



GOOD TO KNOW – JULY 2022

SAVE THE DATE

**The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and
Motorcaravanning
in VERRIÈRES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France
will take place from 26 to 28 October 2022**

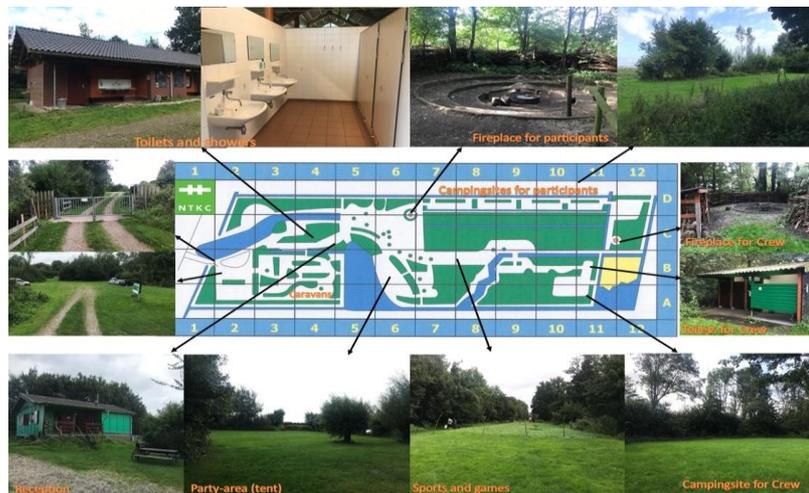




INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the NETHERLANDS



Where: NTKC Campsite “Het Groene Hart” (The Green Heart) in Hazerswoude
 Address: Voorweg 81
 This campsite is principally geared towards campers in tents and can accommodate over 400 participants but there are also pitches for caravans.
 Registration fee (as of 2021) is €65 per person (Easter meal, one excursion, disco included).



93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 24 JUNE
to 3 JULY in STASZOW/POLAND

Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu has cancelled the hosting of this event in 2023.



94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 in SOUTH KOREA

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

Under the slogan: “Health and Harmony for all Campers”

The venue and exact dates will be communicated shortly.

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Advice from the F.I.C.C. MoCa Commission

TRAVELLING IN EUROPE

Before you set out on a trip it is helpful to have important information at your fingertips so that your journey is as straightforward and stress-free as possible. The F.I.C.C. MoCa Commission is with you all over Europe. But it is essential to know the traffic regulations in force in individual countries so that you don't unwittingly break the rules. We have collated the most important information by country in our table below. The F.I.C.C. MoCa Commission wishes you wonderful happy and healthy holidays and a safe journey!

Country	Speed limit in km/h, motorcaravans up to 3.5t laden weight			Blood alcohol level in g/l		Low beam lights in daytime	Accident prevention				Motorway tolls		
	Cities/towns	Out of town	Expressways/motorways	New drivers	Standard		High visibility vest	Warning triangle	First aid kit	Fire extinguisher	Motorway vignette  22	Road charge 	No
Belgium	20/30/ 50	70/90	120	0.5	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	yes			X
Bulgaria	50	90	130/140	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	X		
Denmark	50	80	80/130	0.5	0.5	yes	no	yes	no	no			X
Germany	50	100	recommended: 130	0.0	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Estonia	50	90	110	0.2	0.2	yes	yes	yes	no	yes			X
Finland	50	80	100/120	0.2	0.5	yes	no	yes	no	no			X
France	50	80/90	110/130	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	no	no		X	
Great Britain	48	96	112	0.8	0.8	no	no	yes	yes	no			X
Greece	50	90	120	0.2	0.5	no	no	yes	yes	yes		X	
Ireland	50	80	100/120	0.2	0.8	no	no	yes	yes	no		X	
Italy	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		X	
Croatia	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		X	
Latvia	50	90	100/110	0.2	0.5	yes	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Lithuania	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.4	yes	no	yes	yes	yes			X
Luxemburg	50	90	110/130	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X
Malta	50	80	100/120	0.8	0.8	no	no	no	no	no			X
Netherlands	50	80	100/120-130	0.2	0.5	no	no	yes	yes	no			X
Norway	50	80	90/100	0.2	0.2	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		X	
Austria	50	100	100/130	0.1	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no	X		

Poland	50	90	100/140	0.2	0.2	yes	no	yes	yes	yes		X	
Portugal	50	100	100/120	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no		X	
Romania	50	90	100/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	X		
Sweden	50	70	90/120	0.2	0.2	yes	no	yes	yes	no			X
Switzerland	30/50	80	100/120	0.1	0.5	yes	yes	yes	no	no	X		
Slovakia	50	90	90/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	no	no	X		
Slovenia	10/30/50	90	110/130	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Spain	50	90	100/120	0.3	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no		X	
Czech Rep.	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Turkey	50	90	100/120	0.0	0.5	yes	yes	yes (2x)	yes	yes	X		
Hungary	50	90	110/130	0.0	0.0	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	X		
Cyprus	30/50	80	110	0.2	0.5	no	yes	yes	yes	no			X

This information is subject to change and was correct as of June 2022.

(Countries listed according to alphabetical order of names in German)



Netherlands: 75% of campers want pitches that only have basic services. Only 62% of Dutch campsites fulfill this wish.

Source: NKC (NL)

Renting a motorcaravan

You must first check your driving licence for the size of motorcaravan you are entitled to drive. A class B driver's licence entitles you to drive a vehicle up to 3.5 tonnes. Heavier models require a class C1 licence but anyone who has the old class 3 licence can drive a vehicle weighing up to 7.5 tonnes.

Compare different companies' rental prices and be wary about free kilometers. Is a service fee/charge payable at the handing over? And make sure you understand the insurance arrangements and whether there is a deductible or not.

Check whether the owner allows pets on board.

Familiarise yourself thoroughly with your journey before setting out.

Make a note of any scratches or dents on the bodywork. Check that the electrical appliances inside actually work. Also make sure any defects are logged at the handing over.

The person renting must make good any damage that he/she causes inside. If you cause an accident, you must use your own insurance policy that you yourself have taken out.

Be wary of biting stone martens

These small rodents that mate in May/June are very active until late summer. They are nocturnal creatures that think they can smell a rival under the bonnet (*hood Am.*) of a vehicle that they try to eliminate by means of bites and scratches. They literally attack the vehicle's engine under the bonnet, nibbling away at cables and leads as well as insulating material. When, inevitably, a short circuit occurs in the sophisticated electronic control system, the financial fallout can be very expensive indeed.

The following can really help: Using a scent marker remover regularly i.e. sprays and liquids that can be sprayed on the engine. Just make sure that the product does not attack metal parts.

Household remedies include scattering chili peppers or sprinkling chili powder, spraying urine, scattering dog or cat hairs, mothballs or WC cleaning blocks. Just remember to remove everything before starting up your vehicle otherwise there is a risk of fire. But none of these have really been proven to drive off stone martens.

It is safer to install wire mesh or some sort of metal grid or grating that will stop the creatures getting to the sensitive motor parts in the first place. Broom or brush heads placed under the bonnet of a parked vehicle also work. You can find various types of cable sheathing and plastic covering that are more or less bite-proof on the market. Electrical appliances that send electric shocks or ultrasonic signals are also available but these should be installed by an expert.

Best of all however is to keep your vehicle in a closed garage. If you find evidence that a stone marten has paid a visit, have your engine washed straight away. Eliminating the smell will help prevent further damaging intrusions.

Source: Auto- ACS/CH



Practical tips – for campers too

Dishwasher tablets are ideal for removing burnt-on food, deposits and stains in saucepans and frying pans. Simply pour hot water into the receptacle and add a tablet, leave overnight and any encrustation will come away easily. You can also use this method to clean your rubbish bin/trash can, but in this case you only need to leave the solution in for half an hour.

Tablets are also useful for cleaning toilets. Dissolve two tablets in a cup of hot water and pour into the toilet bowl, spread around with a brush and remove any deposits the following day.

Finally to remove the greyness from white textiles, just put one tablet in the clothes washer and set the usual programme.

Ants are not deflected in their path by a caravan or motorcaravan! To be rid of them, simply sprinkle cinammon powder along the ant trail because they don't like the smell of this spice.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Correct usage of parking discs

Set your arrival time by lining up the pointer on the disc with the marker indicating the next half hour interval i.e.: if you arrive at your parking spot at 14.09h, set the pointer on 14.30h. If using the parking disc only becomes obligatory later in the day, the driver must set the pointer for the beginning of the obligatory period. If the pointer is between, rather than on the hour or half-hour, or if the driver has indicated the wrong time, he can be liable for an exemplary fine of up to 40€ (in Germany). It is also important to display the disc so that it is readily visible from outside the vehicle which is why it is best to leave it on top of the instrument panel. In most countries parking discs are standardized and their appearance is regulated.

Source: Extract from Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

Hungary: High visibility vests must be worn out of town when visibility is poor. This includes pedestrians and cyclists on the move after dark.

Germany: You need an appropriate environmental sticker or badge to drive in many of Germany's towns. Contact your automobile club for details. E-vehicles need a blue sticker. Information on: green-zones.eu or umwelt-plakette.de

Italy: Anyone wanting to drive on winter tyres or all season tyres during the warmer months in Italy should make sure that between 16 May and 15 October their tyres have a speed index (shown as a letter) that complies at least with the speed rating on the registration certificate (in km/h). The speed rating on the tyres can therefore be higher than that given on the registration certificate.

Vignettes for trailers and digital vignettes: Anyone towing a trailer in **Switzerland** must purchase a motorway vignette for both the towing vehicle and the trailer. Caravan enthusiasts who go into **Slovakia** must purchase a second digital vignette for their trailer if their outfit exceeds 3.5 tonnes.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/A)



Health

When you **bite your tongue** it really hurts! Sucking an ice cube will stop the bleeding and prevent your tongue from swelling up excessively. Look in the mirror to inspect the damage. If the wound is big and looks serious or if it hasn't healed up within a few days, you should seek medical advice. Rinsing your mouth out with sage extract will speed up the healing process.

One of the causes of **tinnitus** can be too much noise. April 27 is "Anti-noise Day". We are surrounded by noise all day long whether it's bleeping mobile phones, traffic noise, or loud music etc. It's not only annoying but it can also make you ill. Ginkgo (plant/tree) can help dampen down the continual noise in one's ears.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

How did the much loved **Levi's Jeans 501** get its name?

Levi Strauss (1829-1902) and Jacob Davis (1834-1908), both tailors, began making hardwearing trousers for labourers at the end of the 19thC. All of the designs were given a different number and it is the 501 jeans that have remained the most popular jeans to this day thanks to its particular cut.

The **hotdog** first appeared in a German butcher's in New York in 1856. When workers ate hot sausages for their lunch, they burnt their fingers. The problem was solved by "stuffing" the hot sausages into a long bread roll. This made Charles Feltman into a millionaire!

15 June is World Blood Donor Day.

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

**F.I.C.C. ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY held in BRUSSELS
on 25 JUNE 2022 to coincide with the First World Camping Day**



Out of 72 member clubs and federations, 44 delegates from 22 clubs (14 countries) attended the General Assembly. The Assembly was delighted to be able to welcome representatives from South Korea and Taiwan who still had to surmount rigorous travel restrictions in order to attend.

Honorary guests were Dr Matyas Abony and Jan Torenvlied (F.I.C.C. Honorary Member).



Dr. Abony had had the brilliant idea a few years ago to initiate an “International Camping Day” which has now been officially recognised by UNWTO and will be held and celebrated worldwide on 29 June every year as from 2022.

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly 2022 closed with a friendly dinner for delegates and their partners.



Dr. Abony





Photos: Bigman/Michael Lin

In Memoriam

It was only at the beginning of July that we heard the sad news that **Jan EIJKHOUDT (NKC)** had died at the age of 88.

Jan Eikhoudt was a very competent and much valued member of the F.I.C.C. Rally Commission for many years.

We offer our sincere condolences to his family and especially to his wife Rudie who supported him wholeheartedly in everything that he did.

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Camper Van Summit in Tirol from 29 September to 3 October, in St. Martin

Caravan Salon Austria from 19 to 23 October 2022, in Wels

Belgium: Salon des vacances in March 2023, in Brussels

Czech Republic: Caravaning from 3 to 6 November 2022, in Brno

Caravan planned in November 2022, in Prague

Finland: Caravan Finland from 22 to 25 September 2022, in Lahti

Caravan from 20 to 22 January 2023, in Helsinki

France : Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 24 September to 2 October 2022, in Paris-Le Bourget

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 26 August to 4 September 2022

Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 2022, in Bremen

Great Britain: The Norfolk Motorhome & Campervan Show from 22 to 24 July 2022, in Norwich

NEC from 18 to 23 October 2022, in Birmingham

Hungary: Caravan Salon in February 2023, in Budapest

Italy: Il Salone del camper from 10 to 18 September 2022, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 16 to 24 October 2022, in Utrecht

Portugal: Nauticampo in October 2022, in Lisbon



Sweden: Scandinavian Caravan Show (Elmia) from 7 to 11 September 2022, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 28 October to 1 November 2022, in Bern

USA: RV Show planned in January 2023, in Pittsburgh

Boston RV & Camping Expo planned in January 2023, in Boston

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