



NEWSLETTER – MAY 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)



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.

We wish all participants at this Asia-Pacific Rally a wonderful time in South Korea.



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



Booking deadline is 26 May 2024

Full information, booking form, programme and interesting excursions on:

- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024> (Spanish)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/de> (German)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/fr> (French)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/en> (English)



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



2023 sand sculpture festival 2023 in Fulong



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.



WELCOME TO GERMANY

The Deutsche Camping-Club e.V. and F.I.C.C. (Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning A.I.S.B.L.) together with the town of Bad Griesbach in Bavaria warmly welcome you to the 96th Internationalen F.I.C.C. Rally 2026.

We welcome you to the 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally 2026 in one of the most beautiful areas of Bavaria. We are planning to impress you with a first class entertainment programme and a multitude of interesting excursions in an idyllic natural setting. Thanks to our Bavarian hospitality, you will have a memorable, healthy and most enjoyable stay in Bavaria.

You can already take a look at what we have in mind

www.96ficcrallye.jimdofree.com



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

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026

Venue: Vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV



RV World Camping Park

The campsite has racing tracks, rock climbing, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fitness equipment and other facilities. Camping will be a relaxed experience.



Beijing Opera



Thai Chi



Paper cutting

Information via zhangfan@21RV.com



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

This year, a new trend has been observed within the camping fraternity, especially when foreign travel is involved. Campers are increasingly **pre-booking their pitches** not only for their ultimate holiday destination but also for their stop-overs en route. This has come about because the post pandemic boom in “camping holidays” has resulted in campsites getting booked up very quickly, reaching maximum capacity, which of course also impacts on short stay stop-over bookings.

In March 2024, **Spain** registered 587 motorcaravans, 164 caravans and 323 camper vans.
Source: FECC

In **Sweden**, registrations of motor caravans has fallen by 36% compared with January and February 2023, and for caravans the figure has dropped by over 43%.
Source: Caravan Club of Sweden (S)

Over 90,000 new registrations: German caravanning market remains at a high level

After several record years, the German caravanning market is normalising, but remains at a high level overall. Interest in motor caravans and caravans remains high, despite the gloomy consumer climate.

In 2023, a total of 90,365 caravans and motor caravans were newly registered in Germany. After the record results of the first years of the pandemic, the market has normalised as anticipated by the industry. With 68,469 new motor caravan registrations and 21,896 new caravan registrations, the industry is down on the record years of 2020 and 2021, but still recorded a relatively good annual result, as the Caravanning Industrie Verband (CIVD) reported at its annual press conference. The effects of the pandemic and the uncertain economic situation are posing challenges for the caravanning industry: interest in leisure vehicles remains high, but the industry has been producing under challenging conditions for more than two years. Following the remarkable record results of the first years of the pandemic, the current new registration figures remain at a remarkably good level despite the difficult conditions: a total of 90,365 leisure vehicles were newly registered in Germany in 2023. This corresponds to a slight decrease of 0.7 per cent compared to the previous year.

The fact that the current number of new registrations is below the record figures of the first pandemic years is not an indicator for a declining interest in mobile holidays, as CIVD President Bernd Löher explains: "The caravanning industry has been in an exceptional situation for more than two years. Holidaymakers continue to show great interest in motor caravans and caravans, as demonstrated by the good visitor results at the most recent caravanning trade shows, among other things. However, the caravanning industry is currently producing under challenging conditions, as the effects of the pandemic and current crises are also being clearly felt in the production facilities of manufacturers and suppliers. In view of the current conditions, over 90,000 new registrations are a very solid annual result and a sign that the industry is on the right track despite all the adversity."

Reduced delivery times and improved vehicle availability

With 68,469 new registrations in the last twelve months, the motor caravan segment continues to top the pre-pandemic level and exceeds the previous year's result by 3 per cent. In 2022, supply bottlenecks for vehicle chassis still had a significant impact on the production of motor caravans,



which led to delays in the production and delivery of vehicles. However, the availability of base vehicles improved over the course of the year. Compared to the previous year, the number of motor caravans delivered to dealers rose increased again.

The caravan segment, on the other hand, reported a decline for the year: with 21,896 new registrations (- 10.5 per cent), the caravan segment was down on the previous year. The figures reflect the current economic uncertainty affecting families and younger buyer groups, among others: the rising cost of living, high interest rates and a lack of financial security are causing potential buyers to postpone the planned purchase of a new vehicle to a later date. Instead, they are increasingly turning to the wide range of rental vehicles on offer, which is creating high demand for providers of rental vehicles.

Compared to the previous year, the overall supply situation for customers has improved significantly: at the start of the year, a visit to the dealership is particularly worthwhile for interested parties, as dealership stockrooms are once again well stocked and waiting times for individually configured vehicles have also decreased compared to previous years. Source: CIVD

Stress-free travel – checklist at the start of the season

- ° Check starter battery and onboard battery.
- ° Verify the levels of oil, brake fluid, cooling fluid and windscreen washer fluid.
- ° Replace the windscreen wiper blades if need be.
- ° Check tyres – tread should be at least 3 to 4mm so that you can drive safely in the rain; verify tyre pressure as per manufacturer's instructions.
- ° Check the age of tyres – DOT-Nr. indicates date of manufacture. If they are over six years old, it is advisable to replace them as the rubber starts to deteriorate which makes the risk of a puncture more likely.
- ° Check out the condition of the spare wheel, also the jack and tyre repair kit.
- ° Tighten the wheel nuts.
- ° Give fresh water and waste water tanks a thorough clean.
- ° Check all electrical connections, cables and plugs.

Source: AutoACS (CH)

Camping is still most expensive in Switzerland, Italy, Croatia, Spain and Austria. For cheaper camping holidays opt for Moldavia, Turkey, Northern Macedonia and Albania.

Source: CCA (A)

Practical tips – for campers too

People who spend a lot of time outside risk having insect stings and bites. But help is at hand in the common onion: cut in half and placed on the affected area, it will relieve the pain and swelling.

Thermal jugs, teapots and coffee pots are best cleaned by filling with water and adding a denture cleaning tablet. Leave overnight and rinse thoroughly the following day - all tea and coffee stains will miraculously disappear.



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Croatia: Make sure you have your vehicle documents with you i.e. your vehicle registration certificate part 1 (or vehicle licence) and insurance documents.

The nationality plate or sticker must be displayed on the vehicle or on the Euro number plate.

Everyone must have a high visibility vest – first aid kit, warning triangle and a spare set of bulbs (vehicles with xenon, LED or neon lights only require spare braking and indicator lights etc.)

Traffic travels on the right and vehicles entering a roundabout have right of way.

School buses have priority when they move off from a bus stop.

Blue parking places are mainly short-term parking zones.

One may only use a phone if the vehicle is fitted with a hands-free system.

Blood alcohol limit is 0.5 and for drivers under 24 years of age it is 0.0 (zero tolerance).

Motorways - 130 km/h; outside of built-up areas - 90 km/h; expressways/dual carriageways -110 km/h.

Croatia calculates toll fees based on the number of kilometers travelled on the motorway.

In Croatia one can officially pay in euros (since 1 January 2023).

The sign ENC means Electric Toll Collect System (ETC)

Seat belt use is mandatory

Fines in Croatia are charged at a similar rate to motoring offences in other countries: driving through a red light 265€, illegal parking from 40€, disregarding mandatory use of seatbelt 65€, phoning while driving 65€, exceeding the drink-driving limit from 395€, excess speeding of over 50 km/h up to 2,000€.

Health

Hot summer days are not far away and here are some first aid tips for **sun allergies**.

If you find itchy spots or patches, nodules or small blisters after sunbathing, it means that you have a sun allergy, so-called PLE (polymorphous light eruption) that is triggered by exposure to UVA light.

The so-called Majorca acne (small pimples) is usually caused by oily sunscreens.

One's skin needs time to get used to the sun and should in any case be protected by using oil-free creams, sprays and gels with a high UVA protection factor. If, despite your best efforts, you still get a reaction, take antihistamine to alleviate the itching (every evening for 3 to 4 days) and apply damp compresses with yoghurt or curd cheese to help reduce redness and pimples.

Anti-inflammatory cream such as zinc ointment can help Majorca acne.

Curious facts/environment/culture

The Citroën 2CV – (known as the “duck” in German) – arrived on the scene in 1948 and was presented to the public in Paris on 7 October that year. A Dutch journalist let slip the comment “What an Ugly Duckling” and this description was adopted in German (Ente); it was nicknamed the “tin snail” or “tortoise” in England.



In France – and in Italy and Spain too - it was called the 2CV ‘Deux Chevaux’ (two horses). Between 1949 and 1990, Citroën produced 3,868,631 4-door cars and 1,246,335 vans.

Quite a success story !

Source: Auto-Ikonen SWR/D

In 2023, 652 mountaineers climbed Mount Everest, the world’s highest mountain (8,848 m). Making this ascent will set you back around 100,000€.

There is a **unit of measurement known as a “mickey”** which is the smallest visible unit of cursor motion that your mouse (hence its name) can produce on a computer screen. A mickey is a tenth of a millimetre.

Marie Curie (1867-1934) is the only lady so far to have been awarded two Nobel Prizes – for Physics and Chemistry.

22 April has been celebrated as **“Earth Day”** for 50 years reminding us to treasure and protect our environment.

It brings to mind a motto in the Swedish pavilion of the World Exhibition in Dubai:





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

The 2024 ECF MELVI was successfully held on 22 March 2024 in Sorrento (Italy). Approx. 160 participants discussed the actual situation and the future of the European Caravanning industry.

During the event F.I.C.C. met with ECF to decide the final strategy for the approval of the driving licence next June.

The MELVI 2025 will be held in combination with the ECF Annual meeting from 15 to 17 May 2025 in Bern (Switzerland).



Simone Niccolai - President of APC - Italian Caravans and Motorhomes Manufacturers Association with FICC President, **João Alves Pereira**



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



There were 137 participants from three countries at the Rally : 4 from Portugal, 11 from the Netherlands and 122 from the United Kingdom. As always, this event provided a great opportunity for young campers to exchange ideas and swap experiences while promoting cross-cultural understanding and civic involvement.

Two excursions were organised during the rally including a trip to Landmark Forest Theme Park where there were opportunities to try out climbing, zip-lining, trampolining and much more besides. There was also a visit to Urquhart Castle with its stunning views over Loch Ness and continuing on to look around Inverness city centre.

Other highlights included traditional Highland Games, Scottish dancing and haggis tasting. It was altogether a complete cultural experience amid lots of fun and friendship.

Eliana Santos, Vice Chair of the F.I.C.C. Youth Commission

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



Further information on: nordicrally.fi.



Paljakkavuori Nature Trail

Paljakanvuori is located in Rapakkojoki roughly 15 km south of the centre of Kiuruvesi.

The marked nature trail on the hill is moderately demanding and travels through varying terrain, along the slope of the hill, through a forest and along the shore of a lake. The information board relates the hill's history which includes ancient offering holes, old midsummer traditions and a story about Pirunpesä. For children, the rugged natural landscape offers an exciting setting for adventures and nature excursions. Two resting places have been built along the trail.

Eemil Museum of Fine Arts

The Halonen Museum Foundation maintains the Eemil Art Museum. It offers a variety of interesting art experiences, while presenting the output of the Halonen artist family making their works better known.

Cultural Centre

Kiuruvesi Library and Culture House was completed in 2009. This cosy and modern library offers a wide variety of materials, services and events for people of all ages. The building includes Kiurusali Hall which is well-suited for all manner of events and shows movies, hosts concerts and theatre productions throughout the year. The building also has space for exhibitions, the lltalypsy restaurant as well as meeting and banqueting facilities.

Kiuruvesi church

This magnificent church was designed by the architect Bertel Liljeqvist in 1938. The Winter War (1939-1940) interrupted construction work but it was continued immediately after the end of the war and the church was completed in 1940.

Booking deadline for this event is 20 June 2024



www.visitkiuruvesi.fi/
www.kiuruvesi.fi/In-English

The 24th Adria Camping Rally will be held from 23 to 30 June 2024 at the Amadria Park Campsite in Šibenik/Croatia organised by UDRUGA KAMPISTA HRVATSKE (UKH) under the patronage of the Ministry of Tourism and Sport and F.I.C.C.



Further information: ukh@camping-croatia.com and www.udrugakampista.hr/adriacampingrally2024



where you will find everything you need to know including the booking form, programme and details of excursions.

Venue: AMADRIA PARK CAMPING ŠIBENIK - 22000 Šibenik,
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Email sibenik@amadriaparkcamping.com
GPS: 43.699155,15.879316

PRICE OF THE PROGRAMME PER PERSON:

- 155.00 EUR Adults
- 77.50 EUR Children from 3 - 18 years
- Children up to 2.99 years of age (accompanied by two adults) stay free of charge.
- Price includes registration fee, tourist tax, accommodation on non-parcelled pitch (with electricity), ACR participation programme, welcome drink, welcome dinner, welcome gift.

EXCURSIONS:

Excursions are optional and each one is paid for separately. The prices are on the application form.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – SUNDAY – 23 JUNE 2024

° Arrival, registration and accommodation of participants

DAY 2 - MONDAY – 24 JUNE 2024

° Option 1: organised trip by bus to the City of Šibenik or

° Option 2: free day for individual activities and socialising

° 19:00 Official opening ceremony with entertainment programme and dinner for all participants.

DAY 3 – TUESDAY – 25 JUNE 2024

° Free day for individual activities and socialising

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY – 26 JUNE 2024

° Option 1: organised boat trip to the KORNATI NATIONAL PARK or

° Option 2: free day for individual activities and socialising

° Meeting of organisers with representatives of camping clubs/ associations.

DAY 5 – THURSDAY – 27 JUNE 2024

° Free day for individual activities and socialising



DAY 6 – FRIDAY - 28 JUNE 2024

- ° Option 1: organised bus trip to the KRKA National Park or
- ° Option 2: free day for individual activities and socialising
- ° Presentation of other camping meetings organised by friendly clubs.

DAY 7 – SATURDAY - 29 JUNE 2024

- ° World Camping Day

DAY 8 – SUNDAY - 30 JUNE 2024

- ° Checkout at campsite reception and departure

Booking deadline is 20 May 2024



<https://udrugakampista.hr/adriacampingrally2024>
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Earthquake in Taiwan

Shortly after the earthquake, we learnt from our Taiwanese members CAROC and Formosa Camping and Caravanning Club that they had all survived the disaster and no-one was injured. The worst case scenario was avoided thanks to strict building regulations. One of the badly hit areas was the beautiful east coast area around Hualien where an International F.I.C.C. Rally was held in 2005



Rescue workers near the semi-collapsed ten-story Uranus building on Xuanyuan Road on April 3, 2024. Image © Shufu Liu, Office of the President via Wikipedia under licence CC BY 2.0

Excursions have also been scheduled in this part of the country for the rally in 2025. These will certainly go ahead as planned since the clearing up operations and repair work have already begun and will be swiftly completed so that visitors from all over the world can return to Taiwan as soon as possible to enjoy its beautiful scenery and all that the country has to offer.



Taipei



64th FECC National Rally in Zamora/Spain

There were 281 outfits and 649 participants at this camping event.





FECC Extraordinary General Assembly 2024

EXHIBITIONS

- Argentina:** Expo Rodantear, October 2024, in Buenos Aires
- Austria:** Caravan Salon Austria from 16 to 20 October 2024, in Wels
- Belgium:** BCCMA-Mobicar, October 2024, in Brussels
- Brazil:** Expo Motorhome, November 2024, in Novo Hamburgo
- Czech Republic:** Caravanning Brno, November 2024, in Brno
- Finland:** Caravan Finland from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Lahti
- France:** Salon des véhicules de Loisirs from 21 to 29 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget
- Germany:** Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024, in Düsseldorf
- Caravan Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen
- Touristik & Caravanning from 20 to 24 November 2024, in Leipzig
- Urlaubsträume (Dream Holidays) from 7 to 10 November 2024, in Essen
- 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
- WTM - World Travel Market from 7 to 9 November 2024, in London
- Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2024, in Parma
- Netherlands:** Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2 to 6 October 2024, in Utrecht
- Spain:** 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 Bern
- USA:** Portland Fall RV & Van Show from 12 to 15 September 2024, in Portland

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