



GOOD TO KNOW – NOVEMBER 2016

INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY EASTER 2017
Organised by The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB) in
La Haye-du-Puits/France



67th FICC Youth Rally
Thursday 13th April –
Monday 17th April 2017

**Hosted by Great Britain in
La Haye-du-Puits, Normandy, France**

- * **Greenfield Camp Site**
- * **Silent Disco, Entertainment & Fancy Dress Party Nights**
- * **Campfire & Music late into the night**
- * **Sports - Football & Volleyball**
- * **BBQ Easter Meal**
- * **Adventure & Historical Trips Out**
- * **Cafe & Bar on site**
- * **Toilets & Showers**
- * **Come along soak up the atmosphere & join in the fun for only €60 per person**

Not to be missed!

 **Keep an eye out on Facebook for more information coming soon**



This Rally will be held from 13 to 17 April 2017 and cost participants €60. But for an extra €5 a night you can stay from Friday 7 April to Wednesday 19 April and enjoy camping with the working party. Parents can also stay nearby at a reasonably priced, well-equipped campsite.

The rally campsite is close to La Haye-du-Puits in Normandy and was used as a football stadium for the town. There are toilets and showers, plus a camp kitchen for all to use during the Rally.

The organisers will run the café and bar and will ensure prices are kept low.

Every evening there will be entertainment and partying that will include fun, games, a number of DJ's and a "silent" disco (?!) (hopefully not too loud) and of course a campfire after every party – so don't forget your guitars!

A shuttle bus is planned for La Haye-du-Puits on Thursday, an excursion to the Normandy landing beaches on Friday morning and kayaking or high wire adventures in the afternoon.

On Saturday there is a day-long excursion for EVERYONE to Cherbourg and various options will be on offer including a treasure hunt and a number of watering holes, the Titanic Museum etc.

Transport is included in the rally booking fee but some of the activities might incur an extra cost.

Sunday is sports day: football, volleyball, netball and fun sports – the traditional Easter meal and international evening.

The Opening Ceremony will be on Thursday evening and the Closing Ceremony on Sunday evening.

Fancy dress themes are still to be confirmed but one will probably be a Red-White-Blue night.

The organisers welcome any ideas!

We look forward to welcoming everyone at the International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally in La Haye-sur-Puits in France!

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



The rally site is now ready to receive campers who will be attending the 2017 International F.I.C.C. Rally. All of the amenities such as electricity, fire extinguishers and water hydrants, showers/toilets, kitchen, washing and ironing facilities, security, fire and ambulance services, first aid post, a supermarket, hairdresser, restaurants and cafés have been inspected again. There have been a number of meetings with the local authorities who have given assurances of their continued support during the final preparations in the run-up to the rally and during the rally itself.

The organisers distributed excellent documentation at the Ponte de Lima rally including CDs on Datça and the surrounding area, calendars for 2017 with beautiful photos, key rings and t-shirts, all of which were much appreciated by rally-goers.

Further information that is regularly updated can be found on the website www.85ficcrally2017.com

RALLY BOOKING FEE

ACCOMMODATION	Adults (18+)	Juniors (12-17 yrs)	Children (up to 11 yrs)	REMARKS
Rally booking fee (tent, caravan, motorcaravan)	120 € incl. electricity	60 €	Free	Rally booking fee 10 days, 1 outfit + 1 person Welcome gift package (1 per outfit)

N.B. Bookings made after 10 April 2017 will be subject to a 20% surcharge





RALLY PROGRAMME

17. 05. 2017	12.00 20.00	Participants arrive Music – Dancing
18. 05. 2017	09. 00 11.00 17.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Meeting of Chief Delegates and Rally Organisers Opening Ceremony Music - Dancing
19. 05. 2017	09.00 11.00 17.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Local market Folklore Music – Dancing
20. 05. 2017	09.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Turkish evening
21. 05. 2017	09.00 10.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Boat trip for delegates Music – Dancing
22. 05. 2017	09.00 11.00 14.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Local market Outing to Datça Music – Dancing
23. 05. 2017	09.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports International evening
24. 05. 2017	09.00 11.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Local market Music – Dancing
25. 05. 2017	09.00 17.00 20.00	Early morning exercise/sports Closing Ceremony Music – Dancing
26. 05. 2017	12.00	Rally closes and participants depart





Excursions

Ephesus House of the Virgin Mary

The price includes coach transport, breakfast, lunch, entrance fees to Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary and the guide (English-speaking)

19.05.2017

Pamukkale

The price includes coach transport, breakfast, lunch, entrance fees to Pamukkale, the ancient site of Hierapolis and the guide (English-speaking)

22.05.2017

Knidos

The price includes transport by minibus, entrance fee to the ancient site and the guide (English-speaking)

23.05.2017

Dalyan

The prices includes transport by coach, boat trip on the river with lunch on board, entrance fee for the mudbaths and the guide

24.05.2017

Prices to be announced are for groups of at least 40 people

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





Jump Stone Coast

The Jump-stone Coast runs 10 km, from km 29 to 39 on Provincial Highway 2. The narrow coastline here is covered with rocks that were spewed from nearby volcanoes and then rolled by the waves and eroded into the round stones that we see today. Before the highway was built between Danshui and Jinshan, residents and businessmen traveling along the coast here had to jump from stone to stone when the tide was out, giving the coastline its name.

Teresa Teng Memorial

Xishihu, Xihu Village, Jinshan Township, Taipei County

The Teresa Teng Memorial Park, Taiwan's most popular singer of her time, is located on Jinbaoshan. With a marble tombstone surrounded by flower beds and stone sculptures, its most unique feature is a gigantic piano keyboard set in the ground that emits enchanting music when stepped upon.

The Nordic Camping Rally under F.I.C.C. patronage

will be organised by SF Caravan in Kokemäki/Finland from 9 to 15 July 2017

**The "National Feast of Lanterns" under F.I.C.C. patronage
organised by The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB) will be held at
The All England Jumping Course, Hickstead Place Estate from 24 to 28 August 2017
F.I.C.C. members are welcome.**

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



Easy to reach via the highway, in the middle of the countryside and close to Berlin: the Märkische Exhibition and Leisure Center MAFZ is located in the village of Paaren-Glien, municipality of Schönwalde-Glien.

The region is perfect for cycling and tours to Berlin, as well as bus trips that are offered during the rally. The Brandenburg Hall stands at the heart of the rally site, an ideal weather-proof meeting place for celebrations, with space for up to 3000 people. There will be a camper market in a second,



smaller hall, a petting zoo and playgrounds for kids. Further local attractions include the cheese dairy selling typical Havelland products and a show garden.

The rally site has plenty of flat pitches with electricity distribution boxes (230V/10A). All pitches are 100 sqm. Water will be supplied via a closed circular pipeline. A waste water system is available for discharge of black and grey water. There will be extra sanitary facilities in containers on site. There is also a self-service restaurant on site.

Further information under www.ficcrally2018.de

88th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN JULY/AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France

FFCC is organising the International F.I.C.C. Rally in the summer of 2019. The venue is the town of Châteaubriant which is situated at the point where Brittany and the Loire region meet. The town has a population of 12,500 and lies at the centre of a geographically privileged area in a region of 60,000 souls. It is historically interesting but has moved with the times and has a good number of innovative and dynamic businesses. Châteaubriant lies in the heart of cattle-breeding territory and is home to the second largest agricultural show in France. The surrounding "bocage" countryside is rural, farmland criss-crossed with hedges, woodland and ponds yet the Châteaubriantais region offers good infrastructure and services worthy of many much larger conurbations.

The rally site has all the infrastructure you would expect to make this event a success. There are over 1,000 x 100 sq.m. pitches on solid ground, a hall that can seat 3,000 people for social events and entertainment and many other adjacent buildings. There is electricity on site.

This particular rally site has already accommodated 1,500 motorcaravans in the spring of 2014 and 2015 and motorcaravanners were delighted with the high quality infrastructure and beautiful surroundings.

There are a lot of tourist and sightseeing attractions in the vicinity. The town itself boasts a castle dating back to mediaeval and Renaissance times where the French king, François I, stayed, St. Jean de Béré church (11C), a historical town centre with half-timbered houses and picturesque alleyways. In a radius of approx. 100 kms you can reach the coast at La Baule, Croisic, Guérande, St. Nazaire and even the world-renowned Mont St. Michel and the Parc du Fou, the famous historical theme park in the Vendée. Altogether a very interesting area and heritage sites that are well worth visiting.

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

Japan Auto Camping Federation, established in 1969, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019. It is our great pleasure to host the F.I.C.C. International Rally in this jubilee year.



This will be the third F.I.C.C. International Rally in Japan after 1983 (Lake Biwa) and 1994 (Hamada), being held for the first time in Tohoku, the northeast district of Japan. Tohoku is known for being the most beautiful region in Japan where agriculture plays a very important role, including rice production. Over a long period of history, nature and culture have existed side by side, with the result that there is a huge variety of sightseeing spots which attract a lot of tourists. The rally will take place in Ten-ei Village that administratively belongs to Fukushima Prefecture and which is now fully recovered from the disaster in 2011. Tenei village is on Hatoriko lake that was formed by a dam and the surrounding area, where our Rally will be held, is known as the Hatoriko Highlands. This is an area that is blessed by nature and offers a variety of leisure activities such as ski resorts, golf courses and campsites. Japan Auto Camping Federation welcomes campers from all over the world to Ten-ei Village to enjoy the beautiful scenery, delicious food and contact with local people during the rally in 2019.

MISCELLANEOUS

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Travel Analysis 2016: Caravanning – hugely popular now

The most recent survey confirms that caravanning is one of the types of holiday that is very much on the rise. Interest in caravanning over the past ten years has increased threefold among those who were interviewed for Travel Analysis 2016. Travel Analysis, produced annually since 1970 by the Forschungsgemeinschaft Urlaub und Reisen e.V. (FUR) (Research Foundation for Travel and Holidays), is well known for its interesting insight into the holiday and travel tendencies of the German people. The current results just published show an extraordinary surge in interest in caravanning. Compared with 2006, there was a staggering 34% increase in interest in motorcaravanning holidays among those who were interviewed.

Thus, according to Travel Analysis, of the 29 most common types of holiday, caravanning is now third in terms of popularity. The top two positions are held by “City breaks” and “Spa holidays” and one can of course even travel to these destinations by caravan or motorcaravan. Caravanning is now ahead of other popular holidays such as cruises (up 33%) or a holiday flat/apartment (up 21%).

Caravanning is unlike any other type of holiday when it comes to freedom and independent travel. These basic principles of caravanning are the main reason for its increasing popularity. Caravanners and motorcaravanners can set out at the best time of the year without necessarily knowing where they will end up, free of the stress of booking and time constraints and just stop where they please in their very own comfortable home-from-home.

Source: CIVD

Would you like to try out a rather different sleeping experience in a caravan?



Welcome to the coolest hotel accommodation in the world in 16 historic caravans.

Base Camp Hostel is the first of its kind and offers a selection of caravans, 2 sleeping cars, 2 original Airstream caravans etc. for you to choose from if you feel like spending a night in this rather special form of indoor camping.

It is located in a former warehouse in the south of Bonn and can accommodate up to 120 people.

These themed historical caravans are superb, the most popular being the US Airstream, two sleeper cars, two VW vans, a Trabant, a Citroën HY and a number of other curiosities.

This is an ideal solution for anyone on the move, backpackers or groups, who are looking for something original and have fun. Prices vary between €25 and €75 a night.

Source: Internet erack

Statistics on campsites in Switzerland in 2015

In 2015, Swiss campsites clocked up 2.7 million overnight stays which represented a fall of 0.6% compared with the previous year. Swiss campers accounted for 1.8 million overnight stays, an increase of 9.8%.

The number of overseas overnight campers was 870,000, a drop of 16.7%. Germans accounted for 315,000 overnight stays (-21.8% compared with 2014) but were the biggest group of all foreign visitors. The second biggest group was from the Netherlands with 183,000 overnight stays (-31.5%), followed by French campers with 81,000 outfits (-1.0%) and the United Kingdom with 66,000 overnight stays (+3.8%).

The Ticino canton was the tourist area with the highest number of overnight stays in 2015 (618,000), despite a fall of 11.2% over the previous year. The Valais canton was in second place with 362,000 overnight stays (-4.5%).

The average length of stay anywhere in Switzerland in 2015 was 3.0 nights. Swiss tourists stayed on average 3.3 nights and overseas visitors 2.7 nights. The Ticino canton recorded the longest average stay of any of the tourist regions (3.8 nights). These statistics do not include 24,298 permanent on site outfits.

Source: Swiss Federal Office of Statistics, Holiday accommodation statistics (SCCV-CH)

Walnuts – good for your heart

Walnuts contain vitamin E, a powerful antioxidant that mops up the free radicals that are responsible for oxidising cells. They also contain phytosterols or plant sterols that lower one's cholesterol level.

Aromatic herbs should be used in every meal

Rosemary, thyme, oregano, basil, mint etc are all rich in essential oils of the terpenes family that give out a pungent aroma and whose properties inhibit the growth of cancer cells.

Every aromatic herb has its own special properties : basil has an ingredient that is antibacterial, chives help blood circulation and mint is very rich in antioxidants.

EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Brussels Travel Expo from 9.12. to 10.12.2016, in Brussels

The Netherlands: Caravana from 19 to 24 January 2017, in Leeuwarden

Germany: Reise + Camping in Essen from 15-19 February 2017



Italy: Expocamper from 3 – 5 March 2017, in Padua

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