



## GOOD TO KNOW – DECEMBER 2018

### 69<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONALE F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY 2019 IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Pre-rally 15 - 17. 4. 2019 and post-rally 23 - 26. 4. 2019

#### **FACILITIES ON SITE**

Showers and toilets  
Camp kitchen  
Restaurants  
Café and bar at affordable prices  
Mobile grocery store  
WiFi (free of charge)  
T-shirts

#### **TRAVEL:**

By air:  
Prague - 100 km - 2 h.  
Pardubice - 15 km - 20 min.  
Train:  
Pardubice - 20 min.

By arrangement: shuttle bus from Pardubice to the camping site

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

Three easy steps:

1. Complete the digital registration form at [www.konopac-hm.cz/21090/ficc-youth-rally](http://www.konopac-hm.cz/21090/ficc-youth-rally).

Alternatively, complete the reservation form on the back of this leaflet and send it by e-mail to [ficcyouthrally2019@gmail.com](mailto:ficcyouthrally2019@gmail.com).

Option: Send a multiple application form for the entire group taking part from the camping club in the form of a table.

2. Once we have received the completed registration form, we will send you an invoice and payment instructions 3. Registration will be confirmed and will be valid after payment.



## 88<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 26 JULY TO 4 AUGUST 2019 in Châteaubriant/France



Practical information: GPS:47°43'15.413"N-1°22'34.406"O

Locally you will find: a bakery, various shops – supermarket nearby –

Several bars, fast food outlet, musical shows, cabaret, regional products, WLAN

For further information, go to [www.ficc2019.com](http://www.ficc2019.com) – registration at [www.ficc2019.com](http://www.ficc2019.com) or via the registration form (on request)

More detailed information can be found at [www.ffcc.fr](http://www.ffcc.fr) or [info@ffcc.fr](mailto:info@ffcc.fr), or call 0033 142 72 84 08

There are two hotels that can be recommended in Châteaubriant:

Hotel La Ferrière, rue Winston Churchill -44110 Châteaubriant  
and

Hotel Le Châteaubriant, rue du 11 Novembre – 44110 Châteaubriant

## 89<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 28 SEPTEMBER to 6 OCTOBER in Ten-ei Village (Fukushima Prefecture) /Japan



### Traditional Performing Arts

Japan boasts numerous art forms – such as theatre, music and dance – that have been handed down for generations. Some of these were introduced from China and other countries and have evolved in their own unique way in Japan. Performing arts such as Kabuki, Noh and Bunraku have all been designated by UNESCO as forms of intangible cultural heritage.



**KABUKI** is said to have originated from a dance called kabuki odori created by a woman named Izumono Okuni in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Today Kabuki is performed by an all-male cast.

**BUNRAKU** is a traditional puppet theatre consisting of puppeteers, musicians and puppets. Started in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, its present form was fully established by the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**KADO** (the art of flower arrangement) is also known as ikebana and is the art of cutting seasonal flowers and plants, putting them in flower bases, and expressing and appreciating the precious value of their life and beauty. There are many schools of kado, each with its own style.

**BUDO** (Kendo) Budo comes from the traditional Japanese martial arts. The purpose is to train the body and mind and build a character through practice. Kendo is a form in which students train their bodies and minds through swordsmanship.

**SADO** (tea ceremony) Green tea is made and served in accordance with traditional etiquette for receiving guests. It places great importance on the sentiments of the seasons. It is a composite art that brings together works of art and tea utensils displayed in tea houses.

Source: Japan National Tourism Organisation

**Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:** The Tokyo National Museum (TNM) is the museum with the longest history in Japan. The museum collection consists of art and archaeological objects from across Asia, with a focus on Japan. Works on display include Buddhist statues, ukiyo-e woodblock prints and kimonos.

There you can also find a speciality known as La Ganache – a bite-size ganache chocolate containing nicely-melting chocolate and cookie crunch, coated with aromatic chocolate and crispy puffs packed in beautiful boxes based on Thirty-Six Views of Mt. Fuji: A Mild Breeze on a Fine Day by Katsushika Hokusai, a painting housed by the Tokyo National Museum.

The booking fees for the F.I.C.C. International Rally are as follows: Adults (over 22 years old) ¥ 18,000 / young people (13-22 years old) ¥ 15,000 Yen/ children (6-12 years old) ¥ 9,000 / children under 6 years old free of charge.

For further information and registration, go to <http://www.89thficcrally.com/>

## 90<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTIA/ ROME (ITALY) from 24 July to 2 August 2020



### Sightseeing

**Rome and the surrounding area:** Guests have a wide range of routes available for discovering Rome's history, culture and cuisine, as well as the Vatican and smaller towns with their castles. Night owls can find the Roman "Dolce Vita" in the nightclubs of Trastevere, while the most varied





options for different sporting and recreational activities are offered at Rainbow MagicLand and Cinecitta World amusement parks. In addition, Rome, Ostia and all the other places have excellent restaurants where everyone can find their favourite Italian dishes.

**Colosseum and Roman Forum:** Although the most famous structure in the world is known by the name “Colosseum”, it was originally called the “Flavian Amphitheatre”. The Roman Forum in Rome is the oldest of its kind and was the centre of political, economic, cultural and religious life.

**Vatican Museums and St. Peters’ Basilica:** In Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the smallest independent state in the world, believers from all countries gather to receive the Holy Father’s blessing and admire St. Peter’s Square, created by Bernini, as well as the columns of the Vatican Palace and Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel, which houses one of the largest art collections in the world.

**Castel Sant’Angelo:** Originally built as a mausoleum for the Roman Emperor Hadrian (76-138) and his successors, it was later transformed into a castle by various Popes.

Castel Sant’Angelo has been a museum since 1906.

**Fontana di Trevi:** The Trevi Fountain, the most popular and best known symbol of Rome, is one of the most beautiful fountains in the world. Tossing a coin into the water is an old, popular custom practised by tourists and is said to ensure one’s return to Rome.

**Baths of Caracalla:** The ancient Romans attached great importance to two things: personal hygiene and nurturing political and business contacts. In addition to a number of baths and gardens, the thermal spring centre also houses gymnastics and meeting rooms.

**Villa Borghese und Biopark:** As the green heart of Rome, Villa Borghese is the most frequented park in the city. The most impressive feature is the Borghese Gallery with sculptures by Bernini and other valuable art collections. Villa Borghese also houses the popular Biopark, a zoological garden with 200 different animal species.

**Ostia Antica:** The Tiber estuary flowing into the Tyrrhenian Sea made Ostia Antica a significant port stronghold for Rome. It was this function that gave it the name “Ostia”, which comes from Latin and means a gate or entrance. Ostia Antica takes you back to the world of the Ancient Romans, where you can retrace their steps through the ancient streets, visit the theatre and thermal springs, as well as admire the wonderful mosaics and frescoes.

## **91<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLYE from 29 July to 7 August 2021 at Naas Racecourse near Dublin in IRELAND**

**Information from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:** Naas Racecourse is located in the heart of the Thoroughbred County of Kildare, just 18 miles from Dublin City and on route to Cork, Limerick and Waterford.

There were eighteen race meetings in 2018 and, aside from top class horse racing, there were other events of all kinds including family fun days, summer barbeque evenings, live music events etc.

There are enough hotels of all categories in Naas, as well as good restaurants and several pubs and bars.

Naas also has an art and cultural centre with exhibitions and concerts.



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### The awning – cleaning and adjusting the awning piping

Setting up the awning after hours behind the wheel is one of the greatest challenges for every camper. And then nothing is worse than awning piping that you can't retract into the piping rail. For this reason, it makes a lot of sense to check the rail thoroughly beforehand. Small bumps may have caused it to narrow in places, with the result that the piping on the awning no longer runs smoothly. These areas can be made wider again using an awning rail channel spreader. This is available with two different sized heads (7 and 9 mm) for around 10 euro. Simply thread in the head and move it along using a rubber mallet. The hammer is needed to do it the other way round. If the piping rail has been widened through some mishap, it can be got back into shape with some care. The channel spreader can be used as a template for this. Retraction problems can also be caused by fouling from resin or other sealants.

To overcome this, clean the piping rail with white spirit or thinner, then spray with silicone-based lubricant.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans (D)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### School holidays in the Netherlands 2019

Throughout Holland – Christmas holidays: 22 December 2018 to 6 January 2019

(Southern and Central regions) 23 February to 2 March

(Northern region) 16 February to 23 February

Throughout Holland: 27 April to 5 May

(Southern region): 6 July to 18 August

(no further information available)

### School holidays in Great Britain 2019 (state schools)

15 December 2018 to 7 January 2019 (school holidays)

18 February to 22 February (winter holidays)

29 March to 23 April (Easter holidays)

6 May

27 May to 31 May

6 July to 4 September (summer holidays)

10 October to 18 October (autumn holidays)

14 December 2019 to 6 January 2020

**Austria:** In Austria, 1 November - 15 April is the period of the what is known as the “situational obligation to have winter equipment”, i.e. cars, station wagons and trucks with a maximum permissible weight of up to 3.5 tons may only be operated in “winter road conditions” such as, in particular, snow-covered roads, slush or ice when all of the wheels are fitted with **winter tyres**. Exception: parked vehicles.



The **motorway vignette for 2019** is lemon yellow. The old cherry-red one is still valid up to 31 January 2019.

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA-Arbö-A)

## Health

**Our eyes** transmit around 100 million items of information to our brain every second.

Healthy people absorb 80% of all information via their eyes.

The retina of one eye has 130 million sensory cells.

An eye makes around 100,000 movements per day and 90% of all people have brown eyes.

Read in Bunte (D)

## Curiosities and culture

**The “Duck” (Citroen 2CV)** would have been 70 years old this year. The production of this car so popular with the younger generation at that time, in particular, was discontinued in 1990.

**World record:** Skoda’s “Catch the Arrow” idea, where a flying arrow is caught by hand from a car travelling at 215 km/h is attracting a lot of attention internationally.

**Japan:** Animal Cafes are becoming increasingly popular – in these cafes people can enjoy a meal or a cup of tea while playing with or stroking animals such as cats and owls.

## 200 years of “Silent night”

Two billion people sing the most famous Christmas carol in the world in over 300 languages. “Silent night, holy night” was first heard on 24 December 1818 in the chapel in Oberndorf (Austria). For its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it will be duly celebrated in the 13 Silent Night locations in the Salzburger Land, Tyrol and Upper Austrian regions.

Source: “Freie Fahrt” (CCA/Arbö)

## Travelling in Europe

**Lithuania:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 70/90 km/h; Motorways:

100/130 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.4 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes; fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: yes; motorway tolls: no

**Luxembourg:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90 km/h; Motorways: 130 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: no, fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: nein; motorway tolls: no

**Malta:** Built-up areas: 50km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; Motorways: 80 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.8 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: no, fluorescent vest: no; warning triangle: no; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: no

**Netherlands:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; Motorways:

100/120/130 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: no, fluorescent vest: no; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: no

**Norway:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; Motorways: 100 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.2 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes





**Austria:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 100km/h; Motorways: 130 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: no; warning triangle: yes ; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

**Poland:** Built-up areas: 50/60 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90/110 km/h; Motorways: 120/140 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.2 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: yes ; motorway tolls: yes

**Portugal:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90 km/h; Motorways: 100/120 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: no, fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

**Romania:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90/100 km/h; Motorways: 130 km/h; Blood/alcohol level: 0.0 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes; fluorescent vest: no; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: no; fire extinguisher: yes; motorway tolls: yes

Source: ACS-CH

## Good to know from our members

**Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu** informs as follows:

Inadequate and incorrect information regarding Polish campsites on the website of the Polish Tourism Organisation [www.pot.gov.pl](http://www.pot.gov.pl)

Due to many inquiries from tourists, the Polish Camping and Caravanning Association (PFCC) tells us that the information on campsites in Poland published on the website of the Polish Tourism Organisation [www.pot.gov.pl](http://www.pot.gov.pl) in various languages in 2018 is not always correct.

PFCC recommends that this information about Polish campsites should not be used as a travel guide.

PFCC notifies F.I.C.C. members that a complete, detailed and up-to-date list of Polish campsites can be viewed on the PFCC website at [www.pfcc.eu](http://www.pfcc.eu), where you can also find a map of the plotted campsites created and published by the PFCC.



The year 2018 is drawing to a close with a festive finale – Christmas, the festival of light, friendship and peace. A time to reflect on what is important, a time of rest, being together with family, relatives and friends, with plans and wishes for the coming year.

The F.I.C.C. Secretariat would like to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and good health, well-being and prosperity for the New Year.

#### TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

**Belgium:** Brussels Travel Expo from 10 to 11 December 2018 in Brussels

Holiday Fair Brussels Travel Expo from 07.02 to 10.02.2019 in Brussels

**Germany:** Caravan und Camping from 30.01 to 03.02. 2019 in Hanover

CMT from 12.01 to 20.01.2019 in Stuttgart

Reise + Camping from 20.02 to 24.02.2019 in Essen

Freizeit, Garten + Touristik from 27.02 to 03.03.2019 in Nuremberg

Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 29.03 to 31.03.2019 in Freiburg

Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 31.08 to 08.09 2019 in Düsseldorf

**Netherlands:** Caravana from 17.01 to 22.01 2019 in Leeuwaarden

Kampeert en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 10.10 to 14.10.2019 in Utrecht

**France:** Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 06.03 to 10.03.2019 in Paris

**Spain:** Fitur from 23 to 27. 01.2019 in Madrid

April: Feria del Camping in Valencia

Feria de Caravaning & Vans del Norte in Vitoria-Gasteiz

Salon Internacional del Caravaning from 12.10 to 21.10. in Barcelona

Madrid Caravaning Xandu from 31.10 to 04.11.2019 in Madrid

**Great Britain:** Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 19.02 to 24.02.2019 in Birmingham

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 25.10 to 29. 10.2019 in Berne

**Austria:** Ferienmesse Wien from 10.0 to 13.01.2019 in Vienna

**Italy:** Il Salon del Camper from 14.09 to 22.09 2019 in Parma

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