



GOOD TO KNOW – APRIL 2020

SAVE THE DATE



The second F.I.C.C. World Congress for Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning will be held on 29 and 30 October 2020 in Verrières- le-Buisson/Paris

The impact of DIGITALIZATION and SUSTAINABILITY on camping tourism

How does digitalization and sustainability affects the camping industry?

What are the challenges manufacturers, campsite owners, travel agencies and the (camping) consumer faces?

Which opportunities occur given these mega trends of digitalization and global drive for sustainability?

Participants

You are working or are active in the tourism and camping business. On campsites, as manufacturer, travel/tourism agencies, consumer organisation, governmental organisations.....

After this congress:

Learn from the best during this congress and practise in several workshops.

Discover the many possibilities digitalization offers for growing your market.

Reach out to your customers with ultimate online convenience.

The drive for sustainable 'green' growth offers opportunities for your campsite.



Get to know the impact of the energy transition on the RV and camping market.
Use digitalization for your benefit and growth your business.

A dedicated website will be available in May with all information's you need to participate.

INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY FROM 8 TO 12 APRIL 2020 IN COIMBRA/PORTUGAL

(CANCELLED)

The Youth Rally arranged over Easter 2020 in Portugal has been cancelled in order to safeguard the health and safety of young campers and the rally organisers following the worldwide outbreak of Coronavirus. The Rally might be held later on this year.

The 2021 International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally will definitely be held in Scotland at Easter.



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

CANCELLED and reported to 2021

Further information at www.nct2020fi; www.visitrauhalahti.fi; www.kupio.fi



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



CANCELLED

Further information under www.ficc2020.actitalia.it

The 90th International F.I.C.C. Rally has been cancelled for the same reasons as this year's International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally. As we write, Italy, and northern Italy in particular, along with Spain are suffering from the devastating consequences of COVID-19. We wish all of our members in that part of the world and indeed the world over, a speedy recovery from this scourge and a resumption of normal life as soon as possible.

From the **F.I.C.C. Secretariat: tips for your camping trip to Italy sometime in the future Italian wines** (incl. Chianti, Lacrima Christi) are universally popular and much-loved. The

Puglia/Apulia region for example has been cultivating its special vines for 250 years. Red wines have been in vogue for many years now, including: Aglianico, Barbera (Piemonte) Brochetto Brunello, Cabernet Sauvignon, Canaio la Nero, Connean, but excellent grape varieties can also be found in the Frioule, Calabria and Campania regions.

Sicily, Tuscany and Venice.

Increasingly vines are cultivated organically, tended and nurtured with loving care. Italian wines most definitely rank among life's great pleasures and go down well with any Italian dish, especially when groups of campers are enjoying a get-together.

Connoisseurs have now found the formula for the perfect **Espresso** coffee: 15 rather than 20 grs ground coffee. Grind the beans coarsely and brew for just 7-14 secs rather than 25 secs. One wonders what the Italians and the "baristas" make of that?

On a future trip to Italy – why not stop off and visit the interesting city of Turin. Three of its many restaurants deserve a mention: Enotavola Casa del Barolo, via Bodoni 7; Cannavacciuolo Bistrot, via Umberto Cosmo 6 and Tre Galline, via G. Bellezia 37.



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

CANCELLED

It was with a heavy heart that the Taiwanese Rally Organisers were obliged to cancel this rally on account of the Coronavirus.

All further information under <http://www.camp.org.tw/2020aprfficc.php>

**In these difficult times for everybody some supporting words from
Mascha Kaléko born i1907 in Austria/Hungary and died in 1975 in
Zürich/Switzerland**

Recipe

Chase the fears away
And the fear of fears
For these few years
It may all be enough
The bread in the box
And the suit in the closet

Don't call it "mine"
It's all just borrowed
Live on borrowed time and see
How little you need
Make yourself at home
And keep your suitcase ready

It's true what they say:
Whatever will be, will be
Don't walk towards sorrow
And when it's there
Look silently into its eyes
It's as temporary as happiness

Expect nothing
And anxiously protect your secret
Even your brother will betray you



When it's down to "you or him"
Take your own shadow
As a traveling companion

Sweep your room well
And exchange greetings with your neighbour
Serenely mend the fence
And the bell by the gate
Keep that wound inside you awake
Under the roof in the here and now

Tear up your plans. Be wise
And stick to miracles
They have long been laid out
In the great plan
Chase the fears away
And the fear of fears

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

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

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The Netherlands: 61.1% of all motorcaravan owners have a permanent pitch.
Source: Poll.website NKC

USA: Once a year the so-called Tin Can tourists get together on Lake Havasu (Arizona) for their Vintage Trailer meeting. They turn up in all sorts of caravans/trailers no matter whether these are tiny or huge, just so long as they are old. They are all beautifully cared for or lovingly restored. Most come complete with an appropriately old towing vehicle. Participants do not turn up expecting to be cosseted, creature comforts are non-existent on Lake Havasu. Apart from showers and toilets, there are no amenities or services whatsoever so they must bring everything they need with them.
Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans



Tip: Heating is often left on in caravans throughout the year which means that the ventilator is continually sucking in dust and fluff. These tiny specks clog up ventilators and slow them down preventing them from operating properly.

So it's a good idea to dismantle your ventilator every two years and clean it. It's not difficult to do and you will then have a ventilator that is always in good working order.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Practical tips – for campers too

Plastic bag dispenser: Put a number of plastic bags in an empty paper tissue box leaving a corner of the last bag poking out. This works really well.

Opening packets of crisps, nuts etc just using your fingers can often be quite tricky.

In the absence of a pair of scissors, use two coins. Place the coins on either side of the top edge of the bag and tear it open with a quick flourish.

Electric kettle: to remove limescale in an environmentally friendly way, cut an unused lemon in quarters and boil it up in a kettle full of water. Leave for 12 hours (i.e. overnight), empty the kettle, rinse it out and wipe with a clean sponge.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Spain: At the beginning of the year, the Spanish city of Barcelona introduced an environmentally-friendly low emission zone that is in operation from 7am to 8pm.

For the first three months anyone infringing the regulation was given a warning, but from 1 April there will be very heavy fines. The low emission zone covers more than 95 sq.km. making it the biggest in Europe. All cars travelling in the city must display a "DGT emissions" sticker. The Spanish authorities reckon that petrol-fuelled cars manufactured before 2000 and diesel vehicles manufactured before 2006 are harmful to the environment. These vehicles do not qualify for a sticker at all and are not welcome in the city. However owners of such vehicles may apply for an exemption online that entitles them to drive inside the Spanish environment zone on 10 days in any one year.

Fines for non-compliance will be severe ranging from 100€ to 1,800€.

Source: NKC (NL)

Fines tightened up in Germany in 2020

From now on, road traffic offences will be subject to higher fines i.e. you will have to pay up if you are caught parking your car on a cycle track or pavement or indeed any unauthorised stop on a dedicated strip for cycles, or if double-parked. In these instances, the fine could amount to 100€.

Also if you do not move aside to make way for an emergency vehicle access lane, or if you use such a lane without authorization, you can expect to be fined between 200€ and 320€.

The minimum distance that a heavy goods vehicle must observe when overtaking has now been fixed at 1.50m in built-up areas and 2m out-of-town. This also applies when overtaking pedestrians and small electric vehicles.

Source: DCC (D)



Health

Prevention is better than cure: According to a trial carried out by researchers at Reading University, cholesterol levels will fall if you eat two apples a day. Scientists found that after two months, the amount of total and LDL cholesterol was reduced and markers associated with blood vessel health had improved in participants who originally had slightly raised cholesterol levels.

Avocados also impact favourably on cholesterol levels. According to a US study, you just need to eat one avocado a day to reduce your LDL level. The study was carried out over five weeks with 45 overweight participants.

Culture and other curious facts

Why would Eskimos need refrigerators? You would have thought that it would be cold enough for anyone living in these northerly climes. However in Siberia, Greenland, Alaska etc. it is so cold, that they need refrigerators to stop foodstuffs like milk, eggs, butter, fruit and vegetables from freezing solid.

“Queen” on a UK coin. This famous band is showcased on an official coin in the UK. The band’s instruments appear on the reverse side of Queen Elizabeth II. Cost: from 15€ to 2,450€ (in gold). Further details on www.royalmint.com

Japan: The following motto has been announced for the Olympic and Para-Olympic Games in Japan: “United by Emotion”.
Reported to 2021

Environment

Within 10 to 30 years **Chocolate** could be in short supply. The African cocoa trees are suffering from climate change and 16% of the trees have cocoa swollen shoot virus.
So what will happen and how will we cope? Chocolate is supposed to make people feel good...

Do pandas make the same sounds as other bears? Pandas usually communicate with one another by bleating (like goats), but they also make themselves understood by honking, squeaking, growling and barking rather noisily!

Apparently increasing numbers of **storks** are spending the winter months in Europe thanks to milder temperatures and a more abundant supply of food, or at least they are returning earlier and earlier from their wintering quarters.

NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND OUR MEMBERS

The F.I.C.C. Motorcaravan Commission held a meeting on 17 January 2020 during the CMT Stuttgart/Germany.



Core themes for discussion included: agreeing the deadline for submitting the draft letter to the F.I.C.C. Council demanding that the EU lifts the weight restriction for B class driving licences; setting up a Statistics heading on ficc.org; producing explanatory videos for beginners on a variety of camping themes. The minutes of the meeting are available and can be consulted in the F.I.C.C. offices.

The Motorcaravan Commission, comprising Tomas Mehlmauer (Chairman), Fabien Produit (Member) and Andreas Jörn (Member), will happily answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. The next MoCa meeting will be held sometime in August 2020.

The DCC (**Deutscher Camping Club e.V.**) has awarded its Safety Prize 2020 to Carado Van V337. The reason? With this new line, the manufacturer is clearly demonstrating that they are listening to the consumer when charting their way forward.

Moreso than in the past, mobility must advance incorporating the latest technical developments while, at the same time, being convenient and easy to use.

EXHIBITIONS

Australia : Supershow from 28 April to 3 May 2020, in Sydney

Austria: Caravan Salon Österreich from 14 to 18 October 2020, in Wels
Ferienmesse Vienna in January 2021

Belgium: Mobicar from 22 to 26 October 2020, in Brussels

China : CMT China from 29 to 31 May 2020, in Nanjing

All-in Caravanning from 12 to 14 June, in Beijing

Czech Republic: Caravanning Brno from 5 to 8 November 2020, in Brno

Finland: Caravan Finland Lahden Messut from 17 to 20 September 2020, in Lahti

France: Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs from 26 September to 4 October 2020, in Paris

Germany: Caravan Salon from 29 August to 6 September 2020, in Düsseldorf

Caravan Live Messe from 1 to 4 October 2020, in Freiburg

Caravan Bremen from 6 to 8 November 2020, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravanning from 18 to 22 November, in Leipzig

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show from 8 to 10 May, in Cheltenham

The Norfolk Motorhome & Caravan Show from 24 to 26 July 2020, in Norwich

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravanning from 9 September to 14 September 2020, in Jönköping

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