NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 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 Taipeh City. In 2025 The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

All information under
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.

EXCURSIONS

Fascinating **BURGHAUSEN,** known as the ”Pearl of the Salzach river”, has the longest castle in the world, a picturesque old town and a wide range of leisure, sports and cultural activities...

BODENMAIS’ glass paradise is one of the most visited holiday destinations in the Bavarian forest. It is also known for its mining museum and the Silver Mountain.

SALZBURG

Salzburg is very special – the harmonious interplay between scenery and architecture, art and culture, tradition and contemporary life in the smallest of spaces is fascinating…

CHIEMSEE

Chiemsee, proudly calls itself the Bavarian Sea. Covering an area of 80 sq km, it is the scenic, cultural and tourist centre of eastern Upper Bavaria...

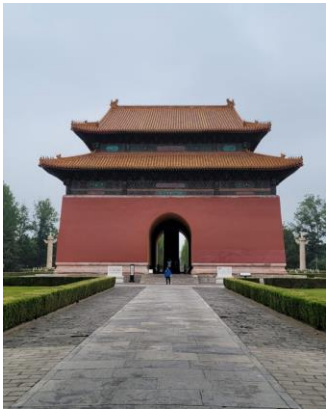
PASSAU

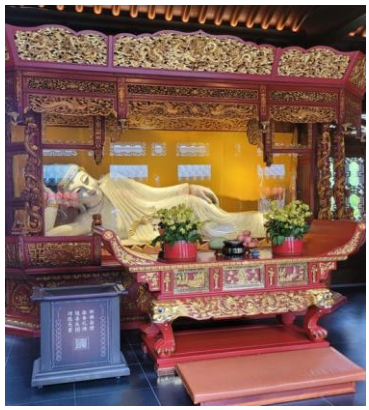
Is a beautiful centuries-old city built of stone at the confluence of three rivers, the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz. You can really see and appreciate Passau by taking a boat trip ...

But **Bad Griesbach** itself is certainly worth a visit. This pretty little idyllic town is a well-known health resort and as such has good hotels and restaurants**.**
The region around Passau is also known as “Lower Bavarian Tuscany”. Thermal springs that also feed hotel spa facilities, are good for stimulating blood circulation, treating rheumatism and improving one’s general sense of well-being.
Golfers come into their own here and even beginners can give the sport a try on designated practice courses.
The wonderful setting close to the Alps offers beautiful walking and hiking possibilities so there’s no excuse not to have a healthy, varied or even a sporty holiday!

Further informations under: **www.96ficcrallye.jimdofree.com**

97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 in CHINA
Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026
Venue: Vicinity of Beijing
Organised by 21RV





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Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The camping market in Sweden will clock up revenue of around 183,100 million euros in 2024. The tendency is upwards and by 2029 the expectation is that market volume will reach 218,200 million euros, i.e. an annual increase in revenue of 3.57%. It is estimated that in 2029 the Swedish camping market will attract around 2,380 million consumers.
Source: Extract Camping Business

More and more campers are attracted to northerly climes and especially to Sweden, a country with beautiful scenery, good infrastructure and excellent camping possiblities.

Canary Islands: The first campsite regulations have now been subject to public consultation which commenced on 12 July and closed on 31 July 2024. The government wants to make sure that a

balance is maintained between the various conflicting interests (environment, preserving tourist services, stimulating private enterprise, maintaining a stable working environment for the camping sector, competitiveness and diversification of products and services on offer).
Wild camping is forbidden on most of the islands and applies both to pitching tents and stopping in a camper or caravan. Some islands do tolerate it e.g. Tenerife, but you may not set up table and chairs outdoors and obviously you take all of your rubbish away with you. It is best to find out before you travel what the specific regulations are on individual islands.
Source: Internet

Practical tips – for campers too

You shouldnot put an opened tin can with its leftovers back in the fridge.
This is because air can quickly spoil the food. You should therefore transfer the remaining contents to a sealable container.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Warning panels when carrying loads (charge-marking) in Europe
Italy: A load that protrudes beyond the rear of a vehicle must carry a 50 x 50cm reflective red and white hatched (5 red and 4 white stripes) warning panel. This warning panel is for use in Italy alone. Warning panels that are recognised in the EU and Spain are not valid. This regulation applies to cars and caravans that transport bikes on a rear bike carrier. A protruding load may only be carried at the back and may not exceed 30% of the length of the vehicle. If the protruding load takes up the total width of the vehicle, two warning panels must be fixed on the extreme right and left hand sides of the load. There is however one exception following a change in the law in August 2023: rear carriers with their own number plate and independent lighting may dispense with a reflective warning panel.
But this change in the law was reversed in January 2024 and the original law now applies so that rear carriers must carry warning panels even if they have a number plate and lighting.
Plastic panels are not allowed in Italy.
Warning panels must be affixed even if there is no bike on the bike carrier.
Spain: Any load carried on the roof or at the rear that protrudes beyond the rearmost point of the vehicle must carry a warning panel that is recognised in Spain.
Plastic panels are not allowed in Spain. If the load takes up the whole width of the vehicle, it must be indicated on the right and left-hand side.
Warning panels must be reflective, 50 x 50cm and hatched (3 red and 3 white stripes).
This regulation applies to cars and caravans that transport bikes at the back. A protruding load may only be carried at the back and may not exceed 10% of the length of the vehicle.
Portugal : In Portugal, any protruding load must also be indicated by a warning panel. A special panel is not required and one can use the same type as in Spain.
France: A reflective warning panel is only required if the load protrudes more than 1 metre (max authorised 3m).

In the dark, a protruding load at the rear must be indicated by at least one red light which is visible at a distance of 150m.
Croatia: A warning panel is not obligatory but there must be some indication if the load protrudes more than 1 metre beyond the rearmost point.
A red cloth or flag may be used and for trailers a 50 x 50cm square panel with orange and white diagonal stripes.
Austria: A warning panel is required in Austria if the load protrudes more than one metre beyond the rearmost point of the vehicle.
Transportation of overlong goods requires a panel 40cm wide and 25cm high with a 5cm red border. In the dark the panel must be retro-reflective (fluorescent).
Germany: An indication is mandatory in Germany for loads that protrude beyond 1m. If the load protrudes less than or equal to 1.5 metres beyond the vehicle's retro-reflectors, the rear extremity must be indicated by a

- bright red flag measuring at least 30x30 cm, separated by a transverse bar, or
- a bright red panel of the same size, hanging transversely to the driving direction, or
- a vertical, cylindrical shape of the same colour and height, with a diametre of at least 35cm.

Source: Arbö/CCA (A)

Health

Who **actually discovered aspirin** one of the best-known medications in the world?
It was the chemist Felix Hoffmann (1868-1946) from Ludwigsburg in Baden-Württemberg (D) who, in 1897, mixed salicylic acid with acetic acid thereby creating aspirin. He it was who one year previously had discovered heroin that alleviates pain.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

In Europe it is the German language that has the **largest vocabulary**. It has 185,000 words, the majority of which are nouns. The longest word contains 44 letters
"Aufmerksamkeitsdefizithyperaktivitätsstörung" (attention deficit hyperactive disorder) followed by "Kraftfahrzeughaftpflichtversicherung" (third party motor vehicle insurance). The most beautiful word is "Habseligkeiten" (belongings or possessions).
Yes, "German language, difficult language"! Mark Twain said in his ironic article "The awful German Language".
However the most complicated language is Mandarin and the most beautiful European language Italian, according to a survey. French is reckoned to be the sexiest language, Aramaic is the world's oldest language and Adam and Eve are supposed to have spoken "Adamic" (Genesis 2, v.19).
The newest language is Ludwik Zamenhof's Esperanto.
The most spoken language in the world is English followed by Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish, French, Arabic and Bengali.
The most unusual language is Hungarian. It is a member of the Uralic language family with links to Siberian Khanti and Mansi.
The longest known word is Finnish and contains 61 letters.

There is a **fish that is warm-blooded and can maintain its body core temperature – really!** It is the so-called moonfish (lampris) that lives in the deep sea off the south coast of California and grows up to 1m80 long. It is oval-shaped and covered with minute cycloid scales. It is the only warm-blooded fish and, in common with birds and mammals, its warm blood circulates through its body at around 5° above the ambient water temperature.

Poland is the biggest strawberry producer in Europe followed by Germany with 130 thousand tonnes and where in 2023 around 3.9 kg of strawberries were consumed per head of population. Moreover strawberries are not really berries but are a so-called aggregate fruit.

FAMM Museum (Femmes Artistes Musee Mougins) is the first large museum dedicated exclusively to female artists and thereby recognises their place in art history. The British banker Christian Levett made the FAMM Museum possible in Mougins/France and only works by women are on display (paintings, sculptures, photographs and drawings).

Joie de vivre or zest for life
is the sum total of little treasures,
that makes up our life day by day:
a walk in the woods,
a seat in the sun,
a good book and beautiful music,
a moment of quiet,
a moment of closeness, a smile, an embrace

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

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

Guests from 11 countries gathered in Kiuruvesi, central Finland, where the annual Nordic Rally was organized prior to SF-Caravan ry's 60th anniversary weekend. More than 600 caravans and motorcaravans headed to Kiuruvesi in Upper Savonia : understandably, the largest contingent was from Finland and the Nordic countries, but there were guests from elsewhere in Europe and even Taiwan.
João Alves Pereira, President of F.I.C.C., spent the whole week in Kiuruvesi and congratulated SF-Caravan for both its anniversary and for organizing the event so well. SF-Caravan presented President Pereira with an award in recognition of his role as 2022 camping tourism influencer. The presentation was only made this year due to the rally having been cancelled in 2022.

Olli Rusi, President of SF-Caravan reminded guests of the importance of events that unite people and nations in today's restless world.

Responsibility in tourism also comes from small practical actions. In the forest nearby the event area, the guests took steps against climate change by planting spruce seedlings. This was intended to compensate for the carbon emissions caused by travelling.

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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 January 2025, in Vienna
Belgium: Mobicar from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Brussels
Salon des vacances from 30 January to 02 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 to 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
Germany:
Caravan Salon Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen
Urlaubsträume 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 Nuremberg
ABF Caravaning & Camping from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Hanover
Great Britain: Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15 to 20 October 2024, in Birmingham
Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19 January 2025, in Manchester
Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Birmingham
WTM (World Travel Market) from 7 to 9 November 2024, in London
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 202,5 in Leeuwarden
Portugal: Nauticamp in Lisbon
Sweden: Elmia Husvagn Husbil from 11 to 15 September 2024, in Jönköping
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
Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24 to 28 October 2024, in Berne
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

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