

SUNDAY 20th JULY 2025

The 18th Traversée de Paris* in Historic Vehicles will remove Frontiers.

*A trip across Paris



Passion for vintage vehicles isn't limited to France. Collectors everywhere are celebrating automotive history, and it is therefore not uncommon for participants, sometimes coming from all over Europe, to join in the Paris Traversées and to enjoy these exceptional shared occasions. With this in mind, the Vincennes en Anciennes Club, organisers of both the summer and winter Paris Traversées, has contacted participants in previous Traversées. They have been invited to become "Ambassadors" to represent their country in this 18th edition.

11 European countries will be represented

These are the countries that make up Europe in the geographical sense of the term, not just ones in the European Union. We have had responses from eight countries in addition to France namely ; Germany, Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland. Two other countries (Italy and Portugal) will be represented in the Traversée in cars registered in France. Each vehicle will display its national flag.

Witness history and the evolution of technology

The Traversées de Paris are an opportunity to celebrate a rolling history, which can be seen in the streets of Paris for the admiration of passers-by and curious onlookers, and providing quite an emotional experience in recalling the glory days of different modes of transport.

No fewer than 700 vehicles over 30 years old (including cars, motorcycles, motorbikes, bicycles, light commercial vehicles, tractors, and buses) will set off from the southern forecourt of the Château de Vincennes for this summer's Traversée. During this event standard vehicles will drive alongside luxury makes, convertibles will outpace agricultural vehicles, and long-gone names (such as Hotchkiss, Facel Vega, Talbot, Saab, Pontiac, Lancia, Terrot, Dollar, etc.) and rare models will attract attention.



As usual, the line up will be diverse and varied.

Some very beautiful vintage models have signed up, including:

- a 1907 Ford R from Switzerland ;
- a 1930 Citroën AC4 Commerciale Torpédo representing Hungary ;
- a 1921 Amilcar CC ;
- a 1918 BSA bicycle ;
- a 1948 HRD Rapide motorcycle.



In addition a dozen tractors will come from outside the Paris area, and an exhibition of Jeeps will be set up in Meudon.

The suggested dress code for crews is white.

From one wood to another

Years roll by but the Traversée routes are never exactly the same. This summer's route will be about thirty kilometers long. It will pass through the Bois de Vincennes and the Left Bank before crossing the Bois de Boulogne. There is no stop at the Place de la Concorde this time. At the end of the run all the vehicles and their crews will meet up again at the Meudon Observatory terrace. Everyone will come together for a picnic until mid afternoon, and visitors who come on foot with their picnics will also be welcome to enjoy the musical atmosphere.

A bus tour for those without historic vehicles

Those without historic vehicles can experience the adventure by climbing aboard 1930s Renault buses, driven by AMTUIR drivers (booking required: €10 per person, subject to availability). Passengers will appreciate the remarkable advances in public transportation in terms of comfort, and enjoy the beautiful view of the capital from the platforms.

"We are happy to share our passion with the crews, spectators, and visitors who will be traveling to Meudon or watching along the route. These vehicles deserve our attention because they contribute to the preservation of our rolling history close up and personal" concludes Patrick Gomez, President of the Vincennes en Anciennes Club.

Practical Information

Vehicles depart from the south forecourt of the Château de Vincennes at 7:30 a.m. (forecourt opens at 7:15 a.m.)

Bus: €10 (book online, subject to availability – meet in front of the Parc Floral de Vincennes) – Meet at 7:45 a.m., depart at 8:15 a.m. Return to Paris around 3:30 p.m.

Way Points: Place d'Italie, the Left Bank, Etoile-Charles de Gaulle

Arrival in Meudon from 11:30 a.m.

Practical information and/or reservations for vintage buses: information sheet available for download from the website: <https://www.vincennesenanciennes.com>



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