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## **WORLD CAMPING DAY** 29 June

**World Camping Day, created by F.I.C.C. and officially recognised by the the U.N. World Tourism Organisation “U.N. Tourism” in 2022, marks its fourth anniversary**

**On 29 June 2025.**

**F.I.C.C. invites its members and campers the world over to celebrate this day in the company of like-minded people with special club events or camping with family and friends, emphasising the virtues of relaxing in nature, or with games and sport since camping is not only a hobby but a way of life that binds people of all nations together as friends.**

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

**Dates: 26 June to 5 July 2026**

**Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/southern Germany**

**Organised by Deutscher Camping Club e.V.**



**Full information and inscription forms on**

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

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

**Dates: 25 September to 4 October 2026 in Renhuai, in north-west Guizhou Province**



Renhuai City is a county-level city under the jurisdiction of Guizhou Province and serves as a regional centre city in the Chishui River Basin. It is located in the northwest of Guizhou Province on the middle reaches of the Chishui River and is the connecting point between the Qianbei Economic Zone (North Guizhou) and the Chuannan Economic Zone (South Sichuan). Covering a total area of 1,788 square



kilometres, it administers 20 municipalities (including sub-districts) and has a total population of 740,000 people from nine ethnic groups, including Han, Miao and Bouyei.

The city was founded in 1109 AD during the Northern Song Dynasty as Renhuai County. The name embodies the principles of 'showing benevolence to all people and governing the border communities with reconciliation'. The region has a central subtropical humid monsoon climate. The south-eastern areas are dominated by high mountains and hills, while the north-west has river valleys and sloping terrain that form an arched three-tiered topography. The landscape is characterised by hilly mountains, towering peaks, intersecting gorges, steep slopes and deep valleys, which have different landforms.

Renhuai is the home of Baijiu (colourless liquor between 35% and 60%), the hometown of Maotai liquor and the main production area for China's Jiangxiang-style distilled spirits. The city is also historically significant as the site of the 'Four Crossings of the Chishui River' by the Red Army during the Long March. The city has been awarded titles such as Sixth National Civilisation City, National Hygiene City and National Ecological Civilisation Demonstration City. Due to its unique ecology, climate, soil and microbial environment, Renhuai is a major production area for high-quality baijiu in the Jiangxiang Stile. In 2004, Renhuai was officially named 'China's Liqueur Capital'.



## 98th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2027

### IN NITRA/SLOVAKIA

Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu

From .. June to .. July

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Nitra lies in the Nitra river valley, at the foot of the Zobor mountains in the west of Slovakia. It is 95 km from the capital, Bratislava, and with a population of 80,000 is the fifth largest city in Slovakia. It is in a wonderful area with interesting architecture, monuments and history. Sightseeing highlights include:

Nitra castle

Church of St. Michael the Archangel

Galeria Mlyny Gallery

Nitra Calvary hill

Mestský Park

Corgon

St. Emmeran's Cathedral

Black Death Column



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### **Austria: Camping is still booming**

The travel and booking portal camping.info has analysed overnight stays on Austrian campsites in 2024 on the basis of official Austrian statistics. With over 8.5 million overnight stays (+2% on the previous year), the camping sector broke its own record for the fourth year running. As always, Carinthia, with over 2.5 million overnight stays, is the most popular Austrian state for camping, followed by the Tirol and Salzburg.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/CCA/AT)

**German campsites too** have registered 1.4% more overnight stays in 2024 compared with 2023. With 42.9 million overnight stays, numbers have doubled in the past 20 years.

Most campers' preferred destination in 2024 was the Schleswig-Holstein Baltic coast, recording 3.4 million overnight stays.

Source: Destatis

### **Camping with a dog**

This requires careful planning.

Here are a few points that dog owners should take on board:

The caravan or motorcaravan should have a place where the animal can sleep that is suitable and at a pleasant temperature. Non-slip dog beds are available.

While travelling, the dog must be "restrained" (car seat belts that can be attached to a harness) or else remain safe inside in a pet carrier.

Stop often enough for your dog to have a drink, move around and do its business.

Once at the camp site, you must abide by the pet regulations in place. It is best to inquire beforehand because some campsites ban pets altogether while others offer dog play areas etc.

They must be kept on a lead at all times.

Always dispose of the animal's droppings in a special dog waste bag.

Campers' leisure activities should be fun for the dog as well.

The dog must be microchipped or carry some other form of ID.

Before going away, go to a vet to make sure your dog is healthy and its vaccinations up-to-date.

Don't forget any medication and remember to pack enough dog food so that your pet can eat what he is used to and isn't expected to change his diet.

Suggestion from Camper dogs

## EU Driving Licence Reform

Several months ago, the EU agreed on reform of the driving licence directive that will probably come into force from 2029. In future, under certain conditions, the weight limit for Class B would be raised to 4.25 tonnes.

This new directive has however not yet been published in its final form as there are still a few points to be explained such as the definition of alternative drive systems i.e. fuel and regulations on trailers for motorcaravans. Here there is need for further clarification, especially the wording "up to 4.25 t + trailer" as to whether this means a light trailer (up to 750kg MAM – maximum authorized mass) or a heavy trailer.

EU member states have up to 2029 to implement the directive and translate it into national law.

We await the final wording of the directive and its publication.

**New legislation in Greece:** Law 5170/2025 considerably restricts wild camping in Greece. It prohibits permanent parking of caravans, camper vans and converted buses outside officially designated places. Pitching a tent is forbidden in some areas. The aim of this legislation is to regulate the use of public spaces and avoid damage to the environment. Fines of 300€ per person will be levied for breaching the law. Private landowners only may accommodate just one motorcaravan on their land. The Greek Ministry for Tourism stressed that the law is intended as a health and safety measure and to prevent the misuse of public spaces.

Source: CCA-journal (AT)

## Practical tips – for campers too

Water from boiling **potatoes** is excellent for fertilising house plants.

But it should be unsalted and cooled down first!

**Fresh herbs** keep for 2-3 days wrapped in a damp cotton towel.



**The French butter dish** that keeps butter fresh and spreadable without a refrigerator.

It consists of two cups that you can buy commercially. You pack the ceramic cup with butter and put it upside down in the larger cup that contains water. The water provides an airtight seal for the butter. Change the water every 2 or 3 days and the butter will stay fresh for about a month.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Traffic

**Austria: The 100 Flexity-Bim** tram has been in operation on the streets of Vienna since March 2025. This tram is 34m long and takes 211 passengers. By the end of 2026, Vienna's tram network will comprise a total of 146 of these modern barrier-free trams.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/CCA)

### Health

It is important to use **sun screen** now. People with a pale complexion and children especially should try to stay in the shade and make sure that they use factor 50 sun cream before spending time in the open. Sunburn can lead to white skin cancer (basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma).

If despite your best efforts you do get sunburnt, cool your skin down quickly and the next day avoid the sun at all costs to give your skin time to recover.

### Curious facts/Environment/Culture

**The sandwich** was invented by the Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792). He was a passionate card player and only stopped playing for meals. So he got his servant to serve a slice of beef between two slices of bread for lunch which also inspired his fellow card players to order "Bread like Sandwich".

In the context of Amsterdam/Netherlands 750 year celebrations, the **H'Art Museum** is displaying part of the largest private collection of Rembrandt's works (Thomas Kaplan – Leiden Collection).

The exhibition runs until 24 August 2025.





## **Saying of the Month**

**The world exists as you perceive it**

**It is not what you see,**

**it is how you see it,**

**It is not what you hear, but**

**How you hear it.**

**It is not what you feel, but**

**How you feel it.**

Rumi was an Afghan poet who wrote his poetry in Persian. He died in Turkey in 1273.



## Camping Card International Ferry Offers



Access exclusive ferry discounts with DFDS and Camping Card International, offering a comfortable and convenient way to travel while saving on your next trip.

As a member of the Camping Card International, you can benefit from discounts on ferry travel to the UK and Ireland.

### Calais – Dover

Enjoy a 10% discount on the popular Calais-Dover route with DFDS, offering picturesque views of the English Channel, comfortable seating and a range of on-board dining options as you make your way to England. Explore the historic landmarks and vibrant culture of the south-east or make your way to bustling London.

### Dunkirk – Dover

Save 10% on DFDS's exclusive route between Dunkirk and Dover. On board, you'll find reliable Wi-Fi, family-friendly areas, and amenities designed to make your journey seamless



as you cross to the UK. This route provides easy access to the scenic countryside and charming villages of Kent and beyond.

## **Amsterdam – Newcastle**

Take advantage of a 15% discount on the overnight crossing from Amsterdam to Newcastle with DFDS. Choose from luxurious cabin options, enjoy entertainment on board, and arrive in vibrant Newcastle, a city rich in culture and attractions, with great connections to the north of England and Scotland.

## **Dieppe – Newhaven**

Get 10% off when travelling from Dieppe to Newhaven with DFDS. Relax in serene lounges, enjoy a bite to eat, and take in the scenery as you sail to the UK on this tranquil crossing. This route is great for venturing into the vibrant city of Brighton and enjoying the beautiful landscapes of the Sussex Heritage Coast.

## **Dunkirk – Rosslare**

Experience a 15% discount on the gateway to Ireland. With spacious decks, breathtaking sea views and meals included on board, the DFDS Dunkirk-Rosslare route offers a comfortable and scenic start to your adventure in the Emerald Isle.

Book now and enjoy a seamless travel experience with exclusive savings!

Check at [www.campingcardinternational.com](http://www.campingcardinternational.com)

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



### **F.I.C.C. grants its patronage to the Adria Rally 2025 for its 25th edition**

You can find full details about registration and the booking form on

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

Further information on [ukh@udrugakampista.hr](mailto:ukh@udrugakampista.hr)

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

The Rally will be held from 22 to 29 June 2025 at the

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Booking deadline is/was 30 May 2025.

Registration fee is 170.00€ for adults and 85.00€ for children between 3 and 18 years old and can be paid at reception on arrival.

The programme of excursions is varied and interesting – however they must all be booked in advance.



**The Camping Association of the Republic of China (CAROC)** organised the 95th International F.I.C.C. Rally between 25 April and 4 May 2025 on the international Longmen Campsite in Fulong, New Taipei City/Taiwan.

The Ordinary General Assembly of F.I.C.C. was held during this event which was attended by 961 campers from 18 clubs/federations from 14 different countries.

Preparations had been ongoing for three years to ensure that all participants would be comfortably installed and could join in all of the day excursions, evening entertainment and the many meals to which they were invited that introduced them to Taiwanese cuisine.

Every evening the local entertainment programme concluded with a free raffle with over 300 prizes that were given out during the Rally.

Yet again, the campers were blessed with good weather. The only time it rained was the day of the Opening Ceremony which meant the Parade of Nations had to be cancelled.

The campsite and hotel were right on Fulong beach and many people benefited from free entry to the sand sculptures that had just been produced.















Johnny Cheng and Debbie Carcary

## UN Tourism participates at Fujairah International Conference of Adventure Tourism



With the participation of UN Tourism, the inaugural Fujairah International Conference of Adventure Tourism, organized and hosted by Fujairah Adventures Centre, took place at Fujairah, 29th April - 2nd May 2025. The conference successfully brought together global experts, policymakers, investors, and innovators to explore the growing potential of adventure tourism.

UN Tourism was evident through keynote interventions and active panel participation, along with UN Tourism Affiliate Members who played a central role in the conference, underscoring the importance of sustainable, inclusive, and safety-driven tourism development.



A key highlight was the strong representation and engagement of UN Tourism Affiliate Members, including:

- Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors Ltd.
- East Africa Business Consortium
- Tanzania Association of Tour Operators
- Viristar
- Kenya Tourism Board
- Petra Development & Tourism Authority
- Federation of Camping and Caravanning (FICC)
- Maldives Association of Tourism Industry
- Responsible Borneo
- Higher Institute for Tourism and Hospitality
- Red Sea Global
- Fujairah Adventure Centre
- Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency
- Procolombia
- OMRAN Group
- Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority
- Fujairah Tourism & Antiquities Department



The conference session included important discussions on:

- Investment and growth opportunities in the adventure tourism sector
- Global safety standards
- Sustainability and community-based tourism align with the SDGs

Innovation and youth engagement, including startups and influencers, shaping the adventure travel experience.





Mr. Hamad Ali Balkor al Mazroui, Director of the International Automobile and Touring Club/UAE and  
F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira, who was a member of the panel of speakers

These discussions resulted in important conclusions, including:

- Adventure tourism is a powerful driver for economic diversification, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship, particularly in emerging destinations like Fujairah.
- Public-private partnerships, as emphasized by Affiliate Members, are crucial for scaling impact and fostering innovation.

- The establishment of regional standards marks a strategic step toward professionalizing the adventure tourism sector in the Middle East.
- Immersive site experiences showcased Fujairah's readiness as a top-tier destination for adventure travelers, offering models for other regions to emulate.



The conference set a collaborative tone for future regional & international initiatives and affirmed UN Tourism's commitment to advancing **resilient, inclusive and experience-driven tourism ecosystems**.

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**Mr. José Vicente Clemente** ceased being President of the **Federacion Espanola de Clubes Campistas (FECC)** on 18 April 2025. After 13 busy years of hard work, he decided not to stand for re-election. We would like to thank Mr. Clemente for his helpful and dynamic collaboration and wish him all the very best in his "retirement".

FECC's new President is **Mr. Ramon Escot Lopez**.

We wish Mr. Lopez every success in his new office and look forward to working with him in the same way as we did with his predecessor.



Another change took place in **Confederazione Italiana del Campeggiatori/Italy**, where Mr **Emanuele Paolicelli** was elected as the new President. Mr Paolicelli has been a member of the F.I.C.C. Council since 2023 and replaces Mr Giovanni Grassi in the Italian association.

We would like to thank **Mr Grassi** for his dedicated work and the excellent friendly cooperation with F.I.C.C.

We also wish Mr Paolicelli every success in the tasks that await him.

## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Caravan Salon Austria, 15 to 19 October 2025, in Wels

**Belgium:** Busworld Europe, 4 to 9 October 2025, in Brussels

Mobicar returns in 2026

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

**France:** Salon des véhicules de loisirs, 27 September to 5 October 2025 Le Bourget/Paris

**Germany:** Caravan Salon, 29 August to 7 September 2025, in Düsseldorf

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

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

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

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

CMT, 17 to 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart

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

Reisen & Caravaning, 5 to 8 February 2026, in Hamburg

**Great Britain:** The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show, 18 to 20 July 2025, in Norwich



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

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

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

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

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

**Spain:** Cultourfair, 28 to 30 September 2025, in Seville

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

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

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