



Harvest Tour

21st - 28th October 2017



Learn about the issues faced by olive and date farmers and enjoy the legendary Palestinian hospitality. You will meet with local families and organisations to gain a deeper understanding of the historical context and current day politics of Palestine.

Successfully run by Zaytoun for over 12 years, the harvest tour is an adventure rich in experience and friendship.

- Tour Jerusalem and its surroundings with an Israeli peace activist
- Visit a refugee camp in Bethlehem and see the annexation wall
- Learn about the division of Hebron
- Meet with date farmers in the Jordan Valley
- Spend a day harvesting olives alongside farmers, visit the olive press and taste the oil fresh from the press
- The tour includes visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, the Jordan Valley and Nablus with opportunities to see the historic sites as well as understand the political situation



Itinerary

Saturday 21st October

Arrival and orientation in East Jerusalem. Group meet at a Palestinian owned hotel in East Jerusalem 6pm.

Sunday 22nd October

ICAHN (Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions) tour of East Jerusalem and surrounding area including briefings about the 'wall', settlements and Palestinian house demolitions. Afternoon free to explore Jerusalem.

Monday 23rd October

A visit and political tour of Hebron, shopping in the souk and visit to a glass factory. Overnight and home cooked Palestinian dinner in Bethlehem Guest House.

Tuesday 24th October

A tour of Bethlehem which includes the annexation wall and Dheishe refugee camp. Afternoon free for sightseeing and overnight in Bethlehem.

Wednesday 25th October

Travel to the Jordan Valley. Visit with date farmers near the ancient city of Jericho and learn about issues of land and water rights in this fertile area. Tour of the souk in Nablus. Overnight and home cooked Palestinian dinner in Sebastya Guest House.

Thursday 26th October

Half day in the olive groves; picking olives with a member of the Palestine Fair Trade Association (PFTA). Lunch in the olive grove. Visit to the village olive press. Free time in the afternoon to explore the Roman amphitheatre in Sebastya. Overnight in Sebastya Guest House.

Friday 27th October

Visiting villages in the Nablus area to understand the impact of Israel's illegal settlements on farmers. Visit with women's cooperative and learn how to roll maftoul. Lunch with the co-op. Hosted by Canaan Fair Trade, Zaytoun's primary supplier. Overnight and home cooked Palestinian dinner in Sebastya Guest House.

Saturday 28th October

Breakfast and tour ends. Transport will be arranged back to Jerusalem for those who want it and we will be back early enough for anyone who is catching afternoon flights.

Cost: £690.

This includes all accommodation, meals*, transport and guides

Additional costs: Flights, travel insurance.

Please contact harvest@zaytoun.org for further details.

This itinerary is subject to changes based on hosts' advice in Palestine.

Zaytoun was founded by people who visited Palestine during the 2003 olive harvest; a trip which combined picking olives, learning about the political reality and legendary Palestinian hospitality.