



GOOD TO KNOW – MARCH 2022

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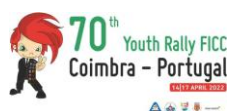
**The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and
Motorcaravanning
in VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France
will take place from 26 to 28 October 2022**





70th Youth Rally FICC Coimbra – Portugal

14|17 APRIL 2022



70th Youth Rally FICC Coimbra 2022| Portugal



PROGRAM					
13 th April Wednesday	14 th April Thursday	15 th April Friday	16 th April Saturday	17 th April Sunday	18 th April Monday
		08h – 10h Breakfast*	08h – 10h Breakfast*	08h – 10h Breakfast*	08h – 10h Breakfast*
	9h00 Reception of Participants Camping a) Extra Visit	Visit Portugal dos pequenitos Free time Suggestion: Santa Clara e Quintas das Lágrimas	Treasure Hunt Old Coimbra Optional Visits* University of Coimbra, Royal Palace, St. Michael Chapel, Baroque Library, College of Jesus, Tower	Sports Tournaments: Football and Volleyball Camping Traditional Games Camping	b) Extra Sport Activity Mondego River Farewell to the Participants
	Lunch*	Lunch*	Lunch*	Easter Lunch	Farewell to the Participants
	Reception of Participants Camping 15h30 Delegates Meeting 17h30 Parade and Opening Ceremony	Traditional Games + Quiz	Treasure Hunt Old Coimbra Optional Visits* University of Coimbra, Royal Palace, St. Michael Chapel, Baroque Library, College of Jesus, Tower	14h30 Delegates General Meeting 16h00 Closing Ceremony Masterclass Camping	
	Dinner*	Dinner*	Dinner*	Dinner*	
Evening Entertainment Coimbra	Disco	Disco	Disco	Disco	
	After party	After party	After party	After party	

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a) Extra Visit – Ruins of Conimbriga (price to confirm)
b) Extra Sport Activity – Kayaking at Mondego River (price to confirm)

13/12/2021

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



The F.I.C.C. Rally website is <https://rustravelforum.com/en/rally/>
and 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 consultation with F.I.C.C., have decided to postpone this Rally for the time being.

**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 but there are also 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 STASZOWI/POLAND



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>

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”

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

How to overtake a heavy goods vehicle (HGV) when towing a caravan

It's always a tricky situation when you want to overtake an HGV. You need a lot of space and must therefore plan your manoeuvre. Also remember that there is much more wind and turbulence on a motorway or expressway.

Before you overtake you must be certain that your vehicle is powerful enough and that there is good visibility. Once you have checked that no other vehicle is about to overtake you, accelerate and overtake, leaving as much space between you and the HGV as the road permits.

Then pull over in front of the HGV, leaving a reasonable gap. A cross wind may take you by surprise and you may well experience some turbulence, suction or air pockets at any moment in the overtaking process. It is vital to concentrate and remain in control of the situation. Avoid overtaking in exposed places (viaducts etc.) or on steep slopes or cliff roads.

Overtaking on a motorway is different again because speed heightens the wind turbulence effect.

When you overtake an HGV, try to position yourself as far as possible from the vehicle without straying into the third lane (if there is one).

If you know that you have a powerful enough engine, it is better to overtake going uphill because the caravan is supported by the towing vehicle that keeps it on a stable dynamic course. You should not overtake going downhill because the caravan loses the steadying pull of your vehicle and will start to lurch or skid. Take great care if it is windy and reduce your speed. In any event, don't get carried away and overtake recklessly.

Source: A.C.C.C.W(B)

Germany: A survey of 150,000 holidaymakers found that Europe's most beautiful campsites are Kühlungsborn (D), Grubhof-Salzburg (A) and Rosenfelder Strand (D).

Netherlands: 78% of all campers take their pet dog with them on their camping trips.

There were record-breaking motorcaravan sales last year with 3,164 vehicles being sold, i.e. 29% more than in 2020.

Source: NKC (NL)

Practical tips – for campers too

A hot water bottle will stay hotter for longer if you first add a teaspoon of salt to the water before boiling it up and pouring it into the bottle. Salty water takes longer to cool down. A great tip for winter camping and cold springtime nights!

Camping with Lego



Lego has brought out a “Glamping on the Beach” playset thereby widening the circle of Lego Friends. This new playset has 380 pieces and the mini dolls are characters from Heartlike City at a glamping resort.

Camping before a space flight

Anyone wanting to fly around the planet in one of the spacecrafts owned by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos, must, or may, spend the previous night in a caravan on a campsite in the Texan desert. The caravan in question is a glossy silver model of the US cult brand Airstream. The purpose-built campsite boasts a restaurant, a bar, and a campfire where passengers and collaborators can meet up beforehand. The astronaut village is about 24 km from the launch site at Van Horn, Texas. Astronauts each have their own Airstream where they can sleep before their flight in the Blue Origin rocket.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

According to the European Parliament’s third directive on driving licences, all driving licences issued in the EU prior to 19.1.2013 must be exchanged before January 2033.

The reasons? Standardization in the EU and protection against forgery.

Germany: A new regulation is being introduced this year: every first aid box must contain at least two face masks (preferably FFP2 type) otherwise you risk a fine. First aid kits should conform to DIN standard 13164.

Health

New Year’s resolution by Soren Kierkegaard (Danish philosopher):

“Above all, don’t lose the desire to walk. Every day I walk myself into a state of wellbeing and walk away from every illness. I have walked myself into my best thoughts and know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it.”

Strange facts/Environment/Culture

The **cleverest dog in the world** is a border collie bitch called Betsy in Austria. She knows and can differentiate between 340 terms and commands.

Baleen whales along with blue whales and humpback whales consume three times more krill than was originally thought. Researchers have discovered that they are very climate-friendly since their excretions fertilize phytoplankton and thus make a considerable contribution to carbon reduction.

Who invented the smiley?



It was an American, Harvey Ball (1921 - 2001), who started a small advertising agency in 1959. In 1963 one of his clients, an insurance company, asked him to design a pin and he came up with a smiling face. He received 45 dollars for his design at the time – now worth millions!

The **Okavongo in Botswana/Africa** does not have a mouth or estuary. It disappears into the land. The inland delta is an important tourist attraction thanks to the number of wild animals that live along its banks.

The **great anteater**, is already extinct in Argentina and Uruguay. In Brazil animal conservationists are doing their best to preserve its habitat. It is one of the original mammals that inhabited the South American continent. A bear of this size (although “bear” is in fact a misnomer) eats 30,000 ants or termites every day. That represents about 180 grs of food. Their sense of smell is reckoned to be 40 times greater than that of humans, but their vision and hearing is poor.

Everything has its day!

9 February World Pizza Day

3 March World Nature Conservancy Day

8 March International Women's Day

20 March World Happiness Day and International Francophonie Day

21 March World Poetry Day

22 March World Water Day

Belgium: The real Orient Express Exhibition in Train World, Brussel's railway museum in the Schaerbeek commune, runs until 17 April. www.trainworld.be

Netherlands: Dordt under Steam. Dordrecht is hosting Europe's biggest steam event (steam-powered ships, steam engines, vintage steam buses etc. etc.) It will open with an impressive naval parade on the river. Runs from 20 - 22 May, 2022.

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

Clubs and federations are beginning to offer camping events and club outings.

Caravan Club of Sweden (S) is organising the Nordisk Camping Festival in Falun from 6 to 10 July 2022. Campers who are member in a F.I.C.C. affiliated club or federation may participate in this event.



More information : Please contact Caravan Club of Sweden. Email: kansli@carvabclub.se

The **Deutsche Camping Club** has announced a number of club outings.

The A.C.C.A.W. (Belgium) is organising its 71st Rally at the "Worriken" campsite in Bütgenbach (East cantons of Belgium) over Easter 2022.

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 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 2022/2023

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

Camper Van Summit Tirol from 29 September to 3 October, in St. Martin

Caravan Salon Austria from 19 to 23 October, in Wels

France : Salon du camping from 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

Belgium: Motor Show planned for January 2023

Caravaning planned for October 2022

Czech Republic: Caravaning from 3 to 6 November 2022, in Brno

Caravan planned for November 2022, in Prague

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 26 August to 4 September

Auto Camping Caravan from 24 to 27 November, in Berlin

Caravan Life from 29 September to 2 October, in Freiburg

Reisen und Caravan from 28 October to 1 November, in Erfurt

Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November, in Leipzig

Camping & Caravaning from 18 to 20 March 2022, in Rostock

Caravan from 4 to 6 November 2022, in Bremen

Great Britain:

Italy: Salone del Camper from 10 to 18 September, in Parma

Netherlands: Camper Beurs from 23 to 25 September, in Hardenberg

Kampeers & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 5 to 9 October, in Utrecht

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

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

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 27 to 31 October, in Bern

USA: RV Show planned for January 2023, in Pittsburgh



Boston RV & Camping Expo planned for January 2023, in Boston

Dates subject to change

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