



COPPA MILANO-SANREMO: TRADITION AND UNIQUE CHARME

The oldest race in Italy opens the Italian Great Events Championship 2020

New dates: 2-3-4 April 2020

Milan, 12 December 2019 - More than 100 years after its birth, the glamour of the legendary **Coppa Milano-Sanremo** is back: the oldest competition in Italy and the fullest of history. The "Grande dame" of open-road rallies, which has always had "seductive" power over Italian and foreign teams, both male and female alike, will be run **from April 2 to April 4 2020** with the same spirit and the same passion of the "gentlemen drivers" who created it in 1906.

The Coppa Milano-Sanremo this year **opens the Italian Great Events Championship "Epoca Championship" of Aci Sport**. The Championship, reserved for classic regularity races, also includes the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti, the Gran Premio Nuvolari, the Targa Florio Classica and the Coppa delle Alpi by 1000 Miglia.

Along the route of more than 700 km, the iconic cars, will cross many cities in Lombardy, Piedmont, Liguria and **landscapes of timeless splendour**. The participation is reserved for cars built between 1906 and 1976, with a F.I.V.A. passport, or with F.I.A. Heritage certificate, or with A.S.I. approval, or with A.C.I. Sport certificate, or if they belong to a Brand Historical Register. This twelfth Historic Revival will host, as usual, the prestigious "**Coppa delle Dame**", conceived for the first time at the beginning of the last century, thanks to the conspicuous participation of female crews and the intuition of the organizers of the Coppa Milano-Sanremo.

There are **many news** planned for this edition: higher number of crews to increase the level of competition and the route more technical, evocative and engaging, to make the entire race more selective and attractive from a sporting point of view. **Competition and spectacle** will not be lacking: the crews, in fact, will face a bigger number of special average trials, for a total amount of more than ninety, in line with the current trend.

The event will **start on Thursday, April 2nd**, with the meeting of the crews at the **Autodromo Nazionale di Monza** for accreditation, technical and pre-rally checks, and a few warm-up laps around the legendary Formula 1 racetrack before the start of the inaugural parade of the historic automobiles through the centre of Monza and on to Milan. After a proper défilé through the heart of Milan's fashion district, the parade will go down the world-famous via Monte Napoleone to its final destination at the Palazzo del Senato, in the heart of the city.

The race's official start will take place in the evening, in front of the historic AC Milan headquarter in Corso Venezia.

On Friday, April 3, 2020 the drivers will face the first kilometers to honour one of the oldest and most prestigious automobile competitions. The initial part will be set in the **splendid landscapes of the Langhe**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, where cars can stop for a middle break: extraordinary and evocative hinterlands, places that have always been the favourite for vintage car buffs and of those who prefer Regolarità Classica and tourism at a slower pace. The first leg of competition will end, as usual, in Rapallo.

April 4th will be the day of the final challenge: from Rapallo to Sanremo the crews will face the last special step in view of the finish line, that is usually reached by the first cars on Saturday afternoon. In order to ensure an **international allure** to the competition, the Coppa Milano-Sanremo after arriving in the City of Flowers will move to Monte Carlo for a gala dinner with the final awards ceremony. A sort of **virtual**



twinning between the Monza racetrack and the Principality of Monaco is thus achieved: the two symbolic places of international motorsport.

Born as an opportunity for a few wealthy lovers, wishful to test themselves at what could be defined as a daring walk towards the sea and the spring colors of the Ligurian Riviera, the Coppa Milano-Sanremo has seen **great champions of the steering wheel and illustrious personalities of the international jet set run**, for example Prince Adalbert of Savoy (winner in 1933), testifying to the fact that the competitive aspect of this competition has always been cleverly mixed in a **unique and quite original way with the elegant and exclusive charm of a race like this**.

There are many elements of the past to use for an exclusive event, unique and able to give competitors the opportunity to compete at the wheel of their cars, both on the track (as per tradition at the legendary Autodromo di Monza), that along the path with timed trials that, together with the beautiful scenery of Langhe, Rapallo and Sanremo, will contribute to evoke the **timeless charme of the Coppa Milano-Sanremo**.

Enrolments to the Milano-Sanremo are open and will be valid until March 1, 2020. It is possible to register by taking advantage of a special offer until December 23, 2019.

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