



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

**22nd F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY
from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE 2024
in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY,
GANGWON Province/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)



This event will take place at the picturesque Jamboree Training Centre in Goseong-gun, at the foot of Seorak, one of the highest mountains in Korea.

There are camping facilities and an interesting programme including special excursions and K-POP experience.

All members of F.I.C.C. affiliated clubs and federations may take part in this Asia- Pacific rally and are cordially invited to come and discover this beautiful part of South Korea.

Full information on <https://www.koreacamping.net/>

This website became active at the end of January.



F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 in ALICANTE/Spain
from 26 June to 4 July
at the Alannia campsite on the Costa Blanca



The camping pitches are approx. 90 m² in size.

- The maximum occupancy of the pitch is 6 people in total (including children)
- A maximum of one camping unit (caravan/motorhome) is permitted per pitch

For campers who wish to participate in the festival without their camping equipment, Alannia Camping offers bungalows that can be booked directly via the website <https://alanniaresorts.com>.

In order to receive the special price for these bookings, you must prove that you are participating in the WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024. Please contact your club for the booking code.

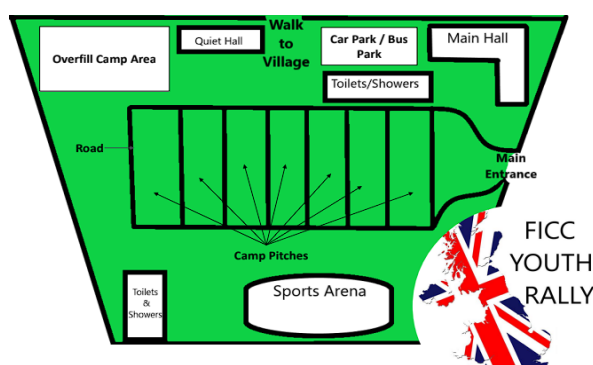
Bookings for participation in the WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL must be made before 26 May 2024 and will only be accepted as a booking through your respective club or association.

A varied entertainment and interesting excursion programme awaits you

Further information at: website under construction



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



The rally site is 20 minutes by foot from the village and has all the necessary infrastructure i.e. showers, toilets, electricity on the pitches, cooking facilities, a bar etc. etc.

There will be an excursion to Loch Ness, a haggis race/competition, highland games and numerous other recreational games and - competitions.

Airports: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen.

The organisers can help with transport to the rally site.

The nearest railway station is 20 miles away but the organisers are prepared to collect rally-goers.

There is a direct coach from London to Inverness where the organisers can pick up rally-goers and take them to the rally site.

Booking via <https://ficc2024gb.co.uk/registration/>

Booking deadline is 18 February 2024

Further information on <https://ficc2024gb.co.uk/>

or email: ficc2024gb@gmail.com



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	



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.

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

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



101 Building

Taiwan or Formosa lies 180 kms to the east of China. An island state, it is a modern country but still clings to its ancient traditions. Its capital city is Taipei, well known for its night markets where you can find anything and everything and the National Museum has a really interesting collection of works of art from the Chinese Empire. You cannot miss the 509m high 101 skyscraper that towers above everything in Taipei. It used to be the city's tallest building and you have an amazing view over the city from the viewing platform.

Taiwan has a democratically elected government and its currency is the new Taiwan dollar. It has a population of 23.57 million people and a surface area of 36,197 sq.m., much of it mountainous (Yu Shan is 3,952 m), lush and green. The climate is tropical in the south and sub-tropical in the north (very humid). Summers (April to November) are very warm and winters are mild.

You will find a wealth of information on @taiwantourisme – taiwantourismus.de-eng.taiwan.nt.tw/w1.aspx

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



Wellness Spa at Bad Griesbach



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

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026

Venue: Vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV





Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The heat generated by **solar panels on the top of a caravan** can be intense enough to damage the gluing and insulating material that make up the caravan's sandwich roof. So it is advisable not to fix the panel directly on to the roof but to mount it on a frame leaving a gap between the panel and roof.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Tents are back in fashion especially those that are lightweight and easy to pitch. One example is Naturehike's Pop-up tent that on average weighs just over 4 kgs and folds up neatly into its own carrying bag. It should only take 5 minutes to put up and can sleep up to three people.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

The EasyBe dishwashing service carried out **1,200,000 washing/rinsing cycles** on European campsites in the 2023 season thereby saving 45 million litres of drinkable hot water.

According to **UNWTO**, international tourism will have regained its pre-pandemic level by the end of 2024. There are three contributory factors: an explosion in increased demand for travel, improved air transport and the recovery noted in Asian markets and holiday destinations.

Nine percent of **Dutch caravan owners** are still on the look-out for somewhere to park their vehicle; 73 % have a parking space but the others have to park their caravan at home.

The **majority of owners of caravans/motorcaravans** take their caravans off the road for a time each year and give it a break. This is what NKC/Netherlands discovered after carrying out a survey of 3,198 campers. Only 16% of campers remain active throughout the entire year whereas most use their caravan for four to six months and leave it to rest for around five months, including of course the winter months of December and January. Just a small number of caravanners only use their vehicle in the winter and not the summer. These are most likely "overwinterers".

Source: NKC/NL

Czech Republic: Whereas the Republic only recorded 8,354 registered motorcaravans and 31,235 caravans in 2013, and the number of caravans only increased to 31,286 by the middle of 2023, there has been a boom in the number of motorcaravans which has leapt to the impressive figure of 27,414.

Source: AKK CR

Austria: 2023 was a record year for camping in Austria with campsites recording 8.3 million overnight stays. This means an increase in growth of approx. 6% compared with 2022. Austrian camping clubs also noted an increase in membership which – as the President of ÖCC, Tomas Mehlmauer, pointed out – reflected a love of the camping lifestyle and its advantages, notably flexibility and the sense of freedom.

The most popular regions were Carinthia (Kärnten), Tirol, the area around Salzburg, Styria (Steiermark), castle country (Burgenland), Vorarlberg and Lower Austria. Campsites and parking spaces in Vienna accounted for 104,222 overnight stays.

Austrian campers themselves took off mainly for Croatia, Italy, Scandinavia and Greece but also as far afield as the USA, Canada, Iceland, Australia and New Zealand.

Source: ÖCC/Extract Camping Business



Over 200,000 new registrations once more: European market stabilises at pre-pandemic level

Interest in caravanning remains high across Europe. However both the effects of the pandemic and geopolitical crises have left their mark on the European caravanning industry: the market for new vehicles saw a decline of around 4 percent in 2023 compared to the previous year. In total over 210,000 caravans and motorcaravans were newly registered in Europe.

Once again, the European caravanning industry faced twelve challenging months. Despite high interest in leisure vehicles, the past year saw the impacts of economic and geopolitical crises affecting the production of motorcaravans and caravans. In 2023, the industry experienced a decrease of approximately 4.2 percent with around 210,080 newly registered leisure vehicles. Nevertheless, it once again surpassed the 200,000 new registrations mark, as seen in preceding years.

European market below previous year's level

Germany is by far the most significant caravanning market in Europe, accounting for the largest share of new registrations with a total of 90,365 units. The German market demonstrated relative stability with a slight decrease of 0.7 percent. France, as the second-largest market, experienced a slight decline of 1.7 percent with 31,384 new registrations. The United Kingdom, with approximately 25,400 units (-1.2 percent) also fell just below the previous year's level.

The motorcaravan segment was unable to reach the record level of the first few years of the pandemic: Germany, the largest sales market, slightly exceeded its previous year's result with 68,469 new registrations (+3 percent). France followed with 23,936 new registrations and a drop of 2.7 percent. The United Kingdom, the third-largest motorhome market, was up around 3 percent on the previous year with some 12,200 units.

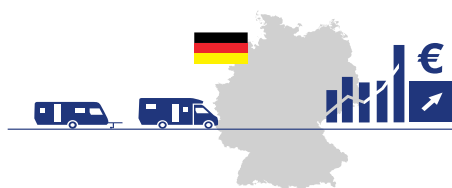
The caravan segment recorded lower new registration figures in almost all of Europe, as demonstrated by a look at the three largest markets: Germany was down 10.5 percent with 21,896 new registrations. It was followed by the United Kingdom with around 13,200 units (approx. -5 per cent) and the Netherlands with 6,781 new registrations (-14.7 per cent).

Source: ECF



Das Caravaning-Jahr 2023 in Zahlen

The caravanning year 2023 in numbers



Neuzulassungen Newly registered



21.896
↓ -10,5 %



68.469
↑ +3,0 %



90.365
↓ -0,7 %

Produktion Production



44.869
↓ -17,4 %

88.699
↑ +18,3 %

133.568
↑ +3,3 %

Export Export



21.067
↓ -20,0 %
47,0 % Ausfuhrquote
47,0 % Export share

30.917
↑ +9,3 %
34,9 % Ausfuhrquote
34,9 % Export share

51.984
↓ -4,8 %
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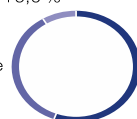
Umsatz der deutschen Freizeitfahrzeug-Industrie Sales volume of the German leisure vehicle industry



15,3 Mrd. ↑ +8,8 %
Gesamtumsatz
Total sales volume

1,3 Mrd.
Zubehör
Accessories
↑ +6,0 %

5,5 Mrd.
Gebrauchtfahrzeuge
Pre-owned vehicles
↑ +4,6 %



8,5 Mrd.
Neufahrzeuge
New vehicles
↑ +12,1 %

Quelle: CIVD-Erhebungen, Schätzungen
Source: CIVD surveys, estimates



Practical tips – for campers too

Tea or coffee can often leave stains and residue in frequently used thermos flasks. These can be removed by filling the flask with water and adding a denture cleaner tablet. Leave overnight then rinse thoroughly.

Wooden boards can best be cleaned by rubbing with a cut lemon, sprinkling with salt and rubbing again with the lemon 15 minutes later. This removes the odour of garlic and onion.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Netherlands: 100 km/h for motorcaravans. A warning triangle and first aid kit are all obligatory but a reflective vest, fire extinguisher and spare light bulbs are not mandatory in your car. Neither is carrying a spare tyre or a repair kit. Nevertheless having a reflective vest and a fire extinguisher makes sense and is recommended.

You may drive at 120 km/h: Daytime between 6 am - 7 pm 100 km/h; 7 pm to 6 am 130 km/h or 120 km/h depending on road signs. Applies to passenger cars, motorbikes and motorcaravans up to 3.5 t.

Speed limit in built-up areas: 50 km/h. Applies to all vehicles and on all roads in built-up areas, unless otherwise indicated.

Speed limit outside built-up areas: 80 km/h; on expressways/highways: 100 km/h.

Vehicles over 3.5 t total permissible weight may normally only drive at 80 km/h outside a built-up area. This speed limit also applies in the Netherlands when you are travelling in a motorcaravan over 3.5 t total weight.

Roundabouts: If one of the countless roundabouts displays the sign “Roundabout”, you have priority. If however there is no such sign, the Dutch highway code states that the vehicle that enters the roundabout first has priority.

Winter tyres are not mandatory in the Netherlands.

A green stripe on roads means the speed limit is 100 km/h.

There are **no compulsory vignettes** in the Netherlands, but two tunnels are subject to tolls.

A continuous yellow line on the kerb indicates absolutely no stopping: you may neither park nor stop.

Cyclists: Around 60 percent of roundabouts in Dutch towns have a separate cycle lane that encircles the roundabout and crosses exit lanes. In most urban areas cyclists have priority and vehicles must give way.

Low emission zones have been introduced in Amsterdam and many other towns viz. The Hague, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Utrecht, Breda, Delft, Eindhoven, Hertogenbosch, Leiden, Tilburg, Rijswijk and Arnheim. The type of vehicle targeted varies. Inquire at your automobile club.



Health

When you go off on any trip, camping or to a lake, make sure you always have an onion with you. When freshly cut, it is a good remedy for insect bites – it relieves pain and prevents swelling.

It is better not to drink coffee while taking **medication**. Diabetics are advised to avoid coffee altogether because it can cause a blood sugar spike and reduce insulin sensitivity. Asthmatics who take aminophyllin should be aware that too much caffeine can have side effects such as insomnia and strong palpitations. Caution is also recommended for people on antidepressants such as fluvoxamin and medication for Alzheimer's disease. Coffee can reduce the effectiveness of some medication including pills for lowering blood pressure (antihypertensives) or for managing an underactive thyroid gland (hypothyroidism). In any case one should always take pills with a glass of water.

Culture/environment/general interest

Belize in Central America can boast having the **most colourful national flag**. It has twelve colours, two men, a shield, mahogany tree, ship etc. and the country's motto "Sub Umbra Floreo".

The most popular board game is **Monopoly**.

Netherlands: A splendid museum worth visiting in The Hague is the Escher Museum (Maurits Escher 1898-1972). It is in the former winter palace of the Queen Mother Emma (who was born in Bad Arolsen/Germany), and is where former Queen Beatrix had her office.

France: The French government is reminding people of their obligation to clear the undergrowth on their land to help prevent brush fires. The French Ministry for Ecological Development and Territorial Protection stresses the need to cut back trees and bushes near buildings and clear the ground of dry grass, twigs and branches as these can catch fire easily and often cause large scale forest fires. As far as campsites are concerned, they should clear undergrowth/brushwood in a radius of 50 – 100 m of the actual campsite.



UPDATES FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS/PARTNERS

**NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in Kiuruvesi/Finland
under F.I.C.C. patronage**



Further information on: nordicrally.fi.

Also see:

www.visitkiuruvesi.fi/

www.kiuruvesi.fi/In-English

**The 24th Adria Camping Rally organised by UDRUGA KAMPISTA HRVATSKE (UKH) will be held from 23 to 30 June 2024 at the
Camping Amadria Park in Sibenik/Croatia.**



Camping AMADRIA PARK
Šibenik, 23.-30. lipnja 2024.

Further information from: ukh@camping-croatia.com



The DCC (Deutscher Camping Club) Safety Award 2024 went to Bürstner Lyseo motorhomes.

The European Awards 2024 of the German Camping Club (DCC) for campsites were presented to European campsites that meet the DCC criteria at a ceremony at the Essen fair, which took place from 28 February to 3 March.



DCC President Dieter Albert.



Roll-up for the World Camping Festival in Spain

The European Parliament has just voted in favour of the ECF proposal to extend the B driving licence to all motor caravans up to 4.25 tonnes. After the Council last December, the second EU institution has now also voted in favour regarding the increase of the B driving licence for motor caravans up to 4.25 t. The exact conditions will be negotiated in the trilogue between the Commission, Council and Parliament after the elections to the European Parliament (6 to 9 June 2024). However, the 4.25 t should be safe as of today. Apart from motor caravans, only ambulances can benefit from this regulation, regardless of technology. Otherwise, the increase in the B driving licence total weight from over 3.5 t to 4.25 t will only apply to alternatively felled vehicles. We currently assume that the 4th Driving Licence Directive will be adopted in 2025 and become applicable

Source ECF

F.I.C.C. was actively involved in this preparation work giving the industry the support of the consumers.



EXHIBITIONS

Argentina: Expo Rodantear in October 2024, in Buenos Aires

Australia:

Caravan Camping Holiday Supershow from 16 to 21 April 2024, in Sydney

Austria: Urlaub und Ausflug (Holidays & Excursions) from 5 to 7 April 2024, in Wels

Freizeit Messe from 5 to 7 April 2024, in Klagenfurt

Caravan Salon Austria from 16 to 20 October 2024, in Wels

Belgium: BCCMA-Mobicar in October 2024, in Brussels

Brazil: Expo Motorhome in November 2024, in Novo Hamburgo

Bulgaria: Camping & Caravanning Expo May 2024, in Sofia (date still unknown)

Canada: Salon du VR from 29 February to 3 March 2024, in Montreal

China: All in Caravanning 19 to 21 April 2024, in Beijing

Czech Republic: Caravan Expo from 15 to 17 March 2024, in Prague

Caravanning Brno in November 2024, in Brno

Denmark:

Finland: Caravan Show from 19 to 21 April 2024, in Turku

Caravan Finland from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Lahti

France: Le Camper Van Week-End from 26 to 28 April 2024, in Angers

Salon des véhicules de Loisirs from 21 to 29 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget

Germany: Outdoor by IPSO from 3 to 6 June 2024, in München

Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024, in Düsseldorf

Reisen & Caravan from 31 October to 3 November 2024, in Erfurt

Caravan Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravanning from 20 to 24 November 2024, in Leipzig

Great Britain: The National Motorhome & Campervan Show from 14 to 16 June 2024 in Coddington

The North Motorhome & Campervan Show from 19 to 21 July 2024, in Norwich

Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15 to 20 October 2024, in Birmingham

Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2024, in Parma

Japan:

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2 to 6 October 2024, in Utrecht

New Zealand: Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show from 18 to 19 May 2024, in Christchurch

COVI Motorhome Caravan & Outdoor Supershow from 15 to 17 March 2024, in Auckland

Poland: Camper Caravan Show from 5 to 7 April 2024, in Nadarzyn

Portugal:

South Africa:

South Korea:

Spain: Feria de Caravanning from 5 to 7 May 2024, in Santiago de Compostela

Expo Camper & Caravan from 18 to 22 September 2024, in Madrid

Sweden: Elmia Husvagn Husbil from 11 to 15 September 2024, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24 to 28 October 2024, in Berne

USA: Portland Fall RV & Van Show from 12 to 15 September 2024, in Portland

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