



## GOOD TO KNOW – JUNE 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 effects of digitalisation and its long term impact on camping tourism**

What are the effects of digitalisation and the long term impact on camping tourism?  
What are the challenges facing manufacturers, campsite operators, travel agencies and consumers (camping)?  
What opportunities arise from this megatrend of digitalisation and global efforts towards sustainability?

#### **Participants**

They either work or are in some way involved in tourism and camping – on campsites, in manufacturing, travel/tourism operators, consumer organisations, state-run organisations etc.

#### **After the Congress**

Take the opportunity to learn from experts in the field by participating in the various workshops.  
Discover the many possibilities that digitalisation offers to help you expand your business.  
Reach out to your clients using state-of-the-art on-line tools and aids.



Take advantage of the trend towards sustainable “green” development and the possibilities it will offer on your campsite.

Seize the opportunity to be involved in the impact of the energy revolution on the camping and caravanning market.

Use digitalisation to your own advantage and expand your business.

A website will be set up soon giving you all of the information you need to take part in this Congress.

<https://congress.ficc.org/>

**70th F.I.C.C. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY  
from 1st to 5th April 2021 (Easter)  
in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL**



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



**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 18 to 27 June 2021 in  
A GUARDA/GALICIA/SPAIN**



[More informations soon](#)

**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY 2021 from 5 to 9 July 2021 in Rauhalhti  
(Kupio)/Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage**



Further information at [www.nct2020.fi](http://www.nct2020.fi) [www.visitrauhalhti.fi](http://www.visitrauhalhti.fi) [www.kupio.fi](http://www.kupio.fi)

**92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022 in  
MOSCOW/RUSSIA**

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



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### Preventing a build-up of heat

Switch-mode power supplies are highly complex electronic devices that generate heat that has to be eliminated somehow. In most caravans, these devices are installed either on the floor or at the back of the wardrobe. If the wardrobe is full of clothes or there are sweaters on the floor, ventilation apertures are easily smothered.

One possible solution is to move the device to the top of the wardrobe but this involves extending all of the electricity cables. The simplest trick is to upend a basket or a box pierced with lots of holes over the device, making sure that the protective cover can be removed if, for example, you need to get to the 230V fuse again. This protective cover of course should not be used as a shelf for piling up sweaters and the like.

Source: Reinhard Lubbe in Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

### CORONA – What campers need to remember and take into account

Campsites are opening up slowly and under strictly controlled hygiene regulations.

1. The handwashing and disinfection procedures that we have all been following at home over the past weeks must continue while you are travelling. You should not expect or rely on masks and disinfecting gel being available at your destination and must take your own supplies with you.
2. Campsites and campsite operators must implement and rigidly enforce all currently accepted hygiene and disinfection procedures at all times and in all areas.
3. This holiday season people should only go away together if they normally live in the same household.
4. You should ascertain in advance whether shops are back in business, bars and restaurants are open again and if barbecues are allowed on the campsite.
5. You must follow the orders of the campsite operator at all times regarding social distancing and contact with people in the reception area and sanitary facilities and arrangements for barbecues.
6. In the case of campsites that are off the beaten track, check beforehand that there are enough pitches and that the campsite is ready to receive campers. Also find out what to expect on arrival and if you need to comply with any special formalities.
7. Holidays in other countries will be problematic if they are allowed at all. Currently there are lots of formalities at border crossings and also check what the situation is like en route and more especially at your destination. These are issues that absolutely must be clarified before you set out on a trip.
8. If you are travelling with children, then you need to be especially careful and vigilant because they also have to comply with the same hygiene and distancing regulations, and possibly even wear masks.

Source: DCC in Camping, Cars & Caravans (Extract)



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

If **carrots or radishes** start to look a bit shrivelled, just leave them in cold water for a few hours and then store them in the fridge. They will suck up water and look as good as new. Moreover bunches of carrots keep better if you remove the green tops because they draw off moisture from the vegetable.

**The white edges and soles of trainers** will clean up nicely if you use a clean toothbrush and some toothpaste and give the grubby areas a really good scrub. Then clean the toothbrush under running water and use it to remove excess toothpaste from the shoes or alternatively use paper towel.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic**

It is time to change those **winter tyres** now because as summer approaches and it gets warmer, they do not adhere as well and will even give the impression of being rather soft – especially when you brake. According to ADAC they are just about acceptable on the open road, but braking time is much longer on dry roads – up to 16 m. And one surprising finding: the deeper the tread the longer the braking distance.

### **Health**

It is generally accepted that someone has a **high temperature** when the thermometer registers over 37°C, because up to now the average normal body temperature of a human being was reckoned to be 37°C. However, according to a study by researchers at Stanford University, the average body temperature in industrial nations has dropped by half a degree over the past century so that 37°C is now considered to be on the high side.

If you suffer from high **blood pressure** you may find that eating nothing but rice one day a week helps: unsalted cooked rice dehydrates and decongests the body which helps reduce one's blood pressure. (A wise old saying).

**Make your own hand disinfecting agent:** 833 ml ethanol (96%) or 752 ml isopropylalcohol (99.8%), 42 ml hydrogen peroxide (3%), 15 ml glycerine, 110 ml boiled water (if you use isopropylalcohol 192 ml), a 1 litre glass or plastic bottle with a screw top.

Pour the ethanol or isopropylalcohol in the bottle. Add the hydrogen peroxide and glycerine, fill up with water and immediately screw the top on tightly. Shake well – you now have a hand disinfecting agent.

Source: Freizeitrevue(D)



## Curious facts and culture

### A stroll round museums is now possible on-line

Amsterdam: Van Gogh Museum – Berlin: Pergamon Museum – Florence: Uffizio Museum  
vangoghmuseum.nl – smb.museum/museen-und-einrichtungen/pergamonmuseum/home –  
florence-museum.com

**A currency named after a bird:** The colourful quetzal, whose habitat in the forests of Central America is rapidly disappearing thanks to deforestation, is the national bird of Guatemala and in 1946 the country's currency was named after it. A Guatemalan quetzal is worth 0.12€.

## Environment

**Butterflies love crocodile tears:** You invariably see lots of butterflies sitting on the nose of caymans. They love drinking crocodile tears because they contain a lot of salt which is in short supply in the rain forest.

**Koalas** on the other hand manage to get all the liquid they need just from eating leaves, i.e. eucalyptus leaves of which they eat kilos every day. The name "koala" means "drinks nothing" in the aboriginal language.

**Are sweet potatoes really potatoes?** No, because although they are prepared in a similar way, botanically speaking they bear no relation to our potatoes. They are very sweet, disintegrate quickly when cooked so are best sliced and baked (gratin), or used in soups and purées.

## INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM F.I.C.C. AND F.I.C.C. MEMBERS

Thanks to the CORONA pandemic, this year's **F.I.C.C. General Assembly** will not be held in Rome in July/August as originally planned, but on 2 September in the F.I.C.C. Secretariat in Brussels - but with no club or federation delegates in attendance.  
Arrangements are being made for postal votes.

For the fifth consecutive year, **The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB)** has announced the winners of the "Owner Satisfaction Awards 2020" based on brands with the highest overall satisfaction scores. Altogether 22 awards in a variety of categories were made at the ceremony. The Club has asked its members and readers of Practical Motorhome and Practical Caravan magazines to pass on the names the winners.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)



## Hermann Hesse on Happiness

Hermann Hesse's life and literary quest were always preoccupied with constant search for the meaning of life and faith. Christianity didn't offer him answers he was looking for and he was very much influenced by Hinduism, Buddhism and Taoism. He developed his own notion that humanity actually belongs to some kind of universal truth that goes beyond any religion and metaphysical explanation. In most of his work, especially in his spiritual poetry he always emphasized the importance of living in the now: on letting go and finding contentment within ourselves. He invites us to observe the flow of life that goes around us and how we are part of that life.

Majatodorovic posted in business in rhyme.com (extract)

### *Happiness*

*If luck you chase, you have not grown  
enough for happiness to stay,  
not even if you get your way.*

*If, what you lost, you still bemoan,  
and grasp at tasks, and dash and dart,  
you have not known true peace of heart.*

*But if no wishes are your own,  
and you don't try to win the game,  
and Lady Luck is just a name,*

*then tides of life won't reach your breast  
and all your strife  
and all your soul will rest.*

Hermann Hesse 2.7.1877 (Calw/Germany – 9.8.1962 Montagnolo/Switzerland) German-Swiss - Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946

## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Ferienmesse Vienna in January 2021

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

**Germany:** Caravan Salon from 5 September to 13 September 2020, in Düsseldorf

**Finland:** Caravan-messut from 17 to 20 September 2020, in Lahti

**France:** Salon des Véhicules de loisirs in September, in Paris

**Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2020, in Parma

**Sweden:** Elmia Camping & Caravaning from 8 September to 12 September 2021, in Jönköping

**Switzerland:** Salon from 22 to 27 October 2020, in Bern

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