



GOOD TO KNOW – FEBRUARY 2020

SAVE THE DATE

The second F.I.C.C. World Congress for Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning will be held on 29th and 30th OCTOBER 2020 in Paris/France

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL
from 8th to 12th APRIL 2020**

MESSAGE “YOUTH, OUR PRIDE”

F.I.C.C. has assigned the organisation of the 70th F.I.C.C. Youth Rally to Portugal. The Portuguese Federation - Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal - has already organized four succeeded F.I.C.C. Youth Rallies with a very significant participation in the past: Nazaré, 1993; Póvoa de Varzim, 1999; Lisboa in 2008 and most recently Lagoa de Santo André in 2014.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Great entertainment, cultural programme, typical Portuguese gastronomy, socializing among friends and sports activities...

And now it is time for Coimbra, UNESCO World heritage patrimony, to welcome the young campers from 9th to 13th April 2020.

Information: <https://www.70youthrallyficc.com:9444/>



**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY 2020 from 6th to 10th July 2020
in Rauhalahhti
(Kupio) / Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage**

6.-10.7.2020 KUOPIO, FINLAND



NORDIC RALLY 2020

Rauhalahhti is a 5-star campsite and holiday centre in eastern Finland about 400 km from Helsinki. Kupio, a very lively town with a population of 118,000, is one of the largest in eastern central Finland. It has an airport and very good bus and train connections with the rest of the country and

is an interesting area for campers to discover. Rauhalahhti is only 6 kms from the town centre and offers a variety of accommodation possibilities in cabins, villas or hotel. The pitches are well appointed with all the usual facilities that campers require.

SF Caravan invites everyone to join them in Kupio in 2020.

Further information at www.nct2020fi; www.visitrauhalahhti.fi; www.kupio.fi

**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 in OSTIA/ROME (ITALY)
from 24th July to 2nd August 2020**



Further information at www.ficc2020.actitalia.it



**20th F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY from 30.04 to 04.05 2020
IN FULONG/TAIWAN**

Further Information at <http://www.camp.org.tw/2020aprfficc.php>

91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in IRELAND

CANCELLED

**92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 07 August 2022 in
MOSCOW/RUSSIA**

**93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 18th to 27th September 2022
in SHANGHAI/CHINA**

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Campers, caravanners and motocaravanners: be careful when drinking alcohol, because alcohol clouds the senses - it has a disinhibiting, relaxing and intoxicating effect which (according to the ancient Egyptians) affects consciousness, perception and motor skills.

Source: extract from ACS / CH

2019 was another record year for the caravanning sector

According to CIVD (D), new registrations of recreational vehicles rose by 14% in Germany alone last year. A new record with 81,000 vehicles.

However, caravanning is also very popular in the rest of Europe. The European market for leisure vehicles grew by a further 4%, achieving the second best result in its history with over 210,000 new registrations. Almost all national markets were up.

Why is caravanning so popular?

It stands for self-determined and independent travel and offers numerous leisure possibilities: relaxation, sport, culture, individuality.



And the development of vehicles is also helping to make this form of holiday more attractive (increasingly comfortable models offering intuitive operation).

The economy - villages, districts, municipalities, cities - also reflects the increasing economic importance of caravanning tourism for cities, structurally weak regions, rural communities, villages and, of course, for the campsites themselves.

Excerpts from CIVD (D)

Addition from F.I.C.C.: Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning are a wonderful/extraordinary opportunity to make contact with people from all over the world, as well as cultivate these contacts by participating in the International F.I.C.C. rallies and make new friends - often for life.

Fire in a caravan is dangerous

The right way to react:

First of all protect yourself and those relatives who need to be brought to safety.

Then reach for the phone and call the fire department.

Also avoid unnecessary danger when trying to extinguish a fire and always look out for a possible escape route.

The extinguishing time of a fire extinguisher largely depends on the fill volume, meaning that the extinguishing time of a 6 kg extinguisher will be between 15 and a maximum of 23 seconds, for example, and that of 1 or 2 kg extinguishers around just 6 to 12 seconds. The extinguisher must therefore be aimed precisely at the fire before activating.

Important: never point the extinguisher jet against the direction of the wind.

Once the fire has been extinguished, save some of the extinguishing agent so as to be able to extinguish any flashback. This can happen when the original ignition source is still active, e.g. where fuel continues to leak, drops onto hot engine parts or because of a cable fire caused by a short circuit that is still active.

Fat/grease fire in a caravan: quickly put a lid on the pan if possible. This will work for up to one minute at the most after the fire has started. Make sure to protect yourself. Stop the energy supply – i.e. turn off the cooker. If the heat build-up is excessive, close the gas shut-off valve – in the gas box if necessary.

Never use water/foam extinguishers on a fat fire

A handy spray extinguisher can extinguisher is a good option in this case.

Caution: do not let anyone stand behind or next to the cooker on account of extinguishing agent escaping from the can under pressure and the possibility of burning fat being blown out of the pan backwards or sideways.

Fire in the engine compartment: steer the vehicle onto the verge, in a tunnel preferably into a parking bay. The passenger should alert the fire department.

All occupants, people and pets, must leave the vehicle immediately – if possible look for a safe place behind the guardrail.

If possible, close gas bottles and remove them from the caravan.

Then alert the fire department right now if you have not already done so.

Try to put the fire out yourself.

Mark off the breakdown location with a warning triangle and/or warning light – have this done by the passenger earlier if possible.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans(D)



Items to potentially carry with you include:

Fire extinguisher under the driver's seat and one in the kitchen area.

Water/foam extinguisher (for furniture, curtains, mattresses).

CO2 extinguishers are extremely environmentally friendly and do not leave any damage, like foam or powder extinguishers for example.

Fire blankets – not always a good option as the fire often continues to flare under the blanket.

Small spray extinguisher cans: handy, quick to use, easy to operate – for small fires only. Store in heated living room when camping in winter. Spraying time up to 23 seconds.

Practical – also for campers

To make sure you can get to sleep, you should introduce a bedtime routine to follow on a daily basis.

To let the body know when it's time to “shut down” and sleep, you should always go to bed at the same time. After a while, you will get tired automatically because your internal clock has adjusted to the time.

Let go of your thoughts – relax with a herbal tea an hour before bedtime – make sure to breathe in a calm and relaxed manner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

The widest road in the world, the Eixo Monumental in the Brazilian capital Brasilia, has 12 lanes and is 250 m wide. The two carriageways are separated by a very expansive grassed area, meaning it is not necessarily recognisable as “a road” straightaway. A possible competitor for this title is Avenida 9 de Julio in Buenos Aires with its 14 lanes (seven in each direction).

The most winding road is in San Francisco in the USA. Eight bends of 180 m in length on the famous Lombard Street, with lots of plants and greenery on the outer edges. This special feature has won it a part in lots of movies and TV series.

The steepest road is in Wales (37.5% incline) – in Harlech – and is called Ffordd Pen Llech. It is entered in the Guinness Book of Records.

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA-A)

Luxembourg: From 1 March 2020, all residents and tourists will enjoy free bus and train travel (except for 1st class rail travel) – a measure that is unique in the world. The aim is to reduce the number of car-driving commuters by 46% within five years.

Health

Zinc is supposed to reduce the length of a cold if the trace element is taken within 24 hours of the first symptoms appearing. This has been confirmed by researchers at the Cochrane Foundation.

Culture and other curious facts



The “Van Eyck was here” exhibition will be held at the Museum of Fine Arts in Ghent/Belgium from February 1st to April 30th. It is the world's largest exhibition of the works of this Flemish master.

The Olympic Manifesto (1892) by the Frenchman Pierre de Coubertin, who introduced the modern games, has been auctioned at Sotheby's (USA) for €7.9 million.

Brussels: Brussels is granting **free entry** to a number of museums (Magritte, Belvue, Brussels City Museum, La Fonderie, the Parliamentarium (European Union Visitor Centre)) on the first Wednesday and Sunday of the month.
See Internet.

Museums are healthy – because culture enthusiasts live longer.

People who regularly visit museums, galleries, theatres etc. not only promote their knowledge, but also their health. A British study has shown that culture enthusiasts live longer. The reason is, supposedly, that art makes you happy because it enables you to frequently meet people, cultivate cultural exchange, relax and even become creative yourself.

More and more pilgrims on the **Way of St. James**. From January to November 2019, Spain recorded 344,000 hikers (compared with 327,000 in 2018).

Environment

How do **polar foxes** protect themselves from the cold?

They live in the Arctic, where it gets as cold as -70°C. 70% of their winter fur consists of a warming undercoat and their paws are also covered with fur. Their thin summer coat is not white, by the way, but brown.

The European **terrapijn**, which is threatened with extinction, is being released back into the wild in Germany, for example, through breeding programmes.

The same is true for the **turtle dove**, which was voted bird of the year for 2020. The cause of their disappearance is the use of toxic substances in agriculture.

Regarding climate protection, it has been established according to the Chatham House think tank that **concrete** is absolutely harmful to the environment (to put it mildly). The production of one ton of cement generates around one ton of CO₂ and therefore – if the concrete industry were a country, for example – it would be in third place after China and the USA in terms of greenhouse emissions.

Source: Read at some point or seen/heard on TV

NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND OUR MEMBERS

Deutscher Camping Club: The **DCC Safety Prize for 2020** goes to the Carado Van V337
The **DCC Technical Award** went to the caravan hazard warning light system from Reich easydriver. It is practical, just about indispensable for caravanners and, on top of that, also easy to retrofit.
The DCC has announced that the “Camping” magazine will be produced using a **climate-neutral** printing process from now on.
The DCC Europe Camping Guide and the DCC Campsite Guide are also produced in this manner.



This initiative is being recognised with the award of a certificate and a “climate-neutral logo”.

Fédération Française des Campeurs, Caravaniers et Camping-Caristes (FFCC) and Automobilclub Verband (ACA – Automobile Club Association) signed an official partnership arrangement between the two organisations in Paris on 30 January 2020. Under this, ACA members will receive numerous benefits associated with the FFCC Camping Card at a special rate. This cooperation will also benefit campers, since ACA has been defending and protecting the safe, long-term and responsible mobility of everyone for more than 120 years.

FFCC has been advocating and mobilising others in support of harmonic development of the practical activity of “Camping” in all its aspects for 80 years now.

Source: FFCC extract

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Finland: Caravan Show from 24 - 26 April 2020 in Turku

Caravan- messut from 17 - 20 September 2020 in Lahti

Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 14 – 22 September 2020 in Parma

France: Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 12 – 15 March 2020 in Paris

Salon des Véhicules de loisirs in September in Paris

Spain: Feria del Camping in April 2020 in Valencia

Great Britain:

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 22 - 27 October 2020 in Berne

Austria: Ferienmesse Vienna in January 2021

Caravan Salon Austria from 14 - 18 October in Berne

Belgium: Mobicar from 22 - 26 October 2020 in Brussels

Germany: Reise + Camping from 26 February – 1 March 2020 in Essen

CFTY- Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 12 – 15 March 2020 in Freiburg

Caravan Salon from 28 August - 6 September 2020 in Düsseldorf

Auto Camping Caravan from 13 - 15 March in Schönefeld

Urlaub, Freizeit, Reisen from 18 - 22 March in Friedrichshafen

Touristik & Caravanning International from 18 - 22 November in Leipzig

China: CMT China from 29 - 31 May in Nanjing

All-in Caravanning from 12 - 14 June in Beijing

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravanning from 9 - 14 September 2020 in Jönköping

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