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The Geneva Run

E-type 60th Anniversary Tour - *'The Tour of the Year'*

14-23 June 2022

Jaguar E-type 60th Anniversary – Concours d'Elégance Suisse 2022

Our epic adventure to Geneva to celebrate the E-type's 60th Anniversary is back on in 2022. We have created a very special tour with a fantastic blend of great driving roads, superb hotels and food and we've even thrown in a Concours for good measure. Set at a very comfortable pace, the whole trip will be relaxing, enjoyable and fun, with every detail taken care of by the Classic Grand Touring team.

E-type Club members have been invited to the Concours d'Elégance Suisse to celebrate 60 years of one of the most famous automobiles ever created. Our invitation comes from Mathias Doutreleau, Co-Founder of the Concours, who built the event to celebrate automobile heritage and the art of mechanical engineering. The setting for the event is the grounds of the Château de Coppet in Geneva which offers stunning panoramic views of Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva.

Our tour will not only be the most exclusive 60-year celebration of the E-type but will also be joined by the oldest E-type, 9600 HP. Starting life as a prototype in 1960, 9600 HP was used for development work, for pre-launch road testing by the national and motoring press, and then as launch press car for the Geneva Motor Show in March 1961. The car made its debut after a mad, full-throttle drive from Coventry, with Bob Berry at the wheel, arriving with 20 minutes to spare to the opening of the show. It caused a sensation!

We are delighted that 9600 HP will be on tour, crewed by Philip and Julie Porter. The Geneva Run will re-create the 'flat-out drive' on much of the original route via Reims, Dijon and Nantua with some great driving roads on the approach to Geneva.

Bob commented afterwards that '...it was a great ride and the car went really well. A bag of apples and a pint of milk sustained me for the whole run down'. Be assured that we have planned a little more than that!

The Itinerary

Tuesday 14 June

Eurotunnel, Folkestone to Hotel La Chartreuse du Val Saint Esprit, Béthune

The tour commences at the Eurotunnel Flexiplus lounge in Folkestone ready for our early afternoon crossing to Calais. Upon arrival, we will have time to introduce ourselves to one another and visit the lounge for complimentary snacks and refreshments before boarding the train.

Having arrived in Calais, we will head straight for the French D-roads driving 58 miles to reach our first overnight stop, the Hotel La Chartreuse du Val Saint Esprit. The hotel is a listed historical monument which has retained its elegance and historical past. Cars will be parked in a private area in front of the hotel before enjoying a welcome aperitif on the lawn. Dinner this evening will be served in a private dining room within the Robert II gourmet restaurant.

Wednesday 15 June

Hotel La Chartreuse du Val Saint Esprit, Béthune to Hostellerie Briqueterie, Epernay

This morning we will depart the hotel around 09.30 to drive down to Champagne. We will follow Bob Berry's route through Saint Quentin, Laon and on to Reims before arriving in Epernay, the heart of the Champagne region. The drive should take around 4 hours plus a stop for lunch en-route.



Where it all began - Sir William Lyons at the Geneva launch, 1961



Take a nostalgic trip back to Lake Geneva



The splendid Hotel La Chartreuse du Val Saint Esprit



The beautiful scenery of the Champagne region



A wonderful photo opportunity at the old pit buildings in Reims



Period beauty at Château de Coppet for the Concours



Geneva with the spectacular backdrop of Mont Blanc

Before arriving at the hotel, we will meet at the famous old pit buildings in Reims and line the cars up for a photo opportunity.

On arrival at the hotel, we will have plenty of time to settle into our rooms before a welcome glass of Champagne in the gorgeous hotel orangery. Our three-course dinner this evening will be served in the hotel restaurant and includes wine.

Thursday 16 June Hostellerie Briqueterie, Epernay to The Grand Hotel La Cloche, Dijon

We will depart the hotel around 09.30 and begin our 200-mile route down to the Grand Hotel La Cloche in the heart of Dijon, (through Chalons-en-Champagne, Saint Dizier, Chaumont).

We will lunch en-route before arriving at the hotel this evening. The La Cloche Hotel is in the heart of picturesque Dijon across the road from the beautiful Park Darcy.

Our slightly earlier arrival will allow you enough time to have a peaceful stroll in the park. In the opposite direction is Rue de la Liberté, one of Dijon's upmarket pedestrianised shopping streets, which ends at the historic Place de la Liberation.

Here you can relax and people-watch over a coffee in one of the square-side cafes.



The elegant setting of La Réserve Hotel Geneva

Friday 17 June The Grand Hotel La Cloche, Dijon to La Réserve Hotel & Spa, Geneva

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for Geneva. Today's drive begins heading south to Chalon-sur-Saone and on to Maçon where we will head off-piste through the Parc Naturel Haut-Jura to the town of Nantua and on to Bellegarde sur Valserine before crossing the border into Switzerland. The final part of our route takes us into Geneva where we are booked into the fabulous 5-star lakeside La Réserve Hotel & Spa for the next three nights.

After arrival, the evening is free for you to explore the city or head down to Lake Geneva. Dinner this evening is of your own choosing, but we will recommend nearby restaurants.

Saturday 18 June Concours d'Élégance Suisse Day 1

Today, we will depart the hotel on a 15-minute drive to the Concours d'Élégance Suisse at the stunning Château de Coppet, on the south side of Lake Geneva and a Swiss heritage site of national significance. The picturesque venue offers a stunning view of both Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc. This morning, you have been entered into the Tour d'Élégance, a 100km leisure drive skirting Lake Geneva, stopping off for a fine lunch at a surprise location.

Following lunch and another short drive, the Tour d'Élégance will finish at the Château, where the cars will be parked on the Concours Lawn for the evening. A Concours dinner will be held this evening.

Sunday 19 June Concours d'Élégance Suisse Day 2

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we will leave for the Concours which opens from 08:00 for entrants. The opening ceremony of the event will begin at 09:00. We have the option to order picnic lunches which will be supplied by the Concours organisers or you will be free to purchase lunch from the high quality food vendors on site. The Concours closes at 17:00. We will then drive back to La Réserve and spend the evening enjoying an informal dinner at the hotel.

Monday 20 June

La Réserve Hotel, Geneva to The Chedi Hotel, Andermatt

After breakfast, we will depart for some stunning Alpine driving to our next destination, Andermatt. The route today skirts Lake Geneva before joining the Route de Mosses which provides some incredible views and driving roads. We will stop en-route for a bite to eat before carrying on to Andermatt via the famous Susten Pass which will provide some very enjoyable driving.

Our accommodation for the next two nights is the fantastic 5-star Chedi Hotel in Andermatt, regarded as one of the best hotels in Switzerland. A lovely modern hotel with stunning mountain views and great facilities, it is an amazing base for two nights to relax and also take in some fabulous Alpine pass driving. Having arrived at the hotel, we will have plenty of time to settle into our rooms before meeting downstairs in the hotel restaurant for dinner.

Tuesday 21 June

The Alpine Loop

Fortunately for us, Andermatt is surrounded by some of the most spectacular roads and passes along with some great locations for lunch.

Today you will enjoy one of the best Alpine loops in the world. Known as the Big Three, the Grimsel, the Nufenen and Susten all loop to and from Andermatt and we will drive them all!



Chedi Hotel in Andermatt, the heart of the Swiss Alps

The optional drive will take us around three hours. You may prefer to enjoy the spa and swimming pool at the hotel instead. Lunch is included today and is at the top of Mount Stanserhorn via a short cable car ride.

Having arrived back at the hotel, you will have time to enjoy the hotel facilities for the remainder of the afternoon. This evening dinner is of your own choosing either in one of the hotel restaurants or in a local restaurant a short walk away.

Wednesday 22 June

The Chedi Hotel, Andermatt to Les Violettes Hotel & Spa, Alsace

After breakfast, we will depart the hotel for the Alsace region of France. The drive takes us through scenic Switzerland to the French border and into the Parc Naturel Regional des Ballons des Vosges, a beautiful French national park providing stunning views, surrounding mountains and spectacular roads.

Your hotel tonight will be Les Violettes, a hotel and spa based in the mountainous countryside of Alsace. After settling down, you have time to visit the many relaxation and wellness facilities Les Violettes has to offer, such as bio-saunas, salt grottos, a Kneipp basin and heated indoor and outdoor pools. Dinner tonight will be at the Restaurant Le Jardin de Violettes which offers a blend of traditional French cuisine with a contemporary twist.



Thrilling drives through spectacular Alpine passes

Thursday 23 June

Les Violettes Hotel, Alsace to Hostellerie Briqueterie, Epernay

Leaving Les Violettes, we will depart for our final destination, back to where we started at the Hostellerie Briqueterie in Epernay. The drive today takes us through the historic towns of Epinal and Neufchâteau as we thread our way northwest towards home.

This evening, we will be dining at a stunning 'surprise' restaurant for a final dinner, not far from the hotel.

Friday 24 June

Hostellerie Briqueterie, Epernay to Eurotunnel, Calais

After our final breakfast, we will depart for the Eurotunnel Calais Terminal. You are booked on a Flexiplus basis meaning you can turn up and receive priority boarding at your leisure. There will be 200 miles of driving on A roads from Reims to the Eurotunnel, and it should take you no more than about three and a half hours to reach Calais.



Relax at the luxurious Les Violettes Hotel & Spa

What is included?

- Return Flexiplus Eurotunnel crossings
- Ten nights 4 & 5-star accommodation
- Breakfast each morning
- Seven excellent evening meals with wine included
- Weekend VIP tickets to the Concours d'Elégance
- Entry to the Tour d'Elégance
- Lunch in Geneva on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Lunch at the top of Mount Stanserhorn
- Mechanical support throughout the tour
- Managed and accompanied by an experienced Classic GT Tour Director
- Printed & bound road book
- 60th Anniversary cap, pen and decal
- Rally plate

The Price:

£4,650.00 per person based on two sharing a car and hotel accommodation throughout

£6,750.00 per person based on one in a car and single occupancy hotel accommodation throughout

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