

Information about the 4th Bike for Peace Ride, 2009, Paris – Moscow

After 2006, 2007, and 2008, a Bike Ride for Peace and New Energies from Paris to Moscow will take place for the 4th time.

Reports about the past bike rides can be found on our internet homepage with more details concerning the average daily distance, the scheduled program, planned events....

The peace ride is not a usual journey. Each participant should lend a hand: in cooking, cleaning, decorating the bikes, helping technical problems etc. All hands and brains are needed for the preparation and on the tour itself.

Who can participate at the peace ride?

Everyone with a normal physical condition and who is also willing to practise biking a bit before the tour, can participate. You can, as well, participate only in sections of the route lasting from one day to six weeks. No special sportive capabilities are required! The average speed will be approx. 15 – 18 km/h. In case of defects or if someone gets too exhausted some people can use the accompanying vehicle.

You should have a traffic-approved touring or trekking bike with at least 8 gears. It is essential that the bike will be inspected for any defects before the tour starts. Water-proof luggage bags and rain clothes are a must.

Participants from all over the world

People from all nations are welcome. Especially many people from Belarus and Russia will participate in the whole tour. Mostly we communicate in English, but good english knowledge is not a requirement. With a certain amount of good will, communication is always possible.

Solar-powered vehicles are welcome

Not only bikers but also solar-electric vehicles and other environment-friendly, renewable-energy driven vehicles are welcome. In case of doubt, please contact us.

Also handicapped people using bike-wheelchairs or other special vehicles can participate.

What's the participation fee for the peace ride?

The normal participation fee is 29 € per day and the supporting contribution fee is 39 € per day. Included are: accomodation, meals, an accompanying car, technical aid, and conducted tours. Everyone is allowed to transport up to max. 10kg luggage in the accompanying car.

For some unemployed persons, students, pensioners, etc., reduced fees of 25 or 21 € are offered on request.

There will be additional expenses for visas needed for Belarus and Russia (approx. 150 € altogether) and for the trips from home and back (e.g., Moscow – Berlin approx. 70 € plus 25 € for the bike).

Usually we will sleep in sports halls or community accomodations, but sometimes also on camping grounds. Everyone must have a sleeping mat and sleeping bag and if possible a tent. Generally, we will prepare our own meals, and everyone is requested to help for snipping, cooking, washing, etc. But sometimes these jobs are done by our hosts. During the day plenty of fruit, juice, and sandwiches will be supplied.

Registration:

Participants who want to go to Minsk and/or Moscow must register their names not later than April 30, 2009. However, earlier registration is recommended because the number of participants is limited. The registration fee is 100 €, and the visa fee has to be payed at the same time (see the registration form and detailed conditions of participation on our internet homepage).

For the route from Paris to Warsaw, the terms of application do not apply for citizens of the EU, and they don't have to pay the registration fee. Nevertheless, we ask for an registration until Mai 31, 2009.

Final remark

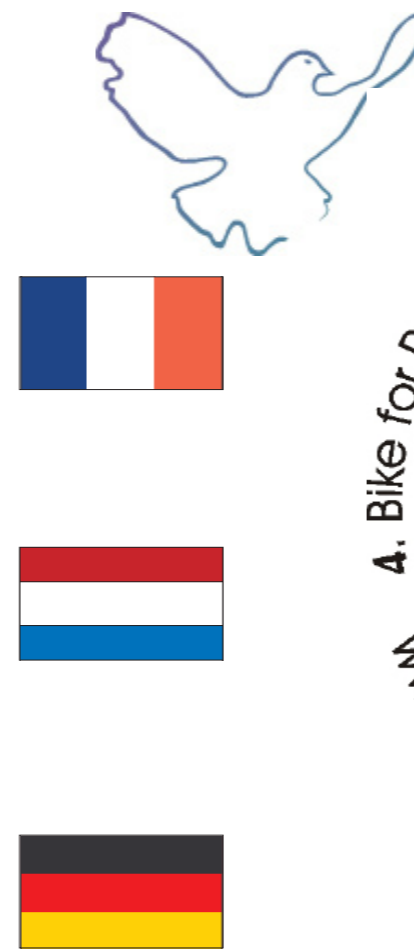
We are not a travel agency. We are a group of peace- and environmental activists who organize this bike ride for peace. The more people join in, assume a function, make proposals, etc., the better the result will be. Therefore all helping hands are welcome!

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4th „Bike for Peace and New Energies“ Ride, Paris – Moscow“

from July 4th to August 25th 2009

Seventy years after World War II broke out: No new rockets in Europe!

Renewable energies for peace! Never again war! Never again fascism! Achieve peace without weapons!

For these goals we are travelling from Paris to Moscow – by bike, with „solar-electromobiles“ or any other environment-friendly means of transport.

We invite anyone who agrees with us: Take part in this peace ride – for one day, for one, three or six weeks. Your „adventure holidays on a bike“ – may become one of your most fascinating holidays – and will help to save the peace and retain our world.

Never again war – Achieve peace without weapons!

Seventy years ago, on the 1st September 1939, the most horrible war in history broke out when the German „Wehrmacht“ attacked Poland. From the sorrowful history of Europe, we draw our conclusions and demand policies which return to the guiding principle: „Never again war!“

In 1946, the people of the world demonstrated their desire for peace in the United Nations Charta. Our politicians must respect this desire and put it into action. We, as well, demand a policy guided by the motto „Achieve peace without weapons“.

Renewable energies instead of wars for oil!

Nowadays, numerous wars are being waged to attain „cheap“ natural resources and energy. We, in contrast, call for an energy-efficient way of life and production and a change to renewable energies. To relieve the environment we should boost job-generating and energy-efficient production technology and products as well as reasonable transportation policies, e.g., the promotion of bicycle traffic.

Also we need new sustainable consuming habits. For instance a nutrition with little meat and organic grown regional and seasonal food, without the use of genetic engineering.

Disarmament and social balance

The world needs disarmament. At present, about 1400 billion dollars are spent for weapons every year. At the same time, a great part of our fellow human beings are starving and more than one billion people lack clean drinking water. We need publicly promoted jobs, investments into education, health and child care, environmental protection as well as economic and social mutual assistance across borders. The fight against hunger together with the providing of medical care are urgent tasks. It's time to invest into peace instead of armament and military research.

Peace policy instead of military violence

We want a future-oriented peace policy, which tries to eliminate the causes of conflicts worldwide. This kind of policy focuses on justice, solidarity, development, the right of democratic participation and a sustainable treatment of our natural resources

War must no longer be a means of policy

Wars must be prevented from being a means for the enforcement of power-political and economic interests. The same applies for using violence with the pretext of „war on terror“. War itself is terror!

Creating a sustainable and peaceful Europe

At present, we observe attempts to convert the European Union into a military power. Instead, the EU should take initiatives for non-military dispute and conflict-settling. The EU draft constitution, which aimed at the armament of Europe, was rejected by the people whenever a referendum was held.

The EU must draw appropriate consequences from this declared wish for peace as well as from history. Most Europeans demand that the EU takes the lead and sets a good example by taking significant steps to disarmament.

Developing renewable energies

Climate change requires enormous efforts and measures which can be provided through disarmament.

By taking courageous and extensive initiatives for the development of renewable energies, Europe can secure the peace. At the same time, many necessary new jobs will be created. The economical crisis can be thus countered in a reasonable way and the environment will be relieved.

No new rockets in Europe!

The planned installation of new rockets in Europe is a threat to peace. It involves new armament, mutual fear, and the expenditure of enormous monetary resources, which are urgently needed for social, ecological and peace-strengthening projects, especially in Eastern Europe.

Abolishment of all nuclear weapons by 2020

More than 60 years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki, atomic weapons must finally disappear. In 1950 the Stockholm Appeal, which was signed by over 500 million people, declared: „We consider that any government that first employs atomic weapons against another country shall be guilty of a crime against humanity and shall be treated as a war criminal“.

On July 8, 1998, the International Court of Justice declared the ownership, the production and the employment of nuclear weapons contrary to international law. From the nuclear powers we demand the observance of the international law and the abandonment of the world-threatening nuclear bombs.

We support the initiative from the mayor of Hiroshima, Tadatoshi Akima, and invite the mayors of all the towns we will visit: Become a member of the worldwide initiative „Mayors for Peace“, www.mayorsforpeace.org.

Join the „Bike for Peace and New Energies“ Ride on its way through Europe!

Since 2006, hundreds of people from over 14 nations have joined the tour and thus have used sport as an opportunity for a peaceful meeting of people belonging to different cultures and countries in the east and west. France, Luxembourg, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, and Russia will be our hosts.

Without competition purpose, we use the bike as an environment-friendly means of transport and experience Europe in close touch with nature. We cross borders and often come to our own limits. We learn new things and also quite often new things about ourselves.

„What a world we could build, if the powers unleashed by wars were used for constructive purposes! A tenth of the energies, a fraction of all the money would be sufficient to help people of all countries to a dignified live and to prevent the disaster of unemployment.“ (Albert Einstein - 1932)



Arrival of the bike for peace ride in Moscow 26.7.2008

STAGE PLAN for Bike for Peace ride 2009

Date	Destination	km/day	km/total	Highlights of the day
Fr, 3. 07	Paris			Prolog - roundtrip Paris
Sa, 4. 07	Paris – Neuilly	75	75	10:00 Eiffel Tower, roundtrip through Paris, Welcome on place in Neuilly
So, 5. 07	Neuilly – Chateau-Thierry	70	145	valley of Marne-river
Mo, 6. 07	Quiescent day	0	70	Working groups
Di, 7. 07	Chateau-Thierry – Tilloy	112	257	Winery in the Champagne, Intending place Chatillon s. M
FRANCE				
Mi, 8. 07	Tilloy – Verdun	80	337	Centre Mondial de la Paix. Speech from Hans-Christoph v. Spon- eck: „UN – a way to peace?“
LUX				
Do, 9. 07	Verdun – Esch/Luxembourg	95	432	Musee de la Resistance
Fr, 10. 07	Cattenom – Saarhölzbach	75	507	Atomic power plant Cattenom
Sa, 11. 07	Saarhölzbach – Saarbrücken	72	579	Spichern, battlefield of the war 1870
So, 12. 07	Saarbrücken – Ramstein – Kaiserslautern	85	664	Air Base, Fly-accident memorial
Mo, 13. 07	Kaiserslautern – Worms	77	741	Enercon Windpark www.enercon.de, Cathedral
Di, 14. 07	Quiescent day	0	741	
Mi, 15. 07	Worms – Darmstadt – Frankfurt	103	844	Solar-PV-roof Bürstadt, www.taubersolar.de, AKW Biblis, Biohofgut www.demeter.de
GERMANY				
Do, 16. 07	Frankfurt – Hammelburg	140	984	Receipt in Hammelburg
Fr, 17. 07	Hammelburg – Steinach	70	1054	Solar Village Viernau, Receipt of the mayor
Sa, 18. 07	Oberhof – Erfurt – Weimar	95	1149	Forest of Thuringia, Ersol AG, www.ersol.de
So, 19. 07	Weimar	52	1201	Memorial KZ Buchenwald
Mo, 20. 07	Weimar – Bad Sulza	40	1241	Toscana-Therme, www.toscana-world.net
Di, 21. 07	Bad Sulza – Leipzig	120	1361	Windpark Frauenprießnitz, www.wpd.de, Solarpark Droyßig, www.solarartecag.de,
				Solaranlage in Waldpolenz www.juwi.de, Wörlitzer Park
Mi, 22. 07	Leipzig – Waldpolenz-Dessau	90	1536	
Do, 23. 07	Dessau – Belzig	90	1536	
Fr, 24. 07	Belzig – Potsdam – Berlin	60	1596	
Sa, 25. 07	Quiescent day	0	1596	Unite-the-Nation Festival 09
So, 26. 07	Berlin – Eberswalde – Moryn	90	1686	
Mo, 27. 07	Miedzzychod	117	1803	
Di, 28. 07	Witkowo	152	1955	
Mi, 29. 07	Chodesz	102	2057	
Do, 30. 07	Leck	60	2117	
Fr, 31. 07	Quiescent day	0	2117	
POLAND				
Sa, 1. 08	Izabelin	110	2227	
So, 2. 08	Warszawa	25	2252	
Mo, 3. 08	Ostroleka	120	2372	
Di, 4. 08	Augustow	140	2512	Masuren
Mi, 5. 08	Olitus	105	2617	
Do, 6. 08	Vilnius	95	2712	
FR, 7. 08	Quiescent day	0	2712	Cultural capital Europa 09
Sa, 8. 08	Oshmiani	60	2772	
So, 9. 08	Voloshin	70	2842	
Mo, 10. 08	Saslawl	70	2912	
Di, 11. 08	Minsk	35	2947	
Mi, 12. 08	Quiescent day	0	2947	Chatyn, Seminar with „Eko dom“
BELARUSSIA				
Do, 13. 08	Borisow	80	3027	Beresina-Transition (Napoleon)
Fr, 14. 08	Domzheritsy	80	3107	Beresinsky Reservat
Sa, 15. 08	Domzheritsy – Lepel - Senno	115	3222	
So, 16. 08	Baran	65	3287	Open-Air Concert
Mo, 17. 08	Krasnij	87	3374	
Di, 18. 08	Smolensk	65	3439	
Mi, 19. 08	Quiescent day	0	3439	
Do, 20. 08	Dorogobush	107	3546	old Smolensk road (Napoleon)
Fr, 21. 08	Wjasma	104	3650	Visit of Monastery Boldino
Sa, 22. 08	Gagarin	80	3730	Birth place of the first Cosmonaut
So, 23. 08	Moshaisk	110	3840	
Mo, 24. 08	Archangelskoje	129	3969	Reciept of veterans Krasno jarsk
RUSSIA				
Di, 25. 08	Moscow	42	4011	Final event on the Red Square in Moscow
Mi, 26. 08	Moscow			Boat and Metro trips, Party
Do, 27. 08	Return trip			

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