



## GOOD TO KNOW – FEBRUARY 2018



### 68<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY FROM 29 MARCH TO 2 APRIL 2018 at Campsite Terme Tuhelj – Zagreb – Croatia

**Registration:** the booking form can be downloaded from the new website [www.ficcyouthrally2018.com](http://www.ficcyouthrally2018.com) Fill it in and e-mail it to [ukh@camping-croatia.com](mailto:ukh@camping-croatia.com) or send by post to UKH, Trg Republike Hrvatske 3, 10000 Zagreb/Croatia.

#### Prices and rally booking fee:

The booking fee is €65 per person staying on the campsite. Extra days will be charged at €10 per person per day.

The Hotel Well costs an extra € 180 (65+180= € 245 – for one person for four nights in a twin-bedded room), everything included (breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks). Each extra day in the hotel costs € 45.

It is possible to have a third bed in the room for a child at a 15% discount  
(€180-15% = € 154 + € 65 = € 218)

A single room costs € 228 extra (65 + 228 = € 293)

A bed in the hostel costs € 40 + € 65 = € 105 per person. Extra nights cost € 10 each.

All rally-goers staying on the campsite and in the hostel may have breakfast (buffet) in the hotel at a cost of € 7 per day. A buffet lunch in the restaurant of the Hotel Well costs € 15.

Transfers from Franjo Tudman airport (Zagreb) to Camp Terme Tuhelj

Taxi 1 person KN 375 (approx. 50 Euro)  
2 people 450 KN (approx. 60 Euro)  
4-5 people 550 KN (approx. 74 Euro)



6-8 people 750 KN (approx. 100 Euro)  
 30-35 people 1,200 KN (approx. 160 Euro)

Transfers may be reserved in advance by e-mailing: [ukh@camping-croatia.com](mailto:ukh@camping-croatia.com)

## 87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren–Berlin/Germany



### Round and about DRESDEN

**Pfunds Molkerei** is probably the most beautiful dairy shop in the world. The shop came into existence in 1880 and has been in the “Guinness Book of Records” since 1997. It reflects the Saxon people’s exuberance and zest for life.

**Schloss Wackerbarth** is Europe’s first “discover and experience” winery. The estate consists of a Baroque castle and gardens where the court of Augustus the Strong held glittering parties in times past. Today this Saxon winery organises a variety of events including wine-tastings, walks through the vineyards, guided tours and concerts.

**Dresden Royal Palace (Residenzschloss)** This year there is an exhibition of 27 original early Baroque and Renaissance garments displaying the tastes in fashion of the Saxon electors and kings. The second part of the exhibition entitled “Auf dem Weg zur Kurfürstenmacht” (On the way to princely power) shows a sumptuous collection of decorative weapons and portraits of former rulers.

The exhibition runs until 31 December 2018.

In the 19C, artists like Caspar David Friedrich (1774-1840) and Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) painted masterpieces on the powerful theme of the wanderer. The “Wanderlust” exhibition in the **Alte Nationalgalerie Berlin** amply illustrates the 19C artists’ interest in the subject.  
 Exhibition dates: 10 May to 16 September 2018.

Berlin’s Museum of Photography is displaying some 280 exhibits by the photographer Angelika Platen. **Museum für Fotografie in Berlin** from 29 June to 7 October 2018.



Hasso Plattner's **Private Museum Barberini in Potsdam** (near Berlin) is now open and chalked up 500,000 visitors in its first year. Impressionists' work, contemporary art, etc on display.

**European Chocolate Festival:** International chocolate makers present their delicacies. Schloss Rochsburg Saxony from 3 to 5 August 2018.

**MEISSEN:** The factory is a wonderful experience for any lover of porcelaine. The cathedral city of Meissen is 25 kms from Dresden. Nearby Albrechtsburg is said to be Germany's oldest castle.

For anyone wanting to spend time in the area before or after the rally, we suggest touring **Saxon Switzerland** and visiting the 13C Burg Stolpen fortress, Pirna's market square and Grossedlitz castle's baroque gardens.

**Schloss Moritzburg near Dresden** was originally a hunting lodge built by Duke Moritz of Saxony. Augustus the Strong later constructed a royal pleasure palace on the site and it was the setting for the German-Czech fairy story and cult film "Three Hazelnuts for Cinderella".

**Dresden specialities and sweetmeats:** plum-based "chimneysweep" biscuits (Pflaumen-Toffel), famous Christmas cake (Christstollen), chocolate marzipan slices, log-shaped cakes (Baumkuchen).

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## 88th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 26 JULY TO 4 AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France



### Memorial sites

#### Carrière des Fusillés (Execution quarry)

The Châteaubriant region was actively involved in the resistance movement and the liberation of France during the Second World War. On 22 October 1941, 27 prisoners were



shot in this quarry by the German occupying forces in retaliation for the attack on Field Commander Hotz.

#### **Home of the poet René-Guy Cadou**

The poet René-Guy Cadou (1920-1951) was a teacher in the school in Louisfert in 1945. A permanent exhibition is housed in his old classroom in memory of him.

#### **Museum of the Resistance**

This museum was opened in a farm in 2001 as a place of history and culture to honour French resistance fighters.

#### **Memorial to the parachutists in 1943**

This memorial was erected at the request of Raoul Giquel in April 1944 in memory of his comrades who belonged to the Rougé, Fercé and Soulvache cells of the Oscar-Buckmaster resistance network.

#### **Monument des Bout-de-Forêt**

Memorial in honour of the resistance fighters slaughtered in a hail of bullets on 21 July 1944 by the enraged French militia and German Nazis who realised that their cause was lost, just two weeks before the region was liberated.

## **89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 06 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Fukushima Prefecture)/Japan**

#### **Buddhism one of Japan's religions**

Energy through colour. There are five main elements in Buddhism: earth, water, fire, wind and space represented by the colours blue, yellow, red, white and black respectively. As in Chinese philosophy they point to five different destinies. This means that Tathagata is linked by colours and destinies to the five main elements.

Sanskrit letters symbolise Buddha himself and people think that unfathomable good is contained in them.

Source: Sobonsama (Extract soap advert/Japan)

## **90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTIA/ROME (ITALY)**

The site visit will take place in March/April 2018

### **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

#### **Disturbed/undisturbed sleep**

Any camper will certainly have experienced disturbed sleep at some point: perhaps someone in the family caravan snores at night or there is an annoying noise that emanates



from a neighbouring caravan or tent. It can really get on one's nerves because no-one wants to have to wear earplugs every night.

If your other half snores it can test your relationship to the limit. But suffer no more! Help is at hand in the form of an anti-snore-appliance which, according to the manufacturer, gives relief to 90% of users and what can properly be called a good night's sleep. The anti-snore-appliance resembles a dental brace that the snorer puts in his mouth at night. It prevents the airways from narrowing as a result of muscles relaxing in the back of the throat and tongue as you sleep. This appliance allows the sleeping person a greater intake of air so he/she does not snore. It is probably worth a try and even bringing it to the attention of one's camping neighbour.... Available from

[www.antischnarchmeister.de](http://www.antischnarchmeister.de)

Source: Camping (DCC-DE)

### **Good news for the camping sector**

According to figures released by the French Fédération Nationale de l'Hôtellerie de Plein Air (National Federation of Outdoor Hotel Accommodation/France (FNHPA), 2015 was a record year for camping with 113 million overnight stays. Camping was still the favourite type of holiday in 2016. But why? Camping Qualité (Camping Quality) decided to carry out a survey:

46% of those asked said they chose camping because they like the feeling of freedom. Only 15.1% said that cost was a decisive factor. 57.20% of campers go away as a family and 31% as a couple. 16% prefer tents, but the vast majority are looking for comfort with the result that 38% opt for a motorcaravan and 26% for a caravan. For 49% quality means "cleanliness". The seaside is the preferred destination for 34%, while 28% are attracted to the countryside and 24% to the mountains. Campers are very faithful to their chosen holiday accommodation because 65% have taken this type of holiday for ten years or more. In 2017 camping was still much appreciated for its key values of freedom, camaraderie and conviviality.

Source: FNHPA

**Spain:** As announced in "Spanien heute" (Spain Today), the Spanish region of Murcia has banned overnight stays in motorcaravans next to and on any of its beaches. Fines of up to 1,000€ will be imposed on anyone defying this prohibition. People from Northern Europe in particular are attracted to spending the winter on Spain's beaches and coastline. A law introduced in 1985 however banned "wild camping".

**Iceland:** According to the Icelandic publication MBL, Iceland no longer allows wild camping either. The only exceptions are parts of the country where there are no campsites.

### **An excellent year for the European caravanning industry**

Sales of recreational vehicles in Europe have reached an all-time high

Caravanning is still on the up throughout Europe. In 2017 the extraordinarily strong performance in the European market of motorcaravans and caravans resulted in the biggest increase in registrations in its history. There were 190,565 new registrations of caravans and motorcaravans last year, up by a very impressive 12.1%, giving the best results since 2007.



Germany, with its soaring registrations in 2017, was the driving force behind growth in the sector in Europe. With record results of 63,264 new registrations of caravans and motorcaravans, the German market showed hefty growth of 15.3%.

Between January and December the two next biggest markets also performed strongly: Great Britain grew by 9.1 % (38,958 new registrations of caravans and motorcaravans) and France by 7.5% (29,528 new registrations).

In addition, nearly all European countries reported increases in new registrations. Spain recorded an impressive 40.3% increase with 5,721 new registrations of caravans and motorcaravans. The Norwegian market grew by 16.5% (6,591 new registrations) and Italy was up by 16% with a total of 5,810 registrations of new recreational vehicles.

Motorcaravans have performed particularly well. There has been massive growth of 14.9% resulting in 110,817 new registrations which means that the "magic" figure of 100,000 has been exceeded in Europe for the first time. As in Germany, there have never been so many new registrations of motorcaravans as there were in Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium and Spain in 2017.

Germany recorded 40,568 new registrations of motorcaravans, up by 15.5%, France recorded 21,396 new registrations (+8.6%), followed by Great Britain with 14,147 new motorcaravans (+14.7%), Spain (+47.8%), the Netherlands (+21.3%) and Sweden (+20.6%).

The caravan market in Europe also showed strong growth last year, up 8.4% compared with the previous year, recording 79,748 new registrations of outfits, one of the biggest increases in over 30 years.

There was an increase in the number of newly registered caravans in the consistently strong British market i.e. 24,811 newly registered outfits, up 6.2%. In Germany, 14.9% growth resulted in 22,696 new registrations of caravans and the figures for France were up 5% representing a total of 8,132 new caravan registrations.

2018 should see this upward trend continue.

Source: CIV D (D)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Tips to make you a fit and happy traveller**

Travel sickness : nausea, vomiting, sweating, dizziness ... one or other of these forms of travel sickness often smites people who are not used to travelling by a particular means of transport, be it a 'plane, a ship, or a train (where you might have to sit with your back to the engine).

If you are in a car or on a bus/coach you will be less affected if you sit in one of the front seats.

When travelling by plane or in a ship, try to book a seat or cabin in the middle where there is least movement.

In buses and trains always sit facing the front.

Do not try to read or play games.

On a boat it is useful to fix a point on the horizon whereas in a plane try to switch off i.e. watch a film.



Don't eat too much but never travel on an empty stomach either. Don't overdo the alcohol which will simply intensify the feeling of dizziness.

Where possible, lie down, breathe in fresh air and avoid looking at moving objects.

Your doctor can also help by prescribing medication to help prevent motion sickness.

### **Time zones and jetlag**

When you travel far afield you cross a number of time zones which disturbs the internal clock that normally regulates your waking and sleeping hours, moreso when you travel east.

As a result you find you are irritable, you sleep badly at night and are tired during the day, you lose your appetite, your concentration is disturbed etc. etc. All this amounts to so-called jetlag.

If you possibly can, travel business or first class so that you can sleep. Earplugs and an eye mask can really help you switch off.

Once you arrive, for the first few days avoid fatty foods, alcohol and coffee. Drink water and if necessary take a light sleeping pill in the evening or melatonin (ask your doctor's advice) to help you restore your sense of well-being and get back to normal.

Source: A.C.C.A.W. (B) (To be continued)

### **Austria's toll vignette goes digital**

Austria's digital vignette is linked to the vehicle's registration number (number plate). It is valid for 14 months, but is also available for shorter periods from 10 days to two months. The vignette is for vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes.

Source: NKC (NL)

### **Exhibitions, art, culture and events**

Later this year, Cologne's decorative arts museum (**The Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln**) will be staging "Pop goes Art" the first ever private exhibition that includes almost all of Andy Warhol's album cover designs, sketches and other illustrations in a multi-media show. From 1 September 2018 to 24 March 2019.

**Belgium** is celebrating the Year of Bruegel in 2019.

The **European City of Culture 2018** is Leeuwarden in the Netherlands.

In 2018 **Norway** has a full programme of festivities and celebrations: Golden Wedding anniversary of the King and Queen and the tenth anniversary of Oslo's famous Opera House, from the roof of which one has a wonderful panoramic view. Oslo is a very attractive and interesting city. It has the best preserved Viking ship and a variety of museums including one that houses Edward Munch's famous picture "The Scream".

## **INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

**Nederlandse Kampeerauto Club (NL)** carried out a survey among its members in 2017 to find out about their holiday destinations, length of trips etc.



**Where did campers go on holiday in July/August 2017 ?** France 22%, Germany 16%, the Netherlands 11%, Spain 8%, Italy 8%, Norway 6%, Croatia 5%, Austria 3%, Sweden 3% and Denmark 3%.

**How long were you away?** 1-3 days: 4%; 1 week: 10%; 2-3 weeks: 54%; 4-6 weeks: 26%; 2-3 months: 4%; more than 3 months: 2%

7% said they did not travel with a motorcaravan.

**The 10 favourite activities:** 22% rest and relaxation; 21% travelling around/touring; 17% cycling tours; 12% nature, 9% visiting towns/villages; 5% sun/sea and sand; 5% hiking; 4% culture and museums; 2% visiting family and friends; 1% culinary discovery.

**With whom did you travel?** 80% with their partner; 15% with family; 3% alone; 2% with friends;

15% took their pet animals along (usually a cat or dog).

7% travelled with a group of motorcaravanners and stayed in their motorcaravan during the trip (or at least for part of it).

**Lone travellers** moved around and spent 4 weeks or more travelling in their motorcaravan, and rest and relaxation hardly rated a mention.

**With one's partner**, cycling figured prominently on the schedule.

**With friends**, travel was mainly to France, Norway, the Netherlands and Spain

**With the family**, destinations were France, Italy and Croatia. On average 2 to 3 weeks was spent travelling in a motorcaravan.

Over half of members surveyed were looking for relaxation and sun/sea/sand or beach.

## **RALLY FROM 30 September to 9 October 2017 in Jhinshan (Taiwan)**

Formosa Camping & Caravanning Club organised a wonderful International F.I.C.C. Rally in Taiwan.

Eleven clubs from seven countries participated: Taiwan (2), Great Britain (3), Japan (1), France (1), China (2), the Netherlands (1) and Portugal (1).

At the closing ceremony it was announced that the F.I.C.C. Challenge Trophy for the most kilometres travelled by members of a Club/Federation had been won by the Camping and Caravanning Club from Great Britain. The second competition for the number of attendees from outside the organising country was won by the Motor Caravanners Club, from Great Britain, and SF Caravans from

During the rally, a big party was held for Ted Masters who was celebrating his 90th birthday. Over the years, Ted and his wife Doreen have been to just about every International F.I.C.C. Rally. We previously caught up with this enterprising and adventurous couple in Datça/Turkey back in May 2017.





## F.I.C.C. during the SETT 2018 in Montpellier/France



## EXHIBITIONS

**Germany:** Reise + Camping from 21 to 25 February 2018, in Essen  
 CFT-Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 16 to 18 March 2018, in Freiburg

**The Netherlands:** Camper Expo from 23 to 25 March 2018, in Houten

**France:** Salon Mondial du tourisme from 15 to 18 March 2018, in Paris

**Great Britain:** Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 28.2. – 4.3.2018, in Birmingham



**Spain:** Girocamping from 7 to 10 March 2018, in Girona

**Switzerland:** 02.05 – 06.05.2018 Auszeit Luzern (Reise- und Ferienmesse)

Schweizer Caravaning Salon from 25.10. to 29.10.2018 in Bern BEA Expo

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