

## Who we are

Moto for Peace, former “Peace for the People”, is an association made by members of the Italian state policemen, of the “Carabinieri” and of IRS Italian agents. It boasts the participation of Spanish, German, Belgian, Norwegian and Venezuelan policemen and it aims to spread knowledge about different cultures of the world. Thus, the population of the Earth, through their mutual knowledge, they will be able to live in progressive peace and harmony.

Bearing in mind this objective, the Association takes part to the implementation of development projects through community sensibilization and through fund raising that is necessary to realize these programmes. The members, after they shared some experiences that were sponsored by other associations, they decided to found “MotoforPeace”, that pursues humanitarian goals through expeditions by motorcycle. They travelled far and wide by motorcycle through Europe and Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, each time having different goals.

Travels made by Motoforpeace:

- (2000) Rome-Cape North
- (2001) Rome-Kosovo
- (2002) Rome- Beijing
- (2003) European Tour (2004) Un ponte per l’Africa
- (2005) Mission in Tangier
- (2005) Tour of Italian provinces
- (2006) Mission in Beirut
- (2007) Sudamericando
- (2009) Africa in the heart
- on going phase : Milan-Cape Town (South Africa) in 2010
- Cape-North

The trip started because of the passion for motorcycle and because of the desire to reach those places that are a kind of task for all the motorcycle riders, such as the legendary “Cape North”. The year was 2000, and the itinerary planning was finalised in a short time. About 12000 km through Austria, Germany, Denmark, Northway, Finland, Sweden, Czech Republic; 24 days of raw adventure, finally living the dream of those enchanted landscape.

The tour was sponsored by Moto-Guzzi and by other important companies, and the expedition’s goal immediately seemed to be worth while: to deliver the letters of the school children from Ladispoli (Rome) to the schools of all the capitals through which they were passing, in order to facilitate a cross-cultural transfer and to create the basis for setting up an exchange among young people from different nationalities since their childhood.

The expedition also aims to fundraise to support research on “ataxia syndrome”

The trip was immediately exciting: there were at least 2000 people when the team left Ladispoli, and the rest of the journey was a closely spaced succession of ceremonies at the Italian Embassies, together with meetings with the representatives of local authorities.

The group was welcomed warmly everywhere, and its aims were greatly admired.

### Kosovo

This exclusively humanitarian mission was aimed at bringing solidarity, and a concrete aid to those families suffering great hardship in Pec, situated in the tormented Kosovo region. This time the

organization was more complex, even if the number of kilometres driven was definitely less, and the days planned for the trip were only 5.

Despite the difficulties they faced, even from the meteorological point of view, as they had snow and pouring rain, they completed the humanitarian mission.

China is close

The trip grew out of three reasons:

1. the charm of thousand-year-old culture that has influenced the entire planet during the centuries, to which MotoforPeace team could not resist.
2. the challenge to following the footsteps of a great history's explorer, who strove to know those beautiful and unknown lands: Marco Polo.
3. the willingness to contribute to cultural integration, bringing humanitarian aids to people that that are still in great need, and establishing twinning relationships with the Chinese Police forces.

It was 2002 and the MotoforPeace team passed through Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan, and after 16.000 Km it finally arrived in the remote China.

In each capital of the country they were visiting, they organised meetings with their colleagues from the local police to deliver a message of brotherhood and peace, and to show a strong willingness to establish dialogue and cooperation among populations.

A clarion call for funds to charity was also issued, but it wasn't easy to choose the project that should have been supported, which was finally identified, in cooperation with Asia Onlus, as an hospital improvement in Dangché in the Tibetan region.

European Tour and Un ponte per l'Africa

In the spring of 2001 the motorcycle tour "A Bridge for Africa" took place from Egypt to Morocco. The expedition was preceded by two European Tours (May and October 2003), that aimed to involve the EU colleagues. The result was that the members of "MotoforPeace" had German, Belgian and Spanish policemen at their side.

Also this mission brought a message of brotherhood, of peace and a concrete help: a fund raising activity to build a boarding school for girls in Khénifra, a region of Morocco.

On New Year's Day 2005, we were engaged in a humanitarian action in Tanger together with the International Police Association of Catalunya (BCN), aimed at giving hospital material to a sanitary structure of the town.

- In June 2005, in cooperation with Cip, former FISD, Disabled Sports Association, the Italian provinces tour was held, and it was dedicated to differently-abled youth.

- In March 2006 two ambulances and some hospital material were given jointly with the Spanish MotoforPeace Group to the Libanese and Palestinian community in Beirut. The expedition "Mission for peace in Middle East" passed through Greece, Turkey, Syria and finally Lebanon.

- At the end of 2007, within the framework of "SUDAMERICANDO", the members of MotoforPeace, encouraged by their usual humanitarian spirit, passed through the legendary

“Carretera Panamericana” in the American Country.

The travel itinerary was from Caracas to Buenos Aires, passing through Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Bolivia and Argentina. A long trip through a multifaceted Country, aimed at realizing the humanitarian project Eduquito, an integral aid project for infants and adolescents in the centre of the metropolitan district of Quito, in Ecuador.

The expedition AFRICA IN HEART was done in March 2009, from Douala to Dakar, and passing through Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, Burkina-Faso, Mali and Senegal. The goal of the mission was to donate sanitary and educational material, and two ambulances to the Community of Bakou, in cooperation with the Urban Guards from Barcelona and the Selva Camerun NGO.