

Press release

20th edition, from 1 - 6 June 2019
Adventure for modern women

RALLYE DES
PRINCESSES
RICHARD MILLE

D-15 BEFORE THE START FROM PLACE VENDÔME

The clock is ticking! In exactly 15 days the 20th RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE, the most famous women's car rally in France, will set off from Place Vendôme for 5 days and as many unforgettable stages, on what promises to be a memorable anniversary edition. From Paris to Saint-Tropez, nearly 1600 kilometres over the finest roads in France, no less than 99 all-female crews will be having fun behind the wheels of their magnificent classic cars.

Rendez-vous on 1 June, in the most beautiful square in Paris, for a day of scrutineering, where the public can come along and admire cars from a bygone era and chat to the crews throughout this exceptional day.

YOU'RE NOT 20 EVERY DAY!

And because you don't turn 20 every day, this 2019 edition of the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE will have a special flavour. When she talks about a time that those less than 20 couldn't have known, VIVIANE ZANIROLI, the organiser of this unique event, savours the enthusiasm that today her event, dedicated to female automobile fans, elicits.

A glance in the rear-view mirror pays witness to the progress made and the fight against entrenched ideas regarding a woman's place in a car. Inspired by the Paris-Saint-Raphaël Rally, the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE has broken down barriers, changed ideas and paid homage to women who love automobiles and a challenge, who prefer regularity over speed. For almost 20 years the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE has inspired women to test their limits in the spirit of sport and fun that the event promotes.

FAMOUS NAME PARTNERS

The event has now acquired a legitimacy both with participants and its partners, as shown by the support of watch makers RICHARD MILLE, sponsors since 2015, this year joined by the prestigious cosmetics brand SISLEY. And then there's RADIO VINCI AUTOROUTES, loyal supporters for the last 6 years, who relay the participants' exploits live over the air waves. And FIAT France who is the official carrier of the event.

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FOCUS ON THE CARS AND THE ENTRY LIST

No less than 50 different models to feast your eyes on!

Ferrari 260 GTS, Austin Healey, Porsche 356, Mercedes 190 SL, Jaguar XK 140, Type E, MGA, Citroën Traction, Pontiac, Corvette Sting Ray, Alfa Romeo Giulia Spider, Porsche 911 Dino Ferrari 246, Triumph TR3, 4, 6, Mini Cooper, Fiat 124 Spider, Ford Cobra, Mustang, MGB, Renault Caravelle, Peugeot 504 Cabriolet ... An exceptional and varied line up for this exceptional 20th edition!

99 crews at the start: an absolute record!

The 20th RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE has been full since the end of last September. Even better, this anniversary edition sees the absolute record number of participants, with no less than 99 crews on the start line! Among them several crews who have already won the event, such as that of CAROLE GRATZMULLER and ELISA NOEMIE LAURENT (Chevrolet Corvette Stingray n°56) who between them have chalked up no less than 6 victories! Also among the favourites PATRICIA BERTAPELLE, (1969 Austin Healey MK1) three times winner in the mixed crews category (that hasn't been run for over 7 years) and ADELINA PAQUIERS and HELENA EUVRARD, victorious last year in Biarritz and so the title holders aboard their impressive Ford Cobra n°100.

Audrey Marnay, 'godmother' of the event

With the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE also being an event of glamour and beauty, this 20th edition will have as 'godmother' the actress and model AUDREY MARNAY, a committed car enthusiast, who will take part for the first time aboard her 1971 Mercedes Pagode 280 SL n°34, that she acquired 20 years ago while working in New York.

Wives of champions and a young champion...

Among the participants of the 20th RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE there are also wives of champions, such as SÉVERINE LOEB (Porsche 911 S Nr.70), wife of nine-times WRC champion Sébastien Loeb and LINDA MORSELLI (Porsche 356 Nr.2), the Italian model who shares her life with double Formula 1 World Champion and 24H du Mans winner, the Spaniard Fernando Alonso.

At 20 years old, the young American champion AURORA STRAUSS is the same age as the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE and has been called up by the event's title sponsor to share this adventure over the most scenic roads France has to offer. (Porsche 356 Nr.1)

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THE ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Two days in Saint-Tropez

The 20th edition of the RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE gets under way early on the morning of 2 June from the Place Vendôme for 5 days of competition over 1600 kilometres of the most beautiful scenery France has to offer, with night stops at BEAUVAL (2/06), VICHY (3/06) and AIX-LES-BAINS (4/06), before arriving in style on the Côte d'Azur with two days in SAINT-TROPEZ (5-6/06), finishing on Thursday 6 June with the GRAND PRIX DE SAINT-TROPEZ, a final loop of 300 km, stopping off at the Château Saint-Martin in Taradeau, birthplace of the Paris St Raphaël Féminin, before the final podium in the famous Place des Lices. The gala soiree and price giving will be held in the middle of the vineyards of the Domaine de BERTAUD BELIEU in Gassin.

THE 20TH RALLYE DES PRINCESSES RICHARD MILLE IN NUMBERS

20th edition (2000-2019)

99 crews entered

5 stages: Paris, Beauval, Vichy, Aix-les-Bains and St-Tropez

17 departements crossed

280 towns and villages crossed

19 regularity zones

1600 kilometres of country roads

13 different nationalities, from 16 to 72 years old

Cars from 1952 to 1985

+ than 2800 participants in the last 20 years

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