

Reasons to Make the Trip

Palestinian women, men and children are committed to rebuilding their society after years of military occupation — without the use of violence. Olive grove cultivation is an integral part of the Palestinian culture and economy. Restoring olive groves destroyed by Israeli settlers and armed forces helps reduce the economic losses caused by occupation policies. Equally important is the opportunity to affirm Palestinian dignity, foster a sense of community and strengthen a commitment to work constructively toward peace-building.

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Cost

\$1200/person, Double Occupancy without airfare; \$300 Single Supplement

The cost of the trip includes:

- accommodations in a double room in hotel in Beit Sahour
- all meals
- transportation from the airport to Bethlehem and return and local transportation to all sites
- travel, guide, and fees associated with the travel to Ramallah, Rawabi, and Taybeh Brewery
- a tour guide will be present with the group at all times for facilitation purposes

\$1200–\$1500 Estimated round trip airfare to Tel Aviv
\$500 Deposit required to secure participation

Total anticipated cost: \$2,400 per person, plus incidental expenses

Keep Hope Alive Olive Tree Planting Trip

**FEBRUARY 3–13,
2023**

Itinerary

Friday, February 3, Day 1: Depart U.S.

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Saturday, February 4, Day 2: Arrival in Tel Aviv. Transport to Bethlehem. Meeting representatives from the organizing institutions for an overview and discussion of the program. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Sunday, February 5, Day 3: Guided tour of Bethlehem: sightseeing, introduction to the town, wall, refugee camp tour, old city, and Church of Nativity. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Monday, February 6, Day 4: Half-day tree planting at a selected field, followed by presentation on refugee questions and ongoing displacement with BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugees' Rights. (www.badil.org) Dinner and Overnight in Bethlehem.

Tuesday, February 7, Day 5: Visiting East Jerusalem: a tour in the Old City of Jerusalem including visits to the main sites. Lunch. Guided tour to witness settlements, home demolitions and bedouins around Jerusalem with Israeli activist. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Wednesday, February 8, Day 6: Drive to Ramallah, visit Arafat Tomb and the Palestine Museum, tour in the center of Ramallah, and free time for lunch. Drive to Rawabi for a visit and a possible meeting with one of the persons in charge. On the way back to Bethlehem, pass by Taybeh village and visit the Taybeh Brewery. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Thursday, February 9, Day 7: Half-day tree planting at a selected field, followed by lunch. Geopolitical presentation for a presentation on the Apartheid Wall, colonies (settlements) and land confiscation. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Friday, February 10, Day 8: Half-day tree planting at a selected field, lunch included. Afternoon advocacy and future work session with Joint Advocacy Initiative. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Saturday, February 11, Day 9: Visit to the Palestine Museum of Natural History with Dr. Mazin Qumsieh. A tour in the old city of Hebron: Visiting the Ibrahimi Mosque. Guided tour in Hebron old city, market, H1/H2 areas, Shuhada Street. Visiting a keffiyeh and glass factory. Free time. Dinner and overnight in Bethlehem.

Sunday, February 12, Day 10: Half-day tree planting at a field. Lunch. Evaluation session. Farewell dinner with Palestinian Folklore Dance Performance. Overnight in Bethlehem.

Monday, February 13, Day 11: Departure from Tel Aviv. Arrive in U.S.



*This trip is being planned in conjunction with the Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA and the YWCA of Palestine (<https://www.jai-pal.org/en/campaigns/olive-tree-campaign>). It is also supported by the Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (<https://www.theipmn.org/#:~:text=The%20IPMN%20was%20established%20by,just%20peace%20in%20Israel%2FPalestine>) .