



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2022

SAVE THE DATE

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



Information on: congress.ficc.org



**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**

Cancelled by the organiser

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

organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

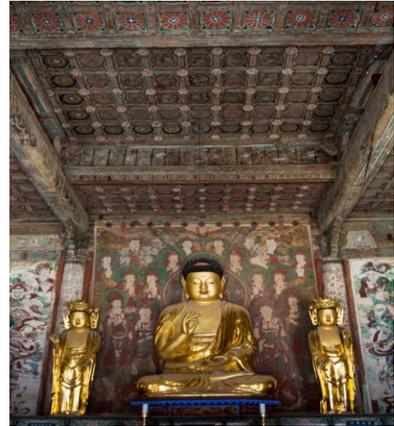
Under the slogan: “Health and Harmony for all Campers”

The venue is GYEONGJU, one of the oldest towns in south-west Korea about 100km from Seoul. It has many interesting sights and attractions is often described as the “Korea’s unknown jewel”.

The exact dates will be available shortly.

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly 2024 will be held during the rally.





Photos: Internet

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in FULONG/TAIWAN from 25 April to 4 May 2025

The venue is Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.
The Camping Association of the Republic of China will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in
2025.



Camping

Photos: Internet

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Spending the night in a caravan

In Germany and a number of other European countries, it is strictly forbidden to spend the night in your caravan outside of an authorised area. If you do, you can be fined between 10€ and 200€ and up to 2,500€ in an area of outstanding beauty or a conservation area.

It is usually reckoned that up to ten hours is needed to catch up on sleep, recover and restore one's fitness to drive and you may do this if the parking space is near your planned route. But there is a distinct difference between simply spending a night and camping. You are not allowed to set up camp on the parking space putting out a table and chairs for example. Also caravanners are not allowed to park absolutely everywhere and one should take note of signs giving time restrictions and pictograms that are on display. And before parking on private land, one should of course get the permission of the owner.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Netherlands: A strong trend in second-hand caravans

In the first quarter of the year, the camping trade sold 7% more second-hand caravans than in the same period last year. There are two main reasons behind this increase: chip supply problems and the war in Ukraine. Manufacturers were not able to produce many vehicles. The best-selling brands in the Netherlands in the first quarter were Eriba-Hymer, followed by Adria, claiming respectively 14% and 11% of the market share.

Source: NKC(NL)



46% of **Dutch campers** said they wanted to spend time camping at home in Holland this year.
Source: Columbus Travel

90.1% of Dutch campers park their motorcaravan (camper) on the open road for more than three days. Only 4.99% have ever received a complaint, a warning or a fine.
Source: NKC (NL)

Camping at the highest level: the spectacular TCS pop-up glamping village is back again on Alp Nagens above Laax and is open from 24 June to 10 September 2022. This is the third edition of this unique camping experience on a five star campsite 2,000 m above sea level.
Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Camping vehicle registrations in Spain in June 2022

214 caravans, 332 camper vans and 627 motorcaravans, totalling 1,173 caravans, motorcaravans and campers that were registered in June this year were 29% down compared with June 2021.
Source: FECC (E)

Germany: Registrations are still on an upward trend. In April there were 2,866 new caravan registrations. However the season so far is 6.5% below the pre-season. Ownership transfers of second-hand vehicles are also up. In the first quarter of 2022, there were exactly 36,768 recreational vehicles or 10.7% more than in 2021, 15,124 of which were caravans.
Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

11.5 million German citizens state that they are happy to spend their holidays at a campsite.
Source: Allensbach-Umfrage (survey)

Practical tips – for campers too

Plastic garden furniture can be cleaned very easily using toothpaste. Just mix it with a little water and using a microfibre cloth apply with small circular movements. Then rinse off with clear water and leave to dry.

Silver fish – often found in a bath – dislike the smell of lavender, lemon and vinegar. Add to cleaning water and they will disappear. Also if you leave half of a hollowed-out potato on the floor overnight (silver fish are nocturnal), they will crawl inside. Discard in the morning.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Thanks to the land borders opening up again between **Morocco** and the **Spanish enclaves** of Ceuta and Melilla, boat services between Spain and Morocco have started up once more. Ferry crossings between Tangiers and Tarifa have also been in operation again since April this year. Crossings between the two countries were stopped because of the pandemic.
Source: NKC/NL

Germany: How many different **road traffic signs** are there? In Germany especially you will find that there is a special sign for every situation (no parking, right of way, speed, etc. etc).



ADAC has counted over 400 different symbols and learner drivers must learn them all. But it's reassuring to know that there can be no more than three signs on a single post!

At the hottest time of the year and during the increasing drought conditions in many regions, drivers should **do their best to park their vehicle in the shade and on firm ground** i.e. not on dry meadows or fields or forest tracks. The heat that has built up in a hot engine can start a fire in a matter of seconds.

Health

Aspirin was developed by Felix Hoffman (1868-1946) in 1897 to treat rheumatism.

First aid in the event of a swimming accident: One should always take great care swimming in rivers and lakes. If possible frequent places where there are lifeguards or some form of bathing supervision. Allow your body to get used to cold water very gradually i.e. take time going into the water.

Someone who is drowning does not have the strength to summon help. So if you see that a swimmer's head keeps on disappearing under the water or if the person is not moving, call the rescue services immediately on the international emergency number 112. You should only swim out to a drowning person if you are not going to put yourself at risk. It is better to throw a life ring or a rope if either is available. If the victim is brought ashore unconscious, ensure that he is resting on his side to let the ingested water flow out. Keep the person warm. If the victim has stopped breathing perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

The biggest predator in the world is the sperm whale. It is 20m long, weighs up to 50 tonnes and can dive down to approx 3,000m. Its teeth are 30cm long. This giant can remain under the water for 80 minutes. It hunts fish and squid.

It was the Belgians who invented "**pommes frites**" (written evidence). Back in the 17C, they fried potato sticks which the people living on the Meuse river ate as a fish substitute in winter.

Easter Island which, geographically speaking is part of Polynesia but belongs to Chile politically, was discovered by Jakob Roggeveen from the Netherlands in 1722 – at Easter!

1,500 trees have been planted

In two phases in March and April, the federation "Wohnmobil für Klimaschutz" (Motorcaravans for climate action) planted a total of 1,350 beech trees, red oaks and larches along with 150 bushes for the insect world. A very worthy undertaking to be emulated and matched.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

International Days instituted by the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, FAO etc.

27 July: Earth Overshoot Day

30 July: World Friendship Day and World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

12 August: International Youth Day

19 August: World Day of Humanitarian Aid

29 August: International Day Against Nuclear Tests

15 September: International Democracy Day



21 September: International Peace Day
27 September: International Tourism Day
28 September: Action Day Against Gambling Addiction and International Day of the Right to Knowledge

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

90 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST ITALIAN CAMPING CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED (13 April 1932 – 13 April 2022)



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16-02-1965 Turin – Death of Luigi Bergera

The city of Turin honoured his memory by naming a street after him (between Via Sagra di San Michele and Via Castellino).

He was born into an old Piedmont family – his father was a military attaché in Moscow and Berlin. He was an excellent sportsman and mountain enthusiast and in his youth spent his summer holidays in Lanzo T.se.

He was an activity leader in one of the sub-sections of the Italian Alpine Clubs (S.A.R.I. for students from Turin).

He completed his law degree and was Quartermaster/Officer in charge of Stores in the Alpine Artillery 1 company in 1921 in Livigno.

He was Director for General Affairs at the "Turin Exhibition" S.P.A. and his name is linked with A.C.I. (known as R.A.C.I. at the time).

For many years he described himself as a blend of many parts with a finger in many pies. He was also Vice-President of "Famija Turineisa". In 1945 he became involved in the youth hostel movement "Fondazione Italiana Alberghi per la Gioventù".

The entire history of Italian camping revolves around Dr. Luigi Bergera, who founded AUTOCAMPEGGIO CLUB PIEMONTE on 13 April 1932.



Its first office was in a storeroom that looked out on to a staircase on the Via Carlo Alberto. Dr. Bergera and Mr. Montaldi, an engineer, took on the leadership.

1933 saw the start of hiking through the forests, along the shores of Lake Maggiore and the Cavalese roads up to the Dolomites. A camping event sponsored by the press was a great success: over sixty cars with more than two hundred people participated and even included the first camping dog, a fox terrier. The camp leader was Dr. Bergera, who travelled in his reliable eight cylinder vehicle. The campers went to Planpincieux in 1934 and were back in Brueil in 1935. Luigi Bergera publicised this novel autocamping event in the following words: "Everyone who has discovered the camping life, has experienced the joy of days spent out in the open, far away from noisy towns and cities and the clamour of the streets; if only for a few hours... experience it this year at the 3rd international autocamp and then, come the autumn and next spring, go off in your car when the mood takes you and travel through the Piedmont and our beautiful Italy - even go abroad".

As President of Autocampeggio Club Piemonte, he was involved in setting up the International Federation of Camping Clubs of which he was Director and he became Vice-President of the International Camping and Caravanning Federation (later to be known as the Fédération Internationale de Camping et de Caravaning).

In 1938, Italian camping witnessed a rather special event. The Autocampeggio Club Piemonte organised the international rally in Meina, near Stresa on Lago Maggiore.

This was the first international rally in Italy. Camping obviously came to an abrupt end during the second world war but it picked up again later after the war and 1949 saw the first campsite open in Leopardi Park. Between 1949 and 1971 campers met in Peuterey where a Chapel dedicated to the Madonna of Campers was built. Perhaps some of today's campers still have the medallion at home with the Madonna of Peuterey on one side and the image of the chapel on the reverse with the inscription: "...Loving mother, watch over me in my fragile dwelling".

On 2 July 1950, ACTI (replaced A.C.P.) became a founder member of the Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori (Italian Camping Confederation) (now the Italian Camping Federation), and the club's social activities extended to Turin and Piedmont.

The Italian Camping Confederation founded on 2 July 1950 in Tirrenia thanks to Dr. Bergera's dynamism appointed him as its first national President. Another President of the Italian camping federation was our member Engineer Saroglia, who was President of ACTI for 25 years.

Immediately afterwards, Federcampeggio, spurred on by Dr. Bergera's leadership, organised international rallies in Florence in 1951 and in Rome in 1961.

Many years passed and the name may have changed, but certainly not the spirit of our founding father.

The "Camping Show" was launched in Turin, first of all in Valentino, then on the Piazza Vittorio and finally the "Holiday Show" arrived in 1967.

When the camping experience in the Aosta Valley came to an end in 1971, two years later in 1973 we took our tents to the Val Varaita and the ACTI LAGO. The campsite was opened in Pontechianale.



In 1974 "LUIGI BERGERA" campsite in Lanzo Torinese was opened.
In 1982, commemoration of the GOLDEN CENTURY for ACTI and for all Italian campsites.
13-14-15 April 2012, ACTI's 80th ANNIVERSARY and a celebration at the Italian campsite.

This latest anniversary was celebrated in Lanzo Torinese on 17 July 2022 and repeated at the Parma Fair from 12 to 16 September.

Information <https://www.90yearsitalianclub.eu> about the actual meeting and registration to participate.

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

China: All in Caravanning 2022 is planned from 23 to 25 September 2022, in Beijing

Czech Republic: Caravanning 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
and from 29 October to 7 November 2022, in Douai

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: 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 22, in Utrecht

Portugal: Nauticampo in October 2022, in Lisbon

Spain:

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 for January 2023, in Pittsburgh

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

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