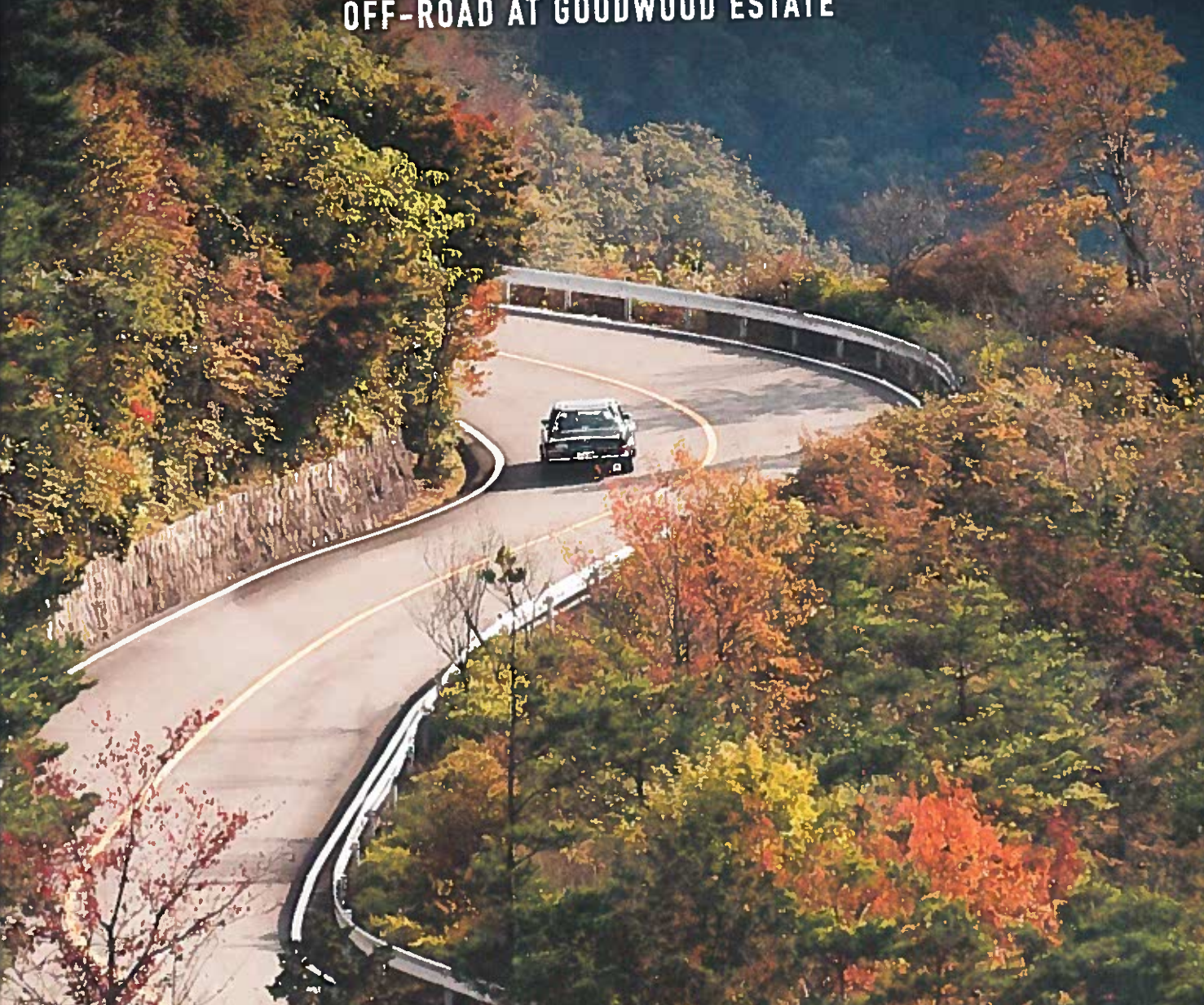


GREAT ESCAPES

Your 2016 guide to classic car travel

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IRELAND'S CAUSEWAY COAST

8-12 May (other dates available)

A 120-mile route winds from Belfast Lough to Lough Foyle along an impossibly picturesque coastline sprinkled with historic castles, churches and forts, and passing attractions such as the Giant's Causeway (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the famous Bushmills Distillery.

www.sceniccartours.com

SUPERDEPORTIVOS CANTABRIA

18-24 May

No exhausting driving days on this tour, which sees participants whisked by ferry from Portsmouth to Bilbao to enjoy a series of automotive outings arranged around Superdeportivos Cantabria, the biggest annual supercar event in Spain.

www.drivespana.com

MILLE MIGLIA

19-22 May

Some of the world's greatest (pre-'58) cars 'race' for three days through spectacular Italian scenery, from Brescia to Rome and back again. Technically a regularity rally, the Mille Miglia is really a carnival, a motoring-themed party like no other in the most car-mad nation on the planet.

www.1000miglia.eu

LONDON TO BRIGHTON CLASSIC CAR RUN

5 June

No pre-1905 mount for the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run? No problem. This event gives vintage and classic car owners a chance to take part in their own drive to the South Coast, starting from Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands.

www.classicmotorevents.co.uk

MODENA CENTO ORE CLASSIC

7-12 June

A finalist in the 2015 International Historic Motoring Awards, this Italian coast-to-coast run covers 1000km from Rimini to Modena via circuit races at tracks including Imola, Misano and Mugello, with closed-road hill climbs thrown in for good measure. There are two classes: Competition, for pre-1982 cars (if your car's not road registered, don't worry; this is Italy, so a temporary plate can be arranged) and Regularity, for pre-1977 cars (and certain pre-1985 cars at the organisers' discretion).

www.modenacentooreclassic.it

PARIS-VIENNA RALLY

13-18 June

Like Rally Round's previous Paris-Madrid event, the Paris-Vienna Rally is a re-enactment of one of the great races of the early 20th century. The Rally is open to cars built as late as '67, but entries already include machines as early as a 1905 Bianchi Speedster 50HP, which will no doubt have its work cut out crossing the Austrian Alps.

www.rallyround.co.uk

PASSIONE CARACCIOLA

15-19 June

This Swiss regularity rally is dedicated, as the name suggests, to the outrageously skilled German driver Rudolf Caracciola, and accepts just 58 crews – one for each year of the great racer's life. In 2016, pre-1981 cars will motor from Zurich to Lugano via Bern and Andermatt.

www.passione-caracciola.com

THE LAKE DISTRICT TOUR

18-24 June

Scenery to compete with any in the world, excellent driving roads, pretty towns and good overnight halts serve as a reminder that British classic car enthusiasts needn't go far to enjoy a wonderful motoring holiday.

www.merlinevents.com

THE GREAT RACE

18-26 June

A different route every year keeps this US event's many regulars on their toes. This time crews will travel from San Rafael, California to Moline, Illinois, on 'the coolest back roads' – and via the Lincoln Highway, Mount Rushmore and the Badlands. It was originally (in 1983) for pre-WWII cars, but later fare is allowed these days.

www.greatrace.com

CIRCUITO DI AVEZZANO

24-26 June

Organised by the Jaguar Drivers' Club of Italy and now in its fourth year, the Circuito di Avezzano attracts a wide variety of excellent classics (by no means is this a Jaguar-only event) for three days of motoring on inevitably beautiful roads.

www.circuitodiavezzano.it

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB

1000 MILE TRIAL

11-16 July

Winner of Rally of the Year at the International Historic Motoring Awards in 2015 and 2014, this hugely popular event for pre-1940 cars, running from Edinburgh to Epsom, was inspired by the journey made back in 1899 to show off the motor car to Britons up and down the country. Navigation is simple, the company invariably excellent, and accommodation always of the highest standard.

www.heroevents.eu

ENNSTAL-CLASSIC

27-30 July

This, the organisers claim, is 'driving in the last paradise': three days of regularities based around Gröbming in the mountainous Austrian province of Styria, for cars built before 1973. Running alongside is the Chopard Racecar-Trophy, an independent competition open to historic Formula racecars, racing two-seaters, prototypes, GTs and rally cars built before 1984.

www.ennstal-classic.at

COLORADO GRAND

12-17 September

Pre-1961 sports and racing cars 'of distinction' (everything from Bugattis to Mercedes Gullwings and AC Acecas) – cover 1000 miles through the Rockies in five days in aid of various local charities, which have benefitted to the tune of over \$4 million since the Grand was first run back in 1989.

<http://co1000.com>

THE SCOTTISH TOUR

12-20 September

An itinerary created with the benefit of many years of exploration north of the border begins, in fact, in the Lake District, before winding through the Borders and as far up as Banff via attractions including Gleneagles Hotel and Loch Ness.

www.cctmk.co.uk

SOUTH AFRICA CLASSIC CAPE SAFARI

3-28 November

Starting and finishing in Cape Town, this tour mixes incredible driving opportunities on the coast, in the mountains and through rolling countryside, with all the attractions that more usually tempt tourists to South Africa: a visit to some of its famous vineyards, whale watching, and a safari.

www.classictravelling.com

THE SPICE ROAD CLASSIC

7-29 November

A 23-day odyssey beginning in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and taking crews through Thailand into Myanmar and the finish in Yangon. Everything but the driving is taken care of, leaving participants to enjoy some breathtakingly beautiful corners of South-East Asia from behind the wheel.

www.destination-rally.com

LE JOG

3-6 December

One of the world's toughest historic rallies, running almost non-stop from Land's End to John O'Groats – although it's been sanitised just a touch since the earlier editions that were designed to keep you awake for three straight nights. Though the route changes each year, it usually includes several old 'favourites' (if that's the word) such as Stanhope Ford. An institution.

www.heroevents.eu