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Ciao!

Allegra, Bonjour, Hello and...

..... Hello. You've just made the impossible possible! You've all arrived from various parts of the world, cars polished and adjusted; now we're ready for the off.

Not everyone will be there from the start on day one so we can expect a growing and well mixed team.

It's not easy, putting a tour together that runs for several days. The result is three stages that you'll hopefully enjoy. There's plenty for you to see and hear. And in the event that our route is blocked, I hope you'll take it with a degree of humour.

Welcome to the team! I'm delighted that you're taking part in the Monte Carezza Rally.

Because some of you might want to use the roadbook on later tours, I've included culinary, cultural and touristic features that we won't necessarily visit on our rally.

Although the timing is quite tight, I hope that we'll manage the varied programme without incident or breakdown and that the short trip will be a real pleasure and relaxing for all of you.

I've arranged sponsorship for a couple of prizes – for the Concours d' Elegance and the Junior Quiz that

you'll find at the end of the roadbook. It should be lots of fun for everyone.

I look forward to a few fine and pleasurable days together.

Simon





Relax

AND ENJOY UNDERWAY

A note on food: I've chosen authentic and regional guest houses with local specialities and asked the owners not to serve pork or bacon.

In the "Land of Bacon" however, I can't guarantee that the hotels (for instance with breakfast buffets and speciality menus) will keep 100% to this rule.

The hotels

Curves, hills and breathtaking views. Enough to make anyone hungry and tired. That's why I've selected two very beautiful hotels for you that have offered us a special "Rally Price."

As a result, you'll be well rested when you continue the

Advance-Information on the 2 Hotels. Fit for more kilometres.

drive and the good mood won't get left behind.

Those who want more information or have special requirements will find the contact details below. Please note that we've already allocated rooms conscientiously and to the best of our knowledge.

Night 1 29th/30th July:

Steigenberger Hotel Therme Meran, Piazza Terme 1, 39012 Merano / Alto Adige, Telephone +39 0473 259-000, Fax +39 0473 259-099, www.meran.steigenberger. IT. The exclusive 4-star hotel is located in the centre of the town and lies in the spa gardens on the River Passer.

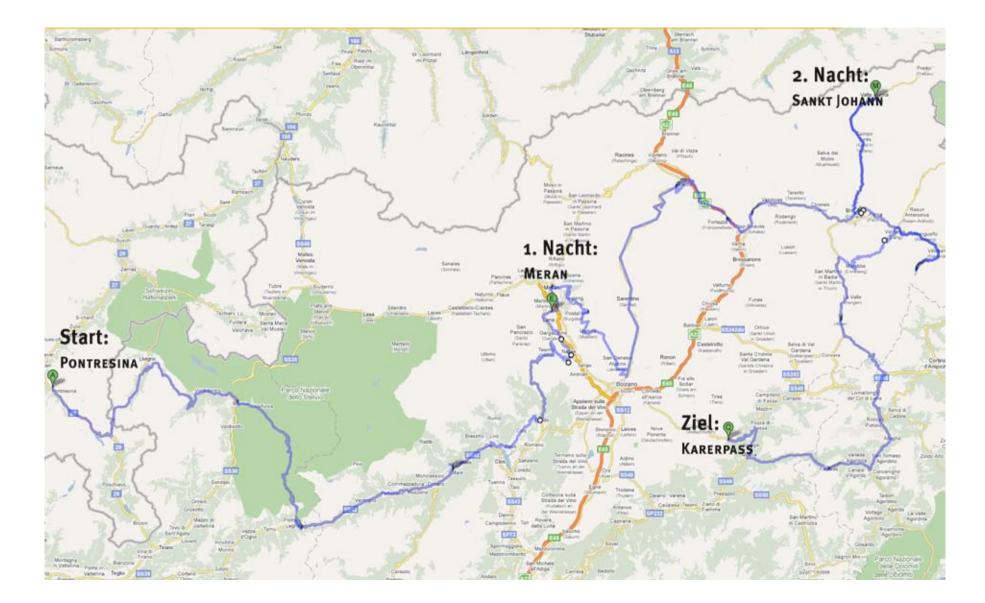
Night 2 30th/31st July:

Alpenalace Hotel, 39030 St. Johann im Ahrntal, Telephone +39 0474 670 230, Fax +39 0474 671 156, www. alpenpalace.com. The 5-star deluxe Hotel & Spa Resort is one of the most exclusive, comfortable and varied wellness and relaxation hotels in South Tyrol. The next town is Campo Tures with its famous Taufers Castle.

The Alpenpalace is surrounded by 30,000 sq. meters of park facilities, in which you can take in the beauty of nature, the magic of the South Tyrolean Mountains and leave the day's exertions behind you.









Info:

A COUPLE OF RULES

590 kilometres. 55 participants. And all privately underway. There are a few things to consider and above all, one: This is not an organised "racing rally", but a private "pleasure rally" in which everyone is responsible for himself, but please help out if you notice someone in the group that needs assistance.

This road book is your guide for the next 3 days from Pontresina to Carezza. (Excluding arrival and departure journeys.)

There is plenty for our younger passengers to see and discover on the way (see next page). Those who want to (or must) can take breaks or join a group, i.e. follow a leader. But please bear in mind that even he can take

It's the fun that counts, not the speed. So, enjoy the trip!

a wrong turn! Please don't drive in bunches but leave enough room for other road users to overtake.

In the evenings we'll all be together again and eager to hear everyone else's experiences. And next morning, after breakfast and a short briefing, it's off again to the next destination.

There's enough time and flexibility in the route planning so please don't rush. But rather travel, enjoy the view and enjoy everything en-route.

Nevertheless, you should try to keep to the times set so that the rally runs according to the programme. There should be a bit of sport: the start numbers are easily removable and can be stuck to the doors or the boot and bonnet lids without damaging paint work.

And one other thing. Since 2003, reflective safety vests should be carried for drivers and passengers in Italy and headlights should be turned on at all times outside built up areas.

Just in case:

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Day i

ROUTE 1

09:30

ASSEMBLY of vehicles: Welcome tea for all on the Hotel Saratz car park in Pontresina in the inner courtyard, which is reserved for us.

10:00

BRIEFING for all participants, Distribution of Start Numbers, Caps and Roadbooks.

10:30

We're off. In the direction of Berninapass - Direzione Passo di Bernina, Forca de Livigno, Livigno. A short stop for fuel and tax free cigarettes/alcohol is planned for Livigno, Bormio, Passo di Gavia.

13:00 Uhr

Mangiare... ready for a delicious lunch? In Rifugio Al

Tuesday 29th July 2008: Today's Stage: 226 km

Pietra Rossa (for instance Bresaola, goat's cheese, Gnocchi) after the steep curves of the Passo di Gavia. (S. Apollonia.ss del Passo Gavia, 39, 25056 Ponte di Legno (BS) Tel +39 0364 91311 or c/o Hotel Mirella Tel: +39 0364 900 500).

14:30

The next stage after Ponte di Legno is PassoTonale, Male and over Ponte Mostizzolo to Fondo, "Unsere liebe Frau im Walde" to Gampenjoch and then bear right after Prissian in the direction of Nals.

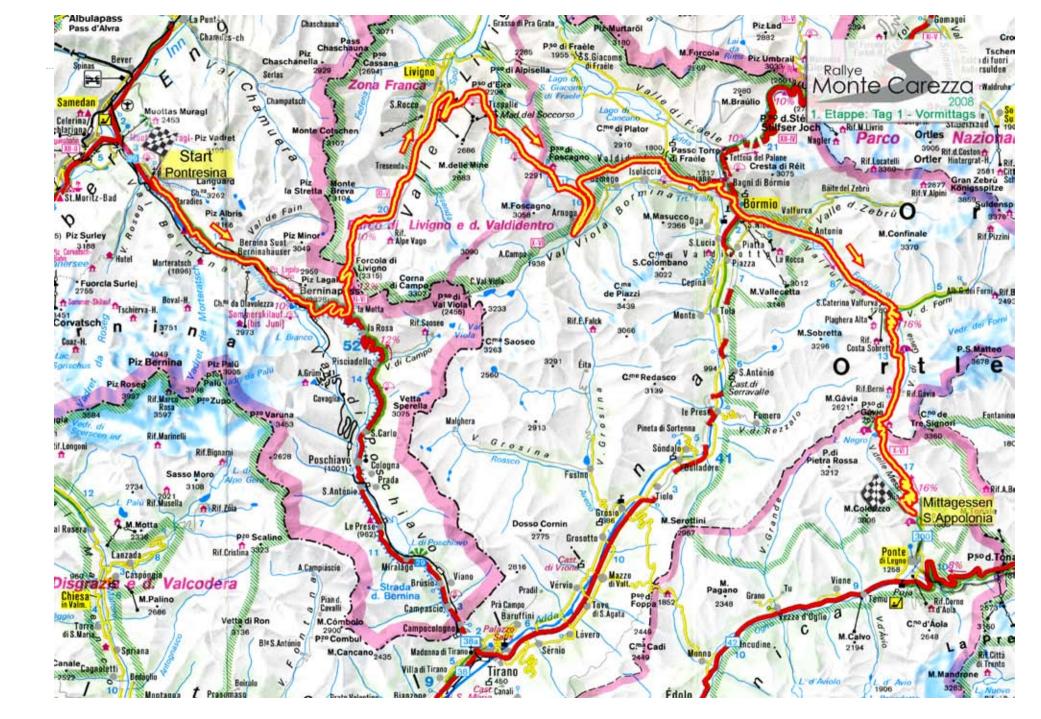
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Meeting point in the Wine Cellars of Nals Magreid, Heiligenbergerweg 2, www.kellerei.it in Nals (10 Kilometer before Meran) for those that would like to take part in a wine tasting: (Our host assures me that the police won't carry out any checks on the return route!). From there we drive in the direction of Meran along the 'wine route' shortly before the dual carriageway to Lana. In the centre of Lana, the road takes us in the direction of Meran town centre and directly to the hotel. First, unload in the hotel entrance and check in before parking in the underground car park.

20:00 Uhr

Aperitifs and afterwards dinner on the hotel's Cedar Terrace if the weather is fine. Overnight in the Steigenberger Hotel Therme Meran (see p.5).





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Day 2

ROUTE 2

08:30

The first highlight of the day - for all early risers: The gardens of Trauttmannsdorff Castle in Meran: St. Valentin-Strasse 51 a, 39012 Meran T: +39 0473 235730 www.trauttmansdorff.it. From the hotel, drive in the direction of Schenna/Hafling (as the rally) and turn right at the roundabout at the end of the town. Parking is reserved and a tour arranged.

10:15

Once again, a short BRIEFING for all other participants on the hotel forecourt.

10:30

Then we're off in the direction of Hafling/Jenesien through the beautiful Sarntal and over Penser Joch towards Sterzing. Before Sterzing we turn right after

Wednesday 30th July 2008: Today's Stage: 192 km

Elzelbaum. A short stop in the Burgschenke: 39040 Freienfeld, Elzenbaum 13, Tel +39 0472766342. With a view of the imposing Reifenstein Castle. From there we drive to Mittewald with slight detour to Franzensfeste. A short visit can be made to the cultural event of the summer (www.manifesta7.it) in Franzensfeste.

14:00

From Franzensfeste the route takes us over Aicha in Pustertal, past Mühlbach in the direction of Vintl and Terenten to a light meal at Nunewieser (Schneebergstr. 7, 39030 Terenten, Tel: +39 0472 546163).

15:30

From there, we continue in the direction of Issing after Greinwalden over minor roads past Bruneck

and, via Sankt Georgen to Sand in Taufers.

16:30 Uhr

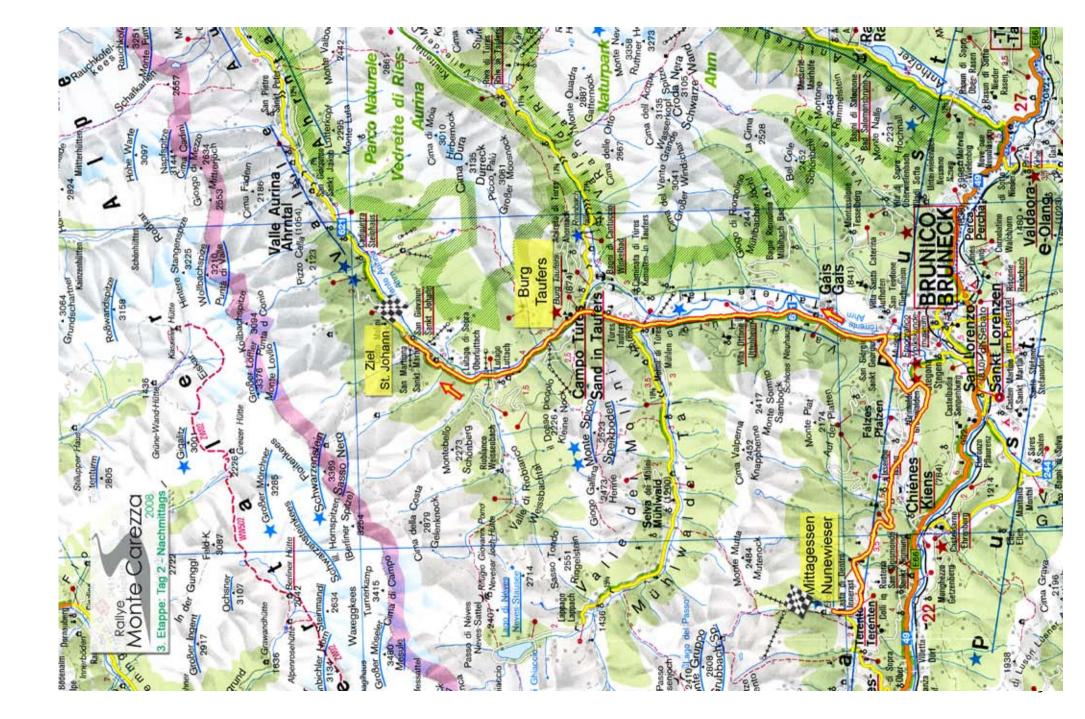
Just past Sand in Taufers we turn right and drive up to the car park (Guarded) of Taufers Castle, which has been reserved for us where we will be treated to a special tour by the Lord of the Castle. www.burgeninstitut.com. Aperitifs in the castle garden. From there it's just 5 minutes by car to the hotel entrance on the right hand side of the road. (Entrance in Gisse opposite the sawmill).

20:30 Uhr

For dinner, we're on the attractive Mediterranean Terrace and will enjoy dessert by the pool. Overnight in Hotel Alpenpalace (see p.5).



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Day 3

ROUTE 3

08:30

Those who want to go to the romantic Pragser Wildsee will need to get up early. Back to St. Georgen and turn left opposite the road we came from yesterday. In the direction of Dietenheim, past the church to the red light at the entry to the village. Then onto the main road at Luna. Continue on the SS49 in the direction of Welsberg and turn right after the tunnel towards Pragser Wildsee. Around the right side of the hotel, past the car park and park on the gravel area in front of the hotel.

10:15

Another short BRIEFING for everyone else.

10:30

Back to St. Georgen and turn left opposite the road we came from yesterday.

Thursday 31st July 2008: Today's Stage: 212 km

In the direction of Dietenheim, past the church to the red light at the entry to the village. Then onto the main road at Luna. The following is valid for all, from Pragser Wildseee or from Alpenpalace: To Neunhäusern and take the direction of Valdaora, Furkelsattel, Marebb-Enneberg, towards San Martinao, Badia, La Villa and St. Kassian. Through St. Kassian and shortly before the end of the town turn right under the lift (blue). Lift runs until 12:45!

12:45

Wait for it! We're taking a trip to Las Vegas. www. lasvegasonline.it (Tel: +39 337457242) By cable car to 2000 Meters: But only for lunch, of course, at about 13:00. The cable car runs until 12.45 Uhr (after that, there's a break so don't dawdle.) The cars will be watched in the car park.

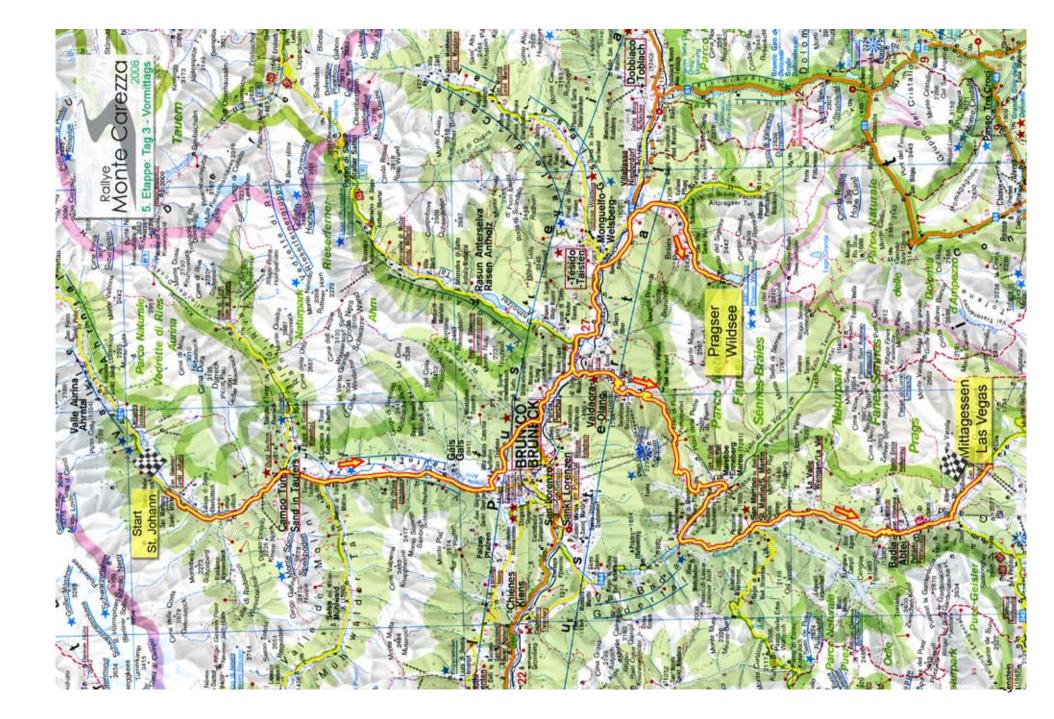
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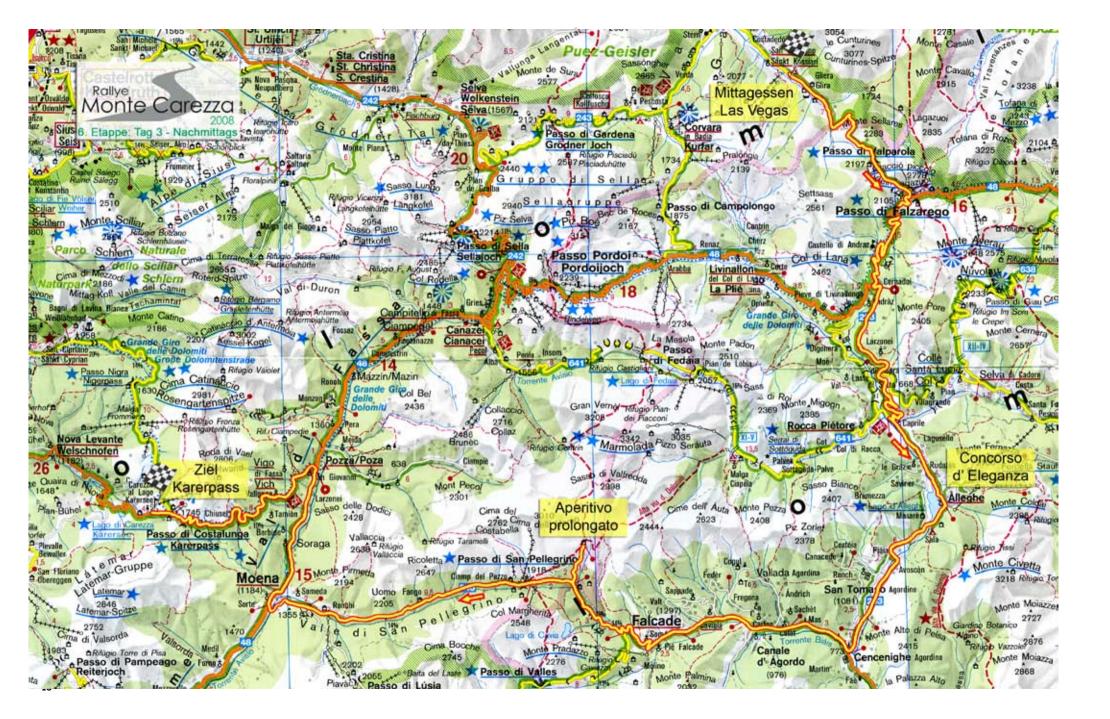
The final stage is Passo Falzarego, Caprile, Alleghe (with a stop in the town square in front of the Ice Cafe for the Concorso d' Eleganza around 16.00), Cencenighe, Falcade. Just before Passo S. Pellegrino we turn right at the foot of the Marmolata.

Ab 17:00 Uhr

Aperitivo prolongato in Rifugio Ristorante Fuciade (Tel. +39 0462 574281) via a private road, which can only be used in summer with special permission (which we've been given from 16.00-20.00). Afterwards, continue on via Moena, Vigo di Fassa to Karerpass after Carezza. You all know better than me where you are staying.









Concorso

D'ELEGANZA

Welcome to Alleghe on the marketplace in front of the ice cafe. We meet for the Corso d'Eleganza, to announce the winner - after a small course and some questions. It's the judgement of the passers-by who have 100% voting power that will count!

The criteria:

Those with a chance of winning are a) those with cars in the original colour? b) in which countries of the world the car was. c) Off-beat accessories of the lady drivers and passengers. In addition, each team must

It's worth being special! Once to the marketplace and back

find a resident that will be an advocate for them, per car. Either as a fan of the respective car or as a fan of the outfits of the car's occupants.

The overall winner:

Those who reach the finish, have taken part on all stages and taken alternating passengers, increase their chance of winning.

The following will count extra: matching the specified speed and times, driving without navigation system

and visiting at least 2 places of interest. These must be described in one or two sentences.

The reward:

A nice surprise, sponsored by Maserati Switzerland is waiting for the winner. There's a reason to be excited!

Good luck!





T'hanks!

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE RALLY

As I said, it's not easy to get a rally like this underway. And definitely not when one has got a fixed idea of a perfect dream into one's head.

Friends and family:

That's why, at this point, I'd like to thank all those that supported me in this difficult undertaking. Above all, thanks to my family, Corinne, Jonathan and Sarah who not only drove parts of the course with me, but had to do without me for much of the last few months.

Thanks to Ralph Schimmer, who also took a weekend to do the route with me. Also Andrea und Gil Ben-Zur who tried to drive the course with me at Easter (chiuso-chiuso).

Thanks to our sponsors! You've bestowed lots of enjoyment on us

And what is the best programme if it isn't appropriately presented. And for that I've been glad of the patience and many constructive contributions from Nadja and Steve Hyde. They, with their advertising agency, developed not only the invitation for me in their valuable free time, but also the major part of this roadbook. They are also repsonsible for the start numbers.

The sponsors:

Thanks to all the sponsors: the Baccus GmbH, to whom we're thankful for the Franciacorta Brut-Aperitifs and the wine tasting: Norbert Kier, Unterkreuth 7-9, 39018 Terlan; Tel: +39 335 603 9700; kier@ vinotheque-baccus.com. And from Streuli Pharma AG we received travel sickness tablets. Bahnhofstrasse 7, CH-8730 Uznach; Tel. +41 55 285 92 91; www.streuli-pharma.ch. Last but not least Luis Trenker must be mentioned: 10 years ago, Michi Klemera bought the Luis Trenker brand. Luis Trenker is associated with Sudtirol like no-one else. And for that reason we are pleased to be able to wear his caps. Luis T. GmbH, Sigmundskronerstr. 35, I-39100 Bozen, +39 0471 633022; info@luistrenker. com, www. luistrenker.com.

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