



## NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2024

**95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in 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/>

**CAROC** has prepared a very interesting and varied programme of excursions as well as a post-rally tour in Taiwan.

Welcome to TAIWAN





**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.**

<https://www.ficcrallye-2026.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Rallye.Campi/>



## RALLY VENUE

We have found the perfect rally venue for our 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally 2026. Every year the site is home to the Karpfham Fair and Rottalschau Exhibition so there is ample space and excellent access for the rally.

The rally site is just outside the town of Karpfham where there is a café/bakery and restaurants. There is a grocery store on the opposite side of the the B366 road alongside the entrance to the largest single golf resort in Europe.

You can find other shops to supply your daily needs, as well as doctors, petrol stations and much more besides in Bad Griesbach 5 km down the road.



## ACCESS

...from the north  
A3 Nürnberg/Regensburg motorway, Pocking exit. Then take the B12 to the junction with the B388 which you follow for approx. 15 km.



... from the east

Austrian A1 motorway to Germany then follow the A3 to the Pocking exit. Take the B12 to the junction with the B388 which you follow for approx. 15 km.

... from the south

From Braunau take the B12 via Simbach am Inn to Tutting. At the road junction, follow signs for Bad Griesbach (about 15 km).

... from the west

Take the A94/B12 München/Passau via Simbach am Inn to Tutting. At the road junction, follow signs for Bad Kriesbach (about 15 km).

### BY AIR

Bad Griesbach is approx 145 km from Munich airport, and roughly 100 km from Salzburg and Linz airports. You will find that there is a wide network of connecting flights serving these airports.

### BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus transport is also possible thanks to the multitude of bus services that run between various towns and Bad Griesbach. More information from east Bavaria's regional bus company: Regionalbus Ostbayern GmbH. [www.dbregiobus-bayern.de](http://www.dbregiobus-bayern.de)



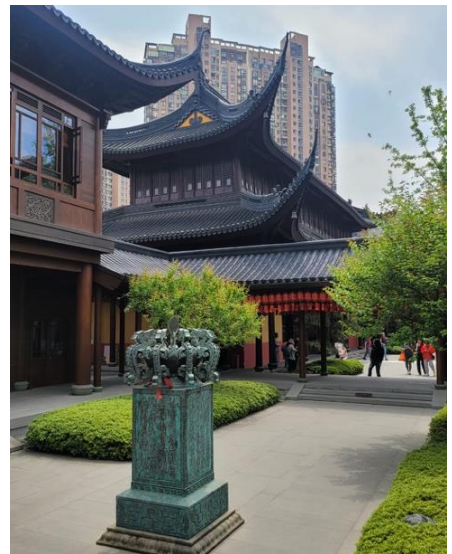


**97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 in CHINA**

**Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026**

**Venue: Vicinity of Beijing**

**Organised by 21RV**



Photos: G. Vergouts

**Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

**How much does it cost to camp in Europe?**

**Average overnight prices in Europe in 2024**

**(2 people/pitch/caravan/electricity and tourist tax)**

Italien/Italy/Italie	39.24	Ungarn/Hungary/Hongrie	22.98
Kroatien/Croatia/Croatia	38.77	Portugal	22.33
Schweiz/Switzerland/Suisse	38.66	Belgien/Belgium/Belgique	22.06
Österreich/Austria/Autriche	36.35	Litauen/Lithuania/Lituanie	21.28
Spanien/Spain/Espagne	33.75	Estland/Estonia/Estonie	20.86
Slowenien/Slovenia/Slovenie	32.84	Bulgarien/Bulgaria/Bulgarie	20.30
Dänemark/Denmark/Danemark	31.38	Slowakei/Slovakia/Slovaquie	20.23
Deutschland/Germany/Allemagne	27.52	Lettland/Latvia/Lettonie	19.76
Norwegen/Norway/Norvège	26.89	Serbien/Serbia/Serbie	18.96
Luxemburg/Luxembourg	26.66	Bosnien-Herzegowina/Bosnia-Herzegovina/Bosnie-Herégovine	18.26
Finnland/Finland/Finlande	26.49	Tschechien/Czech	18.25



		<b>Republic/Tchéquie</b>	
<b>Schweden/Sweden/Suède</b>	<b>26.29</b>	<b>Polen/Poland/Pologne</b>	<b>18.04</b>
<b>Großbritannien/Great Britain/Grande Bretagne</b>	<b>26.01</b>	<b>Rumänien/Romania/Roumanie</b>	<b>17.23</b>
<b>Griechenland/Greece/Grèce</b>	<b>25.48</b>	<b>Nordmazedonien/North Macedonia/Macédonie du Nord</b>	<b>16.78</b>
<b>Frankreich/France</b>	<b>25.22</b>	<b>Türkei/Turkey/Turquie</b>	<b>14.59</b>
<b>Niederlande/Netherlands/Pays-Bas</b>	<b>24.64</b>	<b>Albanien/Albania/Albanie</b>	<b>13.52</b>
<b>Irland/Ireland/Irlande</b>	<b>24.62</b>		
<b>Island/Iceland/Islande</b>	<b>22.98</b>		

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

## BEWARE OF OVERLOADING YOUR CARAVAN

The reason why a towed caravan starts acting unpredictably invariably lies in incorrect loading. Faults can range from a load piled too high to badly distributed baggage and kit – or, in the worst case scenario, both. Experts warn that there is an increased risk of having a road accident if a caravan is too heavy or incorrectly loaded. A caravan trailer combination handles very differently from an ordinary passenger car which is why newcomers to caravanning need to familiarise themselves with procedures and practise their skills. If the towed vehicle is overloaded or badly packed, then safe travel is severely compromised.

You should always start by checking the towing capacity of the towing vehicle and the vertical load of the caravan. Every vehicle's maximum tongue weight is specified by the manufacturer in the handbook. This is the maximum force that can be applied vertically to the hitch when driving – it is usually around 75 kg. The so-called maximum drawbar load for a caravan is usually 100 kg. When driving you need to comply with the lower value. But one needs to exploit this data as fully as possible because a high vertical load promotes the stability of the outfit. For caravan combinations with "100 km/h" approval, the permissible vertical load of the outfit must even be based on the greatest possible vertical load of either the towing vehicle or the trailer. In many European countries, outfits may not exceed 80 km/h.

That is often less than one imagines.

One's vehicle handbook also states the maximum permissible weight for a fully laden caravan. Subtracting the weight of the empty caravan from this figure, gives you the loading capacity. It is often lower than many caravan enthusiasts like to admit. Even the empty weight of the trailer is often underestimated – and sometimes simply given incorrectly in the handbook. You can be certain of the exact weight after paying a visit to the public weighing scale. Controls have shown on average one in every three caravans to be overloaded whether through unawareness, inexperience or ignorance. And that can prove to be very expensive.



In addition, before setting out one should check the condition and pressure of all of the tyres and remedy as necessary. ACS experts also advise checking whether the detachable coupling system is tightly secured to the vehicle. Equally take care when hitching up that the coupling is properly locked in place and the safety cable attached to an eyelet or hooked on to the coupling.

It is also important to check lights, especially reversing lights and indicators. People who drive carefully and leave a longer braking distance between themselves and the vehicle ahead, have the best chance of arriving safely at their destination and enjoying their caravan holiday.

Source: Text jri/mru extract ACS (CH)

**Spain:** In June 2024 , 629 new motorcaravans, 147 caravans and 391 campers were registered in Spain.

### **Practical tips – for campers too**

If you find that you have an **egg yolk** left over after you have finished cooking or baking, simply put it in a cup of cold water – it will keep for a few days without drying out.

**Mosquito protection (repellent): Watch out for the tiger mosquito** (only 3 to 8 mm) that has now made its home in Europe, especially southern Europe – Italy, Spain etc – and is proliferating. It carries and transmits tropical diseases such as dengue fever or the zika virus. The mosquito is very aggressive and bites during the daytime.

There are two vaccines against chikungunya fever and the European Medicine’s Agency has recommended that the vaccine be licensed. Before going on long hikes in warm areas, spray your skin and clothing with mosquito repellent, one that is DEET-based is best.

Mosquitos are attracted by dark clothing, perfume and especially beer - people who have drunk beer produce more sweat and it is this that mosquitos find irresistible .

Never scratch bites because your skin can get infected, simply apply some cooling gel which will relieve the itching and reduce any swelling.





## MISCELLANEOUS

### Traffic

From July 2024, all new passenger cars in the EU must be fitted with an ISA system (Intelligent Speed Assistance). It is intended to ensure that drivers keep within the speed limit and will sound a warning beep if they exceed it, sometimes even by as little as 1 km/h. Many of the systems are discreet, but some are quite penetrating. It is true that the system can be deactivated, but mostly only by delving deep into the sub-menu and it will re-start whenever you turn the ignition on. ISA has already been installed in a good many vehicles but lots of drivers are finding the never-ending beeping in modern vehicles very intrusive and annoying and militates against what should be a safe and relaxing journey. So manufacturers should make it possible to disable this system quickly and, more importantly, easily at any time.

Source: "Freie Fahrt" extract Arbö/CCA (A)

There were **84 million** bikes (e-bikes accounted for 11 million) in Germany in 2023. One third of people who were questioned rode regularly, two to five times a week. The majority of bike riders were Dutch (54%) whereas only 20% of French people took to their bikes. Source: Zweirad-Industrie-Verband)

### Travelling with pets

From 16 September 2024, regulations concerning rabies endemic countries (detection of rabies antibodies and waiting periods) will apply to **Russia and Belarus**.

Check out the situation at your holiday destination.

The following questions should be addressed in advance:

- Are pets allowed at your holiday destination?
- Will the animal benefit from the holiday at all (active versus passive holidays)?
- Are pets allowed in your holiday accommodation and/or on the beach?
- Are leads and/or muzzles obligatory for dogs?

Is there a ban on so-called dangerous dog breeds en route or at your destination?

### Entry into Switzerland

General rules and regulations

- A maximum of 5 animals can be admitted into the country under the heading of "pet". Bring in more than 5 animals and trade regulations apply (see [Import](#)). Exception: for the temporary import of more than 5 dogs, cats, ferrets from third countries (i.e. countries in addition to EU member states and other European states and areas with recognised pet



passports) to participate in competitions or similar events, permits may be applied for at the BLV (Swiss Federal Food Safety & Veterinary Office).

- It is forbidden to import dogs with cropped ears and/or penises.
- Current safeguards apply (See Protective Measures - [Schutzmassnahmen.](#))

Source ACS (CH) - Internet

### **Health**

After a long hike or cycle ride **your joints and calf muscles tend to ache**. Applying gels and creams containing extracts of plants such as rosemary, arnica and eucalyptus will give relief – often almost immediately.

**Bleeding gums** can be stopped by gargling with salt water (1 teaspoon of salt in a glass of water) for 30 seconds twice a day. Lemon juice is nicer. Tea tree oil (sometimes available in toothpaste) is also good i.e. a drop on your normal toothpaste or add 5 drops to 500ml of warm water and rinse your mouth. Gently massaging your gums daily also helps.

**Painkillers** apparently work more quickly if you lie on your right side immediately after taking one. According to a study by John Hopkins University (USA), the active agent reaches the duodenum more quickly where it is absorbed into the bloodstream and transported to where it is needed.

**Be careful with air-conditioning** – continually changing from the heat outdoors to a cool temperature indoors stresses the immune system. In addition, air conditioning dries out the mucous membrane in your mouth and nose which makes you vulnerable to picking up viruses. So you should drink a lot and keep the air-conditioning at a maximum of 5°C lower than the outside temperature.

### **Curious facts/environment/culture**

**The oldest flower in the world** is thought to be a 1,200 year-old climbing rose on St. Mary's Cathedral in Hildesheim (Lower Saxony/Germany).

Border collies are reckoned to be the most **intelligent dogs**, closely followed by labradors, sheepdogs and pomeranians. Many of them have been shown to learn, understand and react to around 100 different words.

The art collector Nicolai Tangen has, over a period of 30 years, amassed a collection of over 5,500 works of art in the **Norwegian city of Kristiansand** which is every bit as impressive as the Metropolitan Museum in New York and is certainly the largest and most wide-ranging collection in Scandinavia.



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

**F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 and  
WORLD CAMPING DAY (29 JUNE) 2024  
in Crevillente-ALICANTE/Spain  
from 26 June to 4 July  
at the Alannia campsite on the Costa Blanca**



Alannia Resort Photo: Susan Drescher



Deutschland/Allemagne/Germany	6 Einheiten/unités/units
Spanien/Espagne/Spain	39 Einheiten/unités/units
Italien	10 Einheiten/unités/units
Luxemburg/Luxembourg	7 Einheiten/unités/units
Belgien/Belgique/Belgium	2 Einheiten/unités/units
Slowakei/Slovaquie/Slovakia	1 Einheit/unité/unit
Finnland/Finlande/Finland	3 Einheiten/unités/units
Frankreich/France	3 Einheiten/unités/units
Grossbritannien/Grande-Bretagne/Great-Britain	16 Einheiten/unités/units
Polen/Pologne/Poland	3 Einheiten/unités/units
Portugal	10 Einheiten/unités/units
Schweden/Suède/Sweden	2 Einheiten/unités/units
Schweiz/Suisse/Switzerland	3 Einheiten/unités/units
Taiwan	10 Einheiten/unités/units

There was a very friendly and even warm atmosphere among the participants and the events and evening entertainment mentioned in the programme were well attended, the excursions were fully booked.

The Camping Resort Alannia met all expectations and the swimming pools and other aqua facilities were used a lot, also due to the high temperatures

The organisers Federacion Espanola del Camping y Caravaning (FECC) have put on a very nice and interesting 2024 World Camping Festival, which will certainly be remembered by the participants.



**A few snapshots of the Opening Ceremony of the Camping Festival and World Camping Day 2024**











Photos: Johnny Cheng & Patrice Pageard



### **Touring Club Suisse 75 Years of TCS CAMPING**

The TCS has been in existence for 75 years this year and, while looking back and celebrating a successful past, it is planning ahead for a modern and lively future.

The TCS operates 25 camping grounds managed by TCS Training & Freizeit AG and 4 campsites run by TCS Camping Clubs. Altogether it has 6,000 pitches plus 300 glamping and rented accommodation facilities with nearly 800 beds.

TCS clocked up around 1 million overnight stays in 2023, representing a 20% share of the total camping market in Switzerland. It employs 380 seasonal workers. 75% of its clientèle are Swiss (60% being TCS members), 14% come from Germany, 8% from the Netherlands and 3% from other countries.



Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

**The 35th International F.I.C.C. Rally with General Assembly from  
2 to 11 August 1974 in Vysoke-Tatry (then Czechoslovakia)  
was 50 years ago now and many loyal rally participants  
still have fond memories.**



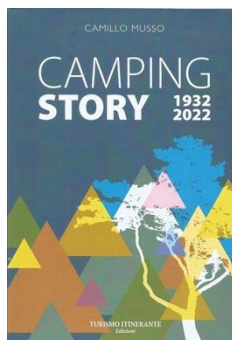
The theme of the event was 'Strengthening peace around the world' and 7117 campers with 991 caravans and 1919 tents took part from America, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Germany, England, Finland, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USSR and Hungary.

### IN MEMORIAM

On 28 July 2024, Prof. CAMILLO MUSSO, Honorary President of ACTItalia and author of several books, including 'The History of Camping from 1932 to 2022', passed away at the age of 97.



Camillo Musso, accompanied by his wife Rita, who fully supported him in all his endeavours and who recently passed away, repeatedly took part in F.I.C.C. rallies worldwide and for many years was the chief delegate of his association at the F.I.C.C. General Assemblies. We would like to express our sincere condolences to his family. F.I.C.C. will never forget this intelligent, friendly and camping enthusiast.



## EXHIBITIONS

**Argentina:** Expo Rodantear in October 2024, in Buenos Aires

**Austria:** Caravan Salon Austria from 16 to 20 October 2024, in Wels  
Ferien-Messe Wien from 16 to 19 March 2025, in Vienna

**Belgium:** Mobicar from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Brussels  
Salon des vacances from 30 January to 2 February 2025, in Brussels

**Brazil:** Expo Motorhome in November 2024, in Novo Hamburgo

**Czech Republic:** Caravaning Brno in November 2024, in Brno

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

**France:** Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs from 21 to 29 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget  
SETT from 5 to 7 November 2024, in Montpellier  
Destinations Nature from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris  
Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

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

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

**Turkey:** Kamptalya Outdoor ve Motordrom from 12 to 16 February 2025, in Antalya

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

**Germany:** Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024, in Düsseldorf  
Caravan Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen  
Urlaubsträume (Holiday Dreams) from 7 to 10 November 2024, in Essen  
Touristik & Caravaning from 20 to 24 November 2024, in Leipzig  
CMT from 18 to 26 January 2025, in Stuttgart  
Reise & Camping from 19 to 23 February 2025, in Essen  
Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 12 to 16 March 2025, in Nürnberg  
ABF Caravaning & Camping from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Hanover

**Great Britain:** Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15 to 20 October 2024, in Birmingham  
World Travel Market from 7 to 9 November 2024, in London  
Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19 January 2025, in Manchester  
Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show from 18 to 23 February 2025, 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  
Vakantiebeurs from 9 to 12 January 2025, in Utrecht  
Caravana from 29 January to 2 February 2025, in Leeuwarden



**Portugal:** Natuticamp in Lisbon

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

Fitur from 22 to 26 January 2025, in Madrid

Expocamp in March 2025, in Avilés

B-Travel from 28 to 30 March 2025, in Barcelona

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