



## **GOOD TO KNOW – SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

#### **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 will be a European Capital of Culture in 2019 and is famous for its cave dwellings, 13C cathedral and Norman castle.

The rally venue is the Go-Kart circuit “Palomba” S.S. 7 km 582,5 –  
Tel/Fax 00 39 835330012

The area is equipped with a power generator that can supply a maximum of 130 caravans. There are water distribution points and emptying facilities, a bar and breakfast service. The restaurant, about 50m away, will be offering special prices to rally participants.

Confedercampeggio is holding its General Assembly during the rally which any interested rally participants are welcome to attend.

F.I.C.C. members are most welcome to attend this rally.

#### **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 EUR per person for 4 nights at the campsite, free entrance to the Water Planet (Wellness Center), bag with brochures and, 1 Easter dinner or breakfast, 1 excursion by bus to Terme Tuhelj and surroundings including an old local village.

All participants in the Youth Rally need to pay the rally fee.

In case participants want to stay in the hotel, the cost will be 180 EUR per person for the 4 nights in a double room (64 + 180 = 245 Euro) or 260 Euro for a single room (65 + 260 = 325 Euro)

All participants can have breakfast in Hotel WELL at an extra cost of Euro 7 per per breakfast. Lunch is at Euro 15 per person/per day.

Deadline for bookings 01.02.2018.

Campsite Avtokamp Terme Tuhelj is situated on a nice grassy area, shaded by trees in close proximity to Zagreb (57 km). Campsite guests have free access to Vodni Planet that is the largest swimming pool resort in Croatia.

In this small, quiet campsite you can entrust the preparation of meals to others and visit the nearby hotel spa or treat yourself to culinary delights at the restaurants in the 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.

[http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?\\_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119](http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119)

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



### IMPORTANT CORRECTION

A mistake crept into the booking form in the brochure for the above rally. The wrong IBAN number appeared in column 3 Bookings. The number should read  
IBAN DE07 7019 0000 0002 1044 40

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 [info@ficcrallye2018.de](mailto:info@ficcrallye2018.de)  
They can be downloaded and bookings can already be made.

President Andreas Jörn gave the following information at the General Assembly:

We are so looking forward to hosting Rally 2018 in Paaren im Glien. We think that this rally will be a great success for the Deutscher Camping Club and for the international federation F.I.C.C. The rally site can accommodate about 1,500 outfits. The rally brochure was printed in April 2017 - copies are available here and they have also been sent to some of the bigger clubs. I would just like to say something about bookings.

The term we use is a quota. We have given some clubs a quota for bookings that is theirs until January 2018. We do not need people's names and addresses, we just need to know whether the quota will be used up or not. So it is for information purposes only. It is important in case we find we need extra space, so that we can plan the rally site properly.

You can contact us on [info@ficcrally2018.de](mailto:info@ficcrally2018.de) That is our e-mail address. Another piece of advice for rally-goers planning a holiday: everyone attending the rally will automatically become a member of the Deutscher Camping Club from 27.7 to 31.12.2018. They will receive a club card and during this period can enjoy all of the benefits attached to the card relating to campsites in Germany and also elsewhere in Europe. Participants will receive a full list of benefits when they arrive at the rally site, in their rally package. This card will also serve to gain admittance to the rally site. We are well advanced in our preparations and have now received permission to use the exhibition site in Paaren



as a campsite. The bureaucracy involved a whole host of security and safety regulations. In today's world security is becoming increasingly important. The rally site has a secure perimeter fence and will be patrolled by security personnel day and night.

Evening entertainment arrangements are nearly all in place. The programme starts at 8 pm every evening in the hall. And I would respectfully ask clubs to arrange their own parties and individual celebrations so that they are over by 8 pm thereby enabling as many people as possible to come to the hall.

The excursions are listed in the brochure. There are five destinations for excursions.

I think that we have come up with an interesting programme of excursions and commentaries will be in three languages. The delegates' outing will be in the Berlin area.

So that is all I have to say for the moment. I wish you all a safe journey and hope that as many campers as possible will come to Berlin – whether you are campers in tents, caravans or motorcaravans – we look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:** (Round and about in Berlin!!)

The Anne Susanne Bell (**Strausee Berlin** - legend)

Once upon a time there was a convent on this lake that had a chapel with a bell called Anne Suzanne. One day the convent together with the chapel and its bell sank into the lake and disappeared. Some time later, fishermen came across the bell in one of their nets. But just as they reached over to haul it in, it disappeared again into the depths and the men thought they heard a voice saying: Anne Susanne will never be landed. It is rumoured that on summer evenings one can see marble steps in the lake that lead down to the convent. These days the Strausee is a favourite diving spot and, to remind people of the old legend, a bell named Anne Susanne has been installed four meters down.

**Brandenburg** has a new 3.1 km barefoot walk in Beelitz-Heilstätten, different sections of which are covered with clay, straw, stones, cold water and beechnut shells, among other items. If you are hardy and determined enough, you can even try walking on broken glass. Altogether there are 60 different sensations to tempt and challenge you. It appears that this sort of exercise is healthy because walking barefoot is good for your joints, your circulation and your metabolism.

Source: dbmobil. (D)

## **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 Châteaubriant/France from 26 JULY to 4 AUGUST 2019



Mr. Gérard Couté, President of La Fédération des campeurs, caravaniers et camping-caristes (FFCC/France) addressed the General Assembly as follows: I would like to stress first and foremost that the rally in Châteaubriant is open to everybody, whether you are a camper coming with your tent, your caravan, your motorcaravan or even if you have nothing at all – we can make caravans available. And for those who no longer camp as such, there is hotel accommodation. So there is no problem - everyone is welcome to come to Châteaubriant.

We have prepared a very short video to show you the rally site. As you leave the hall today, you can pick up a number of leaflets and as you can see, we are turning anglophone in France - the title of the documents is "Save the date". In 2015 we had 1,500 motorcaravans at an event in Châteaubriant which means that there are 1,500 pitches ready and waiting for you in 2019 and we look forward to seeing you then.

### **Parks and Gardens** (collated by the F.I.C.C. Secretariat)

#### Arboretum Sophie Trebuchet

Created at the initiative of the Lions Club Châteaubriant-Mee on 3,761 sq.m. of parkland at Manoir de la Renaudière, the Arboretum Sophie Trebuchet has fourteen original trees of the area of the type formerly used in the local economy, and 3,700 aromatic and perennial plants. Open daily.

#### Jardin des Remparts

A peaceful place and much frequented by local people. This garden is in the rue Basse where one can still see parts of the town's mediaeval ramparts. Open daily from 8.30 am to 7.30 pm April to October.

#### Parc de Radevormwald

This park was named in honour of the town twinning agreement with Radevormwald/Germany in 1981. It is a recreation area near the town centre with its own children's playground.

#### Parc du Plessis

The Parc du Plessis is situated close to buildings dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> (remains) to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and is spread out over a dozen hectares mixing terraced gardens (French, English, vegetable gardens) and woodland on the banks of the river. Many different activities are available for all ages (on request): self-guided or guided tours of the park, talks about the gardens, croquet, arrangements for groups, hire of function rooms.



### **Hot air balloon rides**

Hot air balloon baptisms and flights over the countryside around Châteaubriant, Nantes or Rennes – allow 3 hours, including participating in preparing the balloon plus the 1 hour flight.

Hot air balloon flight baptisms are on sale all year round but the actual flights only operate between April and October.

[www.bulledair.org](http://www.bulledair.org)

## **89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 06 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Prefecture Fukushima) /Japan**

### **Essential information**

**Money:** You can withdraw money in Japanese yen using foreign-issued credit cards and cash cards at Seven Bank ATMs in 7-Eleven convenience stores and at Japan Post Bank's ATM. Major credit cards are accepted at many chain stores and shops. Currency can be exchanged and traveler's checks are accepted at hotels and banks.

**Wi-Fi:** In Japan Wi-Fi access point is available not only in the airport, but in many spots in cities including convenience stores, vending machines, and train, offering support for a comfortable journey. The GOOD LUCK TRIP JAPAN app offers a video clip explaining how to use Wi-Fi, so be sure to check out the video and utilize Wi-Fi access.

### **Transportation**

**Train:** Check the fare for your destination shown on the information display located above ticket machines.

Insert the amount for the fare. Any change will be returned after the ticket is issued and will automatically be dispensed in the tray.

After you put your money into the machine, a screen will appear displaying fare prices. Press the button for the one you want, and you will be issued a ticket for that fare.

Insert your ticket into one of the ticket gates and walk through the gate. Don't forget to take your ticket after you walk through.

**Bus:** Buses are convenient for short-distance travel and perfect for getting the general feel of an area. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination as there may be traffic jams and other delays, however.

Wait for the bus at one of the bus stops with a sign

The service route number will differ depending on the destination, so be sure to check it before you get onto the bus. Be sure to take a numbered bus ticket when you get on.

When you get close to the bus stop you want to get off at, press the button to indicate that you wish to get off.

Insert the fare into the fare collection box located at the front of the bus. Make sure to have the exact amount ready.

**Taxi:** Up to four passengers are accepted per taxi, so taking a taxi is sometimes cheaper than a bus or train for short distances. Fares go up during the hours of 23.00 to 5.00 a.m.

Raise your hand to signal a taxi driving down the street to stop. There are also taxi stands in front of train stations and at other locations.

The door will open automatically, so get in after it does. If you have large pieces of baggage, ask the taxi driver for assistance.



Tell the driver where you want to go. It may be faster to just show him or her a piece of paper or book with the name of the destination written on it.

Pay the amount shown on the fare meter. Most taxis do accept major credit cards.

Rental car: Sign the contract and pay the required fees. If you wish to specify the car type, we recommend making reservations in advance.

Along with the staff, check the car for any dents or scratches. Don't forget to check how to operate the controls inside the car.

When you return the car, you need to fill up the tank. Please note that if you forget to do so, you will be charged for gas when returning the car.

Go to the counter after you've made sure you haven't left anything behind. The staff will check the car for any dents or scratches and will charge you additional charges, if necessary.

## **90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN ROME/ITALY**

On 17 June 2017 the F.I.C.C. General Assembly chose ACTItalia(IT) to be the organiser of the 90th International F.I.C.C. Rally.

ACTItalia's presentation was a truly extraordinary film and soundtrack covering Rome, Ostia and all of the sightseeing possibilities in the Eternal City.

ACTI will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2020 and is keen to mark this festive event by organising an International F.I.C.C. Rally in Ostia sometime towards the end of July. Ostia is Rome's beach resort and is only a 30-minute ride from Rome by train. A newly constructed and well-equipped campsite awaits our visitors. The name of the campsite is Capitol and it is located in the superb area of Ostia Antica: on the one hand you have the sea, and on the other you have history and culture. We will work out a fantastic programme for you because at that time there are lots of cultural events happening in Rome and Ostia and you will have plenty of opportunities to visit the area around Rome too.

Culture, Italian gastronomy and hospitality – we will do everything in our power to make sure that you have an unforgettable time in Italy. We have chosen Rome because Rome is both a living museum and a modern city that has so many historical and ancient monuments and buildings, splendid fountains not forgetting the world famous Colosseum. Rome is Italy's gateway to Florence, Naples, Venice, Milan, Pompei etc. Even the Pope knows about the rally and we will arrange an audience with him which is quite normal as it is part of our religious culture which we hold in great respect.

The rally site "Roma Capitol Holidays Resort" is 55 km from Rome.

For further information, I suggest you go to [www.campingcapitol.com](http://www.campingcapitol.com)

The four-star campsite Village Roma Capitol in Ostia Antica was opened on 1 April 2017 and is located in Ostia Antica. The campsite adjoins the Pineta di Castel Fusano nature reserve. Local traditional materials from the area around Rome were used in the construction of the campsite. The train station at Ostia Antica is only a few minutes' walk from the campsite and the train ride to Rome takes less than an hour. The service operates until late at night. There are modern services and amenities for campers of all ages: a restaurant, bar, supermarket, swimming pool and sports facilities for tennis, volleyball and football. There is disabled access for all service facilities and amenities. Pitches are very spacious, shaded by lofty pines, and have electricity, water, waste water



and TV connections for caravans, motorcaravans and tents. There are separate pitches for dog-owners.

Source: CampingRevue (ÖCC-A)

## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### The first electric motorcaravan (camper van)

Hillside Leisure, the British family-run business specialising in compact camper van conversions, has created a camper van powered by an electric motor built on a Nissan E/NV200. The Hillside Dalbury Electric Camper is a four-seater, has a front passenger swivel seat, a small kitchen, a 39 litre 'fridge, cupboard space and a double bed (backseat).

Source: Autocaravanas (E)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Vignette and toll charges for European holiday destinations (2017 prices)

**Croatia:** You have to pay to drive on stretches of nearly all of Croatia's motorways, as well as on two bridges and in one tunnel. You can work out the motorway toll you have to pay on: [bina-istra.com](http://bina-istra.com) – GoogleTranslate offers a good translation.

Price: Ucka Tunnel (depending on the class of vehicle): 2.50€ – 12€; Krk bridge: 2.80€ – 11€; Mirna viaduct: 2€ – 3€. Payment in cash or by credit card. The charge is worked out on the basis of the length of journey and the vehicle's height, weight and number of axles.

**Austria:** Most motorways in Austria are subject to a toll charge. Vehicles under 3.5 tonnes (including motorcaravans) need a vignette but trailers do not.

Price: 10 days: 8.90€; 2 months: 25.90€; 1 year: 86.40€.

On some stretches there is a toll charge in addition to the vignette.

For vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes, the toll charge depends on the distance travelled taking into account the number of axles and pollution levels. Payment is via the Go-Box. Depending on the category of vehicle, the cost works out at between 14 and 33 euro centimes per kilometre.

Info on Go-Box: [www.go-maut.at](http://www.go-maut.at)

**Poland:** Tolls are charged on the A1, A2 and A4 motorways in Poland.

Price : Vehicles up to 3.5 t: 0.16 – 0.30 centimes per km (payment in cash or by credit card at the toll station); vehicles over 3.5 t – including trailer combinations only via TOLL-System, no cash payment.

Info on [www.virtoll.pl](http://www.virtoll.pl)

**Hungary:** Hungary operates an E-vignette system. You need an E-vignette to drive on many of the country's motorways, highways and some stretches of main road. The cost depends on the category of vehicle. Price: 10 days: 11€ to 50€; 1 month 18€ – 83€, 1 year: 163€ to 757€.

Check the web page Vir-Pay for the different categories of vehicle and charges and on-line purchase of vignettes: [www.virpay.hu](http://www.virpay.hu)



**Sweden:** You have to pay to use the Öresund bridge and the bridges in Motala and Sundsvall. The charge depends on the vehicle's length and weight.

Price: Öresund bridge: 50€ to 100€; Motala: 5€ to 11€; Sundsvall: 9€ to 20€.

In addition, a city toll charge is in force in Stockholm and Göteborg between 6 am and 6.29 pm on weekdays that also applies to foreign visitors. Payment on invoice.

Infos: [trnsportstyrelsen.se](http://transportstyrelsen.se)

Source: Camping (DCC-D)

### **Tips for people who are not disabled**

#### **° Don't say "the disabled or the handicapped"**

They are people who are friends, colleagues, students, drivers, neighbours, athletes...

Try to find a description that is relevant to the situation or to your relationship. It would be politically correct to say "People with a disability".

#### **° Ask first, then offer assistance**

People with disabilities are not helpless. They often cope quite well by themselves. Always ask if you can help first. If they accept your offer, please follow their lead – they know what works best for them in a given situation. If they turn down your offer of help, do not show disappointment or an unwillingness to understand.

#### **° Do not startle them or make them jump**

Do not touch or grasp a person who is blind, deaf or hard of hearing. Start off by talking in a normal voice, without undue emphasis – otherwise you might frighten him/her. If you are walking along together, let the blind person take your arm – not the other way round. And, although they are so cute, do not stroke or talk to a guide dog. These animals have to concentrate hard and should not be distracted.

#### **° Speak normally**

If you come across a person who has a speech impediment, hearing problem or some sort of mental handicap, do not speak as you would to a child. Just speak slowly and clearly and in short sentences.

#### **° Don't be inquisitive or pry**

You would probably love to know, why someone has a disability. Obvious, crass curiosity is taboo, especially if you have not known that person for long. He/she will recount their life history when and if they wish to do so.

Source: German Red Cross (Apotheker Umschau-D)

### **Health**

#### **Red fruit and berries – food that ensures a long life**

All red fruit has one thing in common... obviously their bright and cheerful colour! This range of colours that goes from bright red to bluish purple is due to natural pigments such as lycopene in strawberries or anthocyanin in blackberries and wild berries. Red, mauve, pink and blue pigments are incredibly useful for mopping up free radicals that are responsible for cell oxidation.

They also help fight against cell ageing.

The queen of antioxidants is the cranberry.

Source: A.C.C.A.W (B)



### **First Aid**

Many people do not think themselves capable of resuscitating another person and not everyone realises that if you call 112 in an emergency, the operator who answers your call will talk you through the resuscitation process over the phone.

**112** is the best number to call: anyone calling the emergency services will be guided through the different stages of the resuscitation process if necessary.

### **Licence to thrill**

Wherever you fish in England and Wales, you must possess a valid Environment Agency rod licence. There are two types: non-migratory trout and coarse or the salmon and sea trout licence. A 12-month licence costs from £30 and a one-day licence from £6. Licences are free for juniors aged between 12 and 16 and children under 12 do not require one. You should also buy a ticket for the place you're fishing. You can buy a licence online at [www.gov.uk/fishing-licences](http://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences) or at the local post office. In Scotland licences are only required on certain rivers (see [www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)) and in Northern Ireland there is a separate licence (see [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk))

Source: The Camping and Caravanning Club (UK)

## **INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

The TCS (**Touring Club Suisse**) Camping Buochs on the Vierwaldstättersee was re-opened at the end of June 2017 following a modernisation and renovation programme. There are 124 pitches for tourists, 100 for seasonal visitors and quite a lot of glamping accommodation. In addition there are 27 dedicated pitches for short-stay campers in caravans and motorcaravans.

TCS, the biggest campsite operator in Switzerland, has 24 campsites that welcomed over 442,268 campers in 2016 who came mainly from the Netherlands, Germany and France.

**The Touring Club Suisse** is the largest motoring organisation in Switzerland. It was founded in Geneva in 1896 as a not-for-profit association and currently has 21 sections and a head office.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

### **FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS**

**Norway:** Norges Varemesse from 14.09 to 17.09.2017, in Lillestrom

**Germany:** Hamburger Caravantage: 14 to 19.09 2017, in Hamburg

Bremen: Caravan from 3 to 5.11.2017, in Bremen

CMT from 13.01. to 21.01.2018, in Stuttgart

Caravan und Camping from 31.01 to 04.02.2018, in Hannover

Reise + Camping from 21.2. to 25.2.2018, in Essen

CFT-Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 16.03 to 21.03.2018, in Freiburg

**The Netherlands:** Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 11.10. to 15.10.2017, in Utrecht

Vakantiebeurs from 10.01. to 14.01. 2018, in Utrecht

**France:** Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs from 30.09 to 08.10.2017, in Paris – Le Bourget

SETT from 07.11 to 09.11.2017, in Montpellier

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 15.03 to 18.03.2018, in Paris

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 27.10. to 31.10.2017, in Bern



**Sweden:** ELMIA from 06.09 to 10.09.2017, in Jönköping

**Austria:** Caravan Salon Wels from 18.10 to 22.10. 2017

Ferienmesse from 11.01. to 14.01.2018, in Vienna

**Great Britain:** Central Caravan & Motorcaravan Show from 19.01. to 22.01.2018, in Manchester  
Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 28.2. to 4.3.2018, in Birmingham

**Belgium:** Vakantiesalon from 25.01 to 29.01 2018, in Antwerp

Salon des Vacances from 1.2 to 4.2 2018, in Brussels

**Spain:** Fitur from 17.01. to 21.01.2018, in Madrid

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

Girocamping from 07.03. to 10.03.2018, in Girona

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