



## **GOOD TO KNOW – FEBRUARY 2022**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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





# 70<sup>th</sup> Youth Rally FICC Coimbra – Portugal

14|17 APRIL 2022



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## The programme:

14 April Participants arrive – Excursion to the Conimbriga ruins – Meeting of Youth Commission delegates – Parade of the Nations and Opening Ceremony - Disco

15 April Excursion – Traditional games and quiz - Disco

16 April Treasure hunt, excursions to: Coimbra University – Royal Palace, St. Michael's Chapel, Baroque Library, Jesus College, Tower - Disco

17 April Sports competitions – football/volleyball – traditional games – Youth Commission General Assembly, Closing Ceremony - Master Class - Disco

18 April: Sport on the Mondega river (kayaking) – Participants depart.

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





## Registration Opens for 91st F.I.C.C. Rally 2022 International Caravanning and Auto-Tourism Festival

The Luzhniki Olympic Complex in Moscow will host the 91<sup>st</sup> F.I.C.C. Rally 2022 International Caravanning and Auto-Tourism Festival, the most prestigious auto-tourism event in the world, from 29 July to 7 August 2022. Registration for the festival is now open on the [official website](#).



The 91st International F.I.C.C. Rally 2022 will officially open with a parade of the Festival's participants at Luzhniki. Master classes, tastings, interactive and entertainment shows, presentations of campsites and new auto-tourism routes in Russia, and much more will take place over the course of ten days. Guests will be able to attend the 'Travel!' Russian Tourism Forum, which will take place on 4–7 August 2022 at the All-Russian Exhibition Centre (VDNKh) in Moscow. The Forum will present auto-tourism routes and rest areas that have been specially prepared for travelling around Russia. Sightseeing tours around Moscow will also be organized for the Festival's participants and guests. A detailed sightseeing programme will be posted on the official website in late March.

The F.I.C.C. Rally website is <https://rustravelforum.com/en/rally/>

and [inforally2022@rustravelforum.com](mailto:inforally2022@rustravelforum.com)

This is where you will find all the information you need and it is updated every month.



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



**Thanks to the continuing pandemic and increased restrictions on travellers arriving in China, the organisers, 21RV, in agreement with F.I.C.C. have decided to postpone this Rally for the time being.**

One of life's little surprises: **Sauerkraut** did not originate in Germany as one might think, but in China where people were already eating this tasty and healthy food back in the 3C B.C. Cabbage was fermented in rice wine which is what differentiates it from the more refined cabbage dish that appeared in 16C Bavaria (D).

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the  
NETHERLANDS**



Where: NTKC Campsite "Het Groene Hart" (The Green Heart) in Hazerswoude  
Address: Voorweg 81



This campsite is principally geared towards campers in tents and can accommodate over 400 participants. It also has pitches for caravans.  
 Registration fee (as of 2021) is €65 per person (Easter meal, one excursion, disco included).

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



Special circumstances have resulted in the Rally venue being transferred from Kozienice to Staszow.  
 This change will however be submitted to the F.I.C.C. General Assembly 2022 for its approval.





Official website: [www.pfcc.eu](http://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>

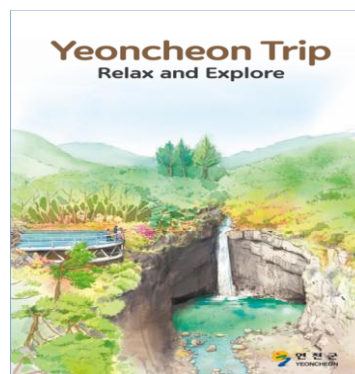
## 94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 in SOUTH KOREA

Organised by  
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

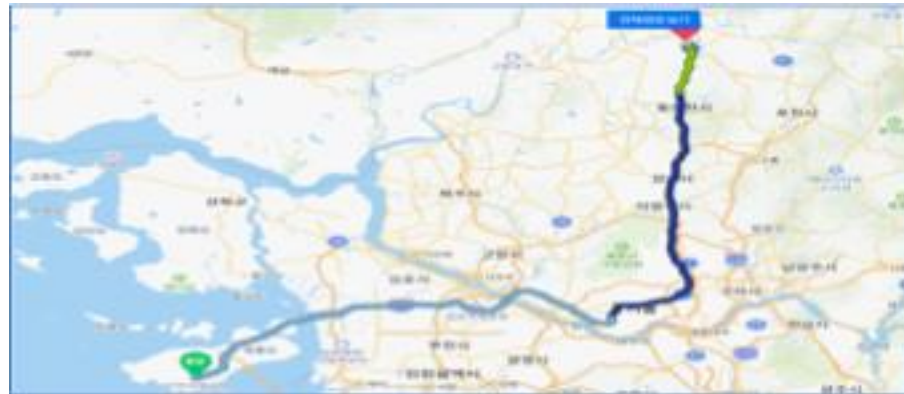
**Under the slogan: “Health and Harmony for all Campers”**

Yeoncheon City Jeongok-ri (prehistoric site Gyeonggi-do) is 116 km from Incheon International airport and 85 km from Gompo International airport.

Sights worth visiting in the area include Lmjingak (40 km), Horogoru Fortress site in Yeoncheon (23km), Herb Village (13km) the Jaein Falls (13 km) and Yeoncheon The First Tunnel of Aggression (20km).



Yeoncheon is situated in the northern part of Seoul, near the beautiful Imjin and Hantan rivers. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts a number of exceptional geological and natural features including mountains, rivers, woodland and a huge area (676 sq.km) of open country that lends itself particularly well to camping/caravanning/motorcaravanning rallies. Yeoncheon is not far from the border with North Korea (known as the DMZ) thus making the F.I.C.C. Rally a historic event, contributing in its own way to harmony and world peace.



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### If you are thinking of getting a caravan or motorcaravan...

...here are five tips worth considering before taking the plunge

1. Rent a motorcaravan first before you invest a lot of money buying one of your own.
2. If you are undertaking a big trip abroad, buy a really small, simple caravan and leave your big, comfortable one at home.
3. If you have a lot of money to spend, you should consider getting a bigger and better towing vehicle that will make driving with your caravan a much pleasanter experience.
4. Take part in one of your club's driving courses and learn how to drive your outfit better and more confidently.
5. You can easily tow a caravan with a motorcaravan or bus camper. This combination is ideal for many trips, depending on your destination.

Source: De Caravan (April 21 – NCC/NL)

### Should you still buy a diesel car to tow a caravan?

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Aren't diesel engines the best for towing a caravan? For the same cubic capacity and comparing with petrol, there **is** no comparison because diesel's flow properties at low speeds reduce fuel consumption since you don't need to "rev up" in order to tow a trailer or to make sure you have enough power to overtake.

The most recent tests on hybrid vehicles have reinforced this conviction: diesel is more efficient, which is surely borne out by the fact that most utility vehicles are still diesel-powered.

There has been a lot of "diesel-bashing" in recent years as people have been debating and questioning these choices. In the end, the decisive issues are whether the fine particles in diesel are toxic for man and whether diesel's CO2 footprint is better than petrol's.

And hybrid and electric drive systems (zero emissions) are not blameless either: one still has to consider the various "ecological" advantages and disadvantages such as recycling batteries, exploiting raw materials or the additional weight that comes with these technologies.



What choice do caravanners have now if they want to protect both the environment and people's health?

Source: Le Monde du Plein Air (A.C.C.A.W. (B)

The problems using an electric car as a towing vehicle are well documented: the initial financial outlay (purchase price), limited range, lack of infrastructure (charging stations), towing capacity (less than 2,000 kg).

The biggest problem is charging. You cannot use a charging station with a caravan or trailer in tow. And having to uncouple and find a parking place for the caravan every time before you even start charging up is tedious indeed.

Basically charging stations that can accommodate outfits, vans and trucks are needed before people can even begin to work out how to get to the coast or the mountains in 250 km stages.

E-mobility and caravanning have yet to be properly addressed and thought through, though in theory there is no reason why this should not be possible already. But it takes planning, time and patience.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (extracts)

**Netherlands:** 17% of all campers who bought a motorcaravan in 2020 and 2021 would not have done so if there had been no pandemic.

Source: Kampeerauto NKC ('NL)

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

Salt can usefully be used on a **blocked waste pipe**. Pour a few spoonfuls down the plughole (kitchen/bathroom) and an hour or so later add hot water.

There are actually **motorcaravans with dishwashers** now and if you want to brighten up your cutlery, add a strip of aluminium foil to the cutlery basket. The shiny side must face outwards. Click on your normal dishwashing programme and your cutlery will come out looking brand new.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic**

**Paris is planning** on investing some 250 million Euros in cycling infrastructure between now and 2026. Projects include 180 km of new cycle paths, parking areas for bikes and traffic-calmed zones in the city centre.

### **Winter tyres mandatory in France**

Since 1 November 2021, all private cars, utility vehicles and motorcaravans must either be fitted with 4 winter tyres or carry fabric or metal snow chains for at least two of the vehicle's drive wheels when travelling in any of the country's mountainous regions (Alps, Massif Central, Jura, Pyrenees, Vosges and Corsica). This ruling applies until 31 March.





**How should you store an e-bike battery?** Extreme temperatures should be avoided at all costs. Excessive heat can damage the battery and freezing cold can result in loss of capacity. Ideally batteries should be stored in a dry place between 10°C and 20°C.

Batteries should not be left for long periods in direct sunlight in the summer nor should they be “forgotten” outside in the icy cold in winter.

In practice: If the temperature falls below zero in winter, it is recommended to store and load your battery at room temperature. It should only be put back on the bike shortly before setting off again. If an e-bike is not being used in the winter months, keep the battery in a dry place (60% dry) at a moderate temperature. Check the charge level periodically and re-charge if necessary to avoid deep discharge.

**Slovenia : All toll vignettes are digital now** and stickers are no longer valid. Price and validity (14-month annual vignette) remain unchanged.

**Austria** introduced a **transport climate pass** in October 2021 valid for the whole country. It entitles the holder to travel on public transport anywhere in the country for a year, thereby protecting the environment.

Source: Freie Fahrt, Arbö-A)

### **Health**

When standing up straight, an **adult’s head** weighs six kilos. If the body bends by 15 degrees it puts a strain on the neck muscles so that it feels like thirteen kilos. But the neck has no option but to bear with it!

According to Finnish researchers, from the fifth month of pregnancy, **babies in the womb** are aware of music that their mother is listening to and store it in their memory. A baby’s brain retains melodious tunes best.

On 4 January 2022, an EU regulation introduced new guidelines forbidding the use of many **tattoo and permanent make-up dyes**. Many of these substances that can cause cancer and allergies and chemicals that irritate the eyes and skin are no longer permitted for use.

### **Strange facts/Environment/Culture**

Under the Denman glacier in the Antarctic there is a 3,500 m deep ravine or crevasse (below sea level) which is the **deepest point on land**. Only deep ocean trenches are deeper.

The **artist Marel Dzama** has decorated the subway stations of Bedford and Driggs Avenue in the **Williamsburg district of New York** with four beautiful mosaics entitled “No less than everything comes together” (2021).

**The maddest race in the world.** The so-called Barkley Marathon is a race held in Frozen Head State National Park, in the USA State of Tennessee, where there are rarely any competitors who complete the course. That was the intention of Gary Cantrell who set it up in the first place: bad



weather and an accumulated vertical climb that is the equivalent of climbing and descending Everest twice. The course is 160 km and any extreme runner who completes it in 60 hours is a hero. The rules are crazy. Entry requirements for registration are a closely guarded secret. Runners whose registration application is accepted receive a “letter of condolence“!

### **Does the sun have seasons?**

The sun has rhythms or cycles that are similar to earth’s summer and winter seasons. The intensity of solar storms builds over an eleven month period followed by eleven “cooler“ months that register 1 million degrees centigrade!

The small **European hamster** has had its status of endangered species reinforced by the European Court of Justice. Its habitat may not be damaged or destroyed.

**Europe’s highest Mountain Motorcycle Museum** TOP has re-opened in Gurgl (Tirol). 450 motorcycles (from 1885 to present day) are on display over an area of 4,500 sq.m.

**Belgium:** From 25 February to 30 June 2022, the exhibition "Le Petit Prince parmi les Hommes/ De Kleine Prins tussen de Mensen) will take place in Brussels (Brussels Expo). The exhibition is organised by Tempora in collaboration with the Antoine de Saint Exupéry Foundation. Reservations via [info@expo-petitprince.com](mailto:info@expo-petitprince.com)

**4 February: International Day of Human Fraternity 13 February: World Radio Day  
21 February: International Mother Language Day**

**“The little Angel“ - Message for the soul: if you can fly, you won’t stumble!**

## **LATEST NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS**

**The German Caravanning Trade Association (DCHV)** gives the LUPO supplier and partnership award to deserving partners working within the specialist trade. In 2021 the Manufacturing award went to the MORELO Reisemobil GmbH. Truma Gerätetechnik GmbH & Co KG received the award in the Supplier category for outstanding customer service.  
Source: **Camping (DCC-D)**

**NCT (Nordisk Camping Festival)** organised by the **Caravan Club of Sweden** will be held from 6 to 10 July 2022 in Falun/Sweden.

**UNWTO:** During the FITUR international tourism trade fair, the **Affiliate Members Board** elected the chair and vice-chairs for 2022-2025.



Chair: AEHM – ASOCIACIÓN EMPRESARIAL HOTELERA DE MADRID (Europe), represented by Ms. Mar de Miguel, Executive Vice President

First Vice-Chair: CAT – CÁMARA ARGENTINA DE TURISMO (Americas) – represented by Mr. Gustavo Hani, President

Second Vice-Chair: CHAMELEON STRATEGIES (East Asia and the Pacific) – represented by Mr. Jens Thraenhart, CEO

The Board of the Affiliate Members is the representative body of more than 500 Affiliate Members of UNWTO. Among its functions, it is to provide recommendations and proposals to the Secretary-General for the preparation of the Programme of Work for the Affiliate Members and on any question regarding Affiliate Membership. Following the approval of the 24th UNWTO General Assembly of the new legal framework of the Affiliate Members, which deepened the prerogatives of the Board, it will be called to work towards strengthening the role of the Affiliate Members within the organization and reinforcing the partnership between tourism's private sector and UNWTO's Member States.



The exposition area

## 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-CPrp-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](http://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!

## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Ferienmesse (Holiday Show) Wien from 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna

**Belgium:** Salon des vacances postponed until March 2023, in Brüssels

Travel Expo from 9 to 13 March 2022, in Ghent

**Finland:** Turun Caravan Show from 22 to 24 April 2022, in Turku

**France :** Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 9 to 13 March 2022, in Paris

Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 24 September to 2 October 2022, in Paris-Le Bourget

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

**Germany:** Reise + Camping from 16 to 20 February 2022, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 28 April to 2 May 2022, in Nürnberg

**Great Britain:** NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show, 22 to 27 February, in Birmingham

**Italy:** Il Salone del camper from 10 to 18 September 2022, in Parma

**Netherlands:**

**Portugal:**

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

FITUR from 19 to 23 May 2022, in Madrid

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

**Switzerland:** Geneva Motor Show from 19 to 27 February 2022, in Geneva (CANCELLED)

Suisse Caravan Salon from 28 October to 1 November 2022, in Bern

(Thanks to the pandemic there is no guarantee that the above exhibitions and trade fairs will take place on the advertised dates)



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