



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2021

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY
from 03 to 12 SEPTEMBER 2021
in A GUARDA-Galicia/SPAIN



Deadline for registration is 20 August 2021

The organisers (Federacion Espanola de Clubes Campistas (FECC)) inform us that the booking forms for participation in the above rally are still being accepted and that the preparations for participation of this special event in the beautiful region of Galicia in the north-west of Spain, with many interesting destinations and a very special gastronomy, are progressing well. The inhabitants of A Guarda are looking forward to welcoming the campers from all over the world. In order to facilitate the organisation of the event, we kindly ask you to submit the registration forms as soon as possible.

The organisers kindly request that all participants do check the health restrictions applied to their country when coming/returning to/from Spain.

PCR TEST POSSIBLE IN Ribera Lab - Povisa, Rúa Manuel de Castro, 42, 36210 - Vigo, Pontevedra, Spain. Telephone: +34691521258

The price of the test is 99 € per person. It is open from 8:00 to 20:00 hours every day, including Sunday.

Welcome to A Guarda – Welcome to Galicia

Further information and booking form <http://www.rallyficc2021.com>



The Santa Tecla Campsite (Rally venue)

Coordinates: N41°53'55.42 W8°50'49.01



This beautiful campsite in A Guarda/Galicia was completely renovated and modernised in 2017. It has 500 grass-covered pitches with electricity, 8 bungalows, 4 mobile homes, 4 guest rooms. The amenities and services include: restaurant and bar, cafeteria, terrace, sports grounds, swimming pool, games room, play area, supermarket, two sanitary blocks (toilets, showers), clothes washers, areas with dump stations for emptying chemical toilets, telephone, internet and wifi.

Distance from Santa Tecla by car:

Madrid 620 km, Lisbon 423 km, Amsterdam 2,130 km, Paris 1,628 km, Rome 2,400 km, Vienna 2,850 km, London 2,020 km, Berlin 2,660 km, Brussels 1,980 km.

Nearest airports to A Guarda are Vigo (Spain) 65, km Porto (P) 125 km and Santiago (Spain) 110 km.

Nearest rail connections: Vigo (station) 55 km, Porto (station) 120 km and Santiago (station) 125 km

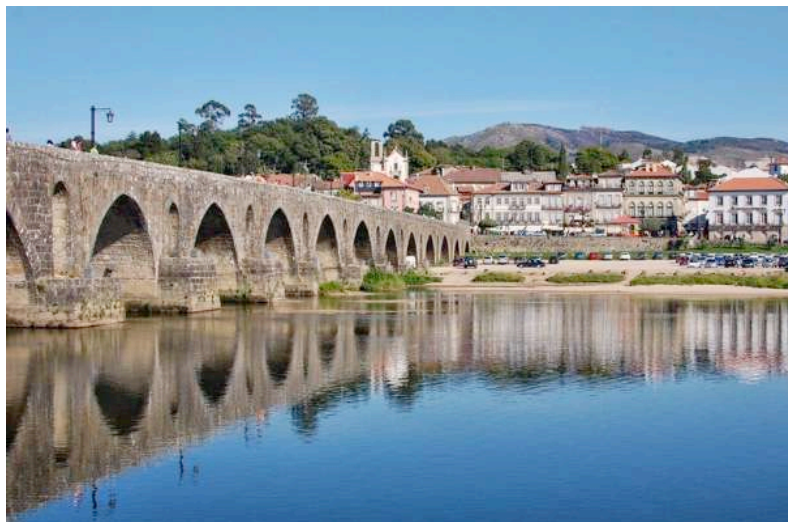
Access to campsite by road: From Tuy to A Guarda on the PO 550. Turn left, after 54 kms, at the traffic lights next to the San Roque church towards Mino River. The campsite is 800m further on and is signposted.

There is a ferry crossing to the town from Caminha (Portugal).

Planned excursions: Monte Santa Tecla and A Guarda (tour of the area) – Cies Island – Santiago de Compostela – El grove, La Toja, Cambados and Ribera Sacra.



Ponte de Lima welcomes you back!





Life experiences in the Oldest Town of Portugal



After the unforgettable and wonderful experiences during the F.I.C.C. Rally in 2016, Ponte de Lima invites you again to spend a few days before or after the F.I.C.C. Rally in A Guarda/Spain in this interesting and hospitable city, located only 56 kilometres from the rally venue.

A free car park near the city centre is at your disposal.
Put the F.I.C.C. Rally 2021 logo on the windscreen of your motorhome or on the window of your caravan and enjoy your stay!



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<https://www.visitepontedelima.pt/en/news/life-experiences-in-the-oldest-town-of-portugal/>



**F.I.C.C. ASIAN PACIFIC RALLY from 8 to 12 OCTOBER 2021 in
Robot Land Park, Changwon City/South Korea**

Asia-Pacific rallies are organised by the F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Commission, comprising members from China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.
The organisers of these events are always happy to welcome campers from F.I.C.C.'s member clubs in Europe.

SAVE THE DATE



**The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning
and Motorcaravanning will be held on 28 and 29 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 is updated regularly.



**91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 07 August 2022 in
MOSCOW/RUSSIA**



**92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022
from 28 September to 7 October
IN CHINA**



**93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 24 JUNE to 3 JULY
in KOZIENICE/POLAND**





English: <http://www.pfcc.eu/ang/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Deutsch: <http://www.pfcc.eu/niem/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Français: <http://www.pfcc.eu/franc/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Polish: <http://www.pfcc.eu/pol/files/rally93.pdf>

The official Rally website will be launched at the end of the year.

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The Netherlands: There were reckoned to be 150,000 motorcaravans in the Netherlands in May this year which means that the number of these vehicles has doubled in the past ten years. Most owners are 56 years and over but even the number of 26 to 35-year-old owners increased by approx. 24% in 2020.

Source: NKC (NL)

France has over 8,000 campsites and can therefore rightfully claim to have the biggest camping infrastructure in all of Europe.

According to the German liquid gas federation Flüssiggas e.V. (DVFG) **campers in tents should be very careful with camping stoves.** These run on liquid gas, mainly using stick-on or screw-on cartridges. Stick-on cartridges are the cheapest sort and are fixed in place using a pin. The rubber sealant of the appliance prevents the gas from escaping. Stick-on cartridges should only be removed from the appliance when they are completely empty. Anyone wanting to move a tent around from place to place must transport the stove and cartouche together in their assembled state, obviously taking care not to leave it for long in a hot vehicle.

Screw-on cartridges are different because they have a self-closing valve. They can be unscrewed and screwed back on to the stove as often as you like. The same is true for the valve cartridge with its safety bayonet valve.

There is an **maximum limit for loading a motorcaravan** which means that even the weight of the passengers must be taken into account. "Travel light" is a good motto.

When loading up, lightweight luggage and bags should be stowed high up and heavy items low down. Gas bottles should stand upright, secured in their cases and should be removable without having to use tools of any sort. During the journey they must be turned off unless operation of a gas bottle is explicitly permitted.

Source: DVFG (DCC-D)

The Düsseldorf Caravan Salon (formerly held in Essen) (D) is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2022.

AL-KO is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Practical tips – for campers too

A small copper coin will help **cut flowers** to stay fresher for longer. Copper produces bacteria that prevents decay.



Hair conditioner for the summer

Mix an egg with two tablespoons of beer and apply the mixture to your hair. Leave for 15 minutes then rinse!

Yellowing plastic furniture can be treated with baking soda. Mix the baking soda to a paste with water, rub on to the furniture with a cloth and wipe off.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

According to the EU General Safety Regulation, the following assistance systems will become mandatory from 2022/2024:

- ° advanced emergency brake assistant with emergency brake light that warns other vehicles of an emergency braking situation;
- ° lane-keeping assistant;
- ° reversing camera or automatic parking aid;
- ° steering monitoring for driver drowsiness detection and attention warning system;
- ° installation of a standardised interface for an alcohol barrier;
- ° intelligent speed assistant to warn the driver to comply with the statutory speed limit;
- ° and finally an event data recorder (black box) that will register data non-stop such as the accelerator pedal movement, steering behaviour, braking behaviour, gear selection and more besides all of which is automatically deleted after a fixed amount of time, then recording starts again.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Health

There are warnings every year about the dangers of **ticks** and experts are now saying that they are on the increase both in the summer and in the winter. The Robert Koch Institute has seen record numbers of FSME infections from newly-detected species throughout Europe. Many experts are advocating vaccination since ticks are no longer limited to well-defined areas of risk. Sprays containing Icaridin can help keep ticks and mosquitoes away.

28 July is World Hepatitis Day and this in honour of the hepatitis B discoverer Samuel Blumberg. Hepatitis infections cause serious damage to health and damage the liver in particular. There is an appropriate vaccination.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Scandinavians, especially Finns, are the **biggest coffee drinkers**. They consume approx 270 litres annually per head of population compared with Germany's 143 litres.



May 20th is **World Bee Day** because the pioneer of modern bee-keeping, the Slovene Anton Jansa, was born on that day. Bee-friendly plants (including lavender) in your garden or on your balcony help these industrious creatures survive and thrive.

Origami originated in Japan and means “folded paper“. This art form goes back to first century China then arrived in Japan, where it reached its peak, and subsequently spread throughout the world.

Stoa 169 is a temple of the arts, an open air gallery in the tradition of a Greek pump room or foyer located in a picturesque meadow in the Pfaffenwinkel of Polling/Bavaria (Germany). It is the brainchild of the artist Bernd Zimmer and consists of a hall with over one hundred columns creatively designed and decorated by different internationally renowned artists. The hall is destined to be a perpetual sign of peaceful co-existence and reconciliation between peoples.

The artists Alex Wreckage and Joe Rush created the monument called “**Mount Trashmore**“ in St. Ives Bay, Cornwall, on the occasion of the G7 Summit in Great Britain. It is a massive sculpture made up of 20,000 pieces of electronic junk. Mount Trashmore portrays the G7 heads of government – along the lines of the American Presidents chiselled in stone at Mount Rushmore in the USA.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM F.I.C.C. AND F.I.C.C. MEMBERS

DCC’s Safety Prize 2021 was awarded to LMC Sassino 470K for stressing the importance of safety in caravan and motorcaravan design and construction.

DCC’s Europa Prize 2021 for outstanding campsites went to exemplary campsites in Germany, Austria, Italy, France and Croatia.

F.I.C.C. e-Book

The **Camping Card International website** was totally updated in October last year with new functions and user-friendly instructions and descriptions of the advantages available to CCI users.

In order to gain access to the detailed information, the user/camper must register on the website www.campingcardinternational.com although all of the benefits associated with the CCI are apparent without registration.

Once users/campers have registered and shown that they have a valid CCI, they have access to the CCI e-book listing all of the discounts by country plus specific tourist information that will ensure that they enjoy their camping holiday to the full.

As a registered user, give your email/password and select the country of your choice in order to download the e-book as a pdf file (available in English only for the moment).



You will also find the CCI app in Apple Store and Google Play that is simpler to use on your mobile device.

F.I.C.C. and your CCI team wish you a wonderful, relaxing camping holiday!

CAMPING WITH F.I.C.C.

is a YouTube channel, where you can communicate not only with F.I.C.C. members but with all campers across the world and share their camping tips, experiences and memories before setting off on a camping trip, and even while you are away. This enables everyone to get maximum pleasure from this type of outdoor tourism.

Travelling, discovering the wider world, waking up in a different place every morning...

Whether you travel alone or in a group, a trip in your caravan is always an adventure. But so that this adventure does not end in disaster, F.I.C.C. recommends checking out the video "Ten best practices before departure that was made by the F.I.C.C. Motorcaravanning Commission.



"Camping with F.I.C.C." is accessible via the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIDBeAqa72QIJ96q-CPrp-Q>

MoCa Commission Guide

Traveling in Europe

Before starting a journey, it is helpful to collect useful information so that the journey is as stress-free and carefree as possible. The F.I.C.C. - MoCa Commission accompanies you all over Europe. However, it is essential to know the applicable traffic regulations in the individual countries in order to be able to follow them. In our table you will find the most important information, summarized by country. The F.I.C.C. - MoCa Commission wishes you happy and relaxing holidays in advance and a safe journey!

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		
	Built-up areas	Non-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	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	80/90	110/130	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	no	no		X	
Great Britain	48	96	112	0.8	0.8	no	no	yes	yes	no			X
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	110/130	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	100/110	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	100/120	0.8	0.8	no	no	no	no	no			X
Netherlands	50	80	100/120/130	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	90	100/140	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	90/120	0.2	0.2	yes	no	yes	yes	no			X
Switzerland	30/50	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 Rep.	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Turkey	50	90	100/120	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes2x	yes	yes	X		
Hungary	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Cyprus	30/50	80	110	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X

This information is subject to regular changes.



Definition of Time

Time passes slowly when you are waiting
Time passes quickly when you are late
Time is agony when you are sad
Time goes quickly when you are happy
Time is interminable when you are suffering
Time is long when you are bored
Time is wonderful when you're in love.
Time is always determined by your feelings and psychological outlook
and not by the CLOCK.

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EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 20 to 24 October 2021, in Wels
Vienna Holiday Fair from 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna
Belgium: Salon des vacances from 2 to 6 February 2022, in Brussels
Czech Republic: Caravanning from 4 to 11 October 2021, in Brno
Finland: Caravan Fair from 21 to 23 January 2022, in Helsinki
France : Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 25 September to 3 October 2021, in ParisLe Le Bourget
SETT from 2 to 4 November 2021, in Montpellier
Germany: Caravan Salon from 27 August to 5 September 2021, in Düsseldorf
Caravan Bremen from 6 to 8 November 2021, in Bremen
Touristik & Caravanning from 18 to 22 November 2021, in Leipzig
CMT from 15 to 30 January 2022, in Stuttgart
Reise + Camping from 16 to 20 February 2022, in Essen
Reisen & Camping from 7 to 9 January 2022, in Leipzig
Messe Erfurt from 28 to 31 October 2021, in Erfurt
Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 28 April to 2 May 2022, in Nürnberg
Great Britain: The South West Motorhome & Campervan Show from 10 to 12 September 2021, in Shepton Mallet
Caravan & Motorhome Show in January 2022, in Manchester
NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show from 22 to 27 February 2022, in Birmingham
Northern Ireland: Caravan & Motorhome Show from 14 to 16 January 2022, in Belfast



Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 11 to 19 September 2021, in Parma

Turismo & Outdoor from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 6 to 10 October 2021, in Utrecht

Caravana from 26 to 30 January 2022, in Leeuwarden

Norway: Caravanmessen from 16 to 19 September 2021, in Lillestrom

Portugal: Nauticampo from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Lisbon

Spain: Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 6 to 9 May, in Torre Pacheco, Murcia

Salon Internacional del Caravaning from 2 to 10 October 2021, in Barcelona

Madrid Caravaning from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Madrid

FITUR from 19 to 23 January 2022, in Madrid

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravaning, 8 - 12 Sept. 2021, Jönköping **CANCELLED**

Scandinavian Caravan Show (Elmia) from 7 to 11 September 2022, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 28 October to 1 November 2021, in Bern

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