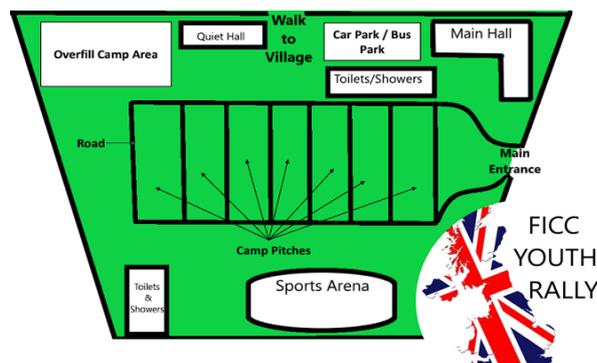




NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2023

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 20 minutes by foot from the village and has all the necessary infrastructure i.e. showers, toilets, electricity on the 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 coach 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 (Forea Camping & Caravanning Federation)



This 94th Rally has been cancelled but a replacement by another event on the same dates at the same venue is under evaluation.

A special newsletter with all information will be sent soon.

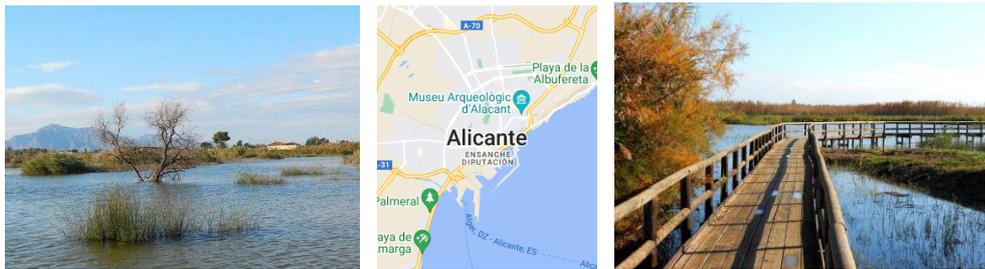
**F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 in ALICANTE/Spain
from 26 June to 4 July
at the Alannia/Costa Blanca campsite**





This campsite at Crevillente in the Province of Alicante (Costa Blanca) has been awarded four stars. It is one of the largest in Spain and has 1,000 pitches (all with water and electricity, wifi and waste water disposal) and 200 chalets. The chalets are fully equipped and furnished. The campsite offers a variety of services and facilities e.g. hairdresser, supermarket, sports hall, spa, swimming pools with water slides, restaurants, bars, mini club, teen club, games room, children's playgrounds, mini golf, BBQ area, etc, etc.

Alannia Costa Blanca, 100% relaxation, 100% vacation



Crevillente

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 is celebrating its 50th anniversary





A lot of informations under <http://www.95thficcrally.com/>

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



Asbach monastery



Fürstentzell abbey

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



Photo:G. Vergouts



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Switzerland: 6,446 caravans/camper vans were registered in Switzerland in 2022. The total number in circulation has remained steady at about 35,000 for the past 30 years.

Source: ACS (CH)

Netherlands: Just 5% of campers go away in the high season and school holidays, 64% prefer to avoid those periods and 31% have no particular preference regarding the season or time of year.

Of the campers, 12% also have a caravan, 84% a bicycle or e-bike and 94% even a car
Source: NKC (NL)

Germany: 35% of Germans are mainly self-catering on holiday.

Source: YouGov

Spain: During the month of October 2023 Spain registered 351 motor-caravans, 101 Caravans and 292 Camper

Source: FECC Encaravana(E)

Number of visitors in 2022 to the most important RV trade fairs/exhibitions

Melbourne/Australia - Supershow. 48.000

Paris/France - Salon de véhicules de loisirs. 91,000

Birmingham/UK - Motorhome & Caravan Show - 104,521

Parma/Italy - Salone del Camper - 110,000

Düsseldorf/Germany - Caravan Salon - 235,000

Practical tips – for campers too

Apples keep better if stored in the refrigerator rather than in a fruit bowl. Once picked, they produce ethylene gas that makes the fruit sweeter but refrigeration slows the ripening process down.

Source: Libelle(B)



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

The “**Goodnight Train**“/**European Sleeper** that has been operating a service between Brussels and Berlin via Amsterdam and Rotterdam (11 hours) since May this year is much appreciated by young travellers and is expected to be extended to Prague in 2024.

Plans are also being made for a direct service from Amsterdam to Barcelona in 2025.

Source: TV & “ Freie Fahrt“ Arbö(A)

Netherlands: built-up areas - 50 km/h; outside built-up areas - 80 km/h; expressways/highways - 100 km/h; motorways - 100 km/h, but 120-130 km/h at night (19h – 6h).

In Holland, traffic coming from the right has right of way (right before left rule).

People drive on the right, all passengers must fasten their seat belts. Children under 135cm must travel in a car seat. A reflective vest, warning triangle and first aid kit are all obligatory.

Cyclists have right of way on roundabouts in built-up areas, but motorists have priority outside of towns. Vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes and motorcyclists may travel at 100 km/h on expressways marked with a central green stripe edged by two continuous or broken white lines.

There are no nationwide tolls but there is a charge on some specific stretches of road.

The Netherlands has a national framework for low emission zones designated as “Milieu zones“. Low emission zones apply to all diesel vehicles. In 2023 the following cities enforced low emission zones: The Hague, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Utrecht, Breda, Delft, Eindhoven, Hertogenbosch, Leiden, Tilburg, Rijswijk und Arnheim.

Traffic fines have been substantially increased since March 2023. The fine for illegal parking is 110€ now and for driving 20 km above the speed limit it is 181€.

Beware! You will be fined 380€ for using a mobile phone or electronic device while driving.

In the event of an accident both parties must fill in an accident report form. The police do not necessarily have to be called if there is damage to the bodywork. Both parties must give details of their license (number) plate, their name and address together with the third party insurance and any other policy number on the accident report form.

You should not sign any document that you do not understand.

France: New road signs – If you see a blue sign with a white lozenge in or above your lane, you should change lanes as quickly as possible. This traffic symbol or an electronic sign on an overhead gantry is used to indicate a lane (usually the left lane) specially reserved for taxis, buses and vehicles with a “zero emissions sticker“ (i.e. an electric car) or car-sharing vehicles that are carrying at least two passengers. Very often the sign appears above the left lane of a motorway or urban dual carriageway for a limited period of time (e.g. rush hour). The reason behind this move: environmental considerations. But you risk a heavy fine if you ignore it.

Source: DCC (D)

Health

September 13th was **World Sepsis Day**. It is intended to heighten awareness of the dangers of blood poisoning resulting from a severe infection. If untreated, sepsis can result in death and it does indeed count among the most common causes of mortality worldwide. Possible triggers are



meningococcal bacteria so one should disinfect even a small wound immediately, keep an eye on it and never hesitate to seek medical advice.

Curious facts/environment/culture

Instructions on the **cash dispenser in the Vatican** (such as giving your PIN etc.) are only given in Latin.

In 1829, it was floating dandelion seeds that inspired the English engineer, George Cayley, to develop the now familiar **parachute**. Once the yellow dandelion petals have dried out, the round cotton-like head of seeds that emerges from the end of the flower stalk disperse in the wind and eventually fall to the ground. It was this part of the process that Cayley adopted to develop the parachute.

New Zealanders own **the most pets**. 68% of them have either a dog, cat, hamster, goldfish etc. but exotic species such as yellow-eyed penguins or kiwis are not allowed in private keeping.

An apple floats on water because a quarter of it consists of air. There are 7,500 different varieties of apple worldwide and it would take you twenty years to sample the lot assuming that you ate one a day.

The heaviest apple in the world weighed 1,839 kg and it was cultivated and harvested in Japan by Chisato Iwasaki in 2005.

Source: Libelle(B)

The Mystery of Banksy - on-line exhibition of the street artist's work from 27 September 2023 to 4 February 2024.

05 November: World Tsunami Awareness Day

14 November: World Diabetes Day

16 November: International Day for Tolerance

19 November: World Toilet Day

20 November: World Children's Day

26 November: World Sustainable Transport Day

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

F.I.C.C. - EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

The hybrid Extraordinary General Assembly was held on 20 September in F.I.C.C.'s offices in Brussels in order to approve the new Statutes and the new Rules of Procedure.



Member clubs and federations voted online to adopt both texts that now comply with new Belgian legislation for an AISBL (international not-for-profit association) that came into force on 20 September.



F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira and UNWTO Director of the Affiliated Members' Section, Ion Vilcu, at the UNWTO General Assembly in Samarkand/Uzbekistan.

24. **Adria**
camping
-rally

www.camping-croatia.com



AMADRIA PARK
CAMPING

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

The complex block contains promotional text for the 24th Adria Camping Rally. It features the event title in large, bold letters, the website URL, the logo of the organizing body (UDRUGA KAMPISTA HRVATSKE), the name of the venue (AMADRIA PARK CAMPING), and the event details (Camping AMADRIA PARK, Šibenik, 23.-30. lipnja 2024.).

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

Further information: ukh@camping-croatia.com



**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 registration on: **nordicrally.fi**



Greetings from Olli Rusi, President SF Caravan ry

You are important and we belong together!

The last few years have shown us where our priorities lie. There is hardly anything more important than the sense of community fostered by our hobby and the desire to get to know new people and environments. It gives us particular joy to invite you to come and reinforce these matters that are important to us. Welcome to Kiuruvesi in Central Finland for the Nordic Rally from 7 to 11 July 2024!

We Nordic countries play a special role in Europe. Recreational caravanning includes freedom and responsibility and offers the perfect way for people to connect with nature for their refreshment. We are a European woodland area and carbon sink. Respecting and living in harmony with nature is part of the identity of the Nordic countries where people lead solid, human-sized and down-to-earth lives.

In these times, we easily lose touch with basic things. That is why I am excited about this opportunity for us to gather together in North Savo. Kiuruvesi is one of the core areas of Finnish forestry expertise and agriculture. It represents the international top of its field and



upholds our deep connection with nature and growth. The Kiuruvesi area is a key agriculture and food production hub.

The NCT 2024 will provide us personally with an opportunity to connect with the basics of life – using all of our senses. We will personally take on responsibility. We will plant tree saplings that absorb carbon dioxide with our own hands. Each of the saplings is expected to absorb roughly 600 kg of carbon dioxide. In Finland, a caravanner generates a little over 1,000 kg of carbon dioxide on average as a result of recreational caravanning. Caravanners are part of the solution not part of the problem! We also receive concise information about actual forestry expertise.

The current times also open up new perspectives on the Nordic community. Kiuruvesi offers an excellent setting for recognising our shared history and the common background of our cultures. After all, we have even been part of the same realm, developed our society and wellbeing together and maintained the line between eastern and western culture for centuries – in both war and peace. Let's learn more about our fascinating shared history together.

I would also like to invite you warmly to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our organisation, SF-Caravan. We have scheduled the main event of the anniversary year to take place immediately after our caravanning event. Our theme for the anniversary year is freedom and responsibility which are important elements to us. Come and enjoy a Finnish caravanning festival and meet new friends!

Join us in making the event a gathering of friends around important topics.

Visit the event website at www.nordicrally.fi

Olli Rusi

President SF Caravan



The 26th Dahlia Rally was held from 31 August to 3 September 2023 in Mosovce Drienok/Slovakia.

“Caravanning has a long history worldwide. This year we are celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of F.I.C.C. and Czechoslovakia was one of the founding members.

International gatherings started back in the 1960s including the Europa Rally that celebrated its 60th anniversary in Krakow/Poland.



An interesting platform for us was DCR – a meeting for countries through which the Danube flows. Unfortunately these rallies ended in 1989 and left a gap for countries in Eastern Europe.

After 1996, at the initiative of Mr. Zdenek Vanuar of the Roznov Caravan Club, the countries of the Vysehrad Four began to organise rallies at the end of the holiday season and the dahlia flower became the symbol and logo of these gatherings.

This year, F.I.C.C. granted its patronage for the first time and President Joao Alves Pereira was present throughout the whole event.

It is an interesting fact for sure that over 6 million caravans are registered in Europe and the cumulative turnover in this segment has, according to various sources, a sales capacity of 20 to 50 billion euros per year.

More than 200,000 new registrations of recreational vehicles and caravans are added each year. But if we want to match the number of caravans in Germany, for example, we would need 9 times more.

This year's Dahlia rally attracted 150 outfits from Slovakia, the Czech Republic Poland, Hungary and Croatia to the RS Mosovce-Drienok campsite in the beautiful Turiec region.

In addition, the rally was attended by top representatives of caravanning organisations from the above-mentioned countries who had an ideal opportunity to exchange experiences relating to the development of organised caravanning and define their vision for the coming years. Also a meeting with the F.I.C.C. President gave an insight into the possibilities of assistance from the world organisation.

Besides meeting up with friends, the purpose of these rallies is to get to know the nature and culture of the region. The Chairman of the Zilina region took over the patronage of the rally the organization of which was supported by the Zilina KOOCR, OOCR Turiec and the Mosovce.

We would like to thank our sponsors without whose help it would not have been possible to hold the rally. The rally organiser in Slovakia was the Slovak Camping and Caravanning Association together with its member clubs.



Poeme of the month

Late autumn fog, cold dreams,
overflowing mountains and valleys,
the storm is already stripping the trees of their leaves,
and they look ghostly bare.
Only a single, sadly silent
Tree stands leafless,
wet with tears of sadness, as
it were, shaking his green head.
Oh my heart is like this wilderness,
And the tree that I see there
Is summer green that is your image,
well-loved, beautiful woman!

Heinrich Heine (1797-1856) German poet

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 yet 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 Mondiale du Tourisme from 14 to 17 March, in Paris

Destinations Nature from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Paris

Germany: Touristik & Caravanning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig

CMT from 13 to 21 January 2024, in Stuttgart

ABF Caravan und 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 March 2024, in Essen

ITB from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Berlin

Great Britain: 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: 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 Compostela

Switzerland:

Turkey: Karavanist from 6 to 14 January 2024 in Istanbul

USA: RV Show from 6 to 14 January 2024, in Pittsburgh

Tacoma RV Show from 18 to 21 January 2024, in Tacoma/Washington.

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