



GOOD TO KNOW – NOVEMBER 2018

F.I.C.C. WORLD CONGRESS TO BE HELD ON 22/23 NOVEMBER 2018 IN LISBON/PORTUGAL



Do you want to stay relevant for your members, clients and campers?

Do you want to find out more about the changes, new developments and transformations that are going on in your world, in your industry, in tourism and camping?

We are living in a world that is changing rapidly, and tourism is no exception to this. You still want to be of service to your clients or members. HOW?

Get an insight into their needs and demands in tomorrow's world.

Come and find out at the F.I.C.C. World Congress in Lisbon this November.

The Congress website can be accessed at: <https://ficc.org/de/>

Or directly at: <https://congress2018.ficc.org/>

Don't miss the Early Bird Price up to 5 October 2018 and book your place for the Congress at <https://congress2018.ficc.org/book/public/e/1/ficc-world-congress-2018?ref=ficcc18>

If you want to participate or be a sponsor, please contact congress2018@ficc.org.

The official Congress hotel is the Ramada Hotel Lisbon (change of name: previously the Olaias Park Hotel). The hotel booking form can be downloaded from the Congress website.

So please make a booking for this unique Camping Congress and celebrate the 85th anniversary of F.I.C.C. with us!



PROGRAMME

Organised for the first time by the Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning (F.I.C.C.), together with an organising committee comprising members from all over the world, the 1st edition of the World Congress will take place in Lisbon, one of world's highest-ranked and most popular cities.

The Congress, with its theme entitled "The future of tourism and camping is NOW", will include presentations, discussions and reflections on three major topics: Consumers, Campsites and the Camping, Caravanning and Motor Caravanning Industry.

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER

9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.: Official opening of the Congress

Representative of the Portuguese Government

Representative of the World Tourism Organisation

F.I.C.C. President

9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.: PART I Another World – Plenary Session

Presented by Stan Stolwerk, NKC (Netherlands)

Erik van Laar, NKC (Netherlands) Technical revolution and our world, environment, business, mobility and tourism: trend analysis, "Future customers are already here"

Martijn Ciere, Ph.D. student at NHTV University of Applied Sciences (Breda/Netherlands), New and other generations in tourism and camping – an analysis

Norbert van Noesel, Marketing Director at Thetford, and Maarten van Soest, CEO of Tonke (Netherlands), impact on the industry and on small manufacturers

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. : Coffee break

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. : PART II A new industry – Plenary Session

Hermann Pfaff, CIVD President (Germany) : The Worldwide Leisure Vehicle industry

François Feuillet, ECF President (France): The European Leisure Vehicle industry

Jost Krüger, ECF Director-General (Germany), A new European approach towards advocacy

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: Lunch break

2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.: PART III Changes in Camping – Plenary Session

Linda Gedink, EFCO & HPA President (Luxembourg), Camping and Electric Vehicles



Bruno Lacroix, Editor-in-Chief of Pôle Tourisme (France): Reflections on good, modern campsites;
Maja Dimnik (Slovenia) Glamping and new trends in camping architecture now and in the future

3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Coffee break

4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.: PART III Changes in Camping – Plenary Session

Jerko Sladoljev, (Croatia), Impact on the demand for campsite classifications

Jose Gonzales, (Spain), Motorhome sites, stop-over areas and the economic impact on tourism

TBA, OITS (France) Social tourism and camping

Joao Alves Pereira, F.I.C.C. (Portugal): Camping Card International C.C.I.

7.30 p.m.: Welcome cocktail

8 p.m.: Gala Diner

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER

9.30 a.m. – 11 .m.: Part IV Clubs and Associations: Move, Share and Adapt - Plenary Session
Presented by Joao Alves Pereira (Portugal)

Stan Stolwerk, NKC (Netherlands), Clubs and Associations: “How to stay relevant at local and (inter)national level?”

Robert Loudon, The Camping and Caravanning Club (Great Britain), “Proven record of adaptation – more than 100 years of history and relevance”

LIN Chin-Chang (Michael LIN), Asia-Pacific Commission (Taiwan): Asia-Pacific Region: How to implement and expand the camping culture?

11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.: Coffee break

11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.: PART II A New Industry - Plenary Session
Presented by Joao Alves Pereira (Portugal)

TBA, University Professor (France) “Key to success – a critical analysis on consumers”

Seen from the inside: interview by moderator Joao Alves Pereira

DCC, ÖCC, FFCC, SF-Caravan ry and other club presidents on the stage

12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.: Official Closing Session

Conclusions and perspectives on the follow-up of the 2018 Lisbon Congress

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: Lunch



2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.: Best 2018 F.I.C.C European Campsite Awards

3.30 p.m.: Guided tour of Lisbon

Guided tour – Discover the classic sights of the city centre

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



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 store
- Wi-Fi (free of charge)
- 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 camping site

RESERVATIONS:

Reserve in 3 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. RALLY FROM 26 JULY TO 4 AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France



Programme

Friday, 26 July:

8 a.m.: Site opening. Welcoming the participants – set-up – snack on the site. Musical entertainment with dancing in the ballroom

Saturday, 27 July

8 a.m.: Welcoming of participants continued

2 p.m.: Presentation of the nations, parade through Châteaubriant town centre

5 p.m.: Opening ceremony

8.30 p.m.: Evening event with dance band in the Halle de Béré.

Optional gourmet dinner at Château de Ferrières (transport by bus)

Sunday, 28 July

7.45 a.m. – 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)

7 p.m.: Possibility to have dinner on the rally site

8.30 p.m.: Equestrian show on site followed by an evening of dancing

Monday, 29 July

7.45 a.m. – 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)

10 a.m.: Departure for hiking and cycling tours, assisted by the local clubs (Hikers of the Mée region and the Castelbriantais Cycling Club) Angling course with the assistance of the district association, member of the French National Fishing Federation

7.30 p.m.: Seafood dinner (optional)

8.30 p.m.: Dance band

Tuesday, 30 July



7.45 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)
12.30 p.m.: Country-style lunch – Concert at Lake Choisel. Inauguration of Choisel RV Park.
7 p.m.: Possibility to have dinner on the site

8.30 p.m.: Cabaret evening

Wednesday, 31 July

7.45 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)
9 a.m.: F.I.C.C. General Assembly (for the delegates nominated by the clubs only)
7.30 p.m.: Breton dinner (optional)
8.30 p.m.: Evening event with folklore group followed by music and dancing
Gourmet dinner at Château de Ferrières (optional) Transport by bus.

Thursday, 1 August

7.45 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)
10 a.m.: Departure for hiking and cycling tours, assisted by the local clubs.
Angling course with the assistance of the district association
7 p.m.: Possibility to have dinner on the site
8.30 p.m.: International evening organised by groups from the various participating countries

Friday, 2 August

7.45 a.m. - 9 a.m.: Departure of tour buses (see excursion programme)
5 p.m.: Aperitif and concert in the gardens of the “ramparts”
7.30 p.m.: Castelbriantais dinner with orchestra (optional)
9.30 p.m.: Dance evening with large orchestra, open to everyone

Saturday, 3 August

11 a.m.: Closing ceremony – Farewell drink

Sunday, 4 August

12 noon: Site closure

Registrations at www.ficc2019.com or via registration form
For further information, go to: www.ffcc.fr or info@ffcc.fr or phone 0033 142 72 84 08



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



Camping in Japan

Camping in Japan ranges from spending the night in a tent or camper van to glamping. However, most campers use their car with everything they need stowed away inside, erect a tent and make their own food. They usually camp on specifically designated sites or areas and avoid camping wild. Some campsites offer numerous camping possibilities and have their own camper vans or glamping sectors available for hire. Although camping is mainly a family activity in Japan, this type of recreation is also becoming increasingly popular among couples and single people.

Campsites can be found and booked using 'nap'. This is the largest campsite and reservation search engine in Japan, providing information on 3,700 campsites. For campers from overseas, this website includes particularly good campsites where credit cards are accepted online and where the camper from abroad can hire all the necessary camping equipment.

<https://japan.nap-camp.com/>

Japan is a beautiful country at all times of the year. Camping brings you in close contact with nature, enabling the visitor to experience and feel all the charm of the country and its scenic landscapes. In addition, many of the country's 3,700 campsites are close to famous sightseeing spots and tourist attractions, with some of them even having their own – or nearby – hot springs (spa).

Japan enchants so many visitors with its diverse range of possibilities. Even if you have booked to stay in a hotel or Japanese Ryokan, you can still plan a night on a campsite to fit this type of accommodation into your travel schedule.

Source: Japan National Tourism Organization

<https://www.jnto.go.jp/>

The booking fees for the International F.I.C.C. Rally are as follows: adults (over 22 years old) 18,000 yen / young people (13-22 years) 15,000 yen/ children (6-12 years) 9,000 yen / 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



The Roma Capitol Camping Village was opened in spring 2016 and is a completely new 4-star tourism structure built on an area of 26 hectares, with the site bordering on the “Pineta di Castel Fusano” nature reserve. Its strategic position about half an hour from Rome and Fiumicino Airport makes it a perfect location for both cultural and religious trips to the Italian capital or for a relaxing seaside holiday on the beach of Lido di Ostia.

For lovers of outdoor holidays with a camper van, caravan or tent, the Roma Capitol Camping village offers comfortable, shaded pitches with drinking water, electricity, satellite TV and Wi-Fi connections. Mobile homes provide modern accommodation that combines the comfort of your own four walls with open-air living.

The Roma Capitol Camping Village offers its guests the most modern mobile homes with kitchen and living room, two or three-bed rooms and private bathroom with shower, washbasin and WC, kitchenware, pillows and blankets.

Guests have a choice of two bars, a restaurant and self-service restaurant, a pizzeria, a market and bazaar, an open-air theatre, a chapel, swimming pools, multi-purpose halls, beach volleyball and football facilities.

The campsite is family friendly.

Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: Eating well in Rome

Osteria Corte del Grillo: Fish restaurant

Pizzeria da Emma: Good pizza and suppli (deep-fried rice balls)

Piccolo Abruzzo: Cosy family restaurant

Bar Salotto 42 for a drink after your meal – opposite the Temple of Hadrian, the interesting historical ruin at Piazza di Piertra.



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

Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat

The spectacular walking attraction “The Gobbins” in Northern Ireland has undergone a costly restoration programme. The path along the steep cliffs and wild streams offers stunning views. This rocky trail is located on the peninsula of Islandmagee along the famous Causeway Coastal Route, just an hour’s drive north of Belfast. The signposted walking route takes 2½ hours, leading visitors over steps, steep rocky slopes, suspension bridges and through caves where you feel as though you are below sea level. You can see puffins and, if you’re lucky, also spot a whale in the Irish Sea.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

Camping/Caravaning/Motorcaravaning

Winterproofing your caravan or motor home (checklist)

- Clear out food supplies – so that mice and insects cannot find any food and liquids cannot freeze
- Empty, defrost and clean the fridge (if necessary, fit winter cover for the ventilation)
- Keep the fridge door and freezer lid open with a towel or dry cloth
- Clean kitchenette and cooker
- Clean furniture using a mild detergent (e.g. soapy water)
- Stand cushions upright and place something under them – to ensure better air circulation and prevent mould
- For fixed beds: open the bed base or stand the mattress upright
- Clear out cupboards, leave cupboard doors and compartments open where possible
- Clean heater and/or heater cabinet
- Remove materials that absorb moisture (carpets, clothes, bedding, towels, paper, toilet paper, etc.)
- Clean bathroom
- Disconnect the on-board battery, store in a dry place protected from frost (alternatively: charge the battery well before the winter so that it survives the frosty period)
- Remove electrical devices such as the TV, where applicable
- Lubricate/grease locks and hinges
- Treat seals with silicon spray
- Winterise the water system: clean all tanks with the respective special liquids and empty them completely (don’t forget the hot-water boiler, shower head and pumps, where the residual water is usually present)
- Leave taps open
- Clean cistern and toilet and leave open
- Close gas taps inside
- Set up moisture absorbers using dry granules.



Things to be done on the vehicle

- Thoroughly clean the outside, preferably using a high-pressure washer, and apply bodywork preservation agent if necessary
- Where possible: wash the underbody
- Repair damage to bodywork
- Clean windows and roof hoods gently with a sponge and suitable mild detergent
- Close the gas valve, let the gas escape from the pipes, remove hoses
- Where possible: remove gas bottles and store in a dry place
- Clean and dry awning – for a permanently installed awning: lubricate the joints
- Remove dirt from antenna/satellite system
- Make sure the vehicle is positioned straight, compensating for any uneven areas using wheel levellers or boards under the wheels – adjust caravans using the supports.
- Increase tyre pressure (up to 0.5 bar above the normal pressure is recommended in this regard)
- Raise the vehicle a bit with the jack (this eases the load on the wheels and axle and prevents stationary flats!)
- Fit anti-theft protection

Caravan

- Grease hinges, handbrake and jockey wheel
- Pull protective cover over the drawbar
- Possible attach protective cover to the drawbar storage box
- If you use a tarpaulin, make sure it does not lie directly on the caravan – otherwise, the air cannot circulate.
- Move the caravan once a month in order to avoid storage damage to the tyres and axle – ventilate – change the dry granules

Camper van

- Fully charge the vehicle battery
- Fill with fuel (preferably winter diesel)
- Drive slowly and brake gently so that the brakes “run dry”
- Then secure the vehicle with blocks or wedges, compensate for uneven areas and release the handbrake
- Top up antifreeze for the engine and windscreen washer
- Tilt windscreen wipers forward (the rubber blades should not be in contact with the windscreen)
- Move the camper van once a month in order to avoid storage damage to the tyres and axle – ventilate – recharge battery – change dry granules.

Source: Camping-DCC (D)

MISCELLANEOUS

School holidays in Belgium 2019

24.12.2018 - 06.01.2019 (Christmas holidays)
 04.03.2019 - 10.03.2019 (Crocus holidays/Carnival)
 08.04.2019 - 22.04.2019 Easter holidays
 1 May 2019 (Labour Day)



30.05 and 31.05 2019 (Ascension Day)
 10 June 2019 Whit Monday
 01.07.2019 - 01.09.2019 Summer holidays
 26.10.2019 - 03.11.2019 Autumn break
 21.12.2019 - 05.01.2020 Christmas holidays

School holidays in France 2019

22.12.2018 - 07.01.2019
 16.02.2019 - 04.03.2019
 13.04.2019 - 29.04.2019
 29.05.2019 - 03.06.2019
 06.07.2019 - 02.09.2019
 19.10.2019 - 04.11.2019
 21.12.2019 - 06.01.2020

N.B.: The school holidays in France are divided into zones A, B and C. The dates given differ according to the region.

Child campers also need tips on the way to school

- ° **Avoid stress** by allowing sufficient time to get to school
- ° **Way to school:** Work out the safest way together with your child. The shortest route is not always the safest way. Choose a route that doesn't cross many roads and avoid areas with poor visibility.
- ° **Look both ways:** Even when the crossing light is "green", the child has to make sure that it is perfectly safe to cross the road.
- ° **NO MOBILE PHONE:** The way to school is a media-free zone! Don't listen to music and don't play on the phone
- ° **Public transport:** Also practice the way to the bus/tram/train stop as well as the correct behaviour in the waiting area and in the public transport vehicle
- ° **Be seen:** Important in autumn! Fluorescent vest, reflective snap bands or pendants can be bought everywhere, especially at automobile club outlets.

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA/ARBÖ-A)

We ALL have one goal: zero accidents on our children's way to school

Health

The after-thirst: Why do alcohol and sugar make you thirsty? Researchers from the Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas (USA) have found out that a liver hormone is the cause. The messenger substance stimulates the thirst centre in the brain and prevents dehydration in this way. The study was published in the Cell Metabolism journal.

Smarter through efficiency: You'd have really thought the opposite: the cleverer a person is, the fewer nerve cell connectors (synapses) the brain has, even though the brain of an intelligent person is a bit larger. Researchers under the direction of the University of Bochum (D) found this out using a special imaging technique and published the results in Nature Communications. Their explanation: smart people use their nerves cells very efficiently.

Source: Apothekenrundschau(D)

Switzerland: health check only over the age of 75



Last autumn, the Federal Government adopted the parliamentary initiative on the raising of the age for the periodical check-up of drivers of vehicles by an independent medical examiner from 70 to 75 years.

The provision will now enter into force on 1 January 2019.

Source: ACS (CH)

Curiosities and culture

In France, there is an app for young people, called the Pass Culture, initiated by President E. Macron. The Pass enables free entry to all kinds of cultural events (cinema, museums, concerts) and has a EUR 500 credit that can be used by young people to buy books, instruments and other cultural hardware.

Source: Read in Bunte(D)

AUTUMN

This is an autumn day, the like of which I've never seen before!
 The air is still, as if you were hardly breathing,
 But yet they fall rustling, near and far,
 The most beautiful fruits from every tree.
 But it does not intrude, this celebration of nature!
 That is the harvest it makes itself,
 Because all that is released from the branches today
 Is what falls from the mild rays of the sun.

(Dies ist ein Herbsttag, wie ich keinen sah!
 Die Luft ist still, als atmete man kaum,
 und dennoch fallen raschelnd, fern und nah,
 die schönsten Früchte ab von jedem Baum.
 O stört sie nicht, die Feier der Natur!
 Dies ist die Lese, die sie selbst hält,
 denn heute löst sich von den Zweigen nur,
 was von dem milden Strahl der Sonne fällt.)

Christian Friedrich Hebbel (1813-1863 German Dramatist and Lyricist)

Travelling in Europe

Ireland: Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80/100 km/h; Motorways: 120 km/h;
 Blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: no;
 warning triangle: no; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

Italy: Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90; motorways: 130 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes; fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

Croatia: Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90; motorways: 130 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes (winter); fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes



Latvia: Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90; motorways: do not exist; blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes; fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: yes; motorway tolls: none
Source: ACS-CH

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Automobile Club of Switzerland: As of 1 January, the ACS roadside assistance service can be reached by calling the new assistance number at +41 (0) 44 283 33 77. The previous number will soon be discontinued.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Brussels Travel Expo from 10 to 11 December 2018 in Brussels

Holiday Fair Brussels Travel Expo from 07.02. to 10.02.2019 in Brussels

Germany: Caravan Salon Bremen from 9 to 11 November 2018 in Bremen

Caravan und Camping from 30.01 to 03.02.2019 in Hanover

CMT from 12.01 to 20.01.2019 in Stuttgart

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

Netherlands: Caravana from 17.01 to 22.01 2019 in Leeuwaarden

France: SETT in Montpellier in November

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 06.03 to 10.03.2019 in Paris

Spain: Fitur from 23 to 27. 01.2019 in Madrid

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

Switzerland: Schweizer Caravaning Salon from 25.10 to 29.10.2018 in Berne BEA Expo

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 17.10 to 21.10.2018 in Wels

Ferienmesse Wien from 10.01 to 13.01.2019 in Vienna

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