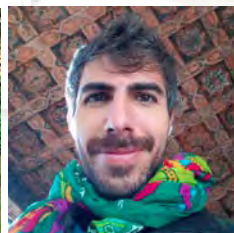
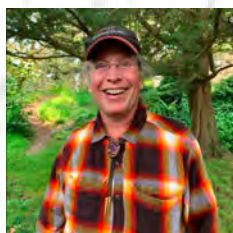
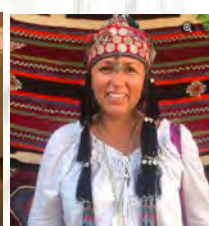




This year with Pir Shabda Kahn, Murshid Allaudin Ottinger, Sheikha Lakshmi Tamariz, Malika Baranes, Jelena Swarana, Roxana Nur Jahan, Juan Nuraddin & Arjun Calero.



RASHID JABBAR

A CALL TO THE PLANETARY FAMILY

In these urgent times of massive disruption, chaos and collective awakening, the new story is being written episode by episode and we all have the incredible opportunity to fulfill our part in this cosmic play. The guardians of the earth and warriors of the heart are recognizing themselves as a common global family.

A sustainable way of life on Mother Earth, the revival of native wisdom and practices and the realization of a universal spirituality embracing all traditions as a shared mystical heritage for humankind, are all pillars of the emergence of the new consciousness. Uniting the East and the West is therefore an important milestone in this process. This is why we are calling upon for these gatherings in Turkey in which our spiritual family of the Middle East can get together with travelers and leaders from the global family of the west.

Let us meet again to renew our bonds and strengths so we may fulfill our cosmic task of anchoring this new story for humanity in these urgent times. Let us be guided by Ar Rashid, the Infallible Teacher and Knower, the medicine for these times in which we have lost our way and got collectively obsessed with a path leading to self destruction. We'll meet the present teachers of the different Sufi Linages, as well as the timeless teachers in their the living Temples and Dargahs from the past.

Let us sink together in the healing waters of Al Jabbar, so we can gather the awareness and energy to repair our own brokenness and pledge to fill the fractures of our world with the golden sweet liquid light of love.



GENERAL INFORMATION

This caravan is a service project of the Beyond Initiative whose purpose is to support the emergence of the dance of universal peace in the Middle East. We try to create the best experience for all of us but also we would like to inform you that this is a friendly invitation to support this process and is not intended as professional package of a tourist agency. Your participation makes it possible to give grants and assistance to the DUP leaders in training from the region.

In September 2018 the first caravan of Dances of Universal Peace in the Middle East made its journey through Anatolia (Turkey). Beautiful spiritual practices from the Middle East based in sufism and DUP practice blended through this journey. In September 2019 we gathered 100 people from the 5 continents in the ecovillage Alisler Yurdu where 12 DUP guides from the Middle East, Africa and Asia were supported by the global community and the Turkish and Iranian crews for the unfoldment of the dances in their homelands. In 2020 and 2021 the caravan got canceled and now we are ready to relaunch it.

September 12-13: Istanbul Experiences (Local Sufis and Places)
September 14-18: Training Camp for Middle East Dance Leaders
September 19-21: Cappadocia Region (Nature, Towns, Dargah)
September 21-24: Konya (Local Sufis, Rumi, Mystic Music Festival)



PROGRAM

September 11th: Arrival to Istanbul. We strongly recommend arriving at least 2 or 3 days earlier (on the 8th or 9th) because Istanbul is such a magical place with so many places and adventures available. In the Caravan we will take you to visits that no tourist goes, but a few days of tourism are recommended. We will provide later a list of things to do and the name of our hotel (in case you want to be there already).



September 12th: at 11 am the caravan start with a circle at our Hotel, getting the group in place, introducing ourselves, go out to visits and night zikr with local Sufis.

September 13th: morning practices and circle, free time to explore and have lunch in smaller groups, big group reunites in the afternoon for visits to places and local teachers and a night experience of the city.



September 14th: morning practices and circle, departure to Yenikapi to take the boat to cross the Sea of Marmara, visit local town or beach, and in the late afternoon camp begins. Until it finishes at noon of the **18th** for a free afternoon to rest or local adventures.

In the camp, in addition to the DUP training for emergent leaders of Middle Eastern countries, we will experience different workshops as Whirling, Anatolian Dances, Middle East musicianship, Sufi Poetry and Meshk with local teachers and facilitators.

PROGRAM CONTINUATION

September 19th: Cross the Sea of Marmara again, go back to Yenikapi, change to fast train crossing the country in our way to Konya and then Bus to Cappadocia. Arrival circle and evening walk.

September 20th: Explore the region of Cappadocia in tour Bus including the surreal landscapes of sculpted rocks and visit to Dargah of Sultan Haci Bektas Veli, who is considered by the local mystics to be the doorway into the mysteries and wisdom of this land, founder of one of the oldest Sufi lineages.



September 21th: All day exploring Cappadocia, enjoying walks and archaeological places to then arrive in Konya for a visit to a local Sufi Lodge.



September 22th: Day of concentration and practices on Rumi, visiting his Tumb and Sanctuary, his successors, the Dargah of his teacher Shams Tabrizi, visit the 2nd local Sufi Lodge and the opening night of the mystic music festival.

September 23th: Early circle and practices, free day to explore and have lunch in small groups, later reunion of the bigger group for a special early dinner at Somatci (a restaurant whose cooking follows the ancient sufi tradition). Second night of the mystic music festival.



PROGRAM CONTINUATION

September 24th: Closing process of the whole caravan all morning. Lunch not included that day, everybody free to hang around for one more night concert, hotel not included that day. On the 25th some people continue their travels others stay for the whole festival. Also participants are invited to join the Conference of the Birds, a gathering in Cappadocia organized by friends which ends on the 1st of October. More info on this gathering and in more places in Konya to visit in possible extra days will be provided.



BOOKING INFORMATION

General Price of Caravan 2022: \$ 700 EUR

All included: Hotel nights, all three meals, boats, buses, train, entrances to places, guidance, teachings, workshops, visits to local teachers, etc.

Does not include 2 lunches during the 2 free times at midday (1 in Istanbul, one in Konya). Does not include plane tickets to arrive in Istanbul or transport after Konya. Does not include any type of insurance. Does not include honoraries of any of the DUP teachers and donations will be welcomed. Does not include private rooms in Hotels. During the DUP Camp, there will be a big dormitory and some bedrooms. In hotels there will be 4 people bedrooms.

The \$ 700 EUR price is intended to make this caravan accessible to younger generation of dancers and leaders, as well as participants from countries with less robust economies. There is a possibility of joining us and paying an extra registration fee for to have more comfort and privacy in accomodation. Private rooms for couples will be \$150 EUR more for each person and individual bedroom will be \$280 EUR more.

To apply for a place on the DUP Turkey Pilgrimage 2022 please write us an email to: dupmiddleeast@gmail.com. There are limited places for the pilgrimage. The deadline for applying is the 31st of July but the registration will close when the maximum number of participants is reached.

In Turkey it is going to be late summer, so we advise you to bring summer clothes (shoes, shorts, swimwear and light clothes), but also some jacket and warmer clothes for cold nights. It can be helpful to bring socks for whirling and a small blanket or sleeping bag.

We recommend before booking your flights to Turkey to double check with us about your place on the Caravan and all the possible extra activities you can do in the country.

Thanks a lot, see you soon,

Arjun and Juan (2022 Caravan Coordination)