



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2023

THE F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023
is happening from 23 June to 1 July in the wonderful
holiday resort of ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)



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(Instructions were given in Circular N° 3)



PROGRAMME

FICC World Camping Festival 2023.

	23.06.	24.06.	25.06.	26.06.	27.06.	28.06.	29.06.	30.06.	01.07.
08:00			EXCURSION TO ZADAR HALF DAY - Optional 8:30 – 12:30 h	EXCURSION TO NP KRKA WHOLE DAY – Optional 8:00 – 17:00h	BOAT EXCURSION KORNATI NP WHOLE DAY - Optional 8:00 – 17:00 h			BOAT EXCURSION TO SILBA ISLAND WHOLE DAY - Optional 8:30 – 17:00 h	CHECK-OUT
09:00	CHECK-IN	FREE TOUR TO NIN - Optional	<u>Price:</u> Adults: 32€ 6-12 yr: 15€ 0-6 yr: Free <u>Includes:</u> • Transfer Van • Guided tour of the Old Town • Ticket for St. Donat church • Maraschino tasting	<u>Price:</u> Adults 82€ 6-12 yr 41€ 0-6 yr Free <u>Includes:</u> • Transfer Van • Ticket for NP Krka • Guided Tour	<u>Price:</u> Adults: 64€ 6-12 yr: 32€ 0-6 yr: Free <u>Includes:</u> • Boat ride to NP Kornati and back • Coffee + cookies • Consumption of water, juice, wine (white, red) • Sandwich (ham and cheese) • Stay at NP Kornati 11:00 – 14:00 h • Lunch on board (meat, fish, potato salad)	General Assembly FICC 2023.	International Camping Day	<u>Price:</u> Adults: 60€ 6-12 yr: 30€ 0-6 yr: Free <u>Includes:</u> • Boat ride to Silba Island and back • Welcome drink • Sandwich (ham and cheese) • Consumption of water, juice, wine (white, red) • Stay on the Silba Island: 11:00 – 14:30h • Lunch on board	
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11:00									
12:00									
16:00									
17:00									
18:00									
19:00			Parade of the Nations						
20:00			Opening Ceremony					Closing Ceremony	
21:00 – 23:00		Live Music Band	Welcome Party + Live Music Band	Dalmatian Night	Live Music	Live Music	Zaton's got talent Show	Farewell Party	

*The organizer reserves the right to make changes within the program of the event.

**The organizer reserves the right to modify the conditions or to cancel the excursions in case of an insufficient number of registered participants. Should any excursion be cancelled by the organizer for organizational reasons or as a result of force majeure, the organizer will refund the excursion fee in full.



How to reach us

Arriving by car you can choose three roads: **A1 motorway** for a fast and comfortable trip; scenic **D8 state road** that follows the coastline and beautiful **D1 state road** going past Plitvice Lakes National Park. For the quickest and the least tiring arrival particularly from more distant countries, you can simply fly to **Zadar Airport** located approx. 30 km from Zaton Holiday Resort.

Zaton Holiday Resort – about us

One of the most beautiful and largest Croatian (and European) camping resorts, Zaton Holiday Resort is located in the district of Nin in Zadar Region. Since 2009 the resort has been a member of the prestigious international association "Leading Campings of Europe" and has won numerous recognitions and awards.

This modern family resort covers an area of 100 ha and is adorned with pine forest and rich Mediterranean vegetation, a 1.5 km long sandy beach and an irresistible swimming pool complex. Lovers of traditional camping will enjoy pitches equipped with water, electricity and draining, while guests without their own camping equipment can choose between modern apartments, air-conditioned mobile homes and safari-style glamping tents.

Zaton Holiday Resort is an ideal place for a carefree holiday with plenty of fun for the entire family. The animation team will make sure that the youngest guests enjoy their time playing games, socializing, and participating in various activities. For everyone else, there are many recreational opportunities: horseback riding, tennis, diving, sailing, archery, mini golf, to name only a few.

The evenings are perfect for exploring diverse gastronomic experiences and entertainment program in the open-air theater and other locations within the resort.

Excursions to nearby national parks complement the relaxing holiday for the whole family, four-legged friends included.

ACCOMMODATION

- pitches with electric hook-up and connection for fresh and waste water
- non-parceled camping plots with electric hook-up
- mobile homes (30m²–34m²) with air conditioning, SAT TV and Wi-Fi Internet
- glamping tents (41m²) with SAT TV, Wi-Fi Internet and partially covered terrace
- 4* apartments (25m²-64m²) for 2-6 persons with SAT TV, air conditioning and Wi-Fi Internet
- 3* apartments (20m²-35m²) for 2-5 persons with SAT TV, air conditioning and Wi-Fi Internet

GASTRONOMY

- various à la carte restaurants
- pizzeria
- fast-food
- buffet restaurant
- pool bar
- beach bar
- pastry shop
- tavern

SPORT & RECREATION

- multifunctional playgrounds
- beach volley and volleyball
- basketball, five-a-side football and handball



- adventure golf
- 12 tennis courts
- table tennis
- bocce
- mini golf
- SUP and kayaks for rent
- golf range (with golf lessons)
- bicycles and e-bicycles for rent
- boats for rent
- diving (with diving lessons)
- waterskiing (with waterskiing lessons)
- windsurfing (with windsurfing lessons)
- riding (with riding lessons)
- archery (with archery lessons)

ENTERTAINMENT

- all day entertainment for all ages
- sport and recreational entertainment
- evening entertainment at the theatre
- Zatonino mini club
- children's playgrounds
- playground with climbing nets
- discotheque Saturnus at 1 km

FACILITIES

- outdoor swimming pools with heated water
- swimming pools for children and a spray park
- 5 sanitary facilities, 4 of which are adapted for people with walking disabilities
- free Wi-Fi Internet

Internet point at the reception for apartments

- supermarket
- fruits and vegetables shop
- bakery
- sport and beach equipment shops
- newsstand and souvenir shop
- candy shop
- Zatonino Gift Shop
- hairdresser
- fitness room and open air fitness
- massage and beauty salon
- port with moorings and boat ramp
- doctor
- gas sales
- fridges rental
- car and camping equipment washing area
- barbecue area



- EV charging stations

BEACH

- 1,5 km long sandy and pebbly beach suitable for children
- entrance and exit from the sea adapted for people with disabilities
- separated beach for dogs
- sea floating water park
- deck chairs and sunbeds

Say Yes! To Zadar Region, Say Yes! To Everything

Zadar Region has a truly amazing geographical position, located in the centre of the East Adriatic and surrounded by stunning nature of great variety. This is the place where natural and cultural heritage coexist in perfect harmony.

Historical cities, national parks, nature parks, islands, reserves, forests, fields, groves, bays, coves and beaches are all integral part of this great story that captures the heart and intrigues the mind. So be sure to discover for yourself what inspires thousands of visitors to always come back in search for new experiences in friendly and familiar setting of the Zadar Region.

Places of interest within Zadar Region or in immediate vicinity

Nin - European Destination of Excellence, the oldest royal Croatian town and the place where the Croatian state was born

Take a walk or cycle to Nin, a charming Dalmatian town full of history and legends. Visit the smallest cathedral in the world, the Church of the Holy Cross, learn about salt production and wish for luck by touching the golden toe of Gregory of Nin's statue. **Distance from the resort: 2 km.** Recommended form of travel: on foot, by bike or by tourist train directly from Zaton Holiday Resort.

Town of Zaton

Despite its size, Zaton indeed has a few cultural-historical attractions which are interesting to see and learn about: Kaštelina tower built by the Venetians to defend Nin from the Ottomans, the parish church built in the 17th century dedicated to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the underwater world with rich archaeological findings now on display in the Museum of Nin Antiquities. Both Nin and Zaton are also known for their beautiful sandy and pebble beaches, crystal clear sea and enchanting sunsets. **Distance from the resort: 1,5 km.**

Zadar, regional center

Take a trip down history lane on Zadar's historical peninsula! Walk along its defensive walls and gates recently inscribed on the UNESCO's List of World Heritage Site as an example of Venetian Works of Defence. With its 9th century St. Donatus' Church, remains of ancient Roman Forum as well as modern attractions Greetings to the Sun and Sea Organ, Zadar is known for its rich cultural historical heritage. **Distance from the resort: 17 km**



Kornati Islands National Park

It is said that God created the Kornati islands out of tears, stars and divine breath. In order to appreciate the amazing shapes of round 150 islands, islets and rocks, take an exciting boat trip to this sailing paradise. **Distance from the resort: 2,5 h (one way)**. Recommended form of travel: organized trip by boat (directly from Zaton Holiday Resort).

Silba island

Small in size, the island hides some of the most beautiful beaches on the Adriatic, and is surrounded by the cleanest and bluest sea. With over 2,570 hours of sunshine per year, a wonderful climate and an indescribably turquoise sea, Silba is a hidden gem that will delight you with its uniqueness and hospitality. It is also called the Pedestrian Island by the locals since no cars or motorcycles are permitted. **Distance from the resort: 2,5 h (one way)**. Recommended form of travel: organized trip by boat (directly from Zaton Holiday Resort).

Paklenica National Park

Take a deep breath and let the nature around you inspire you! Primeval beech forests in Paklenica are inscribed on the UNESCO's List, but the national park is an exceptional wonder of nature with geomorphological shapes, caves and canyons as well as rich biodiversity. **Distance from the resort: 63 km.**

Krka National Park

Let every member of the family get in touch with nature - walk barefoot along the trails, admire the fish in transparent water, take a relaxing boat ride to Visovac island, swim by Skradinski buk and Roški slap waterfalls. **Distance from the resort: 85 km.**

Discover famous natural and cultural sights, enjoy the best that the region has to offer and experience your dream vacation in Zaton Holiday Resort and Zadar Region.

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



Further information www.youthrally2023.nl and youthrally2023@gmail.com

Also on Instagram and Facebook
Link: <https://bit.ly/m/dutchrally23>



**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 Taipeh City.

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

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Martens are an absolute menace as far as motorists and caravanners are concerned. These small creatures seek shelter under a vehicle and when they detect the scent of another marten they go into territorial defence mode and bite away through tubing, ignition cables and even insulation mats. Some insurance companies will cover this sort of havoc caused by martens, but only the actual damaged parts, not any consequential damage.



Martens react to smell and experts advise having your engine washed professionally or using a spray that eliminates scent marks. A grid or wire mesh placed under the vehicle can help, or even installing an ultrasound marten protection device, although that technology tends to disturb and confuse cats and birds.

Traps can be set up, but in Germany for example, only with a hunting licence and permit and not during the closed season that lasts from the middle of October to the end of February.

Sweden: Six million overnight stays on Swedish campsites

The highest number was recorded in July 2022 (international visitors accounted for 29%) but the camping sector reported record growth throughout the summer generating 913 million krone i.e. 14% more than the same period in 2021. During the period from January to July, the number of overnight stays on Swedish campsites was at least 1.3 million, an increase of 12%. There are plans to expand the infrastructure in the coming years: increased accommodation capacity, new service installations and a wider spectrum of activities are high on the list of priorities. There are currently 310 campsites that offer a total of 7,000 holiday chalets/cottages and 50,000 pitches.

Source: Caravan Club of Sweden (Fritidsmagasinet)

Practical tips – for campers too

Lemons are better than vinegar when it comes to **cleaning water systems!** Most people descale their tanks or water systems with acetic acid but this is not a good idea because most rubber reacts badly to acetic acid. Rubber sealing include o-rings or seals on a perlator/aerator but it is present in a good many less obvious places besides. A good alternative is citric acid – but it is slightly more expensive.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

It is a good idea to have an **emergency pack** at the ready in your **caravan or camper**. In the event of a storm, fire, flood etc you often need to leave your accommodation in a hurry, so think about having a bag with essentials handy. Ideally this should include a change of clothes (perhaps for several days), documents (passport, ID card, birth certificate etc or other important documents) valuables, mobile phone, chargers, spectacles, torch and batteries. Last but not least, medication that you need to take regularly.

Vodka the all-rounder: To remove a bandage painlessly, soak the bandage in vodka. The "stuff" dissolves the adhesive

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Health

The perfect conditions for a good night's sleep are :

° Darkness – the darker it is, the more melatonin your body produces, an essential hormone that promotes sleep and is an antidote to the stress hormone cortisol.

° Oxygen level: it is best to sleep with a window open or at least a tilted open window.



° Background noise: absolute silence is not necessary. On the contrary, in short wake phases, a regularly recurring sound such as an alarm clock or the gentle humming of a fridge reassures the body that you are in a familiar and safe place and helps you fall asleep again.

° Room temperature: The ideal room temperature is between 14° and 18°C.

° Blue light: light from a TV, smartphone or i-pad is extremely disturbing. It is not enough to turn the TV off a quarter of an hour before going to sleep. The brain sometimes needs up to an hour and a half to recover from the effect of blue light and prepare for the all important dream phase.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Interesting Art Exhibitions in Germany in 2023

Potsdam : Claude Monet until 11 June

Berlin : Gustav Klimt from 23 June to 22 October

Essen : Marc Chagall from 1 September 2023 to 7 January 2024

Berlin : Edvard Munch from 15 September 2023 to 21 January 2024

Many of the house facades in **Tbilisi, Georgia** are decorated with delightful murals. Artists have been attracted to this capital city over the years and their huge paintings are most impressive. They are renowned the world over.

The largest floating city in the world is to be found in a lagoon in the Maldives (Indian Ocean), and 20,000 people are making it their home. A Dutch company developed the residential housing complex that lies on the water and is anchored to the sea floor. Creating the “Maldives Floating City” has become an inescapable necessity because, thanks to climate change, sea levels are rising and it is reckoned that within the next 70 years or so, the islands themselves could well be submerged.

Source: RTL TV

Ghent City Museum/Belgium (STAM) is displaying an exhibition on “Skyline - Highrise in the Low Countries” until 21 May 2023. Using Flemish and Dutch cities, the exhibition focuses on urban and architectural aspects of city life and how they have shaped their skylines, how cities have gained their place on a map and transformed the landscape to their advantage and the likely challenges that lie ahead.

We all know that **in general bees** are having a difficult time of it. Many garden and balcony owners are now beginning to plant bee-friendly flowers, shrubs, bushes, etc to ensure that bees get enough food and guarantee our honey supply.

But even wild bees have problems because, thanks to the use of insecticides, they cannot find enough to eat either.

One special wild bee is the **silk bee** which protects its offspring from the wet and bacteria by means of a silk-type lining in the breeding cells. These bees swarm out in March and lay their eggs mainly in gravel or sand.

01.03. Zero Discrimination Day

03.03 World Wildlife Day

08.03 International Women’s Day

20.03 International Francophonie Day and International Day of Happiness



- 21.03. International Forestry Day
- 21.03. International Day against Racism
- 21.03 World Down's Syndrome Day
- 21.03 World Poetry Day
- 22.03. World Water Day
- 23.03. World Meteorology Day
- 24.03. World Tuberculosis Day
- 25.03. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members

INTERESTING SNIPITS FROM F.I.C.C. MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

CIVD (Caravaning Industrie Verband e.V.) and the Düsseldorf Messe (Salon) have renewed their cooperation agreement until 2028. They started working together in 1994 and have made the Caravan Salon one of the biggest trade fairs/exhibitions in the leisure vehicle industry. The 62nd Caravan Salon Düsseldorf will be held from 26 August to 3 September 2023.

EXHIBITIONS

- Austria:** Ferien Messe Wien, 6 to 19 March 2023, in Vienna
- Urlaub & Camping, 31 March to 2 April 2023, in Wels
- Camper Van Summit Tirol from, in St. Martin
- Caravan Salon Austria, 18 to 22 October 2023, in Wels
- Belgium:** Salon des vacances, 24 to 27 March 2023, in Brussels
- Mobicar, 20 to 24 October 2023, in Brussels
- China:** International Outdoor Sports & Sporting Goods Exhibition, 27 to 29 March 2023, in Shanghai
- Czech Republic:** 2 to 5 November 2023, in Brno
- Denmark:** Camping January 2024, in Aalborg
- Outdoor, February 2025, in Aalborg
- Finland:** Caravan Show, 21 to 23 April 2023, in Turku
- France :** Salon Mondial du Tourisme, 17 to 20 March 2023, in Paris
- Salon des vehicules de loisir, 7 to 15 October 2023, in Paris
- Salon du camping-car, 7 to 15 October 2023, in Villepinte (near Paris)
- SETT, 8 to 10 November 2023, in Montpellier
- Germany:** ITB, 10 to 12 March 2023, in Berlin
- Camping & Caravaning Rostock, 17 to 19 March 2023, in Rostock
- Freizeit, Touristik & Garten, 2 to 26 March 2023, in Nürnberg
- Caravan Salon, 26 August to 3 September 2023, in Düsseldorf
- Caravan Bremen, 4 and 5 November 2023, in Bremen
- Touristik & Camping, 22 to 26 November 2023, in Leipzig
- Reisen & Caravan, 28 to 31 October 2023, in Erfurt
- Reiselust, 25 to 27 November 2023, in Bremen



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

Italy: Salone del Camper, 9 to 17 September 2023, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair, 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht
Camperbeurs, 22 to 24 September 2023, in Hardenberg

Portugal: Nauticamp, 2 to 7 August 2023, in Lisbon

Poland: Camper Caravan Show, 29 September to 1 October 2023, in Warsaw

Sweden: Kistamässan, 31 March to 2 April 2023, in Stockholm

Spain: Expocamp, 18 to 20 March 2023, in Avilés

Fine Salon Int. du tourisme on 1 and 2 March 2023, in Valladolid

B-Travel, 10 to 12 March 2023, in Barcelona

Caravaning, 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

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

Switzerland: Auszeit Luzern, 28 April to 7 May 2023, in Lucerne

Camping Tage, 24 to 26 March 2023, in Lucerne

Suisse Caravan Salon, 26 to 30 October 2023, in Bern

Turkey: Camping & Caravaning Istanbul, 8 to 12 March 2023, in Istanbul

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