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The Classic Malts Trial brings together classic car enthusiasts from around the world to enjoy a journey of discovery around Scotland, last year acclaimed "unforgettable" and "the best I have ever done" by participants.

The journey to and back from Skye's only distillery, Talisker, is our special focus this year. There'll be plenty of time to enjoy its smooth and golden malt, made beside Loch Harport, since 1830; on a Skye tour day arranged by our sponsors – last year's trip to Lagavulin is fondly remembered...

As ever, the Trial will be an unforgettable week's motoring adventure for the true driver: a journey of over 1,100 miles from the Lowlands, around the far North of Scotland to the remote Isle of Skye, then back through the Western Highlands to Edinburgh.

It will miss enjoyable competitive elements with superb sightseeing as it leads crews to and stay from Talisker along remarkable roads through Scotland's finest scenery. In the evenings, you can enjoy Scotland's famous hospitality.

The Classic Malts is a true competition, testing car performance and the skills of both driver and navigator on a variety of interesting tests (many at distilleries) and regularity sections. Not too demanding, it can be tackled in any age and type of car, however precious.

Those who so enjoyed last year's event will find much that's familiar here, but also much that's new, with new *Jeffs* for beginners, new regularity sections, new tests, a new overnight halt, and more. There's less emphasis on tests in the marking.

For the first time, we are accepting cars made between 1968 and 1974. There will be six Age Categories – Vintage (1919-1940), Post-Vintage (1941-1946), Wartime and Post-war (1947-52), Tiffies (1953-58), Austies (1959-1967), and Post-Historic (1968-1974).

As on other HERO events, there will be no outright winner. Classification and prizes will be by class, based on the age and type of vehicle. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for individual performances. In 1999, just three gold medals were awarded, to a 1937 Alvis Charlesworth Saloon, a 1957 MGA Coupé and a 1965 Sunbeam Tiger – all these cars are on a hat trick if their entry again this year.

The entry fee of £2,150 includes eight nights' hotel accommodation with full breakfast for two people, plus all event functions, generous sponsor hospitality, event souvenirs, etc. Supplements for additional crew members and single room accommodation apply, subject to availability. To request an invitation to take part, please return the initial application form with a deposit of £500, or the full entry form with full fee. This will be refunded if your entry is not accepted.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Subject to change.

Friday 5th May:
Documentation and scrutineering at Glenkinchie Distillery with buffet lunch and distillery tour. New this year: instruction in navigation for beginners. Overnight at luxury hotel in Edinburgh and pre-start gala dinner.

Saturday 6th May: Loch Rannoch and the Grampians
After an early start from Edinburgh Castle, the day includes some excellent tests and scenic regularity sections, plus visits to some of Scotland's finest houses. There's tea and a test at Dalwhinnie Distillery reaching Swanson for the night – further Q&A session here, to help novices find their feet.

Wednesday 10th May: A day off around Skye
After four long days and almost 1,000 miles, it's time to leave the cars in Portree for a day off. And our hosts at Talisker Distillery have a very special day planned, with a great ceilidh (a Scottish party involving music, dance and malt whisky) there at the evening.

Thursday 11th May: The Western Highlands and the Great Glen
The Trial tiptoes most of the island with regularity sections, and a test at Skye Airport. Leaving Skye with regret, we take coffee at picturesque Eilean Donan castle, then travel by numerous glens and lochs to Fort William. Further tests and road sections take us back

Sunday 7th May: Loch Ness and Three Firths: Beauly, Cromarty, Dornoch
Via a superb tests at Cragganmore Distillery to the famous Loch Ness Monster regularity and past Inverness to lunch and a test at Glen Ord Distillery. Afternoon road sections. Lead to a test and tea at imposing Skibo Castle. We end the day with a great test at Little Ferry Kart circuit, staying in Tain, Dornoch, Golspie and Brora.

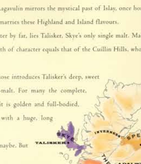
Monday 8th May: The Far North: Sutherland and Wester Ross
A fabulous day. Another test to Little Ferry and further tests at Dunrobin Castle and Clynelish Distillery, then to the far North West, visiting Dun Dornaigil Beach en route to the westernmost corner of Britain, close to Cape Wrath. Superb tests via Kylesku, Drumbeg and Inverkeithing, to a new overnight halt at Ullapool, famous for its pure white sands.

Tuesday 9th May: Over the Sea to Skye
Leaving Ullapool via Dundonnell, we visit the beautiful village of Shieldaig, gateway to the lovely Applecross peninsula and the spectacular Bealach Ban. In – Pass of the Cattle. Passing through Hamish Macbeth country at Plockton, we cross the Skye Bridge en route to lunch and a test at Talisker Distillery.

Our first afternoon on Skye is spent in the beautiful, wild north of the island, with regularities and road sections around Bracadale and the stunning Quiraing. An early finish today, at Portree – our base for four nights.

to the coast at Port Appin, and on to Oban Distillery, where there'll naturally be time to visit and taste in the evening.

Friday 12th May: Loch Lomond and Glen Lyon
The last day, and yes for the true enthusiast. Morning tests at Edrofine and Inveraray Castle, before tackling the immortal hillclimb course at Rest and Be Thankful. On now to Killin for a view of the waterfalls before another famous HERO hillclimb at Kenknock, a great blast. Lunch is taken at Kenmore, and regularities and road sections in the area of Crieff bring us east and south towards Edinburgh, where we finish with our traditional final lap ceremony run of Knockhill Racing Circuit. A short run brings us to the finish, at the Swallow Royal Scot Hotel. Our sponsor promises a suitable Classic Malts farewell this evening.



Saturday 13th May: Prizegiving
A final polish and off to Scotland's finest stately home, Hopetoun House by the shores of the Firth of Forth, for a morning prize giving ceremony and buffet lunch.

Photos courtesy Kenny Lamont, Gordon Allen, Jack de Bruin, Gordon Lee, Ian Mackenzie

A Journey to TALISKER

This Classic Malts Trial makes the journey to remote Skye by road. Make it, in spirit, with the six Classic Malts themselves, each representing at its best a whole regional style of malt. To taste all six is to take a journey around Scotland itself.

The gentle rolling farmland of the Lowlands is glimpsed in grassy, light Glenkinchie – the Edinburgh spirit. Rounded Cragganmore reflects the bright streams and rich woodlands of Speyside.

Scotland's highest distillery, Dalwhinnie's heathery, warming malt matches mountain winters. Smoky Lagavulin mirrors the mystical past of Islay, once home to the Lords of the Isles. Maritime Oban matches these Highland and Island flavours.

Beyond all of them, remote by far, lies Talisker. Skye's only single malt. Made beside Loch Harport since 1830, its strength of character equals that of the Cuillin Hills, whose jagged peaks dominate the distant view.

A soft, smoky nose introduces Talisker's deep, sweet taste, rich in barley-malt. For many the complete, even the only malt, it is golden and full-bodied, smooth yet ragged, with a huge, long and warming finish.

Hard to reach, maybe. But easy to be drawn to.

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