



## GOOD TO KNOW – OCTOBER 2016

### 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](http://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**



This rally will take place between 30 September and 9 October 2017 in Jhinshan/Taiwan. At the General Assembly in Ponte de Lima/Portugal Mr. Julian Liu and Mr. Bigman Kuo announced that the preparations were well in hand. A 20% reduction will be granted to anyone who books before the end of the year (31.12.2016) when people start to make their holiday plans. It is planned to hold the rally on the newly constructed campsite that Morio Chen designed and which has the backing of Big Man Kuo. Accommodation will include 4 – 6 berth caravans (ideally two to four people per caravan). Full information will be posted on the website in the near future. Some general information is, or will shortly be available as will details of excursions. There is a good transport system in place with an underground train/subway service to the city. Formosa Camping and Caravanning Club is looking forward to receiving lots of rally participants who can all be certain of a very warm welcome.

### **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**



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



This rally will be held from 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren in Glien.

The rally venue is in its own grounds in Paaren, about 40 kms from Berlin and has every type of facility one is likely to need. Pitches are flat and grass-covered, the General Assembly will be held at the rally site itself, there are restaurants, and a shuttle bus service will be available to the train station in Nauen. It is just a 35-minute train ride to the centre of Berlin. At present a day ticket for the train, underground and bus costs €8.50 per person.

The rally site is enclosed and there is a large play area for children and even a small zoo.

All of the entertainment and events will take place in a large hall that can accommodate 2,000 people. The rally site can take 1,500 campers. The intention is to try to allocate sectors and pitches well in advance especially for clubs with a lot of participants in the hope that they can organise themselves accordingly.

Berlin is truly worth a visit!

The programme of excursions was distributed in Ponte de Lima and includes five destinations: Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Potsdam and the Spreewald wooded area.

The evening entertainment will always take place in the big hall and the highlight will be the Deutscher Camping Club organising a typical October beer festival.

The rally site is in a wooded area and the surrounding countryside is ideal for exploring on bikes.

A preliminary brochure was distributed in Ponte de Lima. DCC will send out definite information giving prices, excursions etc. in May 2017 and copies can also be requested on the internet site.

Information under [www.ficcrally2018.de](http://www.ficcrally2018.de)

## **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

### **Vehicle trends in 2016**

There is greater demand than ever for partially-integrated caravans and box caravans that now account for over 70% of all new registrations. Thanks to their compact size, greater manoeuvrability and extraordinarily comfortable ride, they are perfect for both holiday and everyday use. The caravan industry is producing a large number of different models so the majority of new motorcaravans fall into this category. The multitude of lightweight yet more comfortable vehicles has come about thanks to innovative design and the forward-looking lightweight construction techniques that are constantly being developed by manufacturers. Paper honeycomb is now being used along with other lightweight materials in the present generation of leisure vehicles replacing the heavier wood used previously for the frame and fittings, making for a much lighter vehicle and, of course, lower fuel consumption. New types of adhesive bonds or glueing techniques have replaced heavy metal brackets and screws which also contribute to reducing the overall weight.



Manufacturers' continually widening product portfolio also encourages production in the ever-growing and ever-changing trend in fabrics and fittings for caravans and motorcaravans. Basic models are already offering greater choice of floor layout, interior furnishings and fixture and fitting options. The wide range of furniture decor and upholstery means that a buyer can individualise interior design.

As regards interior decoration, the consumer continues to be captivated by clean, appealing lines, innovative layouts, smart design ideas and a high level of comfort. In order to shed the right sort of light and focus on smart interior design, most leisure vehicles come with LED lights already fitted. These have the double advantage of lasting longer and using less electricity. LED solutions are better for the environment which is very much in tune with today's thinking.

Source: CIVD

### **Deep sorrow at the passing of Hans-Karl Sternberg, Managing Director of CIVD**

Hans-Karl Sternberg died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday 25 September 2016. He was only 63 years old.

Mr. Sternberg was a well-known and popular figure. He headed up the Caravanning Industry Federation (CIVD) very ably for many years and represented the interests of the whole caravanning sector with great effect.

He was Secretary-General of the European Caravan Federation (ECF) for many years too and was equally successful in tackling the various issues that are important to that sector.

At the reception arranged by F.I.C.C. during the Düsseldorf Caravan Salon in 2014 at which awards were presented to outstanding campsites, Mr. Sternberg made an impressive and amusing speech. F.I.C.C. enjoyed a professional and friendly relationship with Hans-Karl Sternberg and he was admired for his energy, wealth of ideas and determination.

We are immensely sad that he has left us so soon and send his family and CIVD our condolences as they come to terms with their loss.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

**France:** SETT from 03.11. to 05.11.2016, in Montpellier

**The Netherlands:** Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 14.10. to 18.10.2016, in Utrecht  
Caravana from 19 to 24 January 2017, in Leeuwarden

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 22.10. to 26.10.2016, in Bern

**Germany:** Touristik & Caravaning – the entire mobile world from 16.11. to 20.11.2016, in Leipzig

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

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