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As always, the organiser has planned a very special edition for the 16th anniversary of the race. This year, Modena Cento Ore will cross Italy from east to west, from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian Sea. The event sold out months in advance, with a huge boom in applications. There are big changes in store for the Modena Cento Ore 2016, which will take place from June 7th to 12th. Once again, the team of Scuderia Tricolore and Terre di Canossa has prepared a unique programme, that will see the crews challenge each other for four days on the most beautiful roads of Emilia-Romagna Tuscany, from Rimini to Florence and from Forte dei Marmi to Modena.

Three races on the legendary tracks of Imola, Misano and Mugello, and 12 hillclimbs special stages on roads closed to the public. Multiple applicants from all over the world have confirmed the great interest for this event, which was sold out four months before its start. The list of entrants includes classic car enthusiasts and famous drivers, such as celebrated singer Simon Le Bon and Jürgen Barth, winner of the 1977 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Modena Cento Ore is the only event in Italy – and one of the few in the world – where the participants can challenge each other both in circuit races and special stages. A perfect combination of rallying and racing,

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made even more exciting by the use of starting grids. The final ranking is calculated by adding together the track times and those from the special stages.



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the same programme but with a less competitive approach, with timed laps at the racetracks and average speed trials on the same roads closed to the public. It's the ideal experience for those who just want to enjoy the journey!

The route will cross Italy from east to west in a succession of spectacular stages, which the spectators will be able to follow. The amazing array of classic cars will start from Rimini on June 8th, then will race at the 'Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari' in Imola and travel on the roads of the Sambuca Pass, Brisighella, Palazzuolo sul Senio, Predappio, Cesena and Santarcangelo di Romagna. On June 9th, the second leg will start with a race at the Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli, followed by the Spino Pass, Chiusi della Verna, the Foreste Casentinesi National Park and the Consuma Pass, and will end in the heart of the beautiful Florence. From there, the crews will reach the Mugello International Racetrack for an exciting race on June 10th. Then, they will drive through the Garfagnana, Barga, Il Ciocco, Lucca and Pietrasanta. This leg will end in Forte dei Marmi, one of the most famous Versilian resorts. The fourth and final leg will start from Forte dei Marmi on June 11th. After crossing the Apuan Alps and the Radici Pass, the participants will arrive in Emilia for a last special stage at the Castle of Carpineti. Then, they will reach the finish line in Modena, the heart of the Motor Valley. The arrival of these wonderful cars will be admired by the public in Piazza Grande at 17:00, under the shade of the Ghirlandina, and will be followed by the awards ceremony at 19:00.

Modena Cento Ore is not just a race. More importantly, it is an opportunity for gentlemen drivers from all over the world to experience Italy in a special way, combining beautiful cars and exciting challenges with the pleasures of Italian cuisine and discovering the lands included in the route.

The fatigue from driving is relieved by social events that range from the town fair of Palazzuolo sul Senio to the spiritual atmosphere of the stop at the Franciscan Sanctuary of Chiusi della Verna, the glamorous Ciocco Resort or the traditional dishes of the mountain refuge at the Radici Pass.

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The programme is completed by four evenings planned with great attention to detail. Each of these events represent the best of what the four cities featured in this race have to offer: Rimini, Florence, Forte dei Marmi and Modena.



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“Modena Cento Ore has established itself as one of the most important races in the world, and as a gathering place for the biggest names in this business”, says Luigi Orlandini, Chairman of the Scuderia Tricolore and ingenious founder of Canossa Events. “This has been proven by our nomination at the International Historic Motoring Awards, the ‘Oscars’ of historic motoring, where Italy’s only representatives among the finalists were the 1000 Miglia and the Cento Ore. Our success is the result of the participants’ enthusiasm and the dedication of our tight-knit team, who works harder each year for 12 months to surpass the previous edition.

The uniqueness of this event is also possible thanks to the involvement of excellent partners such as Porsche, RM Auctions – Sotheby’s, – one of the world’s leading auction houses in the classic car business, Straight Eighth Logistics – our official logistics partner for the first time, Cuervo y Sobrinos – which created a new automatic wristwatch for the occasion – and Blackfin, leading Italian eyewear manufacturer. Modena Cento Ore confirmed its partnership with the Panathlon Club of Modena with an important donation to support sport projects for children with disabilities. Finally, the organisers are very proud to confirm their care for the environment by voluntarily adopting the CarbonZero protocol, which will completely offset the CO2 emissions of the race by planting new trees in the Tosco-Emilian Apennines. Modena Cento Ore remains the only ‘emissions-free’ event in the classic car world.

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