

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).

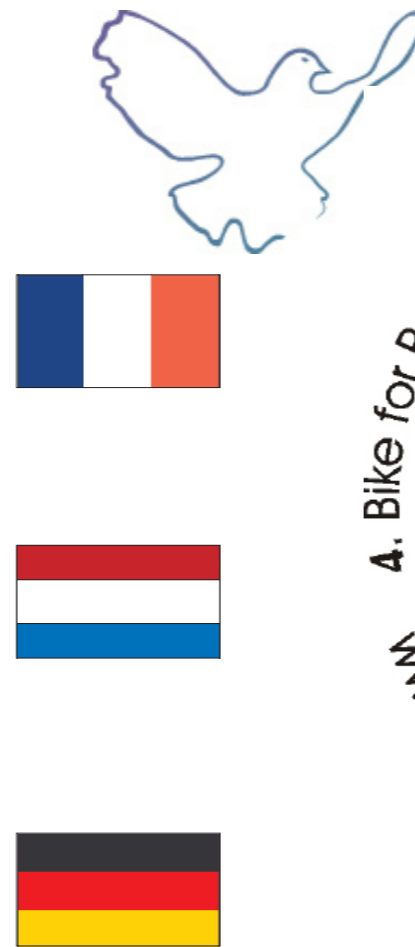
For the route from Paris to Warsaw, the terms of application do not apply for citizens of the EU, and they don't have to pay the registration fee. Nevertheless, we ask for an registration until Mai 31, 2009.

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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