



**GOOD TO KNOW – DECEMBER 2020**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning will be held on 28 and 29 October 2021 in VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France**

You can find the link to the Congress website under [www.ficc.org](http://www.ficc.org) and [congress.ficc.org](http://congress.ficc.org) gives you all the information you need about the programme, booking arrangements, hotel details etc.

The website is updated regularly.

**70th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 1 to 5 APRIL 2021 in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL**



**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 18 to 27 June 2021  
in A GUARDA-Galicia/SPAIN**



The website is ready and includes the booking form in four languages (English, German, French and Spanish).

The programme has been prepared and contracts signed with local companies, artistes and performers for the evening entertainment.

Arrangements have also been made for the F.I.C.C. General Assembly.

All of the excursions depart from the campsite (rally venue).

There will be a shuttle bus between the Santa Tecla campsite and A Guarda town centre.

<http://www.rallyficc2021.com/de>

**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY 19 July to 23 July 2021 in  
Rauhalahhti (Kupio) FINLAND  
under F.I.C.C. patronage**



There has been a change of date for this rally to give Scandinavian campers the chance to attend the 90th International F.I.C.C. rally in A Guarda/Spain.

Further information under

<https://nordicrally.fi/en/the-nordic-rally>



**F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY from 15 to 19 OCTOBER 2021 in  
Robot Land Park, Changwon City/South Korea**

Changwon City is situated in the south-east of South Korea about 410 km (4 hours' drive) from Incheon International airport in Seoul and 70 km (a 1-hour drive) from Busan. Interesting excursions to Busan, Changwon, Jinhae and Changnyeong. This event is organised by Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation (KCCF) under the chairmanship of its President Kyung-woo Chang



The Robot Park

**91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 07 August 2022 in  
MOSCOW/RUSSIA**







## 92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 18 to 27 September in CHINA



## 93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 29 JULY to 7 AUGUST in KOZIENICE/POLAND

The rally venue is Campsite N° 74 in Kozienice on the shores of Lake Kozienice.  
GPS 51°35'48.4"N 21°32'26.9"E.

The campsite is in a wooded area and has a beach for swimming and other water sports. It is guarded and has a surrounding fence.

Rally site amenities include:

- Hotel and bungalows (for 230 people)
- Amphitheater (capacity 3,000 people)
- Hall for music and artistic performances (capacity approx. 1,500 to 2,000 people)
- Room for holding the F.I.C.C. General Assembly
- Restaurants and bars
- Tennis court
- Playgrounds
- Children's play area
- Outdoor fitness
- Sauna
- Barbecue sites
- Arrangements for renting tourist and water sports equipment.

The campsite is situated approx 400 km from the German-Polish border and approx 350 km from the Czech-Polish border.

The nearest airports are: Warsaw 80km and Radom 30 km.

The nearest train stations are in Warsaw 80 km, Radom 35 km and Kozienice 300 m.



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### Preparations for overwintering a caravan or motorcaravan

Proper action needs to be taken to prepare caravans and motorcaravans before the winter sets in.

- a) Once the season of travel adventures is over, it is time to think about giving the coachwork and undercarriage of your vehicle a very good wash. Water and a mild car shampoo are ideal but make sure that you use a soft brush and you will need a washing brush with telescopic handle to reach the higher parts of the vehicle.
- b) As soon as the caravan has dried off after washing, it is worth applying a sealant. Special wax is obtainable from specialist retailers - apply and rub off with a soft cloth. Rubber seals benefit from a dose of talcum powder or one of the products on the market that serves the same purpose.
- c) The drinking water facility including the tank and fittings should be drained for the winter months. The same goes for the wastepipe and siphon and the waste water tank. What is important after cleaning is to leave the caps open on the drinking water and waste water tanks. That way any residual moisture can evaporate and prevent a build-up of bacteria.
- d) For many caravans and motorcaravans, the on-board battery is the main source of energy when travelling around. A battery should never be allowed to run down completely during the winter months resulting in deep discharging. The easiest way to prevent this is to recharge the battery regularly over the winter. A battery charger can be left plugged in to any modern vehicle, depending on where it is parked. Once charged, ideally batteries should be kept at a constant temperature so that they discharge more slowly.
- e) At the end of the summer season, gas bottles should be turned off firmly, disconnected from the pipe and the protective cap fitted. Covering up all outside vents and openings will prevent vermin and pests from taking up residence and you should beware of opening up your vehicle for a regular airing even outside. So just leave cupboard doors ajar during the season break and put cushions high up out of the way. If you really want to play safe, you can install a dehumidifier. Powdered coffee can also help dispel odd smells.
- f) To protect tyres from damage and flat spots as a result of remaining stationary for too long, pump them up slightly for the duration – 0.5 bar above the recommended tyre pressure for a caravan. Semicircular tyre cradles will relieve the strain. And in the case of a caravan, a corner steady or leg will help spread the weight.
- g) If the caravan is safely parked on level ground you can release the handbrake. Otherwise you run the risk that the brake pads stick to the drums and that you are unable to move your caravan at all at the end of the winter. In any case it is imperative that you check that the overrun brake works properly before heading off for the first time after the winter.
- h) Finding the right place to overwinter your caravan successfully is half the battle. Ideally it needs somewhere dry such as a carport or a shed or hangar.

Source: ACS(CH)

**Fendt Caravan** is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, 2020.

**Knaus** will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2021, the same year when **Dethleffs**, the inventor of the caravan in Germany, will be celebrating its 90th.

During the Düsseldorf Caravan Salon 2020, **Mr. Hermann Pfaff** was elected **President of the CIVD Federation** (Caravanning Industrie Verband Deutschland) for a further three years.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)



### **THETFORD introduces the INDUS system**

This is a sanitary system that recycles grey water for re-use, so that campers only need use a dump station once a week. The system exists in new motorcaravans but cannot be retrofitted in older models.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

**Spain:** There are plans afoot in Murcia to set up ten more motorcaravan campsites thereby showing the region's commitment to the expansion of camping tourism. Since the corona virus crisis, motorcaravanning has gained in popularity. It is not yet clear when these campsites will open, but the number of regional campsites will increase by 55% i.e. from 18 at present to 28.

Source: Kampeerauto NKC-NL

### **Germany: Run on recreational vehicles**

In June, according to a report by CIVD, the caravanning branch enjoyed "a veritable run" on its products. Altogether there were 12,726 newly registered leisure vehicles (caravans and motorcaravans) in circulation – the best figure in recent times for the month of June. In numbers this translates to an increase of 49.6% over the same month in the previous year.

More specifically, motorcaravans have registered the best June on record in the history of the vehicle sector with 9,154 registrations, i.e. an increase of 65.4%.

Compared with June 2019, there were 3,572 caravan registrations, up by 20%.

Taken together this means that in the first half of the year (January to June 2020), there were 39,627 newly registered leisure vehicles, 12% up on the same period in 2019.

Caravan sales have never attained such dizzy heights before. For the same period a "mere" (!) 14,812 outfits were newly registered, which is just 13.5% less than for the whole of the first half of 2019.

Source: Camping (DCC-D)

### **New college course: train for a Master's in campsite management**

Camping is becoming an academic discipline. There are now master degree courses in Europe in "Sustainable campsite management". They have been developed to meet the requirements of the Erasmus programme and the comprehensive EU 174-page licensing document gives full details. The implementation phase is due to start in October 2021. Course content and case studies have yet to be developed.

The degree course is aimed at graduates who already have a Bachelor's degree and want a Master's qualification for managing a camping resort. Courses are conducted in English. Three universities are involved so far – the faculties of tourism of the University of Rijeka (Croatia), Breda (the Netherlands) and Girona (Catalonia/Spain) and candidates must spend one semester in each. Thus students will study campsite management at first hand in university settings in three of Europe's most important camping countries, each one having its own particular features.

The fourth and last semester is a practical one that students spend on one of the leading campsites and it is here that they will write their theses. Practical topics will be chosen paying special attention to sustainable management.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans





## Practical tips – for campers too

**Oranges** are good to use against unpleasant odours in an oven. If, despite cleaning, a musty or stale smell persists, simply put some slices of orange on a baking tray and leave in the oven on a medium heat for a few minutes. Your oven will soon smell sweet once more.

Source: Read somewhere

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Health

Can sugar go off? No – sugar binds strongly with water: if bacteria colonise the granules, the sugar cuts off all liquid and they die immediately. So sugar can be kept indefinitely.

### Curious facts and culture

**The Holmegaard glassworks in Denmark** has opened a new centre for glass art, the Holmegaard Vaerk museum. This interactive museum for glass, ceramic and design has over 40,000 different items in one of the biggest glass collections in Scandinavia.

Information: <https://tyskland.um.dk/de>

A 700 year-old manuscript is on display in the Mainz museum in Germany until 18 April 2021. The Codex Manesse is one of the most valuable books in the world and is insured for 80 million euros. It contains the most comprehensive source of illustrated middle high German songs and poetry. Its normal “home” is in Zürich (CH).

Source: Bunte (D)

Since 2018, the Indian state of Gujarat has been home to the **biggest statue in the world (182 m + plinth 58 m)**. It is the “Statue of Unity” and is dedicated to the Indian statesman and independence activist, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1875-1950).

**Chemnitz** (Germany) has been chosen as European City of Culture in 2025.

### Environment/Science

**Hens in Peru** lay blue eggs thanks to high levels of sulphur in the soil in the Andes that gives the egg shells a blue tint. Even the egg yolks sometimes have a greenish hue.

In Australia, **Paradise birds** have an unusual way of protecting their brood. The female drapes a discarded snake skin around the nest as a discouragement to keep other creatures well away.

**Cork tiles will protect your pictures** from mildew: If you hang a picture on an outside wall, you often find mould spots on the reverse side. To avoid this happening, stick a small piece of cork tile behind the frame. This will help the air to circulate and thereby avoid the build-up of mildew spots.

**Winter bees** help the queen survive the cold winter season in the nest. They exercise their flight muscles continuously thereby maintaining a constant temperature in the hive and keeping the queen warm so that she can lay lots of eggs.



**A Merry and Blessed Christmas and our best  
New Year Wishes**



Weihnachten in der Wüste  
Noël dans le desert  
Christmas in the desert

**May you be happy.  
May you be well.  
May you be safe.  
May you find comfort.  
May you have strength.  
May you have courage.  
May you find healing.  
May you have peace.  
May you have joy.  
May your finances increase.  
May your home be filled with loving kindness.  
May all your prayers be answered and your wishes come true.  
May you be blessed always.**





## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Ferienmesse Vienna 14 - 17 January 2021

**Belgium:** Salon des vacances from 4 to 7 February 2021, in Brussels

**France :** SETT from 23 to 25 February 2021, in Montpellier

Salon Mondial du Tourisme 18 - 21 March 2021, in Paris

**Germany:** CMT in Stuttgart 20 – 31 January 2021

Caravans & Camping 21 - 24.1.2021, in Hannover

Reise + Camping 24 - 28 February 2021, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten 3 - 7 March 2021, in Nürnberg

**Great Britain:** Caravan & Motorhome Show 14 – 17 January 2021, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 20 - 28 February 2021, in Birmingham

**Italy:** Turismo & Outdoor 4 - 7 February 2021, in Parma

**Netherlands:** Caravana 21 – 26 January 2021, in Leeuwarden

**Portugal:** Nauticampo 20 - 24 February 2021, in Lisbon

**Spain:** FITUR 19 – 23 May 2021, in Madrid

Caravanning 4 - 7 February 2021, in Alicante

**Sweden:** Elmia Camping & Caravanning 8 - 12 September 2021, in Jönköping.

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