



## GOOD TO KNOW – JANUARY 2019

### 69<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL 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 THE 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:**

Reserve in 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

Available on site: bakery, various shops – supermarket nearby –

Several bars, fast food restaurant, music shows, cabaret, regional products, W-Lan

Further information at [www.ficc2019.com](http://www.ficc2019.com) – registrations at [www.ficc2019.com](http://www.ficc2019.com) or via registration form (on request)

Further information at: [www.ffcc.fr](http://www.ffcc.fr) or [info@ffcc.fr](mailto:info@ffcc.fr) or by calling 0033-142 72 84 08

There are two recommended hotels 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 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Fukushima Prefecture) /Japan



### General information

#### Passport and visa

Foreigners wishing to come to Japan must have a valid passport. Foreigners from many countries do not require a visa for temporary stays unless they have plans to work in Japan.



However, we advise you to always check the official website of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs or with the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country to determinate whether a visa is required before you visit Japan.

### **Money**

The currency of Japan is the YEN. Sales tax is 8% and is normally included in the prices displayed (though not always). Before buying something, you should ask a salesperson what the final price is.

### **Electricity/voltage**

The electric current for household use is standardized at 100 volts across Japan. However, first class hotels in Tokyo and other big cities are equipped with two types of sockets compatible with 100 volts and 220 volts, respectively. You also can borrow a converter plug at the front desk of many hotels.

### **Tipping**

Generally speaking, there is no need to tip in Japan because a service charge of 10% to 15% is included in bills at hotels and first-class restaurants. A tip can be given if special services are provided.

### **Medical services**

We would advise you to consult the AMDA International Medical Information Center if you get hurt or sick while traveling in Japan. The AMDA provides information about medical services to foreigners in Japan and free telephone interpretation service if you have to undergo a medical examination. In addition, the following website offers information on nearby hospitals capable of providing services in foreign languages and medical insurance programs.

[www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/emergency/mi\\_guide.html](http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/essential/emergency/mi_guide.html)

<http://eng-amda-imic.com/>

<b>Temperatures in C°</b>	Spring (April)	Summer (July)	Autumn (October)	Winter (January)	(F)
Sapporo	7.1°	20.5°	11.8°	-3.6°	44.8°/68.9°/11.8/25.5°
Tokyo	14.6°	25.8°	18.5°	6.1°	58.3/78.4/65.3/42.9
Osaka	15.1°	27.4°	19.0°	6.0°	59.2/81.5/66.2/42.8
Naha	21.4°	28.9°	25.2°	17.0°	70.5/84.0/77.4/62.6

### **General business hours**

	<b>Weekdays</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>Sundays &amp; national holidays</b>
Banks	9 am - 3 pm	closed	closed
Post Offices	9 am - 5 pm	closed	closed
Dept. Stores	10 am - 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm
Shops	10 am - 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm	10 am – 8 pm
Museums	10 am - 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
Offices	9 am - 5 pm	closed	closed

Source: Japan National Tourism Organisation



### **Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:**

Japan is an island in the Pacific Ocean with densely populated cities, imperial palaces, national parks in the mountains and thousands of shrines and temples. Shinkansen bullet trains connect the main islands of Kyushu (with Okinawa's subtropical beaches), Honshu (home to Tokyo and Hiroshima's atomic bomb memorial) and Hokkaido (famous for winter sports). Tokyo, the capital, is known for its skyscrapers, shopping malls and pop culture.

The population is 126.8 million. Japan is ruled by Emperor Akihito.

Points of interest: Mount Fuji, Kiyomizu-dera, Kinkaku-ji, Obdaiba, Nara (8<sup>th</sup> century capital with Tōdai-ji Temple) Kyoto (temples, shrines, geishas & Nijo Castle), Tokyo (Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace and museums), Osaka (modern port city and Osaka Castle).

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**



Les frais d'inscription sont de Euro 140 par adulte

### **Excursions**

Excursions proposed by the organiser ACTItalia :

Tivoli – Villa Adriana and Villa d'Este

Braccia- Odescalchi château and Borgo

Castello Gandolfo

Rome by night

Cinecittà studios

Ostia Antica

and guided visits of Roma





**Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: The Church of Saint-Julien l'Hospitalière des Flamands is one of the oldest religious buildings** in Rome in the Saint Eustachio quarter. The church appears to go back to the time of Gregory II. (8<sup>th</sup> Century) when Flanders was converted to Christianity. The church is part of a hospice of the same name that took in pilgrims from Flanders and Namur for centuries. The first records of the laws of meetings and rules regarding the hospital date back to 1444. The hospital and church were restored, expanded and embellished over the course of time and up to 1675. The French Revolution put an end to the activity of the hospital for pilgrims. The church was initially maintained by the Netherlands and then by Belgium, and is still owned by a Belgian foundation. The income comes from three apartment houses from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Located in a niche in the façade is a statue of St. Julian from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The interior of the church is a single nave and contains works from the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The vault features a medallion by the painter William Kent (future creator of the English Gardens), representing the apotheosis of St. Julian surrounded by allegorical figures illustrating the four counties of Flanders.

The complex also houses the foundation of Lambert Darcis, a wealthy resident of Liège in 1696, which has never stopped functioning and whose objectives have always remained the same, i.e. supporting the intellectual links that unite Belgium and Italy by awarding scholarships to enable stays for students, which makes it indirectly possible to publish articles and books on history and fine arts.

Quelle: Internet

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

**Tips from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat:** Ireland, the Emerald Isle, with its wild rugged coastline, the cliffs, the charm of the countryside, vibrant towns and cities and friendly people, is always worth a visit.

Although Irish or Gaelic is the first official language of Ireland, just about everyone on the island speaks English.

The Republic of Ireland is part of the Eurozone, while the £ Sterling is the currency used in British Northern Ireland. The best time to visit Ireland is in the summer, when it is mostly somewhat cooler and more rainy than on the European mainland, though the winters are milder due to the maritime influence.

Places worth visiting include the **Cliffs of Moher** and the less well-known, but equally stunning **Kilkee Cliffs**.

Absolutely fantastic views are offered on the **Wild Atlantic Way**, one of the longest coastal roads in the world, stretching more than 2,600 km along the west coast of Ireland through uniquely beautiful landscapes from the Inishowen Peninsula in County Donegal to Kinsale in County Cork.

Also worth seeing: **Loop Head**, the peninsula in West Claire reaches out into the Atlantic Ocean on one side and into the estuary of the River Shannon on the other side.

**Sheep's Head** is in extreme southwest Ireland and is a headland between Bantry Bay and Dunmanus Bay in County Cork.



## Camping/Caravaning/Motorcaravaning

### Brussels makes number plate registration mandatory

As of 1 October 2018, anyone wanting to drive a motorhome in the city of Brussels is obliged to register their number plate in advance. This is related to the environmental zone that entered into force on 1 October and stipulates that vehicles with a Euro 0 or Euro 1 diesel engine may no longer enter the city. The Brussels zone no longer works with a vignette but, rather, with number plate registration. This means that all vehicles that do not have a Belgian number plate have to register in advance, even if they comply with the specified standards.

This can be done free of charge via the website [www.lez.brussels/nl](http://www.lez.brussels/nl) [www.lez.brussels/fr](http://www.lez.brussels/fr) or [www.lez.brussels/en](http://www.lez.brussels/en)

The registration is valid for three years. Driving without registration is punishable by a fine of €150 – even if the vehicle meets the standards. Anyone wanting to drive into the environmental zone in a non-standard diesel vehicle can purchase a day pass for €35. This pass can be used up to eight times in a year. Driving a diesel vehicle into the city which does not comply with the standards is punishable by a fine of €350. This is a first step.

From 2019 on, the city will no longer be accessible for diesel vehicles with the Euro 2 standard or for petrol cars of Euro standard 0 and 1. Brussels eventually intends to ban all diesel vehicles.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

**A tip for campers: new shine for glasses:** Most campers don't like drinking their beer, wine or even water from a plastic beaker – they prefer to stick with glass. To remove any deposits or stains that simply cannot be avoided over time, the best solution is to take some diluted vinegar and put a raw potato in it, then clean the glasses with this "tincture". After that, the glasses will shine like new.

**Keeping sausage and cold meats:** to avoid moisture in the plastic box containing sausage or cold meat in the fridge, a good tip is to scatter a few raw noodles inside the box. These absorb the moisture, meaning that the sausage or cold meat stays dry, keeping it fresh for longer.

### Correct handling of gas bottles

Experts warn against handling liquid gas bottles carelessly. Porous pipes, worn seals, incorrect storage, damage during transport or incorrect fitting can lead to gas escaping, triggering intoxications, fires or explosions.

If propane or butane gas escapes from gas bottles, this is often not immediately noticeable because these gases are heavier than air and accumulate when escaping from a leaky gas bottle in the footwell or boot of a vehicle. If the gases mix with air, it normally only needs a spark to trigger a deflagration or explosion.

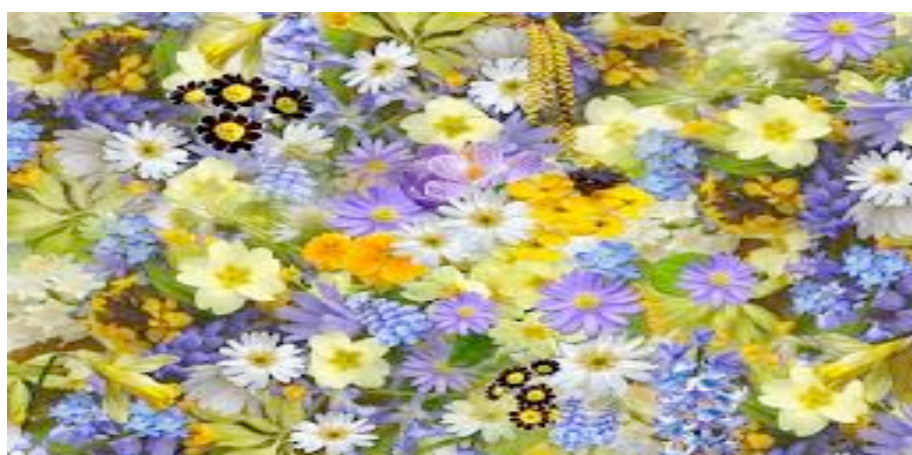
Gas bottles must always be stored in a well-ventilated, shady place, away from ignition sources. Gas bottles may not be stored in a car at all for any longer period of time. During transport, the valve must be firmly closed and the protective cap must be attached. In addition, the gas bottles have to be well secured for the journey, e.g. with tensioning straps, so that they cannot slip when braking or going round corners.

Before connecting, the valve has to be closed and the user has to check that the rubber seal of the pressure regulator is present and intact. Important: when connecting the pressure regulator, note



that it has a left-hand thread that closes counterclockwise. If any faults or defects are found, you should consult a specialist immediately and on no account attempt the repair yourself.  
Source: ACS (CH)

## Congratulations/Wir gratulieren/Félicitations



Federacion Catalana de Clubs Campistes Per molts anys	E	25 years
Rallyclub Nederland <i>Hartelijk gefeliciteerd met uw verjaardag</i>	NL	30 years
Norsk Bobilforening Gratulerer med dagen	N	35 years
Touring Club Malta Nixtieqlek jum gheluq sninek sabih	MT	35 years
Unio Caravanista de Catalunya Per molts anys	E	45 years
The Association of Lithuanian Automobilists (LAS) Su gimimo diena	L	45 years
Japan Autocamping Federation Happy Birthday	J	50 years
Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji urodzin	PL	55 years
Touring Club Suisse Vill Glück zum Geburri/ Félicitations	CH	70 years
Norges Automobil-Forbund (NAF) Gratulerer med dagen	N	95 years





Royal Camping & Caravaning Club de Belgique asbl (R3CB) <i>Félicitations</i>	B	110 years
Ustredni Automotoklub Ceske Republiky (UAMK) Vsechno nejlepsi k narozeninam	CZ	115 years
Automobil Club von Deutschland <i>Herzlichen Glückwunsch</i>	D	120 years
Touring Club Italiano Buon compleanno	I	125 years

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Things not to do in winter

**Error 1: Hot water:** clearing an iced-up windscreen by tipping hot or boiling water over it. Result: You can end up with a cracked windscreen

**Error 2: No antifreeze:** Pouring pure mains water (i.e. without antifreeze) into the windscreen washer unit while the car is in a warm garage. At low temperatures, the spray jets can ice up while driving and the hoses can even burst in minus-temperatures.

**Error 3: Flat outlet:** Do not get in the car and turn on all the high-consumption electrics like the rear window heater, fan, seat and steering wheel heating full blast and leave them running for the entire journey. If the car is only travelling short distances, the battery will lose its charge quicker than you think. On bitterly cold days, you might not even be able to start the engine.

**Error 4: No view:** The windscreen is iced up in the morning and there's hardly time to clean it thoroughly. So you just make a small hole to look through and drive off. An absolute NO-GO!!

**Error 5: Warming up the engine:** Warming up the engine when the car is stationary is not only forbidden; it can also cause damage to the engine. The reason being that, when idling, the engine will not reach its operating temperature as quickly as when running under load, causing greater wear and tear. Our tip: start the engine, let it run for a few seconds, put on your seat belt in the meantime and then drive of quite normally, changing gear early at the beginning.

**Error 6: De-icing spray:** Keep the rescue de-icing spray in the glove compartment: the spray is then safely stored away for when it is really needed.

**Error 7: Ice scraping and vignette:** Damaging the vignette(s) or destroying it completely when scraping ice from the windscreen.

Source: Freie Fahrt (CCA/Arbö-A)

### Health/environment

**Are electric cars really that environmentally friendly?** Have people really thought about what impact the manufacture of batteries has on the environment due to all the raw materials contained in them?





## Curiosities and culture

All the people in the world could be put in a sugar cube if the empty space were removed from their atoms.

Data have an extremely small mass and the entire Internet weighs only as much as an egg.

Our brain has as many synapses as there are leaves in the Amazon rain forest.

In the course of our lives, we each eat more than six elephants weigh together.

Source: read in "Das Mass aller Dinge"

## Coral red is the colour for 2019

The Pantone Color Institute has announced the trend colour for the coming summer.

The colour is "Pantone Living Coral 16-546" – a blend of orange with a golden undertone that reflects the warmth, sustenance and protection of the coral reefs as well as deep ocean life. The colour is the symbol for optimism and joyful goals.

The colour of the year in 2018 was ultraviolet, an ode to the late musician and singer, Prince.

Source: Metro(B)

## Travelling in Europe

**Sweden:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; motorways: 110 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.2 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: no

**Switzerland:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; motorways: 110/120 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

**Slovakia:** Built-up areas: 50km/h; non-built-up areas: 90 km/h; motorways: 90/130 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.0 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

**Slovenia:** Built-up areas: 10/30/50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90 km/h; motorways: 110/130 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: yes; warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

**Spain:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90/100 km/h; motorways: 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

**Czech Republic:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90km/h; motorways: 110/130 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.0 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: no; warning triangle: no; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: no; motorway tolls: yes

**Turkey:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90km/h; motorways: 120 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.5 g/l of blood; dipped headlights during the day: yes, fluorescent vest: yes (2x); warning triangle: yes; first-aid box: yes; fire extinguisher: yes; motorway tolls: yes

**Hungary:** Built-up areas: 50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 90 km/h; motorways: 110/130 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: no; motorway tolls: yes

**Cyprus:** Built-up areas: 30/50 km/h; non-built-up areas: 80 km/h; motorways: 100 km/h; blood/alcohol level: 0.0 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

Source: ACS-CH



**As of 12 October 2018, new designations apply for fuels in Europe**  
**Petrol is indicated in a circle, diesel in a square and gas in a rhombus**

<b>Petrol</b>	<b>Diesel</b>	<b>Gas</b>
SP95 becomes <b>E5</b> SP98 becomes <b>E5</b>	Diesel becomes <b>B7</b>	Hydrogen becomes <b>H2</b>
SP95-E10 becomes <b>E10</b>	Future diesel becomes <b>B10</b>	GPL becomes <b>LPG</b>
Super Ethanol – E85 becomes <b>E85</b>	Synthetic diesel becomes <b>XTL</b>	Compressed natural gas becomes <b>CNG</b>
		Liquid gas becomes <b>LNG</b>

Source: Brafco.be

## INTERESTING ITEMS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**Deutscher Camping Club:** The DCC Technology Award was presented to AL-KP during the Leipzig “Touristik & Caravaning” trade fair.

**In 2018 – Two new members in Italy:**

Club Camperisti Sardi (President Mr. Luigi Pambira)

Unione Club Amici (President Mr. Ivan Perriera)

**The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB)** has a new Chairman: Mr. Robert Talbot

**SF Caravan (FIN)** also has a new President: Mr. Olli Rusi

### Fairs and exhibitions

**Belgium:** Holiday Fair Brussels Travel Expo from 07.02 to 10.02.2019 in Brussels

Mobicar from 3 - 7 October 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

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

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

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

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

**Switzerland:** Suisse Caravan Salon from 24 - 28 October 2019 in Bern

**Austria:** Ferienmesse Wien from 10.01 to 13.01.2019 in Vienna

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