

Targa Florio 2.0

05/05/2015 The Targa Florio is undergoing a revival at Porsche. The sports car manufacturer recently invited journalists to participate in the "GTS Experience" along the historical racing route in Sicily.

The Targa Florio, initiated in 1906 by the wealthy automobile enthusiast Vincenzo Florio, originally covered a route of 148 kilometres in the Madonie Mountains in Sicily. In 1951, the route was reduced to "only" 72 kilometres, but these were extremely demanding. Drivers had to manoeuvre through some 900 curves during the race, which was usually ten laps.

In the history of the Targa Florio Porsche claimed a total of 11 victories. In 1964, for example, with the 904 GTS, which was pushed to the absolute limit to complete the race in seven hours and ten minutes. Even back then, the three letters GTS stood for "Gran Turismo Sport", which also translates into power, reliability and speed – and still does today.

Journalists were able to find that out for themselves once again during the "Porsche GTS Experience". Photos of the tour are provided in the picture gallery (left column). You want to lap on the historical racing route? Here you go:

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