



GOOD TO KNOW – JANUARY 2020

SAVE THE DATE

**Second F.I.C.C. World Congress for Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning
On 29th and 30th October 2020**

INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL

from 08 to 12 APRIL 2020

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

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



Rauhalampi 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. Rauhalampi 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.visitrauhalampi.fi; www.kupio.fi



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



Further information: ficc2020.actitalia.it
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**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 in
IRELAND**

CANCELLED

**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

Germany: Campers staying on German campsites bring in 1,563 billion (thousand million) euros of business to the German economy every year.

Source: Reisemobil International

The caravan manufacturer Hymer has produced a virtual conceptual model of an e-caravan that will drive autonomously to its destination

Hymer hopes to have the vehicle on the production line by 2030. The price has not been disclosed.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

The Netherlands: 30% of all motorcaravanners use their motorcaravans in the winter months, 45% of whom seek the sun and 20% are drawn to mountain sports. The remainder go on short outings.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

Spain: The much-loved caravan park in Alfás del Pi, Costa Blanca, Spain, that has been closed since 2015, has now re-opened.

ADVICE FROM THE MoCa COMMISSION Travelling in Europe

Before setting off on your travels, it is helpful to gather up useful information to ensure your journey is as stress-free and carefree as possible. The F.I.C.C. MoCa Commission is with you everywhere you go in Europe. However, it is essential to know what the current traffic regulations are in individual countries to make sure you are obeying the highway code.



The following table gives you the most important information that you will need by country. The F.I.C.C. - MoCa Commission wishes you happy and relaxing holidays and a safe journey!



MOCA Commission GUIDE

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Countries	Speed limit in km / h, mobile homes up to 3.5t total weight.			Blood/ alcohol level in g/l		Dipped headlights during the day	Rescue equipment				Motorway fees		
	Non-built-up areas	Built-up areas	Motorways	Novice drivers	Standard		Fluorescent vest	Warning triangle	First - aid box	Fire extinguisher	Motorway vignette 	Motorway tolls 	No
Belgium	20/30/50	70/90	120	0.5	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			X
Bulgaria	50	90	130/140	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	X		
Denmark	50	80	130	0.5	0.5	yes	no	yes	no	no			X
Germany	50	100	Recommended: 130	0.0	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Estonia	50	90	110	0.2	0.2	yes	yes	yes	no	yes			X
Finland	50	80	100/120	0.2	0.5	yes	no	yes	no	no			X
France	50	80	110/130	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	no	no		X	
Great	48	96	112	0.8	0.8	no	no	yes	yes	no			X



Britain													
Greece	50	90	120	0.2	0.5	no	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Ireland	50	80	100/120	0.2	0.8	no	no	yes	yes	no			X
Italy	50	90	130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Croatia	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Latvia	50	90	90	0.2	0.5	yes	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Lithuania	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.4	yes	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Luxembourg	50	90	110/130	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Malta	50	80	-	0.8	0.8	no	no	no	no	no			X
Netherlands	50	80	100/130	0.2	0.5	no	no	yes	yes	no			X
Norway	50	80	90/100	0.2	0.2	yes	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Austria	50	100	100/130	0.1	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Poland	50/60	90	120/140	0.2	0.2	yes	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Portugal	50	90	100/120	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Romania	50	90	100/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	X		
Sweden	50	70	110	0.2	0.2	yes	no	yes	yes	no			X
Switzerland	50	80	100/120	0.1	0.5	yes	yes	yes	no	no	X		
Slovakia	50	90	90/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	no	no	X		
Slovenia	10/30/50	90	110/130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Spain	50	90	100/120	0.3	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Czech Republic	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Turky	50	90	100/120	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes (2x)	yes	yes	X		
Hungary	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Cyprus	30/50	65	80/100	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X

This information is subject to regular changes.



This information is updated regularly.

Practical tips – for campers too

Hair brushes and combs can be cleaned using shaving cream. You simply spray it on, leave the spray to soak in and then rinse it off thoroughly.

Amber necklaces and bracelets that have lost their shine can be rubbed over with a soft cloth impregnated with a little olive oil. Leave for a short while to let the oil work its way in and then rub over again with a cloth to remove any excess and polish.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

The longest road tunnel is situated in Norway: The Laerdal Tunnel is 24.51kms long and connects Aurland and Laerdal. It means that one can drive from Oslo to Bergen without having to take a ferry. There are a number of lay-bys in the tunnel and once you arrive at Flam fjord you can enjoy a break.

Source: Freie Fahrt (A)

Watch out for routes used by game or wild animals One's worst nightmare of being in an accident involving a wild animal can only too easily become reality. Even if the driver and passengers survive the impact unharmed, there is always considerable damage to the vehicle that you usually have to pay for yourself unless you have fully comprehensive insurance.

If a wild animal is injured or killed you must inform the police.

The warning sign "Achtung Wildwechsel" ("Beware: animals crossing") means that a driver must adapt his speed so that he can handle his vehicle properly, react and avoid a potentially dangerous situation.

Source: Extract Arboe (A)

Health

All-clear for **cardiac cases**: The magnetic fields in electric cars are not harmful for people who have a pacemaker, an implanted cardioverter or defibrillator. These are the findings of a study by the German Heart Foundation in Munich published in the Annals of Internal Medicine. None of the 108 cases that were studied felt any sort of interference or disturbance either when they were driving an electric vehicle or when they were re-charging it. However further research needs to be carried out on a wider sample of people before all risks can be completely ruled out.

Source: Apotheken Umschau 2018 (D)

Culture and some other curious facts

Great Britain: The largest outdoor art project is currently in London. Since the summer of 2019 the American artist Leo Villareal has taken on the task of illuminating all 15 of the city's bridges with LED lights. So far he has done four. The costs are being funded almost exclusively from private sources.



The **first printed Christmas card** in the world commissioned by Sir Henry Cole (+1882) is on display for all to see in London's Charles Dickens Museum.

Norway: Baly/Lindesnes, approx. 4 hours from Oslo, is home to an amazing restaurant called "Under" that is six metres below water level. This daring and fantastic project was constructed in the middle of nature in 2018. It has just one menu (18 courses using regional products only) that costs around 200€.

2020 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of the composer **Ludwig van Beethoven**. He was born in Bonn (D) on 16 December 1770. We have him to thank for the European anthem taken from his 9th Symphony. Throughout the year, Germany will be holding concerts of the works of this genius who played a crucial role in bridging the classical and romantic styles of music.

A photo of the famous cardsharp and gun-toting hero **Billy The Kid** (died in 1881) came up for auction in Texas. Reserve price for lowest bid: 900,000€.

And: an original **Marvel Comics Nr. 1** from 1939 was auctioned in the USA for one million euros. Its original cost was 10 cents.

World champions in beer drinking are the Czechs who consume 131 litres, followed by the Austrians (105 litres) and the Germans come in third place with 101 litres per head of population.

Rijeka (Croatia) is European City of Culture 2020.

Environment

The **Bearded Vulture** is the biggest of the European birds of prey. It was virtually extinct but thanks to protection measures it has reappeared in Austria and it is likely to be reintroduced into Germany too. The greatest danger to these birds in the wild is lead poisoning from lead shot and spent ammunition.

Hedgehogs go into approx. 5 months' hibernation at the end of October. They do wake up and emerge now and then and have a wander round. That is quite normal – only when they are often seen in broad daylight or appear to be injured should one take them to a vet or one can get advice from a hedgehog centre.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

NKC (NL) will again be organising the NKC Camper Driving Experience on 27 March and 25 April this year.

(Gain experience and pick up hints about driving a motorcaravan).



Congratulations/Wir gratulieren/Félicitations



Photo:S. Brohl

CDP Associação de Caravanismo de Portugal	P	5 Jahre/ans/years
Caravaners League Russia	RU	10 Jahre/ans/years
Autocaravan Finland ry	FIN	15 Jahre/ans/years
Ustredni Automotoklub Ceske Republiky UAMK	CZ	30 Jahre:ans/years
Hymer Club International	GB	30 Jahre/ans/years
Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation	KR	35 Jahre/ans/years
International Automobile and Touring Club	UAE	35 Jahre/ans/years
Klubi Eesti Karavan	EE	40 Jahre/ans/years
The Camping Association of the Republic of China		45 Jahre/ans/years
Federacion Espanola de Clubes Campistas	E	55 Jahre/ans/years
Magyar Camping es Caravanning Club	H	55 Jahre/ans/years
The Motor Caravanners'Club Ltd.	GB	60 Jahre/ans/years
Norsk Bobil og Caravan Club	N	60 Jahre/ans/years
Confederazione Italiana del Campeggiatori	I	70 Jahre/ans/years
Polski Związek Motorowy PZM	PL	70 Jahre/ans/years
Federacao de Campimo e Montanhismo de Portugal F.C..M.P.)	P	75 Jahre/ans/years
Touring Club Royale de Belgique asbl	B	125 Jahre/ans/years

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
Caravaning 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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