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Bella Italia: Who is the fairest in the Marketplace?

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Beauty might be in the eye of the beholder, but our varied selection of five gorgeous Italians will surely provide something to appeal to just about everyone?

Lamborghini 400 GT 2+2: Room for four (just)







The 2+2-seater version of the 400 GT was first shown at the 1966 Geneva Motor Show. The larger, Touring-designed body allowed (just) enough room for those extra two seats, although the wheelbase remained the same. Some 224 examples were built before the model was replaced by the Islero in 1968, and one of those 224 is for sale on Classic Driver.

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Siata Daina GS: Barn-find restored







This charming 1952 Daina Gran Sport, a sports car based on the Fiat 1400, has a barchetta body restored to its original brown. The car lay in storage in California from 1964 – after an unsuccessful attempt to fit a V8 engine – until 2010, when the current owner discovered it and took it to Germany. After a thorough mechanical and cosmetic restoration, the supremely pretty Siata is for sale at the Dorotheum auction on 8 June.

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Bizzarrini 5300 Strada: Thug in a sharp suit





In stark contrast to the delicate feminine charm of the Siata Daina, a Bizzarrini 5300 GT Strada is a macho powerhouse. Essentially a road-going version of a race car (the Iso Grifo A3C), the aluminium-bodied Bizzarrini

is brutish and extremely powerful – yet still elegant in true Italian style, the quintessential "thug in a sharp suit". This 1968 model is for sale at Autoieri in Italy.

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Fiat Barchetta Graziani MM: Handmade in Al







As cute as they come, this two-seater 1953 Fiat has a handmade aluminium body designed by Antonio Graziani, according to Lutziger Classic Cars in Switzerland, which is offering the car for sale. It's certainly a car that would arouse the curiosity of Italian car enthusiasts wherever it went. There are many more pictures to view via the link below.

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Ferrari 599 GTB HGTE: Ex-Nicolas Cage







This 2007 supercar with its 6.0-litre 612HP V12 engine was delivered new to the actor Nicolas Cage, and what a good choice he made in that it was specified with a manual gearbox. The HGTE (Handling Gran Turiso Evoluzione) option package was fitted by North American Ferrari dealer, Miller Cars of Greenwich, but many of the original (non-HGTE) parts come with the car. Even now, the car boasts just 8,200 miles on the clock.

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