



WITH STILL TWO DAYS TO GO BEFORE LEAVING BRESCIA THE LAST DETAILS OF THE 1000 MIGLIA 2019 HAVE BEEN REVEALED

From Brescia to Rome and back, from Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 May, 430 Crews from 40 countries, driving cars of 75 different manufacturers will drive through more than 200 places of art and culture, in 7 Italian regions.

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The **2019** edition of the **Freccia Rossa**, the seventh organized by 1000 Miglia Srl, a company entirely owned by the **Automobile Club of Brescia**, has been presented at the traditional **Salone Vanvitelliano** of **Palazzo Loggia**, seat of the **Municipality of Brescia**.

The 37th re-enactment of the 1000 Miglia will be staged from 15 to 18 May, along the classic Brescia-Rome-Brescia route, in four legs: from Brescia to Cervia- Milano Marittima; from Cervia-Milano Marittima to Rome; from Rome to Bologna, and then from Bologna to Brescia. It is a unique show of precious masterpieces on four wheels that will travel through Italy, as always thrilling and amazing spectators of all ages, crowded along the roadsides.

There are many novelties this year, such as the reduction of the number of cars participating in the race: a decision taken reluctantly to reinforce the safety aspects. We regret to have to accept 20 fewer enthusiasts than in previous years.

Starting from Viale Venezia, there will therefore be 430 cars, instead of the usual 450.

The **1000 Miglia** traditionally blends art, beauty, design and history, involving the cities, the villages, the streets, the squares and the Italian roads crossed by the race, a show within a show in a unique territory loved the world over.

Once again, this year, **1000 Miglia** will have many collateral events reserved for about **130 modern cars**: the **Ferrari Tribute to 1000 Miglia** and the **Mercedes Benz 1000 Miglia Challenge**.



ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE TIME TRIALS: A SCENARIO FOR CHAMPIONS

For many, it is and will remain an extraordinary parade which gives joy at the start and unforgettable happiness at the arrival. It is important to be there, to participate with style in the drive to discover fascinating corners of the Italian Peninsula, without worrying too much about times to be respected with precision. It is so for many, but not for everyone. For many crews, 1000 Miglia is a real race, a fierce battle between chronometer specialists, challenging themselves and close confrontation against opponents who give their all and strive for maximum effort to approach the perfection of the hundredth of a second. There are those who train privately or in their own clubs, those who participate in dozens of races and then aspire to the top of the general classification in the most prestigious race in the world.

In addition to 16 T.C. (Time Controls), the classification will be determined by 112 Time Trials and 7 Average Trials. In addition, there will be 28 S.C. (Stamp Checks) useful for certifying the passage in certain locations, without any shortcuts in the route, or in places of particular historical and architectural value.

THE ROUTE

The route of 1000 Miglia, every year, enhances the real Italy, between ancient villages, city centres, countryside and mountains with an extraordinary promotion of the most fascinating parts of the Italian Peninsula: the one that exalts man, art, religion, artisanship, cuisine, quality of living in harmony with nature. And there is no shortage of breath-taking landscapes between parks and nature reserves: from **Brescia** to **Rome** and back in four days, **1,801** kilometres of the most fascinating Italian regions of the Peninsula.

The First Leg from Brescia to Cervia-Milano Marittima, Wednesday 15 May.

After the Italian Anthem performed by the **Bersaglieri "Fanfara"**, which will arrive in **Viale Venezia** after crossing the historic centre of **Brescia**, the first car will drive down from the famous starting platform at **14:30**, starting the **1000 Miglia 2019**, with destination the Adriatic coast.

Along the way the convoy will pass through **Desenzano del Garda** and **Sirmione**, entering the evocative **Sigurtà Garden Park** and, passing through **Mantua**, **Ferrara** and **Comacchio**, it will head to **Ravenna** to conclude the first day of the race in **Cervia-Milano Marittima**.



The Second leg from Cervia-Milano Marittima to Rome, Thursday 16 May.

Starting in the early morning, at 6:15, travelling towards Rome, the cars of 1000 Miglia will pass **Cesenatico, Gambettola, Urbino, Corinaldo, Senigallia** and **Fabriano**. Here, in the historic town of the Marche region, competitors will be served lunch under the Loggiato di San Francesco, the fifteenth-century portico rebuilt in the '700s.

The crews will cross through **Umbria** with **Assisi, Perugia** and **Terni**, and then enter **Lazio**, passing through **Rieti** and reaching the **Capital City** at sunset. In **Rome**, the parade along **Via Vittorio Veneto** will represent the conclusion of a very scenic leg with great emotional impact. Escorted by the City Police, groups of competitors will then carry out a tourist tour to reach their hotels.

Third Leg from Rome to Bologna, Friday 17 May

The first light of dawn, at 6:30, will greet the third and longest leg returning northwards from **Rome**. This stretch is one of the most appreciated by competitors: starting from **Ronciglione** and **Lake Vico**, the vintage cars will pass through **Viterbo, Radicofani, Val d'Orcia** (with **Campiglia, Castiglione** and **San Quirico**) and stop in **Siena**. Here, for the first time, after parking the cars in the centre of **Piazza del Campo**, the competitors will enjoy a lunch full of local specialties in the **Palazzo Pubblico**, a building built between 1297 and 1310 by the Government of the Nine of the Republic of Siena, today seat of the municipal administration, as well as of the Museo Civico (Civic Museum).

Another novelty this year will be the drive to **Vinci**, the birthplace of **Leonardo**, being the five hundredth anniversary of that visionary, inventor, sculptor, painter and architect considered a universal genius.

The route will continue towards **Montecatini** and **Pistoia**, through the historic centre of **Florence** and, crossing over the **Passo della Futa** and the **Passo della Raticosa**, arriving in **Bologna**, for the last night of the race. The last Time Control of the day will be held in **Piazza Maggiore**, where the competitors will have parked their cars to go to dinner in **Palazzo Re Enzo** (built between 1244 and 1246).



Fourth Leg from Bologna to Brescia, Saturday 18 May.

The last leg, the shortest, will start at 7:00 am. The route passes through **Modena, Reggio Emilia, Langhirano** and **Parma**; in the **Ducal City**, recognized as the *Italian Capital of Culture 2020*, the competing crews will stop for a lunch including local products of excellence, in the **Palazzo Ducale**.

After the restart, the competing cars will head for **Busseto** and **Cremona**.

The final stretch of the race will pass through **Montichiari, Carpenedolo** and **Travagliato**, with the interlude of a series of Time Trials that will take place on the "Tornado" runways, at **Gheddi Military Airport**. These trials will attribute the **Trofeo Diavoli Rossi**, as the pilots of the 6th Squadron are called.

The last part of the race will be crossing the finish line in Viale Venezia in Brescia.

THE INCREASINGLY GLOBAL TRAVELLING MUSEUM

Of the many definitions that the motoring literature has coined, referring to **1000 Miglia**, one in particular values its exclusivity and prestige: it is the most admired "**traveling museum**" in the history of the automobile. Once a year, along the over a thousand miles of the famous route, the treasures that have written the most beautiful pages in the history of the engine converge. The fever for the most prestigious travelling museum in the world continues to infect enthusiasts and fans on six continents: the approximately 700 entries received this year have once again placed the Selection Committee in difficulty, able to select only **430 competing crews**, admitted to the Olympus of Motoring. In fact, participating in the **1000 Miglia** has always been an honour, finishing it gives indescribable sensations, no matter in which ranking position. After the difficult job of selection, applying rigorous criteria, the Organizing Committee finally reached the accepted list.

For the sixth consecutive year, there will be **5 cars** belonging to the **Military Category**, led by representatives of the **Italian Armed Forces**, which will be added to the 425 selected crews.

Having received entries from **40** nations on all continents, crews from **33** countries have been admitted to the start, with Italy that continues to be the most represented country, with **303** starters (34% of the total), with the **Netherlands** in second place: the steady growth of the **Benelux** countries in recent years is confirmed by the acceptance of **133 Dutch** citizens, **52 from Belgium** and **12 from Luxembourg**.



86 participants will arrive from **Germany**, down to third place, and **74** from the **United Kingdom**.

Enthusiasts from **Switzerland** are on the rise, with **29** accepted, and from **Japan**, with **16** accepted. The participation from the **United States of America** is on the increase, with **64 crews**, while that of **Argentina** is little changed, with **10**.

It should be noted that, each year the increasing number of crews composed of representatives of different nationalities, the calculation refers to single individuals.

It will not be possible to determine the nationality Of some participating crews, until after the checks: in some cases, these are cars registered by the car manufacturers that will make the names of the occupants known closer to the start; in other cases, the nationality remains unknown for reasons of security or privacy, with the names covered by an "X" even during the race.

The most represented car manufacturer is Alfa Romeo with **44** cars, followed by Jaguar with **35**, FIAT with **33** and Mercedes-Benz and Lancia with **29**.

95 specimens participated in at least one of the twenty-four editions of the 1000 Miglia Speed races, which took place from 1927 to 1957, and 12 belong to the Special List, reserved for vehicles of particular historical or sporting interest which, despite being of the type suitable for the 1000 Miglia, never took part in it.

There are 108 crews on the waiting list, ready to replace any withdrawals. Among these, those that will be present at the Brescia Fair on the morning of Wednesday 15 May, at the end of the verification operations, will replace those that will not have appeared or those whose cars have not passed the sporting or technical checks.

A DREAM ON THE HUNDREDTHS OF A SECONDS

The 2019 edition will also be hard fought, with several teams cradling the dream of registering their name in the world's most prestigious Winner's List for this kind of competition.

Except for unexpected surprises, the fight will always be between two schools, the Italian and the Argentinian, which boasts several victories at the 1000 Miglia, the last of which was last year with the crew of Juan Tonconogy and Barbara Ruffini.



Not many crews will be able to contend for the highest place on the podium with the close-knit South American couple, due to the coefficients of the cars.

Having said that, in a race with so many trials and with such a long route, with four days of competition, anything can happen and potential problems with cars are always lurking; the most accredited crews are Andrea Vesco and Andrea Guerini from the Brescia (Valtrompia), winners in 2017, the duo registered by the Alfa Romeo Museum, the Palermo pediatrician Giovanni Mocerì and the Brescia journalist Daniele Bonetti, the entrepreneur Andrea Belometti paired with Dorian Vavassori, the couple (also in life) made up of Gianmario Fontanella and Anna Maria Covelli, father and son Lorenzo and Mario Turelli, Alberto Riboldi and Paolo Sabbadini and two former winners: Bruno Ferrari, together with his son Carlo, and Sergio Sisti, paired with Anna Gualandi.

The only outsiders not from Latin countries are the Dutch John and Rutger Houtkamp, father and son.

NOT ONLY FRECCIA ROSSA

The 1000 Miglia has always included a series of events to accompany the race, which this year will cover an entire week.

On the evening of Monday 13th May the fourth edition of the **Roberto Gaburri Trophy** will be held in the city, the regularity race named after the first president of **1000 Miglia Srl**, which precedes the start of the 1000 Miglia 2019.

As every year, the event takes place in the heart of Brescia: the departure of the first car is scheduled at **7.45 pm** from **Piazzale Arnaldo**; after the trials on the hairpin bends of the **Castle**, the crews will then arrive at **Piazza Paolo VI** as from **8 pm**.

Among the most anticipated moments, not only by motor racing enthusiasts, there is undoubtedly the fly-over on Viale Venezia, a few moments before the start, by the Aermacchi MB.339 A / PAN MLU of the Italian Aerobatic Air Force Italian (**Pattuglia Acrobatica nazionale** - PAN), the Freccie Tricolori, which will fly over the entire City of Brescia.



Saturday, 18 May, the city of Brescia will welcome the protagonists of the Freccia Rossa for a big party: after the huge success of last year, numerous events will animate **1000 Miglia The Night** in the city squares and in the entire historic centre.

At the same time, the award ceremony for the winning cars of the **1000 Miglia 2019** will take place in **Piazza della Vittoria**, to celebrate all the protagonists of this edition.

Inevitable, as in the style of **1000 Miglia Srl** in recent years, a **Charity** operation, this year in support of the **Foundation for Research on Cystic Fibrosis Onlus** - which promotes, selects and finances advanced research projects to improve duration and quality of life of patients and definitively defeat cystic fibrosis - and of the **Laureus Italia Onlus Foundation** - which operates in the suburbs of Milan, Naples and Rome in support of minors who live in strong socio-economic deprivation, using sport as an educational tool.

To raise funds to support these projects, 1000 Miglia has organized a charity gala to be held on **Monday 13th** in the enchanting location of the **Santa Giulia Museum**.

An involvement of the city that represents a tribute of the Freccia Rossa to the place where it was born, which keeps alive the will of the four founders of the **1000 Miglia**, **Franco Mazzotti**, **Aymo Maggi**, **Renzo Castagneto** and **Giovanni Canestrini** who, from the first editions, dreamed of making Brescia an international player.

DECLARATIONS OF THE ORGANIZERS

ALDO BONOMI President of ACI Brescia

In 2019, 1000 Miglia Srl - a company desired and wholly owned by our Automobile Club - will organize the seventh edition of the race, after its foundation in 2012.

Today, in a renewed and perfect harmony of intents between the Automobile Club of Brescia and 1000 Miglia srl, the conditions have been created to start a new cycle that knows how to combine the many traditions - sports, historical, cultural and human - of the Freccia Rossa with a modern and entrepreneurial management on an international scale.



I would also like to mention that the profits deriving from ACI Brescia from 1000 Miglia Srl allow us to support the motor sport of our province, allowing us to organize important events such as the Rally 1000 Miglia and the Vallecamonica Trophy, the mythical “Malegno- hill climb” Ossimo-Borno ”.

FRANCO GUSSALLI BERETTA President of 1000 Miglia Srl

Ever since I was appointed president of 1000 Miglia Srl, my priority has been to continue the efforts made by my predecessors to maintain the spirit of the Freccia Rossa, with even greater attention to the tradition of our great Race. For this reason, the 1000 Miglia aims at maintaining respect for historical and sporting aspects, sobriety and safety.

Today, thanks to the great work done over the years, I am the fortunate heir to an excellent organization, ready to unleash all its potential in new projects.

A team whose main objective is to create a platform that on the one hand continues to improve our great 1000 Miglia, a leading event, but at the same time works to strengthen our brand and that of our partners, also through new initiatives.

All this thanks to the collaboration with a team of prominent sponsors, decisive not only for the 1000 Miglia, but also to create different formats and attract new partners.

ALBERTO PIANTONI Chief Executive Officer 1000 Miglia Srl

1000 Miglia is a thrill, a unique experience that is priceless because it is intimate. Today, crossing the villages and cities of art of Italy, supported by the best feelings coming from the best part of Italy, is an unforgettable event. It is a ride of emotions, effort and regularity. A museum in motion or, as we call it today, a travelling collection that pushes us forward.

1000 Miglia is an organization driven by passion, a collective group of special people; our wish is to do something special: to make the Freccia Rossa also live outside its extraordinary context of “the most beautiful race in the world”.

A “project” that starting from this year will see other ideas come to fruition, such as the **1000 Miglia Green**, the **Coppa delle Alpi** and the second **Warm-Up USA**, a format destined to expand to the Middle East, Australia and Far East.



GIUSEPPE CHERUBINI Vice-president of the Operational Committee 1000 Miglia 2019

In a typically Italian scenario, with various multi-regional facets, in four days of inimitable passion, 1000 Miglia 2019 offers a mix of settings that admirably reproduce the four seasons in Italy: from the Lombardy-Venetian countryside to the Marche, Umbria, Lazio, Tuscany and Emilia; from the Romagna sea to the steep Apennines.

The icing on the cake of this edition will be the locations where the competitors will consume meals during the race, the so-called "refreshments", as they were called, all strictly "zero kilometres".

We have chosen historic sites of great charm, such as the Loggiato di San Francesco in Fabriano, Piazza del Campo in Siena, Palazzo Re Enzo in Bologna and Palazzo Ducale in Parma: for competitors, especially foreign ones, it will be a unique experience, if not unrepeatable.

PAOLO MAZZETTI Chairman of the Operational Committee of the Registro 1000 Miglia

This year **1000 Miglia Srl** has once again noticed with great satisfaction the high quality of the cars entered into the race, and which have made the selection of the 430 accepted vehicles quite complex, among which **95 specimens** that will return to the 1000 Miglia roads after having raced in one of the epic speed editions.

Our attention to the originality and quality of the cars in the race is proven by the establishment of the **Registro 1000 Miglia**, in collaboration with **FIVA** and **ACI Storico**, in which we are proud to announce more than 400 entry requests within a year of its presentation.

It is very important to remind all enthusiasts that, as from the next edition, in **2020**, only the cars that have obtained certification from the **Registro 1000 Miglia** can be entered for the 1000 Miglia.

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