



NEWSLETTER

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**F.I.C.C. Symposium « BACK TO NATURE » on 20.02.2025 at the Fair in
Essen/GERMANY**



**within the framework of the Camping & Travel Fair in Essen / Germany
has been cancelled.**

**73rd International F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
from 17 to 21 April 2025 on the campsite “Campeggio Club Adriatico”
in Porto Recanati (Macerata)/ITALY
organised by Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori**



Venue:

“Camping Club Adriatico” in Porto Recanati
(Macerata) – Marche – Italy Scarfiotti seafront, Scossicci street

(GPS N 43° 27'50.242” – E 13°38'19.017)

By road = A/14 E/45 motorway (GPS N 43° 27'50.242” – E 13°38'19.017)

By rail = state railway – either Loreto station or Porto Recanati station

By air = nearest airports: *

Falconara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

Bologna Airport – than by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

Pescara Airport – then by rail to either Loreto or Porto Recanati stations

* The campsite will provide a shuttle bus service from Loreto and Porto Recanati stations to Camping Club Adriatico. Return tickets cost € 5.00 per Person.

ACCOMMODATION POSSIBILITIES:

10 pitches for caravans/motorcaravans

80 pitches for tents for 2/4 or more people (no charge, included in the booking fee)

40 places in rental properties/bunglалows

(Cost not included in booking fee)

There is ample space for activities and the campsite also has a children’s playground.

THE BOOKING FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Breakfast, lunch, dinner (apart from the Easter Meal and packed lunches for the excursion, both of which are included in the booking fee);
- Shuttle bus transfers from the campsite to Loreto and Porto Recanati stations or by special request to the town centre at a cost of €5.00 per person (return trip);
- Entrance ticket for the Frasassi Grotto; bike rental;
- Early arrival for and/or late departure from the Rally;
- All other items/services that are not expressly stated as being included in the programme.

Full information on www.campeggioclubadriatico.it

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 from 25 APRIL to 4 MAY 2025 in TAIWAN



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

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

WELCOME TO TAIWAN

96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY

Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026

Venue: Karpfham-Bad Griesbach/Southern Germany

Organised by the Deutscher Camping Club e.V.



Full information on

www.96ficcrallye.jimdofree.com

97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 IN CHINA

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026 in the vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Before taking an Easter break, it is a good idea to check that you have the most important **basic equipment in your caravan/motorcaravan**, the following items having always proved to be indispensable:

Camping guide – drive-on wedges – CEE adapter jacks, CEE adapter plugs, camping table and chairs, first-aid box, fresh water hose, gaffer tape, gas bottles, watering can, cable drum/reel for outdoor use, sanitary additive for the toilet, stormband for awnings, flashlight/head torch, warning triangle, warning sign for bike carriers (for Italy and Spain), high visibility vests (1 per passenger), washing line, spirit level, tool kit, extra rear-view mirror for towing vehicle and don't forget toilet paper, paper napkins and kitchen roll.

Source: CaravanningWelt

The Caravansalon 2024 in **Wels/Austria** with its range of leisure vehicles attracted a record number of 230 exhibitors and over 45,000 enthusiastic camping fans thereby confirming the continuing boom in the camping business. In Austria, like everywhere else.

Over 220,000 new registrations: European caravanning market remains at a high level

Caravanning continues to enjoy great popularity throughout Europe. In 2024, more leisure vehicles were registered across Europe than in the previous year representing a growth of around 5.2%.

Germany is by far the largest caravanning market in Europe and once again accounted for the largest share of new registrations with 96,392 units. France, the second largest market in Europe, reported 33,783 new registrations, an increase of 7.6% compared to the previous year. The number of new registrations in the United Kingdom also rose to a total of around 28,011 units (+10.4%), significantly exceeding the 2023 level.

Motor caravan registrations up, caravan segment remains stable

This segment recorded a total of 160,467 new registrations, Germany, the largest market, contributing 74,718 new registrations (+ 9.1%). France followed with 26,396 new registrations (+ 10.3%), the United Kingdom registered 16,567 units (+ 36%).

The caravan segment recorded a total of 60,865 new registrations (- 4.7%) of which Germany accounted for 21,674 new caravans (-1%), the United Kingdom 11,400 units (approx. -13%) whereas the Netherlands with 7,192 caravans recorded an increase of 6.1%.

Source: European Caravan Federation

Netherlands The number of campers travelling alone has risen from 7% to 20% over the past five years. 76% are women over 45 years old.

Source: Deelplatform Goboony

At the beginning of December, 59% of **motorcaravans** were in winter storage, the remainder were either spending the winter parked at home or on the road (being used).

Source: NKC/NL survey

Heavy motorcaravans with a trailer (over 7,500 kg) should (or at a future date will be obliged to) have a tachograph (trip recorder) fitted because, according to the Environment and Traffic Inspectorate (ILT), motorcaravans could come under the heading of freight traffic for which a tachograph is obligatory if the maximum authorised mass is greater than 7,500 kg. However this regulation, based on an EU directive dating back to 2006, has been “a dead letter“ until now. In case of doubt, seek advice from your national Ministry of Transport.

Burglaries in caravans and motorcaravans

Everyone knows that thieves like to operate when all is quiet, and they will certainly keep away if there is lighting and a lot of noise.

Here are a few anti-theft tips:

- ° Special plates can be purchased in specialist shops and fixed on the inside of the door to prevent anyone from cutting their way through the entrance door and lock fitting.
- ° If your caravan or motorcaravan is fitted with an alarm, display a warning sticker.
- ° A sticker showing a dog can frighten off a burglar, as can a large food bowl next to the door!
- ° Conceal an obsolete phone in your caravan or motorcaravan with the most useful contacts and important phone numbers.
- ° Consider installing a manual transmission lock or use a steering wheel lock or wheel clamp.
- ° Change the codes on your alarm system and entrance door regularly.
- ° Thieves usually go through the living space first of all. Make sure there are no valuables lying around and turn the chairs round with their backs towards the door.
- ° Spend the night near other campers and avoid camping next to or between parked trucks.

° Sign up to a reliable caravan or motorcaravan camping insurance with good coverage. Check whether there is a discount on the insurance premium if you install anti-theft devices.

Source: Kampeerauto NKC/NL

Practical tips – useful for campers too

Do not leave fruit anywhere near **cut flowers** because the ripening gas emitted by fruit causes flowers to wilt more quickly.

Wooden spoons can be kept clean by dissolving a packet of baking soda in 500 ml of hot water. Leave the spoons to soak for four hours and germs and bacteria will disappear as will any stains.

Piece of advice

Anyone who is thinking of buying a new mobile/smartphone, should wait until 20 June 2025 before doing so, because on that date a new ecodesign directive comes into force in the EU. From then on all spare parts and repair information for cameras, batteries and cables must be made available for at least seven years. Mobile phones must be resistant to dust particles, water splashes and being dropped. In addition manufacturers must provide OS and security updates free of charge for five years.

The EU ecodesign directive will ensure products are environmentally-friendly and focus on repairability, durability, upgradeability and recyclability.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Germany: In 2023, there were 282,000 reported cases of drivers colliding with wild animals –numbers are rising.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (DE)



The Gotthard Tunnel (between Switzerland and Italy), the **Mont Blanc Tunnel** (between France and Italy) and the **Brenner Pass** (between Austria and Italy) are all due for maintenance work and will therefore be partly closed or reduced to one lane for through traffic. The Brenner Pass (A13) introduced a 60 km/h maximum speed limit on 1 January 2025 because of upgrading the Luegbrücke (construction of a new bridge) that is due to last until 2030.

Source: NKC/NL

France: In France increasing numbers of speed cameras have been installed (four thousand) and at least 500 radar cameras to check that the distance between vehicles complies with regulations, that speed limits are being respected, that drivers do not go through red lights or use their phone while driving etc. etc. Fines can be as much as 540€.

Source: Website Camp to Go

Health

Our bodies need **magnesium** in the winter months to keep our muscles and bones healthy. This mineral supports nerve function and is also partly responsible for regulating body temperature. Pharmacies sell magnesium supplement pills but nuts, pulses/legumes and green leafy vegetables are also a rich source of magnesium and readily available.

Germany has designated the linden tree (aka lime tree) as **medicinal plant of the year**. This tree can live to be 1,000 years old and tea made from its flowers is an expectorant, sudorific (induces sweat), calms coughs and relieves stress.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

Henry Ford (1863-1947) had the idea that his workers and office staff should not work at weekends so that they could have two extra days to spend in their cars – a car lover through and through!



Cats appear to have a seventh sense thanks to their whiskers and the very fine hairs on their paws which help them sense the slightest vibration. This means that they are aware of an impending disaster approx. 15 minutes before humans are able to detect any movement whatsoever.

Humming birds, these beautiful, tiny birds can fly backwards thanks to the fact that their wings only connect to their body from their flexible shoulder joint. Their wing beat is very rapid and rotates in the shape of a figure eight which enables them to fly backwards, side- ways and hover.

So who actually invented the bicycle? In 1817 Baron Karl Friedrich von Drals built a steerable balance bike out of wood and in 1869 Philipp Moritz Fischer added pedals. The Frenchman André Guilmet introduced the drive chain and by 1885 we had a bike as we know it, invented by the Englishman John Kemp Starley.

The Museum De Reed in Antwerp/Belgium is hosting an interesting exhibition on “**Dürer in Antwerp**“ until 31 March 2025. Albrecht Dürer, Grand Master of the Renaissance, is famous for his wonderful copper engravings, woodcuts and his monogram was a well known „sales“ mark

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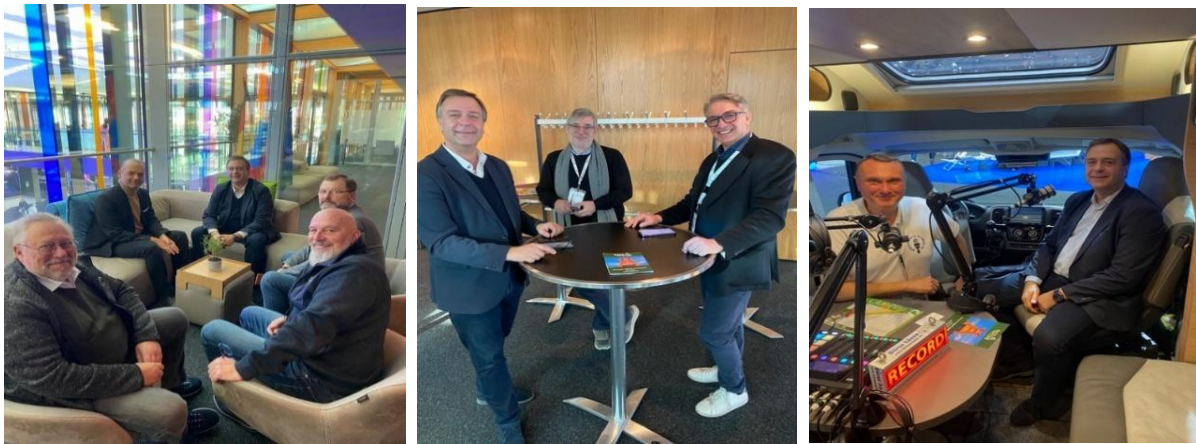
INTERESTING UPDATES FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS

CDP (Associação de Caravanismo de Portugal) is celebrating its 10th anniversary from 7 to 11 June 2025 in Idanha-a-Nova/Portugal **under the patronage of F.I.C.C.**

DCC's Safety Prize 2025 (Deutscher Camping Club e.V.) was awarded to FENDT Tendenza Caravan 465 SFB during the CMT in Stuttgart (D).

The CMT Fair in Stuttgart is all about international travel, tourism, camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning. Over 1,570 exhibitors took part and there were some 260,000 visitors. On average visitors spent five hours at the Fair during which time they had 1,200 different models to look over and choose from.

This is just another indication that there is huge interest in the motorcaravanning and caravanning sector and the industry's latest innovations.



At the fair F.I.C.C. President João Alves Pereira met F.I.C.C. member organisations and friends

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Ferien-Messe Wien from 16 to 19 March 2025, in Vienna

Urlaub & Ausflug (Holidays & Excursions) from 4 to 6 April 2025, in Wels

Caravan Salon Austria from 15 to 19 October 2025, in Wels

Belgium: Motorhomesalon Ghent on 26 and 27 April 2025, Flanders Expo in Ghent

France : Destinations Nature from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Germany: Reise & Camping from 19 to 23 February, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 12 to 16 March 2025, in Nürnberg

ABF Caravaning & Camping from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Hannover

Caravan Salon from 29 August to 7 September 2025, in Düsseldorf

Camper & Vans from 26 to 29 September 2025, in Fulda



Caravan Messe from 31 October to 3 November 2025, in Erfurt

Auto Camping Caravan from 28 November to 1 December 2025, in Berlin

CMT from 17 to 25 January 2026, in Stuttgart

Messe Essen from 26 February to 1 March 2026, in Essen

Great Britain: Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Birmingham

Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 13 to 21 September 2025, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2 to 6 October 2025, in Utrecht

Spain: Expocamp in March 2025, in Avilés

B-Travel from 28 to 30 March 2025, in Barcelona

Sweden: Elmia from 10 to 14 September 2025, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon in October 2025, in Berne

Turkey: Kamptalya Outdoor ve Motordrom from 12 to 16 February 2025, in Antalya

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