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** Jaget dem Frieden nach
mit Jedermann!*



Der Friedensglocken-Pferdetreck nach Jerusalem 2025

➤ Vision:

On May 8, 2025, 80 years after the end of the Second World War in Europe, a unique peace trek departs from Berlin. Its aim is arriving in Jerusalem at Christmas 2025.

Under the patronage of Dietmar Woidke, Minister President of the Federal State of Brandenburg and Kristóf Bálint, General Superintendent of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg Silesian Upper Lusatia, a peace bell, cast from military scrap, is brought to the Holy Land by horsepower. This bell, on which the word "Peace" and the Bible verse "Pursue peace with everyone" are engraved on, is to be placed in a school in Jerusalem, where Jews, Christians and Muslims learn together.

➤ History:

The idea began in 2009, when horse enthusiasts from Brück (GER) traveled with historic horse-drawn carriages from Bruges (BEL) to Brück. In 2018, another trek took a journey to Veliky Novgorod (RUS) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. On this trip the participants experienced warm encounters and promoted international understanding without politics - from person to person.

➤ The idea behind the idea:

Inspired by these experiences, the association "Friedensglocken e.V." was founded in 2019. The aim is to bring a peace bell with horses to Jerusalem in 2025. We want to show that a common Europe can endure despite all adversity and shape a peaceful future.

➤ The trek as a mastery of togetherness:

The Peace Bell Horse Trek is more than just a journey. It is a hands-on experiment, a "mastery of togetherness", that shows that people can travel peacefully for seven months. We want to create a powerful symbol of encounter and understanding with everyone. The journey aims to promote tolerance and mutual understanding by bringing people from different origins and cultures together.

➤ Planning:

Given the political circumstances, planning is challenging. The main bell wagon is accompanied by at least five other carriages, which are planning to reach Jerusalem together. Further wagons reinforce the trek in parts of the journey. Additionally, the horse-drawn wagons, supply and pack wagons and security vehicles are also part of the trek.



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➤ Route:

The route is planned from Germany to the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria and Jordan to Israel. As an alternative it is thought about to take a ferry from Turkey to Haifa (Israel). The entire route covers approx. 4,500 kilometers and is planned to have daily distances of around 25 kilometers.

➤ Financial requirements:

We will need around 1.7 million euros to complete the project. Supporters and donors are therefore very welcome to help make this peace mission/idea possible.

➤ Summary of facts:

- Distance: approximately 4800 km
- Freight: One peace bell for Jerusalem and many small bells
- Start: May 6, 2025 in Brück
- planned arrival: December 25, 2025 in Jerusalem
- Trek inventory: Bell wagon, up to 7 other wagons, 20 horses, 30 people
- Countries: Germany, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel
(Alternative route: Turkey > Israel by ship)
- Costs: Approx. 1.7 million euros

➤ Call for action:

We need active people and supporters: team leaders, helpers, providers, veterinarians, translators, farriers, financial donors, and donors in kind. Together on our journey through the countries from Germany to Israel, we want to strengthen the idea of peace.

International participation by riders and teams as an escort through their country is warmly appreciated! On our journey we want to talk to many people, experience their everyday lives and make friends. The peace bell horse trek is a strong symbol for peaceful coexistence and the common peaceful future of Europe and the world.