



**GOOD TO KNOW – JULY 2020**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**28th and 29th OCTOBER 2021**

**IN VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris - France**



Following a decision by the F.I.C.C. Council, **the second F.I.C.C. World Congress for Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning** on the topic “The effects of digitalisation and its long term impact on camping tourism” has been postponed until 2021 on account of the CORONA epidemic and associated organisational difficulties. The dates have been changed by one day but the daily programme and the excursions on offer are the same as those originally arranged for 2020.

The website will be updated regularly.

**<https://congress.ficc.org/>**



**70th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 1 to 5 APRIL 2021  
in COIMBRA/PORTUGAL**



Information: <https://www.70youthrallyficc.com:9444/>

**90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 18 to 27 June 2021  
in A GUARDA - Galicia/SPAIN**

**NORDIC CAMPING RALLY from 5 to 9 July 2021  
in Rauhalhti Kupio) FINLAND  
under F.I.C.C. patronage**



Further information at [www.nct2020.fi](http://www.nct2020.fi) [www.visitrauhalhti.fi](http://www.visitrauhalhti.fi) [www.kupio.fi](http://www.kupio.fi)



## **91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 07 August 2022 in MOSCOW/RUSSIA**

## **92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 18 to 27 September in SHANGHAI/CHINA**

### **Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning**

**A gas alarm** is not simply an accessory that you reckon it is “cool” to have on board. On the contrary, it will, and should, prove to be a life-saver in extreme cases. No ifs or buts.

When purchasing a gas alarm, keep the following in mind:

Power consumption: how many ampere-hours does the alarm need per day?

How loud does the alarm need to be? A look at the circuit board and sensor (and its data sheet) will show whether it can actually recognise the gases as claimed by the manufacturer.

Anyone who wants to see the end of **dirt** and **wet** on the floor of their caravan, can usefully put down a couple of mats that will keep dirt and damp outside. Dirt-trapping mats are made of either coconut matting, rubber matting, polyester fibres, perforated rubber etc. They often come complete with a beautiful camping motif that is quite an eye-catcher in any awning or caravan entrance.

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

#### **Caravanning Industrie Verband (CIVD) receives German Brand Award**

CIVD has received the German Brand Award 2020 in the category “Excellent Brand Non-Governmental Organization“. With this prestigious award, the Council for Design acknowledged the crossmedia image campaign with which that particular sector of the association promoted caravanning holidays. With 1,200 submissions from 14 countries, the German Brand Award once more attracted a wide international response in 2020. The jury, comprising independent interdisciplinary experts, picked out the campaign slogan “Caravanning. It is your time now“ that CIVD used to advertise caravanning holidays.

Holidaying in a caravan or motorcaravan means individual and independent travel.

In addition to the classic target groups - independent couples over 50 years of age and families – the image campaign focussed on young active holiday makers .

Source: Extract from CIVD press release

#### **Allemansrätt (right of public access or freedom to roam) relating to camping in Sweden**

In Sweden there are very few beach or forest locations where you can spend the night in a caravan or motorcaravan. Public law does allow a designated number of possibilities but in reality off-road legislation overrides this.

On the other hand Swedish traffic authority rest stops are very accessible and can be found on all major roads in Sweden. Generally speaking, you may only stop over for 24 hours but at weekends you may stay until the next weekday.



Some roads have frequent exits where you can park for the night provided you do not get in the way of or interfere with the activities of the landowner.

Sweden has 30 national parks and around 5,000 nature reserves that occasionally offer the possibility of parking and spending the night.

Further information under [naturvardsverket.se/allemanstratten](http://naturvardsverket.se/allemanstratten)

Source: Fritidsmagasinet "Caravan" (Caravan Club of Sweden)

Note: Sweden has wonderful campsites in natural settings where every nature-lover will feel at ease. Wild camping is not necessary: in any case there are hidden dangers and it is not environmentally-friendly especially if you pour away dirty water and leave rubbish behind or damage plants and flowers.

### **Practical tips – for campers too**

If you leave **candles** soaking in salt water for two hours or so, they will burn longer and drip less.

By treating a **parasol** with hair spray, it will encourage rain drops to run off.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic**

#### **How fast is walking speed?**

Walking speed in a traffic-calmed zone (i.e. play streets in Germany) generally means between 7km/h and 10km/h.

### **Health**

People who spend hours on end at their computer often suffer from dry or sensitive eyes. This is why ophthalmologists often recommend that you should blink a lot when working on the computer, stop at least every 30 minutes and focus on distant objects, regularly let in fresh air, drink a lot of water, close your eyes occasionally for a short time, put your hands over your eyes, then slowly withdraw them from your face and open your eyes again.

To calm your **nerves** and regulate your **heartbeat**: breathe in for three seconds, breathe out for six seconds, pause for one second – repeat for a few minutes. Your heart rate will slow down and you will feel less tense.

### **Culture and other curious facts**

We have the Italian painter Leonardo da Vinci to thank for the **life belt** or life buoy in addition to his other inventions including gear transmission and designing the first tank.

At the beginning of the 19thC, the British Royal Navy adopted the life belt as standard and ever since it has been a compulsory piece of equipment on all ships.



### **The City of Rome is cleaning up its churches.**

Rome is slowly opening up its churches again after the corona lockdown and has resolved to clean up and disinfect all 337 of the city's churches. St. Peter's Basilica will receive the same treatment. The Italian military is lending a hand in the operation. Given the vast number of art treasures, it is a very complex and costly undertaking.

The Trevi Fountain is also being restored – work is expected to last until September.

### **Do you find pilgrim routes outside Europe?**

The best known pilgrim route in Europe is the Way of St. James that ends in Spain.

But the Shikoku pilgrim way on the Japanese island of Shikoku is just as famous for its 88 holy places. It covers 1,200 kms and it is important for Buddhists. Pilgrims wear special clothing – pointed hats and white robes. They also carry a walking pole. If you walk reasonably quickly you can expect to cover the route in 30 days.

One of the major attractions in Seoul/South Korea in **2020**: Wave is a giant 3-D optical illusion of an endless simulated wave wrapped round a building dreamed up by Artech Factory d'strict.

## **Environment**

**Lisbon/Portugal** is the **European City of the Environment 2020**.

**Lake Ladoga** in north-west Russia is the **largest lake** located entirely in Europe (18,000 sq.km).

What should NOT be thrown down a **toilet**: food leftovers (it is difficult to be specific) – any medication (pollutes the water and cannot be eliminated in sewage treatment centres) – paper tissues and kitchen paper (they do not disintegrate so clog up the pumps in sewage treatment centres) – sanitary articles (tampons etc.). All of these belong in the general rubbish (garbage).



### **Birds against caterpillars**

Birds of the titmouse family are wonderful when it comes to eradicating caterpillars because they feed the much feared oak processionary moth caterpillar to their young. So it is a good idea to set up as many bird feeding boxes as possible (as NTKC has done in De Brobbelbies) as a natural way of supporting the campaign to eradicate the perennial plague of these caterpillars.



Photo : Marieke van Heummen

Source: buiten spoor – NTKC (NL)

**N.B:** The oak processionary moth is a dangerous caterpillar that has fine stinging hairs that are poisonous. Once in contact with your skin, you can experience severe itching, rashes and redness. If your skin shows an extreme reaction, you should contact a doctor.



## INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM F.I.C.C. AND F.I.C.C. MEMBERS

Thanks to the CORONA pandemic, this year's **F.I.C.C. General Assembly** will not be held in Rome in July/August as originally planned, but on 2 September in the F.I.C.C. Secretariat in Brussels. There will be no club or federation delegates in attendance. Arrangements are being made for postal votes.

The **DCC (Deutscher Camping Club)** awarded the DCC Safety Prize 2020 (Safety in Leisure Vehicle Construction) for Carado's Van 337.

**The Netherlands:** According to a recent survey, 66% of campers stayed at home during the month of May because of the corona virus. The remainder had other reasons for not camping. In common with many other clubs/federations etc. **NKC/Netherlands** has been obliged to cancel all organised events for 2020 apart from training sessions for camper vans and vehicles.  
Source: NCK-NL

### Gratitude is one of life's greatest strengths

Gratitude comes with the recognition of a positive happening in our life.  
It produces a happy feeling in us  
and makes us smile.  
Showing goodwill, enjoying oneself immensely  
giving thanks from the bottom of one's heart,  
none of this can be taken for granted.  
Call oneself to account,  
reconciling body, mind and soul,  
pausing in life and escaping from the everyday hustle and bustle  
and the relentless flood of information,  
and embed oneself in a different environment  
that promises security and fulfilment.  
Only then is it possible  
with open arms and a joyful heart  
to give – and also receive,  
to look around you, listen,  
smell, breathe in and feel  
the fabulous unimaginable wealth and exquisite beauty  
that surround us in the world.

Hermann von Bezzel (1861-1917) Head of the Supreme Consistory of the Governing Body of the Bavarian Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Munich.



## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Caravan Salon from 14 to 18 October 2020, in Wels

Ferienmesse Wien from 14 to 17 January 2021, in Vienna

**Belgium:** Mobicar from 22 to 26 October 2020, in Brussels

**Germany:** Caravan Salon from 5 to 13 September 2020, in Düsseldorf  
CMT in Stuttgart from 20 to 31 January 2021

Caravans & Camping from 21 to 24 January 2021, in Hanover

**Finland:** Caravan-messut from 17 to 20 September 2020, in Lahti

**France:** Salon des Véhicules de loisirs from 26 September to 4 October 2020, in Paris

**Great Britain :** Caravan & Motorhome Show from 14 -17 January 2021, in Manchester

**Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 12 to 20 September 2020, in Parma

**Netherlands:** Caravana from 21 to 26 January 2021, in Leeuwarden

**Spain:** Fitur from 20 to 24 January 2021, in Madrid

**Sweden:** Elmia Camping & Caravaning from 8 to 12 September 2021, in Jönköping

**Switzerland:** Salon from 22 to 27 October 2020, in Bern

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