



GOOD TO KNOW – FEBRUARY 2019

69th INTERNATIONALE F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY 2019 IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC





69th F.I.C.C. Youth Rally
Autocamping Konopáč, Heřmanův Městec
Czech Republic
18. - 22. 4. 2019





www.konopac-hm.cz/21090/ficc-youth-rally



Pre-rally 15 - 17. 4. 2019 and post-rally 23 - 26. 4. 2019

ON-SITE FACILITIES

Showers and toilets
Camp kitchen
Restaurants
Café and bar at affordable prices
Mobile grocery shop
WiFi (free)
T-shirts

TRAVEL:

By air:

Prague - 100 km - 2 h.

Pardubice - 15 km - 20 min.

Train:

Pardubice - 20 min.

By arrangement: shuttle bus from Pardubice to the campsite

RESERVATIONS:

Three easy steps:

1. Complete the digital registration form at www.konopac-hm.cz/21090/ficc-youth-rally.

Alternatively, complete the reservation form on the back of this leaflet and send it by e-mail to ficcyouthrally2019@gmail.com.

Option: Send a multiple application form for the entire group taking part from the camping club in the form of a table.

2. Once we have received the completed registration form, we will send you an invoice and payment instructions

3. Registration will be confirmed and will be valid after payment.

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



Practical information: GPS:47°43'15.413"N-1°22'34.406"O



Locally you will find: a bakery, various shops – supermarket nearby –
Several bars, fast food outlet, musical shows, cabaret, regional products, WLAN
For further information, go to www.ficc2019.com – registration at www.ficc2019.com or via the registration form (on request)
More detailed information can be found at www.ffcc.fr or info@ffcc.fr, or call 0033 142 72 84 08

There are two hotels that can be recommended in Châteaubriant:
Hotel La Ferrière, rue Winston Churchill -44110 Châteaubriant
and
Hotel Le Châteaubriant, rue du 11 Novembre – 44110 Châteaubriant

There are not caravans to rent, but motor homes are available. Go to
<https://ficc2019.com/infos-pratiques/> and see the rear of the registration forms.

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



The center of the rally venue is the Hatoriko Highland Community Center. It has all necessary facilities and enough space for the opening and closing ceremonies. The indoor area of the Center can accommodate 250 people for gathering. It will house the Rally reception, information and administration offices on the ground floor, as well as the F.I.C.C. Secretariat on the upper floor.

There is a large grassed outdoor area where a stage and gathering tents will be erected. The car park area will be used for approx. 50 motor caravans with drinking water and electricity to be provided. All rally facilities including some pensions are located within 1,5 km range from the Center and will be connectd by shuttle buses starting there.

Kazuhiro Akase



ONSEN (Hot Springs)

Japan is a country with many volcanoes and volcanic onsen (hot springs). Numerous myths and legends are associated with these hot springs, e.g. that certain hot springs can heal wounds or diseases in people or animals. This shows that the people in Japan recognised the medicinal properties of these hot springs very early on. Today, there are many oasis facilities all over Japan that also offer overnight accommodation. A lot of people visit the hot springs and stay there for some time for spa treatments (balneotherapy - toji).

Towns and cities have their own public bathhouses because the Japanese do not only bath to wash themselves but, rather, also to relax in the tub and forget about the stresses of everyday life.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Shukubo (overnight stay in temples)

It is possible to stay overnight in Buddhist temples that were once set up for monks and pilgrims. These facilities are now also accessible for other travellers. Some of these temples traditionally offer their guests vegetarian meals and Zen meditation.

Ryokan (first-class Japanese guesthouses)

These elegant accommodation facilities, some of which are hundreds of years old, offer excellent food and are mostly set in areas with beautiful scenic views. You can find them all over Japan and experience *omotenashi* there, which hospitality is based on the traditional Japanese style of hosting guests. You sleep on futons on the floor, sometimes with a private bathroom (outside) and walk around in a yukata (a cotton kimono)

Capsule Hotels

A relatively inexpensive accommodation option that offers space for one person in a capsule. Although they are really only intended for men, female guests are also accepted more and more nowadays.



In the area of **Shirakawago**, there are gassho-zukuri on offer, i.e. small houses in typical Japanese style, where the guest lives with the local residents, tries the traditional food and experiences how the people lived here in earlier times.

Small Japanese guesthouses (minshuku) similar to B&B are run by families and give an insight into how the inhabitants of Japan live today.

There are also all categories of “Western Style Hotels” available in the cities, of course.

Source: Japan National Tourism Organisation

Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: Because there are sometimes problems with the website, the Japanese association and rally organiser will print a brochure containing the accommodation options, prices and tourist attractions. This brochure will be provided to the F.I.C.C. Clubs and associations on request at jac@autocamp.or.jp.

TOURS during the Rally

N° 1 – 29 September 2019

AIZU TSURUGA CASTLE SAMURAI

Departure at 7 a.m. from Lake Hatori Takahara

10.20 a.m. Aizu Samurai House

11.20 - 11.30 a.m. Sake Tour at “Suehiro Sake Brewery”

12.20 - 12.30 p.m. Tsuruga Castle Tour (lunch)

2.30 - 2.40 p.m. Aizu Clan School “Nikkan”

3.40 - 5.00 p.m. Hatori Lake Highlands (return)

Price 9,000 JPY (yen) including lunch

N° 2 - 30 September 2019

FUKUSHIMA FRUIT HARVEST & ASAHI BEER GARDEN TOUR

Departure at 7 a.m. from Hatori Lake Plate

10.40 Fruit “hunt” “Pear or grapes” at Fukushima Farmers’ Association

11.40 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Asahi Beer Garden factory and lunch

2.30 - 3.00 p.m. Kasei-zan-Shinto Shrine

4.00 - 5.00 p.m. return to Hatori Lake Highlands

Price 9,000 JPY including lunch

N° 3 - 1 October 2019

URA-BANDAI GOSHIKINUMA TREKKING COURSE (hiking tour)

8.30 a.m. Departure from Hatori Lake Takahara

10.00 a.m. Ura-bandai Trekking (tour around the mysterious Five Colour Lake including Misa Vishamon Lake). The trek is 3.6 km long – trekking time (on foot) 1 hour and 10 minutes

12.40 p.m. Lunch in Gokouen



1.30 p.m. "Tou No Hetsuri"
2.00 - 2.20 p.m. "Ouchi-kyuku" town (Station town)
3.20 - 5.00 p.m. Return to Hatori Lake Highlands

Price 9,000 JPY including lunch

N° 4 – 2 October 2019 and N° 5 – 3 October 2019
FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

7 a.m. Departure from Hatori Lake Takahara – Shirakawa Central IC (Tohoku Way) – Yabuki IC (Abuku Mawara highway) – Ono IC (Ban Koshido / Joban Way) – Tomioka IC
10.15 a.m. TEPCO former Energy Hall
10.30 a.m. Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant visit
1.30 p.m. Tomioka IC
1.50 p.m. Shikura (lunch box) Service area
5.30 p.m. Return to Hatori Lake Highlands

Price 9,000 JPY including lunch

N° 6 – 4 October 2019
WORLD HERITAGE NIKKO TOUR

8.30 a.m. Departure from Hatori Lake Takahara
10.30 a.m. Chuzenji Lake
1.00 - 1.10 p.m. Kegon Waterfalls
12.00 - 12.40 p.m. Lunch at the Nikko Fujiya Tourism Centre
1.40 - 1.50 p.m. Nikko Toshugu Shrine, Ring-no-ji Shrine, Futaarayama Shrine
3.50 - 5.00 p.m. Return to Hatori Lake Highlands

Price 9,000 JPY including lunch

Source: JAC (Japan)

The booking fees for the F.I.C.C. International Rally are as follows: Adults (over 22 years old) ¥ 18,000 / young people (13-22 years old) ¥ 15,000 Yen/ children (6-12 years old) ¥ 9,000 / children under 6 years old free of charge.

For further information and registration, go to <http://www.89thficcrally.com/>



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: In Italy, stamped postcards should only put in the official RED letterboxes. There are GPS stamps in circulation in Italy that are supposedly to be put in yellow letterboxes and, of course, never arrive.

91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2021 on Naas Racecourse near Dublin in IRELAND

Camping/Caravaning/Motorcaravaning

Is it ok to clean tyres with a high-pressure washer?

This question from a camper was answered as follows:

Together with Kärcher, it was examined as part of a dissertation whether the tyres of a car can be damaged in the car wash by the water jet of a high-pressure washer.

The result: as long as the correct method is used and a minimum distance of 30 cm from the surface is maintained, the high-pressure washer can be used without any problems. To preserve the vehicle and tyres, the exclusive use of a flat-jet nozzle is recommended.

If the minimum distance is maintained, no damage will occur whatsoever. In the study, material samples of tyres were processed in several reproducible test series, with different nozzles, water pressures, distances and time intervals examined.

Quelle: Camping, Cars & Caravans

The windscreen must be free

If you park your car outside, you have to allow a bit more time in the morning during winter. The time needed to scrape the ice off the windscreen can be considerably shortened by protecting it with a



cover in the evening. These covers, mostly aluminium-coated foils, are attached with magnets or held secure by the driver and passenger doors.

However, an ice scraper (or de-icer spray) still needs to be kept in the car. Using a credit card or similar plastic cards is not recommended.

Do not warm up the engine while scraping the windscreen. This can be punishable by a fine in some countries. Just scraping a peephole free to look through is not sufficient; it is better to clear the entire windscreen and also the side windows because driving with iced-up windows is a traffic offence that can be punished by a fine for even disqualification from driving.

Source: Auto (ACS-CH)

Ten per cent of **Dutch campers** drive their motor homes to winter sports destinations, with around half of them going to Austria.

The motor home manufacturer Hymer is the first to be given permission to test **driverless motor homes** on public roads.

In the seaside resort of Calp (Spain), motor homes are no longer allowed to stay on public roads/streets at night. This small village near Benidorm has been fighting for years against campers staying there at night who not only disturb the image and peace and quiet, but also leave their rubbish behind. For this reason, the local council has decided that motor homes may no longer be stationary on public roads between 8 p.m. (9 p.m. in summer) and 9 a.m.

Wild camping is permitted in Spain under certain conditions. Staying overnight along the expressways is allowed, but you cannot put any tables or chairs outside and the awning may not be extended.

Source: NKC (NL)

F.I.C.C. history

Last year, we were very surprised to receive an old 1965 Camping International Carnet from Australia issued back then by “The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland”.

The daughter of the original owner has allowed us to publish this card and explained that her parents, Henry and Jean Cohen, travelled around Europe in a “mobile caravan/car” (the motor home of that time) for two years, i.e. from 1965 to 1967, and made frequent use this Camping Carnet (now known as CCI - Camping Card International).

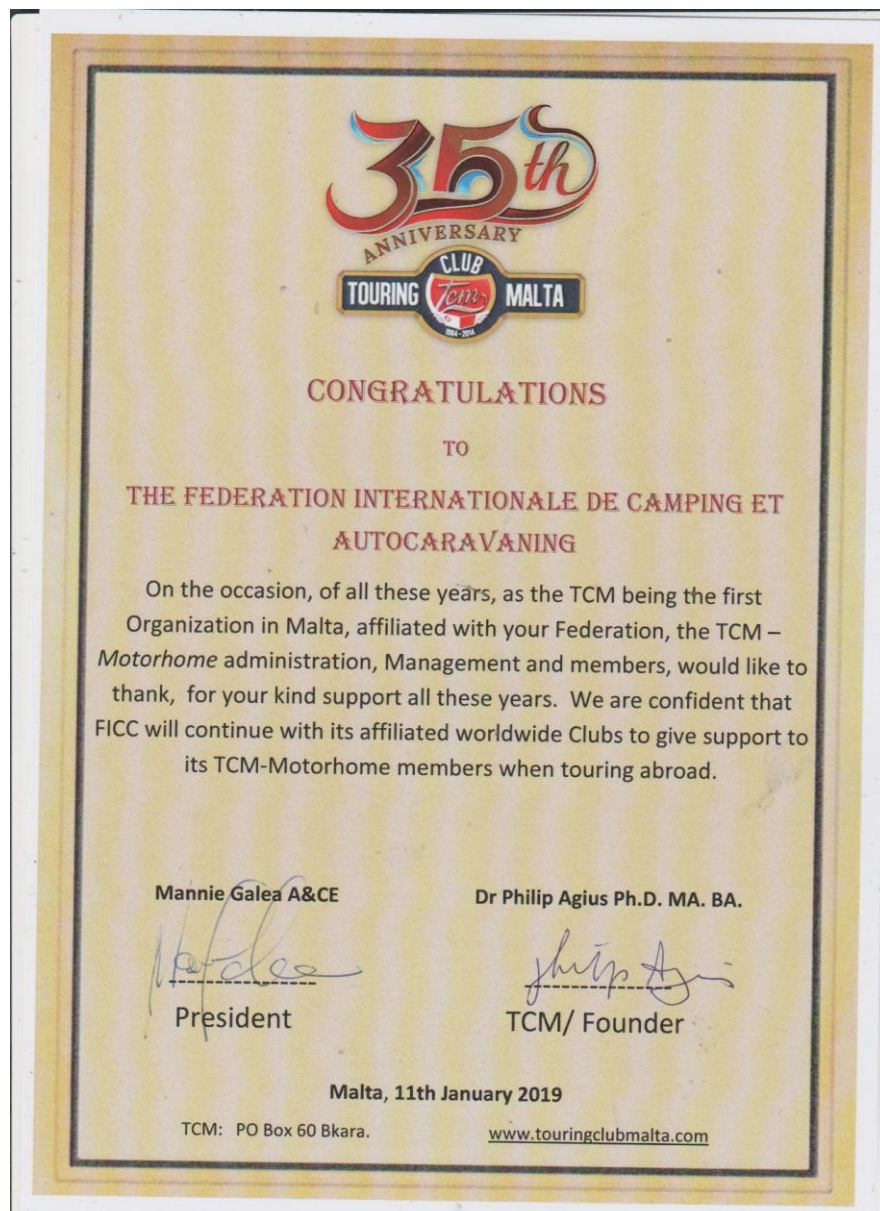
It is interesting that this Camping Carnet contains the “Information regarding the camping booklet and the rules for correct camping as well as insurance and the obligations of the holder in the case of damage” not only in French, English and German, but also in languages such as Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Greek, Hebrew and even Arabic.

We are very grateful to Beverly and Eric Gorr for this lovely gesture.





AN HONOUR FOR F.I.C.C. from Malta





MISCELLANEOUS

Health

It is by disease that health is pleasant; by evil that good is pleasant; by hunger, satiety; by weariness, rest

Heraclitus (Greek philosopher 520-460 B.C.)

Curiosities and culture

For 226 years, the **New York Stock Exchange** was run by men. Since the middle of 2018, the financial juggling business has been headed and overseen by Ms. Stacey Cunningham as the first woman ever in this position.

Source: read in Brigitte Woman (D)

The two **European Cities of Culture for 2019** are Plovdiv, Bulgaria's oldest city, and Matera in Southern Italy.

Environment

The **Red Ant-Mimic Spider** has been chosen as Spider of the Year 2019 by 83 experts from 26 European countries. What is remarkable is that it deceives predators by pretending to be an ant.

Source: read in Metro(B)

At the end of 2018, **Rostock Zoo** (D) was voted the best European zoo in Category B from 500,000 to 1 million visitors per year. This means that it was able to maintain its top position, which it claimed 3 years ago for the first time, over 36 other zoos of a similar size.

In Category A, which covers all facilities with more than 1 million visitors per year, the Tiergarten Schönbrunn zoo in Vienna came out on top for the fifth time.

Source: DCC (D)

School holidays

In Spain – depending on the region:

Easter from 13/15/18 April to 19/21/22/29 April 2019

Summer from 22 June to 8 September 2019

In Croatia

Spring holidays from 18 to 26 April 2019

Summer holidays from 17 June to 1 September 2019

Christmas holidays from 24 December to 10 January 2020

In Poland

Spring holidays from 18 April to 23 April 2019

Summer holidays from 22 June to 31 August 2019

Source: Internet



GOOD TO KNOW FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Japan Auto Camping Federation will be represented at the largest Japanese “outdoor” trade fair on 4/5 April 2019 with over 130,000 visitors and will operate an F.I.C.C. stand there and promote the International Rally in Fukushima, among other things.



The German Camping Club (DCC) has been awarded the “Camping Star” by the German Federal Camping Industry Federation, BVCD, in recognition of the numerous activities, publications, the DCC Camping Guide and the online presentations with which DCC promotes the further development of the modern form of holiday camping.

The DCC Safety Prize 2019 went to Knaus Deseo and was presented on the occasion of the CMT press day held in Stuttgart in January 2019.

TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Holiday Fair Brussels Travel Expo from 07.02 to 10.02.2019 in Brussels

Germany: Reise + Camping from 20.02 to 24.02.2019 in Essen

Freizeit, Garten + Touristik from 27.02 to 03.03.2019 in Nuremberg

Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 29.03 to 31.03.2019 in Freiburg

Aachener Caravan & Camping Messe from 18.05 to 19.05.2019 in Aachen

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 30.08 to 08.09.2019 in Düsseldorf

Reisen & Caravan Messe from 31.10 to 03.11.2019 in Erfurt

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 09.10 to 13.10.2019 in Utrecht

France: Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 06.03 to 10.03.2019 in Paris

Great Britain: Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 19.02 to 24.02.2019 in Birmingham

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24.10 to 28.10.2019 in Berne



Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 16.10 to 20.10 2019 in Wels

Japan: Outdoor Day Japan from 4-5 April 2019 in Tokyo

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