



EDITOR'S NOTE

Our members and associates come from many backgrounds, and the person we are spotlighting in this edition of our newsletter is Fabio Carbone, a Peace Ambassador who is also the President of the Iran Chapter.

We appreciate the diversity within our community and welcome all voices, thoughts, and opinions based on personal experience and a heartfelt desire to share, connect, and ultimately improve the promotion of peace through tourism. If you have a strong reaction to anything you read, I encourage you to contact me at editor@iipt.org and share your reactions, thoughts and experiences. Only through diverse representation can we find our common humanity.

Bea Broda – Your Editor

Welcome to November edition of the IIPT Newsletter. Our new president, Ajay Prakash, has been busy traveling to promote IIPT and has a few accolades to prove it! The following interview is indeed inspirational in the awareness of the power tourism has in peace-building:

Link to an Interview with Ajay Prakash, International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT) tourism-watch.de/en/article/frieden-als-verantwortung-und-verpflichtung titled *Peace as a Responsibility and Commitment* by Christina Kamp for Tourism Watch.

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MR. AJAY PRAKASH
PRESIDENT
TRAVEL AGENTS FEDERATION OF INDIA (TAFI)

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AS THE PRESIDENT OF IIPT INDIA AND TAFI, MR. PRAKASH BRINGS OVER 40 YEARS OF EXPERTISE IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM. HE WILL SHARE INSIGHTS ON HOW TOURISM FOSTERS PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE, CONNECT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS, AND ENJOY HI-TEA!

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An Academic Approach to Peace Through Tourism

By Fabio Carbone

Stay Human: Celebrating the International Day of Peace and World Tourism Day with Some Reflections on the Difference Between Being a Traveler and a Tourist

In celebrating the International Day of Peace (September 21st) and World Tourism Day (September 27th), as proud IIPT Global Ambassador for Peace through Tourism, I would like to establish an ideal bridge between them, suggesting a causal relationship between tourism and peace. To do so, I propose here some reflections on one of the necessary conditions for this to be possible: bringing tourism back to its essence—the journey. Looking back, halfway through this adventure called life, I see myself as someone who has always looked at the world with curious eyes. I've dedicated time to travel and the scientific study of tourism. However, I don't fit the typical figure of scholar in tourism studies, those who like to post on social media photos of themselves basking in elegant, super trendy, and super commodified (this everything but authentic) tourist destinations. In both theory and practice, my experience is different. I consider myself more of a traveler than a tourist.

Being a "tourist" evokes the image of someone moving through a world carefully crafted, where every detail is packaged to create an illusion of authenticity. The "traveler," on the other hand, is someone who lets themselves be carried by the journey itself, immersed in the unexpected and in encounters with others. The Greek philosopher Aristotle said, "When a man enters a community and thinks he can do without others, he is either a beast or a God. But he is not a man." If we apply this concept to tourism, we may point out there's a big difference, for instance, between "wanting to have contact with the locals" and having to do so because you find yourself alone, without a tour operator or an app to solve problems for you. Only in such a situation do you return to your nature—that of human being, thus in need of others. Because you're neither a god nor a beast!

This is the kind of travel that fascinates me. I like to travel alone, often for work, because in solitude you are free to get lost and truly encounter the reality of the place. I remember being without contacts, without the internet, without the convenience of Google Maps, and, most of all, without fuel in the middle of the Iranian plateau, with the nearest city 300 kilometers away. Or finding myself in Ecuador, accompanied by an anaconda hunter I met by chance, to reach an indigenous tribe after two days of walking through the Amazon rainforest. Without technology, just me, him, and his machete. At the end of the journey, finally in the Shwar village, I had the fortune to witness the birth of a baby girl, Ya Nua, and to become her godfather. These are experiences that don't happen to tourists but

only to those who choose to travel without safety nets, to those who decide to put human encounters at the center of their journey.

Travel, understood in this way, brings the human being back to their truest dimension. Traveling without the support of modern comforts forces us to depend on others, to recognize our fragility, and to rediscover our humanity (remember once again Aristotle 's words!).

Tourism, in its most common form, often reflects a superficial post-historicism, an egocentric vision that, perhaps unconsciously, embodies a sense of Western superiority. On the contrary, traveling means breaking down those barriers and recognizing that, deep down, we are all equal.

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Support Gaza Students

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You can join a social and English language event designed for students affected by the war in Gaza.

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Thursdays in November at 17:30 Gaza local time
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Let's stay human, in the truest sense of the word. Let's stop being tourists who merely observe fake worlds and learn again how to travel, to put encounters, discovery, and, above all, others at the center of our journey.

Let's stay human, to fully achieve the aspiration suggested by dear Louis d'Amore, of tourism as a peace industry.

Join us for a unique virtual event organized by **ACADEMICS4GAZA!**

The hashtag#ACADEMICS4GAZA initiative offers an innovative way to actively support the academic community in Gaza, strengthening bonds between scholars and students around the world at a time when solidarity is more crucial than ever.

A chance to stand by those who are committed to learning and teaching under challenging conditions, sharing experiences, and creating meaningful impact through dialogue and practical support.

Dates: Thursdays in November

Time: 17:30 Gaza local time

Where: Online event (See QR code on previous page)

Whether you're an academic, a student, or someone passionate about these topics and Education in Emergencies, this event is an opportunity to build a bridge of knowledge and humanity with our colleagues and students in Gaza.

Champions Among Us

The Inspiring Story of Marie Richardson

(Submitted by Timothy Marshall)

I am Marie Richardson from Atlanta, GA, a single woman of color accomplishing what few have been able to. I have traveled the world doing half marathon races defined as completing a course of 13.1 miles or 21 kilometers.

I am also a certified scuba diver and volunteer at the Atlanta Aquarium helping with care of the various tanks.

I have completed over 110 half marathon races. Of significance, I have completed races on all 7 continents including Antarctica!

In addition, all 50 states in the USA, and I have completed 7 of the 10 Canadian Provinces to date. On September 8, 2024, I was one of 65 fortunate racers to complete the Inaugural Arctic Polar Challenge (IAPC) in Iliminaq, Greenland. A pre-requisite to enter the IAPC race is having completed races on 7 continents. I was the only person of color among this elite group. There are only 4 documented people of color in the world to have tackled all 7 continents. I am number three in this elite group.

My most memorable and favorite race destinations are Petra, Jordan, Auckland, New Zealand, Rapa Nui/ Easter Island and Patagonia, Chile, Isalo, Madagascar, Reykjavik, Iceland, and Antarctica.

I incorporate scuba diving with most of my race travels but most definitely take opportunities where my focus is diving. Memorable destinations are most definitely: Goat Island, New Zealand, Red Sea, Jordan, Bay Islands, Honduras, Deep Dive Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Negril, Jamaica, Garden of the Queens, Cuba, Maldives,



Mahe, Seychelles, and Thingvellir, Iceland. Just a few as you can see!

I have received "the look" from many a dive shop operator as I amble on up with my scuba equipment. When I hand them my certifications and dive logbook a period of silence is far from unusual. I have become used to them taking time to examine all my destinations only to say, "Wow you have been to some interesting places!"

Above are finish line race photos from Antarctica and the Arctic and Thingvellir, Iceland where I am touching Eurasia and North America 50 feet deep underwater.

News from the Australian Chapter

An occasion was a Grand Dinner held at Parliament House Sydney to welcome the incoming President Elect for SKAL International, Denise Scrafton. She is an Australian who has expressed her knowledge and ongoing cooperation between SKAL and IIPT.

From left to right: Rebecca Fleming SKAL President Sydney, Denise Scrafton President Elect SKAL International, and Gail Parsonage IIPT Australian Chapter President



World Peace Day

The Inspiring Story of Marie Richardson

(Submitted by Timothy Marshall)

Bunny Bhoola took the invitation to create an event to celebrate International World Peace Day in September seriously. She led a team from the Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation committee members to attend the Nobel Peace Laureates Conference in Monterrey, Mexico and a pledge was signed on September 21, committing to Peace.



They presented a workshop to the Youth on "The South African Gandhi: The Charter of the Earth: a Pathway for Peace. Nobel Peace Laureates participated in the attached Program for the Youth at the Conference and the Program for Delegates concluding with a Peace March on 21Sept.



The December edition will be the final issue in 2024, and we have an excellent selection of articles, including the much-anticipated reflections of Timothy Marshall, Chairman of the IIPT Board for 25 years.

It is our hope that this information will help keep the movement of global peace going forward, and encourage you to email me items that you think will be of interest to our readers to editor@iipt.org

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