

Vibrant start of the XXI Rally Costa Brava Historic from Empuriabrava

- The twenty-first edition of the Rally Costa Brava Històric kicked off from **Empuriabrava** for the first time, accompanied by a lively atmosphere along with a large crowd.
- Thursday's initial stage served as a warm-up for the participating teams, who eagerly anticipate the two major stages on Friday (also starting from Empuriabrava) and Saturday (starting in Palamós), of nearly ten hours of driving each.
- Top specialists in classic vehicle regularity rallies are competing in this unmissable event on the international motorsport calendar.

The teams participating in the XXI Rally Costa Brava Històric revved their engines on Thursday afternoon from the starting podium located at the iconic Plaça de les Palmeres in Empuriabrava surrounded by a great atmosphere, numerous spectators and high expectations.

For the first time, Empuriabrava is hosting this prestigious international regularity rally, which year after year welcomes the best specialists from all over Europe, further enhancing its reputation. This special edition sees Empuriabrava and Palamós sharing the rally's base, adding an exciting element of dynamism and unpredictability to the event.

A total of 105 teams are taking part in the XXI Rally Costa Brava Històric, with nearly 30% hailing from eight different European countries. Among these teams are eight past winners, highlighting the event's significance as a key fixture in the international rally calendar.

The adventure of the Rally Costa Brava Històric has just begun

At precisely 6 PM, the teams received the itinerary of the first stage and tackled the first regularity sections on the roads of Alt Empordà in Girona. These early hours of driving serve as an appetizer for the two main stages that await them on Friday and Saturday, each nearly ten hours long.

Overall, the XXI Rally Costa Brava Històric features nearly 1,000 kilometres of route, half of them spread over more than 25 regularity sections.

On Friday 25 October the teams will face the highlight stage of this edition. Before that, at noon, they will join the Rally Costa Brava Parade, an itinerary that will take them through the streets of Empuriabrava and Castelló d'Empúries, bringing the rally experience closer to residents in the area. Starting at 3:30 p.m., the teams will set off for the second stage from the podium to undertake a marathon stage that will lead them, early in the morning, to Palamós. The third and final stage will commence from this seaside town on Saturday at 3:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony scheduled for Sunday at 11 a.m.

Classic vehicles from the 1950s to the 1990s

Motorsports enthusiasts will be able to experience a true museum on wheels at this event, featuring a diverse range of vehicles manufactured between the 1950s and 1990s. Nostalgic fans will enjoy the nearly twenty vehicles over fifty years old, such as the Renault 4/4, Mini Cooper, Lotus Elan, or Volvo Amazon. Iconic rally cars like the Renault 5, Porsche 911, Lancia Delta, BMW 2002, or Toyota Celica are also on display in an event designed for everyone to discover these automotive gems.

Historic regularity events are a discipline that emulate the spirit of the old rallies, with long routes designed for maximum enjoyment of these classic vehicles, both during the day and at night. The only requirement is that cars and motorcycles must be at least 25 years old and roadworthy. The itineraries remain a secret until the start of each stage, ensuring fair competition and equal chances of victory for all teams.

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For more information on the XXI Costa Brava Historic Rally, visit the [RallyClassics website](https://www.RallyClassics.org).

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