



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2020

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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/>

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



Further information at www.nct2020.fi www.visitrauhalampi.fi www.kupio.fi

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

This Rally is being organised by the Federacion Espagnola de Clubes Campistas in A Guardia in the Province of Pontevedra (Serra de Argallo) with the backing of the town council and the Santa Tecla



campsite which lies at the mouth of the Mino river opposite the Portuguese town of Caminha. There is a ferry link between the two towns.

FECC's member C.C.C. Galicia Vigo has already organised three national rallies on the Santa Tecla campsite, in 1989, 2011 and more recently in 2018.

Galicia, situated in north-west Spain, is hilly and very green (it rains quite a lot) and Santiago de Compostela was its one-time capital. The language and culture of the local population (Galicians) is nearer to Portuguese. The Latin-based Galician language was born in the 10C, enjoyed a golden age in mediaeval times, was later dominated by Castilian Spanish and Portuguese but re-emerged as a literary language in the 19C.

The coast is densely populated and industrialised (sardine fishing) whereas the interior is dependent on agriculture, especially livestock rearing.

A Guarda is exactly one hour's drive from Pontevedra. The town has a population of just over 10,000 and the local economy is based on fishing but the area is becoming increasingly popular with tourists. The town has a micro-climate – it rains a lot in winter but it enjoys warm temperatures during the long summer. A Guarda is right on the border with Portugal.

From the archeological remains it would appear that there was a settlement on the present site back in the 1st century as can be seen in the Celtic-Roman hill fort and village of Santa Trega.

A Guarda is a fishing port that is easily accessible from other towns in Galicia. Santiago de Compostela is only 2 ½ hours away along the toll road.

91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022 in MOSCOW/RUSSIA

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

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Look after your caravan tyres Keep an eye on the pressure of your caravan tyres if your caravan is left stationary for a long time. It is the tyres that take the weight of the caravan, not the casing. Manufacturers usually suggest air pressure over 2.5 bars and the load-bearing capacity increases with every bar until it reaches the maximum. It is important to check the pressure of your caravan tyres regularly and to follow the advice given in the manual. If the pressure is too low, the tyre lacks stability, the casing can buckle forcing the tyre to take the strain which damages the inner lining. If you park your caravan during the winter, you can raise the pressure a bit by 0.2 or 0.3 bars, say the experts. This way your tyres will survive long periods of being stationary without going flat



from gradual loss of pressure. It won't do any harm either to put the wheels on wedges with a round standing surface or air cushion to spread the weight.

Unscrewing the leg does not protect the tyres.

(Source: Caravanning) The so-called "tyre bed" (available in specialist outlets) is a simple and inexpensive way to protect tyres left immobile for a long time and avoid expensive standing plates.

(Source ADAC)

Extract from "Caravan" DCC-D

Camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning are "in"

Thanks to the corona virus, holidaying in a tent, caravan or motorcaravan has become the cool thing to do the world over and it really appeals to young people. You can stay in your own country, discover its beauty spots, find out more about your country's history and culture and basically conclude that it is a great place to be. In the English-speaking world they call it a "staycation" (to stay + vacation). You feel safe from the virus within your own four walls and find it easier to observe social distancing.

In May 2020 for example, there were 31.7% more caravan registrations in Germany than in the same month in 2019.

Germany has about 3,000 campsites offering 230,000 pitches and 60,000 tent pitches.

Yes, we camp!!

The Caravan Salon Düsseldorf (5 to 13 September 2020) will be held under a new hygiene awareness regime. Tickets must be bought in advance and not all of the well-known brands will be represented. As far as the management is concerned, the health and safety of the visitors, exhibitors and staff are the number one priority.

Practical tips – for campers too

Refrigerators should be cleaned with a white vinegar solution every four weeks, including the inside walls and seals. It is best to use a cotton bud to clean the melt water run-off channel. The water collection receptacle should also be washed out frequently.

Moths can be kept at bay with fresh bay or laurel leaves. You just leave them in a cupboard between your clothes or on coathangers.

If you have **dusty cushions** cover them with a damp sheet and beat with a carpet beater. The damp sheet absorbs the dust that ends up in the washing machine.

Ticks: Before going off on a walk or spending any time outside where there are lots of bushes around, liberally apply coconut oil as a precaution. Ticks absolutely hate it!

MISCELLANEOUS

Health

One's **brain** has 86 billion nerve cells. For maximum efficiency these cells need sufficient blood flow and require a good supply of complex carbohydrates as well as micronutrients, vitamins B and omega 3 fatty acids.



Culture and other curious facts

The oldest board game in the world is draughts. It was invented in Asia, then known as Mesopotamia (today part of Turkey, Iran and Iraq) in 3000 BC. It is very popular in Russia and the Netherlands where they organise competitions.

Who actually invented jigsaw puzzles?

The London teacher and cartographer John Spilsbury (1739-1769). In 1766 he sawed up a wooden map of the world and put it back together again thus sparking interest in this exercise.

Hundreds of lungs rub shoulders with winged cherubs

The artist Christoph Brech made five choir and two oratory windows based on 1,000 chest x-rays, for the Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche (church of the Holy Cross) in Münich-Giesing. He accomplished this project in 2019 well before anyone knew anything about the Corona virus outbreak.

Christo, an exceptional artist who was born in Bulgaria, has died in New York at the age of 84. He wrapped the Reichstag in Berlin under 100,000 square metres of material in 1995, caused whole islands to disappear from view and installed "The Gates" in Central Park New York. His last project was to wrap the Arc de Triomphe in Paris which, despite his recent death, will be on display in 2021.

Environment

Apart from human beings, only **apes** have finger prints and are born with unique patterns on their finger tips.

Koala bears have so-called epidermal ridges on their paws but these are not really comparable with human finger prints.

Can flowers hear? According to Israeli researchers, flowers can hear the whirring of insects and it is this that stimulates their production of nectar. Plants try to attract bees especially as essential partners in the pollination process.

The eagle owl lays a clutch of 2 to 5 eggs once a year. Eagle owls prey on 220 different species of mammals and birds. The eagle owl is the largest of the owl species anywhere in the world. Their numbers are on the increase in many European countries thanks to implementation of strict protective measures. An eagle owl in the wild can live to be 27 – and up to 65 years in an aviary.

INTERESTING NEWS 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.

According to a survey carried out by **NKC (NL)**, 54% of caravanners actually travel inside their caravan while it is on the move, 12% of whom did not realise it was illegal to do so.



EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria 14 - 18 October 2020, in Wels

Ferienmesse Vienna 14 - 17 January 2021

Belgium: Mobicar 22 - 26 October 2020, in Brussels

Salon des vacances 4 - 7 February 2021, in Brussels

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

Salon Mondial du Tourisme 18 - 21 March 2021, in Paris

Germany: Caravan Salon 5 - 13 September 2020, in Düsseldorf

CMT in Stuttgart 20 – 31 January 2021

Caravans & Camping 21 - 24.1.2021, in Hannover

Reise + Camping 24 - 28 February 2021, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten 3 - 7 March 2021, in Nürnberg

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show 14 – 17 January 2021, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show 20 - 28 February 2021, in Birmingham

Italy: Il Salone del Camper 12 - 20 September 2020, in Parma

Turismo & Outdoor 4 - 7 February 2021, in Parma

Netherlands: Caravana 21 – 26 January 2021, in Leeuwarden

Portugal: Nauticampo 20 - 24 February 2021, in Lisbon

Spain: FITUR 20 – 24 January 2021, in Madrid

Caravaning 4 - 7 February 2021, in Alicante

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravaning 8 - 12 September 2021, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Caravan Salon 22 - 27 October 2020, in Bern

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