



MYCENAEAN-MINOAN RALLY-TOUR 2019

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Jaguar XKs & E-types explore Greece & Crete

First entries already in – more welcome!



We invite you to join us on our most exciting rally yet, carefully crafted with our XK and E-type owning friends in mind. See Greece and Crete as you've never seen them before: the idyllic rallying recipe – warm weather, beautiful spring flowers, terrific camaraderie, breathtaking scenery from serious mountain passes to glorious winding coastal roads, deserted country lanes, fascinating historic relics in the cradle of civilisation, luxurious hotels, great cuisine – spiced with an element of competition including circuit tests that is entirely optional, but huge fun and surprisingly competitive.

This time we will stay several nights in almost all of our hotels, so you have the option to take days out to relax in the superb hotels, or explore the town for historical interest or shopping, or follow our superb routes to see more stunning vistas, and get competitive on navigational challenges and fun circuit tests...

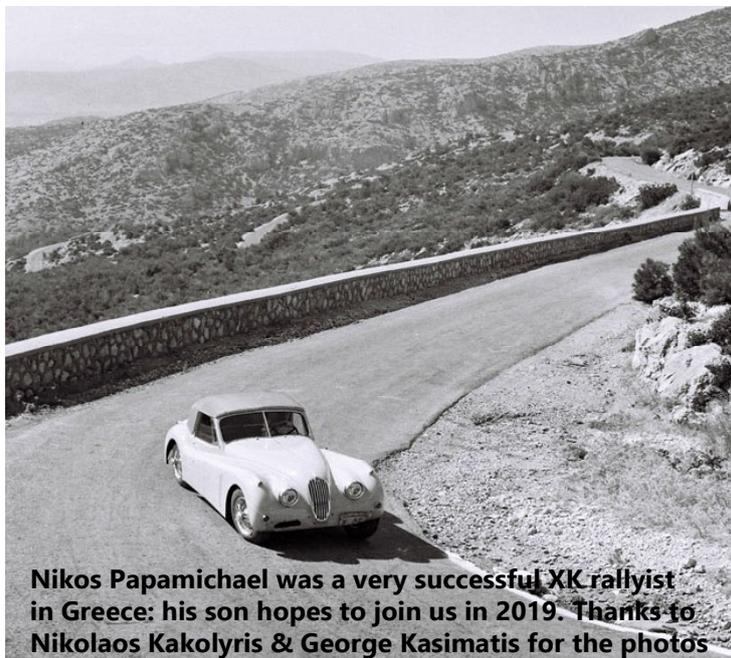
Participants said of our last event:

- It couldn't have been better, brilliantly organised... The hotels were splendid...*
- Organisation was immaculate and the choice of routes was inspired...*
- As a rally first-timer, I'm not sure it could be beaten...*
- A fantastic event, we thoroughly enjoyed it...*
- The hotels and catering were really of an excellent order...*
- A superb rally which we really enjoyed: your organisation was impeccable...*

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George Kasimatis's superb 120 Roadster on the Acropolis Historic Rally a few years ago - many people don't realise Greece has superb mountain roads as well as coastal ones, and in spring they will be at their finest...



Nikos Papamichael was a very successful XK rallyist in Greece: his son hopes to join us in 2019. Thanks to Nikolaos Kakolyris & George Kasimatis for the photos



The fabulous Aristi-Papingo road will feature early in the rally...

We're delighted to have confirmed entries already from several of you, and strong interest from quite a few more. It's early days yet, but XKs are firmly in the lead at present! Nowell Stebbing was first to book in, with his gorgeous black XK 140 OTS, closely followed by Rod Shears with his well-travelled XK 150 DHC. Adrian Turner and Susanne Westgate have signed up with their XK 140 FHC, and Thierry Centner (XK 120 DHC or E-type Reborn) is thinking about joining us from Belgium, along with Michel Crombe from France (XK 140 DHC) and Thomas Groot from Norway (XK 120 OTS).



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Also among early contacts was experienced co-driver Sandy Goodall, who's very keen to join us again – so if a lack of co-driver is holding you back, let us know and we will put you in touch with Sandy. Keen rallyists Nick and Jules Fielding hope to join with their 150 DHC and Don and Lynley Bowater from New Zealand are hoping to rent a car to take part, to save shipping their own over. They might well take part in our own E-type Series I 2+2. Tony and Gwen Hall hope to have Gwen's XK 140 DHC in fine fettle in time to join us, and Steve Johnson is interested with his E-type Series II OTS. Chris and Sue Green, who won our Pyrenees Rally with their XK 150 DHC, have joined the list, as have Nick and Olivia Donnan with either their exceptionally widely-travelled XK or their E-type, along with John and Pippa Leslie with their E-type Series II FHC. Peter and Joan Hickman are also hoping to join us, but with an Austin-Healey 3000.

Getting cars to and from Greece, especially for those who have jobs and other responsibilities to get back to and an

18-day rally is about the limit, is a challenge we've been looking into. Straight Eight Logistics have come up with a transporter option: get your car to their UK depot and they will transport six cars in a covered transporter for £18,000+VAT return – that's £3600 inc VAT each. For that they will take the cars down to Bari port on the heel of Italy – and bring them back at the end of the rally. British Airways, Easyjet and Ryanair all fly direct to Bari very inexpensively, so you can fly down and meet up with your car at the port. Already expressing a keen interest in the transporter option are Robin Green (XK) and Thierry Centner.

We have linked up with ANEK Lines and Attica Group (Superfast Ferries and Blue Star Ferries), who are giving a 30% discount on the return crossing to Igoumenitsa and the return crossing between Piraeus



Rod Shears is bringing his XK 150 DHC



**Adrian Turner and
Susanne Westgate will
be in their XK 140 FHC**

and Crete that is an integral part of the rally but needs to be booked and paid for direct. Other intrepid travellers, including ourselves and the RAC support crew, will be driving down from UK via Calais, so anyone who wants to join a convoy will of course be most welcome.

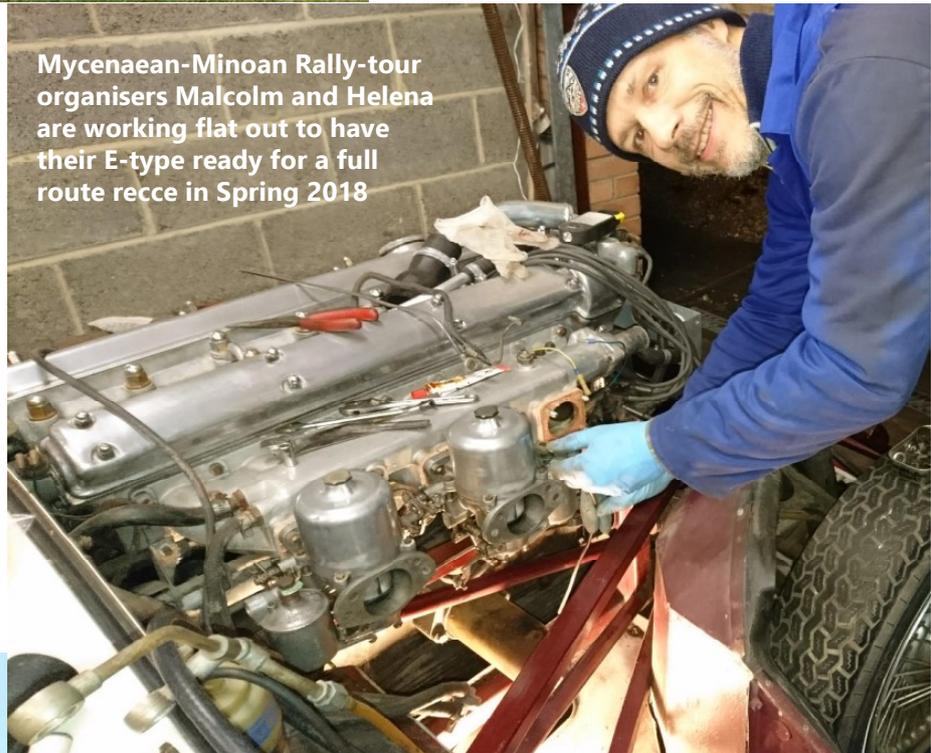
At Rally HQ, Helena and I are already looking forward to a full recce in April 2018 – if all goes well, we will drive down to Bari at the end of March in our E-type 2+2, which I imported from USA in 2015. The car hasn't been on the road for over 20 years and is still a fair way off as I write – we will be back in the garage this afternoon, working flat out to get it ready! If it's not, our trusty X-type Sport-

brake will have to take the strain again.

Entry Forms and Regulations are available on request, so if you've not already had them and you're interested in joining us, please don't hesitate. We're suggesting a £500 deposit at this stage to secure a place: some of our hotels have very limited space (especially Monemvasia, an extraordinary mediaeval walled village on an island linked by causeway to the Peloponnese, where we're booking every room in the wonderful little boutique hotels in the village!), so 20-25 cars is our limit for this event.

Email organisers ClassicRallyPress Ltd, led by Malcolm McKay, at LBLRally@aol.com or classicrallypress@yahoo.co.uk, or phone 0044 7711 901811 for more information. See also www.classicrallypress.co.uk.

**Mycenaean-Minoan Rally-tour
organisers Malcolm and Helena
are working flat out to have
their E-type ready for a full
route recce in Spring 2018**



**Jewel of the Peloponnese,
Monemvasia will be home
to the rally for two nights...**

