

# World March for Peace and Non-Violence



*“So that the voices of millions who yearn for peace can be heard as they call for the end of war and all forms of violence.”*

This is the first World March to circle the earth calling for the end of war and nuclear arms, and the elimination of violence of all kinds.

The intention of the March is to:

**Achieve** the eradication of nuclear weapons; the progressive and proportional reduction of non-nuclear arms; the signing of non-aggression treaties among nations; and the renunciation by governments of war as a way to resolve conflicts.

**Recognize** and celebrate the best qualities of all the Earth's diverse cultures and peoples.

**Merge** the wills of people everywhere to end the scourge of war.

**Generate** a worldwide social conscience that condemns all forms of violence (physical, psychological, racial, religious, economic, sexual), which is currently so widespread and accepted by societies everywhere.

**A global conscience that universally condemns violence**

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# The World March in Numbers

**Continents: 6**

**Countries: 90**

**Distance: 99,419 miles**  
(160,000 kilometers)

**Duration: 90 days**

**Transportation:**

**40** train trips (including the Trans Siberian)

**100** trips by land (four-wheel-drive, bus, car, motorcycle, bicycle, etc.), including the segments from Paris to Dakar and from North to South America through the Andes Mountains

**14** trips by air

**25** trips by sea (ship, barge, canoe, etc.)

**Climates:**

the March will pass through all climates, from mild and temperate – crossing through Mediterranean, continental, tropical, and desert zones – to polar. From the Siberian Steppes, through the Sahara desert and the Atacama Desert (the driest in the world), to Antarctica.

**Seasons:**

in 90 days the March will pass twice through all 4 seasons of the year

**Altitude:**

during the journey the March will climb to altitudes of more than **16,400 feet (5,000 meters)**

**Permanent team: 50 members**

**Border crossings: 160**

**Co-organizing institutions: 500**

**Collaborating and supporting institutions: 3,000**

**Visits with governments and political representatives: 100**

**Spiritual centers: 25**

**Participants in the tour: 1 million**

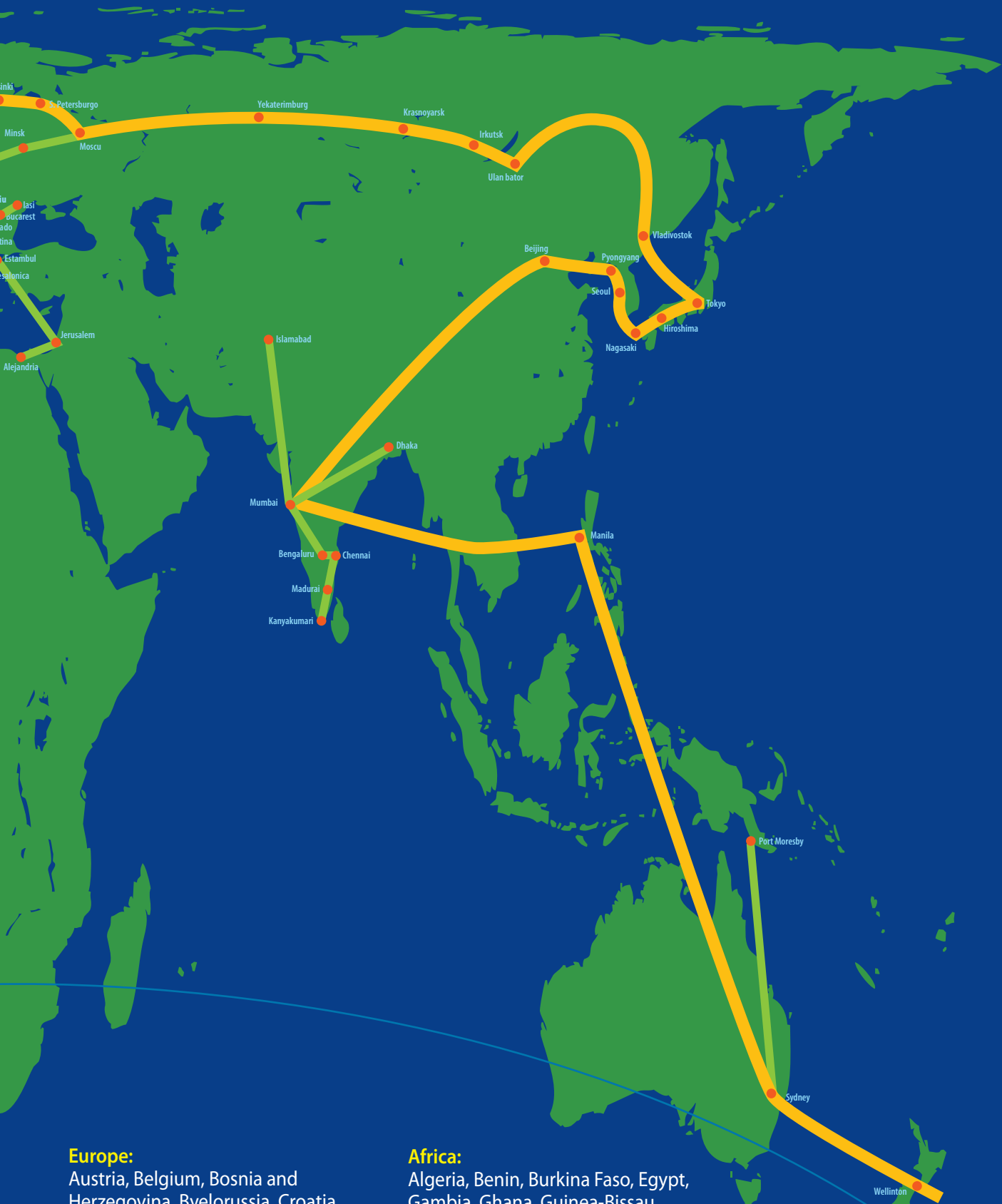
**Virtual participants: 10 million**

**Americas:**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, Venezuela.

**Antarctica**





**Europe:**

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Byelorussia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

**Africa:**

Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal, Togo, Western Sahara.

**Continental Asia:**

Bangladesh, China, India, Israel, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Korea, Turkey.

**Oceania and East Asia:**

Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea, Philippines.

## Why?

**Because we can end world hunger** with 10% of what is spent on arms. Imagine how life would be if 30-50% of the arms budget went toward improving people's lives instead of being used for destruction.

Because eliminating wars and violence means **leaving human pre-history behind and taking a giant step forward in the evolution of our species.**

Because **we are accompanied by the voices of so many war-torn generations that came before us.**

The echo of their voices still resounds throughout the world, wherever armed conflict leaves its sinister memorial to the dead, disappeared, disabled and displaced.

Because a "world without wars" is an image that opens the future and seeks to become reality in every corner of the planet, as violence gives way to dialog.

The moment has come for the voiceless to be heard! Out of agonizing and urgent need, millions of human beings are crying out for an end to wars and violence.

We can make that happen by uniting all the forces of pacifism and active non-violence worldwide.

## When?

**The World March will begin in New Zealand on October 2, 2009**, the anniversary of Gandhi's birth, declared the "International Day of Non-Violence" by the United Nations. **It will conclude in the Andes Mountains (Punta de Vacas, Aconcagua, Argentina) on January 2, 2010.**

The March will last 90 days, three long months of travel. It will pass through all climates and seasons, from the hot summer of the tropics and the deserts, to the winter of Siberia.



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## Who is participating?

The March was initiated by "World Without Wars," an international organization that has been working for 15 years in the fields of pacifism and non-violence.

**The World March, however, will be built and shaped by everyone.**

Participation is open to any person, organization, collective, group, political party, business, etc., that shares the same aspirations and sensibility of this project. It is a journey that will be progressively enriched as different initiatives set their contributions in motion.

**That is why this is an invitation to anyone and everyone to participate freely. Wherever the March goes, the local people can contribute their creativity in a great convergence of multiple activities.**



There's space for everything the imagination is capable of conceiving.

The possible channels of participation are multiple and diverse, including virtual participation in the March through Internet.

This is a march by and for the people, with hopes of reaching most of the world's population. For this reason we are asking all media to spread the word about this journey around the world for Peace and Non-violence.

## What is going to happen?

In every city the March visits, local individuals and groups will organize **forums, meetings, festivals, conferences, and events (sports, cultural, social, musical, artistic, educational, etc.)**, depending on their own creative initiative. Hundreds of projects have already been set in motion by different individuals and organizations.

## What are our goals?

**To denounce the dangerous world situation that is leading us closer and closer to nuclear war, which would be the greatest catastrophe in human history – a dead end.**

To give a voice to the majority of world citizens who want peace. Although the majority of the human race opposes the arms race, we are not sending out a unified signal. Instead we are letting ourselves be manipulated by a powerful minority and suffering the consequences. The time has come to stand together and show our opposition.

To achieve the eradication of nuclear weapons; the progressive and proportional reduction of non-nuclear arms; the signing of non-aggression treaties among nations; and the renunciation by governments of war as a way to resolve conflicts.

To expose the many other forms of violence (economic, racial, sexual, religious...) that are currently hidden or disguised by their perpetrators; and to provide a way for all who suffer such violence to be heard.

**To create global awareness - as has already happened with environmental issues - of the urgent need to condemn all forms of violence and bring about real peace.**

**Join a multitude of others in sending a clear signal, and our voices will have to be heard!**

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