



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

**22nd F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY
from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE 2024
in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY,
GANGWON Province/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)



All members of F.I.C.C. affiliated clubs and federations may take part in this Asia-Pacific rally and are cordially invited to come and discover this beautiful part of South Korea.

Full information on <https://www.koreacamping.net/>

This website became active at the end of January.



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



Dear camper friends of the FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE CAMPING, CARAVANING et AUTOCARAVANNING, F.I.C.C.:

The FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE CLUBES CAMPISTAS, welcomes you to the F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024, which will take place in Spain, Alicante, at Camping Alannia Costa Blanca in Crevillent and which will be organized by this Federation, from June 26 to July 3, 2024.

From these lines, we want to convey our gratitude to the F.I.C.C., first for trusting us with the organization of this event and also for the support and help received for the development of WCF 2024. From here we would like to express that we are worthy of that trust and that we will prepare an event that leaves you all satisfied.

We are already working on all the functional aspects of WCF 2024 and we are sure that they will be appreciated by you in the right measure. Our reward will be your satisfaction. We would like to remind you about the excursions that will be offered and that we are taking care of them to fulfil your expectations.

The Alannia Costa Blanca Campsite is welcoming us to a wonderful site designated as a Resort, of the highest standard, and with all services offered in this type of Campsites. Large pitches with even surfaces, perfect services, 2 swimming pools, one of them with slides, restaurants, etc., at the end of June, we have an excellent temperature that will allow us to enjoy this aquatic offer, presented by Camping Alannia.

We want to thank the staff management and all the people who have intervened on behalf of Camping Alannia Costa Blanca, for the facilities they have offered us to be able to hold the event at their Campsite.

Having said that, I would like to thank you all for the effort you're going to make to come here, I wish you a good trip, whatever means of transport you use and just to let you know



that you are welcome to Spain and to the WCF 2024. I hope to see you and look forward to greet all at the Festival site!

WELCOME TO THE F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024, IN SPAIN, ALICANTE, CREVILLENT!!

José Vicente Clemente Moreno

President of the FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE CLUBES CAMPISTAS.



Full information relating to bookings on

- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/de> (Deutsch)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/fr> (Französisch)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024/en> (Englisch)
- <https://campistasfecc.es/wcf-2024> (Spanisch)

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





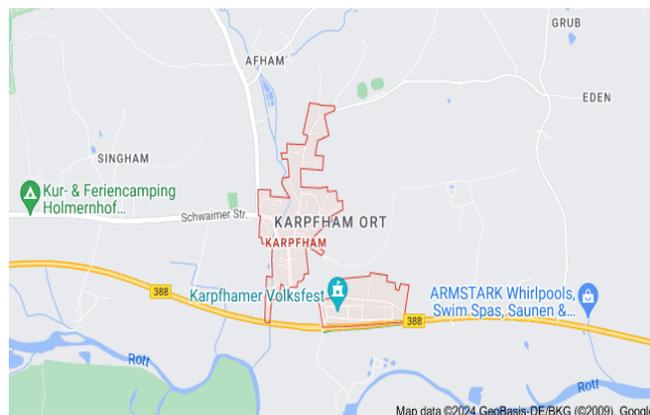
The venue is Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.

In 2025, The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary

Full information on
<http://www.95thficcrally.com/>



96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY
Date 26 June to 5 July 2026
Venue: Karpfham/South Germany
Organised by the Deutscher Camping Club e.V.





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

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026

Venue: Vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Record results: Caravanning tourism contributes over 18 billion euros to the German economy

Caravanning is more than just well-established holiday trend - it has been an important part of tourism and the German economy for a long time.

Germany's position as a tourist destination has benefitted from ever-increasing numbers of people who choose to go on caravanning or motorcaravanning holidays. According to a study undertaken by the German Economic Institute for Tourism for the 2022 caravanning year, revenue from tourism increased its share in the national economy by 18.1 billion euros for the year, i.e. nearly 20 per cent up on 2021.

Caravanners contributed over 18.1 billion euros to the German economy in 2022. This is an increase of 19.9 per cent compared with 2021. About 5.9 billion euros have a direct impact on the local economy of tourist areas. However, it is not only campsite operators who benefit from caravanners in these holiday areas but also local shops, businesses and services. Taking into account the amount that holidaymakers spend en route and associated travel costs, this produces 1€ added value from staying at a campsite and almost 12€ added value for all direct and indirect players in the area. This represents a remarkably high positive socio-economic impact and above average results in comparison with other sectors.



In fact, for little explored regions and communities with tourist potential, caravanning is the best way to create tourism infrastructure rapidly and with little financial outlay and thereby become part of tourism-generated wealth creation for the local economy. In addition, experience over recent years has shown that caravanning is a crisis-resistant type of holiday. Touristically less developed regions in Germany have the best chance of becoming part of this holiday trend long term through the development and upgrading of camping spaces.

Camping spaces offer greater added value

Travel behaviour in the caravanning sector has changed dramatically over recent decades. These days the camping scene is many faceted, individual and heterogenous. Accordingly the offer relating to overnight stopping possibilities is much more varied than it was 40 years ago. During this time, alternative overnight arrangements have developed and become established alongside traditional campsites. Research by Geisenheim University shows that both providers and holidaymakers are benefitting from this trend. The University carried out two surveys with the Caravan Industry Federation (CIVD) analysing the situation of caravanning tourism in wine growing regions. Six hundred vineyards took part in the first survey that concentrated on providers. Of these about 23 per cent already provided pitches or camping spaces. They commented that by introducing camping spaces, in addition to the increase in sales, they were acquiring new customers, raising their profile and expanding their own range. Over 40 per cent of winegrowers who were currently not providing overnight camping spaces would definitely be doing so or could imagine that they might in the future. The project leader, Prof. Dr. Gergely Szolnoki, stressed that there are great opportunities for both wine producers and tourists who all stand to gain from this symbiotic arrangement.

Source: CIV

Gas systems and appliances in your caravan do not last for ever and are subject to various regulations: pressure controllers and wearing parts for example come with expiry dates which cannot be ignored.

First of all a visual check should be carried out on the pressure regulator and gas tubes. Gas tubes with hair-line cracks or porous patches should be replaced immediately. Is the pressure reducer intact and are the connecting valves free of any particles or other foreign bodies?

Next comes the check on heating, the stove and fridge. Gas should burn with a blue flame when in use. If the flame is yellow it usually means there is an accumulation of dirt or food residue. This problem can be solved by removing the burner cover that is secured by a screw, cleaning properly and reassembling as before. If the problem persists, you need to go back to the workshop.

When you connect up a gas bottle to the gas installation at the end of the winter, check the seal connection for potential leaks. A leak detection spray is very useful and available from hardware/DIY stores or specialist shops. This is how it works: spray the foam on seal connections and tubing and then open the valve on the gas bottle. Bubbles will appear wherever there is a gas leakage. Sometimes it is enough simply to tighten up screw and other connections.



It is important to check expiry dates on wearing parts. In Germany for example, there is a ten year limit on gas pressure regulators and gas tubing i.e. they must be replaced after ten years at most. Thus if gas tubing dates back to 2013, the year of manufacture, it must be replaced this year, 2024. The same applies to gas pressure regulators.

Concerning caravans: A qualified specialist must check out liquified gas installations every two years. This guarantees that appliances for cooking, heating and refrigerating that run on liquified gas operate safely.

Source: Camping, Cars und Caravans extracts

Liquid gas (LPG) should not be confused with liquified natural gas (LNG, methane). LPG comes from propane, butane and a blend thereof and becomes liquid under pressure. The energy source is CO₂ reduced and low in pollutants. Renewable variants already exist in the form of biogenic liquid gas, and dimethyl ether (rDME) will be available in the future. Liquid gas is suitable for heating and cooling, as fuel for use in industry (liquefied petroleum gas) and agriculture as well as in recreational areas.

Practical tips – for campers too

Washing up reduces stress levels!!

If you have no dishwasher, as is usually the case when camping, then washing up plates, cups, cutlery etc by hand slowly, carefully and thoroughly can reduce stress levels. At least that is the claim of a study in the USA. But when you are camping, you need to make sure you leave enough time in the day to do your washing up!

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Austria: There are three stretches of motorway in Austria that are toll-free. In the **Tirol**, the A 12 Inntal motorway between Kufstein on the province border and the Kufstein-Süd junction; in **Salzburg** province, the A1 Westautobahn between Walserberg on the province border and the Salzburg-Nord junction; in the **Vorarlberg**, the first or last kilometres of the A14 Rheintal/Walgau motorway between Hörbranz on the province border and the Hohenems junction and the **Pfändertunnel** are also toll-free.

Source: ADAC

Health

To keep your **cardiovascular system** in good condition you should climb 50 steps a day. For people living on the ground floor, walking 10,000 steps a day has the same effect.



Adults lose approx 0.5 litres of water **overnight** and 2.5 litres **during the day**. According to the experts, one should drink 2 glasses of water (room temperature) first thing in the morning to make up for the fluid deficit.

Curious facts/environment/culture

In 2023, the Italians ate around 39.7 kg of **pasta** per head which makes them the N° 1 noodle consumers in Europe, followed by the French with 29.4 kg per head of population.

The highest lift/elevator in the world is the Bailong elevator that ascends/descends 326 m. It is made of glass exclusively and travels up and down the side of a cliff in Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in the province of Hunan/China.

Europe's biggest aquariums: the Oceanogràfic in Valencia/Spain has 45,000 creatures in a variety of habitats, including crocodiles, sea lions and dolphins. Nausicaà in northern France has 58,000 sea creatures and Oceanario in Lisbon/Portugal is the largest indoor aquarium in Europe.

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

NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in Kiuruvesi/Finland under F.I.C.C. patronage.



Further information on: nordicrally.fi.





Kiuruvesi: population of approx 8,000 i.e. 5.6 people per sq.km, height 88 to 160 m above sea level. Surface area: 1,422.90 sq.km of which 94.79 sq.km is water. The town is in Northern Savonia, was established in 1873 and granted municipal rights in 1993. The local council comprises 29 members representing 7 parties.



www.visitkiuruvesi.fi/ www.kiuruvesi.fi/In-English



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



Further information on ukh@camping-croatia.com



St. James' (or St. Jacob's) cathedral, Šibenik – UNESCO World Heritage Site



HRVOJE HORVAT, PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN CAMPERS ASSOCIATION:
On behalf of the Croatian Campers Association, I invite you to the 24th Adria



Camping Rally, the second international meeting of campers that will be organised by UKH in Croatia during 2024.

After the 23rd Adria Camping Rally held in Camp Čikat, we hope to meet again in 2024 and spend a pleasant time with you and other camping enthusiasts in one of the most beautiful parts of Croatia. I invite you to Šibenik, to Dalmatia, the city of Krešimir, at the gates of Kornati. The meeting will take place in the summer month of June and together we will celebrate World Camping Day - 29 June.

See you at AMADRIA PARK CAMPING in Šibenik at the 24th Adria Camping Rally.



This attractive and impressive town has a population of 34,000 and a surface area of 39,950 hectares. Šibenik is 89 km from Zadar and only 87 km from Split, two more Croatian towns that are well worth a visit. There are good bus services to Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Split as well as the nearby villages of Murter, Vodice, Skradin, Primosten etc.)

Excursions

Sibenik: Monday 24.6.2024

NP Kornati: Wednesday 26.6.2024

NP Krka: Friday 28.6.2024



Prizewinners of the DCC Europa Awards and Platinum Awards



Modern vacation dreams: The DCC Europa Campsite Awards



The German Camping Club (DCC) first introduced the DCC Europa Campsite Award in 1996. The prize-giving ceremony takes place at the annual Essen Trade Fair and awards are given to campsites that have a lot on offer. It goes without saying that luxury is important but awards can also imply living history, excellent facilities or simply that feel-good factor at a campsite that makes one feel comfortable and relaxed.

DCC is thus reflecting the trend that campers are looking for something special to enjoy while on holiday and are not necessarily counting the cost.

It's getting better all the time: The DCC Europa Platinum Award

Over recent years, the German Camping Club has become increasingly aware that campsites that have previously received the DCC Europa Award have moved even further ahead.



“We found ourselves faced with the very happy dilemma that we needed to reward these outstanding campsites in some way. So we decided to introduce a new award, the DCC Europa Platinum Award“, DCC President Dieter Albert explained.



This Award was first made in 2014 at the Essen Reise+Camping. The DCC President continued: “To single out these campsites as being exceptional, this annual Award will only be given to two campsites that have previously won a DCC Europa Campsite Award, to the very best, so-to-speak”. The main requirement for receiving the Award: the high standards that won a campsite the DCC Europa Award in the first place have been maintained for at least 10 years and may even have been expanded.

The 2024 Award Ceremony was held at Reise+Camping in Essen.

VISIT BY A DELEGATION OF THE CCA (Camping and Caravanning Club Austria) TO THE F.I.C.C. SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS



A delegation from CCA and ARBÖ visited the F.I.C.C. Secretariat on 6 March headed up by CCA President Willy Kolizek accompanied by Mrs Tiefenbacher together with Dr. Günther Schweizer, Dr. Gerhard Hofman and Gerald Kumnig, senior officials of ARBÖ Vienna/Austria. A number of issues of common interest were discussed in a friendly and open-minded atmosphere, including the creation of the eCCI.

EXHIBITIONS

Argentina: Expo Rodantear in October 2024, in Buenos Aires

Australia: Caravan Camping Holiday Supershow from 16 to 21 April 2024, in Sydney

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 16 to 20 October 2024, in Wels

Belgium: BCCMA-Mobicar in October 2024, in Brussels

Brazil: Expo Motorhome in November 2024, in Novo Hamburgo

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

China: All in Caravanning from 19 to 21 April 2024, in Beijing

Czech Republic: Caravanning Brno in November 2024, in Brno



Finland: Caravan Finland from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Lahti

France: Le Camper Van Week-End from 26 to 28 April 2024, in Angers

Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs from 21 to 29 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget

SETT 5-7 november 2024 at Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024, in Düsseldorf

Caravan Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 20 to 24 November 2024, in Leipzig

Urlaubsträume 7-10 november 2024 in Essen

Great Britain: The National Motorhome & Campervan Show from 14 to 16 June 2024, in Coddington

The North Motorhome & Campervan Show from 19 to 21 July 2024, in Norwich

Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15 to 20 October 2024, in Birmingham

Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2024, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2 to 6 October 2024, in Utrecht

New Zealand: Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show 18 and 19 May 2024, in Christchurch

Spain: Feria de Caravaning from 5 to 7 May 2024, in Santiago Compostela

Expo Camper & Caravan from 18 to 22 September 2024, in Madrid

Ammeria Aventura Expo & Caravaning in June 2024

Salon Internacional del Caravaning in Barcelona

Sweden: Elmia Husvagn Husbil from 11 to 15 September 2024, in Jönköping

Switzerland Suisse: Caravan Salon from 24 to 28 October 2024, in Bern

USA: Portland Fall RV & Van Show from 12 to 15 September 2024, in Portland

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