

The Old Bridge in Mostar Bosnia Herzegovina - Now Rebuilt



Built in 1566 when Bosnia was part of the Ottoman Empire, supposedly with mortar made from egg whites, the 66ft Stari Most was the last and most treasured of seven across the Neretva river gorge. It was once compared with a 'rainbow rising up to the Milky Way' and was included in the United Nations list of worldwide cultural heritage. But the war turned it into a battle-scarred monument to the gap between the Croats and Muslims (and Serbians) fighting in Mostar.

The bridge has now been restored to its original form, with the help of the international community. It was reopened again in 2004.

The bridge now acts as a tangible sign of hope for the future; for unity and mutual acceptance between all the disparate ethnic, cultural and religious communities in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Oh Lord I pray for your spiritual and physical healing and for Your Peace to flow like a river through that tortured land.