



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2023



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

took place from **23 June to 01 July** in the wonderful holiday resort of
ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)

Around 700 people attended the event, including many campers from east European countries, especially Hungary and Estonia.



The main aim of the **F.I.C.C. World Camping Festival** in these rather extraordinary times was to provide a starting point for the swifter recovery of open air tourism and associated



leisure activities. Campers have traditionally treated one another with respect and shown interest in other cultures and camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning constitute a special form of outdoor tourism that continue to offer amazing opportunities for travel, meeting people and making friends from all over the world.

During the festival, we had the opportunity to celebrate **World Camping Day** on 29 June for the first time, a day that has not only officially been recognised by UNWTO but also endorsed as representing one of the trendiest forms of tourism. Representatives of UNWTO and the government of the Republic of Croatia honoured us with their presence at this celebration along with the many F.I.C.C. members who were in Croatia to mark the **90th anniversary** of our organisation.

All of the events took place in Croatia's superb first class Zaton Holiday Resort in Zadar, near the historic city of Nin. The energy, passion and professionalism of the organisers before and during the different events showed why thousands of guests choose this fantastic holiday resort for their holidays. The World Camping Festival participants all agreed that Zaton Holiday Resort certainly delivered and that the objectives proposed were largely exceeded.

João Alves Pereira
F.I.C.C. President



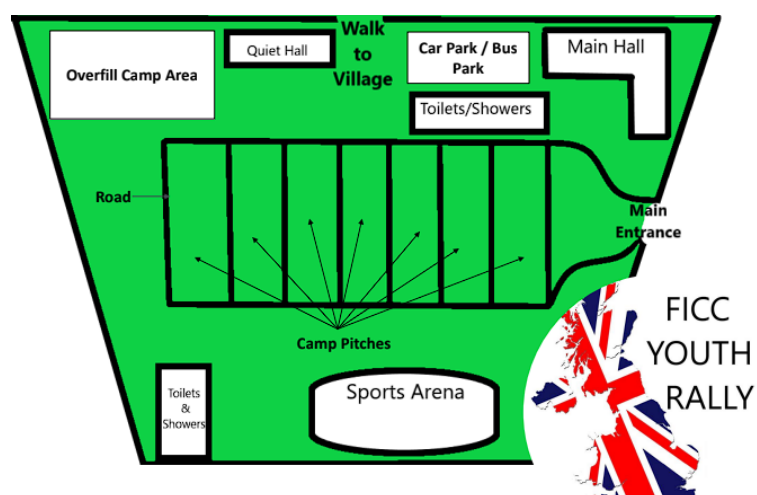




Photos: Johnny Cheng

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

All information on FICC2024GB@gmail.com
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast
10am - Site Opens	10am-4pm - Optional Trip	10am-4pm - Trip to Loch Ness, Castles, Inverness	10am-1pm - Volleyball & Football Competition	12 noon - Site Closes
2pm-5pm - Football Zorbing			2pm-5pm - Highland Games	
5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm-7pm - FICC Burns Supper with 'Address the Haggis' by Alex Cook, Toast the Haggis followed by Easter Meal - Haggis, Tatties & Neaps.	
7.30pm-9.30pm - Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Games - Come dressed in your International Colours	7.30pm-9.30pm - Fun Games - including Haggis Race	7.30pm-9.30pm Ceilidh Lessons - come and learn a couple of Scottish Dances for the Ceilidh tomorrow night.	7.30pm-9.30pm - International Ceilidh - come dressed in Tartan for the Closing Ceremony & Ceilidh	
9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm- Late - Disco	



94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY - Province of GANGWON/SOUTH KOREA

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

KCCF gave another presentation of the venue for the 94th International F.I.C.C. Rally during the World Camping Festival in Zaton/Croatia. It centred on the Gangwon Jamboree Campsite and its setting surrounded by mountains and sandy beaches.

The campsite is 25,900 sq.m. and can take 700-800 campers offering 73 different sized pitches, 100 caravans, playgrounds, tennis courts, an auditorium, conference rooms, a restaurant for 400 people etc.

F.I.C.C.'s Annual General Assembly will be held during this rally.

Local officials Mrs. Soon Mai Lee and Mr. Jin Kin attended the Festival in Croatia and were able to present their vision as to how this international camping event and the F.I.C.C. General Assembly would be organised.



Transport from Incheon International Airport to the rally venue:

Express buses for the exclusive use of F.I.C.C. members

- Distance 263 km, driving time 3 ½ hours
- 6 x a day from 6 am to 10 pm, i.e. every 2 ½ hours
- Cost: approx. 50€ per adult
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Public express buses

- Driving time 6 hours. Via Incheon > Gangneung (265 km): 3 ½ hours
- Gangneung > Sokcho (77 km) 1 hour
- Sokcho > Rally venue (12 km, free courtesy bus) 20 minutes
- Cost: 30€

KTX Train and bus

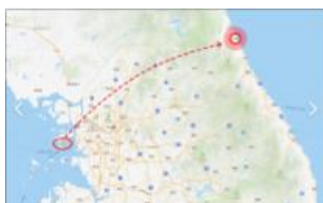
- 6 hours
- Train from Incheon airport to Seoul station: 1 hour
- Seoul station > Gangneung station on the KTX train: 2 ½ hours
- Gangneung > Sokcho by bus : 1 hour
- Sokcho > Rally venue (12 km, free courtesy bus): 20 minutes
- Cost: 35€

Transport option N° 1 is recommended because public buses are much slower, in addition to which one must purchase one's own ticket and reserve one's seat.

Extra buses can be arranged to transport F.I.C.C members if there is a big demand.

Express buses for F.I.C.C. members will run for two days around the Opening Ceremony.

The frequency of the service will depend on the number of participants (demand).





Daily Rally Programs

● Period (May 31 ~ June 10)

Celebating Eve with terrific fireworks on May 31

		Events	Specials	Booths	Tours
May 31	Arrival	Eve	Fireworks		
June 1 (Sat)	Day	Opening ceremony Parade	-	Diverse various experience booths all day-night open	08:00 ~ 18:00 (Excursion)
	Night	Delegates meeting	Beverage K-POP concert 1		
2 (Sun)	Day	Excursion (Unification observatory DMZ Museum)			
	Night		Korean traditionals		
3 (Mon)	Day	Excursion (Pyeongchang) Price : 50 Euros			
	Night		International Culture Night		
4 (Tue)	Day	Excursion (Goseong-tourist attraction) Price : 60 Euros			
	Night		Korean Night		
5 (Wed)	Day	General Assembly			
	Night		Camping goods, traditional fine arts experience		
6 (Thu)	Day	Excursion (Maritime Museum /beaches) Price : 50 Euros			
	Night		Camping food contest		
7 (Fri)	Day	Excursion (Gangneung)			
	Night		International drinks Night		
8 (Sat)	Day	Excursion (Seorak-mountain trekking)			
	Night		Tiawan's Night		
9 (Sun)	Day		K-POP concert 2		
	Night				
10 (Mon)	Day	Closing Ceremony			



**F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 in ALICANTE/Spain
from 26 June to 3 July
on the Alannia Campsite/Costa Blanca**



This 5-star campsite is open all year round and is situated in the middle of Vega Baja in the Province of Alicante. The campsite is 400,000 sq.m. and has all the necessary amenities and infrastructure such as a restaurant, tennis courts, an aquapark etc. etc. Dogs are welcome.



**NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in Kiuruvesi/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 it in turns to host the event.



The 2024 Nordic Rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. SF Caravan wishes to invite F.I.C.C. members from all over the world to share in these celebrations and give them the chance to visit the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi themselves.

This locality, founded in 1873, was only designated a town in 1993 and now has a population of 7,700.

Kiuruvesi is situated in the middle of the country, approx. 480 km north of Helsinki and 180 km from Oulu which hosted an International F.I.C.C. Rally in ...

The programme will give participants the chance to learn about local gastronomy, enjoy farm visits and other agriculture-based activities and they will even have the opportunity to plant a tree or two, all with the involvement of local people and groups.

Registration fees are: 115€ for the Nordic Caravan Days (bookings made between 01.01 and 30.4.2024) or 129€ (bookings from 1 May 2024).

The same fees and booking conditions apply for the "SF Caravan 60th Anniversary Celebration Weekend" from 11 to 14 July 2024.

The registration fee for the full week from 7 to 14 July 2024 is 199€ (bookings made between 01.01. and 30.04.2024) or 219€ (bookings made from 1 May 2024).

Prices include pitch, electricity and taxes.

Further information from **nordicrally.fi**

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



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

The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary during this event.

Following the decision of the 2023 F.I.C.C. Ordinary General Assembly, the 2025 General Assembly will be held during this rally.



96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY
Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026
Venue: Karpfham/Southern Germany
Organiser: Deutscher Camping Club e.V.

97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 in CHINA
Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026
Venue: Beijing area
Organiser: 21RV

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Supply chains, lack of skilled workers and bottlenecks in logistics make the production and delivery of motor caravans and caravans difficult. However, despite the difficult economic situation, the outlook for the caravanning industry remains positive.

Frankfurt, July 13, 2023

More and more people are spending their free time with a caravan or motor caravan. However, stagnating supply chains, a lack of skilled workers and bottlenecks in logistics are putting a strain on the caravanning industry throughout Europe. In the first six months, a total of 54,299 new leisure vehicles were registered in Germany. With 12,799 new registrations, the caravan sector is 10 percent below the previous year's level. At 41,500 units (+1.3 percent), new motor caravan registrations achieved the second-best result ever for the first half of the year.

Caravanning has enjoyed great popularity in Germany and Europe for many years. The numerous advantages of mobile holidays inspire not only people with camping experience, but also many newcomers. The high demand is fuelling the market for new vehicles: German manufacturers have produced over 375,000 new leisure vehicles in the period 2020 to 2022 alone. Manufacturers' order books remain well filled and demand is high across all sectors.

Currently, the industry is below the exceptional record levels of previous years, but in view of the difficult general conditions it achieved a good overall result in the first six months:

Two-part picture for new registrations

With a total of 54,299 new registrations (-1.6 percent) in the first half of the year, the industry is only just below the level of the previous year. The caravan sector has to measure up to the good production and sales figures from 2022 and with 12,799 new registrations is 10 percent below the previous year's level. At 41,500 units (+1.3 per cent), new registrations of motor caravans achieve the second-best result ever for the first six months of a year.



Industry produces under difficult conditions

Stagnating supply chains and staff shortages continue to affect the production of manufacturers and suppliers, which is why new vehicles can only be built under more difficult conditions. In the motor caravan sector, the limited availability of vehicle chassis remains a key handicap in production. In principle, the availability of base vehicles has improved somewhat over the last few months - partly because motor caravan manufacturers are relying on a broader range of brands for vehicle chassis - but remains strained overall. In addition to the well-known challenges in production, there are also bottlenecks in logistics: due to a lack of capacity at transport service providers, in some cases important vehicle components are delivered late. In addition, many completed vehicles cannot be delivered to dealers and customers as planned.

This presents a very challenging situation for manufacturers and suppliers, explains Daniel Onggowinarso, Managing Director of the Caravanning Industrie Verband (CIVD): "The last few years have presented the caravanning industry with extraordinary challenges. Factors such as inflation and high energy prices have further complicated the business environment. It will take some time before our industry can produce under relatively normal conditions again. Against this background, over 54,000 new registrations in the first half of the year are a more than remarkable result."

Although the industry is currently below the extraordinary record figures of the first years of the pandemic, Daniel Onggowinarso sees no reason for pessimism: "The caravanning industry can consider itself lucky, because despite all the crises, interest in motor caravans and caravans remains high and the potential of our industry is far from exhausted. This is confirmed not only by market data and the well-attended caravanning trade fairs, but also by studies from market research."

Source: CIVD Press information

Netherlands: So far this year, 47 new overnight places have been created for motorcaravans in the Netherlands.

26.6% of Dutch campers take their dogs away with them; 1.19% of campers take their cats.

Source: NKC

Germany: The average cost of electricity per night on German campsites is 3.67€.

Anyone who is flashed for speeding abroad (EU) or commits any other traffic offence will pay dearly from now on. Fines have been substantially increased in all EU states, but especially in Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Italy.

Spain: 34 campsites have been set up in abandoned villages in the Spanish region of Valencia after the residents moved away.

Practical tips – for campers too

Vodka can be used to remove wine spots - dab the spot with vodka, gently rub with a brush and pat dry with a cloth.

Salt will keep your washing soft and white: simply add a tablespoonful of salt in the fabric softener compartment. Your laundry will be sparkling white with no hint of greyness!

Coffee grounds will drive cats away and stop them using your flower beds as a toilet.



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

After 2035, the European Union will no longer licence any new vehicles that run on fossil fuels. Only older vehicles will be allowed to fill up with petrol or diesel. The EU Council of Ministers has however taken up the suggestion made by Germany that, after the cut-off date, new cars with internal combustion engines should be allowed, without exception, provided they run on synthetic fuels, the so-called e-fuels.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Health

Avoid smelly feet – by washing them with **vodka**.

8,000 steps daily will keep 65+ year-olds healthy – younger people should aim for 10,000 steps a day.

Our **ears** are self-cleaning – the ear muscles do a good cleaning job and cotton buds should only be used inside the auditory canal with extreme caution.

Curious facts/environment/culture

The song of the wren produces 90 dB i.e. as much “noise” as a lawn mower!

As a matter of fact, there are 452 species of bird in Belgium alone.

Why do most **uniforms have epaulettes or shoulder straps**?

In the First World War, thicker epaulettes gave protection against sabre thrusts. Soldiers also used them to secure their shoulder sashes and straps.

In modern times these remnants of the past adorn the uniforms of pilots, policemen and other officers and sometimes appear as a fashion accessory on ladies' jackets.

Where does the name **Sahara** come from? It simply means desert in Arabic, one that stretches from Africa's Atlantic coast to the Red Sea coast. It consists of red to pale yellow fine sand, small stones and even rocks and temperatures there can rise to 57°C. Apart from camels, it is home to all manner of creatures such as birds, gazelles, snakes, beetles etc. And the desert blooms for a few hours after the very rare rain storms - quite an experience.

Rome is one big fantastic open-air museum. You witness great art from the moment you touch down at the airport: passengers are greeted in Arrivals by the bust of “Salvator Mundi” created by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (d. 1680).

01 July – International Day of Cooperatives

12 July International Day of Combating Dust and Sand Storms

15 July World Youth Skills Day



18 July International Nelson Mandela Day
 20 July World Chess Day and International Moon Day
 25 July World Drowning Prevention Day
 28 July World Hepatitis Day
 30 July International Friendship Day and World Day against Human Trafficking

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

The **Nederlandse Kampeerauto Club (NKC)** has been awarded the Travelife Partner Award for sustainability. This is in recognition of NKC's efforts in the field of sustainability and social responsibility.

The 26th Dahlia Rally under F.I.C.C. patronage



The Dahlia Rally, to be organised by the Slovenska Asociacia Camping a Caravaning (Slovakia), will be held from 31 August to 3 September 2023 on the four-star Campsite Kemping SRZ in Mosovce-Drienok, a small town at the foot of the High Tatra.

Registration fee is 60€

Participants will be offered a varied programme.

An overview of the campsite and further information on www.drienok.sk





F.I.C.C. Ordinary General Assembly was held during the World Camping Festival when voting took place for the new President and Council members.

Mr. Joao ALVES PEREIRA / Portugal was re-elected as F.I.C.C. President.



The Vice-Presidents for the next three years are



Dieter ALBERT
Germany



Gérard COUTE
France

Council members are:



Dave ISBELL
Great Britain



Olli RUSI
Finland



Emanuele PAOLICELLI
Italy



Marcin ZARADKIEWICZ
Poland



IN MEMORIAM



We received the sad news of the death of Mr. Lars Häll over the weekend of 21 July 2023. He was a former F.I.C.C. Council member for Sweden and had just been appointed F.I.C.C. Honorary Member at the 2023 General Assembly.

He was present at the Opening of the World Camping Festival in Zadar but fell seriously ill the following night and despite the best efforts of the Croatian and then the Swedish doctors, and despite our hopes, prayers, thoughts and good wishes, he departed this life.

Lars Häll was 78 years old, a bank manager and chartered accountant in his professional life. From 2000 to 2015 he was a Council member of the Caravan Club of Sweden. He represented Sweden within F.I.C.C. from 2011 to 2023 and took over from Mr. Martin Gavan to head up the F.I.C.C. Statutes Commission.

Mr. Häll was a quiet, discreet man, who chose his words carefully, was very sociable and loved company. He had a typical dry Scandinavian sense of humour that would take us by surprise at many a relaxed get-together.

His wife Christina was at his side and often accompanied him; she has just lived through some difficult weeks and certainly has a hard time ahead.

We send our sympathy and our condolences to Christina, their children and grandchildren and wish them strength and fortitude.

We have many happy memories of Lars Häll as a kind, friendly, helpful gentleman who was also a conscientious hard-worker.



EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Salon des vacances from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Brussels

France: Salon des véhicules 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 6 November, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig

CMT from 13 to 21 January 2024, in Stuttgart

Reise & Camping from 28 February to 3 March 2024, in Essen

Great Britain: WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London

Caravan & Motorhome Show from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Manchester

Caravan Camping & Motorhome Show from 13 to 28 February 2024, in Birmingham

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

Vakantiebeurs from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Utrecht

Caravana from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Leeuwarden

Poland: Caravan Salon Poland from 26 to 29 October 2023, in Poznan

Portugal: Nauticampo from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Lisbon

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

Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

FITUR from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Madrid

Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 31 January to 4 February 2024, in Torre Pacheco/Murcia

Caravantur from 28 February to 3 March 2024, in Irun

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

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