



## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

**THE F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023**  
is happening from 23 June to 1 July in the wonderful  
holiday resort of ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)



### **WELCOME TO F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL IN CROATIA**

Campers from all over the World will have the opportunity to visit Croatia this year and to discover its many treasures, both natural and cultural. The occasion is the F.I.C.C. World Camping Festival, organised by TuristHotel from 23<sup>rd</sup> June till 1<sup>st</sup> July in the beautiful Zaton Holiday Resort near Nin – Zadar.

Croatia is one of the most popular camping destinations in Europe and its central location is sure to attract many camping enthusiasts to participate in this Festival taking place for the first time.

One of the most beautiful and largest Croatian (and European) camping resorts, Zaton Holiday Resort is located in the district of Nin in the Zadar Region. Since 2009 the resort has been a member of the prestigious international association "Leading Campings of Europe" and has won numerous recognitions and awards.

Zaton Holiday Resort is situated in a beautiful bay, protected from the wind and waves, hidden in a pine forest, with over a kilometre long sandy and pebbly beach. It is an ideal place for active family vacation, located 17 km from the regional centre Zadar and only 2 km from Nin, the capital of the medieval Croatian state.



Zaton Holiday Resort is an modern, absolutely family-friendly facility that welcomes all outdoor lovers with traditional camping equipment on equipped pitches. But guests without their own camping equipment can also stay in modern apartments, air-conditioned mobile homes or safari-style glamping tents.

The F.I.C.C. World Camping Festival at the Zaton Holiday Resort is the ideal decision for your holiday in 2023, because 2023 is a very special year for F.I.C.C., federation, which will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in the same period will also celebrate the World Camping Day for the first time on 29th June.

The organisation is preparing a very varied programme suitable for families, for single persons, for the young and the young at heart. Furthermore excursions and visits in the surroundings are planned that you will remember for many years.

I would like to express our sincerest thanks to the organisers, TuristHotel Team, the sponsors who are supporting this F.I.C.C. Events, as well as to all those workers and volunteers who are preparing for us this enjoyable Festival.

In these very particular times we live in, outdoor activities, especially Camping and the Campers with their behaviour and respect for each other, for nature and different cultures, show that this amazing kind of tourism is one of the best ways to travel and meet friends from all over the world.

On behalf of F.I.C.C. I would like to welcome you all to this Festival and I am convinced that all Camping, Caravanning and Motor-caravanning enthusiasts will take home some truly memorable impressions from this beautiful country.

I wish you all a friendly and safe stay in Croatia!

João ALVES PEREIRA

F.I.C.C. President

**Campers from the world over attending this Camping Festival will also have the chance to join in celebrations for F.I.C.C.'s 90th anniversary and the first official World Camping Day that was created last year.**



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







# RRRrrreminder for the 71th FICC Youth Rally!

This year the party with Easter will be in the Netherlands and it will surely be a roaring adventure! We hope to welcome participants from all around.

The weekend from the 6th to the 10th of April there will be sports, fun games, and an excursion to the city of Gouda (yes, the city of cheese). If you want you can even visit one of the many traditional windmills and cheese factories! And of course, we will have a nice party every evening.

You can find all the information on our [website](#). The deadline to sign up for this year's Rally is on the **28th of February**, less than a month from now!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us  
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**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE,  
CHEONG PYEONG Lake/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by  
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

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

**NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in Kiuruves/Finland  
under F.I.C.C. patronage**

The Nordisk Camping Radet has been organising Nordic Rallies since 1964 with Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark taking turns to host the event.  
The 2024 Nordic Rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. SF Caravan would like to include other F.I.C.C. members from all over the world in this event which will be held in the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi.  
The programme will include learning about local gastronomy, visiting farms and other agriculture-based activities and you will even have the opportunity to plant a tree or two, all with the involvement of local people and groups.  
More details later.

**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.

In 2025 The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### What is vertical load (noseweight or drawbar load)?

The term “vertical load” means the maximum static load on the coupling point of the towing vehicle (i.e. car, van or mobile home) for a trailer (i.e. caravan).

As a rule this works out at between 50 and 100 kg for traditional vehicles, but can be more for heavier SUVs, off-road vehicles and vans.

But not every type of trailer has a vertical load that has to be taken into consideration before setting off – only trailers where the load is not fully borne by its own axles. These trailers include some with just one axle, trailers with two axles which are less than one meter apart and are positioned in the middle of the trailer or those that have no axles on the hitch folk.

Basically the most important points are:

- Vertical load indicates the weight of the towing vehicles on the coupling, i.e. the maximum weight that “bears down” on the drawbar of the trailer.
- For optimum stability when driving an outfit, ideally get as close to this value as possible, but do not exceed it. Also make sure that the maximum vertical load of the outfit reflects the value of the stated low vertical load of the vehicle and trailer.
- The vertical load is based on the towing vehicle i.e. loading up the towing vehicle reduces this weight.
- This does not change the permissible total mass of a caravan – payload/load capacity should not be increased by the value of the drawbar load.
- To determine the vertical load one can either use personal scales, a noseweight balance available in specialist camping outlets or a jockey wheel incorporating a load indicator.

Source: Camping/DCC (D)

**France** has drawn up the first barometer of outdoor tourist installations so as to have an idea of the number, trends and developments in the sector. Atout France, FNHPA (Fédération Nationale de l'Hôtellerie de Plein Air) and ADN Tourisme have taken on this task. Data was collected in 2022 thanks to the cooperation of 1,200 campsites who anonymously passed on information on their overnight stays thereby giving an overall view of trends in outdoor tourism in France.

This barometer is easy reading even for non-professionals. It was found that there were approx 16% more overnight stays at camping sites in 2022 than in 2021 (139.2 million) with an increase in the number of overseas guests, especially the British (+595%).

So 2022 was a record year and the uncertain economic climate, geopolitical situation and increasing prices doubtless played a part. Work is being done to improve the barometer because it has turned out to be an interesting statistical “tool” for the authorities as well.

Source: Camping Business Newsletter



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

In my experience one always finds earth escaping out of the hole in the bottom of a **flower pot**. But I have read that this can be avoided if you cover the base with a large coffee filter which also makes emptying and re-potting that much easier. Worth a try!

**Forgotten your toothbrush?** Chewing gum with Xylit (sugar substitute) can be a solution because it encourages a build-up of saliva which strengthens the enamel and neutralises harmful acids.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Traffic**

**Germany:** 166,000 heavy goods vehicles travel along Germany's most used motorway section every day i.e. the A3 between Cologne East intersection (Kreuz Köln-Ost) and the Cologne Heumar triangle (Dreieck Köln-Heumar).

Munich is the most congested city in Germany, with 74 hours of congestion per year. It is followed by Berlin (71 hours) and Hamburg (56 hours). Not to be compared with London (156 hours), Chicago (155 hours) and Paris (138 hours)!

Source: Global Traffic Scorecard

### **Health**

**Hiccups** are very unpleasant – they usually result from eating too quickly but are sometimes caused by stress.

When the diaphragm contracts jerkily we end up with hiccups. One home remedy is gargling with cold water because this stimulates the vagus nerve at the back of the throat which calms the diaphragm.

### **Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning.**

A common danger, especially in the winter months, because no matter what you heat with, the smallest defect in the stove will cause carbon monoxide (CO) to escape unnoticed. If inhaled, this invisible and odourless gas impedes the transport of oxygen in the body.

The symptoms are: Headache, dizziness, ringing in the ears and also nausea and if the CO concentration in the blood increases, the skin on the face turns red. Cardiac arrhythmias occur.

Leave the room (building) immediately and alert the emergency services. Place unconscious people in the recovery position and loosen tight clothing around the chest to make it easier to breathe. If breathing stops, start resuscitation immediately.

There are carbon monoxide meters that can be installed on the wall or ceiling that will sound an alarm if the concentration is elevated.





### Curious facts/environment/culture

**The switchback** first appeared in Russia in the 17C and the first wavy roller coaster (30m high) was seen in Paris in 1817 – not very impressive compared with today's record-breaking big dippers in amusement parks.

The **Winter Olympics 2026** will be in Lombardy/North Italy, Milan (regional capital) being the biggest city in the area.

**Denmark:** UNESCO World Heritage site Stevns Klint, limestone cliffs on the east coast of Zealand, opened a new Visitors Centre last October. These cliffs are 66 million years old and rich in fossils.

The **tower that leans the most in the world** is not in Pisa (4.95° tilt) but in Gau-Weinheim (Germany). It is a mediaeval fortified tower with a 5.42° tilt.

**Neon Saltwater** a digital artist and designer brought new life to a Las Vegas music festival by transforming a local abandoned 1930s gas station into a retro landscape of glowing lights. Much more impressive than a firework display.



The **Chinese New Year**, which is celebrated from 22 January to 7 February, is in the zodiac sign of the Rabbit this year. The hare symbolises peace and hope. wish for the truth,



Foto Johnny Cheng





**We don't stop because we are getting old... we get old because we stop!**  
Clint Eastwood

- 11.01. International Thank-You Day
- 24.01. International Day of Education
- 04.02. World Cancer Day and International Day of Human Fraternity
- 06.02. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
- 10.02. World Pulses Day
- 11.02. International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 13.02. World Radio Day
- 20.02 World Day of Social Justice
- 21.02. International Mother Language Day

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

**FECC (Federacion Espanola de Clubes Campistas)** is organising its national rally from 31 March to 9 April 2023 in Jaén/Spain.

### **FITUR 2023 - UNWTO**

In the framework of FITUR 2023 in Madrid, F.I.C.C., represented by its President Joao Alves Pereira, participated in the UNWTO Affiliate Members Corner" ) under the theme "Trends in the Travel Industry in 2023 ".

On 20 January, ten selected Members had the opportunity to present, through case studies, what the tourism industry will look like in 2023 and how to benefit from the changes in the sector.

The following topics were covered;

- 1.The travel comeback: - A look back to 2022.
2. Public-private collaboration: - Public-private alliance for Mexican Caribbean destinations to thrive.
3. Sustainable transformation: JTB's sustainable journey to 2030 through business
4. Digital nomads: Remote working - combining work and long-stay travel; year-round tourism and off-season guests (Croatia)



5. Aviation resurgence: how tourism and aviation are transforming each other, and the outlook for 2023
6. Travel insurance: Evolution of travel insurance after or according to COVID19
7. Technology-enabled travel: Content parity for more online hotel bookings
8. Cultural urban destinations: Opportunities for geographic intelligence to improve tourism performance
9. Gastronomic tourism: Barcelona as a reference destination for gastronomic excellence
10. Experiential tourism: the concept of "bleisure".

It was a unique opportunity to meet other affiliate members and underline the importance of the FICC camping activities, which attracted a lot of interest, and in order to create a better collaboration between both organisations.

Furthermore, the F.I.C.C. President met the representatives of the Croatian National Tourism Board to solicit support for the F.I.C.C. festivities at Zadar in June 2023



**The audience**



## EXHIBITIONS

**Austria:** Ferien Messe Wien from 6 to 19 March 2023, in Vienna  
Urlaub & Camping from 31 March to 2 April 2023, in Wels

**Belgium:** Salon des vacances from 24 to 27 March 2023, in Brüssel  
Mobicar from 24 until 28 October 2023 in Brussels

**Canada:** Toronto Spring Camping & RV Show from 2 to 5 March 2023, in Toronto

**China:** International Outdoor Sports and Sporting Goods Exhibition from 27 to 29 March 2023, in Shanghai

**Denmark:**

**Finland:** Caravan Show from 21 to 23 April 2023 at Turku

**France :** Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 17 to 20 March 2023, in Paris  
Salon des vehicules de loisir from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Paris  
Salon du camping-car from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Villepinte (near Paris)  
SETT from 8 to 10 November 2023, in Montpellier

**Germany:** Reise & Camping from 22 to 26 February 2023, in Essen  
ITB from 10 to 12 March 2023, in Berlin  
Camping & Caravaning Rostock from 17 to 19 March 2023, in Rostock  
Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 2 to 26 March 2023, in Nürnberg  
Caravan Salon from 26 August to 3 September 2023, in Düsseldorf  
Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 2023, in Bremen  
Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig

**Great Britain:** Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 21 to 26 February 2023, in Birmingham  
WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London

**Hungary:** Caravan Salon HUNGEXPO from 23 to 26 February 2023, in Budapest

**Italy:** Salone del Camper from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Parma

**Netherlands:** Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair from 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht

**Portugal:** Nauticampo from 8 to 12 February 2023, in Lisbon

**Spain:** Caravaning Alicante from 7 to 19 February 2023, in Alicante  
Expocamp from 18 to 20 March 2023, in Avilés  
Fine Salon Int. du tourisme on 1 and 2 March, in Valladolid  
B-Travel from 10 to 12 March 2023, in Barcelona  
Caravaning from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona  
Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona  
Madrid Expo Camper & Caravan from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Madrid

**Switzerland:** Camping Tage from 24 to 16 March, in Lucerne  
Suisse Caravan Salon from 26 to 30 October 2023, in Bern

**Turkey:** Camping & Caravaning Istanbul from 8 to 12 March 2023, in Istanbul

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