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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

Booking deadline: 10 March 2026



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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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, booking forms and programme on

www.ficcrallye-2026.com

Booking deadline: 30 April 2026



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

Date: 17 to 26 September /Guizhou-Province

Organised by CRVC



Participation fee Euro 150.00 per Adult – Euro 70.00 per Teenager 12-17 years – Children up to 12 years: free of charge

Email: ficcrally97@crvc.com

Website: www.ficcrally97.crv.com (link soon working)

Rally excursions

Eight different excursions are being proposed at a cost of 80.00€ per person/per excursion.

Huajiang Canyon Bridge -- Beipanjiang Grand Canyon



Huajiang Canyon Bridge is located in Anshun City, Guizhou Province, China, renowned for its magnificent natural landscape and rich historical culture.

The Guanshanhai (Mountain and Sea Viewing) Spot offers an exceptionally broad vista: across the canyon, layered mountains unfold with clusters of karst peaks dotting the scenery. Crimson cliffs contrast with pale rock faces, while villages and rice paddies cling to the cliffsides, composing a picturesque view as poetic as a painting. Visitors can appreciate the charm of Mao Zedong's poem "The land is so full of charm and grace" from the Huangyangpo viewing platform in the Huajiang Grand Canyon.

The road winds along its base, making it an ideal vantage point for viewing and photographing the majestic mountain and canyon scenery. It also served as an outdoor filming location for the movie *Journey to the West*.

Among its features, the Huajiang Canyon Bridge currently holds two world records: it is the world's highest bridge at 625 meters and the world's longest at 2,890 meters.

Standing atop the world's highest bridge with a cup of warm coffee in hand, overlooking the spectacular grandeur of the Huajiang Grand Canyon, one experiences a uniquely thrilling sense of commanding a view that makes all other peaks seem small—a feeling unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

Guiyang Tour (for participants)

{Huaguoyuan Art Center}



The Huaguoyuan Art Center, with its grand pure-white European palace-style architecture, is widely referred to by the public and online communities as the "Guiyang White House." This elegant all-white structure, infused with European charm, stands majestically beside the Huaguoyuan Wetland Park. Its exquisite rococo-style patterns and French domes gleam under the night-time lighting, resembling a shimmering jewel set within the city's forest of skyscrapers.

Together with the neighboring Huaguoyuan Twin Towers, known as "Guizhou's Tallest Skyscrapers," it shapes Guiyang's most dreamlike skyline. The splendid reflection on the water adds an infinite touch of magic and poetry, making it a landmark window into the prosperity and diverse character of modern Guiyang.

Xingyi Wanfenglin Scenic Area Route



Xingyi Wanfenglin Scenic Area is a national 5A-level tourist attraction located in Xingyi City, Qianxinan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province.

The Scenic Area is located in the hinterland of southwestern Guizhou on the southeastern edge of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, covering a total area of over 2,000 square kilometers. It enjoys a pleasant climate with an average annual temperature of 16-18°C. Winters are mild and summers are quite hot, but not scorching. It has been listed among the top summer resorts in China and is a popular destination for health and wellness tourism.

This is the most typical area in the world for viewing the development of cone-shaped karst peak forest landforms: Wanfenglin is characterized by conical peak forests and peak clusters of karst landforms formed by Triassic strata, interspersed with other geological phenomena such as karst caves, sinkholes, and underground rivers. The peak forests are diverse in shape and can be divided into five major types, including array peak forests and sword-shaped peak forests. They are known as the "Chinese Conical Karst Museum".

Main attractions include natural landscapes such as General Peak, Nahuipo Valley and Bagua Field. General Peak resembles a general and is an isolated stone pillar; Nahuipo Valley is surrounded by peaks and is shaped like a basin; Bagua Field Site Park is an octagonal area comprising a mosaic of plots of land over ten meters wide, named after the villagers who cultivate the land according to the terrain in a way that resembles the Bagua pattern. In addition, there are cultural attractions such as Wanfo Temple and Nahui Village. The main hall of Wanfo Temple is located in a karst cave, and Nahui Village is a Buyi ethnic village with a history that goes back thousands of years and rich ethnic customs.

In 2004, Wanfenglin was designated as the core area of Xingyi National Geopark in China and was awarded the title of one of the first "National Agricultural Tourism Demonstration Sites". In 2005, it was named one of the "Five Most Beautiful Peak Forests in China" by National Geographic magazine. In 2013, Nahui Village was awarded the title of "China's Most Beautiful Village". In 2019, it was named "China's Four Seasons Health and Wellness Capital". In December 2024, it was officially designated as a national 5A-level tourist attraction.

Complimentary Zhenfeng County Tour

Shuangru Peak Scenic Area



The Shuangru Peak Scenic Area in Zhenfeng County, Guizhou Province, is located in Qianxinan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province, China. It is famous for its unique natural wonders and profound cultural significance: the Shuangru peaks are lifelike in shape and stand majestically between fields and villages. These two peaks are rounded and symmetrical, just like a symbol of Mother Earth nurturing life. From the viewing platform, visitors not only appreciate the wonders of nature's sculptures, but also feel the tranquillity and sublimity of "Mother of the Earth, the Source of Life".

Nestled amidst mountains and dotted with rural dwellings, the landscape changes with the seasons, and is shrouded in mist at dawn and dusk, making it an ideal place for photography and spiritual relaxation. The Twin Peaks are hailed as a "wonder of the world" and are one of the world's rare geological peak forest landscapes. With their perfect combination of form and spirit and profound artistic conception, they have become one of the iconic natural and cultural scenic spots in Guizhou.

Post-Rally Tour Itineraries (Euro 180.00 per person)

Libo Xiaoqikong Scenic Area



The Libo Xiaoqikong Scenic Area is located in the southwestern part of Libo County, Qiannan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province. As the core area of the "South China Karst" UNESCO World Natural Heritage site and a national 5A-level tourist attraction, the scenic area is approximately 12 kilometers long. It is a harmonious collection of mountains, rivers, forests, caves, lakes and waterfalls.

The scenic area is named after an ancient seven-arched stone bridge built in 1835 (the 15th year of the Daoguang Emperor's reign). It is renowned for its beautiful karst landscape, primeval forests, waterfalls and lake scenery and is hailed as the "Emerald on the Earth's Belt" and a "Super Bonsai."

Core Scenic Spots:

Xiaoqikong Ancient Bridge: A landmark and starting point of the scenic area, this seven-arched bridge is of blue stone, entwined with vines, full of ancient charm. The water of Hanbi Pool beneath the bridge is a deep blue, and the reflection of the distant mountains and forests creates a tranquil landscape painting.

68-tier Stepped Waterfalls: 68 naturally formed cascading waterfalls and stepped waterflows with varying elevations stretch continuously along a 1.6 km valley of the

Xiangshui River. The rushing water creates a constant thunderous spectacle, making it a rare waterfall group landscape in China.

Laya Waterfall: Located beside the walkway, this waterfall is approximately 10 meters wide with a drop of 30 meters. Visitors can pass close by, experiencing the refreshing mist and the roaring sound of the water up close, creating an intimate and visually striking encounter.

Wolong Lake: A crescent-shaped karst underground river outlet lake. The water is a deep bluish-green hue due to mineral deposits and remains as calm as a mirror. At the dam, a curved waterfall forms where water cascades down like silk curtains amid rising mist, making it a popular spot for photography.

Yuanyang Lake: Consisting of two interconnected natural lakes, one large and one small, it is named after the mandarin ducks that often inhabit the area. The lake water is emerald green, and ancient trees stand tall all around.

Zhenfeng Ancient County Town



Zhenfeng Ancient County Town Scenic Area is located in Zhenfeng County, Qianxinan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province. It is a well-preserved living ancient town of the Buyi ethnic group, with origins dating back to the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Originally called "Min'gu" in the Buyi language, meaning "my place," it is the only completely preserved ancient Buyi town in China. Its streets and alleys maintain the Ming-Qing layout, with bluestone-paved paths winding between grey-walled, black-tiled houses. Historical

buildings such as the Wenchang Palace, the Great West Gate, and the Two-Hu Guildhall are nestled within.

Today, this "living ancient town" is still home to nearly 1,600 local residents who live and work here, maintaining the genuine pulse of daily life that animates its days and nights. Designated as a National Nighttime Cultural and Tourism Consumption Cluster, the ancient town glows brightly after dark, where products of intangible cultural heritage, local delicacies and folk performances create a vibrant atmosphere.

The town is open to the public free of charge year-round. Together with the nearby Huajiang Canyon Bridge—the world's highest bridge—it forms a unique cultural tourism route that combines the warmth of the ancient town with the marvel in the clouds.

Beipanjiang Grand Canyon



This area offers karst peaks, caves, waterfalls, underground streams, flower beaches, whirlpool ponds and natural cliff murals in a single landscape. It boasts vast lakeside views and stunning peak forest scenery, nestled right next to traditional Buyi fishing villages. It also enjoys a mild, pleasant climate often called the "Little Sanya of Guizhou."

Centred around themes of sightseeing, sports, leisure, wellness, vacationing and cultural immersion, the destination offers a wide range of experiences. These include canyon tours, boat excursions, resort accommodation, culinary dining, outdoor camping and folk activity zones. Visitors can take a boat tour on the Beipan River, during which they witness the spectacular panorama of the world's highest bridge from the water—a truly unparalleled experience.

Huangguoshu Waterfall Route :

Huangguoshu Waterfall Scenic Area is the core scenic area of Huangguoshu Scenic Area, located in southwestern Guizhou Province, 128 kilometers from Guiyang, the provincial capital. The scenic area covers approximately 8.5 square kilometers, with an average altitude of 900 m. It has a subtropical climate, with mild temperatures and good air year-round that contains over 28,000 negative oxygen ions per cubic centimeter, earning it the nickname "natural oxygen bar."

Core Scenic Spots:

Huangguoshu Waterfall: 77.8 m high and 101.0 m wide, it is the largest waterfall in China and one of the most famous in the world. When the water flow peaks at 1,500 cubic meters per second, the spray falls on the streets of Huangguoshu, creating the stunning spectacle described as "silver rain sprinkling on golden streets".

Shuilian Cave: Located at a height of 40 to 47 m within the Huangguoshu Waterfall, the cave extends over a total of 134 m. It features 6 cave windows, 5 cave halls, 3 spring streams and 6 passageways, allowing visitors to experience the waterfall's immense power up close. This site served as the filming location for Sun Wukong's (the Monkey King's) dwelling in the 1986 television adaptation of Journey to the West.



98th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2027**in NITRA/SLOVAKIA****Organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravaningu****from 26th June to 5th July****Traffic**

Slovakia introduced an important change into the country's traffic regulations on 1 January 2026 which reduced the maximum permitted speed on pavements and footpaths in built-up areas to 6 km/h (walking pace). It applies basically to cyclists and people on e-scooters and other micromobility transport options who use pavements and is intended to increase safety.

Slovakia drives on the right. The speed limit is 50km/h maximum in built-up areas and 30km/h near level crossings. Speed limits outside built-up areas vary between 80 and 90km/h.

In Slovenia, Czech Republic, **Slovakia** and Hungary the speed limit on main roads is 90km/h and on motorways 130km/h (90km/h in Slovakia on urban motorways). If you are caught speeding, expect a hefty fine.

France, Croatia, Czech Republic, Norway, Austria, Portugal, **Slovakia**: It is obligatory to have at least one high visibility vest on board which must be worn in an emergency.

In **Slovakia** the blood alcohol limit is 0.0.

Motorway tolls in **Slovakia** are collected via a digital vignette paid for through Eznamka payment system. The motorway vignette is linked to the car registration number and is obtainable on line via vintrica. Payment for the electronic vignette is quick and easy using PayPal, online banking or a credit card.

Cost of vignette in 2026

	Car ¹	Trailer ²
1 day ³	8.10	8.10
10 days ⁴	10.80	10.80
30 days ⁴	17.10	17.10
365 days ⁴	90.00	90.00

Driving on a toll road without a vignette will result in a fine (10 to 50 times the cost of the applicable vignette). Checks are carried out by fixed cameras that register the number plate. If you are caught without a valid vignette by ASFINAG or an automatic vignette control (AVK), you will initially receive a demand to pay a substitute toll.

Car drivers in **Slovakia** are obliged to have a warning triangle, a first aid box and high visibility vests for everyone on board. Cars that are registered in Slovakia, are also obliged to carry a spare wheel and as well as a spare set of lights.

Slovakia's longest motorway bridge was opened to traffic on 20 November 2025 together with the new 9 kilometer stretch of the R2 highway between the towns of Kriváň and Mýtna.

Health: One can safely drink mains water in **Slovakia** which complies with all national and European standards for drinking water. Water quality is regularly checked to ensure that it is pollution-free.

The national drink is Borovicka, a spirit similar to gin made from juniper berries.

The uncontested **national dish of Slovakia** is [Bryndzové halušky](#) (sheep cheese gnocchi), a hearty combination of small potato dumplings (Halušky), special sheep's cheese from Brimsen (Bryndza) and grilled bacon. It is a simple very satisfying meal often accompanied by curdled milk or Žinčica (sheep's milk).



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Increasing numbers of campsites are taking measures against Asian hornets

The Asian hornet, not to be confused with the European hornet, is 2-3 cms long, has a black thorax and two narrow and one wide orange-coloured bands on its lower body. It is a threat to our native bumble bees and other stinging insects which is why campsites are installing so-called hornet traps. The aim is to catch and poison the queen hornet in the spring as soon as she comes out of hibernation and thereby reduce the number of nests and expansion of the hornet population later in the year.

Source: Natuurmonumenten en Imkerverenigingen /De Caravan-NL

Higher permissible gross vehicle weight

The long-standing discussions with the EU authorities regarding an increase in the gross vehicle weight for B driving licence holders are slowly but surely yielding concrete results. Motorhomes will be allowed to be heavier. The 4th US Driving Licence Directive stipulates that the B driving licence can be extended to 2.25 tonnes. It will then be called B96.02 and can be obtained through training or an examination. By 2028, all EU member states must have enacted the regulation and implemented it by November 2029!

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans DE)



In the USA, RV deliveries increased by 4%. In September 2025, for example, 25,684 new recreational vehicles were delivered, 4.2% more than in 2024.

The RV market is also gaining more and more enthusiasts in **Japan**. There are currently 165,000 motorhomes registered there, three times more than in 2005 when statistics began.

Source: aboutcampBtoB

Practical tips and useful ideas – for campers too

The atmosphere in a room improves with salt. Simply leave a bowl of cooking salt on a window sill (near a window in a caravan or motorcaravan). When the salt gets lumpy, just change it. This is a really good way of absorbing excess moisture but it in no way replaces a daily airing.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Stricter regulations have come into force **in the EU** in 2026 relating to new types of vehicle: new models of passenger cars and light transport (up to 3.5 tonnes) must be fitted with a modern, digital emergency system "Next Generation eCall", in short eCall.

Germany: From 2026 a portable flashing light replaces the former warning triangle as a more visible aid to increasing safety on the roads.

Euro 7 exhaust emissions standard will come into force for newly designed passenger cars and light transport vehicles by 29 November 2026. It tightens emission standards and also takes into account **particles from tyres and brake dust**. In addition it makes higher demands regarding the lifespan of exhaust gas purifying systems and batteries. Euro 7 will apply to all newly registered vehicles from the end of 2027.

People planning to take their car abroad in 2026, should apprise themselves of recent changes. In **Austria** the price of motorway vignettes has gone up by about 3%. From now on, the annual vignette costs 106.80€, the 10-day vignette 12.80€. From February 2027 the motorway vignette will be **exclusively digital** and the former sticker will no longer be valid.

Costs are going up in other European countries too. Fines will be higher in the **Netherlands** in 2026. Using your mobile phone while driving will cost you up to 440€, parking offences can quickly mount up to 120€.

As has been reported in earlier Newsletters, there are new regulations in force in **Spain** in the event of a breakdown on the motorway. You are no longer obliged to display a **warning triangle** but instead you must put a battery-driven **flashing light** on the roof of your car. This regulation only applies to vehicles registered in Spain so basically only concerns foreigners who are driving a hire car. Visitors in their own car are not affected.

Source: Internet

Health

On average, women have 1.5 billion **immune cells** throughout their body (men have 1.8 billion). These cells protect against viruses and bacteria, reduce inflammation, heal wounds and fight cancer cells.

An American study carried out by Harvard Medical School has found that **using your mobile phone in the "quiet room"** (WC) can have unexpected health consequences. Because you tend to stay "enthroned" for a long time (reading the news, recent emails etc.), pressure is increased on your anal tissue and the risk of haemorrhoids goes up by 46%. One is better off leaving one's mobile phone "outside".

If you have a **bad cough**, thyme is a good remedy. Put a teaspoon of fresh or dried thyme into a teacup, add hot water and sweeten with honey. The tea helps you have a really good cough and has self-healing properties.



Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Europe: Most people (15 million) live in the Turkish metropolis of Istanbul. This is followed by Moscow with 14.4 million, London with 10.4 million and Paris with 9.3 million.

Saying of the Month

MEMORIES.

remind us that nothing lasts forever

and that Time is precious and should not be wasted.

Enjoy life and remember, don't count the days,

Make the days count.

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

The NCT Rally 2026 (Nordisk Campingträff Denmark/Finland/Norway/Sweden) will be organised by DCU (Dansk Camping Union) from 13 to 17 July in Svendborg/Denmark.

EXHIBITIONS

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

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

Freizeitmesse, 10 - 12 April 2026, in Klagenfurt



Caravan Salon Austria, 14 - 18 October 2026, in Wels

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

Mobicar, 1 - 4 October 2026, in Brussels

Canada: 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

Caravanning, November 2026, in Brno

Denmark: Autocamper Show, October, in Fredericia

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

Caravan Live, 1 - 4 October, in Freiburg

Caravan Bremen, 6 - 8 November 2026, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravanning, November 2026, in Leipzig

Great Britain: 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

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

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

Salone del Camper, 12 - 20 September 2026, in Parma

Malaysia: Travel & Tourism 3-5 April 2026 in Kuala Lumpur

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs, 30 September to 4 October 2026, in Utrecht

New Zealand: Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show, 16 - 17 May 2026, in Christchurch

Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure, 18 - 20 September 2026, in Hamilton



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

Russia: Caravanex, 29 - 31 May 2026, in Kolomna

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

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