



## GOOD TO KNOW – APRIL 2016

### 84th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN PONTE DE LIMA /PORTUGAL from 29 July to 7 August 2016



#### Rally Programme

The rally's location is unique: 10 rally days and nights full of cultural, sporting and recreational activities for all ages, on land or on the river, with the unique opportunity to meet and become friends with campers from all over the world.

#### Provisional program:

##### 29.07

- 12:00 > Gates open
- 17:00 > Chief delegates' meeting
- 20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

##### 30.07

- 10:00 > Visit Ponte de Lima on foot
- 10:00 > Traditional products market
- 17:00 > Gathering for the Parade of Nations
- 17:30 > Parade of Nations
- 19: 00 > Opening ceremony
- 20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

##### 31.07

- 10:00 > International worship
- 10:00 > Traditional products market
- 14:00 > Tour 1
- 20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco



**01.08**

10:00 > Sports program (children, teenagers and adults)

09:00 > Tour 2

20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

**02.08**

10:00 > Sports program (children, teenagers and adults)

09:00 > Tour 3 and Tour 7

20:30 > International evening (traditional campfire)

**03.08**

09:00 > F.I.C.C. General Assembly

14:00 > Tour 4 and Tour 5

18:00 > Tour 5

20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

**04.08**

10:00 > Delegates' excursion

14:00 > Tour 1

20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

22:00 > International Folk music festival (village centre)

**05.08**

09:00 > Tour 6

20:30 > Evening entertainment: Cultural, Dance & Disco

**06.08**

09:00 > Tour 3 and Tour 7

19:00 > Closing ceremony

**07.08**

12:00 > Gates close

**Notes:**

- Evening program up to midnight



- Restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Rally site
- Bar open for drinks on Rally site
- Supermarket for basics on Rally site
- Children and pet sitting on rally site for participants taking part in excursions

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Venue

#### **Expolima**

4990-062 Ponte de Lima - Portugal

GPS: N 41° 19' 18.88" E 2° 1' 43.55"

Latitude: 41.7741222

Longitude: -8.57768297

### **Access by public transport**

#### **By Train:**

Take the train to **Viana do Castelo** and then the bus to Ponte de Lima or take the train to **Braga** and then the bus to Ponte de Lima (the bus stop is in the same area as the train station and in Ponte de Lima the bus stop is near the Rally venue)

#### **By road:**

**A3** from Spain | A3 direction Porto, exit Ponte de Lima – roundabout direction (follow the signs) – Expolima

**A3** from Porto | A3 direction Valença, exit Ponte de Lima - roundabout direction (follow the signs) – Expolima

**A27** from Viana do Castelo | direction A3 - exit Ponte de Lima – roundabout direction (follow the signs) – Expolima

#### **By plane:**

**Porto airport** Francisco Sá Carneiro (65 km/45 min by car)

### **Weather in Ponte de Lima**

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/pt/ponte-do-lima/276248/weather-forecast/276248>

### **Where to stay during your visit to Portugal:**

Participants will not be allowed on to the rally site before 29 July. Therefore, we recommend that you stay at **Quinta de Pentieiros Camping Park (book in advance, special rate)**, located 5km from Ponte de Lima.

#### **Quinta de Pentieiros**

Camping Park

4990-530 Arcos - Ponte de Lima

Phone: 258 240 202



Participants can also enjoy special benefits in several camping parks by showing their registration voucher that they will receive by e-mail in May or, at a later date, if they register after 10.05.2016.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN PORTUGAL**

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

**112**

## **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION IN THE AREA**

### **Conde de Bertiandos Hospital**

Rua Conde de Bertiandos  
4990-041 Ponte de Lima  
Phone: (+351) 258 909 500

### **National Republican Guard (Ponte de Lima Territorial Unit)**

Rua Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro  
4990 - 024 Arca - Ponte de Lima  
Phone: (+351) 258 900 240

### **Public Security Police (Ponte de Lima)**

Rua Doutor Luis C. Nogueira  
4990 - 113 Ponte de Lima  
Phone: (+351) 258 900380

### **Ponte de Lima Tourist Office**

Torre da Cadeia Velha  
Passeio 25 de Abril  
4990-058 Ponte de Lima  
Phone: (+351) 258 240 208

## **OTHER USEFUL LINKS:**

Organisation website:

- <http://www.ficc2016.com/>

Portuguese Camping and Mountaineering Federation website

<http://www.fcportugal.com/>

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- The Rally registration fee will be increased by 20% after 10/5/2016.
  - Cancellation and refund:
  - Cancellation up to 10.05.2016 - 100% refund
  - Cancellation up to 10.06.2016 - 80% refund
  - Cancellation up to 10.07.2016 – 50% refund
  - Cancellation up to 10.07.2016 – 0% refund



- Payment is to be made via one's club/federation.
- All participants must register for the Rally and pay the appropriate booking fee depending on their choice of accommodation.
- Camping Pass (for participants not staying at the Rally venue - hotel, hostels, B&B)
- All participants must hold a valid CCI - Camping Card International for the year 2016

### **More practical information**

**Booking fee:** Adults (18+) €120 – Young people (12-17 years) €60 – Children up to 11 years old, free of charge

**Electricity (6 Amps):** €35 per unit (tent, caravan, motorcaravan)

**Camping Pass:** €75 (This amount is payable by participants staying in hotels, B&B, Youth hostels etc. who wish to go to the rally site for the entertainment program.)

A supplementary charge of 20% will be added for bookings received by the organiser after May 10, 2016.

Information under [www.ficc2016.com](http://www.ficc2016.com)

### **Other services and accommodation arrangements**

**Hotel 4\*:** Minimum 8 nights | Single room €78/night | Double: €90/night | [10/15](#) minutes' walk from the rally site

**Hotel 3\*:** Minimum 8 nights | Single room: €75/night | Double: €80/night | 5 minutes' walk from the rally site

**Hotel 4\*:** Single room: €70/night | Double: €75/night | [5/10](#) minutes' drive from the rally site

**Transfer** Porto/Ponte de Lima & Ponte de Lima/Porto: per trip

2/3 people (Car): €80

4/6 people (minibus): €90

**Caravans** 2/4 berth | 10 days: €950 (electricity, cooking utensils, gas and table + 4 chairs).

Caravans do not have toilets but are near to the sanitary blocks.

**Tent kit** 2/4 berth: €350 (tent 2/4 people, electricity, pump for airbeds, table + 4 chairs)

Camping kit: €100/per person (airbed, sleeping bag, 2 handtowels, plates, cutlery and shower gel)

Please include a camping kit for each person in a caravan or a tent (in case they are needed).

**Please add €35 when booking if you need electricity in your caravan or tent.**

## **TRAVELLING TO PORTUGAL**

### **Foreign-registered vehicles – how to pay highway tolls**

Drivers travelling on motorways with this sign



should go to a manned toll booth and pay with cash or credit card.

**Most important and worth considering:  
Drivers travelling in SCUTS with this sign**



**If you are going to Portugal in a vehicle with a foreign license plate you can choose one of the following options:**

- The **EASYToll** system is an automatic electronic payment of tolls for tourists and immigrants linking a credit card (MasterCard and Visa) to the license plate of the vehicle.

The toll rates will be directly debited from the bank account linked to the card. The association of the credit card with the license plate of the vehicle is valid for 30 days. You may cancel your subscription at any time on **portugaltolls.com** or by phoning the Call Center: (+ 351) 212879555.

At any of the specified border entry points, go to the area with the **EASYToll** cabin



When you get to an EASYtoll terminal, you will just have to insert your credit card and PIN. You will receive a receipt that you should keep until all toll rates have been debited from your bank account. From then on you may use the highways with electronic tolls problem-free. To sign up to EASYtoll you will have to go through

one the following four entry points into the country displaying this logo 

- A28 – Viana do Castelo service area;
- 3.5 km from Chaves/Verin border;
- A25 – Alto de Leomil (Vilar Formoso) service area;
- A22 – Vila Real de Santo António (see map of Portugal highways).

- **TOLLCard**



**Prepaid Toll Card**

The **Toll card** is a prepaid card (€5, €10, €20 or €40) that you can purchase at CTT stores (Portuguese post offices), service areas or at **tollcard.pt**. The activation and association of the credit card to the license plate is



made via SMS. You may activate several cards at the same time and accumulate a balance on each card. To find out what your balance is, you need to go to the website **tollcard.pt** or wait for an SMS informing you that your balance has run out.

**If you are coming to Portugal by plane and want to rent a car, ViaVerde is the best option to pay tolls electronically:**



When you rent a car, ask for a ViaVerde device that will allow you to pay the tolls when you return the vehicle. The upside of this device is that it is valid on all Portuguese motorways/highways. The downside, however, is that you have to pay €1.50 per day (up to a maximum of €18.50 per rental).

**For more detailed information, please see the link below:**

- <http://www.portugaltolls.com/pt/web/portal-de-portagens/home>

**85th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY will be held in Datça, western Turkey, from 17 to 26 May 2017**



### **Alternative Tourism**

As a Special Environmental Protection Zone, the Datça Peninsula is quite unspoilt with its 235 km long coastline, 52 coves, and rich flora and fauna. So, it is a prime destination with excellent opportunities for eco-tourism, as well as a choice destination for yachting, which is mainly concentrated between Bodrum and Fethiye.

The sea around Datça is rich with fish and is a first class spot for rod fishing.

Datça coves are ideal for the windsurfing enthusiast. Low humidity and plenty of oxygen enables you to enjoy a holiday free of sweat and perspiration – an added boon for a happy and healthy holiday.



ACCOMMODATION	PARTICIPATION FEE / PERSON			REMARKS
	ADULT (18+)	JUNIORS (12-17)	CHILDREN (UP TO 11)	
RALLY PARTICIPATION FEE ( TENT, CARAVAN, MOTOCARAVAN )  Electricity included	120 €	60€	FREE	- RALLY PARTICIPATION FEE 10 DAYS 1 UNIT + 1 PERSON (TENT, CARAVAN, MOTOCARAVAN)  - WELCOME GIFT PACKAGE  (ONE EACH PER UNIT )



**86th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 30 September to 9 October 2017  
in Jhinshan (New Taipei City) /Taiwan**



**87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2018 in Germany**



Information will be available in due course under [www.ficcrally2018.de](http://www.ficcrally2018.de)

**17th ADRIA Camping Rally under F.I.C.C. patronage**



The 17th Adria Rally will be held on the Cikat campsite, Mali Losinj/Croatia from 25 June to 2 July 2016. The booking fee is €110 per person, juniors between 12 and 16 years old are half price and children under 12 years old are free of charge.

The booking fee includes the tourist tax, a non-demarcated pitch (with electricity), the ACR programme, welcome drink, welcome meal, and a souvenir.

Excursions to

- ° Susak island or Ilovik island
- ° Sightseeing tour on Mali Losinj and Veli Losinj
- ° Visits to Osor, Cres and Valun

Bookings accepted up to 15 May 2016.

Hotel accommodation available.

Ferry timetable under [www.jadrolinija.hr](http://www.jadrolinija.hr)

Information on road tolls under [www.hac.hr](http://www.hac.hr)

Road traffic reports under [www.hoc.hr](http://www.hoc.hr)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Environment: Ways to control carbon**

A temperature rise of more than 2°C relative to the pre-industrial era would have a devastating effect on our global environment. In order to limit global warming, we need to put a cap on the cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all human sources.

ISO has standards that can help reduce GHG emissions, including in the following sectors:

#### **Energy production 35% GHG emission**

*Nuclear energy, nuclear technologies, and radiological protection, solar energy, natural gas, solid biofuels, energy management, sustainability criteria for bioenergy, biogas, evaluation of energy savings, light and lighting, domestic gas cooking appliances, energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.*

#### **Agriculture 14% GHG emission**

#### **Waste and water treatment 3% GHG emission**

#### **Residential and commercial buildings 6% GHG emission**

#### **Tropical deforestation 10% GHG emission**



*Paper, board and pulps, timber structures, timber, carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage, chain of custody of wood and wood-based products, bamboo and rattan.*

**Industrial production 18% GHG emission**

*Screw threads, rolling bearings, steel, paints and varnishes, textiles, machine tools, chemistry, plastics, textile machinery and accessories, mining, protective clothing and equipment, powder metallurgy, packaging, non-destructive testing, optics and photonics, cosmetics, material for the production of primary aluminium, nanotechnologies, industrial furnaces and associated processing equipment, additive manufacturing, risk management.*

**Transport 14% GHG emission**

*Ships and marine technology, aircraft and space vehicles, road vehicles, freight containers, cycles, small craft, intelligent transport systems, road traffic, safety management systems, railway applications.*

Source: ISO (Climate Chaos)

**France: Present rates for camping/parking at Mont-Saint-Michel**

Rate from 1 January 2016: €17.20 (this is for a motorcaravan up to 8m for ½ to 24 hours on the official Mont-Saint-Michel campsite.)

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**National Park Service in the USA celebrates its centenary**

This August the United States' National Park Service is celebrating its centenary. The Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Acadia Park are among the most "spectacular" and will therefore receive special attention and acclaim. There are over 400 National Parks in the USA and tourists have yet to discover a good number of them. The website [findyourpark.com](http://findyourpark.com) lists these parks along with 99 activities and adventures to inspire you. There is a vast choice: one park might offer genuine peace and quiet, while others invite you to experience life in the desert, explore a cave or enjoy the coast and ocean, etc.

Source: National Park Foundation (seen in Camping Caravaning FQCC)

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**Dutch people are spending more on holidays again**

After a slight drop in recent years, the Dutch spent more on holidays in 2015, almost 16 thousand million euros, representing an increase of 3%.

1.7 million Dutch people went away several times in 2015, up by 100,000 compared with 2014.

Holidays taken in the Netherlands fell by 200,000 last year, a drop of 1%. These figures mainly include so-called permanent holiday homes i.e. second homes that people own.

The seaside resorts on the North Sea were the most popular holiday destinations attracting 2.2 million people.

The number of holiday-makers going abroad increased too (by 1%). Germany was the most popular destination (3.4 million), followed by France (2.6 million).

Source: De Caravan(NCC-NL)

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**3D spectacles on board aircraft**



A Franco-British airline company is currently testing out 3D movie spectacles for 3D in-flight movies. The company wants to be able to offer passengers the latest generation of in-flight entertainment. Seen in Metro (B)

### **Norway: All of the country's stave churches are to be completely renovated**

Norway's stave churches are the country's most important contribution to world architecture. Originally there were over a thousand such churches, but nowadays just 28 have been preserved. Since 2001, the Norwegian state has been carrying out a comprehensive renovation programme and the so-called Stave Church Programme has now been successfully completed by the Norwegian Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments at a cost of around €14 million. Further information: [www.riksantikvaren.no](http://www.riksantikvaren.no) and [www.visitnorway.com](http://www.visitnorway.com)

### **The Netherlands: Cycling without a headwind**

The province of Zeeland has introduced a new type of cycle path: "in de wind – uit de wind" (in the wind – out of the wind). In addition to the many routes comprising the Dutch cycle path network that run outside dykes, there are now alternative routes inside dykes, so that even if it is windy, cyclists can still enjoy their cycle rides out of the wind.

The cycle path network (FIKS) has been re-designed to give cyclists a greater choice of routes depending on whether they want to pedal along in the wind or out of the wind. One might prefer not to do battle with a strong headwind, preferring the easier option where the dyke itself acts as a windbreak.

A nice, gentle "sweet" breeze at your back on the other hand is ideal for doing some cycling outside a dyke. A windsock will indicate which route a cyclist might want to take, depending on whether it is blowing in the wind or slack.

Further information under [www.vvvzeeland.nl](http://www.vvvzeeland.nl) or [www.holland.com](http://www.holland.com)

### **Sweden: Taking your dog to Sweden**

The arrangements for holidaymakers travelling to Sweden for a nice relaxing holiday with their four-legged friend(s) will find the arrangements for admitting pets into the country very straightforward. Entry requirements for dogs and cats were radically simplified back in 2012. Tourists living in EU countries only need to have their pet's EU pet passport with them, ensure that their pets are vaccinated against rabies (at least 21 days before the start of their trip) and prove the animal's ID by means of a microchip or a clearly visible tattoo. The pet must be declared when passing through customs.

Source: DCC-D



## CAMPING, CARAVANNING, MOTORCARAVANNING

### TRAVEL

**As much as you can**

**As far as you can**

**As long as you can**

**Life's not meant to be lived in one place**

Source : Contact (RCN-NL)

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**Germany:** Outfits comprising a car towing a caravan or trailer are treated like cars up to a maximum towing weight of seven tonnes (3.5 + 3.5 tonnes) and as such can use the third lane on the motorway provided they keep within the maximum speed limit. However, this ceases to apply if a road sign banning trucks and HGV's from overtaking also displays a pictogram of a trailer.

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### **Generators are an invaluable source of electricity when you are out and about**

Campsites with electricity are great news, but sometimes you end up parking in the middle of nowhere alongside a vineyard in France or on the shores of a lake in Norway.

Being on your own, stopping where you want and doing your own thing – that is what so many caravanners are looking for. For a while your on-board battery will be fine, but it has its limitations and that is when you need a generator. Even a small one can make your caravan power self-sufficient.

Portable generators come in different power or performance classes that vary between 1 and 3 kilowatts. The smallest generator will be quite adequate if you only need it to charge up your battery. However, you will find that the power limit is reached very quickly if you start powering thirsty gadgets and appliances straight from a small generator. A hairdrier for instance will often use 2,000 watts and air-conditioning units use far more. If you intend using the generator to power several appliances at the same time, you first need to estimate the minimum wattage that you will require your generator to produce. This is done by adding together the wattage of each of your electrical appliances. Parallel operation is also an option with some generators: two generators of the same wattage can be linked by a cable and both used at the same time. That solution will nearly double your usable power.

Basically you need to be careful that you do not use the maximum output to the full. By keeping 10 to 20% below the specified durable power or output, you will spare your generator and also ensure that your gadgets and appliances last longer.

**Which fuel?** In addition to petrol, there are also diesel and gas generators on the market. Diesel generators are heavier and more expensive. Gas is an alternative that is worthwhile considering because every caravan has gas on board. Petrol and gas generators are technically nearly identical so one can sometimes change from one to the other (e.g. Honda EU10i) and manufacturers may even offer to supply a gas generator given the technical and functional similarity with a petrol generator. They are however a bit more expensive than their petrol counterparts.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans



## INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**22, 23 and 24 April 2016 – The biggest camper event in Europe**

**Make an emergency stop with a camper, take a drive in a 4x4 through the dunes, enjoy Mediterranean snacks from trendy food trucks and test drive the newest camper models. The NKC (Europe's largest camper club) expects more than 20,000 camper lovers during the biggest camper event in Europe to be held at Circuit Park Zandvoort on 22, 23 and 24 April.**

The camper's popularity has been growing for years. There are more than 95,000 campers in the Netherlands: a fleet that has doubled in the past decade. And the number of campers in the Netherlands continues to rise: the total number of registered vehicles in the Netherlands has grown again, this time by almost 6 percent. The NKC, a club with 40,000 members, is organising the NKC Camper Experience 2016 to let potential camper users see the diverse types of campers, admire the 2016 models from the various manufacturers and drive a camper themselves. During the camper event in Zandvoort, you can get behind the wheel of brand-new campers to drive on the circuit at Zandvoort – including the famous Tarzan curve!

But there's more: during the event you can ride in rugged 4x4 campers on the off-road track next to the circuit, you can inspect the newest camper models both inside and out and you can even sleep in one for a night! In addition, the NKC Camper Experience is filled with workshops and activities. Practising an emergency stop during the Grip & Slip training, workshops about loading a camper, gas and electricity on board, the workshop 'Take your dog on holiday' by Martin Gaus and much more. And as if that isn't enough: entertainment, music, cabaret and an exhibition on the most attractive classic campers in the Netherlands! The NKC Camper Experience is the perfect daytrip for everyone who wants to discover *everything* about travelling by camper. Let yourself be inspired and come to Zandvoort on 23 and 24 April!

More information: [www.nce16.nl](http://www.nce16.nl)



**DCC Europa Prize 2016**



This year the Deutsche Campingclub awarded its Europa Prize to Marseillan Beach/France, Grubhof Park Campsite/Austria, Krk Campsite/Croatia, Holmernhof Campsite/Germany and to Henne Beach/Denmark.

DCC's Platinum Europa Prize went to the Spanish campsite Las Dunas/Costa Brava and to Alfsee, the German holiday and recreation park.

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**The Nordic Camping Meeting** will be held from 11 to 16 July 2016 in Seljord/Norway. The organisers are Norsk Bobil og Caravan Club, Telemark section and region.

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The Nederlandse Caravan Club stand at Caravana in Leeuwarden in January 2016.

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In February 2015, **The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB)** came up with a novel idea and set up a number of Ready Camps providing “glamping” tents on 29 of its own campsites in England, Scotland and Wales. It is the only national network of its kind in the UK and attracts campers who are seeking a little more luxury. This year there are 101 glamping tents available and they have become just as popular among Club members as visitors. The tents are fully equipped (apart from bedding) and are ideal for families who are novices wanting to give camping a try for the first time or for anyone looking for a stress-free camping holiday with friends who are inexperienced newcomers to camping.



**WE HAVE PLEASURE INTRODUCING: FRANCE**



## La Fédération des campeurs, caravaniers et camping-caristes (FFCC)



1910: Founding of the first French camping club.

1934: Six French clubs formed the "Comité National des Associations Françaises de Camping" (National Committee of French Camping Associations) with the aim of organising the second international rally in France.

1936: Holiday pay for the workforce contributed to the growth of camping.

1938: Ten French associations representing several thousand campers decided to join forces and set up the Union Française des Associations de Camping (U.F.A.C.)

1939: U.F.A.C. became the Fédération Française de Camping (F.F.D.C.) and the federation made available the first third party insurance cover specifically for campers.

1949: The federation organised the 10th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Fontainebleau which was attended by 3,000 campers.

1952: With the increasing popularity of caravanning, the F.F.D.C. became the Fédération Française de Camping et de Caravanisme (FFCC).

1954: Increasing numbers of campers in many different areas necessitated a proper network of purpose-built campsites so FFCC drew up specifications for designing and equipping campsites.

1956: FFCC raised the alarm - demand was still outstripping capacity.

1959: The first camping regulations appeared based on proposals by FFCC

1960: F.F.C.C. organised the 21st International F.I.C.C. Rally in the Vercors which attracted 6,000 campers from 21 countries. In the same year, FFCC launched its first "Silence and Cleanliness" campaign in campsites.

1961: The first edition of the Guide Fédéral des Terrains (Federal Campsite Guide) was published. The brochure "Regulations, facilities and campsite management" was re-published and has been regularly updated ever since. It gave new campsite operators invaluable information and by encouraging new campsites, F.F.C.C. has contributed in no small measure to the expansion of camping.

1965: Caravanning became the country's favourite type of holiday. FFCC published "What is the best caravan for me".

1969: FFCC came up with an idea for a new category of campsites: Nature Park Campsites which came into being eight years later.

1970: The 31st International F.I.C.C. Rally in Bréhal attracted 10,000 campers from 26 countries.

1973: As a result of the many initiatives it had introduced, FFCC was recognised by the state.

1974 : FFCC organised the first national campsite flower competition.

1976: FFCC came up with concrete solutions to problems associated with camping.

1977: In association with AFNOR and makers of recreational vehicles, F.F.C.C. established a set of standards relating to caravan construction, equipment and safety.

1978: FFCC's Official Camping & Caravaning Guide was the first publication to list all of the campsites in France.



1982: FFCC was requested by the Ministry of Tourism to make a study on the geographic distribution of camping and caravanning activity in France.

1983: FFCC organised the 44th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Paris to celebrate F.I.C.C.'s 50th anniversary. There were 11,000 campers from 28 countries at this event.

1985: FFCC and its partners took action regarding the abusive ban on parking motorcaravans.

1988: FFCC's 50th anniversary gave rise to a number of celebratory events throughout France.

1989: The FFCC Youth Commission organised the 37th International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally at Masevaux in Alsace.

1991: FFCC established Euro Camping France (ECF) for individual campers on their own and obtained a tourism licence that allowed the federation to offer its members new services including organising tours and holidays.

1993: FFCC and other camping professionals produced a new classification system for campsites. The 54th International F.I.C.C. Rally was organised at Pulversheim in Alsace and attracted over 4,000 participants.

1994: An agreement was signed by FFCC and FNHPA, the Fédération Nationale de l'Hôtellerie de Plein Air (National Federation of Outdoor Tourism Activity) to promote and improve the quality of camping in France.

1995: Publication of an information leaflet "La FFCC mode d'emploi" (FFCC How It Works) and a guide entitled "Partir en camping-car" (Going away in a motorcaravan) for the increasing number of motorcaravanners. "Camping de France" award introduced in Alsace to indicate the excellent quality of French campsites (23 campsites received this distinction).

1996: Launch of a national campaign against abusive road toll charges - FFCC gathered thousands of signatures in support of this protest.

The FFCC Youth Commission organised the 44th International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally on the Island of Aix, Charente Maritime.

1998: FFCC celebrated its 60th anniversary. Some fifty sponsored events were organised including the 39th Meeting in the Sarthe region which was the celebratory Rally for FFCC's 60th anniversary.

1999 - 2000: Progress in the campaign against motorway tolls: as an experiment, caravans were allowed to travel free of charge on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

FFCC, FNHPA and other institutions set up a charter known as "Camping Qualité". It is unique, applicable to any campsite and recognised by everyone.

2001: FFCC modified its statutes to allow campers to become individual members.

The CCI (International Camping Card) became the FFCC's membership card. The Federation organised its first national rally.

2002: FFCC's second national rally was held in Cernay/Alsace over the Whitsun weekend. A special motorcaravanning rally that circumnavigated Mont Blanc was organised in September. FFCC launched a big recruitment campaign to increase its membership.

2004: FFCC published its second guide "Partir en camping-car", (Travelling around in your motorcaravan) that gave newcomers details of their rights and responsibilities. FFCC now had 18,000 direct family members and 100 affiliated clubs. A Charter for Disabled People was signed. 826 campsites had received the "Camping Qualité" award.

2005: FFCC produced several information brochures including "Acheter ou louer son hébergement locatif", (Buy or rent your holiday accommodation), "Camper au meilleur prix (Camping at the best price), "Stop Accueil Camping-car" (Stop! Motorcaravans Welcome!). FFCC now had 20,000 direct members and 100 affiliated clubs.

2008: F.F.C.C. hosted a rally in Villebon sur Yvette, just outside Paris, in July to celebrate FFCC's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2010: Organised the first Paris-Beijing-Paris motorcaravan expedition that lasted three months.



2011: FFCC obtained official agreement that the Heavy Goods Vehicle Eco Tax only applied to HGVs and not to motorcaravans.

2012: FFCC introduced a reservation system for its 1,500 independent campsite partners. The federation became a full member of FIA. Second Paris-Beijing-Istanbul motorcaravan expedition.

2013: The federation celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Leisure Vehicles Salon, at Le Bourget/Paris.

2014: "Grands Reportages" on French TV channel TF1 gave full coverage of the Paris-Beijing-Istanbul expedition. The federation changed its title to "Fédération des campeurs, caravaniers, camping-caristes" (Federation of campers, caravanners and motorcaravanners). The President of FFCC was elected on to the F.I.C.C. Council.

2016: FFCC gave its support to the tenth Festival of Nature and became involved in the Steering Committee, thereby fulfilling its ecological commitment.



## **FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS**

**Germany:** Caravan Salon Düsseldorf 27.08 – 04.09.2016, in Düsseldorf

**France:**

Salon des Véhicules de Loisir, 28.09. - 04.10. 2016, in Paris-Le Bourget  
SETT, 03.11. - 05.11. 2016, in Montpellier

**Netherlands:**

Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs, 14.10 – 18.10.2016, in Utrecht  
Caravana in Leeuwarden from 19 to 24 January 2017

**Switzerland:**

Suisse Caravan Salon, 22.10. - 26.10. 2016, in Bern

**Belgium:**

Brussels Travel Expo, 9.12. - 10.12.2016, in Brüssel

**Italy:**

Tempo Libero, 22-25 April 2016, in Bolzano  
Il Salone del Camper, 12.09. - 20.09. 2016, in Parma

**Sweden:** Elmia Fair in Jönköping from 07 to 11 September 2016

**Norway:** Camping Fair in Lilleström from 15 to 18 September 2016

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