



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2023

WELCOME TO CROATIA



THE F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023

will be held from **23 June to 1 July** in the wonderful
holiday resort of **ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)**

Registration deadline is 31 May 2023
Your club/federation is happy and waiting to take your bookings





EXCURSIONS

N. 1 – ZADAR (32 EUR per an adult person. Children 6 - 12 years of age pay 15 EUR per person and children 0 - 6 are free of charge)

N° 1 – ZADAR (32 EUR par adulte. Enfants 6-12 ans EURO 15 par personne et les enfants de 0-6 ans gratuit

N° 1 – ZADAR (32 EURO pro Erwachsenem – Kinder von 6-12 Jahre EURO 15 pro Person – Kinder von 0-6 Jahre: kostenlos

N. 2 – NP KRKA (82 EUR per an adult person. Children 6 - 12 years of age pay 41 EUR per person and children 0 - 6 are free of charge)

N°2 PN KRKA (82 EURO par adulte. Enfants de 6-12 ans EURO 41 par personne – enfants de 0-6 ans: gratuit

N° 2 NP KRKA (82 EURO pro Erwachsenem. Kinder 6-12 Jahre EURO 41 pro Kind – Kinder von 0-6 Jahre: kostenlos

N. 3 – NP KORNATI (64 EUR per an adult person. Children 6 - 12 years of age pay 32 EUR per person and children 0 - 6 are free of charge)

N° 3 PN KORNATI (64 EUR par adulte. Enfant de 6-12 ans EUR 32 et enfants de 0-6 ans: gratuit

N°3 – NP KORNATI (64 EUR pro Erwachsenem. Kinder 6-12 Jahre EUR 32 pro Person und Kinder 0-6 Jahre: kostenlos



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Link to the F.I.C.C. World Camping Festival

<https://www.zaton.hr/de/ficc-world-camping-festival-2023>

<https://www.zaton.hr/en/ficc-world-camping-festival-2023>



72nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
from 28 March to 1 April 2024 at the Black Isle Showground near
Inverness/Scotland

**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to
10 JUNE at CHEONG PYEONG LAKE/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

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



NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in Kiuruves/Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage

The Nordisk Camping Radet has been organising Nordic Rallies since 1964 with Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark taking turns to host the event.

The 2024 Nordic Rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. SF Caravan would like to include other F.I.C.C. members from all over the world in this event which will be held in the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi.

The programme will include learning about local gastronomy, visiting farms and other agriculture-based activities and you will even have the opportunity to plant a tree or two, all with the involvement of local people and groups.

More details later.

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in FULONG/TAIWAN from 25 April to 4 May 2025.

Rally venue is the Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.

In 2025 The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Working out gas consumption

Before setting off on a trip, you need to assess your likely gas consumption. According to Truma (and its appliances), you can expect the following hourly consumption figures:

- ° Heating (approx. 150 – 500 g)
- ° Water heater (approx. 120 g)
- ° Stove/hob (approx. 50 – 160 g)
- ° Oven (approx. 80 – 120 g)
- ° Grill (approx. 300 – 400 g)
- ° Fridge (approx. 20 g)

Working out your consumption: Estimate the running time of individual appliances as precisely as possible and multiply these running times with the corresponding amount of gas given above. By adding all of these together will have your likely daily consumption needs. Divide the total amount of gas available by the figure giving your daily needs and you will see how many days your gas supply will last.



Sample calculation for a winter's day in Spain (daytime temperature 20°C, nighttime temperature 10°C)

Stove/hob: 2x 15 min. to make coffee plus 1 x 30 min. pasta on two burners 120 g

Water heater: 2 hours for hot water 240 g

Heating: 10 hours at half load (200 g per hour) 2,000 g

Fridge: 24 hours 200 g

Daily consumption 2,560 g

22 kg of gas at this rate of consumption will meet your needs for 8.6 days.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Spain: Recreational vehicle registrations in January 2023 (according to category): motorcaravans 317, caravans 74 and camper vans 185.

Source: FECC

Practical tips – for campers too

If you want to avoid **dirt** (earth/mud, wet etc.) being tracked into your caravan, motorcaravan or tent, leave your shoes/boots to dry off on a discarded cake or oven rack.

Do not **clean or descale appliances etc** with acetic acid which causes some types of rubber to perish, but use citric acid instead.

Vodka is very versatile: when cleaning your spectacles use a soft, clean cloth moistened with vodka to wipe over the lenses. Not only does the alcohol in vodka clean the lenses but it kills off any germs.

Beware of ticks – They become active once the temperature exceeds 7°C and can be infected with bacteria that cause Lyme's disease and tick-borne encephalitis. Campers who spend a lot of time outdoors should use a tick spray (available in retail stores) which will keep this dangerous blood-sucker "at bay" for a few hours. After walking in the forest, undergrowth or a long stay in the countryside, it is advisable to inspect one's body properly for tell-tale signs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Health

To improve one's balance it is a good idea to practise walking backwards. Just a short stretch is a challenge for the mind, perfect for coordination and therefore improves the body's equilibrium. British researchers reckon that walking backwards also relieves strain on joints and shorter steps relieve one's calves.



Putting your feet/legs up **is good for one's veins** – the blood flows back to the heart more easily and this can prevent the feeling of heavy legs and the likelihood of developing varicose veins.

Mint oil (Pharmacy) soothes irritable bowel syndrome and gastro-intestinal disorders, headaches, inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, stress and tiredness.

Curious facts/environment/culture

Switzerland: Bern is hosting an exhibition of works by the painter and illustrator Paul Klee (1879-1940) entitled "Vom Rausch der Technik" (The Rush towards Technology) until 21 May 2023.

Austria: The mumok (museum of modern art) in Vienna is currently showing Friedrich Kiesler's "Endless House" until 31 December 2023 and from 30 September 2023 until 21 January 2024 the exhibition „Nie wieder. Immer wieder. Krieg“, (Never again. Always repeated. War) and Benoit Piéron's "Monstera deliciosa" from 26 October 2023 until 14 January 2024.

The **most dangerous plant on the planet** is the manchineel tree on the Bahamas. Its small apple-shaped fruit is extremely poisonous and just the sap from its leaves can cause blister burns. Best avoided too is the undergrowth because if it smoulders or catches fire, the smoke can cause blindness.

A special exhibition entitled "The Girl with a Pearl Earring" is being held at the **Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague** until 4 June 2023. As the original of this famous painting by Jan Vermeer is on loan to the Rijksmuseum, the Mauritshuis Museum appealed for artists to come up with their own alternative version of this famous painting. The result was a veritable explosion of creativity, wild paintings based on the craziest ideas. The best ones will be displayed until 4 June in digital frame in the space where the original painting normally hangs in the Mauritshuis Museum.

07 April: World Health Day
20 April: Chinese Language Day
23 April: English Language Day, Spanish Language Day
24 April: World Immunization Week
25 April: World Malaria Day
26 April: International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day
26 April: World Intellectual Property Day
28 April: World Day for Safety and Health at Work
30 April: International Jazz Day



ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS



On 7 February 2023 , President João Alves Pereira met with Ms Sabrina Uritoa (Communication Officer) and Mr.Charles-Etienne Bélanger of ISTO (International Social Tourism Organisation) at the F.I.C.C. Secretariat.

They discussed closer cooperation in the field of outdoor and social tourism and the exchange and intensification of links of both organisations with South America and Asia in terms of social tourism, camping/caravanning and environmental protection.

ISTO (OITS) celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1963 by Arthur Haulot and André Guignand under the name of BITS.

ISTO has 155 members and its motto is: A tourism for all, sustainable and in solidarity.



Vlaamse Kampeer Toeristen (VKT), a member of VKCF, is celebrating its 75th anniversary on 8 April 2023.

The club was founded on 8 April 1948 at a meeting held in the Ratskeller beneath the Ghent belltower and became known as Vlaamse Kampeertoeristen (VKT).

Its first President, Dr. Cyril Smeets, wrote in the club magazine of the umbrella organisation VTB (Flemish Tourism Federation) “We are not just campers, we are touring campers“ (the most complete form of camping!).

The young VKT followed in the footsteps of its pre-war predecessor, the Vlaamse Kampeercentrale (Flemish Camping Centre), and immediately re-joined F.I.C.C., at the time via the Belgian Camping and Caravanning Federation (BKCF/FBCC).

After this federation split in two to become the Flemish Camping and Caravanning Federation (VKCF) and the Wallonia Camping and Caravanning Federation, it was the VKT Chairman Wim Degroot, who convinced the F.I.C.C. Council to agree that federations of camping clubs could become members even if they were only active at local level, but not nationally.

75 years have now passed – over this time five Presidents have shaped the destiny and overseen the fortunes of VKT which is the biggest club in VKCF.

We offer this active club many congratulations on reaching this milestone and send our best wishes for continued success in the future.



Deutscher Camping-Club e.V.
www.camping-club.de

The “Reise + Camping“ exhibition was held in Essen (D) from 22 to 26 February 2023 and The **Deutsche Camping Club e.V.** took part. During the exhibition DCC received the new “**Tournier**“ caravan (touring/training caravan) and the presentation of the **Deutsche**



Camping Prize 2023 was made. In addition the **DCC Europa Prize** was presented to the best campsites in Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, France and Austria. This Prize has existed since 1996 and, with the backing of the Essen exhibition, is awarded annually to campsites in Europe that have a lot to offer.

The Deutsche Camping Prize was introduced in 1970 and was awarded this year to Mr. Harald Striewski (Hobby) for his life's work in the caravan sector.



Address by the DCC President Dieter ALBERT





A few photos of the event at which F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira was also present representing F.I.C.C.

New “Tournier“ caravan for DCC Presented at the Reise+Camping Exhibition at 10 am on 23 February

For the DCC, supporting its members in every conceivable way was seen as an obligation almost from the outset. And part of doing this obviously involves giving a helping hand manoeuvring caravans and motorcaravans. As we all know it is absolutely essential for anyone in charge of a recreational vehicle, their very own accommodation on wheels, to handle driving through traffic as skilfully as possible. Manoeuvring a vehicle and trailer combination (outfit) is a skill that has to be learnt many times over.

So the Deutsche Camping Club introduced touring/training sessions throughout the year focusing on caravan outfits. Practice driving sessions at club level soon turned into competitions that determined who was the best driver in each of the DCC Land federations.

What could be more natural when faced with so many top drivers in the various DCC Land federations, than to identify Germany's N° 1 Master driver? And in the interests of fair play, it is of course extremely important that all participants should be “tested“ using the same outfit where possible.

Manoeuvring caravans and driving your accommodation on wheels properly are life-saving skills for campers who may well find themselves in problematic traffic conditions.

It has to be said too that you only derive maximum pleasure from any outdoor hobby once you really know how to handle your equipment. You will find that that this is never more true than when you find yourself in the sort of extreme situation that occurs in traffic time and time again.



Once again Fendt Caravan has helped the Deutsche Camping Club to play an active part in this all-important area: Fendt provided the DCC with a new touring/training caravan at the Reise+Camping Show 2023.



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EXHIBITIONS

- Austria:** Camper Van Summit Tirol, in St. Martin
Caravan Salon Austria from 18 to 22 October 2023, in Wels
- Belgium:** Mobicar 2023, in Brussels
- Czech Republic:** 2 to 5 November 2023, in Brno
- Denmark:** Camping January 2024, in Aalborg
Outdoor in February 2025, in Aalborg
- France:** Salon des vehicules de loisir from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Paris
Salon du camping-car from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Villepinte (near Paris)
SETT from 8 to 10 November 2023, in Montpellier
- Germany:** Caravan Bremen from 4 to 5 November, in Bremen
Touristik & Camping from 22 to 26 November 2023, in Leipzig
Reisen & Caravan from 28 to 31 October 2023, in Erfurt
Reiselust from 25 to 27 November 2023, in Bremen
- Great Britain:** WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London
- Italy:** Salone del Camper from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Parma
- Netherlands:** Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair from 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht
Camperbeurs from 22 to 24 September 2023, in Hardenberg
- Poland:** Camper & Caravan from 29 September to 1 October 2023, in Warsaw



Spain: Caravanning from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

Madrid Expo Camper & Caravan from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Madrid

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 26 to 30 October 2023, in Bern

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