



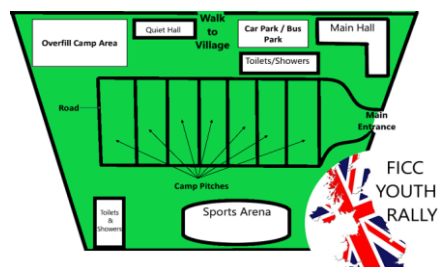
NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

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



**72nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
from 28 March to 1 April 2024 at the 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	

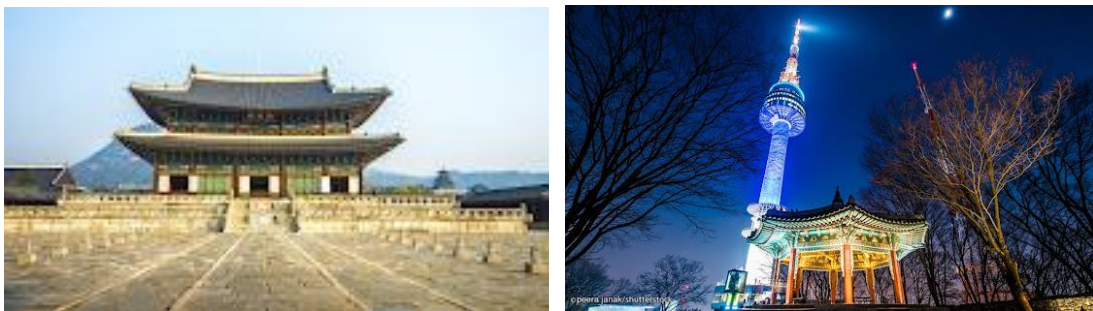




**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE in
GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY, GANGWON PROVINCE/SOUTH KOREA**



**KCCF (Korea organised by
Camping & Caravanning Federation)**



Gyeongbokgung and N Seoul Turm



Seoul and Bukchon Hanok village Korean BBQ.



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			



**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.

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



Karpfham im Rottal (Lower Bavaria) is near Bad Griesbach, 338m above sea level

97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA
Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026
Location: vicinity of Beijing
Organiser: 21RV





The National Museum in Beijing is a MUST – the galleries displaying collections of costumes, headdresses and hairstyles representative of the different dynasties and regions of this immense empire are particularly interesting.

The gallery of coins is a paradise for numismats and fans of beautiful porcelaine will be enthralled. Row upon row of vases, each with a different, unique pattern.



Photos Guy Vergouts



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Avoid electrical accidents

Over half of fatal electrical accidents occur in the home and many are caused by improper use of electrical appliances.

Here we are pointing out some mistakes that you should avoid at home or when camping.

An electrical accident is one that either results in an injury or death following contact with an electrical current either through an electric arc or a live circuit.

In the event of an electric shock (electrocution), the electric current flows through the body of the victim.

An arc is a strong electric discharge that travels through the air and, for example, results in a short circuit. It can attain different levels of heat and produce noise, dangerous gases, sparks and very bright light.

Before working with electricity you should first check the voltage and make sure that the current is switched off.



Dangerous USB charging devices

Over half of fatal electrical accidents happen within one's own four walls.

These days electric appliances and therefore electricity is part of life well into old age. Even small children charge mobile phones, tablets and other devices. A frequent cause of electric shocks are USB chargers. It is now possible to buy cheap, poor quality devices and it can happen that the pins on the plug come loose and get stuck in the socket. A pin that works loose can cause a fatal accident. Children don't necessarily know this and fiddle with the pins.

In addition, children can easily insert objects into wall sockets that have no electronic pinch protection or play with unprotected sockets if, for example, the plastic cover has been removed.

Also a light with no light bulb is a dangerous trap that children can stick their fingers in. Even animals sometimes chew through cables which can be fatal.





Use the correct products inside and out

Many electrical accidents or electrocutions are caused by improper handling of electric products. Products intended for indoors can immediately become live if they come into contact with water or damp which can easily happen outdoors. But even the reverse situation can be dangerous.

You should not connect an earthed outdoor power outlet with protective grounding – such as fairy lights – with an unearthed indoor power outlet.

One mistake that should be avoided at all costs is to lay cables in such a way that they can get caught in doors and windows. The cable will get damaged and water can infiltrate.

Hire a professional

It is illegal and dangerous to lay cables as a do-it-yourselfer and this has caused many electrocutions. If you want to change, rewire or alter the electric wiring in any way, call in a professional to do the job!

It is also important to know that the risk of electrical accidents is higher in some parts of the world than in others (Sweden for example). But in many countries electricity is just as safe as it is at home.

Check your recreational vehicle

Caravans and motorcaravans are especially at risk because they vibrate and rattle a lot as one drives along. It is important that you check your vehicle regularly to make sure nothing has worked loose.

Also verify that the power outlet at the campsite has an earth leakage circuit breaker. Test it too by pressing the device to make sure it works. You can always bring your own earth leakage circuit breaker with you to connect between the socket and your cable.

It is also important that you have at least 2.5 sq.m. of cable area and no connectors, extension cables or anything similar between the electricity pole and your vehicle. If the cable is on a cable drum it should be fully unrolled otherwise it can overheat.



Outdoor items in your awning

Other useful tips for campers include making sure that items used in the awning are specifically designed for outdoor use.

Also remember that campsites are responsible for the electric current as far as the junction box. It is up to the campers to make sure everything is in order and complies with regulations between the junction box and their vehicle or tent.



Unfortunately campsite operators do not necessarily check electric cables that are used by their visitors. But it is really up to both parties to do so.

I hope that we caravanners are discerning people and do not put ourselves – or others – in danger.

What should you do if someone suffers an electrical injury?

If someone is electrocuted:

- Switch off the current!
- If it is not possible to switch off the current, do not touch the casualty's bare skin but move the person by pulling their clothing or put a non-conductive object between you and the victim.
 - Check the condition of the casualty.
- Seek help from your neighbours and contact the emergency services – tell them that this is an electrical incident.
- Examine the casualty and provide first aid. If the injuries are serious always call the emergency services on 112!

First Aid:

- Check heart beat and breathing – begin resuscitation if necessary.
 - Cool burns.
 - Examine the whole body.

| Source: Electrical Safety Agency.

Source: Fritidsmagasinet Caravan (Caravan. Club of Sweden) Text Johan Dali Photos Shutterstock

Practical tips – for campers too

Spray **vodka** on wine stains, scrub with a brush and pat dry.

Wipe over the lenses of your glasses with a soft clean cloth impregnated **with vodka** - the alcohol in the vodka cleans the glass and kills germs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

From 7 July 2024, **the black box** will be mandatory on all new vehicles (passenger cars, buses, trucks etc.) that are registered in the EU (Regulation 2019/2144).

Border checks in Europe: There are some countries within the Schengen area that carry out temporary border checks (these were actually abolished in 1995) if exceptional or difficult circumstances demand such action. The refugee crisis and even the pandemic have precipitated these regular border checks. Countries concerned include Hungary, Ukraine, Austria, Denmark and France.

Travellers' identities may be checked and their vehicles and luggage searched.



Belgium: You can be fined 50€ if you exceed the speed limit by 1 - 10 km/h, 50€ + 10€ if you are between 11 – 30 km/h above the limit. In excess of 31 km/h you can receive a court summons, a fine of up to 2,750€ and be banned from driving.

Rule on right of way is priority to traffic coming from your right unless a sign or road markings say otherwise.

Minimum age for driving a vehicle is 18 years old.

Daytime running lights are recommended but not mandatory.

Illegal parking costs between 50€ and 150€ in fines.

Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes i.e. trucks are subject to toll charges but an exception is made for caravans and buses.

Motorways are no longer illuminated in Belgium apart from the ring roads around Brussels and Antwerp and motorway junctions.

Health

How do you know someone is having a stroke? Think FAST

FACE: If the corner of the mouth droops on one side

ARMS: If both arms cannot be raised equally above the head

SPEECH: If the person is unable to repeat a simple sentence

TIME: then every minute counts so call the emergency services on 112 immediately.

Other signs that are not always heeded: breathlessness, hiccups, pain in the head and chest, nausea, blurred vision, dizziness.

Women are more likely to suffer a cerebral infarction especially over the age of 80. The vast majority of countries have hospitals with dedicated stroke units specialising in cerebral infarctions. A healthy diet and plenty of exercise help prevent strokes, backed up by regular checks on blood pressure and cardiac screening, very important as one gets older.

Curious facts/environment/culture

Certain **types of bamboo** grow 1 mm every 90 seconds i.e. 91 cms in a single day. A special root system underground draws up an extraordinary amount of energy that is then pumped up into the plant.

A type of **jellyfish** (*Turritopsis dohmii*) lives in the Mediterranean that never dies, at least not in a natural way. This sea creature is only three or four millimetres big, sinks to the sea bed when it dies and its cells regenerate independently. Eternal life!

Japan: Ladies' toilets in Japan are fitted with a so-called "sound princess", a gadget that imitates the sound of flushing water and thus discourages embarrassed ladies from continually wasting water by flushing their toilet to cover up the sound of their bodily functions.

Dubai: The Museum of Future that looks like a spaceship out of the Star Trek seeks to explain the future. It is situated on a green hill that represents the earth, the building represents humankind and the hole in the middle symbolises the unknown tomorrow. Worth seeing.



Sarek National Park in Lapland (Sweden) is a great favourite with extreme hikers. There are no roads, no marked trails, no mountain refuges – nothing. It is Europe's true wilderness area and also happens to be one of its wettest.

07 October: World Cotton Day

11 October: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

16 October: World Food Day

24 October: United Nations Day

27 October: World Day for Audiovisual Heritage

31 October: World Cities Day

Indian Summer

Still roses waft their fragrant scent,
And butterflies delight in the fading sun,
And swallows dart through the balmy air,
As if carefree summer can never end.

Gustav Falke 1853-1916 (German author, poet and translator)



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

IN MEMORIAM



Bohumil Stary, President of the Camping Federation of the Czech Republic died on 14 September at the age of 76 years, such sad news for everyone who knew this discreet but very active man.

It was fifty years ago that he created the wonderful Konopac Autocamp near Hermanuv Mestec, his second home. He was also one of the co-founders and President of the Czech Campsite Federation.

He endorsed Czech membership of F.I.C.C. and was a co-founder of the Tourism Union of the Czech Republic. He oversaw the grading of campsites into categories as well as the purchase and use of the CCI (F.I.C.C. Camping Card International).

In 2011, he organised the extremely successful 77th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Prague (witnessing the worst thunderstorm ever of any F.I.C.C. rally that the Finnish delegation certainly remembers well to this day) and later in 2019, the equally memorable F.I.C.C. Youth Rally in Konopac, that F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira was delighted to attend.

On 18 September 2023, the Czech Tourist Office and the Ministry for Regional Development issued the following well-deserved recognition of Bohumil Stary's commitment, contribution and achievements over the past 30 years.

Bohumil Stary, a personality whose memory will live on in the hearts of those of us who knew and valued him far beyond the world of camping.



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.

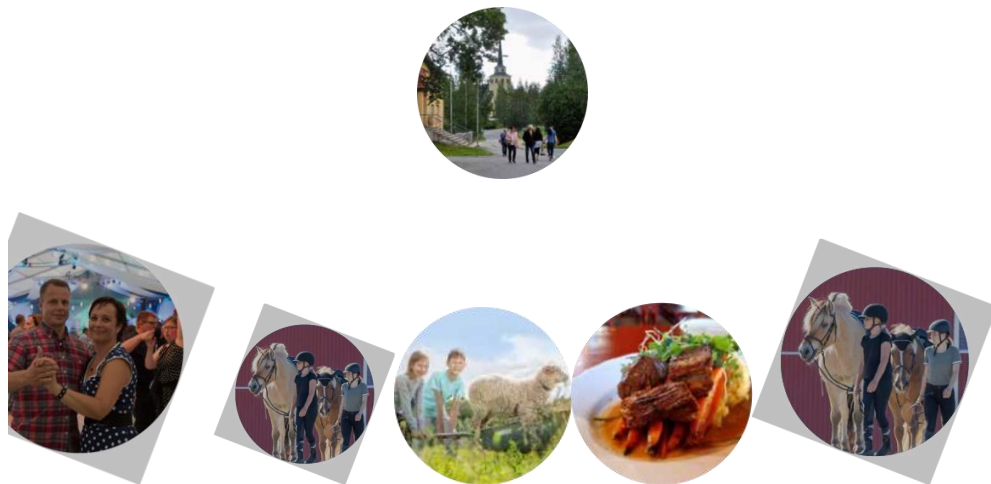
Further information and booking on: nordicrally.fi

www.kiuruvesi.fi/In-English

Activities in Kiuruvesi

THE SAVO FLAVORS | Summer Theater | Nature trail | THE CULTURE HOUSE MUSEUM | Sauna raft | riding, fishing, VISIT THE DANCE FLOOR





The 24th Adria Camping Rally will be held at the Camping Amadria Park in Sibenik/Croatia from 23 to 30 June 2024, organised by UDRUGA KAMPISTA HRVATSKE (UKH)



Camping AMADRIA PARK
Šibenik, 23.-30. lipnja 2024.

Further information: ukh@camping-croatia.com



EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Tiroler Frühjahrsmesse from 14 to 17 March, in Innsbruck
Ferienmesse from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Vienna

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

Bulgaria: Camping & Caravanning Expo May 2024 in Sofia (date not known)

Canada: The Outdoor Adventure Show from 23 to 25 February 2024, in Toronto

Denmark: Camping from 10 to 12 January 2025, in Aalborg

Finland: Caravan from 19 to 21 January 2024, in Helsinki

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 & Caravanning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig
CMT from 13 to 21 January 2024, in Stuttgart
ABF Caravan and Camping from 31 January to 4 February 2024, in Hannover
Reise & Freizeit from 27 to 28 January 2024, in Greven
Reise & Camping from 28 February to 3 Marz 2024, in Essen
ITB from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Berlin
Salon Mondiale du Tourisme from 14 to 17 March, in Paris

Great Britain: WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London
Caravan & Motorhome Show from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Manchester
Caravan Camping & Motorhome Show from 13 to 28 February 2024, in Birmingham
Caravan and Motorhome Show from 19 to 21 January 2024,
Titanic Exhibition Centre in Belfast (Northern Ireland)

Italy: Il Salone del Camper, September 2024

Netherlands: Caravana from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Leeuwarden
Vakantiebeurs from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Utrecht

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

Spain: Caravanning 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
Caravanning from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Alicante
B-Travel from 24 to 26 March 2024, in Barcelona
Feria de Caravanning from 5 to 7 May 2024, in Santiago de Compostela

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

USA: RV Show 6 to 14 Januay 2024, in Pittsburgh
Tacoma RV Show from 18 to 21 January 2024, in Tacoma/Washington

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