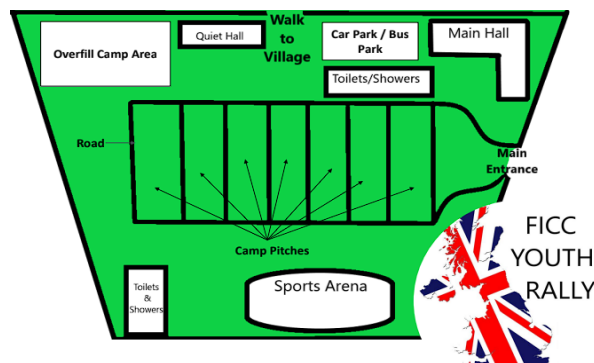




NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023

72nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 28 March to 1 April 2024 at Black Isle Showground near Inverness/Scotland

Full information on FICC2024GB@gmail.com
FICC2024GB.co.uk



The rally site is a 20-minute walk from the town, has all the necessary infrastructure i.e. showers, toilets, electricity on pitches, cooking facilities, a bar, etc. etc.

There will be an excursion to Loch Ness, a haggis race, highland games and numerous other recreational games and - competitions.

Airports: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen.

The organisers can help with transport to the rally site. The nearest railway station is 20 miles away but the organisers are prepared to collect rally-goers.

There is a direct bus from London to Inverness where the organisers can pick up rally-goers and take them to the rally site.



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast
10am - Site Opens	10am-4pm - Optional Trip	10am-4pm - Trip to Loch Ness, Castles, Inverness	10am-1pm - Volleyball & Football Competition	12 noon - Site Closes
2pm-5pm - Football Zorbing			2pm-5pm - Highland Games	
5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm-7pm - FICC Burns Supper with 'Address the Haggis' by Alex Cook, Toast the Haggis followed by Easter Meal - Haggis, Tatties & Neaps.	
7.30pm-9.30pm - Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Games - Come dressed in your International Colours	7.30pm-9.30pm - Fun Games - including Haggis Race	7.30pm-9.30pm Ceilidh Lessons - come and learn a couple of Scottish Dances for the Ceilidh tomorrow night.	7.30pm-9.30pm - International Ceilidh - come dressed in Tartan for the Closing Ceremony & Ceilidh	
9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm-Late - Disco	9.30pm- Late - Disco	



94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY-GANGWON Province/SOUTH KOREA

Organised by

KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

The best way from Incheon airport to the rally site is to take the Express Bus. KCCF will arrange this direct connection between the airport and rally site for the exclusive use of F.I.C.C. rally-goers. KCCF will advise on the pick-up point once they know which parking lot will be used.

KCCF will take bookings for the bus **three months before the start of the rally**. The cost is € 50 (72,000 Korean won) that can either be paid beforehand or on the bus.

Further information for those staying in a hotel (hotel campers): a shuttle bus will be arranged to take participants to and from the rally site. The frequency of the service has yet to be decided.

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly will be held on 6 June 2024 in a hotel near the rally site.



Daily Rally Programs /Rallye-Programm/Program du rallye
vom 31. Mai – 10. Juni/du 31 mai au 10 juin

Celebrating Eve with terrific fireworks on May 31-Feuerwerk am 31. Mai/Feu
d'artifice le 31 mai

		Events	Specials	Booths	Tours
May 31	Arrival	Eve	Fireworks		
June 1 (Sat)	Day	Opening ceremony Parade	-	Diverse various experience booths all day-night open	08:00 ~ 18:00 (Excursion)
	Night	Delegates meeting	Beverage K-POP concert 1		
2 (Sun)	Day	Excursion (Unification observatory DMZ Museum)			
	Night		Korean traditionals		
3 (Mon)	Day	Excursion (Pyeongchang) Price : 50 Euros			
	Night		International Culture Night		
4 (Tue)	Day	Excursion (Goseong-tourist attraction) Price : 60 Euros			
	Night		Korean Night		
5 (Wed)	Day	General Assembly			
	Night		Camping goods, traditional fine arts experience		
6 (Thu)	Day	Excursion (Maritime Museum /beaches) Price : 50 Euros			
	Night		Camping food contest		
7 (Fri)	Day	Excursion (Gangneung)			
	Night		International drinks Night		
8 (Sat)	Day	Excursion (Seorak-mountain trekking)			
	Night		Tiawan's Night		
9 (Sun)	Day		K-POP concert 2		
	Night				
10 (Mon)	Day	Closing Ceremony			



**F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 in ALICANTE/Spain
from 26 June to 3 July
at the Alannia/Costa Blanca campsite**



FACILITIES

- 954 pitches
- 246 cabins/Hütten/chalets
- Restaurants
- 2 swimming pools
- Mini Club
- Teen Club
- Entertainment
- Gym
- Spa and wellness centre
- Meeting rooms
- Paddle tennis and tennis
- Basketball, football
- Supermarket





**95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in FULONG/TAIWAN
from 25 April to 4 May 2025.**

The venue is Longmen campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.

Fulong is on the north east of the island not far from Taipei City. The speed train takes you from the airport to your connection for Fulong. If there are a lot of participants, a bus can be hired to take rally-goers to the campsite direct or campers from CAROC could pick up rally-goers from overseas and take them to the rally site (advise in advance the number of people, time of arrival etc.) It is a 2-hour drive from the airport to the rally site.

Tents will be available free of charge during the rally for anyone wanting to camp in a tent.



Various excursions have been planned and there will be two post-rallies for those who would like to stay on longer in Taiwan.

In 2025 The Camping Association of the Republic of China celebrates its 50th anniversary.



96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY
Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026
Location: Karpfham/Southern Germany
Organiser: Deutscher Camping Club e.V.





97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026

Location: vicinity of Beijing

Organiser: 21RV



Photo: Guy Vergouts

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Germany: you may not install your caravan or motorcaravan just anywhere in Germany. Staying the night in the countryside or in public spaces is generally not allowed without permission. Some federal states even sanction “wild camping“ by imposing fines up to € 2,500. So you should seek out parking areas where motorcaravans are allowed.

For a short stay before continuing your journey you may stay for a maximum of ten hours on a public parking lot (according to StVO – traffic regulations). However you may not set up any camping equipment i.e. table chairs, parasol etc.

1.5 billion euros – is the estimated high market volume of the caravan industry for 2023.

Camping is still inexpensive and good value – here is a breakdown of cost by country in Europe in 2023 (per night – incl. pitch, electricity and hot showers)

Sweden: € 39
Germany: € 42.60
Great Britain: € 47.10
France: € 49
Netherlands: € 52.60
Denmark: € 53
Austria: € 55.80
Spain: € 60.30
Switzerland: € 65.70
Italy: € 65.80
Croatia: € 69.30



(Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D))

Practical tips – for campers too

It is being said that throwing frisbees will replace jogging – it keeps you on the move and strengthens the upper arm muscles



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Slovenia has increased tolls and you now need a digital vignette for motorways and expressways. As in Austria, the Slovenian e-vignette (e.vinjeta) will be registered and linked to the vehicle's number plate. There are both annual and shorter length vignettes. Since 15 June 2023, a vignette for a category 2A outfit up to 3.5 tonnes costs € 117.50 for a year, € 32 for a month and € 16 for 7 days.

Health

Dab **vodka** on skin that has been contaminated with poison ivy to eliminate the urushiol oil contained in the plant.

When doing the cleaning one uses up over 300 kcal, i.e. more than a one-hour bike ride (292 kcal).

Source: Loughborough University

Wasp stings result in the skin swelling and reddening (but some people are extremely allergic and need rapid medical attention). The sharp constituents of onions have healing powers that are anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory and analgesic (pain-relieving). Pressing half an onion, cut side down, on a wasp sting for at least 10 minutes is a proven home remedy for alleviating any pain.

One often gets an **ear infection or inflammation** after swimming a lot, so-called "**swimmer's ear**". It can be very painful and disinfecting ear drops or ordinary pain killers often help.

If it does not clear up within two/three days, you should see a doctor to ensure that the inflammation does not spread to the middle ear. So it is a good idea before you go swimming to cover your ears with a swimming cap or even wear ear plugs.



Curious facts/environment/culture

A discovery in the cultural history museum of Oslo university (Norway) has revealed that the **Vikings** never wore helmets with horns. Apparently it was thanks to the composer Richard Wagner that we have this false image because he sent warriors with horns on to the stage on the first night of the “Ring of the Nibelungen”.

Just crazy: In pre-tsunami times, there was a red letter box 9.75m below the surface of the water on the **south coast of Japan** into which divers posted thousands of laminated postcards and letters that were collected on a daily basis by a postman equipped with oxygen.

Austria: The Japanese artist Yoshitomo Nara, world famous for the “Angry Girls”, has an exhibition in the Albertina in Vienna until 1 November 2023.

Greenland: Greenlanders only count up to twelve! The island is an autonomous part of Denmark and a rather special place with its own language, Greenlandish, which only allows one to count from one to twelve. There are no further numbers and a quantity in excess of twelve is said to be “lots of” or “many”.

If Greenlanders want to withdraw, say, 100 kroner from the bank, they must ask in Danish or English.

Italy: The wonderful 14C mosaic floors of Siena cathedral have been uncovered and are on show from the middle of August until October. They are usually covered up for conservation reasons. Certainly worth a visit.

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



Honorable President,

I send you, President of the FICC, on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of the foundation of the FICC which took place in June 1933, my warmest wishes. . Unfortunately I will not be able to physically participate in the celebrations that I think will be organized, but consider me PRESENT!. Regardless of my 96th birthday in mid-May a bad COVID injured my lower limbs and I can only



move around in a wheelchair. This is why we had to retire to a disabled facility for my wife, also disabled due to covid, where I can still dedicate myself to journalism. Thank you for everything you have always done for me and the memory of which helps me to spend these last periods of my life.

A warm and warm greeting from Camillo Musso



During the Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair in Utrecht from 4 to 8 October 2023, **NKC (Nederlandse Kampeerauto Club)** together with ANWB, BOVAG-RECRON and KCI, are holding a congress on sustainability in camping and will be considering how other entrepreneurs and players in the sector are dealing with this issue and how one can best put ideas into practice. Well-known speakers, experts and practical examples will provide the backdrop and impetus to proceedings.

The congress, with English interpretation, is designed for everyone involved in camping e.g. manufacturers, sales people, entrepreneurs and companies, campsite managers and even politicians. The congress will be held in the auditorium of the media plaza in the centre of the Jaarbeurs Utrecht, (2nd floor), from 6.30pm to 9pm (reception from 5.30pm) on 4 October.

Further information on info@duurzaamheidscongres.nl



The 26th Dahlia Rally 2023 under F.I.C.C. patronage



The Dahlia Rally, organised by Slovenska Asociacia Camping a Caravaning (Slovakia), will take place from 31 August to 3 September 2023 on the four-star campsite Kemping SRZ in Mosovce-Drienok, a small town at the foot of the High Tatra.

The registration fee is € 60.

A varied programme has been drawn up for participants.

For views of the campsite and further information, go to www.drienok.sk



NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 11 JULY 2024 in Kiuruvesi/Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage



The Nordisk Camping Radet has been organising Nordic Rallies since 1964 with Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark taking it in turns to host the event.



The 2024 Nordic Rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. SF Caravan wants to invite F.I.C.C. members from all over the world to share in these celebrations and give them the opportunity to visit the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi.

The programme will include the chance to learn about local gastronomy, enjoy farm visits and other agriculture-based activities and you will even have the opportunity to plant a tree or two, all with the involvement of local people and groups.

Further information on the rally website: nordicrally.fi

Camping in Finland – Wildcamping in Finland is only permitted for campers in tents, not caravans. But people are very tolerant, just remember not to cause an obstruction or drive across country.

www.nationalparks.fi

www.discoveringfinland.com

Sightseeing: **Helsinki** and its national museum, parliament buildings and Kiasma, a museum of contemporary art. Worth a visit: **Suomenlinna** fortress.

Lahti and its famous ski jumping hill (100 km north of Helsinki)

Sandcastles in **Lappeenranta** (in the summer months)

The huge smoke sauna Jätäkämäppä (space for 70 people)

Saimaa Cycle Tour for enthusiastic cyclists

Repovesi national park

More suggestions on www.visitfinland.com/de



Under F.I.C.C. patronage



IN MEMORIAM



We have heard that **Pasquale Zaffina**, an architect and former President of **A.C.T.ITALIA** Federazione, has died following a long and difficult illness. He studied at the University of Sapienza, worked at the University of Pisa but spent most of his time in Rome where, among other things, he was Civil Protection Coordinator.

Pasquale Zaffina was President of the Actitalia Federation for several mandates and particularly distinguished himself for all that he was able to organize in the field of movement tourism, whether tents, caravans or motor homes. At the end of his last term in 2020 he was recognized as honorary president of the Federation.

He contributed significantly to the assertion that itinerant tourism is a factor of economic development.

He promoted the sector of ethical, responsible and sustainable tourism in the social, scientific, artistic and literary fields.

The most pertinent projects that he tenaciously carried out are:

The golden book – introduced for all those who have distinguished themselves in particular ways in our sector;

Yellow flags - a recognition of quality intended for the infrastructure of those municipalities that stand out for investing in hospitality and services in favour of "Tourism of movement".

For the Actitalia Federation, his passing is a sad and significant loss because Pasquale was always so committed, putting his heart and soul into everything he did.

He leaves Actitalia with the challenging responsibility of continuing as faithfully as possible the path that he has skilfully designed over the years.



EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 18 to 22 October 2023 at Wels

Belgium: Salon des vacances from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Brussels

France : Salon des véhicules de loisir from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Paris

Salon du camping-car from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Villepinte (near Paris)

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2023, in Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 2023, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig

CMT from 13 to 21 January 2024, in Stuttgart

Reise & Camping from 28 February to 3 March 2024, in Essen

Great Britain: WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London

Caravan & Motorhome Show from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Manchester

Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 13 to 28 February 2024, in Birmingham

Italy: Salone del Camper from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair from 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht

Vakantiebeurs from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Utrecht

Caravana from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Leeuwarden

Poland: Caravan Salon Poland from 26 to 29 October 2023, in Poznan

Portugal: Nauticampo from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Lisbon

Spain: Caravaning from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona

FITUR from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Madrid

Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 31 January to 4 February 2024, in Torre Pacheco/Murcia

Caravantur from 28 February to 3 March 2024, in Irun

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 26 to 30 October 2023, in Bern

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