LIEGE–BRESCIA–LIEGE

Third running of the World's only International Historic Rally for small cars

July 17-20, 1958 ⋆ July 16-25, 2010

Now 600-1200cc ∗ *∗ and 3-Wheelers*

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Relive one of the greatest rallies of the 1950s! Liège-Brescia-Liège on **July 16-25, 2010** offers an entirely new way of enjoying a classic pastime: 10 days following an historic rally route (using the great passes from the legendary Liège-Rome-Liège), competing with fellow enthusiasts all in small-engined cars – cars that are uncompetitive on other historic rallies. There's time to enjoy the scenery and superb visits laid on, but you have to concentrate too: you must plot the route and find photo control points with some challenging navigation, and there are speed tests on off-road circuits en route.

For 2010, **600-1200cc** cars and three-wheelers are invited to enter. The Authentic category is for cars built before the end of 1958 (or of identical spec but slightly later) and is divided into pre-1958, pre-1948 and 850/1000/1200cc classes. The Spirit category is for later cars and subdivided pre-1968, pre-1978, post-1978 and for the same engine sizes. This is the only time that the event will be run for 600-1200cc cars – don't miss out!

The entry fee of £2995 (half by 31 July '09, half by 30 Nov) represents incredible value: it includes 11 nights in top hotels for a crew of TWO people, ALL meals from dinner on July 9 to breakfast on July 20, all the Michelin maps you need to plot the route, rally plates, route book, finishers' plaques, entry to venues and more. Providing reassuring back-up are the repair and recovery team, while the luggage van ensures that you can enjoy rallying without your car weighed down by unnecessary baggage.

"Brilliant", "unforgettable", "life-changing" and "best rally ever" are just some of the tributes from competitors after Liège-Brescia-Liège 2008, which was for microcars up to 700cc: such was the spirit that prevailed after 10 days spent thrashing tiny engines around Europe. Mountain passes above cloud level, challenging navigation, devious passage controls, roadside repairs, hot sunshine and torrential rain, all added to the challenge: this was a true endurance rally, a micro-marathon that tested cars and crews to limits they'd never imagined they had. Of such are lifelong memories made...

Keen drivers loved the challenge of mastering these little beasts, anticipation critical to getting the most out of them and keeping momentum uphill. Driving tests on 1km-long kart circuits added extra entertainment as drivers strove to match the target times set. Adventure stories were plentiful: locals, especially in Italy and Slovenia, offered tools, workshops and assistance with repairs for no reward. Mick and Sara Bell rebuilt their Isetta engine in Ljubljana with a locally-sourced bearing and an oil seal loaned by a Belgian crew, then drove three of the toughest passes, up to 2211m, in the middle of the night so they could catch up without missing any passage controls. Lost entering Munich in his Fiat 500, Col Donald Hawes was hailed by a lady aged 94, who was reminded of the Fiat owned by her first boyfriend and insisted that her son (a senior man at BMW) lead them to the checkpoint at the splendid BMW Museum. The rally was enjoyed by participants from 11 to 83 years old.

Other planned visits include breathtaking Schloss Lichtenstein (Germany), exciting Francorchamps Karting (Belgium) and Kartbahn Liedolsheim (Germany), fascinating Museo Gino Tonutti (Italy) and Automuseum Engstingen (Germany), charming Boxenstop Museum (Germany) and great public receptions in the Preseren Square in Ljubljana and the Piazza Loggia in Brescia, where the 1958 rally had its only stop.

Interest is already being shown from owners of cars as varied as 1932 supercharged MG J2 and 2008 Triking, with Frogeye Sprite, Turner, Rochdale, MG Midget, three-wheel Morgan, Austin A30/35/40, Morris Minor, Triumph Herald, Standard 8/10, Fiat 600/850, Renault 4CV/4, Honda S800 and more. Check www.classicrallypress.co.uk for the latest updates and email for entry forms and regulations!

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