

## WEBOGRAPHIE

Here are some Web sites that may be of interest on the subject of the Roma people.  
(History, culture, society, politics, rights...)

- Kopachi : [www.kopachi.com](http://www.kopachi.com)
- Romani Yag-Montréal: [www.romaniyag.com](http://www.romaniyag.com)
- Western Canadian Romani Alliance: [www.romani.org/wcra/](http://www.romani.org/wcra/)
- Roma Community Center: [www.rcctoronto.org](http://www.rcctoronto.org)
- Union Romani: [www.unionromani.org/](http://www.unionromani.org/)
- Romani.org: [www.romani.org/](http://www.romani.org/)
- Balval: [www.perso.orange.fr/balval/](http://www.perso.orange.fr/balval/)

Research made by Sarah Barbieux (founder of CARAVANE)

Sarah Barbieux proposes

- The conference : « À la rencontre des Roma / Meeting the Roma ».  
With her daughter Thais she presents
  - the duo of songs and tabla : « Luludji »,
  - the show of legends and songs (in French): « Les fleurs de fougère »With CARAVANE she presents the shows of music and dance :
  - « Fuego Bohemio » and « Sinti Familia »

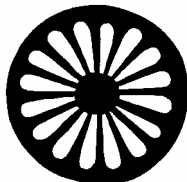
She is also the founder of the first « Rendez-vous Romanichel »  
in 2001, in Québec, and conselor for the Festival Romani Yag .

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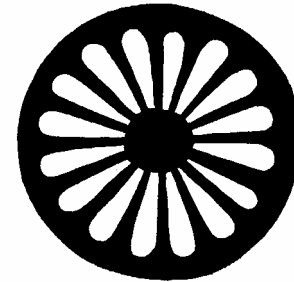
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## WHO ARE THE ROMA ?



THE TRUE NAME of the « gitans », « gypsies »,  
« tziganes » and «bohemians» IS: ROMA.

The ROMA people originated in the North of India and  
migrated Westward beginning in the 11th century.

The original language of the ROMA is known as  
**Romani** and is composed of 60% Sanskrit.

**TODAY, THESE PEOPLE ARE SCATTERED TO THE 4  
CORNERS OF THE GLOBE**



«A country without Roma is a country without  
freedom. »

Romani saying





Today there are about 12 to 15 millions ROMA in the world.

NOT ALL ROMA ARE NOMADIC  
80% LIVE IN ONE PLACE

The word « Gypsy » comes from a false interpretation, according to the believe that the Roma originated from «small Egypt », a region which today correlates with the Épire in Greece.

For one thousand years, this group has been the victim of forced assimilation and of persecutions in Europe and elsewhere.

**The majority of stereotypes concerning them are false or erroneous, and discrimination against them is largely based on ignorance of their original culture.**

THE ROMA PEOPLE ARE VERY RARELY RECOGNIZED AS AN ETHNIC MINORITY MAKING UP PART OF A NATIONAL CULTURE.

Throughout the centuries, many ROMA were put to death for the sole reason and « crime » of being Roma.

Millions of Roma were murdered in the Nazi concentration camps during the Second World War (1939-45). *Porajmos* is the name of that genocide.



**« Romanichel » means in romani language: Romani (human) and tchel (people).**

In 1971, the International Romani Union adopted the romani flag as the emblem; green as nature below, blue as the sky above with a red wheel in the center (same as the flag of India) which represents as well the wheel of fortune, the solar God of the ancients Indo-Europeans, a chakra, and the chariots wheel.

Representatives of the ROMA are fighting for their recognition as a landless nation so that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms will truly be enforced throughout the world.

2005-2015 was declared Decennia *of integration of the Roma* by the big institutions of Europe because now they are the largest ethnic minority of the European Union.

**The other principal claims are: the status of an international ethnic minority, a seat at the UN and other governmental authorities.**

**Some ROMA celebrities: DJANGO REINHARDT, YUL BRYNNER, RITA HAYWORTH, CARMEN AMAYA, BOB HOSKINS, MICHAEL CAINE, MÈRE THÉRÉSA, GEORGHE ZAMFIR, ELVIS PRESLEY, DAVID ESSEX, CHARLIE CHAPLIN, ESMA REDZEPOVA...**

