



NEWSLETTER

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73rd International F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY

from 17 to 21 April 2025 in Porto Recanati (Macerata)/ITALY

organised by Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori



Venue :

“Camping Club Adriatico” in Porto Recanati
(Macerata) – Marche – Italy Scarfiotti seafront, Scossicci street

(GPS N 43° 27'50.242” – E 13°38'19.017)

By road = A/14 E/45 motorway (GPS N 43° 27'50.242” – E 13°38'19.017)

By rail = state railway – either Loreto station or Porto Recanati station

By air = nearest airports: *

Falconara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

Bologna Airport – than by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

Pescara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

* The campsite will provide a shuttle bus service from Loreto and Porto Recanati stations to Camping Club Adriatico. Return tickets cost € 5.00 per Person.

ACCOMMODATION POSSIBILITIES:

10 pitches for caravans/motorcaravans

80 pitches for tents for 2/4 or more people (no charge, included in the booking fee)

40 places in rental properties/bungalows

(Cost not included in booking fee)

THE BOOKING FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner (apart from the Easter Meal and packed lunches for the excursion, both of which are included in the booking fee);
- Shuttle bus transfers from the campsite to Loreto and Porto Recanati stations or by special request to the town centre at a cost of €5.00 per person (return trip);
- Entrance ticket for the Frasassi Grotto; bike rental;
- Early arrival for and/or late departure from the Rally;
- All other items/services that are not expressly stated as being included in the programme.

Full information on www.campeggioclubadriatico.it

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 from 25 APRIL to 4 MAY 2025 in TAIWAN



The venue is Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipeh City.

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

Evening programme from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

25 April: Volkswagen evening

26 April: New Taipei City evening

27 April: Taiwan Caravanning Club evening

28 April: Taichung City evening

29 April: Yunlin County evening

30 April: Miaoli County evening

01 May: Taoyuan City evening

02 May: Taipei City evening

03 May: Evening organised by the Tourism Administration

Full information on <http://www.95thficcrally.com/>



WELCOME TO TAIWAN!

96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY

Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026

Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/Southern Germany

Organised by the Deutscher Camping Club e.V.



Preparations for this event have started and are well in hand, interesting entertainment and excursion programmes arranged, good weather on order –

welcome to Germany!

Full information on:

www.96ficcrallye-2026.com



97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026 in the vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Germany: Free but not wild

Campsites that are bursting at the seams are the down side of the camping boom and a number of self start-ups have shown the way forward by providing legal pitches on private land.

In Germany everyone has the right to access the countryside and woodland for recreation and relaxation – but campers in Germany may only stop on the roadside i.e. be parked, in order to “restore their fitness to drive“. Camping as such is expressly forbidden i.e. you may not set out chairs, extend the awning etc. etc. As for illegal wild camping there can be heavy fines, as much as 5,000€ in conservation areas or nature reserves.

So-called pop-up-camps offer a legal alternative to campsites and the forbidden practice of wild camping. Private individuals are renting out wide open unused land to caravanners, motorcaravanners and backpackers for short periods – most however have no typical campsite infrastructure.

The basis for such action is the so-called “Farm Law“: private individuals in Germany are allowed to operate a maximum of three pitches on their own land. The intention of the lawmakers was to allow farmers the possibility of making extra income from their unused land. If there are more than three pitches a licence to operate a campsite is required.

Anyone who has a piece of land large enough is entitled to rent it out for up to three camping outfits/vehicles. Services such as water, electricity and waste water disposal are not necessary.

Source: Extract - Camping, Cars & Caravans

A number of agencies have sprung up to provide these private pitches. However, not all local authorities welcome this trend with joy because, in tourist hotspots, tents or leisure vehicles in private gardens are considered to be an eyesore and a nuisance.

Belgium: Camping lowers Belgian campers’ stress levels

According to a short survey, when travelling around in their motorcaravan or caravan, people not only feel cosy and comfortable but they also experience a special sort of freedom. It helps people to reflect on the actual purpose of travelling and takes the stress out of rigid planning.

Two out of every three Belgians are convinced that travelling in recreational vehicles imparts a feeling of freedom and mental well-being.

For Belgians, camping is a passion and the best means of escape from life’s daily stresses. This feeling of freedom is especially pronounced in people in the 34 to 54 age group and just one trip in a caravan or motorcaravan has a positive effect on their mental health. Even people suffering from severe stress notice an improvement in their quality of life thanks to the closeness of nature, the lack of material clutter and the freedom of choice regarding their destination and planning of their trip. These are the great advantages of camping because they encourage us to relax and chill out in our chaotic and over-stimulated modern existence, they help calm the lifestyle of stressed-out people and make their lives easier.

Source: BCCMA (VKT Zwerfauto-info)



You should not forget to pack a **first aid kit for your pet animals** when you go away in your caravan or any other leisure vehicle. It should include tweezers, scissors, tick remover, thermometer, antiseptic wipes, gauze pads, gauze bandages, disposable gloves, disinfectant.

If there is heavy bleeding from a wound apply a pressure bandage to stop the haemorrhage and if the animal loses consciousness, place it in a recovery position (head on the side, make sure the tongue is hanging from its mouth so that it doesn't choke).

Make sure you have a local vet's number handy or that of the poison control centre in the town/city/country just in case!

Campers love life on the move,
Like Indians and nomads far off,
They do not seek comfort, nor stick to one place,
But find joy as they travel new paths;

Some stay-at-homes may look askance
At this wonderful life on the move.
They view all the touring with horror, dismay,
But real estate can't make them happy!

Possessions don't count, just your travels.
Don't laze and gaze out from indoors!
You will only be happy when out and about
Keeping body and mind ever active, no doubt.



("I've had enough of pitching my tent all the time!")

Hans Behrmann (CH)

Former Chairman of the F.I.C.C. Tent Commission



Practical tips – also useful for campers

Citrus fruit like a cool, dark place and stay fresh for a long time if they are kept in a sieve or colander.

To prevent a fire from starting as a result of an electrical fault or a short circuit, it is always advisable to unplug electrical appliances when not in use. Multiple sockets should not be overloaded (certainly not beyond 3500 watt) and smoke alarms should be installed in a caravan or motor- caravan and changed every 10 years. It is also advisable to have a fire extinguisher (DIN EN 3) to hand.

If fire does break out, keep calm. You can often extinguish a small fire yourself. Throw burning items outside if you are sure this will not endanger other people. If you do not get the situation under control quickly, call the fire brigade on 112.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

United Kingdom: From 2 April 2025, the Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) will be mandatory for entry to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

This applies to both Europeans and non-Europeans. This ETA is valid for short stays (maximum 6 months) and for both tourist and professional travel.

Furthermore, a valid passport is still required. Further information on GOV.UK

Always indicate when leaving a **roundabout**.

Do not overtake buses with hazard lights on at bus stops (it can mean that they are ready to move away) – you should drive at walking pace past a stationary bus at a bus stop.

But you are likely to be fined if you crawl along the road without a valid reason because it is reckoned to disrupt the normal traffic flow.

Spain: The warning triangle is now considered to be too hazardous and will be replaced on 1 January 2026 by a V-16 warning light with DGT 3.0 module.

A DGT 3.0 module is a platform for connected vehicles that relays information in real time, destined for all road users.

- ° The light must be magnetic so that it can easily be attached to the roof of the vehicle.
- ° It must be visible all round (360°), operate for at least 30 minutes and be suitable for use at temperatures between -10 and 50 degrees.
- ° It must stay connected to the DGT communications network for 12 years.

Source: VKT Kampeertoerist (Extract)

Germany: 59.33% of German motorists do not check their tyre pressure often enough.

Health

Chewing properly prevents stomach problems like heartburn (acid indigestion) and constipation as well as receding gums. In addition, you eat less because you feel full more quickly. Thorough chewing encourages saliva production, cleans your teeth and has an antibacterial effect. It is suggested that we chew every mouthful 32 times!

Strengthening muscles and bones: Use the stairs and occasionally take two steps at a time!

Bananas contain magnesium (so does dried fruit) which strengthens bones.

Also potassium (found in vegetables, nuts, potatoes) is an important mineral; vitamin D and calcium are important building blocks for muscles and bones.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Did you know that **koalas** sleep 18 to 20 hours a day? Their diet of eucalyptus leaves lies heavy on their stomach and their digestive system has to work hard to process everything since these animals' bodies demand a lot.

Why do **bobble hats have a pompom**? It was a safety measure for sailors because the ceiling height in ships was very low and sailors were for ever hitting their heads. Bobble hats solved two problems: woolly hats kept them warm and at the same time the pompom acted as a sort of shock absorber.

Saying of the month

Life is different every day but always full of wonder

INTERESTING UPDATES FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS



F.I.C.C. is granting its patronage to the Adria Rally 2025 on its 25th anniversary.



Zelimir Blazevic, Member of the Committee and one of the founders of UKH

Dear campers and camping friends,

Did you know that the 1st ACR was held back in 2000 and was organised by UKH (Croatian Coastal Council) on the Zaton campsite near Zadar?



Apart from the campsite owners, we, the organisers, received a lot of assistance from the Croatian Tourist Board and the Zadar Tourist Office. One small novelty was a parachutist bearing the Croatian flag landing among the participants during the opening ceremony on the beach. Alongside UKH members, there were camping friends from Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Italy at this event which was very highly rated. There were three more of these events held in Zaton.

The rest is history: campsites have opened up all over, from Istria via the islands of Pag, Krk, Lošinj, right down to Dubrovnik. And so here we are celebrating our 25th anniversary and we are extremely proud of the fact!

We bid you welcome and look forward to seeing you soon in Trogir.

Full information for participants along with the booking form available under

www.udrugakampista.hr/adriacampingrally2025

Other contacts under ukh@udrugakampista.hr

www.udrugakampista.hr

The Rally will take place from 22 to 29 June 2025 at the

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Booking deadline is 30 May 2025

The registration fee of 170.00€ for adults and 85.00€ for children between the ages of 3 and 18 years of age can be paid at Reception on arrival.

There is an interesting and varied programme of excursions but these must be booked in advance.

F.I.C.C. has also granted its

patronage on the occasion of CDP Associação de Caravanismo de Portugal's 10th anniversary, for its celebratory rally from 7 to 10 June 2025 at the Idanha-a-Nova Campsite in Idanha-a-Nova, near the Spanish border.



Monsanto, the small mediaeval village in the Castelo Branco district, one of the excursions during the Rally.



**CARAVAN
BIKE
TRAVEL** **27.3. - 30.3.2025**
NITRA

Caravanning and Adventure: The CBT Exhibition in Nitra-Slovakia 2025 – **What to Expect and Why to Visit!**

From March 27 to 30, 2025, Nitra, **Slovakia**, hosted one of the most significant events in the field of caravanning and tourism – the **Caravan, Bike, Travel (CBT) exhibition**. This year's edition promised an even richer program and more attractions than ever before, making it an ideal opportunity to discover the beauty of Slovakia and the fascinating world of travel.



MORE THAN JUST CAMPERS

At the Agrokomplex Exhibition Center in Nitra, more than 120 exhibitors from across Slovakia showcased the latest models of caravans, motorhomes, trailers, and popular camper vans. Despite the variable weather, caravanning enthusiasts eagerly anticipated the weekend; last year, the exhibition attracted an impressive 17,200 visitors who explored the world of mobility and freedom on wheels.

This edition of the exhibition was enriched with numerous innovations. Among the most interesting was a historical field tram that transported visitors around the venue and a rich program of lectures and presentations. Well-known Slovak and Czech travelers, including Marek Slobodník (trike expedition to Mongolia) and Dávid Slovák, captivated audiences with inspiring travel stories.

In addition, visitors had a unique opportunity to camp directly at the exhibition site, with access to electrical hookups and all necessary services. For families with children, a diverse program was prepared, including attractions, tastings of local products, and entertainment with mascots. One of the highlights was the 'Region East' booth, where visitors enjoyed authentic Slovak delicacies and cultural experiences, adding a local flavor to the event.

www.veltrhcbt.sk

For those interested in the development of tourism, a special conference focused on the development of caravanning and camping in Slovakia, alongside the country's official candidacy to host the F.I.C.C. International Rally 2027 in Nitra took place on Thursday.

This provided a unique opportunity for networking and exchanging experiences with experts like Mr. João Alves Pereira - President of the International Camping and Caravanning Federation, who delivered a keynote presentation on strategies to expand tourism and caravanning in Slovakia.

Visitors experienced an atmosphere that connected caravanning, biking, and travel enthusiasts! The CBT exhibition in Nitra served as a gathering place for adventures, inspiration, and family-oriented fun. Attendees discovered the freedom of overlanding, where each day brought new adventures.

This unique opportunity to experience the very best of Slovak tourism made CBT 2025 an unmissable event. We sincerely thank all who joined us at CBT 2025, and we are already preparing for an even bigger and better edition! Join us for CBT 2026, which will take place from 5–8 March 2026 at the Agrokomplex Exhibition Center in Nitra. We look forward to welcoming you again!







EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Urlaub & Ausflug from 4 to 6 April 2025, in Wels

Freizeitmesse Klagenfurt from 4 to 6 April 2025

Caravan Salon Austria from 15 to 19 October 2025, in Wels

Belgium: Motorhomesalon Ghent on 26 and 27 April 2025, Flanders Expo in Ghent

Finland: Caravan Finland 2025 from 18 to 21 September

France: Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Germany: Caravan Salon from 29 August to 7 September 2025, in Düsseldorf

Camper & Vans from 26 to 29 September 2025, in Fulda

Caravan Messe from 31 October to 3 November 2025, in Erfurt

Touristik & Caravaning from 19 to 23 November 2025, in Leipzig

Auto Camping Caravan from 28 November to 1 December 2025, in Berlin

CMT from 17 to 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart



Messe Essen from 26 February to 1 March 2026, in Essen

Great Britain: The Southern Motorhome & Camper Show, 16 to 18 Mai 2025 in Newbury/Berkshire

The National Motorhome & Campervan Show from 13 to 15 June 2025, in Newmark, Coddington

The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show from 18 to 20 July 2025, in Norwich

The Western Motorhome & Campervan Show from 15 to 17 August 2025, in Malvern

The Southwest Motorhome & Campervan Show from 5 to 7 September 2025, in Shepton Mallet

The Motorhome & Caravan Show from 14 to 19 October 2025, in Birmingham

Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 13 to 21 September 2025, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 1 to 6 October 2025, in Utrecht

Sweden: Elmia from 10 to 14 September 2025, in Jönköping

Spain: Cultourfair from 28 to 30 September 2025, in Seville

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon in October 2025, in Berne

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