

NEWSLETTER

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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 booking forms on

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

Dates: 25 September to 4 October 2026 in Renhuai/Guizhou

Organised by CRVC



















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

IN NITRA(Neutra)/SLOVAKIA

Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu

from 26 June to 5 July





GPS: N48°19'4'' E18°5'15''

Currency: Euro

Fifth largest city in Slovakia – 95 km from Bratislava

190 m above sea level

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This regional capital city in southern Slovakia lies at the foot of the Zobor mountain, the centre of Neutra's wine-growing industry and is famous for its Bishop's Palace, its old and new cathedrals, chemical and sugar industries as well as its brewery, alcohol distillery and wood processing.

The Catholic Church that traditionally had a strong presence in Nitra, was severely repressed during the communist era between 1948 to 1989. Catholic seminars, monasteries and other possessions were taken over by the state and converted into museums, schools and offices. This was a period of immense growth in the form of housing schemes and the incorporation of previously independent villages. After the Velvet Revolution in 1989 and the break-up of Czechoslovakia, Nitra became part of newly-established Slovakia and, in 1996, the seat of the Nitra Region (Kraj).

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Camp for women only

Why are women flocking to this French summer camp in Quercy?

From foraging to swimming and stargazing, women are free to curate their own holiday at this unique camp in Quercy.

Walking through the grounds of her French château one evening last summer, Philippa Girling was relieved to hear the sound of laughter.

Specifically, women's laughter. This was precisely the goal that the CEO of Camp Château had set herself when co-founding a women-only summer camp, and on that very first night, laughter tinkled across the lawn.

Now in its second year, there's no doubt that the camp in the southwest region of Quercy is a success. Come autumn, 500 happy campers will have passed through the doors of the old Château de Béduer. There are 11,000 names on the waiting list for summer 2025.

The women, who come from all four corners of the world, find a very varied programme of activities awaits them and they have a choice of accommodation between a room in the château or a glamping tent near the swimming pool.

Just another way of having a holiday, but certainly an enriching experience!

Source: Euro-News



Urine diverting toilets are always a hot topic for manufacturers and users alike and interest in diverting toilet systems is growing rapidly, keeping pace with the ongoing debates concerning sustainability and flexible emptying. At the end of the summer various systems will appear on the market that have already been, or will be, on display at various exhibitions and trade fairs.

In Germany vehicle registrations for the first quarter of 2025 were on the decline – there were just 21,640 leisure vehicles – which corresponds to a fall of 12.9% over the same period the previous year.

Registrations of new caravans amounted to 4,741 outfits, around 5.7% below the previous year's figure.

The deciding factor in these poor results is the decline in rented vehicles.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

In Italy it is forbidden to travel in a caravan with winter tyres in the summer i.e. between 15 April and the autumn. All-year-round tyres with the M+S sign or 3PMSF mountain symbol are allowed along with summer tyres.

The rate for two people with camping equipment (caravan, motorcaravan) has risen to €40.40 in **Croatia and Italy** which makes them the most expensive European countries for camping in 2025. The cheapest is Albania where it costs €14.18.

Source: NKC Camper Info (NL)

Practical tips – useful for campers too

Ideal for **combatting fruit flies**: sprinkle some fruit with vinegar, place it in a special china container with slits (commercially available) and close. Fruit flies are attracted by the smell, crawl through the slits in the lid of the container but are unable to get out again.

Blisters on your feet should be left alone, especially small ones, because unbroken skin is the best protection against infection. Friction can be avoided by applying a plaster. However, if you do have a large blister, you can pierce it carefully with a sterile disposable needle (pharmacy) without damaging or removing any skin. Disinfect and cover with a sterile plaster.

But if the blister exudes bad-smelling cloudy liquid or if the surrounding skin is red and hurts, you should seek medical advice. It is better for diabetics with a blister on their foot to go straight to a doctor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Never hog the **middle lane.**

So how should you behave on a three-lane motorway? You only use the middle lane for overtaking and should not stay in it permanently. It can cost you a hefty fine if you do!

Once you have overtaken another vehicle, return to the right hand lane immediately. This way you avoid being fined and causing an accident.

Health

Pet animals keep us healthy and boost our immune system. Contact with animals, even just stroking, makes people more resistant to stress whether they are farmers or city dwellers. It is said that people who live with a cat and dog have better resistance to stress-related illnesses.

You should never **barbecue/grill** smoked pork, Vienna sausages, meat sausages, bacon or meat loaf because above 150°C, the hot embers convert pickling salts (E249 and E250) into dangerous nitrosamines which can be carcenogenic.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The **Arab Emirates** are showing a lot of initiative on the art scene and, following Abu Dhabi's example, Dubai is keen to become a magnet for the international art world especially in Alserkal Avenue where conditions are ideal for galleries and artists. A lot of young people gather here to start building up a collection.

Abu Dhabi is home to a number of museums including the Guggenheim and Louvre with thousands of works by the old European and contemporary Arabian masters.

The Abu Dhabi Art Fair is from 19 to 23 November 2025.

Sheikha Al Nowais (Abu Dhabi): For the first time in its 50-year long history, the Executive Council of UN Tourism has nominated a woman for the post of **Secretary General of UN Tourism**.

Her nomination will be put to the UN Tourism General Assembly for approval and she is due to take up office in January 2026.

Egyptians and Babylonians were **the first to have clock** since they used sun and shade on dials to measure working hours, replicas of which are often found these days as outdoor decorations, especially in gardens.

One of these clocks dating back to 1500BC, with a day divided into twelve sections, was found in the Valley of the Kings. Clocks as we know them were first invented in the 14th century and later improved on by Thomas Tompion (1639–1713). He was an English clockmaker and mechanician who is still regarded as the "Father of English Clockmaking".

Albert Oehlen, a German painter, installation artist and musician, has an exhibition in the Jahn Und Jahn Gallery in Lisbon ending in July 2025. His "drawings" and illustrations are famous for his expressionist brushwork, surrealist methodology and self-conscious amateurism.

Saying of the month

Remember that some of the best times of your life haven't even happened yet.

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

The 95th International F.I.C.C. Rally organised by the **Camping Association of the Republic of China (CAROC)** was held from 25 April to 4 May 2025 at the International Longmen Camping Resort in Fulong, New Taipei City/Taiwan.

The Camping and Caravanning Club won the F.I.C.C. Challenge Trophy.

This is based on the highest number of Rally participants (individuals) of a club or federation at the Rally multiplied by the official kilometrage by air from the main airport nearest to the headquarters of each club or federation to the main airport nearest to the Rally site to which is added the kilometrage by road from this airport to the Rally.

And the Organisers' Prize was awarded to:

Category I ACTItalia (IT) *Federations or clubs with 1 to 10,000 members*

Category II FCMP (PT) *Federations or clubs with 10,001 to 25,000 members*

Category III Deutscher Camping Club (DE) *Federations or clubs with more than 25,001 members*

Here are a few snapshots taken during the Rally




台北之夜 TAIPEI CITY NIGHT






中華民國露營
50週年慶生會
Celebration of the 5
nniversary of CAROC


2025台北露營國際論壇









The Deutscher Camping Club has confirmed Mr. Dieter ALBERT in the office of President along with Udo Hunstiege and Uwe Hoffart as Vice-Presidents.

Joaquim CARVALHO has been confirmed in the office of President of CDP/Portugal.

F.I.C.C. Youth Commission has had a new Chairwoman and a new Vice-Chairman since Easter, both of whom have enthusiastically taken up their new positions.




Eliane SANTOS and Peerke LINNARTZ

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 (from ! to 11 October)

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 Berne

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