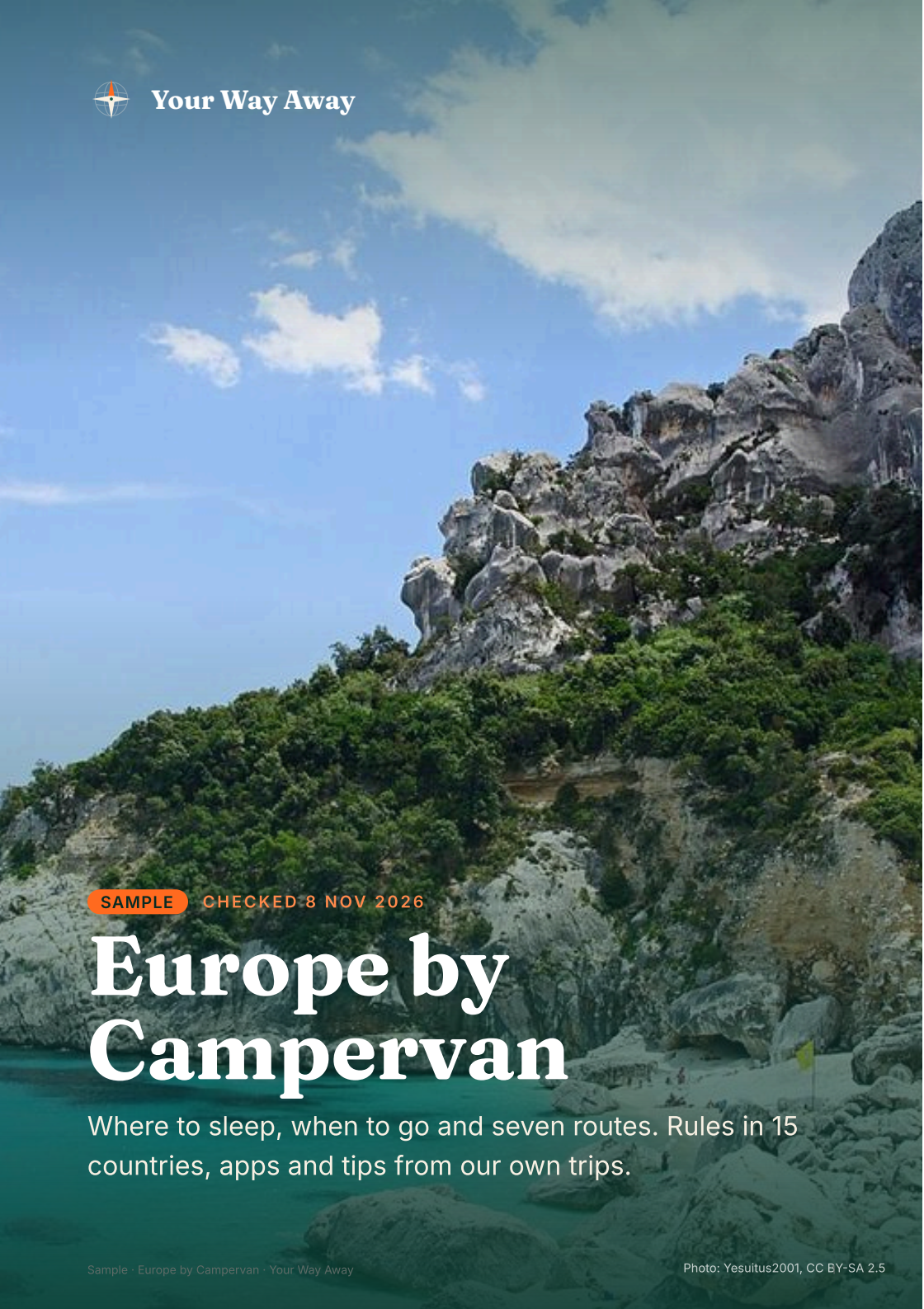


Your Way Away

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Europe by Campervan

Where to sleep, when to go and seven routes. Rules in 15 countries, apps and tips from our own trips.

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A campervan means freedom: morning by a lake, afternoon by the sea, night where nobody else is. But every country has different rules. In some you can sleep in a car park; in others it costs a fine of hundreds of euros. This booklet has everything you need to know before you go, plus our own experience.

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> We checked the facts on the date on the cover, each with its source. Rules change and towns have their own bylaws: a sign on site always wins.

From our trips

We have our own campervan and travel mostly out of season. Here are five countries that won us over, and what is worth knowing before you go.



Sardinia: turquoise water and beaches almost to ourselves

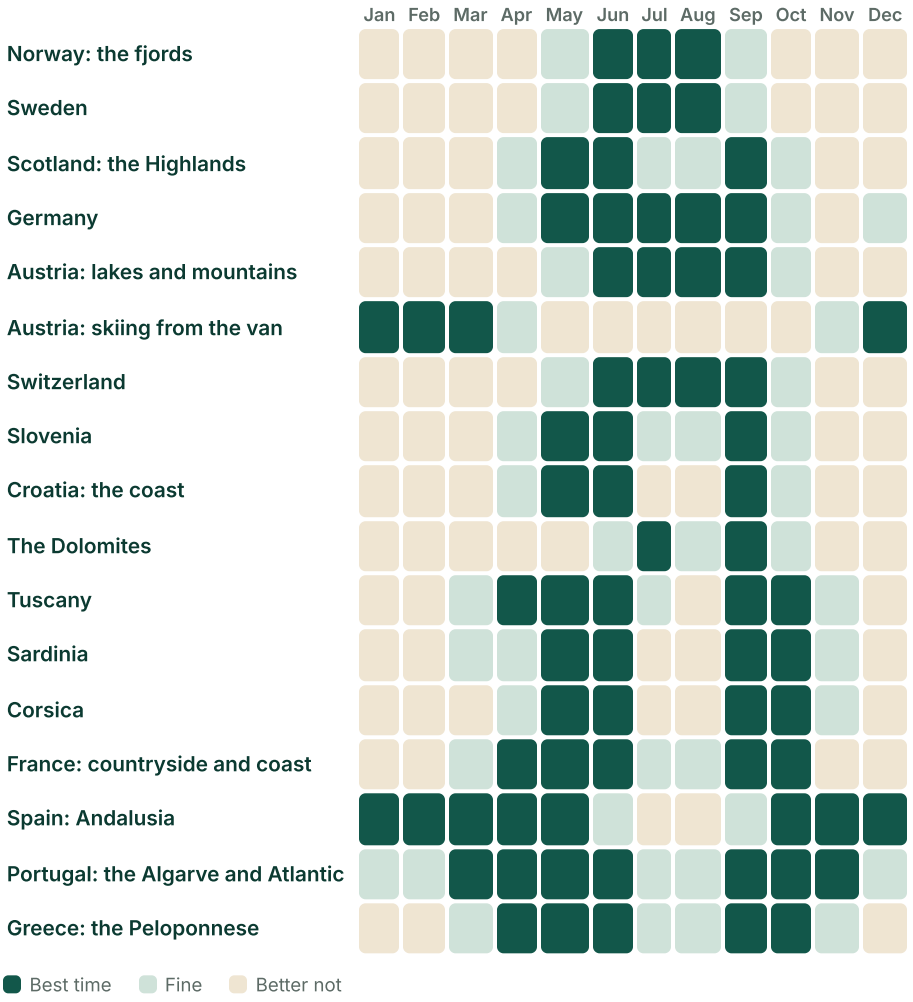
We went to Sardinia in October and it was one of our best trips ever. Instead of crowded beaches and car parks, long stretches of empty coast, warm days and water still fine for swimming. We stopped wherever we liked and found places for the night in the park4night app.

Go outside summer. For us, October is ideal.

Good to know: In October Cagliari is about 23 °C by day with the sea at 22 °C. Ferries from Livorno or Genoa to Olbia.

Season calendar

When each region is worth a campervan trip. We weigh the weather, open roads and campsites, and the crowds.



Why these months

Norway: the fjords: Mountain roads such as Trollstigen are usually open from mid-May to October. Summer is short and cool: about 17 °C in Bergen in July.

Sweden: June to August. Outside summer it gets dark and cold fast: Stockholm is about 10 °C in October.

Scotland: the Highlands: May, June and September. It can rain any time: 15 to 20 wet days a month in Inverness, summer around 17 °C.

Germany: April to October; Stellplätze stay open in winter too. December is worth it for the Christmas markets.

Austria: lakes and mountains: June to September for lakes and hikes. The Grossglockner High Alpine Road runs roughly from early May to early November.

Austria: skiing from the van: December to March at winter campsites near the slopes. The Hintertux glacier has pistes open all year.

Switzerland: June to September, when the mountain passes are open. Expensive but beautiful.

Slovenia: May, June and September. July and August are busiest at Bled and in the Soča valley.

Croatia: the coast: May, June and September. The sea is about 21 °C in June and 22 °C in September. In July and August campsites are full and pricey.

The Dolomites: July and September. In June there is often still snow on higher trails; August is busiest.

Tuscany: April to June and September to October. August is hot inland.

Sardinia: May, June, September and October. In October Cagliari is about 23 °C by day, the sea 22 °C, and the beaches are empty.

Corsica: May, June, September and October. In October Ajaccio is about 21 °C with the sea at 21 °C.

France: countryside and coast: April to June and September to October. Coastal aires are full in July and August; inland it stays quiet.

Spain: Andalusia: October to May, around 15 °C by day even in winter. July and August are hot inland.

Portugal: the Algarve and Atlantic: Almost all year, best March to June and September to November. In summer the Algarve has only 1 to 3 wet days a month.

Greece: the Peloponnese: April to June and September to October. The sea near Kalamata is about 23 °C in October.

news.at, 25 Oct 2026: Grossglockner High Alpine Road · Mamilade: Hintertux glacier 365 days · DN, 31 Dec 2024: toll-free motorways from 2025 · Tirol.at: winter campsites · Visit Norway: when is Trollstigen open · Weather2Travel: Ajaccio · Weather2Travel: Bergen · Weather2Travel: Cagliari

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Countries rated

Our 1 to 5 rating on four things that matter on a campervan trip. Overnight rules and stops come from the rules and sources in the text, value from Eurostat 2025 price levels (EU = 100), roads from what it is like to drive a 7-metre van there.



Sardinia

We've been

Turquoise sea and almost empty beaches out of season. One of our favourite trips.

Sleeping outside campsites	●●●○○	Motorhome stops	●●●○○
Good value	●●●○○	Easy roads	●●●●○

When to go: May, June, September and October · Depends on the place

- Italian rules apply: park where a car may, no camping outside designated areas.
- Camping outside designated areas is banned in Sardinia and checked in season. Out of season it is quiet, but signs on site always apply.

Tip: The ferry from Livorno to Olbia takes about 7.5 to 9 hours, from Genoa around 11. Tirrenia and Moby let you stay in your own vehicle during the crossing.

SicurAUTO: motorhome parking in Italy · Ferryhopper, 15 Sep 2025: Sardinia by camper · Ferryhopper: ferries to Olbia · Weather2Travel: Cagliari



The full booklet: Europe by Campervan

This is a sample. The full booklet has:

- All five countries from our trips with practical tips
- Ratings and overnight rules in 15 countries
- Where to sleep: apps, cards and how to read reviews
- Tolls, vignettes and emission zones by country
- Winter in a campervan: winter tyres in 9 countries and skiing from the van
- Seven campervan routes with places to stay
- First time and rented: what to check in the contract
- A packing list and every source

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