



GOOD TO KNOW – JUNE 2022



World Camping Day, which will now be celebrated on 29 June every year from 2022, has been officially registered by F.I.C.C. with the UNWTO.

F.I.C.C. camping clubs and associations are invited to commemorate the hobby of so many people who enjoy and are interested in camping, living in nature and making friends across borders, through special events such as rallies, games and sports, friendly gatherings.

This special day is meant to unite young and old, rich and poor all over the world and to highlight a leisure time that embodies recreation, healthy togetherness, relaxation and also fun in the simple life.



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/>

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



Because of the ongoing pandemic and still increased travel restrictions in China,
We regret to inform you that this event had to be cancelled

71st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the NETHERLANDS



We enthusiastically started making preparations for next year's rally, soon after the 70th International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally in Coimbra/Portugal was over.
Next year's rally will be at Easter i.e. from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the Netherlands.
We invite all young people between 14 and 30 years old to come along and have a great fun weekend with us, camping and enjoying a programme of sports and games together with others from all over the world.

Further information on www.youthrally2023.nl

Yoëlle van Driel – Vice-Chair of the F.I.C.C. Youth Commission

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 from 24 JUNI to 3 JULY 2023 in STASZOW/POLAND



Official website: 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

Gas grills and barbecues need proper checking over

It is important to check whether the tubing has any hairline cracks or shows signs of being perished. If this is the case then it needs to be replaced straightaway. The pressure regulator also needs to be examined to make sure there are no particles or foreign bodies in the connecting valves.

Gas tubing and pressure regulators should be replaced at least every ten years.

When checking the connections, secure the tubing linking the grill to the gas bottle. Mix equal quantities of water and detergent and wipe over the tubing connections then open the valve on the gas bottle and if air bubbles form you know there is a leak somewhere. Cleaning the grill is best undertaken with the grill on the highest setting and the lid closed so that the accumulated fat and grease can burn off.

Legionella bacteria (Legionnaire’s disease) – a potential danger for campers – so here are some tips on how to avoid this serious and possibly fatal illness.

- ° Clean the shower head in your caravan/motorcaravan very thoroughly once a year.
- ° Heat up the water heater to 60° at least once a week.
- ° Empty the water tank if you have not used your caravan/motorcaravan for more than a week.
- ° Fill up the tank and the water heater at least once a year and add 50 ml of liquid chlorine per 100 l of water. If you make the solution more concentrated you will get a smell of chlorine that is difficult to eliminate. Run the solution through the taps (faucets) and tubes, rinse through the pipes and leave the chlorinated water in the system for 24 hours. Then empty the whole system and rinse out thoroughly.
- ° Chlorine is of no use if the tank is very dirty – chlorine disinfects but it is not a cleaning agent. So you need to use a cleaning agent (detergent) first and only disinfect with chlorine afterwards.
- ° Do not fill up your water tank using a water hose that is supplied, but bring and use your own hose that you keep in a plastic bag or case. Use this hose exclusively for filling your water tank and remember to clean it regularly. Also let water flow out through the hose briefly before inserting it into the water tank opening. If the hose is difficult to clean then it is definitely time to throw it away and replace it.
- ° If an existing hose cannot be removed from a water dispensing point, then you should look for another tapping point.
- ° Clean the hose ends and tank cap regularly with chlorine and rinse them thoroughly afterwards.
- ° Do not forget to clean the aeration outlet in the water tank i.e. the tube that is normally near the filler pipe.



Legionella bacterie do not proliferate in cold water. Remember that water in a full water tank usually remains cooler for longer than in a nearly empty tank. However, to save on weight it is better not to travel with an absolutely full tank.

Source: Kampeerauto NKC/NL

Where do you get the cheapest camping deals this year?

Everything is getting more expensive – including camping.

According to a study by ADAC, an average camping family will pay 51.12€ on a campsite in the main European holiday destinations. If you have a dog, it will cost you more especially in Slovenia, Italy and Croatia.

Camping costs are highest in Switzerland, followed by Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Great Britain, Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Germany and Sweden. Sweden is the best value where you need to reckon on 37.41€ for 2 adults, a 10-year old child, pitch rental, electricity (5kWh), hot showers and tourist tax.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Germany: 56% of Germans feel they are better protected from covid travelling in a leisure vehicle rather than taking a train or plane.

Source: Survey by the market research institute Insa-Consulere

Isabella the Danish tent and awning manufacturer is 65 years old. It operates worldwide now and offers a wide range of camping items and equipment.

Practical tips – for campers too

Campers often take their cats along with them on trips. **Cat litter** is intended to soak up moisture, prevent bad smells and should not create any dust when refilling the tray. The product should not contain any heavy metals or respirable fibres. So do read the description of contents on the packaging.

Even in a caravan or motorcaravan there are occasional problems of small particles getting caught up in the water system. To avoid **ingesting these small particles** hold a tea strainer under the nozzle of the water tap to catch them.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

The new EU drivers licence is on its way....

It will be valid for just 15 years

The EU type approval has been adapted from regulations relating to heavy goods vehicles (HGV) to apply to passenger vehicles. From now on all new vehicles must be fitted with assistance systems.

° Alcohol blocking system (from 07.2024 for all vehicles)



- ° Accident data recorder/Blackbox/Event Data Recorder “DER“: (from 07.2024 for all passenger cars including all heavy motor vehicles from 02.2029)
- ° Warning system for driver’s drop in concentration: (from 07.2026 for all vehicles)
- ° Intelligent Speed Adaptation “ISA“ : (from 07.2024 for all vehicles)
- ° Driver Drowsiness and Attention Warning “DDAW“ – Attention Assist: from 07.2024 for all vehicles
- ° Reversing Detection “RD“: from 07.2024 for all vehicles
- ° Cybersecurity: from 07.2024 for all vehicles including motorcaravans up to 3.5 t
- ° Advanced Emergency Braking System with Emergency-Stop Signal “AEBS + ESS“ – City Safety, Pedestrian Emergency Braking System: (from 07.2024 for all passenger cars and light goods and utility vehicles)
- ° Development of an emergency braking system: (from 07.2026 for all passenger cars and light goods and utility vehicles)
- ° Lane Keep Assist “LKA“ – Lane Departure Avoidance “LDA“, Lane Departure Protection “LPD“: (from 07.2024 for all passenger cars and light utility vehicles)

Regarding heavy motor vehicles over 3.5 t, including motorcaravans

- ° Collision warning system for pedestrians and cyclists – Blind Spot Information System for the detection of Bicycles “BSIS“: (from 07.2024 for all passenger cars and light utility vehicles)
- ° Blind Spot Assist: (from 07.2024 for all heavy motor vehicles)
- ° EU type approval mandatory for automatic vehicles: (from 07.07.2024 for all automatic vehicles).

Source: Federal Highways’ Office ASTRA

Health

Egg cartons should only be used once. They are difficult to clean and chicken waste on eggshells can stick to the cardboard container allowing salmonella to spread very quickly.

Water in a kettle etc should not be reheated because after it has been left to stand for any length of time, harmful residues from the kettle material can build up in the water. If your kettle is made of stainless steel there might be traces of nickel that can lead to an allergic reaction in some people.

First Aid for a nosebleed : In an acute case, bend the person’s head forwards. This causes blood pressure to fall and stops the bleeding. Do not move the head backwards (towards the back of the neck) because blood will trickle down through the esophagus and could cause vomiting. A cold compress on the neck can help however because this causes a reflex action making the blood vessels in the nose contract which also helps stop the blood flow. If this does not work, pinch the nose for a few minutes.

If the nose is still bleeding after about 20 minutes, seek the advice of a doctor in case there is a serious underlying medical condition.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The **narrowest house in Europe** is in Bregenz/Austria. The façade of the house on Kirchstrasse is just 57 cm wide.

The red patch or spot on the underneath of the beak of grey and other **seagulls** is thought to be an aid for young birds. They peck at this particular spot to show that they are hungry.



Elephants do not have more creases and wrinkles than humans but, because of their thick skin, these are more visible and they ensure that the elephant's hide stays loose and "baggy"!

Until 26 June 2022, the Frieder Burda Museum in Baden-Baden/Germany is staging an extraordinary exhibition entitled "Wert und Wandel der Korallen" (Valuable and changing coral). Margaret and Christine Wertheim come from Australia and are highlighting the ecological threat to coral reefs by urging people to crochet patterns from this colourful underwater world. Thousands of people worldwide have joined forces with them to reproduce a crocheted version of this most fragile ocean eco-system.

Leipzig (D) is hosting a **Music Festival** in June this year that is dedicated especially to Bach, Wagner and Mendelssohn. The 2023 Festival will be dedicated to the composer Gustav Mahler.

From 2024,, there is to be only one uniform charger for phones, tablets, etc. in the EU.

06 April - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

03 May - International Press Freedom Day

31 May - World No Tobacco Day

03. June – European Day off he

07 June - World Oceans Day

08 June - Best Friends Day

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

Caravan Club of Sweden (S) is organising the Nordisk Camping Festival in Falun from 6 to 10 July. Campers who are members of an F.I.C.C. affiliated club or federation are welcome to attend the event.



For further information, please contact the Caravan Club of Sweden E-Mail: kansli@carvanclub.

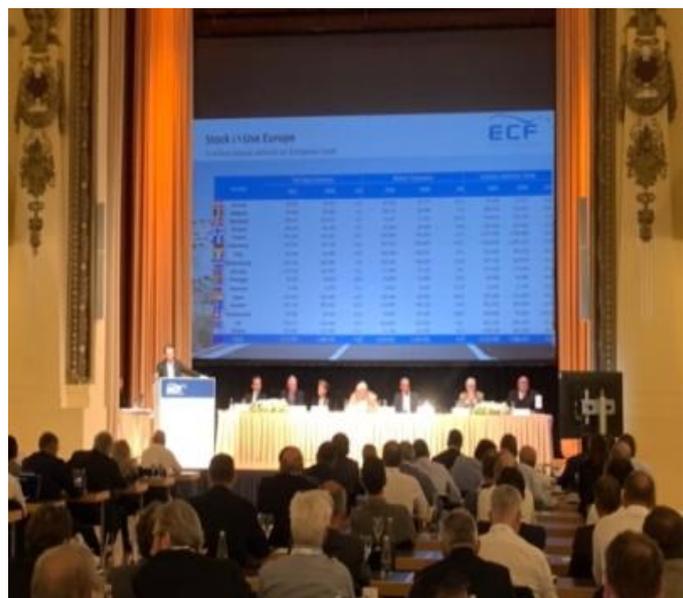


The **Deutsche Camping Club e.V.** awarded the DCC Europa Prize 2022 in February. Award-winners were campsites in Germany (Camping Resort Bodenmais) and Kesten Caravan and Motorhome Park, followed by Austria (Camping Schlossberg Itter), Spain (Bonterra Resort) and France (Camping Tréguer-Plage).

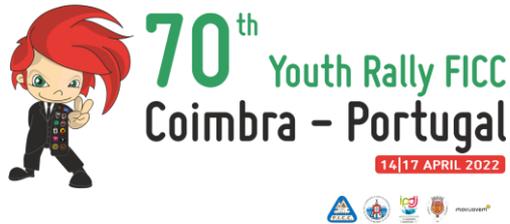
F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira accepted an invitation to attend the General Assembly of **Confedercampeggio/Italy** in May. See photo below with President Giovanni Grassi.



Furthermore, F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira attended the annual meeting of ECF (European Caravan Federation) in Ljubljana/Slovenia



F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira and ECF President Hermann Pfaff



Easter 2022, the young campers spent a wonderful time in Coimbra/Portugal. A total of 111 young people (52 from Portugal, 49 from UK and 10 from the Netherlands) took part in the event. 35 stayed in tents, 9 in bungalows and two in caravans. The focus of the programme was a new technologies and new means of communication but also many fun games like Goose hunt in the city, traditional Games at the swimming pool, disco in the evening etc. etc. were enjoyed a lot. Our thanks for the successful rally go to the organising committee of the FCMP. You can find pictures under 'juventude_fcmp' on Instagram





"CAMPING IN CROATIAN TOURISM"

Is a new book written in cooperation between the authors and the University of Zagreb, with a special focus on camping tourism.

The interesting book will certainly contribute to making Croatia even better known and more popular as one of the leading camping countries in Europe, based both on the quality of campsites, the unique natural beauty and the friendly welcome of the Croatian hosts.



EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Camper Van Summit in Tirol from 29 September to 3 October, in St. Martin

Belgium: Salon des vacances, in March 2023, in Brüssel

Czech Republic: Caravaning from 3 to 6 November 2022, in Brno
Caravan planned for in November 2022, in Prague

Finland: Caravan 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

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 26 August to 4 September 2022
Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 2022, in Bremen

Great Britain: The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show from 22 to 24 July 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

Portugal: Nauticampo in October 2022, in Lisbon

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

USA: RV Show planned for January 2023, in Pittsburgh

Boston RV & Camping Expo planned for January 2023, in Boston

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