

And in Italy – Raid Dell’Etna!

After a pandemic-forced suspension, the 23rd Raid Dell’Etna rally was back on the roads of Sicily this past fall. The turnout was massive, with crews from all over the world and 72 cars on the starting line.

Over seven splendid sunny days, drivers covered about 1,000 kilometers – discovering the most secret places in Sicily – palaces, works of art, cultural and culinary specialties, and geographical wonders. While AROC was not represented this year, our March 2020 feature by Joe and Chris Kovacs shows what a fabulous adventure this is, and can be enjoyed again.

The 2021 itinerary began in Palermo at the Villa Airolidi Golf Club, from whence they drove to Bagheria and the Villa Palagonia, Toy Museum and Palazzo Butera before lunch at the 17th-century Torre Garbonogara di Buonfornello. In the afternoon, they were to transit a leg of the Targa Florio on a stretch of the old Madonie circuit.

The following day, after crossing Cerda, Caltavuturo and Scillato, the drivers arrived at Pergusa racetrack for timed regularity tests before moving on to Siracusa, where the following day



would be spent on a guided tour of architectural treasures on the island of Ortigia. Next, the caravan headed to Punta Secca to have an aperitif at the television home of *Il Commissario Montalbano*, where several episodes of the eponymous Italian mystery series were shot. Afterwards, after a lunch

break at Villa Fegotto, they arrived in the coastal town of Catania, for a swim in the Ionian Sea.

The rally’s penultimate day was dedicated to a Mount Etna hillclimb, with stops to enjoy the volcano’s extraordinary lunar landscape, recently altered by fresh lava flows.

The event concluded with a visit to the historic center of Catania, a gala evening at the 19th-century Canonica degli Archi di Riposto, and an awards ceremony at the Palazzo Manganelli of the Borghese Princes.

The next Raid Dell’Etna will be held from September 25 to October 1, 2022, and it is possible to rent historic cars to participate. For information, contact the organization www.raidetna.it - segreteria@raidetna.it ■





The 1924 Alfa Romeo RL Targa Florio of Ven Fonte in front of the pits in Cerda (Sicily)

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