



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2019

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



STATISTICS

The F.I.C.C. Challenge 2019 winner : The Camping Association of the Republic of China

(Calculated on the basis of the highest number of rally participants (individuals) of a club or federation, multiplied by the officially recognised kilometrage by air from the major airport nearest the headquarters of that club or federation to the major airport nearest to the rally site.)

The Organiser's Prize is awarded to the national clubs or federations with the highest number of registered and paying participants at the rally.

Category I (Clubs and federations with 1 to 10,000 members): Irish Federation of Camping and Caravanning

Category II (Clubs and federations with 10,001 to 25,000 members): Schweizerischer Camping und Caravanning Verband (Switzerland)

Category III (Clubs and federations with 25,001 members and over): Camping and Caravanning Club (United Kingdom)



89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 28 SEPTEMBER to 6. OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Prefecture Fukushima) /Japan



International Drivers' Licence

If you want to drive a car in Japan, you will need an International Driver's Licence which you can obtain from any automobile association in your home country. You should always have this document on you when driving anywhere in Japan. It is not obtainable in some countries e.g. Germany and Switzerland because there is no reciprocal arrangement regarding international driver's licences between them and Japan. So nationals of these countries who need an international licence should contact their automobile associations for advice on obtaining the document.

Source: JNTO-J



You will find all the information you need regarding the Rally under

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<http://www.89thficcrally.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kazuhiro.akase.1>

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY IN COIMBRA/PORTUGAL
from 08 to 13 APRIL 2020**

**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY 2020 from 6 to 10 July 2020
in Rauhalampi (Kupio) / Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage**

Rauhalampi is a 5-star campsite and holiday centre in eastern Finland about 400 kms from Helsinki. Kupio, a very lively town with a population of 118,000, is one of the largest in eastern central Finland. It has an airport and very good bus and train connections with the rest of the country and will be an interesting area for campers to discover. Rauhalampi is only 6 kms from the town centre and offers a variety of accommodation possibilities in cabins, villas or hotels. The pitches are well appointed with all the usual facilities that campers require.

SF Caravan invites everyone to join them in Kupio in 2020.

Further information under www.nct2020fi; www.visitrauhalampi.fi; www.kupio.fi



**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTEA/ ROME (ITALY)
from 24 July to 2 August 2020**



Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat

Interesting stops for car enthusiasts en route to Ostea/Rome.

The Ferrari museum in Maranello near Modena and the Casa Enzo Ferrari museum in Modena.

The Ferruccio Lamborghini Company museum Cent'ro Eccellenza in Dosso (only open by appointment).

The Museo dell'Automobile in Turin is basically devoted to Fiat and Alfa Romeo.

In addition to doing the rounds of all of the usual sights in the "città eterna", such as the Colosseum, Castel Sant'Angelo and the Spanish Steps etc., don't overlook the Villa Doria Pamphili, a wonderful 17C villa in the largest landscaped public park in Rome.

Also note that private tours of the Sistine Chapel, can be arranged through the agency Italia Connection.

**91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY on Naas Race Course near
Dublin/Ireland from 29 July to 7 August 2021**



**91ST INTERNATIONAL
F.I.C.C. RALLY**

DUBLIN 2021



92nd F.I.C.C. INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2022 IN MOSCAW/RUSSIA (end of July/Beginning of August)

93rd F.I.C.C. INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2022 IN SHANGHAI/CHINA (September)

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

New campsite standards in France

New campsite standards and classification criteria were introduced in France in April 2019 that campsite operators can apply from 1 July.

The most important innovations are:

- ° Urinals and “Turkish toilets” (squat loos!) no longer count as toilets in sanitary buildings.
- ° Dry toilets are only accepted on campsites that clearly declare and can prove their ecological ethos.
- ° Sanitary facilities provided on some pitches will no longer count towards the overall requisite number of sanitary installations. A campsite with 100% mobile homes is no longer obliged to provide public sanitary installations.
- ° Two-star campsites and above must provide internet coverage for all pitches. However, this condition does not apply if the surrounding area has no connection at all, i.e. there is no clear and usable wi-fi coverage.
- ° Cleanliness – indoors and outdoors – figures in the classification criteria.

Source: ot-camping.com

Practical tips – for campers too

Peppermint will rid you of ants: Fresh peppermint leaves will disrupt a trail of ants. The insects depend on scent for communication and are disturbed and disorientated by the strong scent of peppermint.

Lemon and tomato leaves will keep mosquitoes at bay: Mosquitoes hate the scent of lemons. Geraniums have a distinct lemony scent and – in common with lemon balm on your window sill – will keep mosquitoes away. The leaves of the tomato plant also ward off mosquitoes and biting flies.

Rough hands recover their smoothness if you rub them with potato peelings.



MISCELLANEOUS

50th anniversary of the moon landing

Apollo 11 took 3 days, 3 hours and 49 minutes to travel from earth to orbit the moon, a journey of 380,000 kms. The world is unlikely to forget the date of 20 July 1969 when Apollo 11 landed on the moon and a few hours later Neil Armstrong being the first human to set foot on the moon's surface. The first words he uttered were reportedly "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed". 450 million people heard these words when they were broadcast.

Traffic

Changes affecting cyclists in Austria

New regulations for cyclists came into force in April 2019, some of which are of interest to motorists.

- ° Cyclists no longer have priority at the end of a cycle lane as they merge with road traffic, but must take their turn and alternate with vehicles. Motorists must play fair and give way to cyclists so that they can join the stream of traffic.

- ° When a cyclist leaves the cycle lane, in order to turn left for example, then the general rule for changing lanes applies i.e. the cyclist must indicate his intention with a hand signal.

- ° Cyclists may not ride across a pedestrian crossing. An exception to this rule is a pedestrian crossing that has (cycle) crossing markings on both sides.

- ° A cyclist travelling straight ahead in a cycle lane has priority over a motorist who is turning right.

- ° Cycle carriers, cycle trailers and multi-wheeled cycles with a maximum width of 100 cms may all use the cycle lane. They may also travel on roads.

Source: Arbö-CCA (A)

Cyclists must wear helmets in Spain

All cyclists must wear a helmet when riding out-of-town and in rural areas. Young people under 16 years of age must also wear a helmet when riding in urban areas.

There is a similar regulation in **Slovakia**, although the age limit obliging young people to wear a helmet when cycling in town is lower, i.e.15 years.

Driving on dipped headlights in daytime is now a punishable offence in Greece – unless the vehicle is equipped with automatic daytime running lights. Driving with lights on is obligatory in bad visibility conditions.

Summer tyres are obligatory in Italy: In Italy it is forbidden to drive on winter tyres that have a lower tyre speed rating than that shown in the vehicle's registration certificate. You risk being given a heavy fine.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö-CCA /A)

Health

Ginkgo is a plant from the Far East that is a natural aid for protecting the brain and cognitive function including memory loss. Ginkgo-opsida comes from Asia and is found all over the world now. The tree grows up to 40m in height and can live up to 1,000 years. The plants are so precious



thanks to the highly effective ginkgo-flavon glycosides and terpenlactones the extract of which stimulates the blood flow and helps not only Alzheimer and dementia patients, but those suffering from tinnitus and hearing loss as well.

Source: Seen in "Das neue Blatt" (D)

Culture and other interesting facts

Austria: The "Vienna Classic Days" will take place again this year on 24 and 25 August. This is an Oldtimer event and parade from Vienna's Town Hall to the city's historic Ringstrasse. You can still take part even if you have no oldtimer yourself by hiring a vehicle under www.viennaclassicdays.com (Oldtimer-Miet-Angebot).

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA-A)

What travellers need to know:

Slurping: Very bad table manners in Europe but in Asia it is a way of showing the cook that you appreciate the food.

Eye contact: In Europe etc. people look one another in the eyes and smile when they meet. Not so in **Korea:** you should avoid eye contact and smiling.

Arriving late: In Europe it is considered impolite – but in **Argentina, India, Turkey and Spain** it is common for people to arrive 15 to 30 minutes late.

Spitting and blowing your nose: In **China** nearly everyone whether young or old, male or female, spits or blows their nose with great abandon anywhere.

In **Japan** however people disapprove of someone blowing or wiping their nose in public and even in winter no-one would produce a handkerchief on the street. But once in the underground (metro) or on a train and the cacophony starts up.

In **Tanzania** you do not sniff your food or drink because people will take it as a sign that the food smells bad.

Source: Metro (B)

Environment

Europe's drifting sand dunes: The biggest drifting sand dune in Europe is near Arcachon/France. The "Dune du Pilat" is 500 m long and 115 m high. But Denmark has its "Rubbjers Knude" and Poland too has a number of small drifting sand dunes near Leba on the Baltic.

Why do whales leap out of the water? There is not unanimous agreement as to why – some researchers believe that these gigantic sea creatures want to let others of their own kind know their whereabouts by banging loudly on the water, while others think it is more to do with ridding themselves of the parasites that live on their bodies.

How many aphids does a ladybird eat? There are many different types of ladybird but the seven spot ladybird eats its way through 150 aphids a day and even its larvae will consume between 400 and 600 aphids in the space of 3 weeks i.e. the time it takes to pupate.



INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM OUR MEMBERS

NKC (NL) in the Netherlands is organising its fourth Camping Festival for young campers on 14 and 15 September.

Campercontact (**NKC/NL**) received an award for the second time in Berlin from the German news channel n-tv and the consumer institute DISQ (German institute for quality service).

EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Mobicar from 03 to 07 October 2019, in Brussels
Vakantie Salon from 23 to 26 January 2020, in Antwerp
Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 30.08. to 08.09.2019, in Düsseldorf
Reisen & Caravan Messe from 31.10 to 03.11.2019, in Erfurt
Caravan live from 17 to 20.10.2019, in Freiburg
Caravan Bremen from 08. to 10.11.2019, in Bremen
Touristik & Caravaning International from 20 to 24.11.2019, in Leipzig
CMT Stuttgart from 11.01 to 19.01 2020, in Stuttgart
Reise + Camping from 26.02 to 01.03.2020, in Essen
Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2019, in Parma
The Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 09.10 to 13.10.2019, in Utrecht
Camperbeurs Hardenberg from 27.09 to 20.09.2019, in Hardenberg
France: Salon des Véhicules de Loisir from 28.09. to 06.10.2019, Le Bourget/Paris
SETT from 5 to 7 November 2019, in Montpellier
Spain: Madrid Caravaning Xanadu in October
Great Britain: The South West Motorhome Show from 06 to 08.09 2019, in Shepton Mallet
Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19.01.2020, in Manchester
Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24.10. to 28.10.2019, in Bern
OCA from 17.01. to 19.01.2020, in St. Gallen
Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 16.10 to 20.10 2019, in Wels
Sweden: Elmia Husvagen Husbil 2019 from 11 to 15 September, in Jönköping

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