



## **GOOD TO KNOW – DECEMBER 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 Rauhalhti (Kupio) / Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage**

Rauhalhti 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. Rauhalhti 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.visitrauhalhti.fi](http://www.visitrauhalhti.fi); [www.kupio.fi](http://www.kupio.fi)

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



## **90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 Rome - Ostia – Italy**

On October 5th, at Hatoriko Kogen in Japan, the F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira presented the President of A.C.T.Italia, Pasquale Zaffina, with the traditional and prestigious F.I.C.C. banner that will be hoisted and flown in Italy **from July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.**



It was a moving ceremony bringing the 89<sup>th</sup> International F.I.C.C. Rally to a close during which we experienced the traditional spirit of fun and friendship that always exists when a group of campers get together in their tents, caravans and motorcaravans.

We are grateful to Kazuhiro Akase and his extraordinary staff for their dedicated commitment to giving such a wonderful welcome to both the numerous European participants and those from the Asia-Pacific region.

## 90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020

Preparations are now in full swing to ensure that Italy likewise gives tourist campers from all over the world a warm and truly genuine welcome.

We are arranging a very varied program and the idea is that it is the entire country that will welcome rally-goers and not just the city of Rome.

This is why we are planning a pre-rally that will encourage participants to stop over in "Yellow Flag" locations on their way to Rome. These locations are recognised and approved by ACTItalia in towns and villages that are known for their ability to give campers a proper welcome.

This is a joint initiative involving many different institutions and municipalities and they will do everything they possibly can to make Rally participants' stay enjoyable and memorable by highlighting the best of Italy's traditions of which the country is justifiably proud.

## The philosophy of the Rally

The philosophy is to enhance the "journey", be it in nature, in small villages or towns or in cities of art, and to introduce the Italian way of life, its food and wine culture, Mediterranean lifestyle, as well as the cultural heritage and historical traditions of the places visited.

ACTItalia is mobilized to do everything in its power to organize a successful rally next year that happens to coincide with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of ACTI whose values inspired the Federation.

We want to focus on cultural enrichment, combined with fun and games for everyone, including children and young people, for whom interesting programs will be arranged (organised activities, games, competitions, exhibitions, discos, sports competitions and much more).

## The location

The event will take place at the "Camping Capitol" in Ostia, that has the necessary infrastructure and is used to accommodating the multitude of outfits that turn up during the holiday season which is of course the time of year when the event takes place.

It is a 4-star campsite spread over 26 hectares in the Pineta di Castel Fusano, ideal for a holiday near the sea, about half an hour from the city of Rome and Fiumicino airport.

The public transport system has connections to the city and there is also an interesting cycle path.

## Initiatives

We will make arrangements to simplify access to museums, monuments, archaeological areas and public transport and possibly get discounts or special prices.



Music and entertainment is guaranteed every evening with national and international performers.

There will be a number of different city tours including "Rome by night" and excursions in the Lazio area to Bracciano, Viterbo, Castel Gandolfo, Tivoli.

Markets will be organized on a variety of themes (typical local products, souvenirs, accessories, etc.)

An evening is being planned to attend a special event by the Rome Opera House that will take place at the Baths of Caracalla.

An innovative photography and video competition will be organised using social media to record the many distinctive and original aspects of the Rally.

### In 2020 everyone in Italy

Those who already know Rome will have the opportunity to throw a coin back into the Trevi Fountain. For those who do not yet know the "eternal city", they will certainly be impressed and discover a world full of very special charm and history.

A website has been dedicated to the event: [www.ficc2020.actitalia.it](http://www.ficc2020.actitalia.it), where participants can obtain information and updates. Participants can already register for the Rally and book any of the activities that have already been announced.

Of course we are available to clarify any of these points.

President

Arch. Pasquale Zaffina

### From the F.I.C.C. Secretariat

On your way to Rome

Florence - art took pride of place in 15C Florence with painters such as Andrea del Verrocchio, Sandro Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci heralding in the Renaissance period.

A beautiful city where there are many magnificent museums and works of art.

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

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

Further Information under <http://www.camp.org.tw/2020aprfile.php>



## **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](http://www.iccc.ie)

## **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 18 to 27 September 2022 in SHANGHAI/CHINA**

### **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

**Survey carried out in Germany:** There is enormous potential for **caravanning holidays** as testified by the renowned Nürnberg Survey Group, GfK. 14 million Germans are interested in caravanning holidays, the young and high income earners particularly being caravanning fans. 22% of those surveyed said they could envisage taking a holiday in a caravan or motorcaravan in the next five years – that corresponds to 14.2 million Germans. This was particularly marked in the 23 to 37 age group and people with above average incomes. Next year alone, 5.4 million Germans are considering taking a caravanning or motorcaravanning holiday.

38% of people who are considering a caravanning holiday have a monthly net household income of over €3,000. A quarter of caravanning enthusiasts earn between €2,000 and €3,000 a month. The fact that caravanners have above average purchasing power and spend freely is borne out by a new study by the German Economic Research Institute for Tourism. According to this study, the German economy earned a whopping 14 billion euros worth of business from consumer holiday spending in 2018 alone.

Women are in the majority (55%) when it comes to interest in caravanning.

72% of caravanning fans admit that they really want to be independent. 71% want to get back to nature and 70% appreciate the fact that caravanning allows them to be flexible and spontaneous.

Two-thirds of people who are caravanning enthusiasts do not have their own vehicle. However roughly half of them (42%) are considering acquiring their own motorcaravan or caravan within the



next few years. 34% are people in the 23 to 37 age group. Furthermore, 4.7 million Germans are attracted to the idea of renting a caravan or motorcaravan in the next three years.

The top caravanning destinations are Germany (85%), France (58%) and the Netherlands (58%), 57% are tempted to go to Denmark and 56% to Italy.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D).

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

**Tool boxes:** Most are made of metal – just like the tools they contain. Rust can set in very quickly, but you can take evasive action: simply leave a small piece of chalk in each of the compartments - they will absorb any moisture. Replace the pieces regularly.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Belgium:** From 1 December 2019 the one (1) and two (2) centime coins will be withdrawn in Belgium.

Price tags will be rounded up or down.

### **Traffic**

**Australia:** The Australian airline has successfully carried out the longest non-stop commercial flight. The aircraft (test flight) landed at Sydney airport on 20 October after a flight of 19 hours and 16 minutes. Flight QF 7879 on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner left John F. Kennedy airport in New York on Friday. On board were 40 passengers and 10 crew members who underwent tests to find out which was the best method to help them cope with 15 hours' jetlag.

Source: Metro (B)

**Switzerland:** If there is an accident on a Swiss motorway, the same rules apply to make way for an emergency lane as in Germany.

A reminder: traffic in the left-hand lane must move over to the far left edge of the road. Vehicles in the right-hand lane (and vehicles in all other lanes to the right of the far left lane) must ease themselves into one lane on the right hand edge of the carriageway. This leaves a clear lane in the middle for the emergency and rescue services. It is important not to use the hard shoulder when making way for the emergency services.

It is absolutely FORBIDDEN to drive on the emergency lane behind the rescue services (fire engines, ambulances or police cars).

Remember to keep your distance: the two second rule still applies (...21...22), as does the "halve-the-speedo" rule (stopping distance at 100 km/h=50m).

If there is an accident, then decisive action must be taken at the site of the accident.

1. Look around: Remember what you see. What happened? Who was involved? Is anyone injured?
2. Think carefully: Prevent secondary (subsequent) accidents. Recognise potential danger areas. Eliminate danger for victims, helpers and anyone else.
3. Act: Protect yourself and others. Protect yourself by wearing a high visibility vest and mark the scene of the accident i.e. use warning lights and a breakdown triangle (distance from vehicle on the motorway 250m).



4. Administer first aid

5. Alert the emergency services by calling 112 (international emergency number)

Source: Extract from Auto (ACS/CH)

### **Austria: Winter tyres obligatory**

Depending on the circumstances, winter tyres are obligatory in Austria from 1 November to 15 April the following year. During this period private cars, station wagons, vans and trucks up to 3.5 tonnes (maximum permissible laden weight) can only be driven in wintry road conditions (snow, slush or ice) provided that all wheels are fitted with snow tyres.

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA-Arbö/A)

### **Increased traffic fines in Croatia**

On 1 August 2019, Croatia dramatically increased the level of fines for a lot of traffic offences. They are threatening to impose severe fines of up to 20,000 Kuna = approx. Euro 2,700 and could even give out a prison sentence. Repeat offenders could have their vehicle impounded and a temporary driving ban imposed locally. The reason? There have been far too many fatal accidents.

In addition, fines can be collected via other EU states and will still be payable on a future trip to Croatia.

Full details of the country's traffic laws and other information about Croatia can be found in ÖCC's (Austria) country information file under [www.oemtc.at/laenderinfo](http://www.oemtc.at/laenderinfo).

Source: DCC (D)

## **Health**

### **Wintertime – the season of coughs and colds**

One very simple measure to keep coughs and colds at bay is regular handwashing which will reduce the spread of the cold virus and also prevent you from being infected by it. According to research, only one thousandth of the number of viruses remain after thorough handwashing.

### **Culture and some other curious facts**

**United Arab Emirates:** In Dubai work for Expo 2020 that opens on 20 October 2020 are well in hand. Expo 2020 promises to be one of the greatest shows ever with futuristic-looking architectural creations by participating nations.

A 60-year-old bottle of “Single Malt 1926” from the Macallan distillery in Scotland has been **auctioned at Sotheby's** for the hefty sum of €1.74 million.

San Francisco boasts **the crookedest street in the world:** Lombard Street has 8 hairpin bends in the space of 180 m. Shots in a good many movies and TV series have been filmed on this street with its beautiful floral borders.

Source: „Freie Fahrt“ (Arbö-CCA/A)

**50 years of Sesame Street** – the most successful children's TV programme ever worldwide.

**30 years since the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**



There is a fantastic exhibition of works by Anthonis van Dyck's (1599-1641) in **Munich's Alte Pinakothek (Old Art Museum)** that runs until until 2 February 2020. Van Dyck is known for his ability to recreate the texture of sumptuous fabrics earning him the title of "Master of the Folds".

## Environment

**Environmentally-friendly descaling:** Coffee machine: 250ml lemon juice. Run half of the juice through the system, wait 30 minutes and then run the remaining juice through. Rinse with water three times.

**Moles** (the bane of nearly everyone who has a garden) is absolutely essential to maintaining good ecological balance. They kill off pests, catch mice on the run and break up the soil. The German Wildlife Foundation named this small digger "Animal of the Year 2020".

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### F.I.C.C. Motorcaravan Commission

The Motorcaravan Commission met on 31 August 2019 during the Caravan Salon Düsseldorf/Germany.

Key themes discussed were:

- ° drafting a model letter for F.I.C.C. clubs to send to the EU demanding that the EU raises the weight limit allowed on a B-class drivers licence.
- ° the addition of a statistics heading on [ficc.org](http://ficc.org)
- ° introduction of explanatory videos on various camping themes for beginners

A copy of the minutes of the meeting can be made available on request by contacting the F.I.C.C. Secretariat.

Members of the Commission, Tomas Mehlmauer (Chairman) and Fabien Produit (Council member) are happy to respond to your questions or comments.

The next MoCa meeting will be in January 2020.

Tomas Mehlmauer

**Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal (FMCP)** has endorsed the Sports for Climate Action Declaration becoming one of the first national sports federations to do so, respecting the targets outlined in the Paris Climate Change Agreement

The Portuguese Camping and Mountaineering Federation (FCMP) announces the signing of the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Declaration and FCMP integration in the Sports for Climate Action framework.

The Portuguese Camping and Mountaineering Federation (FCMP) is one of the first federations to sign this key document which aims to integrate sports players in pursuing the climate change agenda as set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

The FCMP commits to the five principles of the Climate Action Sports Initiative

- Make systematic efforts to promote greater environmental responsibility
- Globally reduce the environmental impact of its activities
- Educate for climate action



- Promote sustainable and responsible consumption
- Support climate action through communication.

This action will be reflected in FCMP's communications and activities. It should be noted that FCMP has always been at the forefront of the values of respect for the environment and nature by virtue of the nature of the sports it represents.

Signed by Joao Queiroz – President FCMP

**Deutscher Camping Club (DCC)** The DCC Technical Award 2020 made at the Touristik-Caravanning Show in Leipzig 2019 goes to the Reich-easydriver caravan hazard warning lights. DCHV (specialist supplier of the German Caravanning Trade Association) has presented the "LUPO" industry award to **DCC**. This is a prestigious partnership award. DCC was honoured especially for its commitment to future growth in caravanning, the wealth and diversity of the events it offers and for making camping for young people and children a memorable experience.

### **International Automobile & Touring club – UAE**

We have been informed by the club that it has already two camping sites in UAE

1. A caravan camping site in Sweihan district Amid of Abu Dhabi, Al Ain & Dubai  
73 km from Abu Dhabi, 78 km from Dubai and 68 km from Al Ain (the former campital of UAE)  
Club events: Off Road Rally – Sand Drag Race – Fun Drive – Buggy Race,  
RV's parking facility
2. Another camping site is located in the Western area known as LIWA which is 280 km from Abu Dhabi  
Club events: 4x4 competition – Highest Dune climbing – Buggy race – Camel & Horse race – Falcon race  
RV's parking facility

The club co-operates with all government ministries and departments and tourist companies in UAE. Also with the Abu Dhabi oil company (ADNOC) in respect of the facilities to empty the waste packs from RV's in petrol stations. So all new petrol stations must have this facility. More and more RV's are visiting UAE from all over the world.

## **FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS**

**Belgium:** Vakantie Salon from 23 to 26 January 2020, in Antwerp  
Salon des Vacances from 06.02 – 09.02.2020, in Brussels  
**China:** World Leisure Congress from 17 to 23 October 2020, in Pinggu-Beijing  
**Germany:** CMT Stuttgart from 11.01 to 19.01.2020, in Stuttgart  
Reise + Camping from 26.02 to 01.03.2020, in Essen  
Caravanning und Camping from 29.01 – 02.02 2020, in Hannover  
CFTY- Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 12.03 – 15.03.2020, in Freiburg  
Caravan Salon in August, in Düsseldorf  
**Italy:** Turismo & Outdoor from 06.02 – 09.02.2020, in Parma  
Il Salone del Camper from 14.09 to 22.09, in Parma





**Morocco:** Forum International du Tourisme Solidaire from 24 to 30 January 2020, in Ouarzazate

**Netherlands:** Vakantiebeurs from 16.01 – 19.01.2020, in Utrecht

Caravana from 17.01 – 22.01, in Leeuwarden

**France:** Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 12.03 – 15.03.2020, in Paris

Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs in September, in Paris

**Spain:** Fitur from 22.01 – 26.01, in Madrid

Caravaning Alicante from 06.02 – 09.02 2020

Feria del Camping in April 2020, in Valencia

**Great Britain:** Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19. 01.2020, in Manchester

Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 06.02 – 09.02.2020, in Birmingham

**Switzerland:** OCA from 17.01. to 19.01.2020, in St. Gallen

Caravan Salon from 22 to 26 October 2020, in Bern

**Austria:** Ferienmesse from 16.01 – 19.01.2020, in Vienna



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