

If you can, you Cannes

03/06/2014 At the Porsche 918 Spyder Circle around the French film metropolis Cannes not only the super sports car glistened in the limelight and the sunlight.

Whilst stars and starlets took turns on the red carpet and gleamed under the spotlights at the most renowned film festival in the world, future 918 Spyder owners explored the region in the sunlight around the glamorous seaside resort. The Porsche 918 Spyder Circle as a unique (driving) experience: high performance meets red carpet ...

The participants in the exclusive event lived and experienced the fascination of Porsche on various terrains during four eventful days, but always in a stylish atmosphere. After a harmonious get-together at the 5-star "Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel" and dinner in the fish restaurant "Le Bacon" in Cannes, the road tour to Le Castellet was next on the programme. The azure blue scenery of the French Riviera is like a picture postcard, but genuine. The Provence region is close-by, the Mistral breeze blows softly from the hills. Down by the coast, the palm trees form a guard of honour for the vehicle handover of the 911 Turbo and tour briefing. Off we go: 200 varied kilometres through a landscape ranging from gentle to savage. An endless labyrinth of bends, a pleasant speed limit. The shimmering glow of the Mediterranean Sea, on the left, unadulterated nature on the right. Olive groves, vineyards. The great art

of the French, the savoir-vivre – a guest will suspect that everything is apparently a little easier in this mild Mediterranean climate.

The driving programme on the former Formula-1 Paul Ricard circuit has its special charm. The track is at a height of 500 metres and is not only known as an ideal test site for Le Mans due to its 1.8 kilometre-long straightaways with the subsequent 'courage bend' Signes. The Porsche Works Team's new race car has also been tested here. Who could be a better-suited personal driving trainer there than works driver Marc Lieb? Under his instruction, the participants tighten their safety belts and get started. The Turbo develops its full class on the 5.86-kilometre circuit with 25 bends. Acceleration, cornering, top speed, responsiveness, full performance spectrum – after the professional training, the enthusiastic Porsche drivers can test their newly gained skills during free practice.

They return with the helicopter shuttle service. Over and above Cannes and the red carpet of the world's largest film festival. Refreshments are called for after the fast, hot rounds. Dinner at the gourmet restaurant leaves nothing to be desired. The refined schedule for the four days maintains a clever balance between driving experience and lifestyle. Sightseeing and shopping tour to St. Tropez included, again by helicopter. Moreover, gourmet food and wellness to your heart's content in a luxurious atmosphere as well as relaxing rest periods on the hotel's private beach. And obviously again and again: driving, driving, driving.

The "De-Grisogono-Party" at the legendary five-star hotel "Cap-Eden-Roc" in Antibes crowned it all. The evening's star guest – next to famous Hollywood actors such as Sharon Stone or Antonio Banderas: the Porsche 918 Spyder. Presented by Marc Lieb and the 918 Spyder Project Manager, Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser.

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