



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2023

CROATIA: WORLD CAMPING FESTIVAL
THE F.I.C.C. CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023
will take place between 23 June and 1 July
in the wonderful holiday resort of
ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)



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The Festival programme will also include the F.I.C.C. Ordinary General Assembly 2023 on 28 June as well as celebrations for the Federation's 90th anniversary and World Camping Day on 29 June.



INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY 2024
from 28 March to 1 April 2024 on the Black Isle Showground in
Inverness/Scotland



Inverness Castle Highlands



**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to
10 JUNE in PYEONG-CHANG in SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

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



Culture and natural beauty

<http://www.heritage.go.kr/heri/cul/imgHeritage.do?ccimId=1612134&ccbaKdcd=11&ccbaAsno=02210000&ccbaCtcd=32#>



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



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 wants to include other F.I.C.C. members from all over the world in this event so that they can see for themselves the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi. The programme will include the chance to learn about local gastronomy, enjoy farm visits 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. Further information on the rally website: nordicrally.fi

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



The rally 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

E-mobility caravans have become very important in the **USA**. Following on from the the electrically-driven Bowlus and Airstream, there is now Lightship L1 and the Porsche Leichtbau-Airstream. Weight has however become an issue.

Nevertheless, new caravans that offer e-mobility should ensure that caravanning has a safe future in the USA and herald the start of a new era.

The San Francisco-based Lightship manufacturer plans to make this happen by introducing its fully electric L1 model. It has a chassis with e-powertrain and an on-board battery of up to 80kWh capacity. That should balance out the range loss of an e-vehicle as a towing vehicle. In order to minimise air resistance, the design of the L1 is very streamlined, but with a roof that can be raised when stationary at a campsite.

Airstream also uses the same aerodynamic trick in its new Leichtbau. It has resulted in a very light and compact model that can even fit into a garage. An elevating roof and hydraulic lowering make it streamlined when on the move yet roomy when parked. Its battery system also means that it can be network-independent on campsites. Coupled with up to three kilowatt solar power, the Lightship L1 can provide its occupants with an energy supply to last a week and, according to the manufacturer, “thereby put an end to campers’ dependency on propane gas and other fossil fuels“.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Netherlands: 44.7% of campers watch television in their mobile homes, 59.4 % via a satellite dish and 25.5% via a mobile internet connection; 83.5% watch Dutch TV programmes.

In the first eleven months of 2022, 30% fewer caravans were sold in the Netherlands than in the same period the previous year. It would appear that delivery delays were the problem, caused by a dearth of chips.

Belgium: The introduction of a low emission zone throughout Wallonia on 1 January 2023, has now been postponed until 1 January 2025. This has been confirmed by the Walloon government.

The only exceptions will be oldtimers (30/40 years old?) and cars that do less than 3,000 km a year (though it’s not clear how this can be checked).



Motorists await clarification on these points...

Source: NKC (NL)

MOCA Commission GUIDE

TRAVELING IN EUROPE

Before starting a journey, it is helpful to collect useful information so that the journey is as stress-free and carefree as possible. The F.I.C.C. - MoCa Commission accompanies you all over Europe. However, it is essential to know the applicable traffic regulations in the individual countries to be able to follow them. In our table you will find the most important information, summarized by country. The F.I.C.C. - MoCa Commission wishes you happy and relaxing holidays in advance and a safe journey!

| Countries | Speed limit in km / h, mobile homes up to 3.5t total weight. | | | Blood/ alcohol level in g/l | | Dipped headlights during the day | Rescue equipment | | | | Motorway fees | | |
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| | Non-built-up areas | Built-up areas | Built-up areas | Novice drivers | Standard | | Fluorescent vest | Warning triangle | First - aid box | Fire extinguisher | Motorway vignette  | Motorway tolls  | No |
| Belgium | 20/30/50 | 70/90 | 120 | 0.5 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | yes | | | X |
| Bulgaria | 50 | 90 | 130/140 | 0.0 | 0.0 | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | X | | |
| Denmark | 50 | 80 | 80/130 | 0.5 | 0.5 | yes | no | yes | no | no | | | X |
| Germany | 50 | 100 | recommended: 130 | 0.0 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | no | | | X |
| Estonia | 50 | 90 | 110 | 0.2 | 0.2 | yes | yes | yes | no | yes | | | X |
| Finland | 50 | 80 | 100/120 | 0.2 | 0.5 | yes | no | yes | no | no | | | X |
| France | 50 | 80/90 | 110/130 | 0.2 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | no | no | | X | |
| Great Britain | 48 | 96 | 112 | 0.8 | 0.8 | no | no | yes | yes | no | | | X |
| Greece | 50 | 90 | 120 | 0.2 | 0.5 | no | no | yes | yes | yes | | X | |
| Ireland | 50 | 80 | 100/120 | 0.2 | 0.8 | no | no | yes | yes | no | | X | |
| Italy | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.5 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | | X | |
| Croatia | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.5 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | | X | |
| Latvia | 50 | 90 | 100/110 | 0.2 | 0.5 | yes | no | yes | yes | yes | | | X |
| Lithuania | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.4 | yes | no | yes | yes | yes | | | X |
| Luxembourg | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.2 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | no | | | X |
| Malta | 50 | 80 | 100/120 | 0.8 | 0.8 | no | no | no | no | no | | | X |
| Netherlands | 50 | 80 | 100/120-130 | 0.2 | 0.5 | no | no | yes | yes | no | | | X |
| Norway | 50 | 80 | 90/100 | 0.2 | 0.2 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | | X | |
| Austria | 50 | 100 | 100/130 | 0.1 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | no | X | | |
| Poland | 50 | 90 | 100/140 | 0.2 | 0.2 | yes | no | yes | yes | yes | | X | |
| Portugal | 50 | 100 | 100/120 | 0.2 | 0.5 | non | yes | yes | yes | no | | X | |

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| Romania | 50 | 90 | 100/130 | 0.0 | 0.0 | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | X | | |
| Sweden | 50 | 70 | 90/120 | 0.2 | 0.2 | yes | no | yes | yes | no | | | X |
| Switzerland | 30/50 | 80 | 100/120 | 0.1 | 0.5 | yes | yes | yes | no | no | X | | |
| Slovakia | 50 | 90 | 90/130 | 0.0 | 0.0 | yes | yes | yes | no | no | X | | |
| Slovenia | 10/30/50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.5 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | X | | |
| Spain | 50 | 90 | 100/120 | 0.3 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | no | | X | |
| Czech Rep. | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.0 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | X | | |
| Turkey | 50 | 90 | 100/120 | 0.0 | 0.5 | yes | yes | yes (2x) | yes | yes | X | | |
| Hungary | 50 | 90 | 110/130 | 0.0 | 0.0 | yes | yes | yes | yes | no | X | | |
| Cyprus | 30/50 | 80 | 110 | 0.2 | 0.5 | no | yes | yes | yes | no | | | X |

This information is subject to regular changes, last as of Mai 2023.



Practical tips – for campers too

Dead batteries should not be left lying around endlessly because badly stored batteries can become dangerous. The sun's rays and humidity degrade the casing and toxic substances will leak out. If you keep different types of battery together such as AA and button cell batteries for example, they can overheat and cause a short-circuit. The same is true if there is contact with metal.

Lavender oil is useful to drive away **silver fish** because they absolutely hate the smell. They will go away if you put out small bowls of lavender oil in affected areas.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Switzerland: The 2023 motorway sticker is yellow. An e-vignette is also in the pipeline for the middle of the year. It won't replace the sticker, but will complement it.

Italy: The city of Venice is planning to introduce an entry charge for tourists in the second half of 2023. It will cost between 3€ and 10€ (depending on one's date of arrival in the city). It can be pre-paid by credit card, PayPal or bank transfer. The entry charge for Venice will be collected via a special app. Once the charge has been paid the app sends a QR-code to the tourist's smartphone. This QR code not only gives the tourist access into the city itself but also on to the islands in the lagoon and must be presented for inspection on request. Whether or not there will be some form of turnstile is not yet clear.

Exceptions will be made for inhabitants and people who work in Venice, children under 6 years old, disabled people and an accompanying person, people who are visiting prisoners or relatives, and competitors in sporting events. Tourists who have overnight accommodation (hotel, etc.) in Venice and who have paid the tourist tax are not required to pay this extra charge.

Source: CCA-Journal(A)

Health

If you ever **burn your tongue**, yoghurt is ideal for cooling the mucous membrane. Just let it melt slowly in your mouth. Beware of sucking ice cubes as they may have sharp edges that could damage your tongue.

Vodka disinfects and soothes jellyfish stings.

Curious facts/environment/culture

The **most listened to radio station in the world** is "Vatican News". It has been broadcasting for 90 years with news, divine services, prayer requests and music in over 40 languages. You can also listen in using the appropriate app on your cell phone.

Founded on 4 April 1949, **NATO** (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has a total of 30 country members. It is also known as OTAN because France was insistent that the French version of its title "Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique Nord" should be retained.



According to World Happiness Reports the **happiest people in the world** live in Finland followed by Denmark and Iceland.

The Gilbert & George Centre in **London's East End** is a cultural institution that addresses the struggle against discrimination with provocative and eccentric "living sculptures", drawings, photographic montages etc.

One of the **2023 European Capitals of Culture** is **Veszprém on Lake Balaton**. It is one of the oldest towns in Hungary and is also a UNESCO City of Music. Other European Capitals of Culture this year are **Timisoara in Romania** and **Elefsina in Greece** (**Motto "Back to our roots"**).

The European Union awards this title annually to display and pay tribute to the wealth and variety of European culture.

In 2024, Bad Ischl (A) in Salzkammergut and in 2025 Chemnitz (D) will inherit the title "European Capital of Culture". In 2026 it will be the turn of Oulu in Finland on the theme "Culture and climate change" and Trencin in Slovakia.

- 1 June: World Parents Day
- 3 June: World Bicycle Day
- 5 June: World Environment Day
- 6 June: U.N. Russian Language Day
- 8 June: World Oceans Day
- 12 June: Anti-Child Labour Day
- 14 June: World Blood Donor Day
- 21 June: International Yoga Day
- 23 June: International Widows Day
- 25 June: International Day of Seafarers



**WORLD
CAMPING DAY**
29 June



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

FFCC (France) elected their new President on 3 May 2023. **Mr. Bruno GARANCHER** has taken over from Mr. Jacques Bourdon.



The 60th Dahlia Rallye organised by Slovenska Asociacia Campingu a Caravan (Slovakia) will take place in Mosovce from 31 August to 3 September 2023, a small town at the foot of the High Tatras.

The F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira attended the UNWTO meeting (affiliated members) in Croatia and the 2nd World Tourism and Sports Congress.



Mr Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of the UNWTO on opening the 2nd World Sports and Tourism Congress in Zadar – Republic of Croatia



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EXHIBITIONS

- Austria:** Camper Van Summit Tirol, in St. Martin
Caravan Salon Austria from 18 to 22 October 2023, in Wels
- Czech Republic:** 2 to 5 November 2023, in Brno
- Denmark:** Camping January 2024, in Aalborg
Outdoor in February 2025, in Aalborg
- Finland:** Caravan Fair (Lahden Messut) from 21 to 24 September 2023, in Lahti
- France:** 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:** Caravan Bremen from 4 to 5 November, in Bremen
Touristik & Camping from 22 to 26 November 2023, in Leipzig
Reisen & Caravan from 28 to 31 October 2023, in Erfurt
Reiselust from 25 to 27 November 2023, in Bremen
- Great Britain:** WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London
- 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
Camperbeurs from 22 to 24 September 2023, in Hardenberg



Poland: Camper & Caravan from 29 September to 1 October 2023, in Warsaw

Spain: Caravanning 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: Suisse Caravan Salon from 26 to 30 October 2023, in Berne

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