NEWSLETTER

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

Medina-Sidonia, Cádiz – Andalusia/Spain

1 to 6 April 2026

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

Detailed information available shortly

The F.I.C.C. 74th International Youth Rally 2026 will take place from 1 to 6 April 2026 in Spain, more precisely in **Medina Sidónia, Cádiz.**

This event is normally intended for young people, but this time **everyone is welcome**. The idea is to bring together participants from different countries in a relaxed atmosphere of social interaction, exchange and interesting encounters, while experiencing and discovering the special historical heritage of the region.

Medina Sidónia is one of the oldest settlements in Europe, which was already of great importance in Roman times and still attracts many visitors today thanks to its unique character, landscape and deep connection to history.

The event takes place in a strategically well located spot in Andalusia, making it possible to visit nearby cities such as Seville, Cádiz and Jerez de la Frontera, all of which are characterised by their joye of life, tradition and identity.

This F.I.C.C. Youth Rally is an experience where you can really get to know the place, meet people and create lasting memories.

Preliminary progamme

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

From 9:00, participant registration with distribution of bags and credentials.

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

From 9:00, participant registration with distribution of bags and credentials.

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 Excursion 2: *Entreramas* (children 6-18 years old).

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

11:00 Games, matches, etc.

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

From 9:00 reception of young international participants with distribution of bags and credentials.

11:00 Games, matches, etc.

18:30 Information on the different competitions – Football and Volleyball.

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 Start of the transfer by Municipal Buses (free) to the town center for the parade.

10:00 Parade in regional costumes (Arco de la Pastora towards the Town Hall).

12:00 Opening of the 66th FECC National Rally, together with the authorities (Town Hall Square).

13:30 Start of the return trip by municipal buses to the campsite.

14:30 Wine and ham tasting offered by the Organization.

14:30 Lunch provided by the Organizing Club.

21:00 Music on the FICC stage/tent.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 Sports activities – Football and Volleyball

11:00 Big children's party.

15:30 Excursion 6: Go-Kart Circuit (extra payment).

15:30 Excursion 7: FICC Medina Sidonia. Duration: 2 hours - 3 shifts of 35 people per shift at 16:00, 16:30, and 17:00.

21:00 74th FICC Youth Rally Parade and Opening Ceremony.

21:30 Costume dance and music in the FECC tent/hall. Chirigota performance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 Excursion 8: Cádiz. Return 19:00 (FICC Exclusive and FECC extra payment)

20:30 Trophy presentation for the different competitions and others in the FECC tent/hall.

21:00 Super DJ concert on the FICC stage/tent.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:30 Meeting of International and National Delegates.

13:00 Lunch offered by the Organizing Club.

21:00 Closing of the 74th FICC Youth Rally.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

12:00 Farewell to participants and closing of the rally site.

Detailed information https://ficc.org/en/activities/74th-ficc-international-youth-rally-2026/

96TH INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY

Dates: 26 June to 5 July 2026

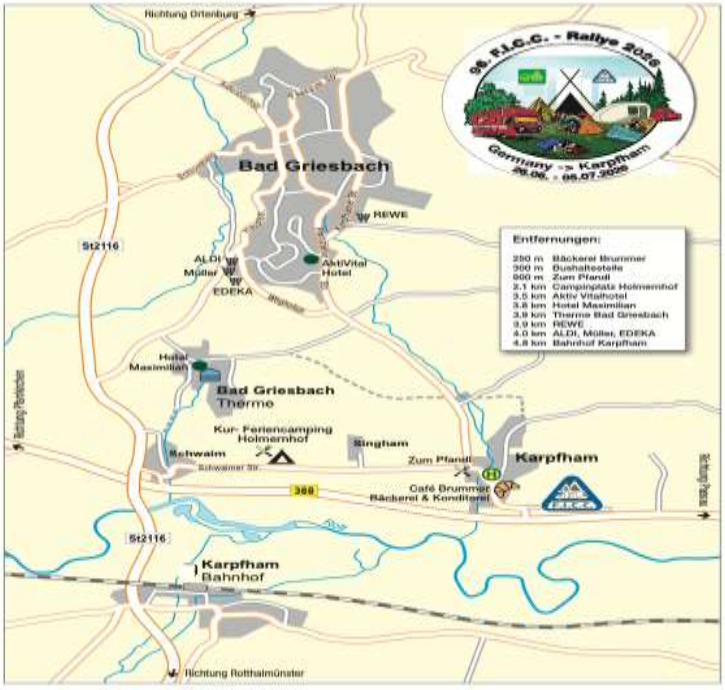
Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/Southern Germany

Organised by Deutscher Camping Club e.V.

All information, booking forms and programme on

www.ficcrallye-2026.com

Due date for inscriptions April 30, 2026



Dear camping enthusiasts,

Are you ready for a real adventure in 2026? The 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally will kick off on 26 June in Bayerisch Karpfham, and we can't wait to have you all there!

Have you registered yet? If not, take a look at our rally website and see for yourself that it's definitely worth the trip. We're sure you'll have a fantastic time! Our team has put a lot of work into creating a programme that will inspire you.

Take a look at www.ficcrallye-2026.com. You'll also find the registration form there. We would like to inform you of a change to the schedule today: the FICC General Assembly will take place on 30 June 2026 and not, as previously announced, on 1 July 2026.

Because we want your journey to be as relaxed as possible, we have negotiated special prices for rally participants with a few campsites. This means you can stay there before or after the rally at a fixed special price – with no hidden fees! The special price of €30 per unit applies to the following sites:

- DCC Campingpark Kehl-Strassburg; www.campingpark-kehl.de
- DCC Seecamping Dinkelsbühl; www.campingplatz-dinkelsbuehl.de
- Camping CC Ludwigsburg; www.cc-ludwigsburg.de
- Camping Rangau; www.camping-rangau.de
- Leutesdorf campsite; www.camping-leutesdorf.de

Knaus Campingpark also offers affordable accommodation throughout Germany. Please check their website for prices (www.knauscamp.de).

The following applies to all campsites: Please be sure to book in advance and when making your reservation,

By the way: If you want to see more of Germany, we have organised an exciting ‘post-rally’ trip on request! Click here for details:

- From 5 July to 15 July, our post-rally trip will take us to the Black Forest

Our tourism consultant Uwe Gönnenwein has put together a wonderful programme for us. You can find the itinerary in the attachment. The price for single travellers is €1,260, and €1,950 for a unit with two people.

So we are ready for the 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally

With warm regards

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the German Camping Club (DCC)

Deutscher Camping-Club e. V.

Caravan- Reisemobil- und Zeltsportverband

Price:

solo driver: € 1.260,-
unit with 2 Pers. € 1.950,-

Schedule for the post-rally FICC 2026 Karpfham Rally

5 July 2026 Sunday	**- Arrival in Dinkelsbühl**		**approx. 330 km**
	17:30	Dinner at the restaurant on site	
6 July 2026 Monday	**10:00 a.m.**	**Departure for Nuremberg**	**approx. 80 km**
	11:00 a.m.	Tour of the old town	
	12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
	02:00 p.m.	Free time	
	04:00 p.m.	Return to Dinkelsbühl	
7 July 2026 Tuesday	**10:00 a.m.**	**Departure for Rottenburg o.T.**	**approx. 200 km**
	11:00 a.m.	City tour	
	12:30 p.m.	Free time	
	03:00 p.m.	Return to Dinkelsbühl	
08.07.2026 Wednesday	**- Journey to Buchhorn**		**approx. 75 km**
	06:00 p.m.	Wine tasting with the former Württemberg Wine Queen Tamara Elbel Hohenlohe snack platter	
09 July 2026 Thursday			
	10:00 a.m.	Departure for Öhringen in carpools Guided tour of Öhringen Return trip at your leisure	
10 July 2026 Friday	**10:00 a.m.**	**Departure for Neuenstein in carpools** Castle of the Princes of Hohenlohe	
11 July 2026 Saturday	**- Arrival in Kehl**		
	06:00 p.m.	Dinner at the Platzrestaurant	
12 July 2026 Sunday	**Day of rest**		
13 July 2026 Monday	**08:00 a.m.**	**Bus tour of the Black Forest**	
	10:00 a.m.	Tour of the Rothaus brewery Followed by lunch at the brewery restaurant	
	02:30 p.m.	Trip to Lake Titisee, followed by free time	
	05:00 p.m.	Return to campsite	
14 July 2026 Tuesday	**10:00 a.m.**	**Bus trip to Strasbourg**	
	02:15 p.m.	Boat trip on the ILL	
	05:00 p.m.	Return trip to campsite	
15 July 2026 Wednesday	**09:00 a.m.**	**Breakfast together**	
	10:00 a.m.	Farewell	

Subject to change!

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

Dates:18 to 26 September/Guizhou-Province

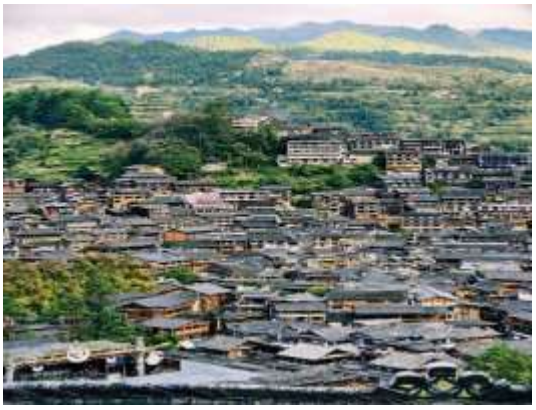
Organised by CRVC

The rally will be held at the very popular Sancha River Camp Site, Zhenfeng County, Guizhou Province. It is fully equipped with tourist amenities and the surrounding countryside is beautiful with hills and lakes, rivers and forests.

The nearest airports are Longdongbao Airport and Xingyi Airport.

Rally-goers will find an interesting and varied entertainment programme and excursions.

The rally registration fee is 150.00€ which includes conference material, transfers to the airport, dinners accompanying the opening and closing ceremonies, the entertainment programme and the two excursions withinin Zhenfeng County.



More informations shortly

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

in NITRA/ SLOVAKIA

Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu

26th June to 5th July 2027

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Germany: 18.7 million overnight stays in July and August meant another record-breaking summer season on German campsites.

The growth in the various federal states was as follows: North Rhine-Westphalia topped the list once more with an increase of 13.29%, followed by Saarland (+13.24%) and Hamburg (+12.31%).

Rhineland-Palatinate (+5.65%), Lower Saxony (+4.60%) and Hesse (+4.18%) all welcomed more campers in 2025. The biggest drop was in Berlin (-16.84%) followed by Saxony-Anhalt (-5.31%) and Bavaria (-3.86%), which, among other things, could have been caused by regional weather conditions and the high number of bookings registered the previous year.

Source: Camping.info

Netherlands: The very first toll motorway in the Netherlands has been in operation to the west of Rotterdam for a year now. This 4.2 km stretch links the A20 at Vlaardingen with the A15 at Rozenburg. Private cars, vans and motorbikes pay 1.51€ per journey up to 3.5 tonnes, electric vehicles up to 4.25 tonnes. The toll for HGVs and all heavy vehicles is 9.13€.

There is no extra charge for trailers and caravans. Signs indicate that the stretch ahead is subject to toll payments so that drivers have the time to find an alternative toll-free route. From 1 January 2026 toll charges will be inflation adjusted annually.

One can pay the toll seven days in advance and up to 72 hours beforehand by logging on to the website of the electronic toll system, e-tol.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Driving your caravan in winter

For greater safety: People who feel they cannot live through the winter without their caravan should make sure they are well prepared. Driving with a trailer requires heightened attention in any case, but wintery conditions on the roads clearly make extra demands on the driver and his outfit. So it is vital to take precautionary measures, understand key issues and rigorously apply them.

The right tyres

It is certainly recommended not to drive one's caravan on summer tyres in the winter. The best tyres are all season tyres with the M+S (mud and snow) mark, or better still fit special winter tyres. These ensure better stability, better road-holding on bends and therefore safer handling generally on flat, snowy or icy roads.

Whatever tyres you have, you should regularly check the tread and tyre pressure. Look out for irregular wear or cracks especially if you do decide to continue using summer tyres.

Adapt your style of driving to prevailing weather conditions

When towing a caravan in winter, caution is the byword! Rapidly changing weather, sudden banks of fog, slippery roads and snow flurries all require your maximum concentration. Always accelerate gently and avoid abrupt steering movements. Maintain a longer safety distance from the vehicle in front, look ahead and adapt your speed to the prevailing road conditions. Adopting a calm driving style will avoid dangerous situations for you and others and don't forget that your outfit behaves more sluggishly in ice and snow and is less predictable than usual.

Rust and frost**: check your brake cables**

The braking system suffers a lot in winter if moisture affects the Bowden cables and they freeze up. Hang the Bowden cables up in the middle as high as possible so that water cannot accumulate. Modern long-life Bowden cables are ideal as moisture does not accumulate.

The appearance of white rust on your outfit's galvanized chassis parts is inevitable thanks to the damp and salt but will not cause fundamental damage. Simply wash the salt off with water and clean off affected areas with a brush once your winter driving is over.

Braking distance: Take the extra distance into account

In snowy conditions a towing vehicle‘s braking distance can increase fourfold – and added to that is the weight of the trailer. Therefore it is better to err on the side of caution when calculating speed and distance. Modern trailers have a so-called overrun brake. Make sure that the caravan’s braking system is regularly serviced and adjusted. Self-adjusting brakes are helpful because they automatically adjust and work out the service life of a wheel brake and ensure a brake’s optimum performance. The braking distance is thus reduced by up to five meters – in winter that is a definite safety feature.

Greater stability: The right trailer coupling

Only if winter tyres on trailers are not mandatory is it worth investing in more technology for greater stability in one’s outfit. Special anti-snaking couplings are strongly recommended. They actively address the trailer‘s dreaded swaying and snaking problem, using four friction pads to contain the

movement on the trailer coupling. If you suddenly come across a patch of black ice, these couplings definitely give greater control.

But don’t forget you need to protect the trailer coupling with de-icer spray before the first frost of the winter which will ensure that the safety indicators do not seize up. If your outfit is likely to be stationary for a long time, it is worthwhile investing in a water-resistant, breathable protective cover to prevent mechanical parts and indicators from freezing.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Useful tips – for campers too

If a room or enclosed space **smells musty or stale** – simply fill a thin cotton bag (permeable to air) with vanilla pods and hang it up – the air will smell sweet once more!

Orange peel also provides a pleasant aroma. Leave a glass out containing strips of peel and a few cloves - your home will soon take on a pleasant wintery fragrance.

When your **microwave gets** greasy and dirty, clean it by placing a dish of water with a few drops of vinegar in it and heat until steam rises. Wait a while and then wipe out the inside with a cloth.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Trans-African Highway – the road network of the future

This is a project for a road network of some 6,300 km. The plan is for this mega highway to link all the continental states in Africa together at some future date, making cross-border trade and mobility much simpler throughout the African continent.

Source: Arbö/CCA-AT

Health

High blood pressure often results from people not moving enough. We tend to stay sitting down for far too long so it helps if you stand up and move out of your chair for a short time around 25 times a day (especially recommended for people who work in an office). One study found that the diastolic blood pressure reading (the bottom one) reduced by 2.24 mmHg while the systolic level only dropped slightly.

Healthy bones are important and one's bones need 1000mg of minerals every day. Research has shown that the trace element silicium (millet/sorghum and oatmeal) boosts the accumulation of calcium in one's body. Vitamins K2 and D3 also contribute to maintaining healthy bones.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The **laziest animal in the world** is not the sloth but the koala that is native to Australia! It needs between 18 and 22 hours sleep every day in order to digest its exclusive diet of tough eucalyptus leaves. Walruses sleep for 19 hours, lions and tigers for 18 to 20 hours and crocodiles 17 hours. The sloth, on the other hand, makes do with just ten hours.

Carl Fabergé's legendary "Winter Egg" has been sold for 26 million euros at auction in London. Made of rock crystal and encrusted with 4,500 diamonds, it used to belong to the family of the Tzar of Russia.

The **coldest place ever in the world** was recorded at the south pole in 1982 (“Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Station”) where the temperature was -82.8°C.

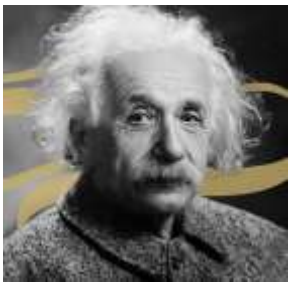
Where does the trade name **Nivea** come from? It stems from the Latin words “nix” or “nivis” for snow, so the name Nivea means snow-white. This cream in a blue tin is a true worldwide classic and was first developed in Hamburg in 1911.

The cathedral **St. Michael and St. Gudule in Brussels** is celebrating its 800th anniversary in the context of the Gudula 2026 Year with special laser shows on 30-31 January and 5, 6, 7 February 2026. Tickets (45.00€) can be bought in advance on-line. The Luminescence Show lasts approx. 45 minutes and is backed by an orchestra and choir.

Motto for 2026

"A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness."

Albert Einstein



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

Formosa Camping and Caravanning Club/Taiwan has elected a new President and it is

Mr. CHENG-YI YU who will be leading the club for the next two years. We wish him every success, much pleasure and great satisfaction in this role.

We would also like to thank Mr. LIN for his friendly and helpful collaboration in recent years.

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 9 November 2025 - Shaikha Al Nowais has been confirmed as the new Secretary-General of UN Tourism. Meeting in Riyadh, the Organization's General Assembly formally ratified her nomination and showed their strong support.

Ms. Al Nowais will be the first woman to lead the United Nations Specialised Agency for tourism in its 50-year history. She will begin her term at the start of 2026, having gained significant experience in the private sector, most notably as Corporate Vice President at Rotana Hotels. She also chairs the Abu Dhabi Chamber's Tourism Working Group and on the boards of the Abu Dhabi Businesswomen Council and Les Roches Hospitality Academy.

Addressing the Assembly, the Secretary-General-elect said: "This is a triumph for all of us. It is a shared moment that reflects our collective vision for a stronger, more connected, and more compassionate world of tourism. Together, we represent the hopes of millions whose lives are touched by this sector. Together, we carry the belief that tourism, at its best, can uplift nations and unite humanity." Looking ahead, to her mandate, she outlined five core priorities: "Responsible tourism, capacity building, technology for good, innovative financing, and smart governance — each designed to make our sector more inclusive, resilient, and human."

F.I.C.C. President João Alves Pereira participating in this conference

OUR CONGRATULATIONS GO TO

Amici Siculy in Libertà	5 Jahre/years/ans
Bulgarian Association for Camping and Caravanning	15 Jahre/years/ans
Nationwide Association of Automotive Tourism & Caravanning	15 Jahre/years/ans
Caravan Club Slovenjia	25 Jahre/years/ans
Udruga Kampista Hrvatske	30 Jahre/years/ans
Unione Club Amici	30 Jahre/years/ans
Formosa Camping & Caravanning Club	35 Jahre/years/ans
Camping- und Caravaning Club Austria	50 Jahre/years/ans
Irish Federation of Camping, Caravanning & Motor-Caravanning	55 Jahre/years/ans
Turkiye Kamp ve Karavan Dernegi	60 Jahre/years/ans

Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Campeurs ASBL	75 Jahre/years/ans
Österreichischer Camping Club	75 Jahre/years/ans
Deutscher Camping Club e.V.	80 Jahre/years/ans
Auto-Moto Association of Serbia	105 Jahre/years/ans
The Camping & Caravanning Club (GB)	125 Jahre/years/ans

Saying of the Month

You get used to everything eventually…

To being strong…

To being alone…

To being strong alone

EXHIBITIONS

Australia: Caravan Camping Holiday, 28 April to 3 May 2026, in Sydney

Austria: Urlaub und Ausflug (Holiday and Travel), 27 - 29 March 2026, in Wels

Freizeitmesse, 10 - 12 April 2026, in Klagenfurt

Caravan Salon Austria, October 2026, in Wels

Belgium: Motorhome Salon, 28 February to 1 March 2026, in Antwerp

Belgium Auto Show, 21 – 22 March 2026, in Brussels

Mobicar, 8 - 11 October 2026, in Brussels

Canada: Camping RV Show, 26 February to 1 March 2026, in Toronto

Salon du VR, 5 – 8 March 2026, in Montreal

China: RV & Camping Exhibition, 19 - 22 March 2026, in Beijing

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

Czech Republic: Caravan, 20 - 22 March 2026, in Prague

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

France: Salon des véhicules de loisir, 26 September to 4 October 2026

Le Camper, 24 - 26 April 2026, in Brissac-Quincé

Germany: CMT, 17- 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart

Reise & Camping, 25 February to 1 March 2026, in Essen

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

Caravan Salon, 28 August to 6 September 2026, in Düsseldorf

Great Britain: Holiday Home Show, 5 - 8 February 2026, in Glasgow

Caravan & Motorhome Show, 15 - 18 January 2026, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show, 17 – 22 February 2026, in Birmingham

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

Ireland : Holiday World Show, 23 - 25 January 2026, in Dublin

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

Fit your Camper, 10 - 12 April 2026, in Bologna

Netherlands: Caravana, 28 January to 1 February 2026, in Leeuwarden

Northern Ireland: Belfast Holiday World Show, 9 - 11 January 2026, in Belfast

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

Camper Caravan Show, 24 - 26 April 2026, in Nadarzyn

Romania: Caravan Motorhome & Adventure, 2 - 5 April 2026, in Bucharest

Slovakia: Caravan Bike Travel, 27 February to 1 March 2026, in Nitra

Slovenia: Alpe Adria Fair, 4 - 7 February 2026, in Ljubljana

South Africa: Caravan Show, 27 February to 1 March 2026, in Gauteng

Spain: FITUR, 21 - 25 January 2026, in Madrid

Sweden: Husvagn-Husbil, 5 - 8 March 2026, in Stockholm

Switzerland: Caravan Salon 22 - 25 October 2026, in Berne

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

USA: RV Show, 9 -11 & 16 - 18 January 2026, in Pittsburgh

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