

# VINTAGE



Rally & Globe  
VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB



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Exclusively for pre-war cars, 6 days of rallying in Northern Spain

**S**un, open roads and a vintage car – who could ask for more! Join us for our first pre-war only event on mainland Europe.

The carnation or “El Clavel” is a national symbol of Spain and, much like the Shamrock in Ireland, represents the passion and pride that the Spanish people have for their country – the same passion and pride that drivers on vintage rallies have for their cars. *Rally the Globe* relish the opportunity to transplant the fun and games of the much-loved *Vintage Shamrock* to Northern Spain – easily accessible by ferry from the UK and Ireland, and by road from the rest of Europe.

Get ready for top-down motoring and some truly vintage competition.







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**Day 0: Sunday 13 September -  
Las Caldas**

Scrutineering and Documentation take place in the tranquil surroundings of the 5\* Las Caldas Spa Resort, located just south of Oviedo. Visitors have been 'taking the waters' here since the late 18th Century. Blending *Belle Époque* architecture with modern amenities and a bucolic rural backdrop, Las Caldas provides an

ideal start location that is within easy reach of ferry ports, airports and the motorway network. In the evening, the all-important social side of the event gets underway with a drinks reception followed by the traditional Welcome Dinner.

**Day 1: Monday 14 September -  
Las Caldas to Santo Estevo  
- 310 km**

After being flagged off from the start, we enjoy quiet country

roads that take us south through an impressive gorge and over the lofty passes of the *Cordillera Cantábrica*. With a long first day's drive in prospect, the competition will be kept light with a few circuit tests and an initial regularity planned before we stop for lunch near Ponferrada. The afternoon run, including a smattering of further regularities, then sees us discovering the vine-clad hills of the beautiful *Ribeira Sacra* region to reach the Parador de Santo Estevo - a former Benedictine monastery in a spectacular location overlooking the Cañón do Sil.

**Day 2: Tuesday 15 September -  
Santo Estevo to Santiago de  
Compostela - 260 km**

An initial regularity along the flanks of the Miño Valley starts an enjoyable second day of competition exploring the dense network of roads and gravel tracks that wind their way through the Serra do Suido and





Montes do Testeiro. Along the way, there will be a couple of circuit tests included for further entertainment and an interesting refreshment halt in a 12th Century Cistercian monastery to add cultural value. By late afternoon, we arrive in Santiago de Compostela - a welcome sight for both vintage rallyists and weary *peregrinos* reaching the end of their 'Camino'. Our home for the next two nights is a modern 5\* hotel set in quiet parkland, just to the north of the city centre.

**Day 3: Wednesday 16 September - Santiago to Santiago Loop Day - 220 km**

A shorter day is on the menu as we head west from Santiago to explore the rugged landscapes of Galicia, which are, at times, reminiscent of Celtic nations further north. Reaching the coast near Cabo Fisterra - literally the 'End of the Earth' or so the Romans believed - we turn north, to follow the Costa da Morte, which combines excellent rallying terrain with attractive vistas of serene white beaches squeezed between rocky headlands. We stop for lunch overlooking one such beach before returning back to Santiago on a shorter afternoon run. A 'free evening' gives the opportunity to explore the bars and restaurants of this famous pilgrimage city.

**Day 4: Thursday 17 September - Santiago de Compostela to Corias - 290 km**

Leaving Santiago, we head north east through a mixture of woodland and open pastures to an enjoyable test at a driver training centre before we begin to ascend into the attractive Asturian Mountains. Once across the impressive Valle del Navia, we climb even higher to join super ridge roads where the views are magnificent - with the coastline of the Costa Verde far below to the left and high mountain peaks stretching off into the distance to the right. Descending from these Alpine-like idylls, the day ends at Corias where we stay in another impressive Benedictine monastery-based Parador.

**Day 5: Friday 18 September - Corias to La Franca - 280 km**

More Asturian mountain motoring forms the basis of the morning route, although the gradients gradually mellow as we drop down through lush farmland to the north of Oviedo *en route* to the day's lunch halt. In the afternoon, the route takes in some classic stages from the Spanish Rally Championship through the Eucalyptus-clad hills of the Costa Verde. Finally reaching the coast itself, and with jagged peaks of Sierra de Cuera providing a scenic backdrop for the final drive of the day,

we make for the small village of La Franca. Here we stay in a secluded rustic villa-style hotel overlooking a white sandy beach dramatically sandwiched between rocky cliffs.

**Day 6: Saturday 19 September - La Franca to Santander - 200 km**

Heading east along the coast, an initial regularity and the final special test of the event precede the morning refreshments stop. From there, the route loops south east into the Cantabrian Mountains for a brace of demanding regularities that might help shape the final leaderboard. All that then remains is an easy run into Santander and the finish at the Palacio de la Magdalena - a former royal summer palace sat on a windswept headland overlooking the ocean. A short distance away is the equally regal and historic 5\* Hotel Real, where crews can celebrate completing the inaugural *Vintage El Clavel* in style before the traditional *Rally the Globe* Prizegiving Dinner in the evening.

**We hope you can join us!**

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**Rally the Globe**  
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*Rally the Globe is a not-for-profit club that exists to support a broad family of motorsport enthusiasts who want to explore the world in vintage and classic vehicles.*

*We go out of our way to find memorable accommodation.*

*You will be with a great bunch of like-minded people creating memories that will last forever.*

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The *Vintage El Clavel* is open to crews of all abilities. Husbands and wives, parents and children, and just good friends all compete on our events. The evening social gatherings ensure life-long friendships are forged – united in an adventure.

#### **Eligible Cars**

Exclusively for Pre-war cars of a specification produced before 31 December 1945. Please check with us if you are not sure if your car is eligible.

#### **Event description**

*Vintage El Clavel* will take place predominantly on asphalt roads but there will be some short sections of gravel/dirt/unmade road which may be bumpy, but we go out of our way to avoid rough roads.

On this event you will encounter 3 or 4 “Regularity”

sections per day, where you will try to arrive at secret checks at a precise time. The technique is easily learnt; mastering them may take a few days.

On most days we have planned a test or two against the clock on private land, test tracks and race circuits. No special equipment is required for these.

All of the route will be defined in detailed Road Books issued at the start of the event and on a daily basis. Non-competitive sections and some of the Regularity Sections will be defined by Tulip diagrams. Later in the event, other sections may require some basic map reading but all of the required map extracts will be provided. All speed tables will also be provided.

#### **Hospitality**

Seven nights accommodation in 4-star and 5-star standard hotels in a shared room is provided, along with a group dinner most



evenings, other than on the second night in Santiago after an earlier finish. Single rooms are available for a supplementary fee but may be limited at some hotels.

Lunches and refreshment stops will also be provided in a variety of venues.

We will operate a van to assist with transporting your luggage between hotels (sensible weight restrictions will apply).

### **What to take**

A fire extinguisher, full first aid kit, warning triangle, high visibility jackets and a towrope are all mandatory. On occasion we will park in historic areas where we insist an oil-resistant groundsheet is placed under each car.

Your car will need to be fitted with a tripmeter that can be calibrated to that of the organisers (e.g. Monit), and you will need a simple stopwatch (or two) for the regularity sections.

Helmets and overalls are not required, and do not reflect the spirit of the event.

### **On event support**

Our expert team of sweep mechanics follow the last car on the rally route and are prepared to help anyone they come across. Should your car be off-route, you must telephone the sweeps as soon as possible. Should you need to be transported by truck we will help as much as we can, but all responsibility,

including payment, rests with the competitor.

We will have at least one doctor or paramedic on hand on the event.

### **Insurance and other documents**

Vehicle insurance is not included and whilst many insurers include this kind of event in their classic car policies, some do not. Note that although UK and other non-EU crews are not required to carry a Green Card as proof of their insurance we recommend that you obtain one if you can.

We strongly recommend you also have adequate travel, medical, breakdown and cancellation insurance.

You do not need any kind of competition licence, a full driving licence that is valid in Spain is enough.

British and European competitors do not currently need visas for this event, but UK passports should be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of entering Europe. Those from further afield should contact the Embassy within their home country if they are unsure.

At the time of writing a Carnet or other customs documentation is not required to drive a road-registered car from the UK (or the EU) to Spain, although this may be required if you intend to have your car delivered to the start by a transport company.

### **Getting there and back**

The start in Las Caldas is within two to three hours of motorway driving from the ferry ports of Santander and Bilbao. Likewise the finish in Santander allows easy access to both these ports. The timetable for the event has been designed around the timetables for ferry crossings from Ireland and the UK.

For those flying in, Las Caldas is within an hour of Asturias Airport which has a daily flight from London and similar direct flights from other major European airports plus connecting flight options via Madrid. Return flights from Santander Airport are available to various European airports or else connections can again be made via Madrid.

Alternatively the northern coast of Spain is no more than a two or three day road trip from most European countries.

### **More information**

Our regular newsletters will keep you updated, including any relevant travel and medical information you may need. If you require any information on shipping cars to the event, preparing yourself and your car, or anything else, please feel free to contact Rally the Globe HQ.

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*All our club's rallies come with the highly experienced support crew and safety cover including:*

- Expert teams of sweep mechanics following the rally route to assist anyone they encounter, and to help you effect repairs at the end of the day
- On-call doctor or paramedic on every event
- Recommendations of experts in crew training and car preparation, shipping and insurance who can help ensure that you and your car arrive at the start line fully rally fit
- Advice, encouragement and assistance from our friendly and knowledgeable team both before the start and during the event.

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