



GOOD TO KNOW – NOVEMBER 2021

**The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning
in VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France
will now take place from 26 to 28 October 2022**



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





Moscow sights



Zaryadye Park

This public park, within a few minutes' walking distance from the Kremlin, is one of Moscow's cultural centres providing education and entertainment in many guises. It is situated in the historic district of the same name and was built on the site of the Rossiya hotel that was demolished in 2006. The park and centre cover 13 hectares between Kitaigorodsky Proezd, Ulitsa Varvarka and Moskvoretskaya Naberezhnaya.



Christ the Saviour Cathedral is a Russian orthodox church on Ulitsa Volkhonka, on the north bank of the Moscow river. It was built between 1990 and 1995 and is a faithful copy of the cathedral of the same name that was destroyed in 1931. At 103m high, it is the third tallest orthodox church in the world after the People's Salvation Cathedral in Bucharest (Romania) and the Peter and Paul Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

It was in Moscow that Tchaikowsky's "1812 Overture" was heard for the first time.



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



The People's Republic of China, a very populated country, is located in the east of Asia. Its diverse landscapes, ranging from steppes, deserts, mountains, lakes and large rivers to the 14,000 km long coastline, inspire visitors again and again.

The cities have a modern architecture, but they try to preserve at least the old quarters and historical sites.

The capital Beijing has about 1,402 billion inhabitants and is the cultural, economic and communication centre of the country,

The currency is the Yuan (1 US\$ = 6.418 yuan).

The official language is Chinese (standard), the spelling is "simplified" Chinese.

91.1% of the population are Han Chinese.

The head of state is President Xi Jinping.

Shanghai is the industrial centre and Hong Kong is the leading commercial centre and port





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



Kozienice is not yet as well known as many other towns in Poland, but it is a small, lively place that is opening up to tourism and is certainly worth a visit.

The small town is located only 40 km from Warsaw and is the administrative seat of the Gmina and the powiat Kozienice. The population is about 18,000.

The name of the town is based on the Jewish name Kozhnitz (in German Koschnitz) and received its town charter in 1549. However, the history of the town can be traced back to 1206.

Kozienice has three sister towns: Göllheim in Germany, Chuhuiv (Ukraine) and Medzilaborce (Slovakia).

Official website: www.pfcc.eu

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

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

French: <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

Spain: According to data from the INE (Instituto Nacional de Estadística) and FECC (Federación Española de Campings – Spanish Camping Federation), camping holidays have been just as popular with Spaniards over these past two years as they were in 2019. Spanish campers reckoned that camping offered the best value and safest of all types of holiday and campsites were top of their list in terms of accommodation. The number of nights spent on campsites in the first 6 months of 2021 was over 8.5 million.

Italy: On 5 August, the Council of Ministers decided that outdoor accommodation (includes campsites) are no longer obliged to demand a “Green Pass”. This also applies to on-site restaurants. (Decree of 23 July 2021 N° 105 published in the official journal).

Germany: German holidaymakers have been as enthusiastic as ever about caravanning in 2021. New registrations for leisure vehicles have increased by more than 6% since the beginning of the year. Around 75,000 leisure vehicles were registered in Germany between January and July – more than ever before over the same period.

Exports of German leisure vehicles are back to the “pre-Corona” level.

In the first half of the year exports of German caravans and motorcaravans rose sharply. Last year, many European countries restricted travel abroad because of the corona pandemic. German leisure vehicle production rose significantly in 2021, having of necessity been scaled down the previous year during the height of the pandemic, and output is once more up to record “pre-Corona” levels. However the caravanning industry now has to contend with delivery problems, since production is being affected by faltering supply chains and a lack of spare parts and raw materials.

There is however an increase in sales of second-hand caravans and motorcaravans. Used caravans and motorcaravans have been selling like “hot cakes” in 2021. In the first seven months of the year over 100,000 leisure vehicles changed hands. That represents an increase of 1.4% compared with the previous year. Together with the increase in new registrations, this has had an effect on the vehicle stock as a whole: it reached a new peak of 1.4 million vehicles.

Back to record-breaking facts and figures: the increase in sales in the caravanning sector in the first half of the year.

Turnover in the caravanning sector rose by more than 21% in the first half of the year following the decline in the first half of 2020 thanks to the pandemic. Altogether the sector has reported 6.8 billion euros since January and has thus already witnessed the best six months of its history. In addition, it is set to end 2021 with new record-breaking figures.

Source: CIVD(D)

China: There were record numbers of visitors to the **10th “All in Caravaning” in Beijing (held over 3 days)**: 25,448 visitors (6% more than the previous year) were attracted by 200 exhibitors at the 39,000 sqm exhibition centre.

Mr. Wolfram N. Diener is the new **President and CEO of the Messe Düsseldorf (trade fair)** and alongside Bernhard J. Stempfle and Erhard Wienkamp completes the newly-restructured management team.

The **Caravaning Industrie Verband (CIVD)** has received the German Brand Award 2021 in the category of Excellent Brand Non-Governmental-Organization. The award is in recognition of the caravanning federation’s crossmedia image campaign that advertises camping as a very desirable type of holiday.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)



Store summer tyres properly

Before they go on winter holiday, they should be thoroughly cleaned and inflated by about half a bar above the manufacturer's specification. As a "holiday home" they prefer a cool, dry and dark environment. Contact with oil/grease or solvents should be avoided. Tyres without rims are best stacked horizontally on top of each other - up to a maximum height of four. Complete tyres - i.e. tyres mounted on rims - ideally find their winter rest on a rim tree where they are stacked on top of each other without contact, or on special wall brackets which help them to nestle narrowly and space-savingly against the garage or cellar wall.

Source: DCC (D)

Practical tips – for campers too

Coffee stains on items of clothing or a tablecloth respond well to damp salt. Leave moistened salt on the stains for a few hours and then rinse in warm water.

If a **necklace chain gets knotted**, leave it in oil for a short time, then rinse in warm soapy water and the knots will unravel.

(read somewhere)

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Doha in Qatar is now rated the **world's best airport** (Skytrax-Ranking). For years Singapore's Changi airport was Number One.

Great Britain: Passports mandatory from 1 October 2021

An ID card is no longer acceptable for trips to Great Britain (even for Christmas shopping in London). Thanks to Brexit everyone needs to show a passport.

It is safer on foot or on a bike in the dark

It is important to be able to see and to be seen. There is an amazing range of accessories on the market now such as caps and hats with an integrated light (the battery lasts up to 4 hours), gloves that glow in the dark and recharge in daylight, reflecting clips that can be attached to shoes or a jogging jacket and all manner of bike lamps (new models, new colours).

According to ADAC if pedestrians wear reflective clothing they can be seen 140m away. When buying reflective material, check the label for the standard "EN ISO 20471" or "EN1150". Cyclists should check their lights every time they go out and make sure that the mandatory six reflectors are in place.

Legal matters

In Germany, hotels and other hospitality reception staff are not allowed to photocopy **a persons's ID** or even request to keep it temporarily. It is only the police, public order office/regulatory agency (das Ordnungsamt), tax evasion authority or customs authority that have the right to demand this document. It is acceptable to show one's person ID briefly for identification purposes, but nothing more because fraudsters and confidence tricksters can pick up and use your details very quickly.



Health

Protection from the common cold or chill: **Zinc** – this trace element has anti-inflammatory properties. A dose of 75mg per day (adults) can reduce the time that a cold hangs around.

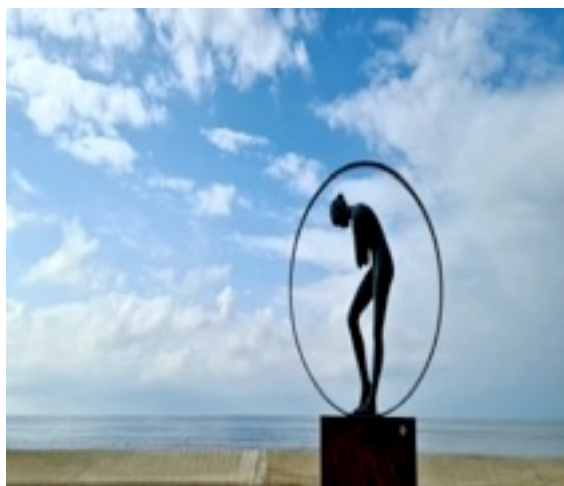
Honey and thyme (exist in tablet form) soothe cold symptoms – especially a bad cough.

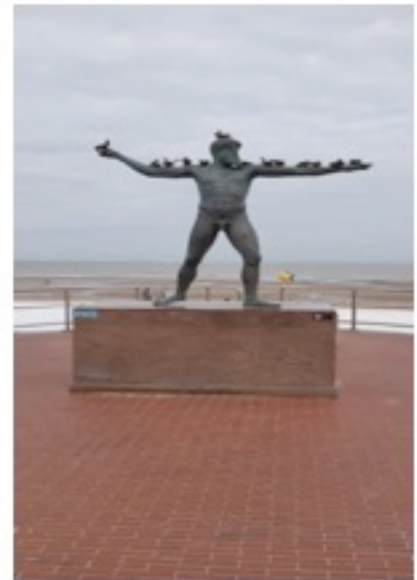
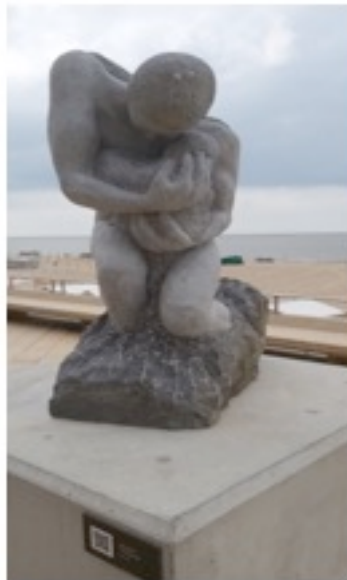
The part of one's body that heals the quickest is the **tongue**. Special cells in the mouth speed up the healing process more quickly than on any other area of skin.

100 years of insulin: Insulin is a life-saver now unlike a century ago when diabetes was a death sentence. Two Canadian researchers, Frederick Grant Banting and Charles Best, succeeded in manufacturing insulin in 1921. These days diabetics generally manage their own treatment.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The famous **Beaufort 21** exhibition on the Belgian coast comes to an end at the beginning of November. Every year, over the summer months, internationally renowned artists display their work at various outdoor venues along the coast.





Photos: Silvia Brohl

Thailand: You are no longer allowed to use suncream containing chemicals in the country's national marine parks because it is destroying the slow-growing coral. People who are found ignoring this law can expect a fairly hefty fine.

The Nile hippopotamus used to thrive in Egypt's 7,000 km long river Nile a long time ago but they were driven away south in the 19thC. These days the species that exist in the Nile are known as "hippos".

4 October is World Animal Protection Day and 25 October is World Noodle Day (by the way, noodles were not invented in Italy, but in China).

Christmas Markets in German Castles

Until 23 December Schloss Merode in Langerwehe - until 5 December Schloss Bückburg - until 12 December Gut Stockseehof - until 5 December Schloss Lüntenbeck in Wuppertal - until 5 December Zeltinger Platz Berlin, until 19 December Schloss Günewald in Solingen
 Until 28 November Gut Böckel in Rödighausen -until 28 November Schloss Gödens in Sande-Gödens- until 28 November Schloss Bodelschwingh in Dortmund -

INTERESTING NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS

According to a "Weighing Campaign" carried out by **NKC (NL)**, one in three caravans are overloaded. Excess weight can affect driving stability, impair braking ability and ultimately cause an accident. In addition, overloading is a punishable offence. Many caravan owners were completely



unaware that they were overloaded. 44% were 100 kgs overweight, 28% of whom were more than 200 kgs over the limit.

October also saw the Camperdriving experience, which **NKC** organises annually so that members can learn to drive motorhomes or improve their driving skills.

UNWTO has organised a competition for students worldwide on the theme “**Ideas that will make tourism more responsible and sustainable**“. Special emphasis was given to environmentally harmful plastic pollutants as well as encouraging the contribution of tourism to the development of rural areas.

Around 1,000 students from 124 educational institutions in 45 countries entered the competition. Convincing and highly praised ideas and solutions included works of art, calls to action, instagram and other digital marketing campaigns as well as potential strategies to help reduce the use of plastics and plastic waste in the two branches of the tourism industry - travel and hospitality.

The **German Camping Club e.V. (DCC)** awarded its "Seal of Trust" to the Kai Brumberg company. Fair rental prices, great customer satisfaction, motorhomes equipped to a high standard, a waste disposal station and also overnight accommodation in your own vehicle on the company premises are what distinguish this technical workshop business and motorhome rental company.

On the occasion of the new elections within **the German Camping Club in October 2021**, the current President Andreas Jörn did not stand for re-election.

The General Assembly elected Mr Dieter Albert as the new DCC President.

Mr Michael Woltmann remained Vice-President and continues to look after the Club's finances.

Mr Udo Hunstiege took over the office of Secretary.

Our best wishes accompany the three gentlemen for their new responsible tasks.

VKCF/VKT (Belgium)

On 27 November, in the conference room of Flanders Expo in Ghent, the VKCF/VKT is organising a "Kampeervoogdag" (Camping Festival Day) that will appeal to all camping enthusiasts, whether they travel by motorhome, caravan or tent. The accompanied camping trips for 2022 will be presented. Everyone is welcome, participation is free.

Source: VKT (B)

“CAMPING WITH FICC“

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 FICC" is accessible via the following link:

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

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!

Good advice – laugh for 15 minutes every day

- Helps you relax and de-stress naturally
- Shakes out the “good mood” hormones
- Helps you sleep better
- Activates blood circulation which improves supply of oxygen to cells
- Works against fatigue, improves concentration
- Reduces high blood pressure
- Reinforces the immune system
- Has anti-inflammatory properties
- Massages organs in the abdomen and helps digestion
- Helps one tolerate pain

Source: Mon pharmacien/ma référence (B)

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Ferienmesse Wien from 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna

Belgium: Salon des vacances 3 to 6 February 2022, in Brussels

Finland: Messe “Caravan” 21 to 23 January 2022, in Helsinki



France : SETT from 2 to 4 November 2021, in Montpellier

Germany: Touristik & Caravaning 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 28 April to 2 May 2022, in Nürnberg

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show January 2022, in Manchester

NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show 22 to 27 February 2022, in Birmingham

Northern Ireland: Caravan & Motorhome Show 14 to 16 January 2022, in Belfast

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

Netherlands: Caravana from 26 to 30 January 2022, in Leeuwarden

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

Spain: Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 6 to 9 May 2022, in Torre Pacheco, Murcia

Madrid Caravaning from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Madrid

FITUR from 19 to 23 May 2022, in Madrid

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

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

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