



GOOD TO KNOW – MAY 2022

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/>
and inforally2022@rustravelforum.com



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



Because of the ongoing pandemic and increased travel restrictions in China, F.I.C.C. has agreed With the rally organiser's request, (21RV), that this Rally should be put on hold for the time being.

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



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 2023 from 24 JUNE to 3 JULY in STASZOW/POLAND



The organiser, Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravanningu, has the full support of municipal and regional authorities and the Ministry for Sport.

The website is being set up with the booking form and will also give full details of the programme and excursions.

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”

EU and British citizens need a passport to enter South Korea but no visa and may **stay** in the country as tourists for 90 days. They only need a Korea Electronic Travel Authorization (KETA).
Source: Korea Tourism Organization



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Summer is nearly here and when it gets very hot people must not forget to drink a lot, about 1.5 litres a day (tea, coffee (unsweetened), water, milk etc) a few small mouthfuls at a time sipped throughout the day.

Alcoholic drinks are best avoided altogether. Check the colour of your urine - it should be pale.

Light food is the order of the day especially since fruit and vegetables hold a lot of water. Be careful not to eat food that is spoiled (foodstuffs go off very quickly in the heat).

Keep out of the sun, stay in the shade and avoid doing anything strenuous during the hottest time of the day. Sunglasses and suncream are highly recommended.

Whether you are at home, in a caravan or motorcaravan, keep all doors and windows closed and rooms darkened until it is time to open up and let the cooler air in after sunset.

If someone is unwell – temperature over 39°C, a racing pulse, red or dry skin, a headache, is short of breath, vomits or loses consciousness - call 112 immediately. It could well be heat stroke.

Germany: A study carried out by the Deutscher Wirtschaftswissenschaftlichen Instituts für Fremdenverkehr (German Economic Institute for Tourism) has endorsed the immense contribution of camping and caravanning tourism to the German economy. It states that in 2020, caravanners and motorcaravanners contributed 14.1 billion Euros to the domestic economy. That is 12% more than in 2016 and was achieved in the face of the corona epidemic that resulted in tourism more or less coming to a standstill especially in the first half of the year.

Thus caravanning tourism helped to keep tens of thousands of people in work throughout one of the worst economic crises in the history of the Federal Republic. There were around 34 million overnight stays recorded at German campsites in 2020. Of these, overseas tourists accounted for 2.2 million, half of whom were Dutch, followed by the Swiss and Belgians.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Caravan fires (more frequent than one might think)

Tips on how to avoid a fire

- ° make sure you use gas bottles safely – store them properly so that they cannot topple over
- ° have your gas and electrical installations serviced and checked annually
- ° keep curtains and towels well away from cooking and heating appliances
- ° be very careful when using candles or matches in a caravan

What one learns and advises after having a caravan fire

- ° Sign up for good insurance cover
- ° Do not use ANY powder extinguishers
- ° If there is a fire, immediately move all gas bottles away from the scene
- ° Make a comprehensive inventory of your caravan contents. Update it regularly and at the same time consider what items you don't really need.

Source: De Caravan (NCC-NL)

Netherlands: 97% of Dutch campers want to go away on holiday again this year and they have their sights particularly set on France and Germany. Then they opt for Spain, Italy, Austria and Belgium. Campers who have no children tend to go off on average for 62 days (54 days pre-corona) and campers with children are away for approx 34 days.

Source: „De Caravan“ NCC/NL



When they aren't using their vehicle, 49.8% of Dutch campers park their motorcaravan outside their home.

Source: NKC (NL)

Solar Team Eindhoven introduces its solar-powered caravan.

Ever since 2013, the Eindhoven University of Technology has been working on solar-powered cars then a group of engineering students came up with a very apposite project: they designed and built a solar-powered campervan that is now up and running. This lightweight construction weighs less than 1,750 kg. The bodywork is made of six layers of toughened fibreglass stretched over a roll cage. A wafer thin honeycomb structure gives the sides of the vehicle both stability and strength.

The first trip in this solar campervan started out on 19 September 2020 and covered around 3,000 km from Eindhoven to Tarifa/Spain. The caravan had to be transported for the first 1,000 km (technical problem) but it then travelled the remaining 2,000 km quite autonomously with sufficient energy generated by the vehicle's integrated solar panels so that it did not have to stop at a single charging station.

With its solar panels folded away, the camper van is 2.05m wide and 1.83 m high. With its solar panels unfolded, it is 4.40 m wide and 2.54 m high. The solar panels load both the 60-kWh battery that powers the electric motor as well as delivering power to cope with the creature comforts of the two passengers. On a sunny day, the camper van can travel up to 750 kms.

But one thing is clear: the electrical energy is ready and available either for travelling or for one's needs on arrival. Long distance travel combined with enjoying a not too limited camping experience, is a far from easy, if not impossible, blend.

The Dutch designers want to inspire the market and the world at large with their project and speed up transition to a more sustainable future. This is why it is important that the work on "Stella Vita" (the name of the campervan) should be continued.

Extracts from CCA-Journal (A). Further details on solarteameindhoven.nl

Practical – for campers too

If you want **to defrost your fridge more quickly**: turn off the electricity and place a bowl of hot water inside. In no time at all the ice disappears and you can use your fridge once more.

Metal will shine beautifully once more if you brush the object using a toothbrush and toothpaste. Rinse with clear water and dry with a soft cloth.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

When parking in a zone requiring a parking disc in Germany, you can sort of cheat a little by advancing the dial by up to 29 minutes. Traffic regulations state that the pointer can in fact be moved to the half hour after your arrival. So if you arrive at 15.11 for example you are entitled to move the dial or pointer to 15.30.

Source: Read in Freizeit Revue (D)



Luxembourg: Public transport (trains/buses) has been free throughout the Grand Duchy since 1 March 2020. This makes Luxembourg the first country in the world that no longer requires a passenger to have a ticket on public transport.

Slovenia: Since 1 February 2022, Slovenia only has digital vignettes that are recorded using the vehicle's number plate. The vignette costs 110€ for a car-caravan combination, a monthly vignette is 30€ and a 7-day vignette is 15€. No vignette is required to drive through the Karawanken tunnel that links Austria and Slovenia – one pays a separate toll and a one-way ticket costs 7.60€.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Health

Nuts should not be packaged in plastic because they will usually become damp and can easily spoil. All types of nut should be dry before storing in a fabric bag and kept in a cool, dark, dry place.

Ticks: We all need constant reminders that a tick bite can be extremely dangerous and can happen anywhere. We know they are found in bushes, woodland and tall grass. They aren't choosy and will bite any passers-by, favouring warm, moist areas of thin skin.

The bite in itself isn't at all painful but ticks often carry viruses and bacteria such as Lyme's Disease for example. If you have been bitten, it is advisable to remove the tick immediately. Take hold of the tick with a tick pincer (or tweezers) as close to the skin as possible and pull upwards gently but firmly and steadily. Do not try to daze or stun the tick by using a finger, or dabbing on ether, alcohol or any other antiseptic solution. Be vigilant and inspect the area of the bite over the next four weeks. If you notice a red ring emerging, you must consult a doctor.

When out walking or hiking from springtime through to the autumn, you should wear long socks with your trousers tucked into them, a t-shirt or sweater with long sleeves and shoes with a high shaft.

Special sprays are on sale in pharmacies, etc.

Once you return from your hike (especially in very wet areas), it is a good idea to inspect your body (folds in the skin and hairy areas) and your clothes which you should wash at 60°.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The **barcode** was invented and patented by an American, Joseph Woodland (1921-2012), in 1949. As a boy scout he had learnt the morse code and that was what inspired him to come up with the barcode. An article identified by its bar code was bought for the first time in an American supermarket in 1974.

In 1861, the German physicist, Philipp Reis, invented **the telephone**. The first telephone conversation was held between two devices 100 m apart and the first sentence spoken was "Horses don't eat cucumber salad" – whatever that was supposed to mean!

Cats do mimic human behaviour which is why they happily lie on your computer keyboard: they see human beings so absorbed in what they are doing on the keyboard and want to do the same.

The otter has a fear of bridges and instead of swimming underneath the creature will always choose to move on land and risk its life crossing roads. The otter is an endangered and protected species.



Sheep that graze on green grass and dykes tamp the ground down as they stamp with their hooves. This action makes the ground firmer and offers some protection against flooding.

The **European Capital of Culture 2022** is Esch/Luxembourg. This year's motto is "Remix Culture" with different categories of activities including "Remix Art", "Remix Europe", "Remix Nature" and "Remix Yourself". This cultural event lasts the whole year.

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

FECC (Federacion Espanola de Clubes Campistas), through Camping Club Malaga-Marbella, organised its 62nd National Camping Rally in Alcala de Guadaira (Seville) during Holy Week from 9 to 17 April. 329 units took part in this event (157 caravans, 156 motorhomes and 16 tent or hotel campers).



Justino VALENTE – 100 years old

Mr Valente started his camping activities in 1939 at the age of 17. From 1957, he was a member of several Portuguese camping clubs and held associative functions.

From 1971 to 1993, he was Secretary General of the FCMP (Federacao de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal).

From 1993 to 1996, he represented Portugal on the F.I.C.C. Council.

From 1997 to 2002 he was President of FCMP and then Honorary Member of the Federation.

He received many awards including the F.I.C.C. Gold Medal, the Medal of Merit for Tourism presented by the Secretary of State for Commerce and Tourism in Portugal, Diploma of the International Olympic Committee for his commitment to the development of sporting activities and for the promotion and support of friendship and cohesion among people, Trophy of the Portuguese Federation of Sport for excellence in the service of sport in Portugal, Honorary Diploma of the



Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning for his exceptional commitment to the worldwide development of camping.

He published a book "50 years - 1945/1995 historical moments of the camping movement in Portugal".

The Portuguese Federation celebrated this birthday together with the important camping clubs by means of a trek between two campsites in Costa da Caparica, an official ceremony and a big birthday cake.

F.I.C.C. was also represented by its President Joao Alves Pereira, who presented Justino Valente with the F.I.C.C. 75th Anniversary Book and the Golden Pin for his very engaged work in the Council.



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 take part.



Further information: please contact the Caravan Club of Sweden
e-Mail: kansli@carvanclub.se and nect2022.caravanclub.se



OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6 July
12h to 22h - Arrival

Thursday 7 July
11h Caramba training
16h NCT organised activity
19h Anita with the CC-boys

Friday 8 July
11h Caramba
Dog sled rides for children
19h to 23h Talk by Pär Hedberg in the big tent

Saturday 9 July
16h Closing ceremony
19h to 23h Remix invites everyone to dancing in the big tent

Sunday 10 July
14h Departure

Udruga Kampista Hrvatske (UKH/Croatia) are this year's organisers of the 22nd Adria Camping Rally from 18 to 25 June 2022 at the Autokamp Veljoke Savudrija/Croatia campsite. The programme and registration fees together with the booking form can be found on <https://camping-croatia.com/adriacampingrally2022/> and ukh@camping-croatia.com

A very interesting and varied programme awaits you!





“CAMPING WITH FICC“

is a YouTube channel, where you can communicate not only with F.I.C.C. members but with all campers across the world and share their camping tips, experiences and memories before setting off on a camping trip, and even while you are away. This enables everyone to get maximum pleasure from this type of outdoor tourism.

Travelling, discovering the wider world, waking up in a different place every morning...

Whether you travel alone or in a group, a trip in your caravan is always an adventure. But so that this adventure does not end in disaster, F.I.C.C. recommends checking out the video “Ten best practices before departure“ that was made by the F.I.C.C. Motorcaravanning Commission.

"Camping with FICC" is accessible via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIDBeAqa72QIJ96q-CPPrp-Q>

F.I.C.C. e-Book

The **Camping Card International website** was totally updated in October last year with new functions and user-friendly instructions and descriptions of the advantages available to CCI users.

In order to gain access to the detailed information, the user/camper must register on the website www.campingcardinternational.com although all of the benefits associated with the CCI are apparent without registration.

Once users/campers have registered and shown that they have a valid CCI, they have access to the CCI e-book listing all of the discounts by country plus specific tourist information that will ensure that they enjoy their camping holiday to the full.

As a registered user, give your email/password and select the country of your choice in order to download the e-book as a pdf file (available in English only for the moment).

You will also find the CCI app in Apple Store and Google Play that is simpler to use on your mobile device.

F.I.C.C. and your CCI team wish you a wonderful, relaxing camping holiday!

EXHIBITIONS 2022/2023

Austria: Ferienmesse Wien, 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna (**cancelled**)

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

Caravan Salon Austria, 19 to 23 October 2022, in Wels

Belgium: Salon des vacances postponed until March 2023, in Brussels

Czech Republic: Caravanning, 3 to 6 November 2022, in Brno



Caravan planned for November 2022, in Prague

Finland: Caravan Finland, 22 to 25 September 2022, in Lahti

Caravan, 20 to 22 January 2023, in Helsinki

France: Salon des véhicules de loisirs, 24 September to 2 October 2022, in Paris-Le Bourget

SETT, 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf, 26 August to 4 September 2022

Caravan Bremen, 4 to 6 November 2022, in Bremen

Great Britain: Southern Motorhome & Campervan Show, 13 to 15 May 2022, in Newbury/Berkshire

The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show, 22 to 24 July 2022, in Norwich

NEC, 18 to 23 October 2022, in Birmingham

Hungary: Caravan Salon in February 2023, in Budapest

Italy: Salone del Camper, 10 to 18 September, in Parma

Netherlands: Camper Beurs, 23 to 25 September, in Hardenberg

Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs, 5 to 9 October, in Utrecht

Portugal: Nauticampo in October 2022, in Lisbon

Spain: Fitur, 18 to 22 January 2023, in Madrid

Caravaning from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

Sweden: Scandinavian Caravan Show (Elmia), 7 to 11 September, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon, 27 to 31 October, 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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