



GOOD TO KNOW – OCTOBER 2019

INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL from 09 to 13 APRIL 2020

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

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

Rauhalahhti 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 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 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; www.visitrauhalahhti.fi; 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



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




Waiao Service Area


Caoling Historic Trail


Fulong Visitor Center


Santiago Cape Lighthouse


Sand Sculpture Festival


Beiguan Tidal Park


Nanya Peculiar Rock


Linjiu Mountain Buddhist Society


Longdong


Old Caoling Tunnel Bikeway


Longmen Camp Site

The 20th Asia Pacific Rally F.I.C.C. April 30 – May 4, 2020 Daily Program

Date	Time	Program	Remarks
April 30 (Thu)	09:00-16:00	Camping Forum at Northeast and Yilan Coast National Scenic Area	
		Administration (NEAYCNSAA) Auditorium	
	12:00-14:00	Lunch Time	
	14:00-	Rally Venue Open, Arrival, Orientation	
	18:00-20:00	Dinner Time	
May 1 (Fri)	20:00-22:00	Lan Yang Night (Performed by Lan Yang Institute of Technology Students)	
	08:30-	Arrival, Orientation	
	08:30-15:00	Activity Options	
		1.Cycling (Rent Your Own Bike and Follow The Group Leader)	
		A.Old Caoling Tunnel Route B.Yanliao Beach Park Route	
		2.Taiwan Trip – Golden Fulong Route with 12 Stops	
		(Gold Waterfalls, Gold Museum, Jiufen etc.) Board at Fulong Visitor Center.	
		https://www.taiwantrip.com.tw/line/32?x=1&y=4	
		3.Sand Sculpture Display Fulong Beach Area	
		4.Ling Jiou Mountain Buddhist Monastery (Own Transportation Required)	
		5. Rally Venue – Swimming and/or Canoeing(Required to Enroll in Advance) at One's Own Expenses	
		12:00-14:00	Lunch Time
	14:00-16:00	Asia-Pacific Commission Meeting	NEAYCNSAA
	16:00-17:00	Opening Parade – Gathering at NEAYCNSAA and Start Parade at 16:20	
	17:00-18:00	Opening Ceremony and Taiwan Folklore Performance	
	18:00-19:30	Reception Party	
	19:30-21:30	Welcome Party Performance	
	21:30-22:00	Social Time	
May 2 (Sat)	08:30-	Arrival, Orientation	
	08:30-16:00	Activity Options	
		1.Cycling (Rent Your Own Bike and Follow The Group Leader)	
		A.Old Caoling Tunnel Route B.Yanliao Beach Park Route	
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		6. Yilan One Day Tour (Foreign Participants Only)	
	12:00-14:00	Lunch Time	
	16:00-18:00	Doll Making DIY	
	18:00-19:30	"Fulong Night" Reception	
	19:30-21:30	"Asia-Pacific Night" Performances	
		Members Participation in the Performance Requested	
		Parade + Performance + Jerry Lo DJ SHOW	
	21:30-22:00	Social Time	
	09:00-10:00	Free Time	
May 3 (Sun)	10:30-12:00	Closing Ceremony at Rally Venue Platform Area	
	12:00-14:00	Lunch Time	
	14:00-17:00	Free Time	
	18:00-20:00	Dinner Time	
	20:00-22:00	Social Time	
May 4 (Mon)	08:30-12:00	Departure Post-Rally Tour Begins (Rendezvous Time and Place TBD)	
	12:00-14:00	Lunch Time	
	14:00-17:00	Rally Venue Closes	

Further information under <http://www.camp.org.tw/2020aprficc.php>



A few happy photos taken during the CAROC/Taiwan reception in Châteaubriant/France



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



Further information under www.iccc.ie



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

The rally venue is the municipal park for sport and outdoor leisure activities constructed in 2018. This 25-hectare park is situated on the banks of a river about 15 kms south of the city centre and boasts very modern infrastructure for a wide variety of outdoor activities.

The nearest airport is Sheremetyevo International Airport.

For those travelling by rail, the area is served by five train stations and, for rally-goers arriving by car or caravan, there are four international motorways.

Moscow and the European part of Russia have a well-developed transport system.

The rally registration fee will include the cost of a 30-day visa and Russia is introducing a simplified visa application system in 2020.

The organisers are already working on a varied programme of cultural activities and excursions.



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





Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Camping tourism is growing in Finland

The popularity of camping tourism is growing steadily in Finland. The annual turnover of camping tourism is now €215 million. Net sales increased by 9% compared with last year and camping tourism generates over €79.3 million in taxes and other fiscal charges.

In co-operation with the Finnish Campsite Association, SF-Caravan, a member of F.I.C.C., conducts a follow-up survey of campsite visitors to Finland every two years. A Finnish family staying at a campsite spends an average of €237 a day during the holiday season. The cost per person per day is €104. The biggest beneficiaries of this income are local grocery stores, service stations, cafes and restaurants. The employment effect of camping tourism in Finland is approximately 2,740 person-years.

The typical camper in Finland is over 35 years old, a middle income earner, living in an adult household. The main camping season in Finland is from the beginning of June to the end of August, July being the most important month. About half of all campers use their caravan or motorcaravan throughout the year, including during the winter months. Overnight stays at campsites comprise 61% caravans/motorcaravans, 30% camping cottages/chalets and 9% tents.

82% of campers at Finnish campsites are Finnish and 18% are foreign, the largest groups of foreign campers being Germans, followed by Swedes, Russians, Norwegians and Dutch. The average price for camping accommodation at a caravan site is €15.

Source: SF-Caravan

www.karavaanarit.fi

www.camping.fi

MISCELLANEOUS

Important to know – on campsites too

What do you do if someone has something stuck in their throat and starts choking?

If a small piece of meat or some other food item goes down the wrong way and gets stuck in someone's windpipe obstructing the airway, they run the risk of suffocation. One can often deal with this oneself by coughing violently – but if that does not work then another person needs to intervene quickly.

If you are called upon to help, you need to hit or thump the person's back. He/she needs to bend the upper body as far as possible towards the knees. Then you hit him/her up to five times with the flat of your hand (palm) between the shoulder blades. If this does not work then **you must call the emergency services immediately.**

The Heimlich manoeuvre or abdominal thrust is only an emergency solution and should definitely not be used on small children or babies.

Stand behind the affected person. Place your fist below the person's ribs in the pit of the stomach and grasp your fist with your other hand. Then perform up to five abdominal thrusts up and down to expel air from the diaphragm which should dislodge the blockage. The rib cage should not be



compressed in this manoeuvre. Whatever the outcome, the patient should be taken to hospital to check for possible cracked ribs and any other internal damage.

Practical tips – for campers too

Fridge doors: in order to make sure that your fridge closes properly, rub some talcum powder on the rubber seal from time to time. This way the seal will stay smooth and supple and the door will close firmly.

Treat marks on padded benches and corner seats in caravans and motorcaravans with bicarbonate of soda. It cleans, disinfects and neutralises odours. Apply it on the soiled surface, leave overnight and then vacuum off.

Coffee is also a good neutralising agent. Put some powdered coffee on a plate and leave in a room (or a fridge) and all musty smells will disappear.

Motorcaravans, also known as motorhomes, camper vans, caravans etc., are gaining in popularity. In the first seven months of 2019 there were 61,000 new registrations in Germany. On average this type of vehicle costs €73,500 new i.e. €2,000 more than in 2018.

The municipality of **Cunit/Spain** has closed the free campsite on the Spanish Costa Dorada. Too many campers were using the campsite and it had become very overcrowded. Sometimes there were over 100 motorcaravans parked on the campsite that should only take 30. Meanwhile Cunit town council is looking for an alternative solution so that they can continue to propose cost-free camping. The Council maintains that this type of tourism is worth pursuing because it attracts campers to the area.

Source: NKC (NL)

Transport

Cruising is the big trend now – after camping holidays. The world market leader, Carnival (102 ships), will take approx. 30 million passengers on some 300 ships all over the world in 2019.

E-Trottinett, E-Scooter or E-Roller

In Switzerland (as in many other countries), e-scooters are “light motorcycles” with maximum electric motor power of 0.50 kW and may not be ridden at speeds exceeding 20-25km/h for which they were designed.

They may only transport one person.

Light motorcycles do not need a number plate.

In Switzerland, a rider must be at least 14 years old and have a category M licence but no licence is required to ride an e-scooter after 16 years of age.

They are not subject to type approval.

Source: Auto (ACS-Switzerland)

Health

1,000 more heart attacks a year is the prognosis of experts if the average temperature rises by 3°C in the future. According to German researchers, climate change will have concrete repercussions on health. If the rise in temperature could be permanently contained below 2°C – as decided at the



2015 Conference on Climate Change in Paris – then the increase in heart attacks would be insignificant.

Source: Seen in “Bunte“ magazine (D)

Ladies’ handbags are too heavy

A number of magazines have recently pointed out that most ladies carry far too much in their handbags. They can sometimes weigh as much as 3 kgs and in the long run that can cause back problems. Advice from the experts: ladies should not carry a handbag around that weighs more than 2 kgs.

September 14 was **World First Aid Day** and reminds us just how important First Aid often is.

Culture and some other curious facts

Centenary:

Citroën’s Centenary celebrations were held in La Ferté-Vidam, 120 kms west of Paris.

Curry sausage arrived on the scene 100 years ago. A great favourite in Germany and widely sold at stalls and booths.

The highest motorway bridge is in China, the land of superlatives.

The Beipanjiang Bridge in the south-west of the country is 565m high and links the Yunnan and Guizhou provinces. It is on the G56 Hangrui Expressway that runs for nearly 3,000 kms to the Myanmar border.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö-CCA (A))

The Oktoberfest happened again in Munich this September as it does every year. It appears that the number of visitors in 2019 exceeded last year’s figure of 6.3 million from 65 different countries. In 2018, 7.5 million litres of beer were drunk and visitors consumed 124 oxen, 79,000 knuckles of pork and 510,000 chickens.

Environment

The New Zealand **Kakapo**, is threatened with extinction. However 2019 proved to be a record breeding season for this strange bird. A total of 77 chicks emerged from 249 eggs bringing the numbers of this flightless parrot back up to 200.

During the autumn months **hedgehogs** are out and about looking for somewhere to hibernate. Numbers of hedgehogs are plummeting because their habitat is shrinking fast. Also many of them are run over as they cross roads. Drivers should brake to let them pass – but only if they can do so safely in the absence of other traffic.

Forests are suffering and not only in Brazil but in Europe too. It is not just the hot summers of the past two years that is to blame – we need to create more pristine ecosystems.



INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM F.I.C.C. AND OUR MEMBERS



**Secretary General of UNOMT Zurab Pololikashvili and
F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira**

In June 2019 F.I.C.C. became associated member of the UN World Tourism Organisation

Unione Club Amici/Italy, Kip Caravan Club/Netherlands, Kemperiu Klubas/Lithuania and Associação de Caravanismo de Portugal/Portugal were confirmed as new members of F.I.C.C. at the 2019 General Assembly.

Robert Loudon, Director General of The Camping and Caravanning Club, has announced his retirement. We wish him many more happy, healthy and interesting years in the company of his family and friends.

He is to be replaced by Mrs. **Sabina Voysey** and we wish her every success as she carries out her new duties.

Mr. **Richard Grimdsale**, Travel Services Director and contact person for F.I.C.C. affairs is also leaving the club to take up other interests. He will be replaced by Mr. **Darren Whittington**. We look forward to a happy and fruitful working relationship together.

Mr. **Stan Stolwerk (Nederlandse Kampeerauto Club)** has been appointed by the NKC Council as the club's first Executive Director. We send him our congratulations and best wishes.



EXHIBITIONS & TRADE FAIRS

Belgium: 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:

The Netherlands:

France: 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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