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GOOD TO KNOW - May 2010

International F.I.C.C. Rally 2010 in Umag/Croatia from 18 to 25 June 2010

The Rally provides a great opportunity to discover the cultural heritage of a beautiful country that has a great camping tradition.

Zagreb, the capital and its many monuments dating back to the days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Plivice, a national park that is one of the most beautiful nature reserves in Europe with its lakes, plants and wildlife.

Zadar, the town with a distinct Mediterranean feel.

Trogir, one of the loveliest cities in the Adriatic marked by important historical events from Antiquity through to the Renaissance.

Split, a mediaeval town with picturesque narrow alleyways and magnificent Gothic and Renaissance façades.

Dubrovnik, a fortified town surrounded by unique city walls.

The interesting **Elaphiti Islands** where tradition flourishes and plays an immensely important part in local people's lives.

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European emergency number to dial in case of an accident, heart attack, fire etc.

Imagine you are in an emergency situation abroad and you can't remember the national emergency number(s) to dial. Don't panic, wherever you are in the European Union you can call the European emergency number **112** to contact all emergency services – ambulance, fire-fighters and police.

But make sure you only call **112** in case of a real threat to life, health, safety, environment or property and when the emergency services' rapid assistance is needed.

You can use **112** from fixed phones, including payphones or mobile phones. It is always free of charge and it functions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You can reach the European emergency number **112** in all Member States of the European Union and in Croatia, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, Turkey, Switzerland and the Vatican.

The list is non-exhaustive and several additional countries in Europe are implementing the same emergency number.

Further information: www.112foundation.eu



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Recreation vehicles worldwide

New registrations of recreation vehicles for 2008

North America: 53.4%

Europe: 40.0%

Australia: 4.0%

Japan: 0.9%

South Africa: 0.9%

New Zealand: 0.5%

China: 0.3%

The financial crisis and general economic situation affected the recreational vehicle industry market in Europe and North America in 2009.

100 kph for heavy motorcaravans in Germany

The 12th trial regulation introduced in Germany in March 2005 allowed motorcaravans with a maximum laden weight of between 3.5 and 7.5 tonnes to travel at 100 kph rather than 80 kph on German motorways and highways. The trial period was due to end on 31 December 2009. However, in the light of Federal Highway Research Institute studies showing that motorcaravans in this category are not accident prone whether they are driven at 80 kph or 100 kph, the Federal Ministry for Transport, Building and Urban Development has decided to lift the 100 kph speed limit as well. In view of the road safety and traffic flow factors that come into play, there is no reason why this increase in the speed limit should not be permanent.

It is also thought that in about two years' time, the ban on overtaking for heavy motorcaravans might also be lifted.

Source: CIV D



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Hefty increases in road tolls:

Czech Republic

Vehicles **over** 3,500 kgs (including heavy motorcaravans) and outfits over 3,500 kgs (permissible maximum weight of towing vehicle + caravan/trailer) have to pay a distance-based toll on all motorways, express roads and other selected roads (marked with an "M"). An electronic device, "Premid", affixed to the vehicle's windscreen, calculates the level of the toll.

Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – Annual sticker (vignette)	1200 CZK
Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – Monthly sticker	350 CZK
Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – 10-day sticker	250 CZK

*pmw = permissible maximum weight

Slovak Republic

Vehicles up to 3,500 kgs

Annual sticker (vignette) 1 January 2010 to 31 January 2011

Monthly sticker valid for 30 consecutive days even if they overlap into the following year.

7-day sticker valid for 7 consecutive days even if they overlap into the following year.

In the Slovak Republic stickers may be obtained at border crossings, petrol stations and post offices.

Over 3,500 kgs

Vehicles weighing over 3,500 kgs (including heavy motorcaravans) are subject to a distance-based toll system on all motorways, express roads and national/main roads.



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The toll is calculated by an electronic device "OBU" (on board unit) affixed to the vehicle's windscreen that can be obtained from petrol stations and in the vicinity of border crossings. To calculate your toll in advance, go to the on-line toll calculator at www.emyto.sk

Tariff in Euros

Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – Annual sticker	36.50
Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – Monthly sticker	9.90
Motor vehicle up to 3,500 kgs pmw* (incl. trailer) – 7-day sticker	4.90

*pmw = permissible maximum weight

Source: CCA-Journal (AT)

Germany

DCC - Europa Prize 2010

Mr. Karl Zahlmann, President of DCC, bestowed this much coveted award on the owners of five European campsites at the Camping and Caravanning Exhibition in Essen.

This annual prize is awarded to a maximum of 5 campsites in five different countries that have made a great effort for the benefit of their clientèle. The criteria applicable for the award are many and varied, ranging from environmentally friendly, ideal for rest and recuperation, good at promoting camping, to simply being comfortable, safe or typical of the area.

This year's award winners were Spain (Girona), Croatia (Rovinj), France (Ramatuelle), Germany (Kühlungsborn) and Portugal (Povoa de Varzim).

Source: FECC (ES)

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Norway

The Alesund underwater tunnel in central Norway is now toll-free

For the first time in 22 years, drivers can now drive free of charge through the 3,500m long tunnel from Alesund to Ellingsoy island and the 4,100m long tunnel from Ellingsoy to Valderoy island. The bridge linking Valderoy and Giske and the 3,800m tunnel from Giske to Gooy are also toll-free.

Over the years toll charges brought in 385 million euros covering the cost of construction and renovation work on the bridge and tunnels.

Source: Kampeertoerist (BE)

Finland

Helsinki has won the title of World Design Capital for 2012.

The International Council of Societies of Industrial Design bestowed the honour at the World Design Congress in Singapore.

The World Design Capital is a city promotion project that seeks to highlight the accomplishments of cities that are truly leveraging design as a tool to improve the social, cultural and economic life of cities throughout a year-long programme of design-related events.

More information obtainable on www.worlddesigncapital.com

Health tip

Oleander - a poisonous plant

Oleander is one of the world's most poisonous plants and is particularly harmful for humans as well as animals.

It grows everywhere in warm climates – in the country and in towns.

All parts of the oleander plant can be deadly. The sap harbours the most concentrated poison. You should not trifle with oleander poisoning but get to a hospital immediately.



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Oleander poisoning can cause seizures and coma and even death. You can initially slow down its effect by inducing vomiting and eating pieces of charcoal.

It is a beautiful but deadly plant but it is best to keep well away from it.

Source: Blue Beret (USA)

Exhibitions

Sweden: ELMIA HUSVAGN-HUSBIL 9-12 September 2010

Great Britain: Outdoors Show in London – January 2011

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