



## **NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024**

**The 22nd F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY will take place  
from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE 2024  
in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY,  
GANGWON Province/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by  
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

**All members of F.I.C.C. affiliated clubs and federations may take part in this Asia-Pacific rally and are cordially invited to come and discover this beautiful part of South Korea.**

Full information on <https://www.koreacamping.net/>

**This website will be active from the end of January.**

**F.I.C.C. WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL 2024 in ALICANTE/Spain  
from 26 June to 4 July  
at the Alannia/Costa Blanca campsite**

Check-in (arrival) is on 26 June and check-out (departure) is on 4 July, i.e. eight (8) nights in total.

Registration fee for adults (18 years and over): 155.00€

Young people from 11 to 17 years: 77.50€

Children up to 10 years: no charge

Pet animals: 2.50€ per night. Maximum of two (2) pets allowed on one pitch.

Electricity is included in the registration fee.

The programme of excursions under preparation.

The number of pitches available for the Festival is limited, so it is advisable to book early.

Maximum number of people allowed to occupy any one pitch is six (6).

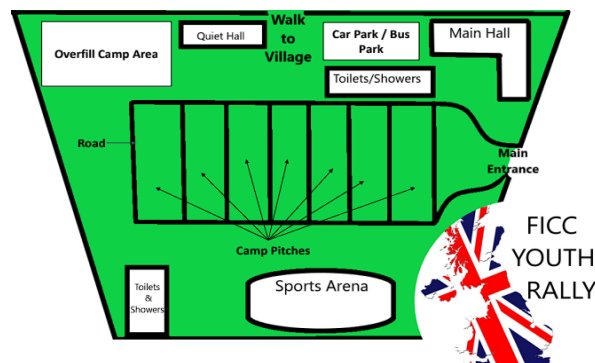


A caravan or motorcaravan, tent or trailer tent and only one (1) vehicle allowed on a pitch. Other vehicles may be left in the parking area. Pitches all have a water supply, electricity, drainage and TV connections. The website is under preparation.

The Ordinary General Assembly of the F.I.C.C. will take place on 28 June 2024 at 9.00 am on or near the Rally site.

We would also like to draw your attention to the World Camping Day, which will be officially celebrated on 29 June 2024 at 11 a.m on the site. SAVE THESE DATES

## **72nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY from 28 March to 1 April 2024 at the Black Isle Showground near Inverness/Scotland**



The rally site is 20 minutes by foot from the village and has all the necessary infrastructure i.e. showers, toilets, electricity on the pitches, cooking facilities, a bar etc. etc. There will be an excursion to Loch Ness, a haggis race/competition, highland games and numerous other recreational games and - competitions. Airports: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen. The organisers can help with transport to the rally site. The nearest railway station is 20 miles away but the organisers are prepared to collect rally-goers. There is a direct coach from London to Inverness where the organisers can pick up rally-goers and take them to the rally site.

Registration fee is 65€ for the basic package i.e. one's stay, 4 evening discos, games, a ceilidh, excursion to Loch Ness and a T-shirt or 140€ for the full programme that includes a second excursion and all meals during the rally.



Booking via <https://ficc2024gb.co.uk/registration/>  
 Booking deadline is 18 February 2024

Full information on <https://ficc2024gb.co.uk/>

Or email to: [ficc2024gb@gmail.com](mailto:ficc2024gb@gmail.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast	8am-9.30am - Breakfast
10am – Site Opens	10am-4pm – Optional Trip	10am-4pm – Trip to Loch Ness, Castles, Inverness	10am-1pm – Volleyball & Football Competition	12 noon – Site Closes
2pm-5pm – Football Zorbing			2pm-5pm – Highland Games	
5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm - 7pm - Evening Meal - Café Open	5pm-7pm – FICC Burns Supper with 'Address the Haggis' by Alex Cook, Toast the Haggis followed by Easter Meal – Haggis, Tatties & Neaps.	
7.30pm-9.30pm – Opening Ceremony & Welcoming Games – Come dressed in your International Colours	7.30pm-9.30pm – Fun Games – including Haggis Race	7.30pm-9.30pm Ceilidh Lessons – come and learn a couple of Scottish Dances for the Ceilidh tomorrow night.	7.30pm-9.30pm – International Ceilidh – come dressed in Tartan for the Closing Ceremony & Ceilidh	
9.30pm-Late – Disco	9.30pm-Late – Disco	9.30pm-Late – Disco	9.30pm- Late – Disco	





## 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

**Full information on**  
<http://www.95thficcrally.com/>

The CAROC Organising Committee at a reception given by the Deputy Mayor of New Taipei City, Mr. Chen, with Mr. Chwen-Jing and Dr. Yan, Tsung-Ming Commissioner for Tourism and Travel, who are supporting the 95th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Taiwan. Mr. Chen will be keeping the various municipal departments informed about the event and provide assistance.

The police, fire brigade, medical services and environmental protection agency have also been contacted regarding the rally.





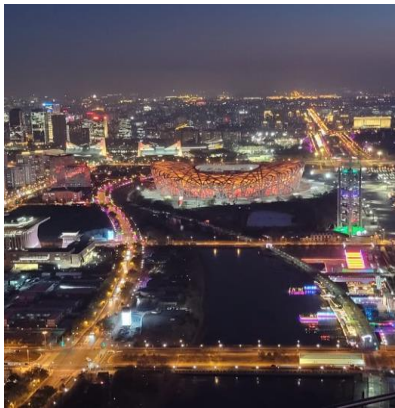
**96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY**  
**Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026**  
**Location: Karpfham/Southern Germany**  
**Organiser: Deutscher Camping Club e.V.**



Bad Griesbach

**97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA**  
**Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026**  
**Location: vicinity of Beijing**  
**Organiser: 21RV**





The Olympia Stadium in Beijing by night (Photos G. Vergouts)  
Definitely worth seeing!

## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

**Netherlands:** 34% of campers wait more than five years before selling their motorcaravan and then 41% decide not to sell.

Source: NKC (NL)

### Perfection during winter camping

Winter camping is the ultimate in camping experiences although it is certainly not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be with the proper equipment and with a sensible approach. In the end, camping is all about good organisation and the right tactics.

**Driving: winter tyres** should always have a minimum tread depth of at least 4 mm in wintery conditions. If the tread depth is less than 4 mm, tyres count as summer tyres (in Austria for example) and will attract a heavy fine.

All year round tyres must bear the manufacturer's snowflake mark or be POR designated (professional off-road) failing which they will not be recognised as winter tyres in many countries.

Tyre pressure: in snowy and icy conditions, tyre pressure should be increased by 0.2 bar above the vehicle manufacturer's recommended figure. Increased pressure opens up the rib profile which not only provides better grip but also aids the self-cleaning action of the tyre tread.

**Mirrors, headlights, windows:** good visibility is important at all times so mirrors and headlights should be kept clean and icefree. Every vehicle should have its ice scraper and a clean cloth to deal with condensation on the inside of windows, windscreen wipers should be in mint condition and windscreen washing liquid topped up with antifreeze. It is important to remove snow from the roof of your vehicle before you set off.

As for your driving position, your hands should grip the steering wheel in the three and nine o'clock position, your thigh resting comfortably on the seat, your leg not fully extended but ready to use the brake pedal at all times. Now you are well prepared to confront extreme situations. Rain, snow and ice definitely increase the braking distance required so keep your distance from other vehicles and adapt your speed to the road conditions.



Basically it is a good idea to put chains on the drive axle. However if your journey involves a long, steep hill, chains should be put on the rear axle. This will prevent the back of the vehicle from skidding as it could do without chains.

Winter is the time to make sure you carry the following in your vehicle: a warm blanket, gloves in case of a breakdown, mats to kneel on when fixing the chains, a torch, snow chains and/or a starting aid.

**Heating** is important for winter camping but usually a 3.5 kilowatt fan heater is sufficient to keep one warm in cold weather in a reasonably well-insulated vehicle of up to 6m in length. Anyone taking a winter holiday in a caravan at the North Cape will need heating for continuous use for the duration of their stay that will take account of the ambient temperature outside.

Anyone with a combi heater in their caravan but who might want to avail themselves of the campsite's electricity flat rate from time to time, must make sure when buying their vehicle that the e-kit is already installed in the combi heater. It cannot be retrofitted.

True winter camping fanatics have their own hot water heating on board.

The warm air intake and outlet vents and all convector heaters must remain uncovered at all times because warm air needs to circulate otherwise the caravan will always feel cold.

The thermostat should be in the middle of the living space, ideally 1m or 1m20 above floor level in the lounge area. It should be placed well away from both draughts and warm air vents and nowhere near an outside door.

Ventilate your caravan regularly because dry fresh air warms up more quickly.

Hot water heating convectors must draw in cold air from below in order to deliver warm air high up. So do not cover up air inlets or obstruct airstreams above the convectors with clothes or cushions.

**Energy reserves:** Caravans generally use mains electricity on winter campsites which guarantees basic provision of light and warmth when there is only a small heater on board.

But for real warmth gas is the answer. If you heat using electricity, it works out very expensive. Gas is cheaper and more efficient. You can heat a caravan for two to three days with 11 kgs and then you need to change the bottle. One advantage is the automatic exchange facility where you can replace your empty bottle with a full one.

Even people who try to be self-sufficient and generate their own solar power can at least afford to install warm air distribution. Usually a manoeuvring aid is used to bring a battery on board and it could always be exchanged for a bigger version. But only intelligent battery chargers constantly monitor and maintain a battery, provide optimum voltage and generally ensure that the safety system and storage are operational. So it is important that the battery charger is compatible with the batteries thereby avoiding possible damage and power failure.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (Extracts from an article by Raymond Eckl)

## Practical tips – for campers too

At this time of the year, condensation (drizzle) often builds up on a vehicle's **wing mirrors** and it can be dangerous. There is quite an easy solution. Wash and dry the mirror, then take half of a raw potato and rub it over the mirror glass. The starch in the potato disappears as it dries off and the condensation then simply runs away down the mirror.



A great **heater for your bike saddle**: Anyone travelling by bike in winter will certainly be pleased to have a saddle heater that stays warm for up to three hours. The waterproof cover fits all standard saddle types and is ready for use after two hours of battery charging.  
Found at [proidee.de](http://proidee.de)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Traffic

**Austria** produces a one-day motorway toll vignette.

This year Austria has introduced a one-day motorway vignette for vehicles weighing up to 3,500 kgs maximum authorised mass.

The one-day vignette is for campers who are in transit in the country and is much better value than the 10-day card. This vignette that went on sale in December 2023, can be purchased in advance on the internet and is valid for 18 days.

Source: NKC(NL)

### **Croatia: Official travel app launched**

The Croatian Centre for Tourism has launched a phone app Explore Croatia. This app gives tourists personalised content tailored to their interests as well as information on their current location. Explore Croatia is able to produce itineraries and digital postcards to share with others. The app also has a wealth of useful information for your stay in Croatia.

Source: DCC (D)

### Health

It is still the mushroom season and every year we hear of **mushroom poisoning**, 90% of which is due to eating the deadly amanita, also known as the death cap or death angel. It looks just like a mushroom but has a slightly green hue. If you do suffer mushroom poisoning, you should head for the nearest poison control centre or dial 112. Keep any broken bits of mushroom for identification purposes at the poison control centre. Self-treatment with “Grandma’s remedies” i.e. drinking saltwater and milk is to be avoided at all costs.

### Curious facts/environment/culture

The last trees have finally shed their leaves and one can finally see the many lovely bird’s nests in the branch forks. This includes the **robin’s**, a song bird species where even the females can sing. The breeding season is from March until the end of July and the fledglings leave the nest after 16 days. Robins live in gardens, parks, woodland and hedgerows. The bird’s normal lifespan is thirteen months but they have been known to live for three or even four years.

Birds need to be fed throughout the winter months. The best way is to have a birdhouse that is regularly cleaned out with hot water to prevent their droppings from transmitting bacteria and causing disease. And don’t forget a water dish for them to drink from and bathe in!





The recipe for **Coca Cola** dating back to 1921 is allegedly kept in a two-metre high specially built steel safe on the premises of the “World of Coca-Cola” in Atlanta/United States of America.

Since 15 November 2023, limited numbers of the general public have been given access to Michelangelo’s drawings that have been kept in the secret apartment in the **San Lorenzo basilica in Florence** where he is thought to have spent two months. The corridor that houses these drawings has walls over 10m high - access is very difficult and in no way respected or respects any of today’s health and safety regulations. In order to protect these wall drawings from the light, only 100 visitors a week are allowed in and can only stay for 15 minutes in four groups. Entrance fee is 32€.

It is a well-known fact that metal expands on heating and contracts on cooling. The **Eiffel tower** in Paris is fully 15cm smaller in winter than in summer.

Saying oft he month

**A life full of wonders  
Is a wonderful life**



## INTERESTING UPDATES FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS

### Congratulations/Wir gratulieren/Félicitations



<b>Associazione Camperisti Sicilia Club (I)</b>	<b>5 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Federacion Catalana de Clubes Campistas</b>	<b>30 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Touring Club Malta</b>	<b>40 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Norsk Bobilforening (N)</b>	<b>40 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Unio Caravanista de Catalunya</b>	<b>50 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu (PL)</b>	<b>60 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>SF Caravan ry (FIN)</b>	<b>60 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Japan Auto Camping Federation (J)</b>	<b>65 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Touring Club Suisse – Camping (CH)</b>	<b>75 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Norges Automobil Forbund (N)</b>	<b>100 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>R3CB Rallye asbl (B)</b>	<b>115 Jahre/years/ans</b>
<b>Automobilclub von Deutschland (AvD)</b>	<b>125 Jahre/years/ans</b>



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

More information on: [nordicrally.fi](http://nordicrally.fi).



**24th Adria Camping Rally will be held at the Camping Amadria Park in Sibenik/Croatia  
from 23 to 30 June 2024, organised by UDRUGA KAMPISTA HRVATSKE (UKH)**

Registration and further information: [ukh@camping-croatia.com](mailto:ukh@camping-croatia.com)  
or Adria Rally 2024



**The DCC Technical Award 2023** went to LAS bicycle carrier for drawbar BC260 produced by the firm EAL. The award was presented during the Tourism & Caravanning Fair in Leipzig in November.



## **New CIVD President**

Mr. Bernd Löher was elected the new President of the Caravaning Industrie Verbandes in August 2023.

Hermann Pfaff, CIVD President since 2014, did not wish to stand for re-election for reasons of age.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**Argentina:** Expo Rodantear in October 2024 in Buenos Aires

**Australia:** 21-25 February 2024 Victorian Caravan, Camping & Touring Supershow in Melbourne  
Caravan Camping Holiday Supershow from 16-21 April 2024 in Sydney

**Austria:** Tiroler Frühjahrsmesse from 14 to 17 March, in Innsbruck

Ferienmesse Wien from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Vienna

Urlaub & Ausflug from 5-7 April 2024 in Wels

Freizeit Messe from 5-7 April 2024 in Klagenfurt

Caravan. Salon Austria from 16- 20 October 2024 in Wels

**Belgium:** Salon des vacances from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Brussels

Motorhome Show (second hand) from 9-10 March 2024 in Antwerpen

BCCMA-Mobicar in October 2024 in Brussels

**Brazil:** Expo Motorhome in November 2024 in Novo Hamburgo

**Bulgaria:** Camping & Caravanning Expo May 2024 in Sofia (date not yet known)

**Canada:** The Outdoor Adventure Show from 23 to 25 February 2024, in Toronto

Salon du VR from 29 February to 3 March 2024 in Montreal

**China:** All-in Caravaning from 19 – 21 April 2024 in Beijing

**Denmark:** Camping from 10 to 12 January 2025, in Aalborg

**Finland:** Caravan from 19 to 21 January 2024, in Helsinki

Caravan Show from 19 to 21 April 2024 in Turku

Caravan Finland from 26 to 29 September 2024 in Lahti

**France:** Salon Mondiale du Tourisme from 14 to 17 March, in Paris

Salon des véhicules de Loisirs from 18 to 22 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget

Le Camper Van Week-end from 26-28 April 2024 in Angers

**Germany:** CMT from 13 to 21 January 2024, in Stuttgart

ABF Caravan und Camping from 31 January to 4 February 2024, in Hannover

Reise & Freizeit from 27 to 28 January 2024, in Greven

Reise & Camping from 28 February to 3 March 2024, in Essen

ITB from 5 to 7 March 2024, in Berlin

Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024 in Düsseldorf

Caravabn Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024 in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 20 to 24 November 2024 in Leipzig

**Great Britain:** Caravan Camping & Motorhome Show from 13 to 28 February 2024, in Birmingham

Caravan and Motorhome Show from 19 to 21 January 2024, Titanic Exhibition Centre in Belfast (Northern Ireland)

Scotiish Caravan Motorhome Show from 1-4 February 2024 in Glassgow

The National Moorhome & Campervan Show from 14-16 June 2024 in Coddington

The North Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15-20 October 2024 in Norwich

Motorhome & Caravan Show from 14 to 22 September 2024 in Boirmingham



**Italy:** Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 24 September 2024, in Parma  
**Japan:** Japan Camping Car Show (Makahuri) from 2-5 February 2024. In Tokyo  
**New Zealand:** Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show from 18-19 May 2024 in **Christchurch**  
COVI Motorhome & Outdoor Supershow from 15-17 March 2024 in Auckland  
**Netherlands:** Caravana from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Leeuwarden  
Vakantiebeurs from 11 to 14 January 2024, in Utrecht  
Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2-6 October 2024 in Utrecht  
**Poland:** Camper Caravan Show from 5-7 April 2024 in Nadarzyn  
**Portugal:** Nauticampo from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Lisbon  
**South Africa:** Caravan Show from 23-25 February 2024 in Gauteng  
**South Korea:** Camping & Picnic from 29 February to 3 March 2024 in Goyang  
**Spain:** FITUR from 14 to 28 January 2024, in Madrid  
Caravaning from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Alicante  
B-Travel from 24 to 26 March 2024, in Barcelona  
Feria de Caravaning from 5 to 7 May 2024, in Santiago de Compostela  
Expo Camper & Caravan from 18 to 22 September 2024, in Madrid  
**Sweden:** Elmia Husvagn Husbil from 11-15 September 2024 in Jönköping  
**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon. From 24-28 October 2024 in Bern  
**USA:** RV Show from 6 to 14 January 2024, in Pittsburgh  
Tacoma RV Show from 18 to 21 January 2024, in Tacoma/Washington  
Portland Fall RV & Van Show from 12-15 September 2024 in Portland

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