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### Single-engine plane from Germany lands in Hiroshima Twin city Hanover sends red roses from the sky

**Private pilots on a round the world trip in a single-engine Cessna: 28,000 nautical miles, 30 countries and 50 landings in 80 days. Reception held by Mayor Akiba  
Guests bring a message from Hanover.**

On August 20, red roses will float over the skies of Hiroshima airport. Two private pilots from the German twin city of Hanover, flying around the world in single-engine plane, are making a stopover in Hiroshima. The Cessna T206H's fuselage is decorated with pictures of red roses and the name "Marie". Which is a declaration of love from the pilot to his wife. After all, Maria Carstensen will have to stay behind in Germany without her husband for 80 days.

#### Pilots come as ambassadors of peace

Mayor Akiba will receive the pilots Uwe Thomas Carstensen (60) and his co-pilot Hans Christian Albertsen (59) in the town hall. The intrepid German adventurers will be handing over a message from Hanover's Mayor, Stephan Weil. The message expresses the Mayor's appreciation for two and a half decades of successful partnership for peace between Hiroshima and Hannover. There have been friendships and an active youth exchange programme between the two cities for four decades. Stephan Weil emphasises the joint objective of creating a world without atomic weapons. He goes on to say that many citizens of both cities actively promote the partnership. Apart from youth exchanges, regular contact is made in cultural, business and scientific spheres. On their round the world trip, the travellers got to know people from very different cultures. Meeting these people in the spirit of freedom, the pilots created a bond with the objectives of the cities' partnership.

#### Pilots en route since the middle of March

Carstensen and Albertsen are the 139th crew since 1924 to fly around the world in a single engine plane. Since the middle of

- Start of the second leg on July 31 in Sydney
- New on board:  
Co-Pilot Hans Christian Albertsen from Husum in Germany
- 135 flying hours still to complete. Longest flight: 2,400 kilometres taking 10.5 hours
- U. T. Carstensen to bring a message from Hanover's mayor Stephan Weil to its twin city of Hiroshima
- Return to Hanover is scheduled for September 14



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March, their flight route has taken them from Germany via South East Europe, the Middle East, Pakistan, India and South-East Asia, right across the Australian continent to Sydney, where the first leg of the round the world flight ended.

On August 1, the rose-painted plane is taking off on the second leg of the global adventure. Via Indonesia and several stops in South East Asia, the Germans will be flying to Japan, to the Russian peninsula of Kamchatka and from there over the vast expanse of Canada and Greenland and the north Atlantic, before heading back to Europe. The adventure will end on September 14 in Hanover, Germany.

For the pilots travel reports, log book entries and background reports about the adventure see [www.globeflight-rallye.com](http://www.globeflight-rallye.com)



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