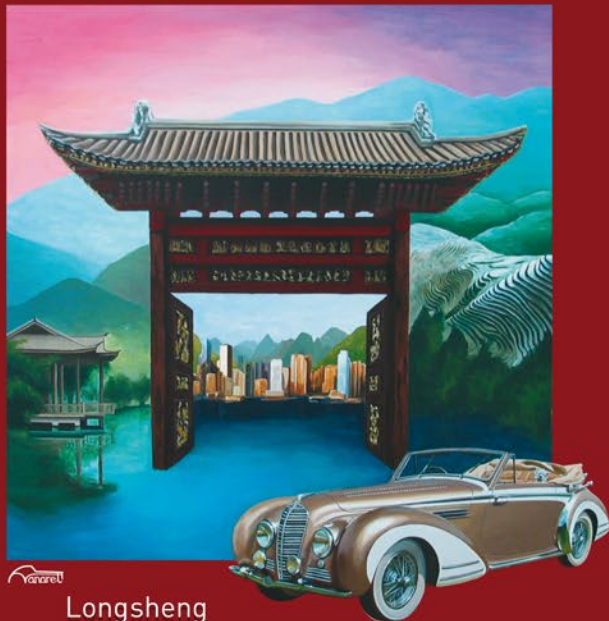


L'Impérial

Hong-Kong 2006



TOUR EXCLUSIVES

- A privatized Boeing 747 to carry the classic cars to the destination : 9,656 km away in just 12 hours.
- A temporary Chinese driver's license and license plate for each participant.
- A show featuring 3,000 performers, with the Li River's Guilin granite peaks as a backdrop.

China in 2006 An unforgettable kick-off Tour



The first "L'Impérial - Rallye d'Exception" kicked-off in Hong Kong in 2006, taking participants on a spectacular, magical journey across southern China. The 2,500 km route meandered through the Pearl River delta before making its way to Dongguan, "The Sea of Songs."

An extraordinary adventure

The adventure was shared by the 20 teams from across Europe that explored sites well off the beaten path in some of southern China's most breathtaking and unspoiled country. From behind the wheels of their own classic cars, tour participants marvelled at the Middle Kingdom's treasures, and the fascination was mutual. From village to village, the local people-unaccustomed to seeing classic cars-greeted the convoy with a combination of curiosity and wonder. The cars were an excellent ice breaker, giving tour participants and local people opportunities to cross cultures and create lasting memories. Highlights of the tour included a classic car parade along Hong Kong's iconic Nathan Road, a candle-lit champagne toast and steak and lobster dinner in the Reed Flute Cave near Guilin, and a private cruise along the Li River's limestone peaks and authentic villages.

Authentic China

The breathtaking scenery was rivalled only by the unique experience of seeing traditional Chinese culture in a way that few have an opportunity to do, from farmers cultivating rice paddies and fields - with the help of water buffalos - to fisherman using the centuries-old cormorant fishing technique. The occasional rough road spiced up a journey that was, after all, about the pleasure of driving!

*"An unforgettable journey
and a successful first edition."*

