



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 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)**



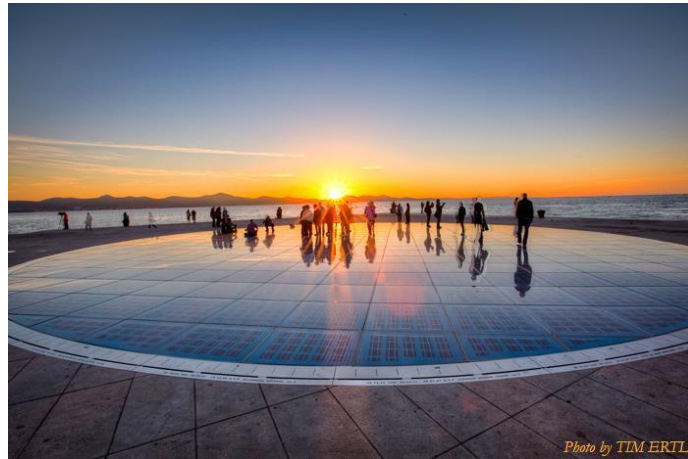
Zadar (Zara in Italian, Jadres in French) is a port and seaside town with a population of around 75,000. The town, once a Catholic bishopric, is situated in northern Dalmatia. Its patron saint is Saint Simeon. The University of Zadar founded its Faculty of Philosophy in 1956.

The town's history goes back over 3,000 years; it was under Venetian rule in 1202 and again in 1409, was under Austria in 1797, part of Italy in 1920 and Yugoslavia in 1946. Today Croatia is an independent state and from 1 January 2023 is a member of Schengen and the eurozone. Zadar has a rich historical and cultural heritage and its fortifications and city gates are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The Zadar archipelago has 300 islands and its economy is based on fishing and nautical activities. Its mild climate favours fruit and vegetable growing especially on the islands of Ugljan, Pasman and around Lake Vrana.

Tourism has really taken off since its humble beginnings in 1879 and there are now a number of excellent campsites and lots of hotels and guest houses.

There are a good many churches that are worth visiting along with modern art features such as the Sea Organ and the Pozdrav Suncu landmark (Greeting the Sun/Il Saluto al Sole/Gruss an die Sonne) – both by the artist Nicola Basic.



Other worthwhile sights nearby include Sibenik, Biograd, Primosten and several national parks (Paklenica, Krka, Kornati).



Zadar has a hospital (5 Petrica street), a number of doctors and pharmacists, a post office, ATMs and banks.

The town does not disappoint enthusiastic shoppers offering a variety of big supermarkets, shopping centres, galleries, small shops and a weekly market.

Zadar has a well-organised public transport system and one can get around town and further afield using local bus services.

There is no free parking in Zadar and parking along the old city walls is difficult.

Taxi boats travel to and fro between the old town and the new town.



The Peljesac Bridge was opened last July. This multi-lane bridge links the south of Croatia with the rest of the country providing a better link between Dubrovnik and the Peljesac peninsula. It spans the Bay of Mali Ston thereby connecting the Dubrovnik-Neretva area with the rest of Croatia.

This architecturally impressive bridge is 2.4km long, 21m wide and 55m high and consists of a four-lane highway with one driving lane and one stopping lane in each direction. Moreover there is a project to construct a 7.9km bypass round Ston, with two tunnels, a bridge, a viaduct and a hairpin bend.

Source: Reise(DCC-D)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

FICC World Camping Festival 2023.

23.06. – 01.07.

The booking fee for the International Camping Festival is:

EUR 140.00 per adult on one pitch (tourist tax extra: EUR 1.33 per person/per day)

EUR 168.00 per pitch with one participant (tourist tax extra: EUR 1.33 per person/per day)

EUR 70.00 per teenager from 12 to 17 years old accompanied by at least 2 adults (tourist tax extra)

EUR 0.67 per teenager/per day (i.e. half of the amount of the adult tax)

Children under 12 years: no charge. Children pay no tourist tax.

Tourism taxes paid by Festival participants to the Zaton management are passed on to the appropriate local government authority.



Festival participants who rent a mobile home or apartment benefit from a 15% rebate on the published 2023 rental prices.

Friday - 23.06.

Arrival and registration of Festival participants

Saturday - 24.06.

1. Excursion to NIN (no charge)
2. Evening entertainment @Kalelarga 4
 - 9pm – 11pm
 - Live music band

Sunday- 25.06.

EXCURSION (OPTIONAL)

- Half day (probably to Zadar)
- Price: to be announced

1. **PARADE OF THE NATIONS**

7pm: 30-minute parade of participating countries in national costume through the holiday complex followed by

OPENING CEREMONY in Kalelarga 4

- 8pm - 9pm

2. **WELCOME PARTY in Kalelarga 4**

- 9pm – 11pm
- Live music band
- Welcome drink included

Monday 26.06.

1. **EXCURSION (OPTIONAL)**

- Day trip to Day (Krka National Park – probably)
- Price to be announced



2. DALMATIAN NIGHT in Kalelarga 4

- 9pm – 11pm
- Live music Klapa Leut
- Dalmatian meal

Tuesday 27.06.

1. BOAT TRIP (OPTIONAL)

- Kornati National Park
- Price to be announced

2. LIVE MUSIC @Kalelarga 4

- 9pm – 11pm

Wednesday 28.06.

F.I.C.C. ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY in the “Saturnus“ Disco Club

EXCURSION (OPTIONAL)

Day trip (Dugi otok – probably) Price to be announced

9pm – 11pm

Live music in Kalelarga 4

Thursday 29.06.

FESTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS TO MARK WORLD CAMPING DAY AND THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF F.I.C.C.

- INFLATABLE INSTALLATIONS
- For children
- Daily events

1. FAMILY GAMES

- Scavanger hunt
- Sandcastles



2. MILLENNIUM PHOTO
3. EVENING SHOW in the amphitheatre
 - Zaton's Got Talent show

Friday 30.06.

8pm – 9pm CLOSING CEREMONY in Kalelarga 4
9pm – 11pm FAREWELL PARTY in Kalelarga 4
Live music band

Saturday 01.07.

Check out and departure of Festival participants

As at: 20.12.2022

**YOUTH RALLY
from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the NETHERLANDS**



All information is on our website where you can also download the booking form.
<https://www.youthrally2023.nl/>



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**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE
in CHEONG PYEONG /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.

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

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Camping regulations governing caravans and motorcaravans can differ greatly from one country to another:

France: Since the beginning of 2021, all vehicles over 3.5 tonnes (including caravans) must display three special “blind spot/dead angle” stickers on both the driver and passenger side as well as the trailer to warn pedestrians and cyclists about the vehicle’s dangerous dead angles.

Spain: Outfits and (motor)caravans over 12m long must display a yellow sign with a red border, i.e. either one large sign (130cm x 25cm) or two small signs (each 50cm x 25cm).

Italy: A standardized red-white hatched warning sign is required on all protruding loads. If the total width of the vehicle is covered by the load, both side corners must display separate signs. Spain has the same regulation.

Denmark/Netherlands: It is expressly forbidden to stay overnight in a motorcaravan or caravan trailer outside of a campsite.

Staying overnight on a public road is tolerated in an emergency situation in **Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France.**

However this is generally allowed in **Norway and Sweden.**

Source: Camping(DCC/D)

Netherlands: 60.6% of campers do not use their motorcaravans at all in the winter months. 9% spend the winter in their motorcaravan and 2.4% live in their’s the whole year round.

Source: NKC/NL

Practical tips – for campers too

Cola not only removes rust spots from gardening tools and implements but also mossy spots and lime deposit from flower pots (cachepots).

Be careful when travelling abroad: if you are travelling in a private car, caravan or motorcaravan and you have the odd pick-me-up or painkillers with you, be aware that you might be taken for a drug dealer and some countries can be quite ruthless should such a situation arise. If you are suffering from an illness and need these, make sure you have a multilingual medical prescription with you.



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

France: The **Passage du Gois** on the Atlantic coast of western France links the mainland of France with the Ile de Noirmoutier. It is literally in the sea but does offer restricted access depending on the tide timetable. At low tide this unusual passage offers a quick route across to the island but at high tide it completely disappears under the water.

Source: Freie Fahrt/A

Health

If you are diabetic (or maybe do not realise that you are) and have any of the following symptoms of hypoglycaemia when driving, you run the risk of having an accident:

- ° difficulty in concentrating
- ° double vision
- ° breaking into a sweat or hot flushes
- ° sudden onset of extreme fatigue
- ° acute hunger
- ° headache and palpitations
- ° shivering, feeling of weakness
- ° heavy tongue, slurred speech, numbness in your lips
- ° slightly confused

Researchers at ETH Zurich and Bern University Hospital have set up an early warning system that reacts to these symptoms. New vehicles have been fitted with sensors that measure movement in the steering wheel. Cameras incorporated in the dashboard (instrument panel) can measure eye activity and head position from several fixed points and determine whether one or more of the above-mentioned symptoms are apparent in the driver. If eye movement is too slow or too quick, if the head tilts or pupils change size, the cameras can measure these changes and, based on the stored data, work out whether there is a potential drop in blood sugar levels. The early warning system sounds an alarm which the driver must acknowledge.

An interesting project.

It is a well known fact that Swiss law states that diabetics who are at low risk of hypoglycaemia must always have carbohydrates (glucose, orange juice, normal cola) and a blood glucose meter with them.

In addition to taking this emergency kit, it is essential that people who are at elevated or very high risk check their blood sugar level before setting out as well as during long road journeys.

Driving with less than 5 millimoles (mmol/l) is strictly forbidden.

Source: Auto ACS/CH

Curious facts/environment/culture

Putting a small bird table or bird feeder in the garden or on your balcony will help our **wild birds** survive the winter. It should be well protected and out of harm's way. It's a good idea to put out a small amount of food and top it up regularly so that it doesn't get wet and spoil.



Birds love sunflower seeds, rolled oats, bran, peanut butter and for them the “icing on the cake” (not literally!!) would be mealworms!

The Horror Show (a crazy history about modern Britain) is on in Somerset House, London, from 27 October to 19 February 2023. There are over 200 works of art including some by Angus Fairhurst and Gavin Turk. Typical British sense of humour guaranteed!

The “First World Hotel” in Pahang Province, Malaysia, is the **world’s biggest hotel** with 7,351 rooms. The hotel can accommodate 6,000 guests a day which works out at several million a year! Owned by the Marriot International Chain, it first saw the light of day in 2002.

London: The Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree, which is over 25m tall and consists of more than one fir tree, is a gift from Norway. Since 1947 it has always been put in place on the first Tuesday in December, a testimony to the Norwegian people’s gratitude for Great Britain’s support during the Second World War.

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship
Buddha

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

125 Years ACS (Automobil Club der Schweiz/Automobile Club de Suisse)

The Swiss Automobile Club is an association established in the spirit of the Swiss Civil Code.

The club was founded in Geneva in the autumn of 1898. Its founding members nearly all came from Romandy, the French-speaking part of the country, but slowly and surely sections appeared outside Geneva in Basel, Zurich and the canton of Vaud.

By 1923 there were already 20 ACS sections with 4,700 members and, out of a vehicle inventory of 23,000, 20% of motorists were thus members of ACS.

From the outset ACS was closely involved with motor sports and a good many motorsporting events took place such as reliability trials, balloon chases, Concours auto-hippique and long distance trips to Burgundy or the Dolomites.

In 1928, following the “Coupe des Alpes” (Alpine Cup) that went over a number of passes, ACS set up first aid support stations, ACS emergency telephones and water service points. Border crossing assistance ensured that motorists could move freely between countries.

These days the club has 19 sections that are legally constituted and registered. It provides its members with various insurance options and also organises so-called “Drive Events”. Special attention is given to road traffic legislation and problems associated with traffic safety on the open road is one of ACS’s main concerns.

ACS is a founding member of FIA (Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile) and has been a member of F.I.C.C. since the 1990s offering the CCI to its camping members.



DCC Technical Award 2022 went to GOL for its pendulum technology in crash sensors. It was presented at the Tourism and Caravanning Fair in Leipzig.

This safety measure consists of a crash sensor with pendulum technique for gas devices that operate while driving.

The pendulum keeps a springloaded seal unit open thus allowing the gas to flow freely enabling the gas heating to remain on while on the move.

If there is an accident, the pendulum changes its position thanks to the occurring forces. The seal unit drops down and the gas flow is immediately shut off.

Congratulations/Wir gratulieren/Félicitations



UKKF/Türkei/Turkey/Turquie	15 Jahre/years/ans
CRVC/China/Chine	20 Jahre/years/ans
FCC/Tschechien/Czech Rep/Rep Tchèque	30 Jahre/years/ans
SACC/Slowakei/Slovakia/Slovaquie	30 Jahre/years/ans
FKKSR/Slowakei/Slovakia/Slovaquie	30 Jahre/years/ans
FF3CB/Belgien/Belgium/Belgique	45 Jahre/years/ans
VKCF/Belgien/Belgium/Belgique	45 Jahre/years/ans
Caravan Club of Sweden	65 Jahre/years/ans
Deutscher Camping Club/Deutschland	75 Jahre/years/ans
NAF/Norwegen/Norway/Norvège	99 Jahre/years/ans
ACS/Schweiz/Switzerland/Suisse	125 Jahre/years/ans



IN MEMORIAM



Siegfried Heinze founded Servicios Turisticos Heinze Latzke SA also known as Servitur in Barcelona/Spain 50 years ago, and specialised in communication with the media in the field of camping and caravanning, with a particular focus on Spain, Portugal and France.

Soon he contacted important camping and caravanning organisations in Germany, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy and Scandinavian countries for the campsites promotion and marketing in camping guides, magazines and later also online.

F.I.C.C. always had a very good friendly relationship with Mr. Heinze, whom we were last able to welcome on the occasion of the F.I.C.C. World Congress in Lisbon.

His passing came as a surprise to all of us. The camping sector has lost an experienced, valuable expert.

We offer our sincere condolences to his family.



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 Brussels
Mobicar from 20 to 24 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 February to 9 March 2023, in Shanghai

Denmark: Camping Aalborg from 13 to 15 January 2023, in Aalborg

Finland: Caravan from 20 to 22 January 2023, in Helsinki

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: ABF Caravan & Camping from 1 to 5 February 2023, in Hannover
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, in Bremen
Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November 2023, in Leipzig

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show from 12 to 15 January 2023, in Manchester
Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show from 21 to 26 February 2023, in Birmingham
Scottish Caravan Motorhome & Holiday Show from 2 to 5 February 2023, in Glasgow
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: Caravana from 25 to 29 January 2023, in Leeuwarden
Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair from 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht

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

Spain: FITUR from 18 to 22 January 2023, in Madrid
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

Switzerland: Ferienmesse Bern from 12 to 15 January 2023, in Bern
OCA from 20 to 22 January 2023, in St.Gallen



Fespo from 2 to 5 February 2023, in Zürich

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

USA: RV Show planned in January 2023, in Pittsburgh

Boston RV & Camping Expo from 13 to 16 January 2023, in Boston

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