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74th F.I.C.C. Youth Rally in

Medina-Sidonia, Cádiz – Andalucía/Spain

1st to 6th April 2026

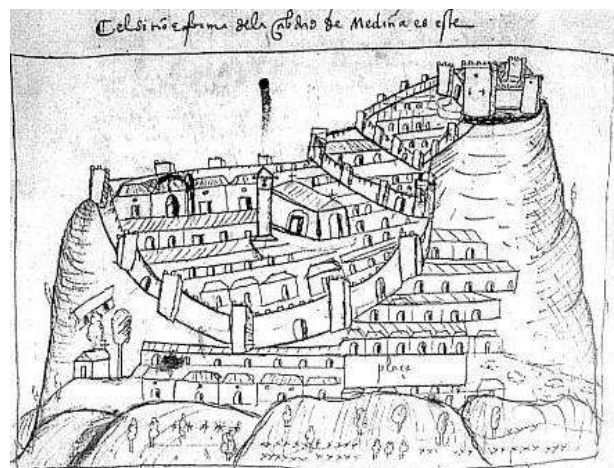
Organisation: Federación Española de Clubes Campistas | Clube Aire Libre Cádiz

Information details will be made available shortly



This small 3,000 year-old town lies in the Province of Cadiz in Andalucia/Southern Spain.

It has been described as one of the oldest towns in Europe and was a military stronghold owing to its position.



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

Dates: 26th June to 5th July 2026

Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/Southern Germany

Organised by Deutscher Camping Club e.V.



Full information and booking forms

www.ficcrallye-2026.com



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

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

Organised by CRVC



Guizhou Province



Chishui



Chishui Waterfall



Foguang Rock

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

IN NITRA/SLOVAKIA

Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu

from 26th June to 5th July



Information available on www.ficcrally2027.sk

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The five “R’s” of sustainability

Refuse, Reduce, Re-use, Re-purpose and Recycle – these five “r’s” relating to sustainability mean that I:

- **refuse** any unnecessary products
- **reduce** my use of the world’s resources
- **re-use** existing goods
- **re-purpose** items
- **recycle** or dispose of waste and raw materials properly

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Germany: New registrations of leisure vehicles in Germany showed a rather mixed picture in July 2025. Registrations relating to change of ownership were up (over 4.7% for motorcaravans and over 2.7% for caravans) whereas there was a decline in registrations of new vehicles (down 4.6% for motorcaravans and minus 9.8% for caravans).

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Belgium: The motorcaravan parking area in Ath is open for business. It is on the Flobecq road in Ath and can accommodate 15 recreational vehicles. (Price: 13€/24 hrs). There is access to water and electricity as well as emptying facilities, but there are no showers. The site is safe and is only a few minutes' walk from the town centre.

Source: Le bivouac A.C.C.A.W.

There are also four motorcaravan parking areas that have been upgraded in Hamme, East Flanders. There is no charge but you may only stay for 24 hours maximum. There are no sanitary amenities and no electricity or water supply (on the wish list!). Hamme town centre is easily accessible on foot.

Source: Kampeertoerist (VKCF/VKT)

Belgians are everyone's favourite camping neighbours in Europe

At least this is what has come out of a European camping survey launched by the camper sharing platform Goboony. Belgians respect their camping neighbours' right to privacy. Almost one half (44%) would never invite fellow campers to have a meal together, and if they do, then usually it is after meeting three times.

Over half of them consider Generation Z to be the least pleasant neighbours because of the noise they make and their general lack of respect for peace and quiet, while Generation X and millennials score very well as desirable neighbours. Whereas the Dutch travel without any appliances, the Belgians really miss having a good oven (43.5%). The second appliance that they really miss is a coffee machine – for nearly half of them, the first cup of coffee outside in the fresh air is the high point of the day.

Belgian campers say of themselves: "Perhaps we aren't great party animals but we are experts when it comes to enjoying and respecting tranquillity, space and life's many special little moments so it's hardly surprising that everyone is happy to have us as neighbours."

Source: Onder de Luifel (VKCF/VKT)

Practical tips – for campers too

If you are going away on a camping trip for a few days and don't want your **house plants** to dry out try covering the soil with moss and give it a good soaking.

The soil will stay damp and there will be lots more flowers for you to enjoy.

Campers can get **corns and calloused skin** too! Mix together some puréed onion, lemon juice and a little salt, apply to hard skin and leave overnight. (Repeat the process for a few nights). This will soften the calloused skin that you can remove using a damp pumice stone, for example. Bathing your feet in warm water with camomile will also soften hard skin.

If you park your **caravan** outside your house in such a way that thieves cannot access the front end, they will be unable to remove it on a trailer or tow it away.

Source: Reader tip in Kampeerauto NCC/NL

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Caution: Overloading an **e-bike** is dangerous because it will wobble and swerve making it difficult to balance and the braking distance becomes very much longer. Moreover a badly laden bike may cause you to fall and a heavy load can make the battery overheat.

The standard weight for an ordinary e-bike is 120 kg (rider, bike, backpack).

There are now XXL e-bikes for large, or overweight riders that can take up to 170 kg.

Health

Two little words “**thank you**” make people happy. People who say thank you a lot are generally happy people because a nice response expressing pleasure at receiving a gift, promotes well-being and strengthens social relationships. Studies reveal that, irrespective of their age, thankful people suffer less from high blood pressure, sleep disorders and depression.

Acupuncture can help after **prostate surgery or radiotherapy**. Those are the findings of medical doctors at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the USA where patients received acupuncture treatment for ten weeks and found that it substantially helped relieve discomfort (continual urge to urinate, frequent trips to the toilet).

If you suffer from **bleeding gums**, try drinking “green tea” because it has anti-inflammatory properties. According to a Japanese study, just drinking one cup a day should improve periodontitis and gum discomfort.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Trans-Canada Highway: Masterpiece of road engineering.

The Trans-Canada Highway winds its way for 8,030 km from east to west across North America.

It was officially deemed practicable in 1962, but was only tarmacked piecemeal over the years until 1971 and subsequently sections became interchange-free four-lane freeways. This record-breaking highway is a masterpiece of road engineering and invites travellers to discover Canada's breathtaking scenery. Passengers need to have their cameras at the ready because there are indescribably beautiful views round every corner.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/CCA/AT)



The **highest flying carousel tower ride in the world** is in the Allgäu Skyline Park in Bad Wörishofen/Germany. The “Allgäuflyer” (Allgäuflyer) whizzes people up to a height of 110m, seated in chairs spinning at 50km/h i.e. 11 revolutions/minute.

Trondheim/Norway has opened a new PoMo Museum dedicated to modern and contemporary art.

EUROPALIA 2025/2026 Spain

From 8 October 2025 to 1 February 2026, in Belgium



Francisco José de Goya y Lucientes

This autumn EUROPALIA is celebrating its 30th edition with a big Spanish biennial.

Exactly 40 years after its first edition in 1985, EUROPALIA ESPAÑA is presenting a multidisciplinary programme from 8 October 2025 to 1 February 2026, that combines cultural heritage and contemporary art forms. It offers fascinating perspectives on themes that bind us together and challenge us. With Francisco de Goya as the central attraction and source of inspiration, the festival explores Spain's rich cultural heritage through the visual arts, architecture, theatre, dance, music, performance, film and literature. All told, EUROPALIA ESPAÑA covers no fewer than 100 events with over 170 artists.

Saying of the month

A little hug can dry big tears

A little candle can light the darkness

Little memories can last for years

It's the little things in life that bring the greatest happiness

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



We welcome a new F.I.C.C. member from Malaysia: SABAH CAMPING CARAVAN ASSOCIATION (Persatuan Perkhemahan Dan Karavan Sabah (PPKS)).

We are looking forward to working closely with this federation that is now also a member of the F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Commission.



Camping in Malaysia

UKH/Croatia has a new President

On 23 September 2025, Mr. Dario MAROSI was elected as the new President of the Croatian Camping Federation UKH. His mandate is for four years.

We wish Mr. Marosi every success in his various projects and thank the outgoing President, Mr. Horvat, for the excellent working relationship we had with him.

UKKF/Turkey also has a new President

Ulusal Kamp ve Karavan Federasyonu has also voted in a new President. Mr. Mert OKKAOGLU is now in charge of the Federation. We send him our congratulations and very best wishes in all of his undertakings.



MTP (Polish Caravan Salon) took place from 2 to 5 October 2025 in Poznań during which **Polski Związek Motorowy** organised a caravanning rally “Przytanek targi” for those of its camping members who were attending this important camping salon.

F.I.C.C. granted its patronage to the event which F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira was invited to attend as a guest.



The DCC Rally promotion booth in Poznan

Our intern Mélodie Vergouts received her Master's degree in 'Lettres, Traduction & Communication' (Free University of Brussels) on 10 October. The ceremony took place at the town hall on the Grand Place in Brussels.



Congratulations



UN Tourism Celebrates World Tourism Day 2025 in Melaka, Malaysia: A Milestone for Sustainable Transformation

Melaka, Malaysia, 27 September 2025 - UN Tourism celebrated World Tourism Day 2025 in the historic city of Melaka, Malaysia, under the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation." This global Day of Recognition for the sector and its vital importance marked a pivotal moment in advancing tourism as a catalyst for positive change, resilience, and sustainable development worldwide.

The celebrations, hosted with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, brought together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and local communities to share innovative ideas and chart

a sustainable future for the tourism sector. The celebrations aligned with the 7th edition of the World Tourism Conference (WTC), showcasing Malaysia's rich cultural heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and commitment to sustainable tourism.

A Global Call for Sustainable Action

This year's theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," underscored tourism's potential to drive social progress, economic growth, and environmental stewardship. The event highlighted the need for good governance, strategic planning, and inclusive policies to ensure tourism benefits all while preserving cultural and natural heritage. Malaysia's Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, H.E. Dato Sri Tiong King Sing, welcomed participants from around the world to Melaka at the opening of World Tourism Day 2025 and the 7th World Tourism Conference. In his official message, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres emphasized, "Tourism is a powerful driver of transformation. It creates jobs, fuels local economies, and builds bridges across cultures. Yet, it must be sustainable to protect the very places and communities it celebrates. Let's harness tourism as a force for resilience, sustainability, and shared progress."

UN Tourism Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili added, "World Tourism Day 2025 in Melaka has shown the world that tourism can be a force for good when guided by sustainability and inclusivity. By working together, we can transform tourism into a tool for empowerment, cultural preservation, and environmental protection."

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Highlights of World Tourism Day 2025

Affirming this commitment, the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Yusof, on behalf of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, today officiated the opening of World Tourism Day 2025 and the 7th World Tourism Conference in Melaka.

Highlighting tourism's role as a unifying force, the Deputy Prime Minister stressed that growth must be inclusive and resilient, underpinned by sustainability, innovation, and global cooperation. He outlined Malaysia's initiatives – from expanding high-value tourism segments and digital nomad hubs, to investments in sustainable aviation fuel and community-led ecotourism – as examples of balancing economic progress with social and environmental responsibility. He also announced that Malaysia will join the UN Tourism International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO) with a pilot project in Mersing, Johor.

The celebrations in Melaka featured a series of activities, including high-level panel discussions and cultural showcases focused on sustainable tourism practices and innovative strategies geared towards the resilience of the tourism industry. The focus was placed on building sustainable transformation through:

- **Investing in Education and Skills:** Programmes to empower women, youth, and marginalized communities through tourism-related training and employment opportunities.

- **Accelerating innovation and digital transformation:** Identifying tourism game-changers, including entrepreneurs, innovators and start-ups and supporting them to transform ideas into action and scale-up. Investing in digital education and closing the 'digital gap' through empowering rural communities, youth and post-conflict societies.
 - **Supporting Local Economies:** Promoting micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises to ensure tourism benefits reach local communities.
- Cultural Exchange:** Showcasing Malaysia's vibrant heritage through performances, culinary experiences, and exhibitions, reinforcing tourism's role in preserving traditions.



AUTUMN

Woods glow with colour
Stubble fields are yellow
Autumn is here.
Red leaves are falling
Grey mists are drifting
Winds get colder at this time of year.

Vine trellises bulging
With large purple bunches
Of juicy fat grapes,

And peaches still ripen
On parapets striped red and white.

Lithe bearers are skipping,
And maidens are singing,
All are excited and cheering !
While up in the vines
Straw hats are emerging
Adorned with bright flutt'ring ribbons.

As the dusk sky turns red
Flutes and fiddles are heard,
Once the moon has come up
Young grapepickers beckon:
Let the harvest fiesta begin !

Johann Gaudenz Freiherr von Salis-Seewis (1762-1834) Swiss poet

Franz Schubert took this poem by Johann Freidrich Reichardt and set it to music in 1816

EXHIBITIONS

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

Belgium: Mobicar, 8 to 11 October 2026, in Brussels

China: All in Caravanning (AIC), 15 -17 May 2026, in Beijing

Finland: Caravan Fair, 16 - 18 January 2026, in Helsinki

Germany: Caravan Messe, 31 October - 3 November 2025, in Erfurt



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

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

CMT, 17 - 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart

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

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

Great Britain: The Motorhome & Caravan Show, 14 – 19 October 2025, in Birmingham

Hungary: Caravan Salon, 19 – 22 February 2026, in Budapest

Italy: Salone del Camper EOS, 28 – 30 March 2026, in Parma

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

Caravana, 28 January – 01 February 2026, in Leeuwarden

Poland: Camper & Caravan Show, 20 – 22 March 2026, in Warsaw

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon in October 2025, in Bern

Turkey: Karavanist, 10 – 18 January 2026, in Istanbul

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