



RALLY EURO 2018

CHIMAY - NAMUR - MOSEL
20 ALPINE PASSES
VOSGES - MARNE - CHAMPAGNE

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Sunday 9 — Sunday 16 September



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OVERVIEW:

8 Days / 7 Nights / EST: 1,884 miles

Since the creation of the McLaren Owners Club UK we have wanted to create and run a driving tour for our MOC Members. We are delighted to announce the details of our first ever European driving tour which will take in some of the spectacular roads and sights of Europe. Starting in Kent and ending in Calais, our route encompasses some of the best roads in Europe and features some excellent hotels, all with parking for Member cars.

Highlights include:

- The forests and backroads of Namur in Belgium
- The Upper Mosel region of Germany
- Some derestricted autobahn in Germany
- The major passes in Switzerland including: Furka, Grimsel, Susten, Klausen, St Gotthard, Nufenen, Oberalp, Bernina, Umbrail, Fluela and San Bernardino
- Passo Stelvio in Italy (only part of it)
- The Vosges, Marne and Champagne regions in France
- Reims and the former GP Pits
- Optional visits to the Porsche Museum (Stuttgart - open 9am to 6pm) and Schlumpf Collection at Cite de l'Automobile (Mulhouse - open 10am to 6pm)

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SUN 09 - KENT TO NENNIG:

EST: 6h 30mins / 305 miles

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From our base in Kent we head for our Eurotunnel crossing to France. Landing in France we head south along the motorway before heading onto back roads near Cambrai. Crossing the border into Belgium we visit the town of Chimay. First established in 1926 Chimay hosted the “Grand Prix des Frontieres” and was Belgium’s second racing circuit after Spa. Members will have a chance to retrace the route of the old circuit dating from 1926, as well as the current layout, before we stop for lunch.

Departing Chimay, we make our way through the picturesque Namur region of Belgium. Passing through Luxembourg, our route heads into Germany through the Mosel Valley to our hotel — the 5* Victor’s Hotel Schloss Berg. Featuring a spa, 2 restaurants, a casino and reserved parking for the cars, Members can relax in the hotel before meeting the rest of the group for drinks and dinner.



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MON 10 — NENNIG TO BOBLINGEN:

EST: 4h 30m / 199 miles

A much shorter day sees us leave the Mosel and head south through the Palatinate Forest. Crossing into France briefly we hit the autobahn near Karlsruhe and then head south to our hotel near Boblingen. As we near Stuttgart, Members have an opportunity to visit the Porsche Museum near to the factory in Zuffenhausen. The new Porsche Museum opened in January 2009 and features around 80 exhibits and is a must for any (secret!) fan of Porsche.

Our hotel for the night is the iconic V8 Hotel situated in Motorworld, a must for any true petrolhead. Housing several car dealerships, a motor museum and bars and restaurants in addition to the V8 Hotel, Motorworld is the perfect place to relax after a long drive. In the evening Members can eat in one of the Motorworld restaurants.





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03

TUE 11 / BOBLINGEN TO AROSA:

EST: 5h 30m / 274 miles

Departing Motorworld in Boblingen, we head south over sections of derestricted autobahn to the border with Switzerland. Once in Switzerland we cut down past Zurich and Lucerne, passing Lake Zug on our way. Rumoured to contain an underwater bank vault, Lake Zug is Switzerland's 10th largest lake and offers a stunning backdrop for our route to Altdorf. Here we head over the Klausenpass (1,948 metres) reckoned to be one of the most beautiful and challenging Swiss mountain roads.



Our route finishes near Chur where we head into the mountains to our destination in Arosa. The road from Chur is a feast of serpentine bends and curves (as well as some tunnels) as you ascend to Arosa. Our hotel for the night is the 4* Waldhotel. Featuring 2 restaurants and a spa, the hotel also has a stunning sun deck offering beautiful views over the mountains — the perfect location for a well-earned drink. In the evening, we will eat together in the hotel.





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04

WED 12 / AROSA TO PONTRESINA:

EST: 4h 45m / 168 miles

From Arosa we head back to Chur and then south and east to Davos. From Davos we drive the spectacular Fluela pass (2,383 metres) which eventually descends into Susch. Our route heads past Zernez and over the Ofen pass (2,149 metres), also known as Passo del Forno (Fuorn pass) due to the ovens that were used in ironworks in the area. We next ascend the wonderful Umbrail pass (2,501 metres) — the highest paved road in Switzerland — and cross into Italy at its summit to drive to the top of Passo Stelvio (2,757 metres) for lunch and a chance to take photos of the northern face with its 48 hairpins.

Descending Stelvio's southern face (as spectacular and McLaren friendly) we cross into Livigno via Passo Foscagno (2,291 metres) and then head back into Switzerland near the summit of the Bernina Pass (2,328 metres). Our destination is the swish ski resort of Pontresina where our hotel — the 5* Kronenhof — is located in the centre. Tonight Members have the choice of eating in the hotel (gentlemen must wear a jacket and tie) or visiting one of the other restaurants in the town.





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THU 13 / PONTRESINA TO GRIMSEL:

EST: 5h 45m / 220 miles

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Leaving Pontresina behind us, we pass St Moritz and descend the Maloja pass (1,815 metres) to Chiavenna in Italy. Our route then heads north over the incredible Splügen pass (2,115 metres) back into Switzerland as we search out one of the finest mountain passes in Europe – the San Bernardino pass. At 2,066 metres San Bernardino is not the highest but it is certainly one of the most picturesque Swiss mountain passes, especially after the summit.

Nearing Bellinzona we head north over the Lukmanier pass (1,915 metres). A wide sweeping road this pass is often overlooked but offers a spectacular drive through the Alps. Reaching Disentis we head west over the Oberalp pass (2,044 metres) to Andermatt and then on to the Susten pass. At 2,260 metres and featuring some incredible sections that hug to the mountains and feature precipitous drops, this is one of our all-time favourite roads – demanding, spectacular and nerve shredding! As our day draws to a close we ascend the Grimsel pass (2,164 metres) to our hotel – the Grimsel Hospiz. Set in the middle of a reservoir near the top of the pass, the hotel is more akin to the lair of a James Bond villain but offers good accommodation, food and beer. In the evening we will eat together in the hotel.





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FRI 14 / GRIMSEL TO GERARDMER:

EST: 6h / 281 miles

Our last day in the Swiss Alps sees us start off with a corker of a route. Cresting Grimsel, we descend to Gletsch before seeking out the Nufenen pass which, at 2,478 metres, is the second highest paved road in Switzerland after the Umbrail pass. Passing Airolo, we head over the St Gotthard pass (2,106 metres) or, for the more adventurous, you can ascend the Tremola pass (also known as the old St Gotthard pass) which retains the same character (i.e. cobblestones) as when it was completed in 1951 (we'd recommend you stop and take a photo of it at the top of the St Gotthard pass!).

Near Andermatt we head west to drive the Furka pass (2,429 metres), famous as the road that featured in the opening sequence of *The Italian Job* — look out for the Belvedere as you descend. After a final ascent of the Grimsel pass our route leads us past Innertkirchen and Interlaken to Basel. Crossing into France, Members have an opportunity to visit Cite de l'Automobile in Mulhouse and the Schlumpf Collection — the largest and most comprehensive collection of Bugatti's in the world.

From Mulhouse we head north into the Vosges and over the excellent Route des Cretes. Created by the French military in World War I, this spectacular road features some excellent curves and bends as it sweeps through the forest offering up glimpses of the Black Forest in Germany. Eventually we arrive at our hotel — the 4* Hostellerie Bas Rupts located just south of Gerardmer. In the evening all Members will dine together in the hotel.



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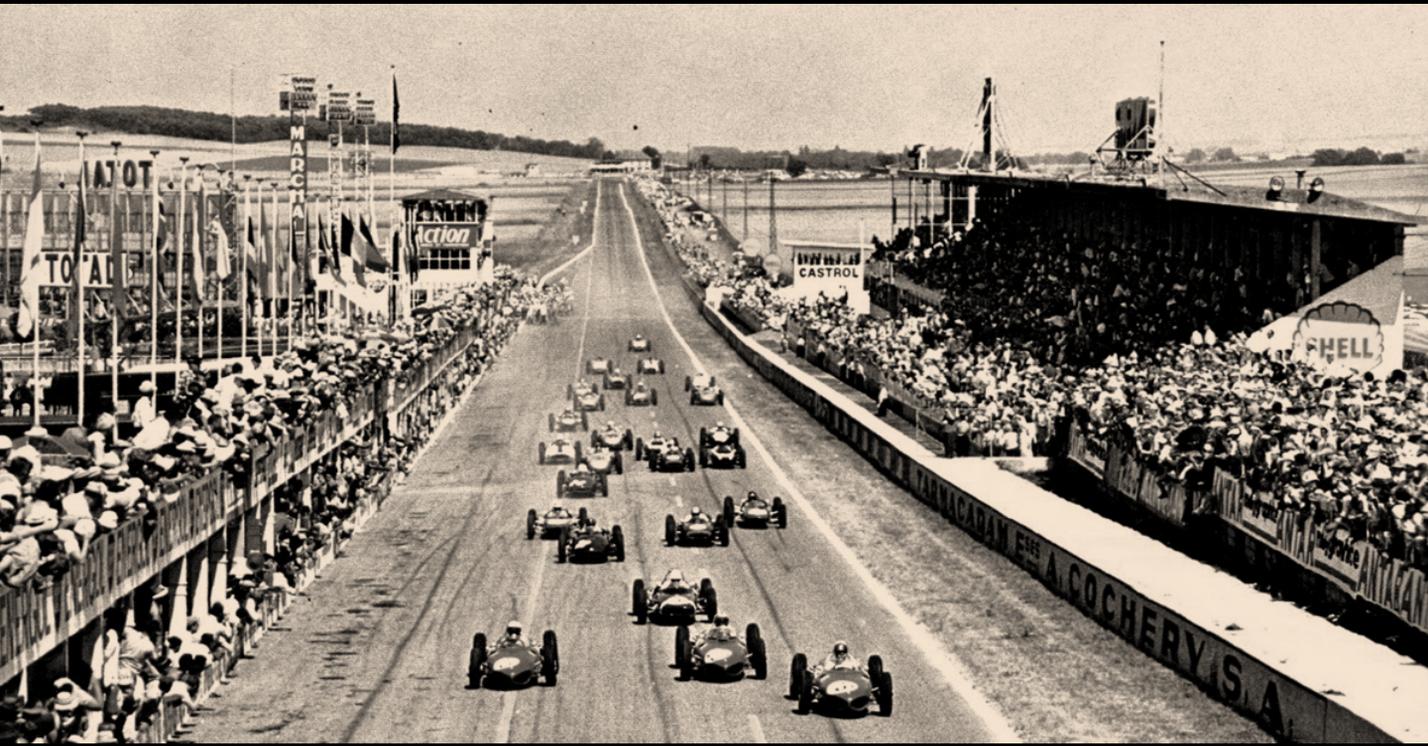
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SAT 15 / GERARDMER TO REIMS:

On our penultimate day, we leave the Vosges behind and traverse the Marne. A beautiful part of France, the Marne is home to the Champagne region and features some cracking roads with fast sweeping bends, perfect for a McLaren. Passing near Verdun, we stop off for lunch in a beautiful Chateau before pressing on through the heart of the Champagne region to our final hotel — the Novotel in Reims. Clean and comfortable, with parking for the cars, all Members will head into Reims to eat at one of our favourite restaurants to celebrate the end of the tour — with a glass or three of champagne, naturally!





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SUN 16 / REIMS TO CALAIS:

EST: 3h 45m / 185 miles

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In the morning, Members can opt to drive straight to Calais to catch their return Eurotunnel crossing or join us on a short scenic drive through Champagne before hitting the motorway near Laon. Beforehand though we will assemble the whole group in front of the former Reims GP Pits in nearby Gueux — a fitting memento for an incredible tour.





INCLUDES:

- ✓ Return Eurotunnel crossing in HIGH space (out 9 Sept @ 0740hrs, return 16 Sept @ 1450hrs)
- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation in a range of 3*, 4* and 5* hotels - all rooms of a good standard throughout
- ✓ Breakfast in all hotels (10 – 16 Sept inc.)
- ✓ Evening meals excluding drinks on 3 nights (11, 13 and 14 Sept)
- ✓ Overnight parking charges for the cars (where applicable)
- ✓ Access to leisure facilities at each hotel (where applicable)
- ✓ Printed overview route book including a full itinerary and places to visit
- ✓ Complimentary use of a pre-programmed satellite navigation unit loaded with all routes and hotels
- ✓ MOC staff on hand throughout to assist
- ✓ VAT and all local taxes

EXCLUDES:

The price excludes anything not expressly included above as well as the following:

- Motorway tolls
- Medical & Travel Insurance
- All lunchtime meals
- Evening meals on 4 nights (9, 10, 12 and 15 Sept)
- Fuel
- Parts in the event you need mechanical assistance with your car
- Vehicle insurance
- Alcohol and drinks
- Use of the minibar in your room (where applicable)
- Use of the beauty and spa treatments at each hotel (where applicable)

SUMMARY:

- Expected driving distance is c.1,872 miles (Calais to Calais)
- Tour lasts 8 days and includes 7 nights' accommodation
- All rooms will be of a good standard throughout the trip
- Evening meals are included on 3 nights
- 20 major Alpine passes



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