



## GOOD TO KNOW – FEBRUARY 2017

### INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY EASTER 2017

Organised by The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB) in  
La Haye-du-Puits/France from 13 to 17 April 2017



### 85th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. Rally from 17 to 26 May 2017 in Datça in Western Turkey



Further information that is regularly updated can be found on the website [www.ficcally2017.com](http://www.ficcally2017.com) or [kampkaravan.org.tr](http://kampkaravan.org.tr) where booking forms can also be downloaded.





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



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

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

The **Nordic Camping Rally** organised by SF Caravan under F.I.C.C. patronage will be held in Kokemäki/Finland from 9 to 15 July 2017. Six days in a beautiful surrounding with full program. This year Finland is celebrating its 100 years of independence.

Participation costs: Euro 220,50

All F.I.C.C. members welcome.

[www.nct2017.fi](http://www.nct2017.fi)

**The “National Feast of Jumping Course**, Hickstead Place Estate/Sussex-Great Britain from 24 to 28 August 2017. No booking fee charged for children and young people under 18 years old. The programme is still being worked on but it will include the popular “Mardi Gras” parade and “Lighting up” – a sort of competition for the most beautifully illuminated pitch and caravan/motorcaravan.

This year’s motto is “A Day at the Races”.

F.I.C.C. members are welcome at this event too.

<http://www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/newsandevents/national-feast-of-lanterns/>

**Lanterns**“ under F.I.C.C. patronage, organised by The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB), will be held at The All England Horse

### **F.I.C.C. Patronage for the GOLDEN RING RALLY in Russia**

The Russian State Tourism Agency, CARAVANERS LEAGUE and the Suzdal campsite invite you to take part in the “International Festival of Automobile Travelers and Caravaners” GOLDEN RING RALLY 2017 in Suzdal.



The Festival takes place from 24 to 30 July 2017 and will give you the opportunity to find out about the history, architecture and culture of Russia.

A special programme of excursions is being laid on.

Every day at the rally site for the duration of the Festival, there will be:

- Tourism exhibitions of the towns and regions in Russia's Golden Ring
- Displays of souvenirs and national food products
- Russian handicrafts (you can make your own souvenirs)
- Restaurants serving Russian food and drink

A lot of volunteers will be helping out at the Festival offering assistance to participants both at the rally site and during excursions.

This event will be held on a well-equipped campsite with 250 pitches for tents, caravans and motorcaravans.

**All participants will receive a Russian visa valid for 1 month.**

This is a one-off chance to go to the Festival and to discover the history, culture and traditions of some of Russia's finest towns and cities,.

**After booking, all participants will receive a free invitation which is needed when applying for a visa.**

**All participants will be free to travel elsewhere in Russia for 14 days after the Festival.**

Special trips and a special programme of excursions will be arranged for groups to Russia.

There will be opportunities to visit famous cities like Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Pskov, Kostroma, Yaroslavl, Rostov Velikiy, Sergiyev Posad, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan.

The organisers will do their very best to ensure that your journey to the Festival and your excursions and travels around Russia are pleasant, comfortable and safe.

All participants will be given comprehensive information and explanations about service stations, campsites and overnight stopovers (overnight parking areas) in Russia.

Further information and bookings for the Festival under [WWW.RALLY.GTKSUZDAL.RU](http://WWW.RALLY.GTKSUZDAL.RU) or e-mail

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## **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 8<sup>th</sup> Friendship Rally in Matera, a culturally rich town in the Basilicata region – also known as Lucania – in southern Italy. Matera is famous for its cathedral and its cave dwellings.

F.I.C.C. members are warmly invited to take part in this rally. Further information will be available in due course.

## **87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren - Berlin/Germany**



The rally venue is the Märkische Exhibition and Leisure Center (MAFZ) in Paaren, Glien, in the municipality of Schönwalde-Glien. Finding the rally venue is straightforward and it is within easy reach of the motorway. It goes without saying that because 2018 marks DCC's 70th anniversary, the club will be making the most of the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in its history. We can already advise rally-goers about campsites en route that will be offering good value and special conditions.

The brochure giving the programme can be downloaded on <http://www.ficcrally2018.de>  
All the information you need is published on the website with contact details.  
Source: DCC (D)

**Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:** Berlin is a world famous metropolis and has excellent restaurants whether you are looking for a five-star menu or a food outlet selling simple meat balls or curry sausages. There are (or at least there were) stands selling curry sausage served with a glass of champagne (a bit of an acquired taste perhaps!)  
“Monsieur Vuong” on Hackeschen Markt (discovered quite by chance – the best curry of all) is Vietnamese - a great find for enthusiasts of Asian culinary delights and it would appear that there are rather a lot of them in the camping fraternity, especially among those who have been to international F.I.C.C. rallies in Asia.



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### **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 JULY/AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France**

F.I.C.C.'s Rally Liaison Officer will carry out the rally site inspection in April 2017.

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

### **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

**The caravan sector is growing all over Europe** with the number of leisure vehicles increasing by nearly 11 percent.

The European market for motorcaravans and caravans performed extremely well again in 2016 clocking up the best results in the sector for seven years. Thus in 2016 a total of 170,064 new leisure vehicles were officially registered across Europe, an impressive increase of 10.6%.

Caravanning is still in vogue throughout Europe. As in previous years, it was the strong German market that boosted the European caravanning sector. With 54,883 newly registered motorcaravans and caravans, Germany chalked up a huge increase of 16.4% compared with the previous year. Great Britain and France are not far behind and together these three countries are the three biggest markets for leisure vehicles in Europe. Last year in the United Kingdom, there were new registrations totalling 35,950 outfits, an increase of 7.1%. The market in France grew by 8.3% with 27,443 new registrations for caravans and motorcaravans.

Basically there was growth in new registrations in virtually all of the European markets. There were impressive gains in Sweden up 22.3% (8,808 leisure vehicles) and in Spain up 14.7% (4,077 leisure vehicles). Thus new registrations of motorcaravans and caravans increased again in the Netherlands (6.9%), Denmark (9.5%) and Italy (6%) and, taken together, outstripped their growth rate in 2015. Results for the motorcaravanning segment are particularly impressive. Compared with 2015, nearly 15,000 more outfits were registered across Europe last year: 96,410 motorcaravans in 2016 represents an increase of 18.3%. Germany came out top with 35,135 registrations of new motorcaravans, up 23.9%.



The number of new motorcaravan registrations in France went up by 13.1% to 19,698 outfits and in Great Britain by 17.3% to around 12,400.

Other important motorcaravanning markets showed amazing gains too. Sweden's registrations rose 31.9% to 5,321 outfits. Last year Spain showed continued strong growth of 37.5% (2,675 outfits). The results of many other markets were still in double figures such as Italy (13.7%) and Belgium (13.6%).

In 2016, the market for caravans in Europe showed stable growth of 1.9% with 73,654 new registrations. The strongest market was in Great Britain that recorded 2.4% growth with 23,550 newly registered caravans. In Germany, 5.1% growth represented 19,748 newly registered caravans. France was the only big market that went into negative territory, down 2.2%. However with 7,745 outfits it still remained the third largest caravan market. The Netherlands was in fourth place, up 5% with 6,078 new caravan registrations.

Source:ECF

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **“Roam like Home” - roaming charges to be abolished this summer.**

There will be no more roaming surcharges on mobile phones from 15 June 2017 for people who travel periodically in the EU. The European Parliament and EU member states have agreed on “dismantling” roaming surcharges, clarifying consumer rights and introducing safeguards to ensure the most competitive domestic offers are applied but not abused. Calling, texting and surfing “should” become 90% cheaper.

Source: metro(B) and EU website

### **Tip for campers**

Thanks to a lump of sugar, hard cheese will stay fresher for longer.

If you put a sugar cube under your cheese dish cover, you will find that hard cheese maintains its freshness and aroma for longer. It absorbs the damp and prevents the formation of mould.

### **Driving instruction for disabled people**

The company Dethleffs is launching out into a new venture by offering brand-independent special training in safe driving practice that is now available for people who are disabled. Motorcaravans and car/caravan combinations are made available to participants on the course, including a vehicle that can be adapted to a person's individual physical needs.

For this special training exercise, a driving school has been engaged that has a good many years' experience in teaching people with disabilities - whether from birth or as a result of an accident or a stroke - to give them the encouragement and confidence they need so that they feel able to go on holiday again driving their own recreational vehicle.

Extract: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

*A truly worthwhile and commendable initiative!*



## FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

**Germany:** Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 26.08. to 03.09 2017, in Düsseldorf  
Hamburger Caravantage: 14 to 19.09 2017, in Hamburg  
Bremen: Caravan from 03 to 05.11. 2017, in Bremen  
**The Netherlands:** Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 11 to 15.10.2017, in Utrecht  
**Italy:** Expocamper from 3 to 5.3. 2017, in Padua  
Il Salone del Camper from 09 to 17.09 2017, in Parma  
**France:** Salon Mondiale du Tourisme from 16 to 22.03.2017, in Paris  
Destinations Nature from 17 to 20.03 2017, in Paris  
Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs, from 30.09 to 08.10. 2017, in Paris – Le Bourget  
SETT from 07 to 09.11 2017, in Montpellier  
**Spain:** Expovacaciones from 05 to 07.05.2017, in Bilbao  
Madrid Caravaning Xanadu outlet & occasion, in Madrid  
**China:** All in Caravaning from 23 to 25.06.2017, in Beijing  
**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 27 to 31.10. 2017, in Bern  
**Sweden:** ELMIA from 6 to 10 September 2017 in Jönköping

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