



GOOD TO KNOW – NOVEMBER 2020

SAVE THE DATE

28th and 29th OCTOBER 2021

IN VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris - France



You can find the link to the Congress website under www.ficc.org and congress.ficc.org gives you all the information you need about the programme, booking arrangements, hotel details etc.

The website will be updated regularly.

Excursions

A guided tour of Verrières-le-Buisson and Massy region will be offered in the afternoon of Friday, 29 October 2021.



An additional excursion (extra fee) to the Foundation Louis Vuitton and the Palace of Versailles will take place on Saturday 30 October 2021.

This tour will start at 8:30h till 18:00h and includes the bus tour to Foundation Louis Vuitton and Versailles, lunch, the entrance ticket for the visit of Versailles Palace (Tickets to visit the gardens of Versailles Palace are not included in the price)

Lunch will be served at Ore – Ducasse Restaurant at Château de Versailles.

70th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 1 to 5 APRIL 2021 in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL

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



Galicia is the “green“ part of Spain with lush vegetation and beautiful beaches. There are spectacular cliffs along the coastlines of the Cantabrian Sea and the Atlantic, the Costa da Morte and the fascinating Islas Atlánticas national park.

Santiago de Compostela is the regional capital and has marked the end point of the famous Way of St. James since the 9thC.
The old town of Santiago de Compostela was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985.



The town has a population of 96,000, 4.3% of whom are foreigners, mainly from Brazil, Portugal and Columbia.

The local language is Galician (21.7%), Spanish (15%) or both (31% Galician and 32.17% Spanish).

Sights worth seeing are the Cathedral, Pazo de Raxoi, Colexiata de Santa Maria do Sar (12thC), the baroque monastery San Martino Pinario (16thC), the university, Centro Galego (contemporary art), Parque de San Domingos de Bonaval, Parque de Alameda, Parque de Carlomagno and the monastery and church of San Francisco.

Informations: <http://www.rallyficc2021.com/en>

**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY from 19 to 23 July 2021 in
Rauhalahhti (Kupio) FINLAND
under F.I.C.C. patronage**



The dates of this rally have been changed to give Scandinavian campers the chance to attend the 90th International F.I.C.C. rally in A Guarda/Spain. Further information under

www.nordicrally.fi and <https://www.nordicrally.fi>

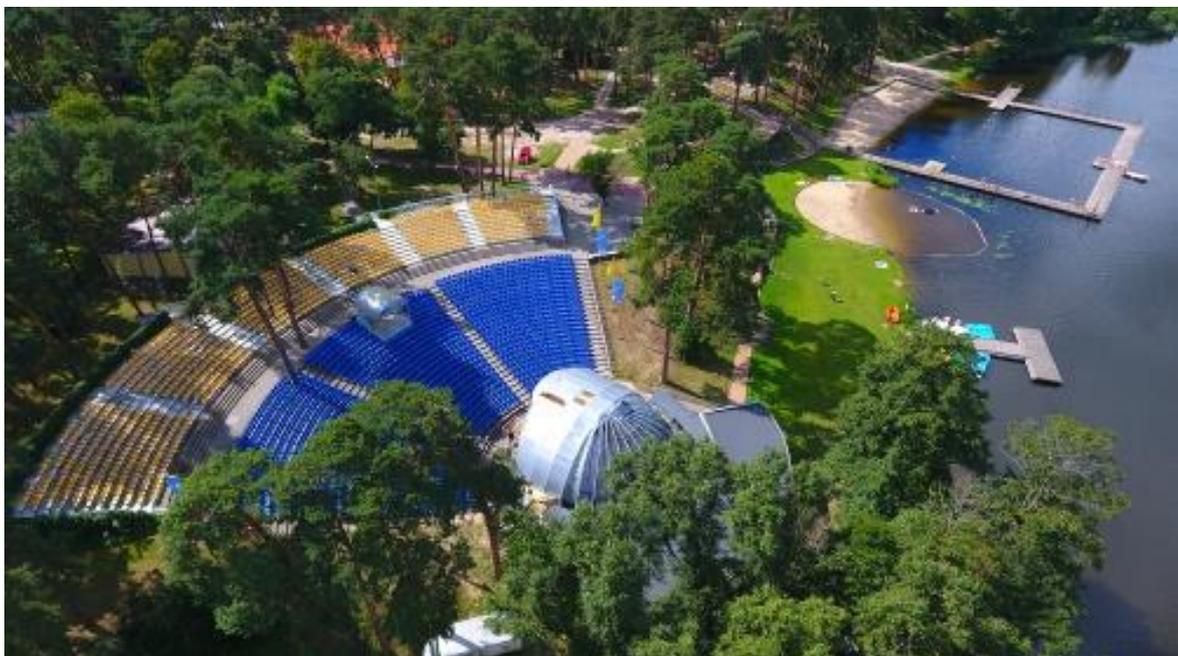
**91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022 in
MOSCOW/RUSSIA**

The F.I.C.C. Rally Commission is in regular contact with the Russian organisers. The rally site inspection and all other meetings with the rally organisers have had to be postponed because of travel restrictions resulting from the Corona pandemic.



92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 18 to 27 September in CHINA

93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 29 JULY to 7 AUGUST in KOZIENICE/POLAND





Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Mould and damp in a caravan are not to be trifled with. This fungus is a danger to health and must be eliminated as quickly as possible and the cause of its appearance investigated. Caravan owners should leave the root cause analysis, clean up and damage repair in the hands of experts. Damp and mould occur because of bad or insufficient ventilation, or possibly a technical defect i.e. a seal on the caravan edge piping or thermal bridge that is not airtight. The damp that can penetrate or result from such situations is an ideal breeding ground for mould fungi. Until the exact reason for the damp is established and dealt with, mould will return time and time again and can ultimately even damage the actual structure of the caravan.

Interesting: Porcelaine insert

Anyone who has despaired over a dull or yellowing camping toilet, can now give it a “facelift” with a Twusch porcelaine toilet pan insert. The insert can either be stuck on permanently or simply inserted. It has a nano-coating with lotus effect, is scratch-resistant and antibacterial. It only requires light cleaning which is good news for the environment and also means cassettes need to be emptied less frequently.
Information: www.camping-beyl.de

Air tents are becoming increasingly popular and it is those that are 340cm wide and 275cm deep that have captured the biggest share of the market. They promise to be very serviceable and durable. But these qualities have the disadvantage of extra weight that adds to the overall load and also means higher prices for some models. The latter can be relativized by a longer useful life of course.

This trend towards more UV resistance and optimum breathability even at the expense of weight and cost was precisely at the heart of the argument in favour of air tents (quicker to erect, lightweight, cheaper) and recent years have shown there is a demand to replace the “classical” awning with an air tent that has inflatable beams.

Source : Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Thanks to **Covid-19** most campers stayed in their home country this summer. But this was no hardship apparently since many discovered, or rediscovered, the beautiful landscapes, sights and wonders of their homeland.

Netherlands: For 4,196 campers, hygiene arrangements are the top priority when booking a camping holiday.

Source: Goboony

Practical tips – for campers too

How do you know if **blue cheese is mouldy?**

Soft cheese and blue cheese like gorgonzola, brie, roquefort etc., that smells unusually strong, musty or even has a whiff of ammonia, should be disposed of immediately. Hard cheese becomes greasy.

If the characteristic mould has spread when you cut the cheese this is not harmful, but untypical pinky-white or greeny-grey mouldy areas are more often than not toxic.



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Belgium: In Schaerbeek (one of the boroughs in Brussels) a horse and cart is now being used to collect rubbish from parks and bus and tram stops. It costs the local council far less than using a truck or the usual refuse collection service to do the job.

Switzerland: From 1.1.2021, the **principle of alternation** (one lane on the motorway to be removed so that road-users can move over and use it if need be) will be enshrined in law.

Emergency vehicle access lanes – these will also be compulsory from 1 January 2021 (in the event of congestion on a motorway an emergency access lane must be formed). To do this vehicles in the left hand lane move to the left hand side of the motorway, and vehicles in the middle and/or right hand lane move over to the right hand side.

From 1.1.2021 **light motor vehicles with trailers** up to 3.5t, may travel up to a maximum speed of 100/km on motorways, provided that the towing vehicle and trailer are authorized to drive at this speed.

Children up to 12 years old are allowed to **ride their bikes** on the pavement where there is no dedicated cycle lane or cycle track. They must however pay due consideration to pedestrians and, in the event of crowded pavements, adapt their speed accordingly.

Health

Toilets are not trash cans

Medication, left-over food, oil, dyes and paints, pesticides, nappies/diapers, cotton wool or surgical dressings should not be disposed of in a toilet. They not only block up the WC, but the entire sewage system thereby possibly causing flooding. In addition they pollute the environment, kill fish and other creatures that live in rivers and streams.

Culture and other curious facts

Street art in nature (artistically decorated water tanks): a good and readily available water supply in the karstic tract of land around Vic-La-Gardiole/France is essential for quickly tackling any wild fires that might break out. Generally speaking, water tanks are not the most aesthetic of containers, but in the French department of Hérault they have been given a new artistic purpose in life. Along a 13.5 km stretch of a marked trail through heathland in the Gardiole massif, you can admire the work of the famous artist collective Line Up. What could have been an inevitable “eyesore“ has turned into brightly coloured street art in a very successful marriage of urban culture and nature.

There is another 15 km stretch of “CitArt“ further inland around Ferrals-les-Montagnes in the Minervois area.

In all 12 street artists, including some internationally famous names such as Vania, Eackone, Maye, Momies, Honk and Zest have contributed to this project.

Source: Camping (DCC-D)



Barcodes

If you want to find out where some of your purchases come from, check the following codes:

- >>>>00 to 13: United States
 - >>>>30 to 37: France
 - >>>>40 to 44: Germany
 - >>>>49: Japan
 - >>>>50: Great Britain
 - >>>>57: Denmark
 - >>>>64: Finland
 - >>>>76: Switzerland and Liechtenstein
 - >>>>471: Taiwan
 - 628: Saudi Arabia
 - >>>>629: United Arab Emirates
 - >>>>690 to 695: China
 - >>>>480 to 489: Philippines
- Source: le bivouac (ACCAW-B)

Environment/Science

Shooting stars – where do they come from?

Every day a number of meteors swoosh down towards earth. When one of them travels through the earth's atmosphere it immediately burns up. The heat is so intense that the surrounding air particles begin to glow or flash and it is this that we call a shooting star. Usually, the meteor simply disintegrates.

Seahorses stay together for life and dance with their partner.

Nocturnal **hedgehogs are getting ready** to hibernate. We can give them a helping hand by leaving around piles of leaves, wood and twigs under which they can build their winter quarters. These shelters should be left undisturbed until the spring because hedgehogs do hibernate that long.

**The Seven Wonders of the World
are
to see, to hear, to touch, to taste, to feel, to laugh and to love.**



EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Ferienmesse Vienna 14 - 17 January 2021

Belgium: **Salon des vacances 21 - 24 October 2021**, in Brussels

Salon des vacances from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Brussels

France : Salon Mondial du Tourisme 18 - 21 March 2021, in Paris

Germany: Touristik + Caravanning from 18 to 22 November 2020 in Leipzig will take place
(Source DCC Camping 10/2020)

CMT in Stuttgart 20 – 31 January 2021

Caravans & Camping 21 - 24.1.2021, in Hannover

Reise + Camping 24 - 28 February 2021, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten 3 - 7 March 2021, in Nürnberg

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show 14 – 17 January 2021, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 20 - 28 February 2021, in Birmingham

Italy: Turismo & Outdoor 4 - 7 February 2021, in Parma

Netherlands: Caravana 21 – 26 January 2021, in Leeuwarden

Portugal: Nauticampo 20 - 24 February 2021, in Lisbon

Spain: FITUR 20 – 24 January 2021, in Madrid

Caravanning 4 - 7 February 2021, in Alicante

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravanning 8 - 12 September 2021, in Jönköping

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