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The best events to celebrate 70 years of Ferrari in 2017

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In this, Ferrari's 70th year, it's inevitable that events across the world will try to mark the occasion in their own inimitable style. Here are those at which we'd most like to blow out the proverbial candles and celebrate all things rosso...

Travelling temptation





While it might be too late to join the annual Ferrari Tribute that accompanies the Mille Miglia retrospective, a last-minute flight to Brescia to see the 100-odd Prancing Horses roar away seems like a very good idea — not least after looking at the miserable weather outside our London office window today. At the Goodwood Festival of Speed on 29 June to 2 July, there'll be dedicated batches of historic Ferrari competition cars on the hill all weekend, and on the Cartier Style et Luxe lawn, a gaggle of 250s will vie for the coveted Best in Show trophy. Similarly, at Pebble Beach in August, there'll be classes for Ferrari 'Major Race Winners' and 'One-off Spéciales', which will no doubt attract the most desirable — and valuable — examples in the world. The entire first fairway of the famous golf course will also play host to over 70 Ferraris.

A whirlwind tour





At the Concours of Elegance at Hampton Court on 1-3 September, for which the famous event poster will feature solely Ferraris, a LaFerrari Aperta is set to star in the main beauty pageant, while the Ferrari Owners' Club will also be bringing along a selection of 70-plus Ferraris — no doubt proving that even royal palaces can be outshone in certain company. Throughout the year, there are events scheduled around the world by Ferrari itself, which is obviously keen to celebrate in style. The occasions, mixing exclusive events with owners' tours (including the first ever Cavalcade Classiche), encompass 60 countries in Europe, Australia, America, the Middle East, and Asia, and will culminate in Maranello on 9-10 September, where we expect the whole of Italy will turn out to pay tribute to its second God.

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