



## GOOD TO KNOW – APRIL 2022

### SAVE THE DATE

The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning  
in VERRIÈRES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France  
will take place from 26 to 28 October 2022



91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022  
in MOSCOW/RUSSIA





The F.I.C.C. Rally website is <https://rustravelforum.com/en/rally/>  
and [inforally2022@rustravelforum.com](mailto:inforally2022@rustravelforum.com)

This is where you will find all the information you need and it is updated every month.

**At its meeting at the beginning of March 2022, the Council decided to move the F.I.C.C. General Assembly from Moscow to Brussels. It will now take place on 25 June.**

**92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 28 September to 7 October in CHINA**



Because of the ongoing pandemic and increased travel restrictions in China, F.I.C.C. has agreed with the rally organiser's request, (21RV), that this Rally should be put on hold for the time being.

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY  
from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the NETHERLANDS**





Where: NTKC Campsite “Het Groene Hart” (The Green Heart) in Hazerswoude

Address: Voorweg 81

This campsite is principally geared towards campers in tents and can accommodate over 400 participants but there are also pitches for caravans.

Registration fee (as of 2021) is €65 per person (Easter meal, one excursion, disco included).

## 93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 24 June to 3 July in STASZÓW/POLAND



Further informations in our May edition

Official website: [www.pfcc.eu](http://www.pfcc.eu)

English: <http://www.pfcc.eu/ang/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Deutsch: <http://www.pfcc.eu/niem/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Français: <http://www.pfcc.eu/franc/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Polish: <http://www.pfcc.eu/pol/files/rally93.pdf>

## 94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 in SOUTH KOREA

Organised by  
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

Under the slogan: “Health and Harmony for all Campers”





## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

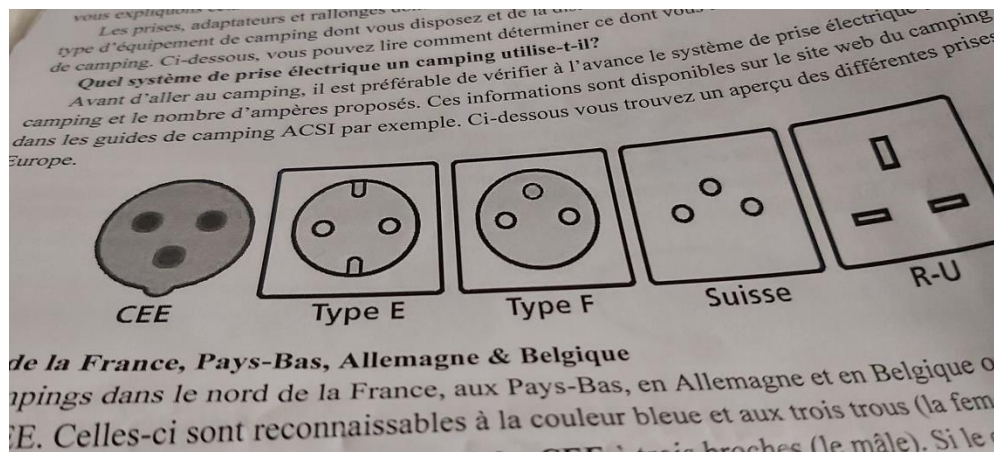
**Germany:** The German camping sector registered 24.6 million overnight stays between January and the end of August 2021. The numbers were down by only 5.2% compared with the same period the previous year but by 16% compared with the pre-Corona year 2019.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

### What sort of plugs does one need when camping

Camping without electricity is unthinkable these days. Beer is now kept cold in a fridge or an electric cool box whereas in the old days one had to make do with a bucket of cold water. Coffee machines, toasters, TVs etc. all need electricity and mobile phones have to be recharged!

The plugs, adapters and extension cables that are needed depend on the installation in/on the campsite, your own camping equipment and the distance between your pitch and the power supply. Before you set off on a camping trip, it is worth checking out the amperage and type of socket outlet on the campsite. This information is to be found on the campsite's website or in the camping guide. A description of the various types of European sockets are given below.



### Northern France, Netherlands, Germany and Belgium

Campsites in Northern France, the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium are normally equipped with CEE power outlets. These sockets are blue and have three holes. If you want electricity on site, you will need a three-pin plug contact. If the campsite has a type E or F power outlet, you can use the Southern Europe adapter.

### Southern Europe

In Southern Europe, campsites mainly use type E power outlets (2 holes and a pin). If you want to use an extension cable or a CEE plug, you will need a Southern Europe adapter.

### Great Britain

Many campsites have CEE connections but there are exceptions where a British plug (3 rectangular holes) is required. So it is essential to have a CEE/British adapter with you.

### Switzerland

Switzerland has its own version of 3 hole sockets for which a Swiss adapter is necessary.



### Why do you need a CEE extension cable and not an “ordinary“ one?

It is important to use a CEE extension cable rather than an “ordinary“ one for an earthed power outlet. Extension cables that one uses at home are made of a type of PVC that should not be used on campsites for safety reasons. On a campsite you need a waterproof cable made of neoprene with a CEE plug. Check that cables are marked either HO7RNF, 07RN or RN.

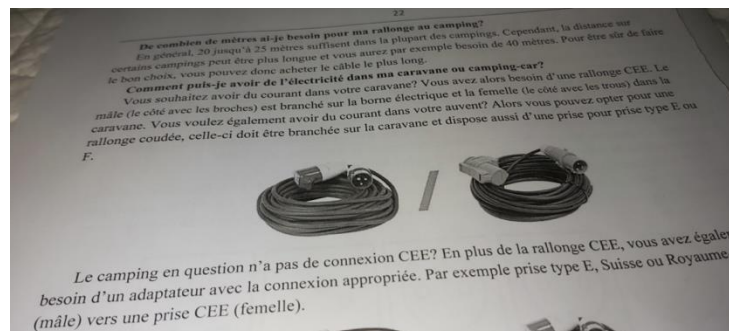
Even if you nevertheless choose to plug a cable with a CEE connection that you have brought from home into the current column, you will still need an adapter because an “ordinary“ type E or F socket cannot be used with a CEE connection.

### What length extension cable do I need for use on a campsite?

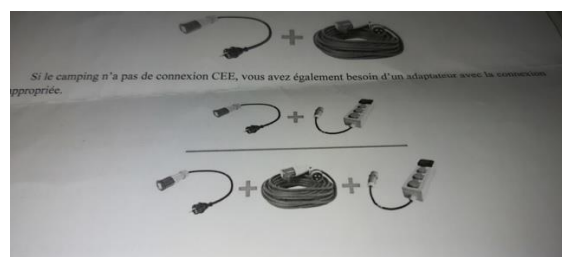
Usually 20 to 25 metres is long enough though sometimes you might find you need up to 40 metres.

### Electricity in my caravan or motorcaravan.

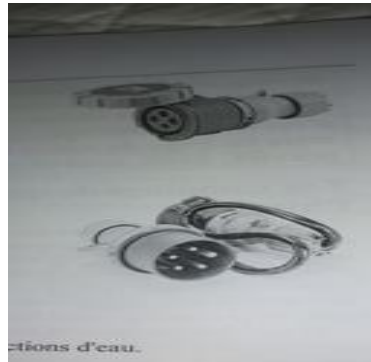
You will need a CEE extension cable for electricity in your caravan/motorcaravan. The plug (which has pins) is connected to the current column and the socket (which has holes) is already part of the caravan’s electrical installation. If you need electricity in your awning, then you should get an elbow connector that can be plugged into the caravan and has a plug that fits a Type E or F plug.



If the campsite does not have a CEE connection, in addition to the CEE extension cable you will need an adapter with the appropriate connection i.e. type E plug for Switzerland or Great Britain for a CEE socket.



If the campsite has no CEE connection, you will also need an adapter with the appropriate connection.



### There are other sorts of plugs

Tri-phase plugs 3P+T plugs 32A 380V 3 H waterproof IP67  
 380V 32 A 3-pole + earth 3H CE,IP67  
 Product conforms to EN60309-1 and EN60309-2 standards  
 Length:150 mm, outer diameter: 93mm  
 Maximum diameter of the input cable: 22mm / for cable of 2.5 to 6 qmm – temperature range between -25°C and +40°C  
 Weight: 140 g

Tri-phase plugs portable 3P+T socket 32A 380V waterproof IP67  
 380V 32A 3-pole + earth CE,IP67  
 Product conforms to EN60309-1 and EN60309-2 standards  
 Length: 166mm, size: 98 mm  
 Outer diameter: 93.5 mm, maximum diameter of input cable: 22mm/ for cable of 2.5 to 6 qmm –  
 Temperature range between -25°C bis and + 40°C  
 Weight: 305 g

### This adapter connects the red CEE 16A plug with the blue CEE 161 socket But why do you need an adapter ?

These adapters allow you to connect a red CEE 32A 5-pin plug to a blue CEE 16A 3-pin plug (oven plug) (only one phase connected). This is useful if, for example, a campsite only has one CEE outlet.

The robust neoprene cable is versatile and can be used in any number of situations. This is an excellent quality product. The outer skin is made of neoprene, a very resistant type of rubber that is used in industrial processes. The adapter is extremely useful on campsites. Vehicles can drive over them without damaging them and they are not affected by rain or damp. The adapter conforms to IP44 i.e. it is waterproof.

#### Characteristics

CEE 16A blue connection with cover: can be connected to a portable charger.  
 Suitable for professional use.  
 Outer skin in neoprene rubber.  
 Source: A.C.C.C.W.(B)





### **Practical tips – for campers too**

Tea and coffee often leave a stain on the inside of **thermos flasks** through constant use, but this can be removed. Mix a small packet of baking powder with hot water and pour into the flask. Leave for two hours, empty and rinse out and your thermos flask is as good as new.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic and travel**

You can't really get lost on the **Camino (Way of St. James)**. All of the routes are marked with a yellow or gold scallop shell on a blue background displayed on the walls of buildings, on trees and gateposts or on the ground, confirming that pilgrims are on the right track.

The same sign (a scallop shell) also identifies guest houses and hostels that welcome pilgrims.

**Austria:** New motorway tolls for heavy goods vehicles and cars up to 3.5 tonnes came into force in Austria on 1.12.2021. Motorway vignettes were first introduced back in 1997. All cars, motorbikes and caravans up to 3.5 maximum permissible weight must display a valid vignette when driving on any motorway or expressway/highway that imposes a toll. Vignettes can be pre-bought on-line and are valid for 10 days, 2 months or 1 year. They are also available in over 6,000 outlets at home and abroad including ASFINAG toll shops and the ASFINAG on-line app. Further information from [www.asfinag.at/maut-vignette/vignette/](http://www.asfinag.at/maut-vignette/vignette/).

Source: DCC(D)

### **Health**

Germany estimated that there were about 20,500 **centenarians** in the country in 2020, 80% of whom were women.

If you **sprain your foot/ankle** you should avoid putting any weight on that leg. Use an ice pack on it at regular intervals for the first 48 hours. An elastic pressure bandage will also help because it supports the damaged tissue.

In addition, you should rest with your leg raised to help reduce the swelling and bruising.

### **Curious facts/Environment/Culture**

**Germany:** A miniature wonderland known as MiWuLa opened in Hamburg in 2001 and this model railway has grown steadily over the years (over 1500 sq.m). Last year "Rio de Janeiro" was added. With 1.4 million visitors, the layout is a real attraction for the young and young-at-heart.

**Spain:** The Virgin Mary tower (138m) topped by its twelve-pointed star was inaugurated last year above the **Sagrada Familia basilica**. The architect Antoni Gaudi (1852-1926) designed this very controversial edifice that has been completed by seven other architects. It is considered by some to be kitschy or giant tourist attraction (Modernist style), but it is nevertheless one of Barcelona's main highlights and an important source of income since the entrance ticket for a guided tour is over 40€. The plan is for the basilica to be completed by 2026.



**France:** The number of **sparrows** in Paris has fallen by 70% since the turn of the century. People are now setting up nesting boxes and are feeding the birds to encourage them to reproduce and multiply. The Parisian “Little Sparrow” (Edith Piaf) is a symbol of the city and there are even guided walks through the four so-called “Little Sparrow districts”.

There are over 200,000 tonnes of extracted **gold** in the world, the equivalent of melting down a tower around 22m high. There is still a lot of undiscovered gold in volcanoes, old mines and caves. It is thought that these reserves and output will last another 15 to 20 years.

**The tiny hole in the middle of the triple-glazed windows of aircraft** prevents condensation collecting and the window panes misting over. It also helps pressurization. As the aircraft climbs higher the outside pressure decreases and, so that passengers are able to breathe freely, the pressure inside the cabin is increased. If the difference in pressure is too great the glass would break but the small hole keeps the pressure in equilibrium in the hollow space between the middle and outer panes.

## INTERESTING NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS

### Fédération des Campeurs, caravaniers et camping-caristes (FFCC) / France

elected a new President at its General Assembly on 7 April 2022.

Mr. Jacques BOURDON takes over from Mr. Gérard Couté, who has presided of the French federation for 15 years and has now reached the age limit laid down in the statutes.

Mr Bourdon is 61 years old, comes from Le Mans and works for SDIS 72, is a volunteer firefighter and has been a member of the FFCC Board of Directors for a long time.

We wish Mr Bourdon every success in his new duties.

Mr Couté continues to represent FFCC on the F.I.C.C. Board of Directors.

The **DCC Technical Award** was presented to the Dr. Keddo company at the Leipzig Tourism and Caravanning Fair in November 2021 in recognition of its AirKed air filter that can be installed in caravans and motorcaravans.

**FNHPA (Fédération Nationale de L'hôtellerie de Plein Air – National Federation of Outdoor Hospitality)** has come up with a really interesting initiative regarding sustainable development and more especially as regards the best accommodation options and facilities on offer from this standpoint. The French federation wants to highlight and commend the FNHPA affiliated campsites that are investing in sustainability. A jury has been set up composed of professional representatives of the press, of ATD, ADEME, FREDON and on the consumer side, from FFCC, the **Fédération Française des Campeurs, Caravaniers et Camping-Caristes** (all national partners of FNHPA).





**Touring Club Malta** informed us that after many years of discussions and negotiations, there is finally a "sosta" (stopover/parking area) for Touring Club Malta members' motorhomes.



**Caravan Club of Sweden (S)** organises the Nordisk Camping Festival in Falun from 6 to 10 July. Campers who are members of a F.I.C.C. affiliated club or association can participate in this event.



More information/ Please contact Caravan Club of Sweden e-mail: [kansli@carvanclub.se](mailto:kansli@carvanclub.se) and [nect2022.caravanclub.se](mailto:nect2022.caravanclub.se)

FRAME PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6 July



12h to 22h - Arrival  
Thursday 7 July  
11h Caramba Training  
16h hosted by NCT  
19h Anita with the CC-boys

Friday 8 July  
11h Caramba  
Dog sledding tour for children  
19h till 23h. Entertainment in the tent with Pär Hedberg

Saturday 9 July  
16h Closing ceremony  
19h to 23h Remix invites you to dance in the tent

Sunday 10 July  
14hrs Departure

**Udruga Kampista Hrvatske** (UKH/Croatia) will organise the 22nd Adria Camping Rally this year from 18 to 25 June 2022 at the campsite "Autokamp Veljiže Savudrija/Croatia.

The programme and the participation fees with the registration form can be found at <https://camping-croatia.com/adriacampingrally2022/>.  
and [ukh@camping-croatia.com](mailto:ukh@camping-croatia.com)

A varied programme and interesting excursions await you.





## “CAMPING WITH FICC“

is a YouTube channel, where you can communicate not only with F.I.C.C. members but with all campers across the world and share their camping tips, experiences and memories before setting off on a camping trip, and even while you are away. This enables everyone to get maximum pleasure from this type of outdoor tourism.

Travelling, discovering the wider world, waking up in a different place every morning...

Whether you travel alone or in a group, a trip in your caravan is always an adventure. But so that this adventure does not end in disaster, F.I.C.C. recommends checking out the video “Ten best practices before departure“ that was made by the F.I.C.C. Motorcaravanning Commission.

**"Camping with FICC" is accessible via the following link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIDBeAqa72QIJ96q-CPrp-Q>

## F.I.C.C. e-Book

The **Camping Card International website** was totally updated in October last year with new functions and user-friendly instructions and descriptions of the advantages available to CCI users.

In order to gain access to the detailed information, the user/camper must register on the website [www.campingcardinternational.com](http://www.campingcardinternational.com) although all of the benefits associated with the CCI are apparent without registration.

Once users/campers have registered and shown that they have a valid CCI, they have access to the CCI e-book listing all of the discounts by country plus specific tourist information that will ensure that they enjoy their camping holiday to the full.

As a registered user, give your email/password and select the country of your choice in order to download the e-book as a pdf file (available in English only for the moment).

You will also find the CCI app in Apple Store and Google Play that is simpler to use on your mobile device.

F.I.C.C. and your CCI team wish you a wonderful, relaxing camping holiday!





## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Ferienmesse Wien from 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna

**Belgium:** Salon des vacances postponed until March 2023, in Brussels

**Germany:** Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 28 April to 2 May 2022, in Nürnberg

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 26 August to 4 September 2022

Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 2022, in Bremen

**Finland:** Turun Caravan Show from 22 to 24 April 2022, in Turku

Aravan Finland from 22 to 25 September 2022 in Lahti

Caravan from 20 to 22 January 2023 in Helsinki

**France :** Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 24 September to 2 October 2022, in Paris-Le Bourget

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

**Great Britain:** Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show from 13 to 15 May 2022 in

Newbury/Berkshire

The Northern Motorhome & Campervan Show from 18 to 23 October 2022 in Norwich

NEC from 18 to 23 October 2022 in Birmingham

**Hungary:** Caravan Salon in February 2023 in Budapest

**Italy:** Il Salone del camper from 10 to 18 September 2022, in Parma

**Netherlands:** Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 16 to 24 October 2022, in Utrecht

**Norway:** Caravan Messen from 15 to 18 September 2022 in Lillestrom

**Portugal:** Nauticampo ib October 2022 in Lisboa

**Spain:** Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 6 to 9 Mai 2022, in Torre Pacheco, Murcia

**Sweden:** Scandinavian Caravan Show (Elmia) from 7 to 11 September 2022, in Jönköping

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 28 October to 1 November 2022, in Bern

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