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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



Further information on <https://ficc.org/de/activities/74-internationale-ficc-jugendrallye-2026/>

<https://ficc.org/fr/activities/74e-rallye-international-des-jeunes-de-la-ficc-2026/>

<https://ficc.org/en/activities/74th-ficc-international-youth-rally-2026/>

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Booking deadline: 10 March 2026



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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

Booking deadline: 30 April 2026

Thanks to strong interest in the 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Karpfham/Southern Germany and the Post-Rally South, the Deutscher Camping Club has organised a second Post-Rally to the north.

Full information on

<https://www.ficcrallye-2026.com/news/>



Programme for the Post-Rally North FICC 2026 Karpfham:

5 July 2026	10:00 am	Departure for Dinkelsbühl approx. 330 km
Sunday	2:00 pm	Arrival at DCC Seecamping Dinkelsbühl
	6:00 pm	Guided tour of the town, dinner in the old town, walk back to the campsite.
6 July 2026	9:30 am	Bus transfer to Würzburg
Monday	11:00 am	Guided tour of the city
	1:00 pm	Lunch
	2:00 pm	Free time
	4:00 pm	Bus transfer back to Dinkelsbühl
7 July 2026	9:30 am	Bus transfer to a winery
Tuesday	11:00 am	Visit to the Hans Wirsching winery, winetasting, snack, shopping opportunity
	2:30 pm	Bus transfer to Schlüßelfeld, Morelo factory visit
	5:30pm	Departure by bus back to Seecamping Dinkelsbühl
8 July 2026	9:00 am	Departure for Kassel camping and motorhome site
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Arrival in Kassel
	3:00 pm	Visit the city centre on foot, by bike or by car
	6:00 pm	Dinner in Kassel
9 July 2026	9:00 am	Departure for Berlin



Thursday	3:00 pm	Arrival at DCC Camping Kladow Free time
10 July 2026	9:30 am	Bus transfer to Berlin
Friday	10:30 am	City tour by bus
	12:30 pm	Free time to explore Berlin
	4:00 pm	Bus transfer back to the campsite
11 July 2026	9:30 am	Bus transfer to Potsdam
Saturday	10:30 am	Arrival at Sanssouci Palace - tour
	1:00 pm	Lunch
	3:00 pm	Tour of Potsdam
	5:00 pm	Bus transfer back to campsite
12 July 2026	8:30 am	Breakfast together
Sunday	9:00 am	Farewell
	9:30 am	Departure for Scandinavia/Poland/Benelux End of the Post Rally.

Price:

Single driver: € 1,300.-

Unit for 2 people: € 2,400.-

97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 at Sancha River Campsite Zhenfeng County/ Guizhou-Province

Date: 17 to 26 September /

Organised by CRVC



Guizhou is a mountainous province in southwestern China, known for its traditional villages inhabited by ethnic minorities such as the Miao and Dong. It is also famous for the 74-metre-high Huangguoshu Waterfalls. Nearby is the Dragon Palace Cave, an extensive underground system with navigable waterways. The huge caves of Zhijin Cave are home to karst formations. Outside the capital Guiyang lie the 14th-century fortress and town of Qingyan.

Capital: Guiyang

Area: 176,167 km²

GDP (2019) : 1,676,934 million yen

GDP per capita : 43,487 yen (25th)

Population : 38,562,148 (2020)

Source: Google





Venue

Zhenfeng Sanchahe Tourist Scenic Area is a national 4A-level tourist attraction and also an important part of the provincial-level tourist resort (Zhenfeng Nakong Health and Wellness Tourist Resort). It is located in Zexiang Town, Zhenfeng County, Qianxinan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province. It is named after the confluence of the Nakong River, Pozha River and Namu River. The scenic area is 16 kilometers away from Zhenfeng County. It is located in the transitional stage from the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau to the Guangxi Basin, between the two national 5A-level tourist attractions, Huangguoshu and Wanfenglin, at an altitude of about 1,200 meters. The scenic area is surrounded by lake shores and lush forests. Wherever you go, you can experience the poetic scene of "the lake is a painting and the painting is a bend of the lake."

Relying on the natural landscape of plateau and hilly mountains and waters and the unique ethnic minority customs, the scenic area has created numerous scenic spots such as the Sancha Lake water area, the Sancha River International Camping Base, the Namu River Scenic Bridge, the "Tiger character cliff carvings group, and the Nakong Buyi Ancient Village. Centering on the themes of sightseeing, sports, leisure and health care, six core areas have been built, namely the Sanchahe Sightseeing Area, Tent Camping Area, Vacation Accommodation Area, Leisure and Entertainment Area, self-driving camping Area and Outdoor sports tourism Area. It is also equipped with formats such as RVS, yurts and tents go-karts, cycling, football fields, badminton courts, roller skating, rock climbing, lakeside sightseeing and fitness trails and glass Bridges.

The scenic spot has been awarded as a national 4A-level tourist attraction, provincial tourist resort, national 4C-level self-drive RV camp, national car self-driving sports camp, China's health and Elderly Care industry demonstration base, national water Conservancy Scenic Spot, Guizhou Province's Big Health and Medicine Industry demonstration base, Guizhou Province's Top ten health and health resort tourism base, Guizhou Province Ecological Sports Park, Guizhou Province Sports Tourism Base, Guizhou Honorary titles such as model worker(employee) recruitment base.

Cultural and Tourism Resources

The area features a landscape known as the "Representative of Lakeside Karst in Southwest Guizhou." The Sancha River Scenic Area is characterized by "one lake connecting three islands, and four waterways winding through mountains," boasting a complete wetland ecosystem ideal for lakeside camping, water-based leisure activities, and ecological observation.

Adjacent to the National 4A-level scenic spot, the Double Breasts Peak, the unique karst peak forest geological wonder holds both scientific and aesthetic value, serving as a typical example of Guizhou's "mountain + geology" cultural and tourism offerings.

Nearby attractions such as the Double Breasts Peak Scenic Area, Huajiang Canyon Bridge, Beipanjiang Scenic Area, and Nakong Ancient Village have formed an integrated tourism model of "camping + sightseeing + culture." These can be quickly combined into complementary experience

routes for the event, enriching participants' itineraries.

The Zhenfeng Bouyei ethnic group's "March Third" festival culture has been recognized as a national intangible cultural heritage. Through formats such as "intangible cultural heritage exhibitions + interactive experiences" (e.g., Bouyei embroidery workshops, traditional brewing tastings, bamboo pole dance interactions), international participants can gain deeper cultural immersion.

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Surrounding Nakong Ancient Village and Bik Ancient Village, with their well-preserved traditional Bouyei dwellings, can be transformed into "folk experience homestays," achieving a seamless integration of "cultural experiences + accommodation."

Rally dates

- September 18, 2026 – September 26, 2026 (including dates for registration and departure);
- September 26-28, 2026 (Post-conference Tour Day)

Program and Schedule

1. Press Conference for China (Guizhou) 2026bInternational RV & Camping Exhibition & RV Camping Industry Summit Forum September 19.
2. 97th FICC World Camping and Caravanning Meeting, 2026 from September 20 till September 26.
3. Post-rally tour - Southern and Southeastern Guizhou, from 26 till 28 September at the price of **Euro 180.00 per person**

Rally Transportation

1. For guests participating in the Guiyang itinerary
2. For guests traveling directly to the Zhenfeng venue

Rally Accommodation & Catering

Detailed information to follow

Rally Tours (Excursions)

There will be 9 different excursions each one at the price of **Euro 80 per person**

Detailed information to follow

Rally Fees

Participation/Registration fee: **150 Euros** per adult – **70.00 Euros** per teenager (11 to 18 years) – **Children free** (Includes conference materials, complimentary airport transfers, opening and closing ceremony banquets, nightly performances, and complimentary tours within Zhenfeng County)

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

in NITRA/SLOVAKIA

Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu

26th June to 5th July



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Wintertime: Minimise risks

Even without mandatory winter tyres for trailers (caravans), one should never skimp on safety precautions. Winter tyres or all weather tyres, regularly tested technology and careful driving are essential. Anyone who uses technical safety features such as mechanical or electronic sway control and self-adjusting brakes is certainly a more relaxed and safer driver.

Winter tyres

Whenever you drive your outfit or motorcaravan in a foreign country you must inform yourself about its current winter tyre regulations beforehand because these still vary considerably.

Many countries have settled for the compulsory use of winter tyres in specific months i.e. the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Other countries like Germany and Luxembourg and Denmark even (since 1 July 2025), require the use of winter tyres in snow, ice, slush or black ice.

In Austria, the Czech Republic and Sweden it is a combination of regulations: winter tyres are obligatory over a fixed period of time if prevailing weather conditions demand it.

In France and Italy you must carry winter tyres or snow chains on board during a specific period of time as displayed on roadside signs. In the Italian Aosta valley and on the Brenner motorway in Southern Tyrol, seasonal winter tyre requirements vary. In many countries there is no particular obligation even though the use of snow tyres or all season tyres is strongly recommended in the winter months, as is the case in Poland and Belgium.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Maintaining and parking a caravan

Generally speaking one can equally well park a caravan outdoors in winter as under cover in a shelter or garage.

Obviously before overwintering, it needs to be thoroughly cleaned, the fridge emptied (door left open) and food remains removed. Also leave all cupboard and storage locker doors open. Vacuum any crevices and corners. Remove electric plugs from sockets.

Roller blinds can stay rolled up to spare the coil spring.

Remove all valuables and take them home.

Gas bottles must be uncoupled or removed. (Many storage facilities require that gas bottles be removed).

Installing moisture absorbers is strongly recommended. If you have enough room at home (loft/garage etc), remove mattresses and keep them in a dry place for the winter.

Empty the water system completely to avoid bacteria building up. Leave all kitchen and bathroom taps open so that air can circulate in the pipes and tanks.

If you do continue to use your caravan/camper in winter, make sure the water does not freeze in the pipes and tanks when the temperature drops below freezing. It is best to leave the heating on at 5° or 6° to avoid nasty shocks. Anti-freeze can be added to the waste water tank via the shut-off valve!

Do not leave the handbrake on and put the vehicle in neutral, as leaving it in gear could damage the mechanism.

Definitely use wheel chocks to prevent it from rolling backwards or forwards.

The tyre pressure can be increased slightly because tyres can become deformed thanks to the heavy weight they support (however do not increase the pressure more than 0.5 bar).

Batteries must be properly maintained so that they do not oxidise or sulphatise. To avoid that happening they must be recharged regularly. This applies to both living space and starter batteries. It is advisable to recharge living space batteries by plugging them into the mains every three to four weeks, for 24 to 48 hours. As for the starter battery, it is advisable to plug a battery maintainer directly into the battery during idle time.

Many people have solar panels these days which prevent batteries from discharging as they would do normally. Batteries must be fully charged before parking and vehicles must be in a position to receive direct sunlight. Solar panels only really work with living space batteries and starter batteries need to be recharged regularly.

Source: Kampeertoerist (VKCF/VKT)

Practical tips – for campers too

Potato peelings can be very useful. Rub a grubby stainless steel sink with the damp inside of a potato peel, leave it to work a while then rinse off with clear water.

Potato peelings work just as well on a ceramic hob. However do not clean off with water but with a soft cloth and polish up with vinegar.

Even the inside of a thermos flask can be cleaned with potato peel. Put a couple of bits of peel into the flask with warm water and shake well. Leave for 15 minutes and then rinse thoroughly with lots of water.

And leather shoes too can be made to shine again: simply rub the peel over the shoes and wipe over with a cloth.

And finally, cooled down water from boiling potatoes is a vitamin boost for plants.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

National Highway 1: Round the entire coast Down Under (Australia)

Covering a distance of 13,600 km, National Highway 1 is the longest highway in the country, encircling the entire continent along its impressive coastline. It connects the capital cities of all six federal states: Brisbane, Darwin, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. For many tourists and travellers it is the ultimate dream road trip. In the 1990s the country progressively marked up this highway in the federal states as the A1 or the M1 which shows what an important arterial road it is for Australia.

Source: Freie Fahrt Arbö AT

What do you need to do if you hit an animal when driving?

In the event of a pet animal, you must inform the owner if there is some means of identification. If this is not possible, you must report the incident to the police. In general your third party insurance cover will pay the cost of any damage that you caused.

In the event of a wild animal, you must inform the police who will decide whether or not to contact the local game warden. The police must be contacted even if the animal has disappeared because it might be injured. Failure to inform the owner or the police is a punishable offence and can even be considered as cruelty to an animal (on the basis that it might have suffered an injury).

Source: Extract "Auto" ACS/CH

Health

When a **persistent cough** refuses to budge, medicinal herbs e.g. myrtle and eucalyptus can offer a natural remedy. These essential oils help to loosen phlegm and clear congested lungs. In addition they contribute to freeing up the respiratory tract.

For a sore throat try gargling with salt water: put a half teaspoon of cooking salt in a glass of 250ml of warm water. Gargle for two minutes several times a day. Do not swallow the solution!

Ginger tea: Peel a thumb-size piece of fresh ginger and slice thinly. Add 500ml of boiling water, leave for a few minutes to infuse then flavour with honey and lemon juice. Drink several cupfuls throughout the day.

Grandmother's remedy: **a throat compress**

Take a linen or cotton cloth and steep it in warm water, wring out and place it on your throat. Wrap a dry terry towel on top and wind a warm scarf round your neck. Leave in place for 30 minutes – it will relax the muscles, increase the blood flow = ease the sore throat.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Pet cats come to greet their beloved owners too when they arrive home.

They run to meet them, rub against their legs and their tail goes up. They miaow more frequently when a man comes in so as to attract his attention because on the whole men talk to cats much less than women do!

At the end of 2025, a new museum “**Taichung Green Museumbrary**” (museum and library) opened its doors in Taichung, Taiwan’s second largest city. “Interconnecting Worlds” is the theme chosen by the Japanese lady architect for her project.



You will never find chewing gum in Singapore – you aren’t allowed either to import it or sell it.

This Asian metropolis has very strict regulations about cleanliness and dropping rubbish i.e. “disposing” of chewing gum on the street will get you into trouble and cost you a lot of money.

However they do allow chewing gum for medicinal purposes on prescription that is only available in pharmacies.



Snowflakes

Snowflakes spill from heaven's hand
Lovely and chaste like smooth white sand,
A veil of wonder laced in light
Falling gently on a winter's night.

Graceful beauty raining down
Giving magic to the lifeless ground.
Each snowflake like a falling star
Smiling beauty that's spun afar.

Till earth is dressed in a robe of white
Unspoken poem the hush of night.

From "Only Short Poems" by Linda A. Copp, contemporary American poet

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



We wish all our Chinese and Taiwanese members and friends

A healthy and happy New Year in the Year of the Horse

Polska Federacja Campingu I Carwaningu/Poland has a new President.

He is **Jacek Kodym** and takes over from Michal Szeftel, who headed up the Federation for many years and organised a number of international F.I.C.C. rallies.

We thank Mr. Szeftel for his commitment and look forward to positive outcomes and interesting times working with Mr. Kodym.



The F.I.C.C. has assumed patronage of the Caravan Bike Travel 2026 exhibition in Nitra, Slovakia, which will be officially opened on 27 February 2026. During the exhibition, the Slovakian organiser will present the International F.I.C.C. Rally 2027 to the public.

Furthermore, F.I.C.C. granted patronage to the Dahlia Rally, which will take place from 3 to 6 September 2026 at the Zlaté piesky campsite in Bratislava. The organiser is also

Slovenská asociácia campingu a caravaniu (SACC)

On 10 February 2026, F.I.C.C. Honorary President Lars Dahlberg turned 90 years old.

Congratulations and many more happy years to come.



In Memoriam

We have received the sad news that Mr. **FERRAN BERNAD MUR**, Vice-President of FEDERACIO CATALANA DE CLUBS CAMPISTES, died on 4 February 2026.



Mr. Mur was well known by all International F.I.C.C. Rally participants because every year he and his wife and some of his family too would come to the rally, and he would represent Spain and his federation at the F.I.C.C. General Assembly and join in many of the activities. He was well known and loved by campers the world over and conveyed to us all the Spanish “joie de vivre” and hospitality.

We send our sincere condolences to his wife, his family and friends and his federation and trust that they will find the strength over the coming weeks as they come to terms with their great loss.

Saying of the Month

**Kindness is like snow
It beautifies everything it covers.**

Kahlil Gibran Lebanese-American Poet and Artist (1883-1931)

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, 1 - 4 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

International Sport Activity Vehicle Exhibition, 10 - 12 May 2026, in Guangzhou

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

Finland: Caravan, 24 - 27 September 2026, in Lahti

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

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

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

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



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

Caravan Live, 1 - 4 October 2026, in Freiburg

Caravan Bremen, 6 - 8 November 2026, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning, November 2026, in Leipzig

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

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

East Midlands Motorhome & Campervan Show, 12 - 14 June 2026, in Coddington

The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show, 17 - 19 July 2026, in Norwich

The Western Motorhome & Campervan Show, 21 - 23 August 2026, in Malvern

Motorhome & Caravan Show, 13 - 18 October 2026, in Birmingham

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

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

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

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: Salon Internacional del Caravaning, October 2027, in Barcelona

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

Elmia Husvagn Husbil, 9 - 13 September 2026, in Jönköping

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

UAE: ATM (Travel and Tourism), 4 - 7 May 2026, in Dubai

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