

Croatian campsites from Scandinavian point of view

When we speak about Scandinavian countries we normally mean Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. In Finland there are registered about 40.000 motorhomes and 66.000 caravans. In Sweden about 44.000 motorhomes and 272.000 caravans, in Norway 5.000 motorhomes and 80.000 caravans and in Denmark 7.000 motorhomes and 145.000 caravans. From those figures we can estimate, that in Scandinavia there are well over half a million families doing caravanning.

The economic situation in those countries is good at the moment. Workers have normally at least four or five weeks holiday. From this results that more and more Scandinavian campers and caravanners travel abroad to spend their holidays. As a destination Croatia has become more and more popular.

My first visit to this region by motorhome was in the year 1988. In 2009 The Federation International Camping and Caravanning decided to have the International FICC-rally 2010 in Croatia. I was happy to be a liason officer between the FICC and Croatian Camping Association, Udruga Kampista Hrvatske. At that time I visited several campsites in Croatia. I can't help taking the opportunity to thank again Croatian Camping Association and Camping Park Umag for organizing the rally. The rally was very well organized and Camping Park Umag was a perfect venue. And I'm proud to tell that from my club, SF-Caravan Finland, participated more than 100 units, so more than 200 campers in the rally.

In May this year I had the pleasure to be a member in a patrol, which inspected several campsites here in Croatia. The main purpose of the patrol was 'to taste the feelings' in different campsites. As a conclusion of our ten day trip we found out that the Croatian campsites were very well equipped and very well taken care of. Staff in campsites was polite and helpful.

We also found out that every campsite has its own character. Some campsites are good for families with small children, some for families with teenagers and some for older couples without children. In some campsites there is a lot of organized program and in some campsites you can relax in quietness. We didn't visit any naturist campsites so I don't know how to describe or to whom to recommend those sites.

In my opinion and from Scandinavian point of view Croatia and Croatian campsites are a very good destination to campers and caravanners. A big factor in this estimation is the climate, even though in this and the previous year Finland was the warmest place in Europe during a few days.

Since 20 years my club, SF-Caravan Finland, has organized a caravan and camping fair together with Turku Fair Center in the city of Turku. I have been asked to make a presentation about Croatian campsites. I hope I can promote your camping from my part by giving information in the Scandinavian countries.

Thank you for your attention.