



GOOD TO KNOW – DECEMBER 2017

**68TH INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY FROM 29 MARCH TO 02 APRIL
2018 IN Campsite Terme Tuhelj – Zagreb – Croatia**



Organisation: Udruga Kampista Hrvatske

The Rally fee is 65 Euro per person for 4 nights at the campsite, free entrance to the Water Planet (Wellness Center), folder of brochures, Easter meal or Easter breakfast, 1 bus trip to Terme Tuhelj to visit the attractive old town.
All Youth Rally participants must pay the rally booking fee.

In case participants want to stay in the hotel, the cost will be 180 Euro per person in a double room (65 + 180 = 245 Euro) or + 192 Euro for a single room (65 + 192 = 257 Euro) for the 4 nights . All participants can have breakfast in the Hotel Well restaurant for 7 Euro per person per day. Lunch costs 15 Euro per person.

Deadline for bookings 01.02.2018.

Campsite Avtokamp Terme Tuhelj is situated on a nice grassy area, shaded by trees not far from Zagreb (57 km). Campsite guests have free access to Vodni Planet, the largest swimming pool resort in Croatia.

In this small, quiet campsite you can entrust the preparation of meals to others i.e. Hotel Well or any of the restaurants in Vodni planet. However, if you wish to prepare your own meals on a barbecue, then in the campsite there are two grill spots for this very purpose. The campsite has proper sanitary installations with showers and a dishwashing space. Further information:

http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119

RALLY PROGRAM

Thursday 29.03.2018

12.00 – 19.00: Participants arrive

21.30 - ??? Disco



Friday 30.03.2018

- 09.30 Delegates' meeting
- Sports competitions
- 11.00 – 18.00 Outing to Zagreb (Guided city tour – optional) Euro 12
- 18.30 Parade of the Nations
- 19.00 Opening ceremony
- 20.00 Disco

Saturday 31.03.2018

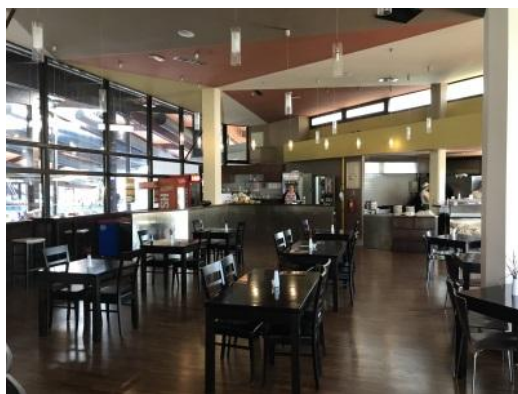
- 10.00 – 14.00 Outing to the Kumrovec ETNO village
- 14.00 – 18.00 Free time, sports competitions and other activities
- 18.00 Youth Commission's annual general meeting
- 20.00 Masked evening: karaoke & disco

Sunday 01.04.2018

- 10.00 – 19.00 Sports competitions
- 19.00 – 21.00 Announcement of the winners, closing ceremony and evening meal (drinks not included)
- 21.00 Disco

Monday 02.04.2018

- 11.00 Participants leave and rally site closes





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



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 downloaded from info@ficcrallye2018.de or from the DCC homepage www.camping-club.de following the link to www.ficcrallye2018.de

The rally site will open its gates at 12 noon on 27 July 2018 and there will be stewards to direct you to your pitch.

Once you have settled in, it will be time to explore the rally venue: the children's adventure playground, the zoo, sanitary installations etc. etc. The reception office will be open and you can collect the information for outings you have booked.

At around 4 pm participants will join the procession, the Parade of Nations, and we hope that many of you will be in your national dress.

The programme of outings starts on 29 July and they will run every day until 3 August. In addition to Dresden, Leipzig and Potsdam, there will be trips to Berlin and into the Spreewald (countryside). There are endless opportunities for cyclists and the specially organised shuttle bus will take you to the station at Nauen from where you can get the S-Bahn (train) to Berlin and visit the city at your leisure.

The programme is wide-ranging: much care has been taken especially over the evening programme with an "Octoberfest" on 30 July when locally brewed beer will be served.

Everyone must leave the rally site on 4 August.

The Deutscher Camping Club has reserved three hotels in Schönwalde for any participants who will not have their own tent, caravan or motorcaravan. A free shuttle bus will ferry these guests to and from the rally site.

The Deutscher Camping Club will handle bookings and payment for hotel rooms and caravans too.

The DCC membership card will be given to rally participants on their arrival in Paaren.

Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: The Uckermark – one of the most beautiful areas in Germany – is only an hour away from the city of Berlin.

This is where the German Chancellor grew up and is also the home of the poet Ehm Welk. Here you have real peace and quiet – there are no shopping malls, no fast food outlets and no-one is in a hurry but what you do have is endless restful countryside. Forests, meadows,



fields, lakes (motorboats are not allowed) and three nature reserves where sea eagles and cranes nest and deer herd together. Small villages with old half-timbered houses, castles and manor houses tucked away in quiet corners. Templin is a spa town and it is worth visiting its thermal baths and mediaeval kilometre-long town walls. Then there is the imposing edifice of Boitzenburg castle and the glass factory at Annenwalde where glassware and vases are still made using traditional methods. It is also famous for serving the best herb pancakes in the region.

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



Châteaubriant castle – the most important monument of the Loire-Atlantique department

Around the year 1050, Mr. Brient built the first fortress on a rocky outcrop overlooking the river. In 1490 Françoise de Dinan and then Jean de Laval added to the structure by building a Renaissance residence with formal gardens. The mediaeval fortress and the Renaissance palace together capture Châteaubriant castle's one thousand year long history. The castle is open to visitors all year round and there are guided tours in English.

Caratel castle

This manor house is in Louisfert and it dates back to 1650 in its present form, i.e. the middle of the 17C when the earlier construction, probably from the 16C, was completely rebuilt. Open: from 1 to 24 July and from 1 to 24 September or by arrangement.

Motte Glain castle

Rebuilt in the 15C by Pierre de Rohan and embellished with carved tuff, the castle is surrounded by magnificent trees and ponds. Mediaeval and renaissance architecture and decoration blend together. The interior has antique furnishings, beautiful fireplaces and in the renovated chapel there is an early 16C fresco. Anne de Bretagne, Charles IX and Catherine de Medici all visited the castle. Open every afternoon from 15 June to 15 September.

Louères menhir

This standing stone was classified as a historical monument in 1928. It dates back to early stone age times and is probably the sole stone remaining from a group of menhirs. This



stone and the discovery of a hammer confirm that there was a settlement in Saint-Aubin-des-Châteaux in those days.

Parking available on the sports ground carpark and then follow the track behind the sports hall. Open all year round – free of charge.

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

Japan Autocamping Federation is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019 and is keen to include the 89th International F.I.C.C. Rally in its celebrations.

After 1983 and 1994, this will be the third international F.I.C.C. camping event to be held in Japan, this time in Tohoku, in the northernmost district of the main island.

Ten-ei Village is situated 220 kms from Tokyo, just two hours journey by train or three to four hours by bus.

Hatoriko Communication Center is the rally venue and it has all of the amenities rally participants expect and ample space for the opening and closing ceremonies.

There are two campsites and the “Angel Forest Nasu-Shirakawa” has over 70 modern cottages, an Italian restaurant that can seat 250 people, shops and two types of “onsen” (hot springs).

All of the other rally sites are within a radius of about 1.5 kms of this central location. A shuttle bus will be available but participants can easily access the various amenities on foot. There will be mountain bikes for rent to give people the chance to explore the environs.

An interesting programme is being drawn up.

Bandai Azuma Skyline (Fukushima City)

This roadway goes through the Azuma Mountain Range west of Fukushima City. Driving the course gives you fantastic panoramic views. It is selected as one of Top 100 Roads in Japan, and highlights include Mt. Issaikyo and Mt. Azuma Kofuji. The road is closed in winter.

Hanitsu Shrine (Inawashiro Town)

This is the place where Hoshina Masayuki, father of the Aizu Domain, is entombed. In the fall, bright red maple leaves in the shrine grounds are a spectacular sight. A stone monument, the Turtle Stone, is the biggest in Japan at 7.3 meters high.

Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro (Inawashiro Town)

Mt. Aizu Bandai is selected as one of the Top 100 Mountains in Japan. The mountain is not only beautiful to see but also fun to climb. Lake Inawashiro is rated as the third largest of Japan’s fresh water lakes.

Hattachi Kaigan (Iwaki City)

The shore looks as though it’s covered with gravel, and makes for an unusual sight. Located nearby is Hattachi Yakushi Statue that is associated with the religious faith of fishermen. When the weather is fine, sunrise over the ocean is astonishingly beautiful.



Yunokami Onsen Station (Shimogo Town)

A gateway to Yunokami Hot Spring famous for its thatch-roofed station building. In 2002 the building was selected as one of Top 100 Stations in the Tohoku district. There's a fireplace in the waiting room. It's also the starting point for Ouchijuku sightseeing.

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTIA/ROME (ITALY)

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

On-line digital vignettes in Austria

As from next year, owners of vehicles with interchangeable number plates (registration plates) can save money. From 2018, owners of private cars and motorbikes only need one digital vignette that can be acquired on the Asfinag homepage from this November. The vignette is linked to the number plate so that vehicle owners with one number plate only need one (digital) vignette. It will operate in the same way as the sticker with a choice of a 1-day, two-month or annual vignette. You can use either Webshop Asinag.at on-line or your Smartphone app. and choose the length of time you want. Then you key in the vehicle registration district, the number plate and the commencement date. Payment is by credit card, Paypal or "Sofortüberweisung" (Immediate Transfer). The bill arrives at the e-mail address you have given. It is possible to buy more than one vignette.

Digital registration offers several advantages:

- ° Reminder function before the vignette's expiry date
- ° Possibility of having a subscription for the annual vignette
- ° Expiry date for the 10-day and 2-month vignettes can be changed
- ° Change of number plate should you change your address.

The cost for an annual vignette for a private car is 87.30€. It is valid from the 18th day after purchase. The reason for this is the 14-day right to cancel under consumer law plus one day. Also the day of purchase does not count in the 14 days and three days are allowed for mailing in the event of a written cancellation.

Info: www.asfinag.at/digitale-vignette

Source: Camping-Revue (ÖCC-AT)

Camping, a strong economic indicator in Germany too

Holidaymakers in motorcaravans, caravans and tents generate 12.6 billion euros worth of business that benefits the German economy. With the increasing popularity of this type of holiday, business should grow even more over the next few years.

More than one million leisure vehicles were registered in Germany in 2016 and there were over 300,000 other static vehicles, mainly caravans, on German campsites. Every caravanner and motorcaravanner spends about 50€ a day while on holiday. Long-term campers in static caravans spend about 20€ a day and any of their friends and relatives who visit will each easily part with another 20€.



49.7 million overnight stays were clocked up on German campsites last year. In addition caravanning fans spent a further 13.4 million overnight stops outside campsites, mainly on one of the 3,600 designated motorcaravanning stopovers in the Federal Republic. Motorcaravanners accounted for 14.5 million day trips.

Long-term campers spent 59.8 million days away. Altogether the spending power of caravan tourists amounted to over five billion euros. This amount obviously includes paying for overnight stops, but this amount includes retail shopping, restaurants and a variety of leisure activities such as amusement and theme parks, museums, spa facilities and the rental of sports equipment. Caravanners' and motorcaravanners' fuel bills amounted to 4 billion euros in 2016. Almost as much, 3.6 billion euros, was spent on camping equipment.

This revenue not only supported and paid the salaries of campsite managers, deliverymen, energy suppliers, bakers and contractors who maintain and carry out repairs on campsites, but also the fees of advertising agents, tax consultants, insurance agents and the banking sector.

Caravans for the Olympics

One hundred Dethleff caravans will offer flexible accommodation at the Winter Olympics in South Korea from 9 to 25 February 2018.

Source: Extracts Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Winter tyres obligatory in Austria

From 1 November through 15 April winter tyres are obligatory in Austria "depending on the situation". This means that private cars, estate cars/station wagons and trucks with a maximum laden weight of up to 3.5 tonnes can only be driven "in wintry conditions" such as snow-covered, slushy or icy roads if all wheels are fitted with winter tyres. The only exception is for vehicles that are parked.

Source: magazinsicherheit – Arbö-CCA (AT)

MISCELLANEOUS

Labelling on fruit

Only buy fruit with a 5-digit label code, starting with a number 9.

- 1) If the label has 4 figures and begins with 3 or 4, it means that the fruit was grown intensively i.e. chemical fertilizers were used
- 2) If the label has 5 figures and begins with a 9, it means that the produce was cultivated in the traditional way, without the use of pesticides or fertilizers. This is the best of all.
- 3) If the label has 5 figures and the first number is an 8, the produce was genetically modified. It is advisable to leave it aside.

All charges included in the cost of air fares must be itemized separately

An airline must always show upfront the amounts represented by taxes, airport charges and other surcharges that are included in its ticket prices. This was the decision taken by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg in a lawsuit brought by the Federal Consumers' Association against the now insolvent airline Air Berlin. Consumers who cancel a flight obviously have to bear the cost of the actual airfare but not the taxes and airport charges.



The judge argued that if these charges are not clearly itemized, air passengers have difficulty insisting on their rights.

Source: EuGH Luxemburg, Az.C290/16

Marie Curie would have been 150 years old

Marie Curie was born in Warsaw/Poland on 6 November 150 years ago. She was a scientist who laid the foundations of atomic science and nuclear medicine and was awarded two Nobel prizes for her ground-breaking work, one for Physics and one for Chemistry. Her life story reads like an adventure book. She studied secretly at university in Poland and was later accepted at the Paris Sorbonne where she was the first female scientist. Marie Curie discovered two new chemical elements, polonium and radium. To celebrate the anniversary of her birth, the Student Centre for Nuclear Energy organised a special Marie Curie Day and published a summary of her nuclear discoveries on the website of the Belgian Nuclear Forum.

Source: www.nuclearforum.be

The world's smallest state celebrates 50 years of independence

The micro state of Sealand is celebrating 50 years of independence by issuing a new coin. The Principality of Sealand is the smallest state in the world and its population varies from 1 to 5 people. Its territory is the former fortress island Fort Roughs Tower dating back to the Second World War and it lies just off the port of Felixstowe (UK). It is a 550 sq.m. square platform that rests on two concrete pillars. Although Sealand is not recognised by any other country, it can legally issue its own stamps, coins and a passport. Each of the 300 specially minted silver coins will cost £49.99. The Principality, founded by Paddy Roy Bates in 1967 exists thanks to the sales of stamps and coins. One can become a Lord, Lady, Baron or Baroness of Sealand by paying £29.99 for the privilege.

Source: Seen in metro (B)

Nature/environment

Why can hedgehogs roll up in a ball?

When they sense danger these animals form a prickly ball. But how can they do so without hurting themselves? A hedgehog has an oval ring of muscle and a dome-shaped muscle at the base of its back. They are both isolated from the other muscles by a layer of fat that acts like a protective sack over its head and body. Curling up in a ball protects the hedgehog from predators, but unfortunately not from vehicles.

Seen in „Echo der Frau“

Autumn of culture in the Netherlands

This autumn and winter museums in the Netherlands are surpassing themselves with exceptional exhibitions that are well worth a trip.

Kröller-Müller Museum in Otterlo: Bart van der Leck and Helene Kröller-Müller: The Patron and the “House Painter” Exhibition.

Helene Kröller-Müller (1869-1939) succeeded in amassing the second largest Van Gogh collection in the world. As patron of the arts, the prosperous industrialist's daughter supported and purchased works by a number of emerging artists including Bart van der Leck (1878-1958) who was one of the founding members of the “De Stijl” art movement. The museum is displaying works by van der Leck until 2 April 2018.



www.krollermuller.nl

Mauritshuis, The Hague: Flemish Portrait Painters from 1400 to 1700

This exhibition runs until 14 January 2018 and, under the heading „Zuiderburten“ (Southern Neighbours), portrays the history of Flemish portrait painting from 1400 to 1700. What is especially interesting is that nearly all of the portraits can be identified so visitors not only learn about the painters, but about their subjects whom they have immortalised on canvas.

www.mauritshuis.nl

Groningen Museum, Groningen: Von Friedrich to Turner: Romanticism in Countries of the North

Until 6 May 2018, Groningen Museum is offering visitors a fresh look at the above genre that had its hey-day between 1800 and 1850. The museum has managed to bring together a total of 95 paintings from the Netherlands, Great Britain, Germany and the Scandinavian countries. Further information: www.holland.com/kunst

Source: Extracts Camping- DCC(DE)

INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

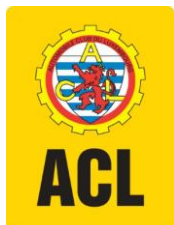
Deutscher Camping Club e.V.

The Deutscher Camping-Club awarded the DCC Trust Mark again to three excellent trading concerns in 2017, singling out Hymer Zentrum B1 – Dhonau GmbH in Mühlheim/Ruhr, Wick-Hellmobil in Plettenberg and Zebra Caravan in Frankfurt/Oder.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

We have pleasure in presenting:

ACL (Automobile Club du Luxembourg)



The Automobile Club du Luxembourg (ACL) is a not-for-profit association that provides a variety of services for its members.

Thanks to its well organised assistance and advisory services, ACL is able to offer its members assistance and guarantee mobility at all times irrespective of the type of private vehicle involved:



- round-the-clock availability, 24/24 and 7 days a week;
- help and assistance in Luxembourg, Greater Region and Europe by its experienced staff and thanks to close cooperation with partner motoring clubs in Europe;
- holiday offers and services for hassle-free trips and travel;
- know-how and expertise on technical and legal matters, and also in specialist areas such as motor racing and oldtimers;
- exclusive discounts, reductions and other benefits with our national and international partners.

ACL – a strong community: ACL is committed to defending the rights and interests of its members in every aspect that affects mobility. The club's vocation is to guarantee and promote access to good quality mobility, free choice regarding means of transport and the safety of its members. FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile), of which ACL is a member, also upholds and defends these principles with international decision-makers.

Long years ago ACL became member of F.I.C.C. and distributes the CCI (Camping Card International) to its camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning enthusiasts as well as camping articles in the ACL shop.

In its position as governing body of motor racing in Luxembourg, ACL is responsible for the management and administration of all forms of motor racing in the country and is in charge of technical and sporting regulations covering all types and forms of motor racing.

Key dates:

- **1906:** Automobile Club Luxembourgeois (A.C.L.), forerunner of present-day ACL, was founded by 12 motorists in the city of Luxembourg.
- **1912:** A.C.L. organised its first race in Luxembourg.
- **1932:** 84 founder members established the “Neuen Automobil Club des Herzogtums Luxemburg” (NACL).
- **1939:** The “Prix du Centenaire” was organised on the Neudorf-Grünwald-Finde-Kalchesbrück race track.
- **1941:** On 29 March, NACL changed its name to “Automobil Club Luxemburg” but the club was dissolved by the German occupying powers on 31 July. The “Deutsche Automobil-Klub” took over the club's affairs with just one person in charge.
- **1946:** “Automobile Club de Luxembourg” resumed its activities. The Remich Race was the first motor race to take place after the war.
- **1949:** First post-war Luxembourg Grand-Prix for 2 litre engine sports cars.



- **1950:** Tour was conducted for the first time according to new “Racer” formula for 500cc cars.
- **1952:** “Luxembourg Grand-Prix” for motorbikes and Formula 3 vehicles
- **1953:** First “Tour de Luxembourg” Rally.
- **1955:** First issue of “Auto Route” magazine.
- **1956:** ACL sent its members free copies of the new traffic regulations.
- **1957:** First “Soirée du Sport Automobile” (Motor Racing Evening), marking the official end of the motor racing season.
- **1960:** “Auto Route” magazine was renamed “Autotouring”. ACL introduced the “Carnet d’assistance” that provides assistance if one’s vehicle is stolen abroad, if there is a fatal accident or if a crashed vehicle has to be repatriated. The carnet also included a letter of credit to cover all manner of emergencies. The Automobile Club and Goodyear organised the first “Safe Driving” training courses on the Goodyear test track.
- **1970:** Breakdown and recovery service officially introduced.
- **1981:** ACL’s breakdown service answered its 100,000th call.
- **1985:** ACL diagnostic centre opened in Helfenterbrück
- **1996:** ACL was one of the first Luxembourg organisations to go on the internet.
- **1997:** The Europa Grand Prix for historical cars was held at Kirchberg. In September ACL co-organised the Formula 1 “Luxembourg Grand Prix” at the Nürburgring.
- **1998:** Second and final Formula 1 “Luxembourg Grand Prix” at the Nürburgring.
- **2005:** Opening of an ACL branch in the National Museum for Historical Vehicles in Diekirch.
- **2006:** The “Europa” membership card replaced the former “Carnet d’assistance” providing assistance abroad.
- **2007:** Special postage stamp issued on ACL’s 75th anniversary.
- **2011:** Mr. Yves Wagner became President of ACL.
- **2014:** In conjunction with the National Society of Motor Vehicle Inspection, ACL made it possible for vehicles over 20 years old to undergo the obligatory motor vehicle inspection in its Diagnostic Center.



In October the very first Masters Hill Climb was held at Eschdorf, organised by the Pilots Union together with the Automobile Club du Luxembourg (ACL) in close collaboration with FIA.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Germany: Caravan und Camping from 31.01 – 04.02.2018, in Hannover

Reise + Camping from 21.2. – 25.2.2018, in Essen

CFT-Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 16.03 - 1.03.2018, in Freiburg

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 28.08 – 02.09.2018, in Düsseldorf

The Netherlands: Vakantiebeurs (Holiday Salon) from 10.01. – 14.01. 2018, in Utrecht

France: Salon Mondial du tourisme (Holiday Salon) from 15.03. - 18.03.2018, in Paris

Austria: Ferienmesse (Holiday Salon) from 11.01. – 14.01.2018, in Vienna

Great Britain: Central Caravan & Motorcaravan Show from 19.01. – 22.01.2018, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 28.2. – 4.3.2018, in Birmingham

Belgium: Vakantiesalon (Holiday Salon) from 25.01 – 29.01 2018, in Antwerp

Salon des Vacances (Holiday Salon) from 1.02. - 4.2 2018, in Brussels

Spain: Fitur from 17.01. – 21.01.2018, in Madrid

Caravaning Alicante from 1.2. – 4.2. 2018, in Alicante

Girocamping from 07.03. - 10.03.2018, in Girona

Expovacaciones from 04.05. – 06.05 2018, in Bilbao

Feria de Caravaning & Vans del Norte from 04.05. – 06.05 2018, in Vitoria-Gasteiz

Madrid Caravaning Xanadu from 20.04. – 22.04 2018, in Madrid

Feria del Camping vom 20.04. – 22.04 2018, in Valencia



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