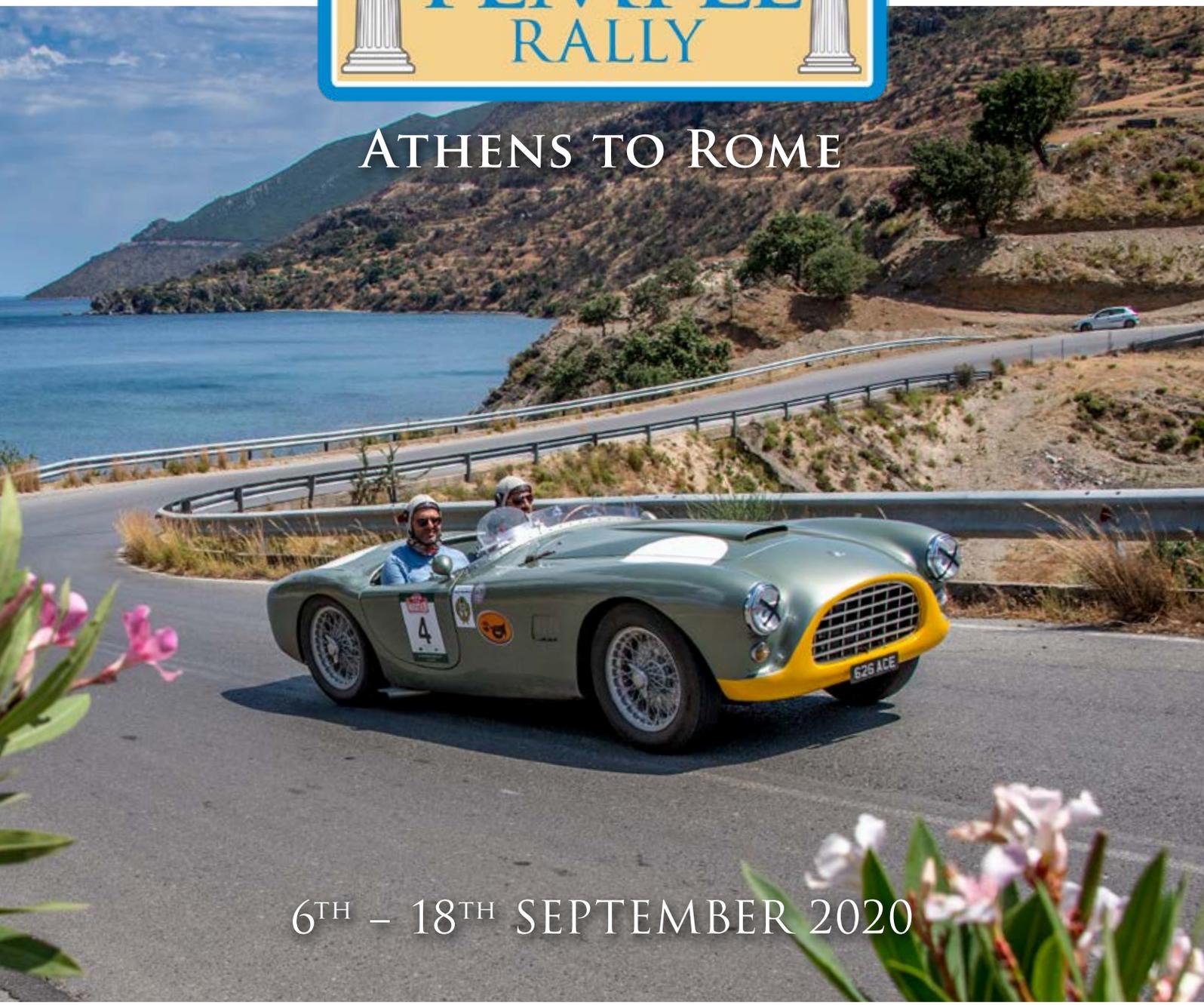




ATHENS TO ROME



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TAORMINA - MARATEA - PAESTUM - CASERTA - ROME

The Temple Rally

is an all-new event from the Endurance Rally Association, which follows the format of the successful Baltic Classic and the much anticipated Adriatic Adventure. Taking place over two weeks in September 2020 and open to cars pre-1985, this will be an odyssey through the ancient lands of Greece and Italy. Fabulous driving roads, spectacular Mediterranean landscapes and some fine Greco-Roman hospitality all combine to make this a very special rally suitable for experienced crews and newcomers alike.

Starting close to the most renowned Greek temple of all - The Parthenon - we quickly leave Athens and cross onto the Peloponnese Peninsula, for the first three days of the event. Our journey through this ancient landscape will be one of contrasts - from the Alpine-like mountains of Central Arcadia to the rugged coastal beauty of the Mani



Peninsula. Along the way, there will be the opportunity to visit such famous sites as the Corinth Canal; the Epidaurus Amphitheatre; historic Nafplio and Ancient Olympia while exciting special tests and scenic regularities will help shape the initial leaderboard.

Leaving the Peloponnese by way of the mighty Rio Antirrio Bridge, the next two days see us discovering the deserted mountain roads of Central Greece, including some famous Acropolis Rally stages of old. These take us via Delphi, where there is chance to consult the famous Oracle, and the beautiful waters of Plastiras Lake to end the Greek leg of our adventure in the shadow of the amazing cliff-top monasteries at Meteora before taking the overnight ferry from Igoumenitsa to Italy.

Arriving mid-morning in the port of Bari, we have an untimed day to explore the sights of Puglia and Basilicata.



These include Alberobello - famed for the distinctive cone shaped Trulli houses, and Matera - home to the ancient Sassi cave dwellings that now house museums, churches and even hotels.

Competition resumes the next day as we rally south to the very 'Toe of Italy' along the length of Calabria - a land of fiery cuisine, craggy coastlines, ancient Greek temples, and wild mountain landscapes.

We then cross the Strait of Messina for a three day sojourn on Sicily. As well as providing some spectacular mountain rally roads, highlights of this island interlude include a pilgrimage to the legendary Targa Florio; challenging special tests on local race circuits; a visit to the 'Valley of the Temples' in Agrigento and a chance to get up close and personal with Mount Etna. This is all rounded off with a well-earned Rest Day in the elegant resort of Taormina,

perched on the clifftops above the crystal blue waters of the Ionian Sea.

Suitably refreshed, we cross back onto the mainland and spend the next day and a half rallying north through the rolling green hills of Calabria and across the beautiful Cilento National Park to reach the ancient temples at Paestum. From there, a 'free afternoon' offers a choice of activities - from a drive along the Amalfi Coast Road to a visit of ancient Pompeii or even an ascent of Mount Vesuvius.

A final morning of challenging regularities on sinuous Apennine roads precedes our arrival in the 'Eternal City' of Rome, where a warm welcome and sumptuous Prize-Giving Gala Dinner round off our Greco-Roman odyssey in fine style.

*Subject to change following reconnaissance.





What kind of event is it?

The Temple Rally is a reliability trial offering a mix of special tests and regularities throughout the event. It will be a competitive rally for those who want it to be competitive, but it also offers the chance to see the wonderful countryside and historic sites we will be travelling through. There will be some long days as well as some testing times with the Route Books, but it shall not be as tough as some of our other events and if you are up for the challenge, it would suit newcomers to the sport.

What do I need to enter?

The first requirement is a vintage or pre-1985 classic car that will go the full distance and not give you any trouble on the way. Reliability over speed is the priority, so time spent on careful preparation can save a lot of trouble in a layby with the clock ticking. There's plenty of advice available if you are a newcomer, all you need to do is ask. Your car also needs an accurate trip meter. A classic mechanical Halda or a more modern electronic Brantz or Monit style trip meter are both acceptable, provided they only measure distance. Modern electronic units which can calculate average speeds are not allowed (unless it is only GPS based). GPS mapping devices are prohibited. You will need a toolkit and some idea of how to use it and a groundsheet to capture any oil leaks while your car is parked. Competition licences are not required but you do need insurance and a full current driving licence. Feel free to contact us directly with any questions, we are more than happy to help.

What if my car breaks down?

We really want to see you at the finish party so we have mobile workshops with us for the entire event. If we find you with a problem we'll do our best to get you on the road again. The ERA's legendary team of support mechanics are the best in the business and the team includes all the familiar faces that regular competitors have come to know. Between them they have been more than twice around the world on all sorts of rallies. If the problem with your car is serious and impossible to sort by the roadside or at the night halt, the prudent entrant will have arranged get-you-home breakdown insurance.

Team Awards

We hope you will want to join up with a couple of other competitors to take a crack at the Team Prize. A team can be a group of any three cars to form a Club Team or, maybe three cars from the same manufacturer to form a Marque Team. We can put you in touch with other competitors if you wish, so it's as simple as filling in the Team Entry form before the rally starts.

What does the entry fee include?

You are guaranteed 12 days of exceptional driving. The comprehensive Route Book will provide all you need to complete the route. We have a hard won reputation for the quality of our routes and we pride ourselves on this detail.

A small army of marshals and sweep mechanics provide the security of knowing that help is never far away so you can enjoy the driving experience unconcerned that you might be stranded beside the road. Secure parking, metal rally plates, number roundels, identity tags and maps will be provided.

Accommodation and most meals are included, from the Welcome dinner the evening before the start to the Prize Giving Gala Dinner at the finish.

Every crew completing the rally will receive finisher's awards, overall and class winners will also be given trophies.

Not included in the entry fee are fuel, vehicle insurance, car shipping to the start and, after the event, from the finish.

Is it a difficult event?

There are two answers to this question. If your ambition is to win, the answer is 'Yes'. The event will cater for both vintage as well as classic cars. If your aim is to enjoy the company of like-minded enthusiasts driving your vintage or classic car along the exceptional route the answer is a qualified 'No'.

Whatever your approach it certainly helps if you can understand the tulip diagrams in the supplied Route Book. You will need a navigator who can take charge of the car and a driver who can take direction. It's a team effort and those with the biggest engine or the heaviest foot might be surprised.

Who are the organisers?

The Endurance Rally Association (ERA) organises epic and challenging rallies across the world. Our experience, organising more than 80 rallies, extends back to 1988 with the Pirelli Classic Marathon and includes, amongst others, Around the World in 80 days, the Peking to Paris Motor Challenge, the London to Cape Town World Cup Rally, several Classic Safari's, the iconic Trans-America Challenge, The Road to Saigon and the Flying Scotsman, British vintage-only premier rally. With our combined experience and knowledge you and your car are in good hands with the HERO-ERA team.

How do I secure my place?

Please complete an entry form and return it to the Rally Office together with your deposit payment, via bank transfer or cheque. You can also sign-up online under www.endurorally.com. We will confirm your entry in writing and regular updates and newsletters will be sent to you. Should you have any queries please contact us anytime on the phone number or email address below.

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