



## GOOD TO KNOW – SEPTEMBER 2019

**89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLYE in Ten-ei Village (Prefecture Fukushima) /Japan from 28 SEPTEMBER to 06 OCTOBER 2019**



### **Souvenirs to bring home from Japan**

Green tea, Kokeshi (wooden figurines “Haru No yume“ symbolises light and happiness), pretty d “Kidowaku“ food bowls, aromatic flavoured sake e.g. strawberry blossom, molded Wasanbon  
sugar candy flowers that go well with green tea.

Traditional Washoku Japanese cuisine was granted World Cultural Heritage status in 2013.  
Table manners: you slurp your noodles, drink soup straight out of your bowl and shovel your rice.  
Raise your bowl up to your mouth and shovel your rice in using chopsticks.  
Do not use your chopsticks to serve yourself food, especially not rice.

From end of August until middle of October takes place the annual Festival in Uwasekigata Park in Niigata where the inhabitants make gorgeous animal sculptures from rice straw.  
Funny but also very impressing.





**All important information can be found under**

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<http://www.89thficcrally.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kazuhiro.akase.1>

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL from  
08 to 13 APRIL 2020**

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

Rauhalahdi is a 5-star campsite and holiday centre in eastern Finland about 400 kms 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 will be an interesting area for campers to discover. Rauhalahdi is only 6 kms from the town centre and offers a variety of accommodation possibilities in cabins, villas or hotels. 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 under [www.nct2020fi](http://www.nct2020fi); [www.visitrauhalahdi.fi](http://www.visitrauhalahdi.fi); [www.kupio.fi](http://www.kupio.fi)



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



**Further information on [www:ficc2020.actitalia.it](http://www:ficc2020.actitalia.it)**

**Who invented the Bellini cocktail?**

Giuseppe Cirpiani invented it in his bar, the famous Harry's Bar in Venice in 1948. He called the cocktail after the Venetian painter Giovanni Bellini.

Recipe: Put 3 cl of peach puree in a glass and top it up with ice-cold champagne (sparkling wine, cava, prosecco etc). Stir carefully, then .... enjoy!

F.I.C.C. Secretariat

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



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



# THE 20th ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY F.I.C.C. in Taiwan

## 2020.04.30 ▶ 05.04

**Ein Treffen von Campern aus aller Welt in Fulong Taiwan**  
**Un rassemblement de campeurs du monde entier à Fulong Taiwan**

**Ben Chuang**  
President  
The Camping Association of ROC

**Lin Chin-chang**  
Chairman  
The Asia-Pacific Commission F. I. C. C.

**Invitation to The 20th Asia Pacific Rally F.I.C.C**

In 1991 Taiwan has held its first F.I.C.C. International Rally at Fulong, a small town on the beautiful northeastern coastal area of the island. Despite that the weather was not helping, the participants have enjoyed Taiwanese hospitality in the humble Rally venue of Longmen Camping Site. Today the facilities of the campsites have been much improved. It has become a popular place for campers to relax and enjoy nature, with blue sea and clear creek on one side and green hills on the other.

In 1995 The Asia-Pacific Commission of F.I.C.C. has held its first Asia-Pacific Rally (AP Rally) at Pijarim Youth Training and Recreation Area, Cheju (Jeju), Korea. AP Rally was stopped on account of earthquake, SARS and other reasons in different years, yet we will reach the jubilee year in 2020. The 20th AP Rally will be held at Longmen Camping Site, Fulong, New Taipei City between April 30 and May 4, 2020 with the main theme of "This is Taiwan". If you have visited Taiwan before, come again to refresh your memory, enjoy the scenery together with old camping friends and make new friends. If you have not been in Taiwan before, it's a great time to know Taiwan with your own, firsthand experience.

In the Rally Program you will find many activities you can participate during the Rally. Sand sculpture exhibition is just around the corner, bike tour routes will show you the beautiful shore line and old railway tunnel. Taiwan Trip Bus – Golden Fulong Route gives you access to 12 scenic spots like Gold Waterfalls, Gold Museum and Jiufen. Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Monastery will bring you serenity. Canoeing lesson and/or Swimming (Required to Enroll in Advance) will be available at Rally Venue. Famous Jerry Lo's DJ show and performance on site will excite the youngsters and rejuvenate the seniors.

In short, there will never be a dull moment during the Rally and a 7-days Post-Rally tour awaits you all onwards to explore Taiwan more. Please do come to visit us and enjoy the traditional Taiwanese hospitality as always!

Rally Date: 1. Asia Pacific Rally Camping 2020/4/30~2020/5/4 (Thursday thru Monday)  
 2. Post-Rally Tour 2020/5/4~2020/5/10 (Register at your own expense)  
 Rally Venue: Longmen Camping Site, Fulong, New Taipei City, Taiwan.  
 Address: No. 100, Xinglong St., Gongliao Dist., New Taipei City 228, Taiwan (R.O.C.)  
 Sponsor: Asia Pacific Commission, F.I.C.C.  
 Organizer: The Camping Association of the Republic of China

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

■ A gathering of campers from around the world in Fulong Taiwan

■ Venue :Fulong Taiwan

- Rally Fee Per Person
- Adult(over 20) 70US
- Youth (6-20years) 45US
- Children (under 6) Free

**中華民國露營協會**  
THE CAMPING ASSOCIATION OF THE R.O.C

**Fédération Internationale de Camping Caravanning et Autocaravaning AISBL**



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



**Rallye-Gelände/Rally site/Site du rallye**

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



**Huangzhou Thousand Island Lake**



**Einrichtungen/Facilities/Installations**



**Huangzhou West Lake**

## **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

### **70 years of camping gas**

There is hardly a camper around who did not embark on his/her camping career without resorting to the user-friendly blue gas bottle.

For the sake of convenience and in a bid to make camping holidays more comfortable and practical – and almost certainly thanks to the French nation's love of cooking and food – three Frenchmen, André Colomb, René Sillon and Gabriel Corbet worked together in a small garage in France and produced the first compact gas bottle that was refillable all over Europe. A few years after setting up their firm, the first portable gas camping stove known as "Bleuet" (cornflower) arrived on the scene and was an immediate success. You simply put it on top of the gas bottle. And, incidentally, it is still on sale.

Nowadays camping gas and its European sales offices are owned by the American Coleman group, that deals in top class recreation and outdoor products of well-known brands, cultivating markets in



the USA, Europe and Japan. These include a wide variety of camping stoves and grills alongside the still much-appreciated blue gas bottles.

Source: Extracts from "Camping" (DCC/D)

### **Camping prices**

Camping holidays in the main offer good value for money costing between 11€ and 36€ a night for two people in high season and that includes the pitch, electricity and local tax.

In Germany an overnight stay costs 23.83€, in Switzerland 36.34€, in Italy 36.18€, in Croatia 34.42€, in Spain 33.58€ and in Denmark 29.31€. You will find an overnight stay costing less than 15€ in Romania, Turkey, Albania, North Macedonia, Moldavia and White Russia charging as little as 11.29€. However campers must be prepared for a corresponding lower level of comfort in these countries.

Source: camping.info (Camping, Cars & Caravans)

### **The upward trend in new registrations of caravans and motorcaravans continues in Germany**

Caravan holidays are more popular than ever now. New registrations of leisure vehicles rose by nearly 15% between January and July. Caravan registrations were up by a commendable 10%. 61,175 new vehicles represent an impressive increase of 13.1% compared with the same period in the previous year. New registrations of caravans reached 20,321 outfits, an increase of 10.1%. These are the best results for 20 years.

German manufacturers of caravans and motorcaravans are also increasing production again.

They increased their output in the first half of the year by 1.2% compared with the same period last year. Between January and June 2019, around 68,500 vehicles rolled off the production line. Nearly half are exported.

Source: Extracts CIVD (D)

### **Practical tips – for campers too**

**Clean barbecue grills:** Extended use of a barbecue over the summer period usually results in a residue of bits of meat, fish and other food on the grill. But if you wrap it in wet newspaper and leave it overnight, lo and behold! the next morning your grill will shine like new!

**Hair spray helps suction pads to stick:** In the long term, suction pads tend to lose their adhesive quality and fall off a tiled surface. If you spray the surface with hair spray you will find they stick perfectly.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic**

Since 1 July 2019 all new electric, hybrid and fuel cell vehicles in the EU are obliged to emit some sort of sound. Switzerland has decided to comply with the European regulation and is currently working on implementing it. This should be a help in preventing accidents. In future all new electric vehicles will be fitted with an "Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System" (AVAS) that will produce a sound via a loud speaker – the sound, imitating an engine, will vary from one manufacturer to another.

Older models must be fitted with this system by 2021 at the latest. This obligation does not apply to vehicles that are already in operation.

Source: Auto (ACS-CH)



## Health

There are 367 different types of headache – according to the scientific community. Migraine is one of the most common.

Does eating spicy food mean you live longer? According to a study in the renowned “British Medical Journal”, spicy food is very good for us and reduces the risk of death by 14%.

## Culture and other curious facts

The **smallest park in the world** is only 60cm in diameter. But the town of Portland (USA) has officially declared this tiny green corner of planted soil to be a green space. Really!

**People’s honesty** has been tested in a study carried out in 40 countries. Out of 17,000 wallets that went missing, 8,000 were returned to their owners and, surprisingly, the higher the amount of cash they contained, the quicker the wallet was returned. Switzerland proved to be the most honest country. Germany came 9th, Turkey was 30th, Morocco was 39th and China came in last.

The **New York High Line** is one of the best artistic ideas for a public space. A disused railroad spur has been turned into an elevated pedestrian path above the hectic city streets. There are interesting views and it is an oasis of calm where people can experience nature, art and design.

The **Woodstock Festival** was held in the State of New York/USA exactly 50 years ago. This was the high point of the hippie movement in 1969. The legendary appearances of Joan Baez, Joe Cocker and Santana are still talked about. The leitmotiv of the hippies was love and peace. The “Flower People“ simply wanted to make the world a better place!

## Environment

The **koala bear** is a symbol of Australia (our F.I.C.C. member in the country is the Australian Automobile Association). The bear is about 85 cm tall and lives in eucalyptus forests. It spends most of its time asleep – approx. 22 hours a day and is only awake at night when it eats. And what does it eat? - luscious eucalyptus leaves!

At present there are about 43,000 koalas in the world and, as the animal is on the verge of extinction, it is a protected species.

**Pachyderms** such as elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotamus and tapirs have skin that is between 1 cm and 3 cms thick that they look after very carefully.

**Climate change and environmental pollution** preoccupy us more and more. We try to avoid as much plastic as possible when we shop and many shops and supermarkets have come up with alternative solutions. They have introduced new packaging made from recycled material, FlatSkin packaging whereby skin film fixates food products on to a flat support (60% less plastic) and fruit and vegetables sold loose (with packaging).

From 2021 plastic cotton buds will be banned in the EU. But some shops are already selling cotton buds with a rolled paper shaft instead of plastic.

Single use straws will be replaced with re-usable ones made of stainless steel.





## EXHIBITIONS

**Belgium:** Mobicar from 03 to 07 October 2019, in Brussels  
Vakantie Salon from 23 to 26 January 2020, in Antwerp  
**Germany:** Reisen & Caravan Fair from 31.10 to 03.11.2019, in Erfurt  
Caravan live from 17 to 20.10.2019, in Freiburg  
Caravan Bremen from 08. to 10.11.2019, in Bremen  
Touristik & Caravaning International from 20 to 24.11.2019, in Leipzig  
CMT Stuttgart from 11.01 to 19.01 2020, in Stuttgart  
Reise + Camping from 26.02 to 01.03.2020, in Essen  
**Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2019, in Parma  
**The Netherlands:** Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 09.10 to 13.10.2019, in Utrecht  
Camperbeurs Hardenberg from 27.09 to 20.09.2019, in Hardenberg  
**France:** Salon des Véhicules de Loisir from 28.09. – 06.10.2019, Le Bourget/Paris  
SETT from 5 to 7 November 2019, in Montpellier  
**Spain:** Madrid Caravaning Xanadu, in October  
**Great Britain:** Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19.01.2020, in Manchester  
**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 24.10. to 28.10.2019, in Bern  
OCA from 17.01. to 19.01.2020, in St. Gallen  
**Austria:** Caravan Salon Austria from 16.10 to 20.10 2019, in Wels

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