



GOOD TO KNOW – MARCH 2019

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

FACILITIES ON THE SITE

Showers and toilets
Camp kitchen
Restaurants
Café and bar at affordable prices
Mobile grocery store
WiFi (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 three 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. RALLYE FROM 26 JULY to 4 AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France



Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: On the way to the rally venue – on the northwest coast of France in Boulogne-sur-Mer, around ½ hour south of Calais – is the Nausicaà National Sea Centre. It is one of the largest aquariums in the world, with its tank containing 10 million litres of water and housing 34,000 animals, including hammerhead sharks, rays, etc.
The small town of Boulogne-sur-Mer is also worth a visit for its fortifications and belfry, a listed Unesco world heritage site.
Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

Practical information: GPS:47°43'15.413"N-1°22'34.406"O

Available on site: bakery, various shops – supermarket nearby –
Several bars, fast food restaurant, music shows, cabaret, regional products, W-Lan
Further information at www.ficc2019.com – registrations at www.ficc2019.com or via registration form (on request)
Further information at: www.ffcc.fr or info@ffcc.fr or by calling 0033-142 72 84 08
There are two recommended hotels in Châteaubriant:

Hotel La Ferrière, rue Winston Churchill -44110 Châteaubriant

and Hotel Le Châteaubriant, rue du 11 Novembre – 44110 Châteaubriant

No are no caravans for rent, but motorhomes are available. See <https://ficc2019.com/infos-pratiques/> and on the reverse side of the registration forms.



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



Overview of the rally site. All rally-related facilities are located within a radius of 1.5 km from the Hatoriko Highland Community Centre.



Located next to the Centre is the Roadside Station Hatoriko Highland, where the special products from Ten-ei Village are sold, i.e. rice, sake, fruit and vegetables. There is also a restaurant there where you can have lunch, such as ramen, soba or udon noodles, or curry rice and various set meals. The sanitary building is open round the clock and the parking lot can accommodate 30 motor caravans.

There are both outdoor and indoor tennis courts around 10 minutes' walk away from the above Centre and Angel Forest. The tennis courts inside the building can accommodate 1,000 people and will be used during the rally as a large "beer garden" with tables and chairs for friends to enjoy a beer and snack together in the evening. And, if the weather doesn't play ball, the opening and closing ceremonies will likewise be held in this hall.



Angel Forest has an Italian restaurant that can seat 250 people, with one of its highlights a buffet featuring Italian and Japanese specialities, costing JPY 1,200 per adult.

Onsen (a natural hot spring) is one of the attractions. The pH level is 9.8 and makes your skin soft and smooth due to the alkaline quality of the water. There are three types of “onsen”

- 1.) “Saikou no yu” (indoor) spa, where men and women bathe separately (naked)
- 2.) Garden Spa – outdoor baths where man and women bathe together (bathing suit compulsory)
- 3.) Heated swimming pool: an indoor swimming pool where men and women bathe/swim together (bathing suit compulsory)

Rally participants can bathe/swim there free of charge
 For no. 2 and 3, please bring a bathing suit with you
 You can find hand towels and bath towels in your “cottage”.
 A dryer is available for drying wet swimwear.



Heisse Quellen – Hot springs – sources chaudes



Garten Spa – Garden Spa - Spa dans les jardins



Hallenschwimmbad - Indoor pool – Piscine intérieur



Japanese food

Japanese food is often a work of art created by chefs who have undergone many years of training. In particular, Japanese chefs (and Japanese people in general) select only fresh, seasonal ingredients. In addition to the traditional Japanese restaurants, there are many other dining spots where people can enjoy food from countries all around the world. Snacks and izakaya (Japanese pubs) are also on offer, where you can sample what ordinary Japanese people eat on a daily basis. One particular dish that is especially popular and available everywhere is ramen (Chinese noodle soup).

Well-known dishes include:

Kaiseki Ryori - a set meal consisting of a soup and three vegetable dishes.

Sushi - now known all over the world and available not only in good restaurants, but also in inexpensive kaiten zushi (sushi bars in which the most varied varieties of sushi are offered on moving conveyor belts, from which you choose what takes your fancy).

Edamame (boiled young soybeans), **Kara-age** (pieces of seasonal deep-fried chicken, **Yakitori** (skewers of grilled chicken), **Tamagoyaki** (Japanese style omelettes flavoured with a broth),

Agedashi-dofu (pieces of deep fried tofu covered with a broth).

Source: JNTO (Japan)

Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: A very special treat (but also quite expensive) is Kobe beef (**tajima gyu**). The cows – a mix of Japanese Wagyu and Holstein cattle – are reared without any stress; they are massaged with beer or sake and listen to classical music. The meat is not exported.

Japanese chocolate may take a bit of getting used to – but it is delicious when chilled a little. Tea candy, biscuits and the various Japanese teas are of outstanding quality.

A lot of **delicacies** are made from red beans, the fruit is excellent and there are many farms where you can pick your own fruit.



Japanese breakfast at "Angel Forest" (restaurant on the rally site)

The Japanese association and rally organiser has printed a brochure with the overnight accommodation options, prices and excursion destinations. This brochure can be requested by the F.I.C.C. clubs and associations at jac@autocamp.or.jp in Japanese, German, English or French.



Itinerary for the 3 post-rallies after the 89th FICC rally in Japan

Post-rally tour no. 1 (6 - 8 October 2019) Tohoku course:

- * Entry fee: JPY 93,500 / per adult
- * Accommodation: double room for 2 people – Western-style room
- * Number of participants: 40 (minimum number of people for this tour: 15)
- * Meals: 2 x breakfast, 2 x lunch,
- * An English-speaking guide will accompany the tour

Itinerary

1 st day 6 October 2019	Hatori Lake Highland depart at 8 a.m. → 10.40 a.m. Kamaboko factory tour and food in Sendai (kamaboko are traditional seafood and fish dishes) 11.40 a.m. → 12.10 p.m. Matsushima Bay (one of the three most famous scenic views in Japan), Zuisenji Temple, Godaido Temple, lunch 3 p.m. → 4.30 p.m. Arrive and stay at Seki
2 nd day 7 October 2019	Hotel depart at 9 a.m. → 9:30 a.m. Chusonji Temple – Golden Hall & Motsuji Temple in Hiraizumi (world heritage site) 11.50 a.m. → 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Wa-Gyu Restaurant 2.30 p.m. → 3.30 p.m. Japanese Chess Museum “Shogi” in Tendou 4 p.m. → 5 p.m. arrival and stay in Yamagata
3 rd day 8 October 2019	Hotel depart at 8 a.m. → 9.50 a.m. Yamadera Tateishi Temple (famous mountain temple) 11.20 a.m. → 12.30 p.m. lunch in Sendai 2.30 p.m. → 3.30 p.m. Aoba Castle ruins 4 p.m. → 5 p.m. Arrival at Tokyo railway station

Post-rally tour no. 2 (6 - 9 October) Niigata-Shinshu-Hakone-Kamakura tour in Tokyo:

- * Entry fee: JPY 110,000 / per adult
- * Accommodation: double room for 2 people – Western-style room in Nagano and Tokyo
- * Accommodation: double room for 2 people – Japanese-style room in Hakone
- * Number of participants: 40 (minimum number of people for this tour: 15)
- * Meals : 3 x breakfast, 3 x lunch and 1 x dinner
- * English-speaking guide will accompany the tour

Itinerary

1 st day 6 October 2019 Niigata Region	Hatori Lake Highland depart at 8 a.m. → 10.50 a.m. visit to a sake distillery 11.40 a.m. → 12.40 p.m. lunch at Teradomari Marine Resort 1.40 p.m. → 2 p.m. Yahiko Shrine 2.40 p.m. → 5.40 p.m. arrival and stay in Nagano
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2 nd day 7 October 2019 Nagano Region	Hotel depart at 8 a.m. → 8.20 a.m. Zenkoji Temple 9.30 a.m. → 10.30 a.m. Ueda Castle ruins 11.30 a.m. → 3.30 p.m. lunch in Karuizawa 2.20 p.m. → 4 p.m. arrival and stay in Hakoneyumoto Onsen
3 rd day 8 October Kanagawa Region	Hotel depart at 8 a.m. → 8:20 Hakone cable car ride 10.10 a.m. → 10.35 a.m. Hakone City 10.45 a.m. → 11 a.m. shopping in Odawara 11.30 a.m. → 1 p.m. lunch in Kamakura 2 p.m. → 2.10 p.m. Great Buddha of Kamakura at Kotokui Temple 2.40 p.m. → 3.10 p.m. Tsuruoka Hachiman Shrine 4.10 p.m. → 4.30 p.m. arrival and stay in Tokyo

Post-rally tour no. 3 (6 – 10 October 2019) Tokyo -Mt. Fuji-Takayama-Kyoto tour:

- * Entry fee: JPY 159,500 / per adult
- * Accommodation: double room for 2 people – Western-style room in Tokyo, Kyoto, Mt. Fuji (Fuji-san)
- * Accommodation: double room for 2 people – Japanese-style room in Takayama
- * Number of participants: 40 (minimum number of people for this tour: 15)
- * Meals: 4 x breakfast, 3 x lunch and 2 x dinner
- * An English-speaking guide will accompany the tour

Itinerary

1 st day 6 October 2019 Tokyo	Hatori Lake Highland depart at 8 a.m. → 12.30 p.m. Tsukiji Fish Market 1.40 p.m. → 2 p.m. Tokyo Sky Tree 3.15 p.m. → 3.30 p.m. Asakusa (walk) 2.40 p.m. → 5 p.m. overnight stay in Tokyo
2 nd day 7 October 2019 Tokyo/Kanagawa region	Hotel depart at 8.30 a.m. → 10 a.m. Emperor's Palace 11 a.m. → 12.30 p.m. lunch and visit to the Kamaboko factory in Odawara 1.10 p.m. → 1:30 p.m. Hakone 2.30 p.m. → 4 p.m. arrival and stay at Lake Kawaguchi near the famous Mount Fuji (highest mountain in Japan)
3 rd day 8 October 2019 Fuji-san region	Hotel depart at 8.30 a.m. → 10.40 a.m. 5 th station of Mount Fuji 11.30 a.m. → 12.10 p.m. lunch at Lake Kawaguchi 11.30 a.m. → 3 p.m. Matsumoto Castle 4 p.m. → 6 p.m. arrival and stay at Hida Takayama Onsen (hot/warm springs)
4 th day 9 October 2019 Hida Takayama Region, Kyoto	Hotel depart at 8 a.m. → 8.10 a.m. Morning Market 9 a.m. → 9.10 a.m. Takayama Festival Museum 10 a.m. → 3.30 p.m. Kinkakuji Temple (world heritage site) 4.20 p.m. → 5 p.m. Fushimi-Inari Shrine 5.50 p.m. → 6.20 p.m. arrival and overnight stay at hotel in Kyoto



5 th day 10 October 2019 Kyoto region	Hotel depart at 8.30 a.m. → 9 a.m. Sanjyusangendo Temple 10 a.m. → 10.20 a.m. Kiyomizu Temple 12.30 p.m. → 1 p.m. Kyoto Railway Station 3 p.m. → 4 p.m. arrival at Shinkansen (bullet train) Tokyo Railway Station
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The booking fees for the F.I.C.C. International Rally are as follows: adults (over 22 years old) ¥ 18,000 / young people (13-22 years old) ¥ 15,000 Yen/ children (6-12 years old) ¥ 9,000 / children under 6 years old free of charge.

For further information and registration, go to <http://www.89thficcrally.com/>
And <https://www.facebook.com/kazuhiro.akase.1>

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLYE 2020 IN OSTEA / ROME (ITALY) from 24 July to 2 August 2020



Info from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: on the way to the rally

Venice: entry for day trippers?

A regulation has been adopted in Rome to control the stream of tourists to the lagoon city. According to this, day tourists can be charged between EUR 2.50 and EUR 10 for a visit. The special focus is on cruise ship passengers and bus tour groups. It is not yet known when this will come into force.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

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



Camping/Caravaning/Motorcaravaning

The **European Commission** intends to draw up directives to achieve greater consistency in the various environmental zones of European cities within the Union.

The possibility of developing a uniform sticker for all environmental zones in Europe has also been examined.

In the meantime, the environmental zones are spreading out more and more. In Paris, for example, a ban has currently been imposed on diesel vehicles manufactured prior to 2001 and petrol cars built up to 1998 within the Boulevard Périphérique ring on workdays. This will then become a permanent ban from July 2019, with the zone extended to the A86 outer ring. The road itself will remain outside the zone.

In Germany, a diesel ban has been announced for the first time from July 2019 for a motorway, i.e. the A40 which runs through the city of Essen and joins the A67 in Venlo. This is the result of a judicial decision. Yet more German cities are expected to introduce bans on old diesel vehicles in 2019.

Source: NKC (NL)

There is presently confusion in Europe not only in relation to the different toll systems for the use of motorways, tunnels and bridges (which we will report on in the next issue) but, rather, also with regard to the **environmental zones**, and this is causing uncertainty among large numbers of car drivers (including drivers of motorhomes and cars towing caravans).

Belgium: We reported on this in January 2019 (environmental zone in Brussels and Antwerp)

Denmark: There are environmental zones in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Aalborg and Odense. These only apply to trucks and buses with a permissible gross vehicle weight of over 3.5 tons.

France: Permanent environmental zone: Paris, temporary environmental zones in Grenoble, Lille, Lyon, Strasbourg and Toulouse, where a city toll applies in the form of a paid emission sticker (Crit'Air Vignette). This can be ordered via the website of the French Ministry of the Environment (www.certificat-air.gouv.fr).

Great Britain: In London, there is an inner-city toll in the form of the London Congestion Charge from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. This can be paid for online or at post offices or petrol stations up to 90 days in advance. The historic centre of Durham is also subject to a toll charge. Furthermore, the Greater London Area is a low emission zone, where vans, goods vehicles and pick-ups with an unladen weight of 1.205 tons and motorhomes with a permissible gross vehicle weight of over 2.5 tons are registered prior to entry. Saloon cars with a permissible gross vehicle weight of up to 2.5 tons are not affected.

Italy: Bologna, Milan and Palermo have a city toll that has to be paid for entering the traffic-restricted inner-city zone (Zona a Traffico Limitato - ZTL) at certain times. Numerous other cities and municipalities have also closed their inner-city areas to traffic or restricted it to certain times of the day. Here, parking vehicles outside the ZTL is recommended.

Croatia: There are no specific environmental zones in Croatia.

Netherlands: In Utrecht and Rotterdam, diesel cars first registered before 2001 are not allowed to enter the environmental zone, while diesel vehicles manufactured prior to 2005 have been banned from the inner-city area of Arnhem since 1 January 2019. Driving bans are also planned for the city of Amsterdam.



Norway: There are all-year-round driving bans in Baerum, Bergen, Bodo, Forde, Grenland, Harstad, Haugesund, Kristiansand, Namsos, Nord-Jaeren, Oslo and Trondheim, where entry to the city centre is only permitted after paying a city toll charge.

Austria: There are environmental zones in Vienna and five other federal states, though these do not apply to private cars. However, an exhaust gas identification sticker (environmental sticker) is mandatory for cars with a truck registration, as well as for vans and trucks. These vehicles may only enter the environmental zones if they meet the relevant exhaust standards required.

Poland: There are currently no environmental zones in Poland – though setting them up is under consideration.

Sweden: There are environmental zones in Helsingborg, Lund, Malmö, Mölndal, Umea and Uppsala – though these only apply to diesel buses and trucks over 3.5 tons.

Switzerland: Environmental zones are unknown in Switzerland.

Spain: There are environmental zones in Madrid and Barcelona. Since the end of November 2018, only vehicles with the environmental sticker (Distintivo Ambiental) may enter the city centre of Madrid. As foreigners cannot buy the sticker as yet, they are banned from entering the city for the time being. In Barcelona, there is a temporary environmental zone. In the event of an air pollution alarm, entry to the entire city is prohibited for certain petrol and diesel vehicles. A permanent environmental zone like that in Madrid is at the planning stage.

Czech Republic: There is an environmental zone in Prague, though this only applies to trucks over 23.5 tons.

If your destination country is not included, you can find further information at www.green-zones.eu

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

MISCELLANEOUS

Practical – also for campers

Oil stains on your clothes?

Jeans with oil stains should be rubbed liberally with washing-up liquid, allowing this to soak in for one hour before washing them in the machine.

Health

Smallest living entity: the cell

A human being consists of 100 billion cells that have the most varied properties and interconnect – as organ, skin, blood or germ cells. When these processes take longer or stop completely over the course of time, the human being then ages. What keeps the cells fit are exercise, fresh air, healthy food and, above all, calmness and joie de vivre.

Curiosities and culture

The famous **Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona** (Antoni Gaudi) was an illegal building for 136 years. For this reason, the authorities came to an agreement with the church administration on the payment of a fine amounting to around EUR 36 million.

The tallest **statue in the world** (182 m) was inaugurated in India. It portrays India's politician Sardar Patel (who died in 1950) and cost EUR 380 million.



The largest inflatable artwork (33.5 m high) by street artist Kaws is situated in Taipei/Taiwan and is a comic figure with X eyes, called Companion.

Source: read in a German newspaper

Environment

Europe's largest citrus garden is located in Faak/Austria. It brings together 280 species of citrus fruits from all over the world – ancient varieties from the Medici collections of the 16th Century, rare species and exotic items from the Far East, Africa, America, as well as newer species from Australia. The garden covers an area 4,000 square metres and is partly covered, making it accessible all year round.

Source: Camping Cars & Caravans (D)

Do all animal species have albinos?

Yes, they occur in all animal species. Due to a pigmentation disorder, these animals have a white coat, rather than a brown or grey one. Even the scales of fish can be colourless. However, the genetic defect is not necessarily inherited. It is one of the purely unpredictable vagaries of nature.

Planting around **1000 billion new trees** by 2028 was a promise made at the climate conference in Monaco.

School holidays in Denmark

13 - 22 April 2019 – Easter holidays
5 June 2019 National holiday
8 – 10 June 2019 Whitsun holidays
22 June - 11 August 2019 Summer holidays
12 - 20 October 2019 Autumn holidays
21 December 2019 - 6 January 2020 Christmas holidays

Sweden (according to the regions – our information relates to Stockholm)

15 - 18 April 2019 Easter holidays
12 June - 19 August 2019 Summer holidays
23 December 2019 - 6 January 2020 Christmas holidays

Norway: (according to the region – in Oslo as follows)

15 - 22 April 2019 Easter holidays
17 May National holiday
24 June - 16 August 2019 Summer holidays
30 September - 4 October 2019 Autumn holidays
23 December 2019 – 1 January 2020 Christmas holidays

Finland

19 - 22 April 2019 Easter holidays
2 June - 7 August 2019 Summer holidays
14 - 18 October 2019 Autumn holidays
21 December 2019 - 6 January 2020 Christmas holidays



INTERESTING NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Nordic Caravan Meeting (NCM), organised this year by **Norsk Caravan og Bobil Club**, is being held from 8 to 14 July in Lillehammer (Norway), the hospitable small town made famous by hosting the Winter Olympics in 1994.

TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

China: All in Caravanning from 14.06 to 16.06.2019 in Beijing

Germany: Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 29.03 to 31.03.2019 in Freiburg

Aachener Caravan & Camping Messe from 18.05 to 19.05.2019 in Aachen

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 30.08 to 08.09.2019 in Düsseldorf

Reisen & Caravan Messe from 31.10 to 03.11.2019 in Erfurt

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 09.10 to 13.10.2019 in Utrecht

France: Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 06.03 to 10.03.2019 in Paris

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24.10 to 28.10.2019 in Berne

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 16.10 to 20.10.2019 in Wels

Japan: Outdoor Day Japan from 4 to 5 April 2019 in Tokyo

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