

Turin 2016

Interceptor & FF at 50; A Celebration - Turin 2016

From Thursday 2nd June 2016

To Friday 10th June 2016

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In June 1966 the prototype Jensen Interceptor was collected from the Vignale factory in Turin by Kevin Beattie and Mike Jones and driven non-stop (apart from getting petrol and the air ferry) from Turin to West Bromwich, a journey that took almost 24 hours.

In June 2016 it will be 50 years since that event which was the prelude to the launch of the most iconic of Jensens, the Interceptor and its sibling, the FF. To celebrate that event the JOC is organising a return visit to Turin and then to re-run that original journey using the same

route taken in 1966 and using only the roads that existed then. While in Turin we plan a Jensen display at the National Motor Museum in Turin which is about a 5 minute walk from our hotel. A visit to the original Vignale factory for a photo opportunity has been arranged and where we will also be able to view the current owner's own car and motorbike collection. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Italian Job movie locations and drive the Lamborghini Miura opening scene route (singing "On Days Like These" is optional and we won't be able to provide any music).

Itinerary



We are expecting members from several different countries to join us on this trip and as a result we have tried to be flexible so that there is a travel option available that will suit most requirements. We are offering four different options where someone can join the trip. For UK based travellers we are not arranging any channel crossings to allow people to travel on routes and at times that suit themselves. Travellers from continental European countries may be coming from different directions so we are allowing people to join at any stage of the trip up to and including joining in Turin itself. We are arranging two stops on the outward journey, the first in Reims and the second in Lausanne so you can join the trip at either of these stops. Wherever possible we have arranged quality Novotel or similar hotels with good restaurants and breakfasts included. A special option will allow participants to join us only for the stay in Turin if you don't want to join the drive back to Le Touquet.

Option A – Outward journey via Reims & Lausanne plus return to Le Touquet

Thursday 2nd June 2016

Eurotunnel from Folkestone to arrive in France. Drive to Reims for overnight hotel. Approx. 175 miles (280km), 2½ hrs driving. Autoroute tolls approx. €22.

Tourism opportunity: visit former Grand Prix circuit for photoshoot in front of pits.

Friday 3rd June 2016

Drive from Reims to Lausanne. Stay 1 night in Lausanne. Approx. 300 miles (480km), 6½ hrs driving. Autoroute tolls approx. €20 + €33 Swiss road tax.

Saturday 4th June 2016

Drive from Lausanne to Turin. Approx. 160 miles (255km), 3½ hrs driving. Tolls approx. €41. Arrive to Turin around lunchtime. Free afternoon. Stay at Lingotto Hotel 3 nights.

Option B – Outward journey via Lausanne only plus return to Le Touquet

Friday 3rd June 2016

Eurotunnel from Folkestone to arrive in France. Drive direct to Lausanne for overnight hotel. Approx. 470 miles (760km) 8½ hrs driving. Tolls approx. €43 + €33 Swiss road tax.

Saturday 4th June 2016

Same as Itinerary option A.

Option C – Join directly in Turin plus return to Le Touquet

Saturday 4th June 2016

Travellers make their own travel arrangements to get to Turin and arrive in Turin at the Hotel Lingotto on Saturday 4th June. Stay for 3 nights.

Option D – Stay in Turin only – no participation in drive to Le Touquet

Saturday 4th June 2016

Travellers make their own travel arrangements to and from Turin. Arrive in Turin on Saturday 4th June. Stay at Lingotto Hotel for 3 nights. Depart Turin on Tuesday 7th June. No arrangements made for the journey from Turin to Le Touquet.

Saturday 4th to Friday 10th June 2016

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Celebratory meal in Italian National Motor Museum Turin for all participants.

Sunday 5th June 2016

Jensen car display in foyer of Italian National Motor Museum.

Monday 6th June 2016

Free day. Option to visit Italian Job movie locations and drive the Lamborghini Miura opening scene route to Col-du-St Bernard north of Aosta.

Tuesday 7th June 2016

Depart Turin after breakfast. Visit site of Vignale factory at Grugliasco for photo opportunity. Drive from Turin to Grenoble. Lunch at Col du Mont-Cenis (elevation 2,083m or 6,830ft). Approx. 160 miles (250km), 5 hrs driving.

Wednesday 8th June 2016

Grenoble to Chaumont. Approx. 255 miles (410km), 7 hrs driving.

Thursday 9th June 2016

Chaumont to Le Touquet. Approx. 285 miles (460km), 7 hrs driving. Dinner to celebrate the end of the continental part of the journey.

Friday 10th June 2016

Eurotunnel from France. Drive to Jensen Owners Club 2016 International Weekend at Beaumont Estate Windsor, Berkshire, England. Approx. 100 miles (160km), 2hrs driving.

Costs

The final costs are still being calculated and will be posted on this web page when available and depend on the journey options chosen. For Option A, we expect the costs to be around £1,000 (€1,400) per couple sharing, for Option B around £900 (€1,300) per couple and for Option C (joining in Turin) around £750 (€1,100), excluding any channel crossings, meals and petrol. Option D (stay in Turin only) is estimated at around £375.

Costs include route guide, commemorative booklet and plaque. A support vehicle carrying a wide selection of tools and spare parts designed to fix most eventualities from fanbelts to alternators, to radiators, water pumps or steering pumps is also included.

A booking form will be published shortly in the JOC magazine and a £250 deposit will be required to secure your place on the trip. Bookings must be made on or before 23rd January 2016 with full payment being required by 1st April 2016 at the latest. Deposits are required by the various suppliers and after making the booking, these deposits are non-refundable therefore travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against financial loss in the event you have to cancel as the Jensen Owners Club will not be able to refund deposits once the bookings have been made.

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Co-organisers Turin 2016 Trip