

Earth Caravan 2015-2018 A Peace Journey from Hiroshima to Europe, Middle East and North America



Starting from Hiroshima in Japan continuing to Europe, Canada and Palestine to celebrate every year the highlights of Bethlehem Peace Festival in August - the Earth Caravan has travelled more than 40.000 km reaching with its ideas of a joyous and peaceful future people all over the globe.

Questioned about the travel a participant described:

„I am sure everybody knows this feeling, when something special is concentrated in one single moment. On this journey there were so many of these important moments present, that change our lives.“

What does the Earth Caravan mean for the international peace process?

The Earth Caravan is a global interfaith organization whose mission is to share peace, happiness and healing in the world through words, art, music, Tao Shiatsu therapy and inter-faith prayers. Every year the Caravan travels to cities and places around the globe, sharing its strong message of peace, hope and ways of living together for a bright and peaceful future, helping to go beyond the images of war, violence and disaster.

„We travel together, we share our impressions and experience. The purpose of Earth Caravan is to bring together people and initiate or support projects. The Earth Caravan provides new ways of communication and has been established as an international platform for intercultural and interfaith dialogue.“

The special approach of Earth Caravan is to introduce the way of Ki and Heart - which means that the work goes beyond the physical methods of talking and organizing, but inspires a process within each person that reflects itself positively to the outside in every day life.

Carrying the idea and the hope of Hiroshima Peace Flame

The mayor of Hiroshima has given the Caravan special permission to bring the Hiroshima Peace Flame on the Caravan's voyage from Japan, to Europe, to North America and the Middle East. The Peace Flame was taken from one of the flames that burned after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in August 1945 and has been burning ever since.



About Earth Caravan

The Earth Caravan started in Hiroshima in 2015 with a Peace Event at Genbaku Dome travelled through Japan to Kyoto and Tokyo with events at major honorable temples and a peace cycling tour of 1500 km. The flame was brought to Europe where it undertook an extraordinary journey from Dornbirn Earth Caravan Peace Festival to the Memorial

Concentration Camps of Dachau and Auschwitz. Peace marches and interfaith prayer ceremonies were held in the city of Munich, Prague and Vienna.

Earth Caravan continued to Palestine and Israel in August 2015 building bridges of peace. It has been cooperating with international Israeli and Palestine peace organizations since then, supporting projects in the Jordan Valley, South Hebron and in Gaza. The Peace flame of Hiroshima reached Bethlehem at the celebrations of the Bethlehem Peace Festival organized by the Holy Land Trust. Every year the Earth Caravan is contributing to the Festival with music performances, Tao Shiatsu treatments and cultural exchange.

The Flame of Peace continued to North America in 2016 through Toronto and Quebec sharing messages of peace from the mayors of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Onomichi with peace concerts and performances. The Peace Journey has been invited every summer to the First Nation's communities of Mingan and Natasquan in northern Quebec sharing our mutual hope for peaceful development through cultural exchange. These gatherings include workshops, traditional dancing and Tao Shiatsu treatments. Earth Caravan 2017 included again Peace events and journeys in Japan, Canada and Middle East.



Voice of a Participant in the Earth Caravan 2017.

„The Earth Caravan Middle East 2017 imprinted in its participants a sense of elation and inspiration from the encounters with the locals, who lack attention and love, creating infectious waves of enthusiasm, joy and creativity. Being present at the field witnessing the difficult reality of the daily coping of the Bedouin and Palestinian communities, who are connected to the earth in an organic and unique way, has made our hearts beat as one, and increased the yearning to continue to be in touch with each other and create together a bright future for all of us.“

To unify as one voice for Peace, Freedom and Development of the Human Spirit is the aim wherever Earth Caravan is travelling.

Earth Caravan 2018 - the Peace Journey continues

Programm Japan May 2018- September 2018:

Peace Cycling from Hiroshima to Nagasaki with international participants from Israel and Palestine

Earth Caravan Kyoto: Umeokoji Park, Peace Concert & Charity Market, Chantranga Games and more

Earth Caravan Hiroshima: Hannover Garden: Peace Concert & Charity Market, Peace Candle Lighting Ceremony

Earth Caravan Tokyo: Peace Concert and Charity Market, Workshops and more

Programm Europe July 2018

Earth Caravan Journey to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia: International Peace Cycling from Sarajevo to Srebrenica to Belgrade, sharing and collecting messages of peace, coming together of NGO's and peace organizations

Roads of Peace - we share the world why not share the happiness

Programm North America August 2018

Earth Caravan Peace Event Quebec and Journey to First Nation's communities in North Quebec, Tao Shiatsu treatments, cultural exchange, talking circles, healing workshop

Programm Middle East August 2018

Earth Caravan Peace Tour Jerusalem, West Bank, South Hebron, Jordan Valley, Bethlehem. Participating in projects such as house rebuilding, well cleaning, road construction, supporting refugee camps and Bedouin villages. Hiroshima Memorial Day. Peace concert at Bethlehem Peace Festival, Tao Shiatsu treatments and cultural exchange, interfaith peace ceremony at Bethlehem University



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Earth Caravan Gallery



Detailed Programm Earth Caravan 2018 Europe

Saturday 7th of July

Arrival Sarajevo, city history tour with overview about political situation and preparation workshop

Sunday 8th -

Interfaith Peace Event Sarajevo

Monday 9th -

Reception Mayor of Sarajevo - Afternoon start cycling to Srebrenica

Tuesday 10th -

Participation in Mars Mira - cycling to Srebrenica (Potocari Memorial) - Peace Ceremony at Memorial Srebrenica

Wednesday 11th

- Bustravel to Petrovac - Reception and intercultural evening

Thursday 12th

Peace Cycling to Belgrad, Evening Meeting with Peace Organizations

Friday 13th-

Reception with Mayor of Belgrade

Saturday 14th-

Morning: Preparation for Interfaith Peace Event Belgrad

Sunday 15th-

City Tour Belgrad - Relax and Fare Well Get Together

Crowdfunding

Contacting mayors' offices and embassies in Sarajevo, Srebrenica and Belgrade about projects - focus on reconciliation

Various introduction texts and information texts

1, Introduction to letters to any organisation

To whom it concerns,
Dear Sirs,

We are addressing your organization to inform you about following project and to invite your cooperation.

Earth Caravan is an international platform for peace, intercultural exchange and development. Its headquarter is situated in Japan, Kyoto. Each year we are travelling with the Flame of Peace from Hiroshima, multiplying its strong message of hope for a peaceful and bright future all over the globe through peace activities, peace cycling, Tao Shiatsu, intercultural exchange, music and interfaith peace marches.

This summer 2018 in the second week of July Earth Caravan will travel to the balkan countries connecting Sarajevo and Belgrade with a Peace cycling tour promoting our motive „Share Happiness and Freedom - be a voice for Peace“ - inviting local NGO´s and individuals to join this event. Connected to the tour is a crowdfunding which should support local projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia.

2. Programm for Sarajevo:

Receive the Permission of the municipal authorities of Sarajevo to initiate a peace event on Sunday 8th of July in the center of Sarajevo

- information about Earth Caravan „Share Happiness and Freedom“
- information about Message of the Flame of Peace from Hiroshima (reading poems, telling about hibakusha, telling about situation in Palestine)
- information about Mayors for Peace - international organization against nuclear weapons
- interaction and getting together of people and local peace organization (in between musical performances speeches about their work, presenting their projects, telling about situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, other ideas and presentations that we need to discuss in advance with the NGOS who want to participate in the event)
- musical performances
- Tao Shiatsu (manual treatment of traditional oriental medicine), inform and motivate people to support local projects
- Painting as an expression of our wish for peace
- Chatranga - japanese strategy game to make friends all over the world
- interview corner: everybody is invited to be an individual voice for peace, we motivate people to talk about what they think is necessary for a peaceful future of neighbours, cities and their countries
- collecting donations for local projects in Sarajevo that support peacework and multiethnic cooperation

3, Contacts in Sarajevo

Music without borders

Director in Alk maar, Netherlands to contact PNTANIMA, the multireligious choir in Sarajevo.

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4, Reception at Mayor of Sarajevo

Sarajevo is already part of MayorsforPeace.

Planning a meeting with Mayor or representative - handing over greeting from Mayors for Peace and Greetings from Earth Caravan Internationally - Japan, Middle East, North America

Collecting Message of Peace to Earth Caravan - Mayors for Peace

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Peace Cycling to Srebrenica

Organization done by Jessy and Phil with cooperation of Drakce, Alice, Miwa

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President of Sub-committee Munir Habibovic

Familie in Bad Sauerbrunn, Contact Mira Terzic

Mars Mira takes 4 days and finishes at Potocari - several kilometers outside of Srebrenica
About 6.000 People participate - starting from several towns and villages around Srebrenica:
Vucovar, Bihar, Mostar (cycling marathon - 253km), Gorazde, Sarajevo
Organization works together with military and the population in the villages along the road.
The participants sleep in their own tents or on the ground in the open.
Last year for the first time there was a program accompanying the march - with evening
programs in the camps

route of the March: Vucovar, Nezuk, Bihac, Parlog, Snagovo, Liplje, Gorazde, Zepa,

Earth caravan doing Tao Shiatsu and Ki Work at Camps in the evening - Participation at the
interfaith memorial ceremony on the 10th of July

6. Bus Transfer to Petrovac - Reception and intercultural evening

A friend of friend of Drakce (^) is a worldwide cyclist - and professional musician! - , he
comes back in **end of februari** from world-cycling, we can contact him to ask
if he is enthusiast about EC peace cycling and eventually do together.
Otherwise if the village of Petrovac is integrated Drakce can ask if someone will cycle the
route. (of course no guarantee if someone wil)
A young guy or whoever wil, he can always ask in the village.

Here a short video of a primary school in Petrovac, the Drakce's natal village in Serbia,
whose director is very cooperative for EC, if we can go there we can do beautiful things
with these childrens and people there.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VyMwfVEFwY&feature=youtu.be>

7. Peace Cycling to Belgrade

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8. Programm for Belgrade:

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- Contacting the international refugee camp - Tao Shiatsu and Playing with children there

9., contacts in Belgrade

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