



# NEWSLETTER

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**73rd International F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY****from 17 to 21 April 2025 in Porto Recanati (Macerata)/ITALY****organised by Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori****Venue****“Camping Club Adriatico” in Porto Recanati****(Macerata) – Marche – Italy Scarfiotti seafront, Scossicci street (GPS N 43° 27'50.242”****–****E 13°38'19.017)****By road = A/14 E/45 motorway (GPS N 43° 27'50.242” – E 13°38'19.017)****By rail = state railway – either Loreto station or Porto Recanati station****By air = nearest airports: \*****Falconara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations****Bologna Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations****Pescara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations**



\* The campsite will provide a shuttle bus service from Loreto and Porto Recanati stations to Camping Club Adriatico. Return tickets cost € 5.00 per Person.

#### ACCOMMODATION POSSIBILITIES:

10 pitches for caravans/motorcaravans

80 pitches for tents for 2/4 or more people (no charge, included in the booking fee)

40 places in rental properties/bungalows

(Cost not included in booking fee)

There is ample space for activities and the campsite also has a children's playground.

#### THE BOOKING FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner (apart from the Easter Meal and packed lunches for the excursion, both of which are included in the booking fee);
- Shuttle bus transfers from the campsite to Loreto and Porto Recanati stations or by special request to the town centre at a cost of €5.00 per person (return trip);
- Entrance ticket for the Frasassi Grotto; bike rental;
- Early arrival for and/or late departure from the Rally;
- All other items/services that are not expressly stated as being included in the programme.

Full information on [www.campeggioclubadriatico.it](http://www.campeggioclubadriatico.it)

## 95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 from 25 APRIL to 4 MAY 2025 in TAIWAN



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

### **Evening programme**

- 25 April: Volkswagen evening
- 26 April: New Taipei City evening
- 27 April: Taiwan Caravanning Club evening
- 28 April: Taichung City evening
- 29 April: Yunlin County evening
- 30 April: Miaoli County evening
- 01 May: Taoyuan City evening
- 02 May: Taipei City evening
- 03 May: Evening organised by the Tourism Administration

### **Full information on**

<http://www.95thficcrally.com/>



**WELCOME TO TAIWAN**

## 96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY

Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026

Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/Southern Germany

Organised by the Deutscher Camping Club e.V.



Full information on

[www.96ficcrallye-2026.com](http://www.96ficcrallye-2026.com)



## 97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026 in the vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV





## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### Water damage in your caravan can cost you dear

Damage from moisture or water infiltration can be very costly.

Damp is often self-inflicted because if one does not regularly reduce humidity by airing thoroughly or by using a dehumidifier, there is the risk of mildew and consequent damage to furnishings. It makes no difference whether the vehicle is new or second-hand. It is always the camper who has to bear the repair costs.

If you do have water infiltration, it is important to have a guarantee and to have carried out annual watertightness tests. Many manufacturers offer guarantees of up to 12 years. This ensures that the purchaser can recover damages from the vehicle manufacturer for subsequent leaks after 5 or 6 years (depends on the manufacturer) but only if watertightness tests have been undertaken regularly and within the required time limits.

Long-term campers especially should think about how and where annual watertightness tests are carried out on their caravans/motorcaravans.

Not included in the watertightness guarantee (at least in Germany) is damage from leaking water tanks or pipes.

Also in the case of older vehicles (guarantee expired), one should not stop regular checks of potential leaky areas, i.e. roof windows, doors and flaps.

Moisture meters can be a very useful backup but the “do it yourself” principle is quite tricky and there is a lot to learn.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (Extracts)

## **Driving your outfit when tired is really dangerous**

The first signs of tiredness are frequent yawning, lack of concentration or even drooping eyelids. This is when you start to put yourself as well as others in danger. Anyone who nods off for just one second when driving at 120 km/h for example, will be flying blind for 33 metres. If it is for three seconds then the distance is 100 metres. For all this time no-one is in control of a vehicle, outfit or motorcaravan on the move.

It's time to take a break and have a 15 to 20 minute nap at least, after which it's better to walk around in the fresh air for a while rather than resorting to a power coffee or energy drink.

Also it's a good idea to avoid eating big meals or fatty food – a full stomach makes you sleepy. So make sure you opt for light food and mineral water or diluted fruit juice are the best drinks.

After two hours at the wheel it is time to take a break even if you still feel reasonably alert – that is the general rule.

For some time now many vehicle manufacturers have been installing a warning system against fatigue as a technical solution to help prevent drivers from nodding off at the wheel. Installing this system has been mandatory in all new vehicles in the EU since July 2024.

Source: Extracts Camping, Cars & Caravans

## **Germany: Caravanning tourism: Record figures for overnight stays and revenue – new cooperation strengthens development in national nature reserves**

Mobile holidays are more popular than ever: overnight stays and tourist revenue in caravanning tourism at record levels. Associations promote sustainable and climate-friendly caravanning tourism in National Nature Reserves with new cooperation.

The continuing trend towards individual and flexible holidays with caravans or motorcaravans is strengthening domestic tourism and the German economy: in 2023, overnight stays reached a historic high and tourism turnover climbed to a record level of around 19.5 billion euros.

The Association of Deutscher Naturparke e.V. (VDN), Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V. (NNL) and the Caravaning Industrie Verband e.V. (CIVD) have therefore launched a partnership. The aim is to jointly promote and steer sustainable and environmentally friendly caravanning tourism in Germany's most beautiful nature reserves.

In 2023, overnight stays at campsites and motor caravan sites in Germany reached a new record level. According to a study by the German Economic Institute for Tourism (dwif), a total of 54.5 million overnight stays were registered on campsites and 13.5 million overnight stays on motor caravan sites - clear evidence of the continuing trend towards caravanning holidays. This growing popularity is also reflected in the economic development: caravanning holidaymakers generated a record tourism revenue of around 19.5 billion euros in 2023, an increase of almost 8 per cent compared to the previous year (2022: 18.1 billion euros). Around 6.4 billion euros of this revenue will remain directly in the holiday regions and strengthen the local economy: not only operators of campsites and pitches benefit from the long-term caravanning trend, but also local companies, shops and service providers. Caravanning tourism therefore makes a significant contribution to value creation in the regions and emphasises its importance for the German economy.

CIVD Managing Director Daniel Onggowinarso explains how this development is influencing the destinations in Germany: 'Germany is becoming an increasingly attractive travel destination for caravanning holidaymakers, especially in areas beyond the classic tourist hubs. For these travellers, the focus is increasingly on experiencing nature and sustainability, both in everyday life and on holiday. Caravanning therefore offers local communities excellent opportunities for tourism development and sustainable regional economic value. With relatively little investment, they can create an attractive infrastructure and attract new guests'.

## **Associations promote sustainable and climate-friendly caravanning tourism**

In light of caravanning holidaymakers' great affinity with nature, the National Nature Reserves - consisting of 104 nature parks, 16 national parks, 18 biosphere reserves and three wilderness areas, which together cover a third of Germany's surface area - are popular destinations for guests from Germany and abroad.

The cross-association cooperation between Deutscher Naturparke e.V. (VDN), Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V. (NNL) and Caravanning Industrie Verband e.V. (CIVD) aims, among other things, to further develop the range of park and accommodation options in such a way that biodiversity is preserved, unique nature experiences are made possible and regional, sustainable value creation is strengthened. Innovative site concepts should not only meet the needs of travellers, but also promote awareness of environmental protection, nature conservation and sustainable development through nature-friendly experiences.

In the long term, the cooperation partners are aiming to create an attractive and sustainable caravanning infrastructure that informs and guides mobile travellers using digital technologies. As part of the cooperation, the associations are supporting several nationwide pilot projects in the National Nature Reserves. The aim is to test and further develop practical solutions and concepts and then implement them in other regions. Jan Wildefeld, Managing Director of Nationale

Naturlandschaften e. V., emphasises the joint benefits of the newly created cooperation: 'Our vision is to design caravanning in Germany's most beautiful nature reserves in such a way that it is in harmony with nature conservation and regional development. Together we are creating a win-win situation: travellers enjoy unique nature experiences with modern infrastructure, while innovative pitch concepts preserve and protect nature. At the same time, we are raising awareness among holidaymakers of the value of our nature and the importance of preserving it. In this way, we combine environmentally conscious tourism with regional economic benefits and a responsible approach to nature.'

Source: CIVD/National Naturlandschaften (National Nature Reserves)

## Practical tips – useful for campers too

In order to sharpen a pair of **scissors** quickly, take a strip of aluminium foil, fold it over five or six times and cut it up into small pieces. Just make sure you use the entire length of the blades!

**Stubborn tea stains** can be removed by making a paste of baking powder mixed with a little water. Spread the paste on the stain, leave for a few minutes and then machine wash.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Traffic

**Austria:** The 2025 motorway vignette for passenger cars and camper vans up to 3.5 tonnes costs:

1 day vignette : Euro 9.30 (only available on line)

10-day vignette Euro 12.40

2-month vignette Euro 31.10

Annual vignette Euro 103.80

Prices keep pace with the consumer price index and increased by 7.7%.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/CCA )

## **Mandatory motorway vignette exemptions in Austria:**

The following motorway stretches in Austria are toll-free

- Tirol: Inntal autobahn A12 between the national border at Kufstein and the Kufstein-Süd junction
- Salzburg province: West autobahn A1 between the national border at Walserberg and the Salzburg-Nord junction
- Vorarlberg: Rheintal/Walgau autobahn A14 between the national border at Hörbranz and the Hohenems junction

N.B. If you continue further without a vignette, you can expect a hefty fine.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

## **Health**

**Forest bathing** is thought to be effective against, or at least to alleviate, some of the symptoms of extreme fatigue. One study found improvements in sleep disorders, depression, anxiety and also people's difficulty concentrating. One needs to have at least three forest bathing sessions a week.

We should all do it more: **singing!** Whether in the shower, while doing housework, painting or in an actual choir, **singing** is reckoned to produce more immunoglobulin A in the body. These antibodies fight germs and allergens that thrive in the mucous membrane. Breathing improves with singing, as does your mood!

## **Curious facts/Environment/Culture**

The **David Bowie Centre in the V&A East Storehouse in London** will open on 13 September 2025. The famous singer's legacy comprises 90,000 items including a unique photo collection.

16.7% of all Germans and 17.4% of the French no longer read **books**. Of all the Europeans, it is the Swiss who read the most books, at least 15 a year!

Source: YouGov

**The most expensive hotel room** in the world is Lover's Deep Luxury Submarine Hotel and costs 292,000 dollars a night. It is in a submarine just off the Caribbean island of St Lucia that can dive down to 200m.

**Waving cats** are appreciated most by the Japanese because for thousands of years it has been thought that they bring good luck. If the cat waves its left leg it is reckoned to bring in clients, and waving its right leg means prosperity and good fortune in the home.

### Thought for the Month (Leymah Gbowee)

You will never leave any permanent footprints  
if you always walk on tiptoe.

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

**Mélodie Vergouts** (24 years old) is required to do a work placement/internship to complete her six-year course at the Faculty of Literature, Translation (English and German, French mother tongue) and Communication at Brussels Free University (ULB). She started working in the F.I.C.C. Secretariat on 3 February and will stay until the end of April.



**The F.I.C.C. Council held its 2025 spring session/meeting during the “Reise + Camping“ Fair in Essen (DE).**



The F.I.C.C. Council and ladies from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat in Essen.

**The Deutscher Camping Club e.V. (DCC) and the city of Essen jointly awarded the 2025 German Camping Prize to F.I.C.C. President João Alves Pereira.**



DCC President Dieter Albert, F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira, Mr. Rudolf Jelinek, Mayor of Essen

Photo: Messe Essen GmbH

The Deutsche Camping Prize, awarded jointly by the Deutscher Camping Club and the city of Essen was introduced and first awarded in 1970.

Joao Alves Pereira has been honoured with the prize for 2025 for the part he has played both professionally and personally looking after campers' interests and thereby making camping and caravanning so popular. His commitment and empathy for mobile vacationing binds many campers together in this unique leisure activity, thereby promoting intercultural understanding that knows no limits.

In 2025, Joao Alves Pereira will have been at the helm of the world camping federation as President of F.I.C.C. for 20 years during which time he has done much to cement friendships between campers worldwide. He has been active internationally for everyone engaged in this hobby and continually wins new campers into this sphere of friendship.

Camping and its associated events, the so-called rallies, are not alone in serving this common interest. There are events within individual national clubs and other encounters that are organised with F.I.C.C.'s blessing.

This is where the contribution of F.I.C.C. and also Joao Alves Pereira's own commitment to intercultural understanding is revealed. He tirelessly promotes these events in all of F.I.C.C.'s member countries, takes part and is involved in a way campers recognise the world over. As he sees it, nowhere is too far away for him to attend an event organised by F.I.C.C. or a national club, in order to represent F.I.C.C. and the camping mindset worldwide.

The city of Essen and the Deutscher Camping Club has honoured Joao Alves Pereira, the President of F.I.C.C., as a person who embodies dedication to a hobby, has a passion for people and seeks to ensure that there is a future for camping enthusiasts that transcends all frontiers.

Joao Alves Pereira is working in the interests – in the best sense of the word – of the camping fraternity. Yesterday, today and tomorrow! We are eager to see how things will work out in the future.

Our hearty congratulations go to him on this well-deserved award.

Mr. Pereira received the award on Friday 21 February 2025 during the 2025 DCC Europa Prize ceremony.

Source: DCC reports



DCC Committee, F.I.C.C. President, Mayor of Essen





Photos Olli Rusi

Other DCC ceremonies included awards honouring

## DCC Europa Prize-winning campsites



Since 1996, the DCC, Germany's camping association, has been awarding the DCC Europa Prize to the best of the best campsites that have a lot to offer. This means luxury of course but it can also mean living history, wonderful facilities or simply the feel-good factor during a visit that everyone enjoyed.

The DCC is therefore reflecting the trend whereby campers like to treat themselves to something special when on holiday without having to delve too deeply into their wallets.

## It gets even better: The DCC Europa Prize Platinum Award

The Deutscher Camping Club noticed in previous years that campsites that had been awarded the DCC Europa Prize often continued to make even greater improvements.



“We were confronted with the pleasant problem as to how we could be fair towards these outstanding campsites. So we came up with a new award: the DCC Europa Platinum Award“, DCC President Dieter Albert explained.

This Award was granted for the first time at Reise+Camping in 2014. The DCC President explained that “In order to respect the special status of these campsites, only two are honoured every year from among the ranks of previous DCC Europa prize-winners, the very best so-to-speak. A prerequisite for receiving this prize is that the high standard that led to the DCC Europa Prize has been maintained for at least 10 years and even improved on.

Source: DCC Press release

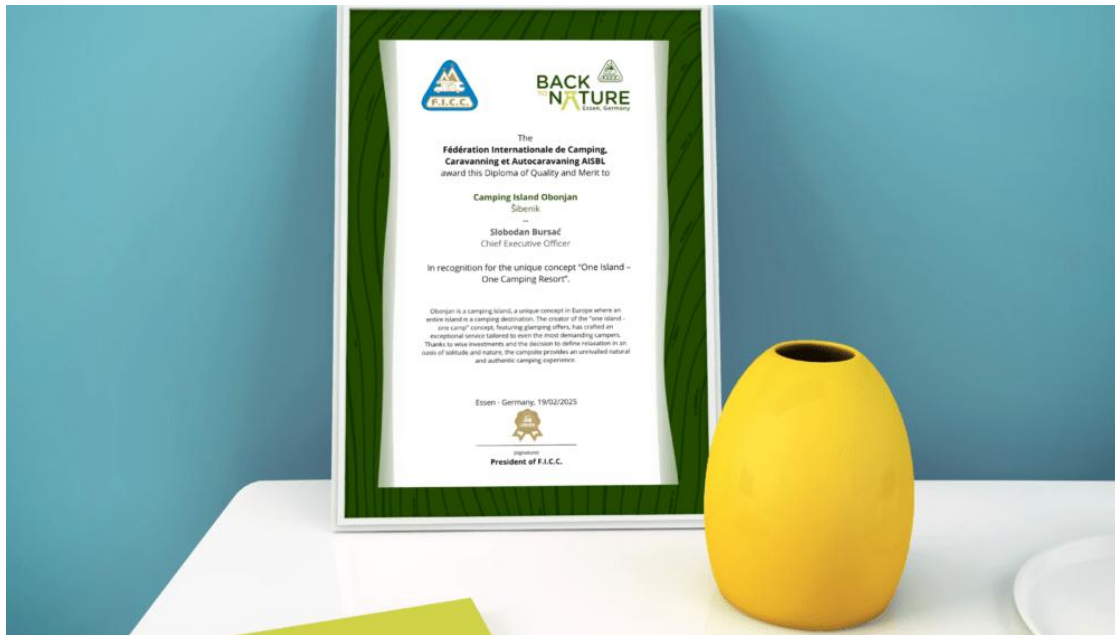


DCC award winners

The **DCC Platinum Award** was presented to Alpen-Caravanpark Tennsee/Germany, and Hells Holiday Resort/Austria.

The **DCC Europa Prize** went to: Ostsee-Campingplatz Familie Heide/Germany, Camping Harfermühle/Germany, Schlosshof Resort/Italy, Campsite L'Amfora/Spain.

**Exclusive F.I.C.C. Diploma of Quality and Merit for the unique and visionary concept of Obonjan Camping Island “One Island – One Camping Resort” awarded at the Reise + Camping Fair in Essen/Germany**



This year exhibitors from 20 countries participated in the biggest holiday fair in Germany's Nordrhein-Westfalia region. This event is an important platform for advertising and presenting new trends in the camping industry.

At the Opening Ceremony of the Essen Fair on 19 February 2025, in the presence of the Minister for Tourism and Sport, Mr. Tonči Glavina, the Director of the Croatian Tourism Office, Mr. Kristijan Staničić, João Alves Pereira, President of F.I.C.C. – Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning A.I.S.B.L. (World Federation of Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning) - presented a special diploma to the Camping Resort on Obonjan Island. The resort has been developed with the F.I.C.C. Camping Symposium "Back to Nature" motto very much in mind and is part educational programme.

With its well-maintained natural surroundings, superbly designed architecture and interiors, and not having skimped on the quality of the accommodation in any way, Obonjan also impresses thanks to the island's charm and beauty.

The wording on the diploma is: "Diploma for Quality and Merit in recognition of the unique concept "One Island – One Camping Resort", and testifies to top quality and many years' loyalty to the CCI Camping Card International (international camping card).

The Camping Resort Obonjan Project was created in 1971 and is so far a one-off camping design in the world.

Previously, the island was only used for youth camps but today Obojan is celebrating 54 years of excellent, romantic leisure activities and relaxation.

The island of Obonjan embodies a very special vision “One Island – One Resort” and positions itself as an exclusive camping and holiday experience, the like of which does not exist anywhere else in Europe or even the world.

The President of the Obonjan Council, Mr. Slobodan Bursac, received this award, which he deserved because he was the guiding light behind this concept and this/his idea was recognised by F.I.C.C. as a very special project that has not been repeated in the world of camping. It offers enthusiasts of this type of leisure activity a wonderful, peaceful and restorative environment – an oasis for soul and body.

With this exceptional project which has existed for nearly half a century and looking towards the future, F.I.C.C. has recognised the brilliant creation of a committed and creative person who, without forgetting its roots in Mediterranean tourism, transformed a deserted island into a timeless facility catering for users’ needs.

Thus originality and exclusivity were the key factors that prompted the creation of a unique and impressive environment.

From the visionary courage of a romantic half a century ago to today, Obonjan tells a story which weaves the past and present together as it claims its place in the future. This is why F.I.C.C. with its experienced team has honoured this designer of nature for his exceptional contribution which will continue to stimulate development of the world-wide camping scene.”

Bursac Slobodan,  
Director of the  
Obonjan Camping  
Resort, Kristjan  
Staničić, Direktor  
of the Croatian  
Tourism Office,  
Tonči Glavina,  
Minister for  
Tourism and Sports  
in Croatia and  
Joao Alves Pereira,  
President des  
F.I.C.C.





F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira

F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira giving his speech at the Croatian stand at the Fair.



**F.I.C.C. grants its patronage to the 25th edition of the Adria Rally.**

Adria Rally 2025 is being organised by Udruga Kampista Hrvatske from 22 to 29 June at Amadria Park Camping in Trogir/Croatia.



## **Invitation from the President of UKH**

The 25th Jubilee Adria Camping Rally in 2025 is being organised jointly by the Croatian Camping Federation (UKH) and Amadria Park Camping Trogir in Seget Vranjica near Trogir.

The event is being held under the patronage of the international camping organisation, F.I.C.C. We hope that some 150 outfits from a dozen countries will participate again this year and would be delighted if there were even more since it is our Jubilee Rally. We also hope that Mr. Joao Alves Pereira as President of F.I.C.C. (Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et de Autocaravaning), the only worldwide organisation representing campers, will be able to attend the opening ceremony. Amadria Park Camping Trogir, where the event is being held, is a large campsite in Trogir with stunning views over the sea and beach and near Trogir's enchanting historic town centre that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is why it was chosen to be the venue for the 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Camping Rally. Rally participants can expect a wide-ranging seven day programme and we are sure that this will provide a great opportunity for the organisers to introduce the campsite and this part of Croatia to other campers from the world over.

We look forward to meeting again at the 25<sup>th</sup> Adria Camping Rally at AMADRIA PARK CAMPING TROGIR.

Hrvoje Horvat

President UKH

**Full information for participants along with the booking form available under**

[www.udrugakampista.hr/adriacampingrally2025](http://www.udrugakampista.hr/adriacampingrally2025)

**Other contacts under** [ukh@udrugakampista.hr](mailto:ukh@udrugakampista.hr)

[www.udrugakampista.hr](http://www.udrugakampista.hr)



The old town

The Rally will take place from 22 to 29 June 2025 at the

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## **Booking deadline is 30 May 2025**

The registration fee of 170.00€ for adults and 85.00€ for children between the ages of 3 and 18 years of age can be paid at Reception on arrival.

**There is an interesting and varied programme of excursions but these must be booked in advance.**

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**Austria:** Ferien-Messe Wien from 16 to 19 March 2025, in Vienna

Urlaub & Ausflug from 4 to 6 April 2025, in Wels

Freizeitmesse Klagenfurt from 4 to 6 April 2025

Caravan Salon Austria from 15 to 19 October 2025, in Wels

**Belgium:** Motorhomesalon Ghent on 26 and 27 April 2025, Flanders Expo in Ghent

**Finland:** Caravan Finland 2025 from 18 to 21 September

**France:** Destinations Nature from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

**Germany:** Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 12 to 16 March 2025, in Nürnberg

Caravan Salon from 29 August to 7 September 2025, in Düsseldorf

Camper & Vans from 26 to 29 September 2025, in Fulda

Caravan Messe from 31 October to 3 November 2025, in Erfurt

Touristik & Caravaning from 19 to 23 November 2025, in Leipzig

Auto Camping Caravan from 28 November to 1 December 2025, in Berlin

CMT from 17 to 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart

Messe Essen from 26 February to 1 March 2026, in Essen

**Great Britain:** The Southern Motorhome & Camper Show from 16 to 18 May 2025, in Newbury/Berkshire

The National Motorhome & Campervan Show from 13 to 15 June 2025, in Newmark, Coddington



The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show from 18 to 20 July 2025, in Norwich

The Western Motorhome & Campervan Show from 15 to 17 August 2025, in Malvern

The Southwest Motorhome & Campervan Show from 5 to 7 September 2025, in Shepton Mallet

The Motorhome & Caravan Show from 14 to 19 October 2025, in Birmingham

**Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 13 to 21 September 2025, in Parma

**Netherlands:** Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 1 to 6 October 2025, in Utrecht

**Spain:** Expocamp in March 2025, in Avilés

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

Cultourfair from 28 to 30 September 2025, in Sevilla

**Sweden:** Elmia from 10 to 14 September 2025, in Jönköping

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon in October 2025, in Berne

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