SERVAS International

"With every true friendship we build more firmly the foundations on which the peace of the whole world rests."

- Mahatma Gandhi

What Is Servas?

Servas is an international, non-governmental peace association run by volunteers in about 125 countries. Founded in 1949 by Bob Luitweiler as a peace movement, Servas International is a non-profit organisation working to build understanding, tolerance and world peace.

It operates through a network of more than 15,000 Servas hosts around the world who open their doors to travellers, and, "on the other side of the coin", many open-minded travellers who want to get to know the heart of the countries they visit.

Through SERVAS, travellers have opportunities to meet hosts, their families and friends and join in their everyday life and participate in other cultures.

This extraordinary experiment in peace-building, which has now been going on for more than 60 years, was created just after the Second World War, an era of pressing need for European and Asian Relief and Reconstruction. Many people, seeing that need, encouraged voluntary efforts by providing temporary shelter.

From these many acts of kindness, and the insight of key thinkers like the founder, grew a network of caring homes and travellers. That network is the basis of Servas today.

Are you

✓ **friendly?**
✓ **curious?**
✓ **open-minded?**

Would you like to visit foreign countries and take part in everyday life?

Are you trying to overcome your prejudices by communicating with others?

If so,

SERVAS may be for you!

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