

Mallorca Classic Week 2021 – Classic Fun under the Sun

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MG MGB (1964) an der Mallorca Classic Week 2021 – Am Port Adriano

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Bright sunshine, a glamorous marina and numerous oldtimers, youngtimers and motorcycles from 1914 to 1998 that are well worth seeing. This is the Mallorca Classic Week (MCW) in Port Adriano on the most popular island of the Balearic Islands. "Classic Fun under the Sun" is the motto of the trilingual (Spanish, German, English) event, in which relaxed enjoyment is always in the foreground. The Mallorca Classic Week has been taking place since 2016, incidentally the only event of its kind in Spain. Numerous participants come directly from Mallorca, from one of the over a dozen classic car clubs located here. Others gladly accept a longer journey and come with their classic, mainly from Germany, Austria and Switzerland on one of the numerous ferries to Mallorca.

In order to maintain the familiar character and a certain degree of exclusivity, the number of participating vehicles is limited to a maximum of 50 classic cars each year. The classless society in which a VW Beetle, a Ford Mustang and a Woodie Jeep meet at eye level with the BMW 507, Ferrari 308 and Porsche 911 over the four days, Thursday to Sunday, is very charming to watch. The length does not matter here, nor the value or the manufacturer of the classics from the different decades. But, and this is also the program here, the MCW is by no means a closed event, but an open-hearted society that always warmly welcomes new participants and guests with their automotive cultural assets.



MG TD (1950) an der Mallorca Classic Week 2021 – Am Sommerskifahrer vorbei
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Thanks to the numerous sponsors, such as BMW Group Classic, the national company BMW Iberia SA, MotorWorld, Pure Salt Hotel, the ferry company Balearia and Ultima Hora, the costs for participation are extremely manageable and the spectators have free access to the event on all four days - and that in one of the most beautiful harbors in Mallorca.

Great general conditions

A big advantage of the trips, which always take place in autumn, is the almost guaranteed good weather, which enables you to recharge your batteries with vitamin D3 before the winter break. Another plus: The Majorcan roads are excellently developed, winding, exciting and, thanks to the year-round mild climate, one hundred percent salt-free. So the friends of classic automobiles can enjoy their passion in a perfect atmosphere.

The event starts on Thursday, with the other participants for the first petrol talks in the Blue Nest restaurant in Port Adriano. Alvaro Middelman, Roman Hummelt and his enchanting wife Christiane then invite you to the welcome BBQ on the terrace. By the way: Christiane's white Fiat 500 Giardiniera from 1975 is once again the darling of all participants this year, one would like to speak of an oldie of the heart.

It starts with a special commemorative trip

On Friday, the first exit, the traditional Russell Stevens Memorial Drive, organized by Gentlemen Driving. The memory of Russell Stevens is particularly dear to the organizers around Roman Hummelt, Alvaro Middelman and Enrique Carbonell. Russell, a native of England, died on June 7, 2015 in a tragic car accident in an AC Cobra on the way to a charity event. The tragedy also consists in the fact that the passionate motorist was on his last trip as a co-driver to the "Circuito Mallorca" race track. His passion for automobiles began as a young boy and stayed with him all his life. The respected gentleman driver owned an extremely impressive collection of very special automobiles and was also valued for his strong character and keen sense of humor. He loved Mallorca, his adopted home for many years, and always devotedly cared for friends and family.



Ferrari Mondial t (1991) an der Mallorca Classic Week 2021 – Schöpft 300 PS aus einem 3.4-Liter-V8
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The commemorative trip started at 10 a.m. sharp every minute from the parking lot of Port Adriano and led to the most beautiful places in Mallorca. Over 144 kilometers, via Andratx, the lively streets in the direction of Valldemossa, then via Esporles, north past Palma, via the then wonderfully empty country roads to Santa Maria and Santa Eugènia, via Campos to the legendary fish restaurant Casa Manolo in Ses Salines. After the almost three-hour drive, all participants really deserved the seven-course lunch.

Jury member Ulrich Knieps, long-time president of the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este, and MCW jury boss Dietrich "Dieter" Hatlapa, author of the classic car bible "Better Than Gold" with his 911 SWB Coupé were also present from 1968. The real petrolheads drove along with the navigating copilots for kilometers on the breathtaking coastal road along the steep coast with its wonderful views to Banyalbufar, one of the most beautiful villages on the west coast of Mallorca. The summer skiers, who had to be overtaken again and again, quickly caught up again when the classic troop spontaneously paused at a coffee stop.

Fun for kids and grown-ups

A colorful program with music and swing dance started on Saturday. Further highlights are the "Gran Premio de Mallorca", the children's race with Kettcar pedal cars, organized by Gentlemen Driving, and the Concours d'Elégance with the most beautiful cars of the weekend. The kids fought a hot race and the two winners of the Premio Ultima Hora, Anna Cantallops and Tem Tomas, received their prizes from the guest of honor, Prince Leopold of Bavaria, who has also been an integral part of the jury from the start. The Classic Festival, the American Car Show and the catwalk for the pin-up girls of the American Car Club are also real crowd pullers.

The international jury had the extensive task of evaluating a wide variety of vehicles and choosing winners for the respective categories. This year's winners of the International Concours d'Elegance 2021: Best of Show / Russel Stevens Trophy 2021: 1934 MG PA, Georg Letzerich. Best Pre-War: 1934 MG PA, Georg Letzerich. Best Post-War: 1962 Mercedes-Benz 190 SL, Daniel Hartert. Best youngtimer: 1991 Ferrari Mondial Spider, Stefan Kemna. Best Car in Unrestored Condition: 1969 Volga, Alexandru Fortu. Best American Car Club Car: 1969 Ford Mustang Cobra, Andy Szumada. Best Dressed Lady: Mrs. Katja Hartert. Congratulations!



MG PA (1934) an der Mallorca Classic Week 2021 – Vom Publikum bewundert
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Historic vehicles on a humorous mission

On Sunday, the Mallorca Classic Week will traditionally be exciting, because in addition to the picturesque drive, the participants have to prove their criminal skills, even if the crime drive is not always to be taken very seriously and is a lot of fun for everyone with more than a wink. Nick Nickerbocker is the name of the detective embodied in each participating team. The master detective has the combination talent of a Sherlock Holmes, the shrewdness of a Commissioner Colombo and the charm of a James Bond. The quick thinker has a fist as hard as steel and a big heart. He is the crush of numerous women - despite the sparse hair growth. Nick doesn't miss a single detail, no matter how inconspicuous. When he shows up, even the most difficult criminal cases will be solved. Well then...

This year's search is about the missing Professor Hyronimus Bartap and his coveted formula "Beautiful Forever". Individual stations are approached according to the road book, there are various informants with such creative names as Carla Flora, Lori Zontal, Don Promillo, Alfonso Fraganza, Cristina Money Penny and Pu-Si Bang. A rogue who pronounces the daughter of a Spanish torero and a Chinese horse rider wrong ... The wonderful garden of the Jardines de Alfabia with its native and exotic plants impressed all participants, and the delicacies served there were also consumed with pleasure.

If you now feel like more and would like to come to Mallorca with your classic sweetheart, you can already register for the coming year. The Mallorca Classic Week will then take place from October 13-16, 2022. Please register at: roman.hummelt@mallorcaclassicweek.com or 0049-172-8933778. Current information about the MCW can be found on the website www.mallorcaclassicweek.com.



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