



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
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Discover Israel and Palestine!

Study Tour on Youth Perspectives

September 15 to 24, 2017



What does it feel like to grow up as a young person in Israel and Palestine? What are the differences in perspectives on life of youth on both sides of the checkpoints? What is done to help Israeli and Palestinian youth approach each other in a tolerant and friendly way?

During our 10-day Study Tour through Israel and Palestine we will get together with youth from both sides. We will meet NGOs that foster peace and understanding among the young generation. A visit of Yad Vashem memorial and an encounter with a Holocaust survivor will make evident how closely connected European history and modern Israel and its people are. Alternative city tours will provide us with unique insight into city history and everyday life in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Finally, we will process the intense experiences of this tour while relaxing during a bath in the Dead Sea.

Itinerary (provisional)

Arrival:

Individual travel to Tel Aviv. Arrival in the morning. Transfer to accommodation.

Friday, 15.09.2017 **Tel Aviv**

We meet our guide and take some time to get to know each other.

In the afternoon, we explore Tel Aviv during a walking tour on the history of the „white city“ in the context of Zionist settlement.

Saturday, 16.09.2017 **Tel Aviv / Jaffa**

We will learn about the political situation and the society of Israel and meet an Israeli journalist.

In Jaffa we meet Sadaka Reut, an Arabic-Jewish organization supporting youth in inducing social and political change through binational partnership.

In the afternoon we explore Jaffa through an alternative political walking tour following the traces of Nakba – the Palestinian experience of flight and expulsion in 1948.

Sunday, 17.09.2017 **Haifa**

We will travel by bus to the port of Haifa. There we meet the Arabic-Israeli NGO Baladna, that campaigns for the needs of Arabic youth in Israel.

At the University of Haifa, we participate in a discussion workshop with local students.



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Monday, 18.09.2017 Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah

We enter the West Bank for the first time and visit the „Freedom Theater“ in Jenin – a communal theater empowering children and youth from the Jenin refugee camp to develop their talent and confidence and finally become a part of social advancement.

In Nablus, we will meet representatives of the Fatah party youth organization.

Finally, we reach Ramallah and have a joint dinner with various youth initiatives.

Tuesday, 19.09.2017 Ramallah

In the morning, we explore Ramallah on a walking tour with a political activist. We will visit the gravesite of Yassir Arafat.

In the afternoon, we will learn about the political situation in Palestine and meet a representative of the PLO.

Wednesday, 20.09.2017 Bethlehem, Battir

In the morning, we visit the Aida refugee camp near Bethlehem.

A walk along the wall gives us an impression of what this physical separation means for people's everyday lives.

In the old town of Bethlehem we will of course visit the Church of the Nativity.

We spend our afternoon in the picturesque village of Battir with its terrace gardens, which were recognized as UNESCO world heritage in 2014.

Thursday, 21.09.2017 Hebron, Jerusalem

After an informative briefing on the occupation of Hebron we will explore the old town.

A Hebron family invites us into their home for lunch.

Afterwards, we meet the NGO „Youth Against Settlements“, which uses non-violent resistance to advocate against the Israeli settlement practice.

In the afternoon, we will travel to Jerusalem.

Friday, 22.09.2017 Jerusalem

We experience the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and have the opportunity to talk to a Holocaust survivor.

Afterwards, a walking tour of the old town leads us to religious icons like the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall.

A very different Jerusalem will be presented to us during a political city tour with the organization Ir Amin.

Saturday, 23.09.2017 Jerusalem

In the morning, we visit the Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem, an educational center that fosters encounters and understanding between young people from Israel, Palestine and Europe.

In the afternoon, the road goes downhill and takes us to the lowest geographical point on our planet, the Dead Sea. While floating in the hypersaline waters, we can process the events and encounters of our tour.



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In Jericho, we will wrap up the day with a relaxed dinner.

Sunday, 24.09.2017 Jerusalem

On our final day, we have the opportunity to explore Jerusalem on our own, before boarding our flight home.
Individual departure from Tel Aviv.

Tour operator:

The tour is operated by Alsharq Reiseveranstalter GbR.

Number of participants:

The minimum number of participants is 14, the maximum number 20. YFU Germany and Alsharq may decide to cancel the tour in case the minimum number of participants could not be reached by July 31st, 2017.

Inclusions

Included in the tour fee of **1490 €**:

- Accommodation in guest houses (shared rooms)
- Breakfasts and dinners
- Local transport by minibus
- Tour guides, city tours, translation services
- All entry fees

Not included:

- Travel to and from Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV)
- lunches
- single room surcharge: 350 €

Information and registration:

Please sign up using our [online registration form](#). Registration deadline is July 31st, 2017.

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