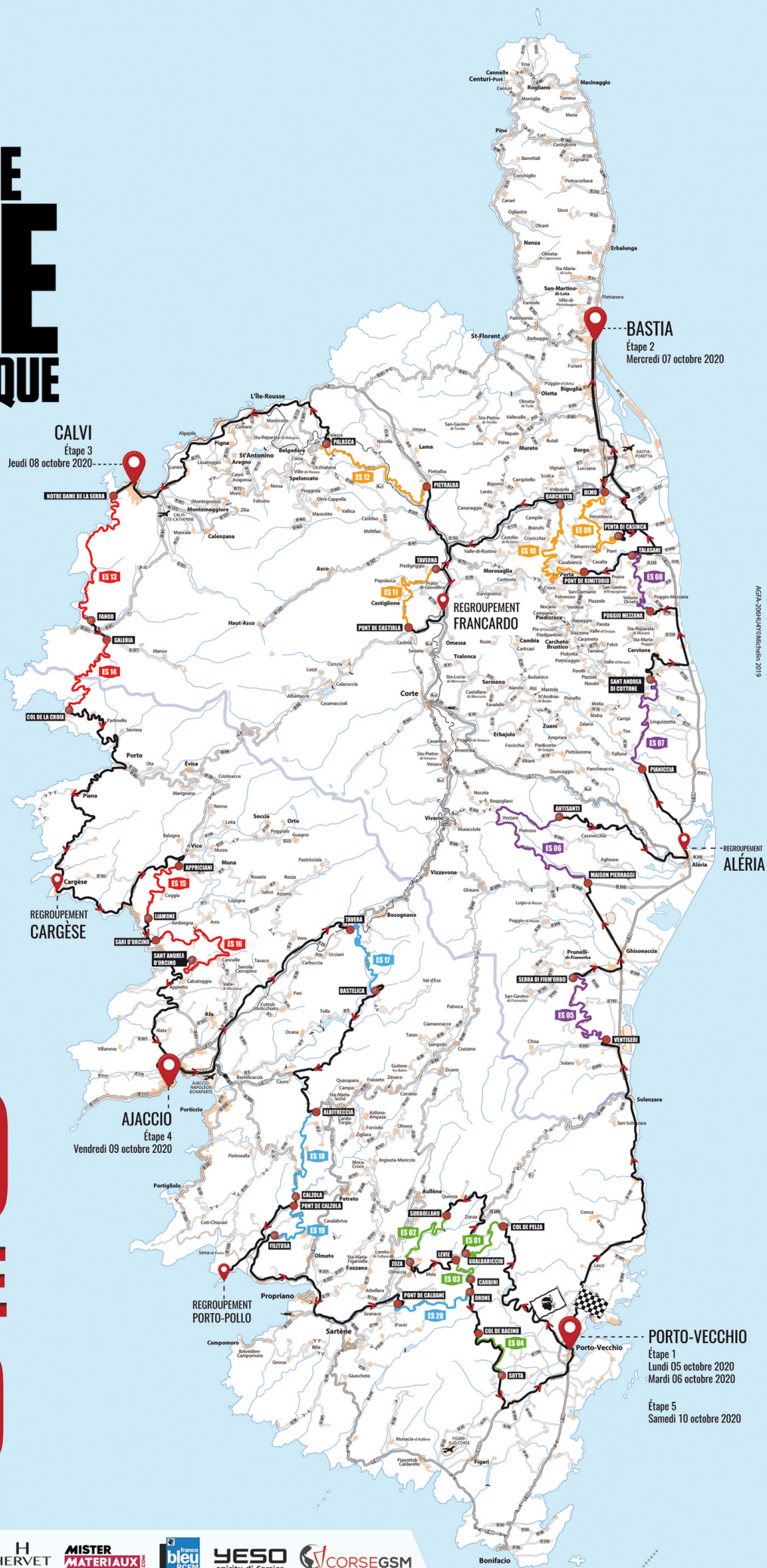
1973 : The Tour de Corse becomes a
World Rally Championship race

2001 : 1st Tour de Corse Historique

2020 : Start of the 20th Tour de Corse
Historique from October 5th to October 10th

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Cars can be shipped from the continent in partnership with the carrier Corsica Ferries. As a 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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