



# THE PLACE WE LEFT

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## SYNOPSIS

THE PLACE WE LEFT is a film about six people all born in Sarajevo who left the city mostly due to the war. Some stayed abroad, some came back after years. They talk about their experiences leaving their city, settling down somewhere else or being caught in the middle. THE PLACE WE LEFT concentrates on their personal attempts to give sense to circumstances they surprisingly found themselves in when in 1992 Sarajevo, a European metropolis, became under siege. Blocks of talking heads are accompanied by pure visual shots: 'still shots of them facing the camera, shots of apartments' interiors.

## CAST AND CREW

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Bosnia-Herzegovina, Germany,  
Austria 2012  
61 min

### ORIGINAL TITLE

DER ORT, DEN WIR  
VERLASSEN HABEN

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current  
Affairs, Conflicts, War/Peace,  
Human Rights, Migration, Social  
issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

### PREMIERE

Germany (2012)

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