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CELTIC
CHALLENGE

21 - 26 April 2020



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Conceived to embrace world famous hospitality with some of the most spectacular driving roads in the British Isles, the enthralling Celtic Challenge is a five-day adventure through outstanding countryside bejewelled with challenging competitive sections and, adding to the allure, is staged exclusively for pre-1948 cars.

- 850 mile route
- More than 20 test sections plus 10 short, sharp regularities
- Experience the steep twists and turns of the Great Orme
- Drive historic road racing circuits including the pre-war Ards, and 1950s Dundrod TT Circuits
- Visit the picturesque Anglesey Circuit overlooking the Irish Sea and the Snowdonia mountain range, and Northern Ireland's premier race circuit, Kirkistown

In addition to the usual prize categories, there will be also be a 'Generations Award' and a 'Couples Award'.

With breath-taking scenery, top-class venues and outstanding roads this highly captivating rally will deliver a mouth-watering taste of the Celtic nations for both amateur and experienced crews.

Rally Director, Fred Gallagher, has designed a superb route showcasing the Celtic heritage of England, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland. We travel along beautiful coastlines, pass scenic mountains and through historic towns and cities.

Although a demanding event with a strong competitive edge, we have ensured there will be plenty of time for crews to socialise and enjoy Celtic hospitality at superior hotels, whilst soaking up the unique history and cultures of the British Isles.



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Route notes:
Scrutineering and
Documentation will
take place at stunning
Carden Park in Cheshire.

The evening will see a fine
Welcome Dinner.

Day 1

Carden Park (England) to Llandudno (Wales)

A test within the grounds of Carden Park will wake everyone up first thing. Then quickly into another test and a short, sharp regularity on private land that will challenge both crew members, before on to a morning coffee break. We stop for lunch in a scenic location, before two further regularity sections - as always on this event, on smooth asphalt with plenty of space to pass. We finish the day at our waterfront hotel in Llandudno.

Day 2

Llandudno (Wales) to Malahide (Republic of Ireland)

A spectacular closed road section early on, before we head over the Menai Strait, the captivating submerged valley that separates Anglesey from mainland North Wales. We have a memorable quartet of tests, including a visit to the stunning Anglesey Circuit, before arriving in Holyhead for the afternoon ferry to Dublin Port.

Day 3

Malahide (Republic of Ireland) to Belfast (Northern Ireland)

Almost immediately onto quiet back roads, we head north into the Boyne Valley. After a picturesque coffee break, there is a stunning regularity over Windy Gap, with great views over Carlingford Lough and the Mourne Mountains. We cross the border into the South Down's wonderful rally country, before taking the ten-minute ferry

crossing from Strangford to Portaferry. A late, light lunch will be taken before we visit Northern Ireland's only permanent race circuit for some more tests. Then north, covering some of the route of the pre-war Ards TT Circuit, before we make our way to our hotel in the Historic Titanic District of Belfast.

Day 4

Belfast (Northern Ireland) to Turnberry (Scotland)

An early start takes us to our first Passage Control of the day at the pits at Dundrod, where the Tourist Trophy race was held from 1950 to 1955. We then head north to Bushmills for an early lunch. We follow the spectacular Antrim Coast Road, taking in a smooth gravel test, to the port of Larne, from where we take the afternoon ferry to Stranraer. On disembarking it's only a short hop to our hotel on the coast of the Irish Sea and a sumptuous dinner.

For full, up to date, route notes see: www.rallytheglobe.com



Day 5

Turnberry (Scotland) to St Andrews (Scotland)

We start with a couple of tests close to our hotel before striking east through the Southern Uplands. We skirt Edinburgh and take in a pair of tests. Then some of the best driving roads in Perth & Kinross, before our arrival in the splendid golfing town of St Andrews - a fitting end to five days that will have shown the best of the British Isles.

We hope you can join us!

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Rally the Globe have a dedicated team of sweep mechanics to help you out when problems arise, plus a team of doctors and paramedics.

We go out of our way to find memorable accommodation.

You will be with a great bunch of like-minded people creating memories that will last forever.

Entering
The Celtic Challenge is open to all abilities.

Husbands and wives, parents and children, and just good friends all compete on our events. The evening social gatherings ensure life-long friendships are forged.

Eligible cars

Anything with four wheels of a type built before 1st January 1948.

There will be a luggage van available for competitors with limited storage space.

Event description

The Celtic Challenge will take place mostly on asphalt surfaces. However there will be some short sections of smooth gravel. We use minor roads to explore areas that few tourists will ever see. We

go out of our way to avoid rough roads.

On this event you will encounter “Regularity” sections where you will try to arrive at secret checks at a precise time. The technique is easily learnt; mastering them may take a few events.

From time to time we run tests on private land, tracks and circuits. No special equipment is required for these.

Although this is a challenging and competitive event, success will come from sustained performance across a myriad of tests and regularities without tricks.

What to take

A fire extinguisher, full first aid kit, warning triangle, high visibility jackets and a towrope are all



mandatory. On occasion we will park in historic areas where we insist an oil-resistant groundsheet is placed under each car.

Helmets and overalls are not required, nor do you need a competition licence. However, you do need a valid driving licence and usually an International Driving Permit.

On event support

Our expert team of sweep mechanics follow the last car on the rally route and are prepared to help anyone they come across. Should your car be off-route you must telephone the sweeps as soon as possible. Should you need to be transported by truck we will help as much as we can, but all responsibility, including payment, rests with the competitor.



We always have at least one doctor or paramedic on our events.

Insurance and other documents

Vehicle insurance is not included. Please see our website or call Rally the Globe for suggested providers. We strongly recommend you have adequate travel, medical and cancellation insurance.



More information

Our regular newsletters will keep you updated. Should you need any more information, including advice on shipping cars from outside Europe, please feel free to contact us during office hours at Rally the Globe.

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