



Alternative Tourism to Israel/Palestine



Planning a trip to Israel or Palestine?
Don't limit your experience to tourist traps. Experience the realities.

Delegations to Israel/Palestine through US-based groups

American Friends Service Committee sends delegations that reveal the realities of life under Israeli occupation, including meetings with peace activists.
- <http://afsc.org/event/israel-palestine-july-delegation>

Global Exchange gives "reality tours" of Palestinian areas under Israeli occupation, striving to further understanding of human rights issues.
- <http://www.globalexchange.org/tours/byCountry.html> - 15

Interfaith Peace-Builders introduces travelers to perspectives on the Israel-Palestine conflict not readily available in the United States by traveling to the Separation Wall, checkpoints, and demolished Palestinian homes.
- <http://www.ifpb.org/delegations/default.html>

Israel/Palestine-based tourism groups

Al Quds Centre for Jerusalem Studies offers tours focusing on the Palestinian narrative in the Old City, Jerusalem, and other parts of Israel including Arab villages from before 1948.
- <http://www.jerusalem-studies.alquds.edu/node?index=2&id=10>

Alternative Tourism Group has programs that involve meeting with local people, community leaders, political figures and people of diverse faiths.
- <http://www.atg.ps/index.php?lang=en>

Alternative Tours offers trips in and around Jerusalem as well as to various West Bank cities, including Bethlehem, Jericho, Hebron, Nablus and Qalqiliya. The tours include stops at religious and historical sites and visits with local institutions and people.
- http://www.alternativetours.ps/abuhassan.final1_files/Page266.htm

Breaking the Silence is a group of Israeli soldiers who speak publicly about their actions in the military. They organize tours of the Hebron area.
- http://www.shovrimshatika.org/tours_e.asp

Combatants for Peace is an organization of former combatants from both sides of the conflict that organizes tours of East Jerusalem.
- <http://www.combatantsforpeace.org/project.asp?lng=eng>

Friends of Sabeel is an organization leading tours that focus on Christian sites and promote an awareness and understanding of the conflict.
- Email friends@fosna.org

Grassroots Tours of Jerusalem introduces visitors to grassroots peace-building and nonviolence organizations working in and around Jerusalem.
- <http://www.grassrootsjerusalem.org/projects/grassroots-tour-jerusalem/>

Green Olive Tours hosts many tours in Israel, Jerusalem and the West Bank, which include visits with residents and seek to provide insight into the history and culture of the region.
- <http://www.toursinenglish.com/>

Holy Land Trust offers a Summer Encounter Program in which participants live with Palestinian families in Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Beit Sahour.
- Email encounter@holylandtrust.org

Ir Amim's tours focus on political and socio-economic realities of daily life in East Jerusalem. Ir Amim is an Israeli organization and offers tours in English as well as Hebrew.
- <http://www.ir-amim.org.il/eng/>

Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions runs tours of East Jerusalem, as well as a study tour in the summer during which participants meet with Palestinian and Israeli speakers and tour key sites in the conflict.
- Email mtours@icahd.org

Jerusalem Reality Tours introduce "some of the key social realities of Jerusalem's rich and diverse communities while allowing you to experience first-hand its beautiful places, stories, cultures and people."
- <http://jerusalemrealitytours.blogspot.com/>

Contact any of these organizations for a rare, in-depth perspective on the culture, history and politics of Palestine and Israel.



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