



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2017

86th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in Jhinshan (New Taipei City)/Taiwan from 30 September to 9 October 2017



Information: <http://www.ficc.org.tw/viewforum.php?f=24>

Rallies 2017 under F.I.C.C. Patronage

F.I.C.C. Patronage for the 8th Friendship Rally to be held from 6 to 10 December 2017 in Matera/Italy

Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori is organising the 8th Friendship Rally in Matera, a culturally rich town in the Basilicata region – also known as Lucania – in southern Italy. Matera will be a European Capital of Culture in 2019 and is famous for its cave dwellings, 13C cathedral and Norman castle.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6.12.2017

Morning: Arrival and lodging at the “Palomba” Kartodromo (Go-Kart circuit), S.S. 7 km.582,5 – Tel/fx +39 835330012

The area is equipped with a power generator that can supply a maximum of 130 caravans. There are water distribution points and emptying facilities, a bar and breakfast service. The restaurant, about 50m away, will be offering special prices to rally participants.

Confedercampeggio will be holding its General Assembly during the rally and any interested rally participants are welcome to attend.



Registration and delivery of gadgets.

7 pm Welcome drink and buffet at the kartodrome canteen (courtesy of Confedercampeggio)

9 pm Fireworks show

Thursday 7.12.2017

9 am: Bus ride to Parco Rupestre (not far from the kartodrome circuit) to admire the Sassi di Matera from a spectacular panoramic point and visit the location of Mel Gibson's *The Passion*, with a guided tour of the Park and some important churches carved into rocks. Separate departures every 30 minutes (max 50 people per group)

1 pm Lunch (not included) in the town centre (the city offers a selection of pubs, bakeries selling very good focaccia, or restaurants (see the list of venues with special arrangements for participants)

4 pm: Shopping and free time in Matera.

In the evening, bus ride to "Nolè" and evening festivities – courtesy of Confedercampeggio or FC Basilicata.

12 pm Return to the kartodrome by bus

Friday 8.12.2017

7.30 am Departure on a bus to visit Tavole Palatine at Metaponto; following departure for Viggiano and tour of the Santuario della Madonna Nera, the patron saint of Basilicata and guided tour of the local attractions.

Lunch at Likos Hotel, Viggiano (price and menu arranged on arrival)

Departure for Dolomiti Lucane and guided tour of Pietrapertosa

Return to the kartodrome by bus

9.30 pm Dinner (not included)

Saturday 9.12.2017

9 am: General Assembly Confedercampeggio at the Provincial Council room (open to members and anyone interested in participating) National meeting agenda.

10 am: For those not attending the meeting, visit to the Living Nativity and special tour of Sassi (separate groups, max 50 people each)

2 pm: Lunch with a selection of local products at a special price

4 pm: Only for National Assembly members: visit of the Nativities (same tour as in the morning programme)

8.30 pm: Gala dinner (drinks not included) at Restaurant "I giardini della Corte" (reached by coach) with folklore shows and other entertainment.

Awards, live music, folklore and some surprises.

Sunday 10.12.2017

10 am: Free Departure

Those who want to stay a little longer to visit the city, may purchase thematic packages at special prices.

Those who want to stay a little longer and visit other locations in Basilicata and the surrounding areas, may ask for further information from the staff provided by FC Basilicata.

F.I.C.C. members are most welcome to attend this rally.



87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren–Berlin/Germany



IMPORTANT CORRECTION

A mistake crept into the booking form in the brochure for the above rally. The wrong IBAN number appeared in column 3 Bookings. The number should read
IBAN DE07 7019 0000 0002 1044 40

The rally brochure and booking form for the 87th F.I.C.C. Rally in Paaren/Berlin are available and can be obtained either by contacting the Deutscher Camping Club e.V. Mandlstrasse 28, D-80802 München or info@ficcrallye2018.de
They can be downloaded and bookings can already be made.

Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: (Round and about in Berlin!!)

Some of the sights worth seeing in Berlin: the Reichstag building, the Brandenburg Gate, “Unter den Linden“ boulevard, Potsdamer Platz and the Sony Center glass building complex, Alexanderplatz at the foot of the Berlin television tower, the baroque Gendarmenmarkt market square, Gethsemane church in the Prenzlauer Berg quarter (this is where peaceful protests were held against the East German regime), Nikolai church in the Nikolai quarter, museum island, Berlin cathedral. A little further away one can visit Potsdam with Sanssouci Castle and Frederick the Great’s grave, the Dutch quarter and the historic old town of the capital of Brandenburg Province that clearly bears the stamp of the soldier king Friedrich Wilhelm I, and his son Friedrich II (Frederick the Great).

Then there is the Olympic Stadium that dates back to 1936. From the viewing platform of the belltower one has fantastic views over the city. Berlin’s “Green South“, the Grönewald district, is also worth seeing with its attractive villas dating back to the time of the Kaisers. There are great views too if you take a boat trip across the Wannsee to Alt-Kladow.

If you want still more, there is a stretch of the old Berlin Wall, the Schöneberg Town Hall where John F. Kennedy pronounced the famous phrase “Ich bin ein Berliner“ to the crowds, the fashionable boulevard “Kurfürstendamm“ with its haunting Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and the impressive

KaDeWe department store. And finally, if you like hanging out in Hard Roc Cafés, then you will find one right in the heart of Berlin, along with the Alt Berliner Biersalon that has been around for more than a century and whose restaurant is now something of a legend.



POST-RALLY 2018

Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu will probably be organising a Post Rally in Mielenko, Campsite 107 "Ara" (West Pomerania) after the rally in Paaren/Germany. The campsite is situated right on the Baltic coast.

More information will be available in due course.

88th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in Châteaubriant/France from 26 JULY to 4 AUGUST 2019



The mines de la Brutz

A gem of iron to be discovered in the middle of the woods. This mine tells a story of iron and men. Bring your family and take the little yellow train to visit the mine's ancient galleries. During the visit the guide will help you understand the life and work of the miners. The ride continues along the railway line which was once used to export iron all over Brittany.

Site de la Forge Neuve

From the V to the XVI centuries in the region of Moisdon-la-Rivière, and in several sites around Châteaubriant, iron ore was extracted for iron production in one of the many charcoal based furnaces that we can find scattered around the forests of this area. In 1668, the Grand Condé (cousin of Louis XIV) decided to showcase the forests of his barony of Châteaubriant by encouraging rich bourgeois traders and entrepreneurs to construct large furnaces. René Saget (first director) built a large modern blacksmith workshop next to a reservoir in Moisdon-la-Rivière at a place called La Forge Neuve.

89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 06 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Prefecture Fukushima) /Japan

The Fukushima Prefecture is the seat of some of the leading manufacturers of medical equipment/supplies/drugs in Japan. It is here that universities have established medical research and development units and where large pharmaceutical companies have located their production facilities. But there are also a lot of small and medium-sized companies that supply the larger



manufacturers. Together they form a sizeable Japanese industrial cluster. The “Fukushima Medical Equipment Development Support Center” is the first centre of its kind in the country that supports all aspects of medical production from the development stage through to marketing.

Also, the “Medical Industrial Translational Research Center” is now a research and development center for drugs to fight cancer and other diseases. It aims to bridge the gap between the medical community and industry.

Fukushima won three gold medals in a row for the 24 different types of sake produced in the province that are famous not only throughout Japan but around the world.

Fukushima is renowned for its sweet, juicy peaches and has been known to harvest 29,300 tonnes of the fruit. The region is also famous for its apples, pears and grapes.

The Aizu region is known for its lacquerware. The government has classified the local lacquer industry (127 craftsmen) as a traditional trade or craft.

There are 135 hot springs dotted around this large prefecture where visitors can relax and unwind.

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2018 IN ROME/ITALY

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Belgium: The Flemish government has set aside funds in the form of subsidies to help any entrepreneur who wants to set up a campsite in Flanders.

Source Metro(B)

What makes a motorcaravan so heavy?

Passenger	75 kg
Cutlery, china, etc.	35 kg
Satellite dish (TV receiver)	18 kg
Solar panels	10 kg
Household battery	50 kg
Gas bottles	15 kg
Clean water	100 kg
Dirty water	20 kg
Two E-bikes with carrier	75 kg
Air conditioning	20 kg
Camping table and chairs	10 kg
Books, clothes, laptop, bedding	50 kg
Cleaning materials, tools etc.	25 kg
TOTAL	503 kg

Calculation by NKC (NL)



MISCELLANEOUS

Vignette and toll charges for European holiday destinations

Denmark: There are no motorway tolls or taxes in Denmark. The only exceptions are the Storebaelt and Oresund bridges.

France: In France virtually all motorways, bridges and tunnels are subject to a toll charge. The cost works out at between €0.07 and €0.14 per kilometre. Anyone wanting to find out the exact cost of their journey on French motorways before setting off, should go to:

www.autoroutes.fr/en/key-rates.htm

N.B. Anti-pollution vignettes are obligatory in Paris, Lyon and Grenoble.

Greece: Drivers have to pay toll charges on motorways, and on some highways, bridges and tunnels in Greece. This includes the stretch from Athens to “Eleftherios Venizelos” airport although it is easy to take another route and thereby avoid paying the toll.

Cost: Vehicles with trailer or caravan between €2.50 and €39. Payment by credit card or cash. It is best to have adequate small change on you.

Great Britain: In Great Britain, generally speaking, one can use motorways free of charge. Exceptions are the M6 from Birmingham to Wolverhampton and some tunnels and bridges where the cost varies depending on the category of vehicle and/or time of day. In the inner city areas of London and Durham so-called “Congestion Charges” are in force on weekdays.

For tariffs, motorways, tunnels and bridges go to: gov.uk/uk-toll-roads

Italy: Good as all of Italy’s motorways are, they are subject to a toll charge that is worked out on the basis of distance and vehicle category.

You can also get a reliable calculation of the cost of your journey by consulting the motorway operators’ official website: www.autostrade.it/autostrade-gis/percorso.do

The toll charge is payable at the toll station.

Exception: The A36 (Pedemontana) in the metropolitan area of Milan with its “Free Flow” system. In this instance, the toll charge is calculated as you pass under the gantry when the licence plates of vehicles in transit are automatically detected and registered. The toll must be paid within 15 days otherwise you can be fined up to €340.

Tolls may be paid automatically when passing under the gantry if you are already a Telepass client, or at a motorway service station, or by joining our innovative payment system “Conto Targa” (licence plate account) and paying with a credit card.

The Netherlands: In the Netherlands two tunnels are subject to a toll charge. Cost (depending on vehicle category): Westerschelde Tunnel: €5 - €18 (cheaper with “t-tag” electronic device) and Kil Tunnel: €2 – €5.

Further information on vehicle categories and cost under:

www.kiltunnel.nl/www.westescheddetunnel.nl

Caravans registered in Germany (and other countries) must have special safety features when driven in the **Netherlands**.



Trailers up to 1,500 kgs maximum ladenweight and unbraked trailers up to 750 kgs maximum laden weight require anti-breakaway provision that keeps the trailer attached if it becomes uncoupled from the towing vehicle. For unbraked trailers this means a secondary coupling such as a cable or chain. Braked trailers of over 1,500 kgs must be fitted with a breakaway system in the form of a steel cable that attaches the towing vehicle to the trailer. Should the trailer break away from the towing vehicle, this cable activates the trailer's handbrake. Both of these safety features must be attached to the trailer coupling by means of a ring or loop attachment.

It is not enough simply to lay the cable across the trailer coupling!

In **Switzerland** the regulations for unbraked trailers apply up to 1,500 kgs maximum laden weight including German and other foreign registered caravans. As in the Netherlands a breakaway system and the coupling must be fixed by means of a ring or loop attachment. In Switzerland you cannot simply put the cable across the the coupling either.

Source: Camping (D)

Belgium: Belgian beaches are inexpensive and the cheapest of all is De Haan according to Travelbird's beach index. Travelbird is a Dutch company that has researched 310 beaches in 70 countries and the index is based on the average cost of a day on a typical beach for one person purchasing sunscreen, a bottle of water, a bottle of beer, an icecream and lunch with a drink and dessert. It will cost you on average €25.59 in De Haan and €26.65 in Ostend.

The most expensive country is Norway with Bystranda i Kristiansand (€60.95), Huk and Solastrande. Vietnam has the three cheapest beaches of all, and in Europe, the Croatian seaside town of Nin, near the port of Zadar, will cost you the least.

Source: Metro (B)

Zaton Holiday Resort, near the historic town of Zadar/Croatia, is one of the most beautiful holiday resorts in Croatia. It has a very attractive campsite with small bungalows, excellent sanitary installations, luxurious holiday flats and houses, restaurants, shops, a pharmacy, hairdresser and supermarket, a wonderful beach, playgrounds, swimming pools and most important of all, friendly and helpful staff.





Enjoy the fantastic new swimming pools in Zaton Holiday Resort.

Swimming, splashing around, sunbathing – you can do all of this in the totally renovated swimming pool complex at Zaton’s paradisaical holiday resort. The existing swimming pools have been totally re-done and bigger, more attractive pools have been added along with other practical features, attractions and amenities.

The new pool complex consists of:

- 2 renovated pools – one for adults and one for young people - 825 sq.m and 1.30 m deep; a children’s pool - 340 sq.m. and 0.30 m deep.



- Pool for energetic swimmers - 174 sq.m and 1.30 m deep
- 3 small pools with hydromassage beds and seats – between 86 sq.m and 115 sq.m and 0.90 m deep
- large pools with hydromassage seats (182 sq.m. and 1.20 m deep) offering a view of the Adriatic
- 2 pools for younger visitors - 220 sq.m and 60 sq.m, with a water slide
- spray park
- very large sun terrace
- pool bar
- large amphitheatre that can seat 750 people (events)

The needs and wants of all generations have been catered for which is why this new pool complex is so popular with everybody whether they are children, adolescents or adults.

Parents don't need to worry about the depth of the water so small children and non-swimmers can splash around to their heart's content. Tweens and teens can occupy themselves for hours on the attractions that have been installed with them in mind. Adults can choose between a relaxing spell of hydromassage, energetic swimming or simply soaking up the sun in the pool area.

Good advice before you set off on holiday

Maybe you have come back home after your holiday to find that all of the clocks in the house are flashing. There must have been an electricity cut. But it is difficult to know how long the cut lasted and whether the contents of the freezer have been spoiled. Did the frozen food unfreeze and freeze again making it unfit for consumption?

There is a small trick that Shiela Pulanco Russel discovered: all you need is a cup, a coin and water. "Before leaving home, pour water into the cup and put it in the freezer or freezer compartment. Wait for an hour until the water has frozen. Put the coin on the frozen water and put the cup back in the freezer/freezer compartment. When you come back home check whether the coin is lying at the bottom of the cup. If it is, then the ice melted and re-froze (just like your freezer contents) and the food will be unfit for consumption. If the coin is still on top of the ice in the cup, all is well."

Simple, safe, cheap – and environmentally friendly too, because this method means we do not needlessly throw out food that is perfectly edible, just to be on the safe side.

Humour: As I am not a Facebook addict, I am making an effort to make friends outside the real Facebook, using the same guiding principles....

Every morning I walk along the street and tell passers-by what I had for breakfast, how I am feeling, what I did the previous day, what I am up to at present, what I will be doing tomorrow. I show them photos of my children, of the dog I used to have, of me washing the car...

I listen in to people's conversations and say "I like that!"

And it works!...

I already have four friends who follow me around: 2 policemen, 1 psychiatrist and 1 psychologist!!

Source: Le Bivouac – A.C.C.W. (B)



INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Rally Club Nederland (NL) has a new President, Mr. Kay Splint, and a new Secretary, Mrs. Ria Peters.

Mrs. Diny G. de Jong officially stood down as President of Rally Club Nederland in November 2016. However, for the time being she is still involved with the club magazine "Contact" and other publications.

We trust the new President and his Secretary will get off to a good start and are sure we will work as well with them as we did with Diny de Jong.

Österreichische Camping Club (A) also has a new President, Mr. Tomas Mehlmauer who has been a member of the F.I.C.C. Motorcaravanning Commission for a long time.

Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Campeurs, Caravaniers et Camping-Caristes (L) too has had a change of President and for the first time it is a lady who is in charge of the federation's fortunes.

Mrs. Anny Lordong was Vice-President for several years and was elected President of FLCCC on 11 April 2017.

We send our very best wishes to the new President and look forward to continuing good relations with her and her federation.

NTKC (NL) has decided that from now on all of its members may stay in their caravan on any of its campsites from 1 October up to and including Easter (with the exception of De Kooiberg and Zuudschorre campsites).

However the caravans may not exceed 4m in length (measured inside at table top height).

Source: Buiten spoor (NL)

Vlaamse Kampeertoeristen (Member of VKCF-Belgium) has won an international press award

The Lleida (or Lerida) Tourist Board makes an annual award to journalists who have publicised their area of Catalonia in articles, audiovisual reports, blogs or photos.

The journalist Willy Ost won the 28th Pica d'Estats Award, International Press Category, for his article "El Cinqué Llac im Fosca-Tal" that was published in his club magazine "Kampeertoerist" in October 2015.

The Flemish contribution was the only one from Belgium but altogether there were 39 entries from 12 countries.

Many congratulations!



De toeristische dienst van Lleida, een stad in de gelijknamige provincie in de autonome regio Catalonië – in het Spaans en het Nederlands ook wel bekend als Llerida – eert jaarlijks de journalisten die artikelen, audiovisuele reportages, blogs of fotoportages hebben gemaakt die de toeristische troeven en veelzijdigheid van deze Catalaanse regio in de kijker zetten.

We winnen een internationale persprijs!

PICA D'ESTATS AWARD VOOR KAMPEERTOERIST-ARTIKEL

Die Pica d'Estats Award wordt uitgereikt aan journalisten die de afgelopen drie maanden de beste foto's of artikelen in de Catalaanse Pers van de Provincie Lleida hebben geschreven of gemaakt. Het is een prijs die wordt uitgereikt aan de auteur van het beste artikel of foto's die de toeristische troeven van de provincie Lleida in de kijker zetten.

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IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to learn from the R3CB (Belgium) newsletter that Mr. Roger GALES has died. Mr. Gales was a former President of FLCCC (Luxembourg) and a former President of the Europa Rally Committee.
We offer our sincere condolences to his family.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

- Germany** Caravan Salon Düsseldorf 26.08. to 03.09 2017, in Düsseldorf
- Hamburger Caravantage: 14 to 19.09 2017, in Hamburg
- CMT: 13.01.to 21.01.2018, in Stuttgart
- Bremen: Caravan 03 to 05.11.2017, in Bremen
- Caravan and Camping, 31.01 to 04.02.2018, in Hannover
- The Netherlands** Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs: 11.10. to 15.10. 2017, in Utrecht
- Vakantiebeurs: 10.01. to 14.01. 2018, in Utrecht
- Italy** Il Salone del Camper, 09.09. to 17.09 2017, in Parma
- France** Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs: 30.09 to 08.10. 2017, in Paris – Le Bourget
- SETT: 07.11 to 09.11 2017, in Montpellier
- Switzerland** Suisse Caravan Salon: 27.10. to 31.10. 2017, in Bern
- Sweden** ELMIA: 06 to 10.09.2017, in Jönköping
- Austria** Caravan Salon Wels: 18 to 22.10. 2017
- Ferienmesse: 11.01. to 14.01.2018, in Vienna
- Great Britain** Central Caravan & Motorcaravan Show: 19.01. to 22.01.2018, in Manchester
- Belgium** Vakantiesalon (Holiday Show): 25.01 to 29.01 2018, in Antwerp
- Spain** Fritur: 17.01. to 21.01.2018, in Madrid



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