

On the Path of Solidarity in Israel and Palestine

Learning tour for participants 18 years and older

2024 Dates: May 23-June 3; June 4-14; October 31-November 11

In complex conflicts like we see in Israel-Palestine, it is important to find signs of hope. How do people build just communities when mistrust and hatred have dominated the headlines for decades? The current war has of course led to even more despair and pain.

On this trip, we will visit peace organizations, civil society actors, cooperatives, health care workers, Christian leaders, organizers of women's groups, Jewish-Palestinian solidarity networks, and reconciliation practitioners. In Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and on three day-long trips to other areas we will hear and see how people move constructively and resiliently forward, hopeful in a sometimes-hopeless world. We will discover how we can help and how we can show solidarity.

We will be on rough paths and streets in the Middle East and walk for half an hour to an hour at a time. Overnight stays mostly with partners in [Nazareth](#), [Bethlehem](#), and [Jerusalem](#).

Leadership: David Lapp-Jost, German Mennonite Peace Committee

Cost: 850€, flight not included. Groups with 10+ participants may receive a 100€ per person discount. All lodging, in-country transit, and meals are included. Half-price for students, pastors/clergy, and year-long volunteers.

Security: Millions of tourists visit the cities where we stay every year in peace and safety. Arabic and Jewish cultures highly prize hospitality and guests' safety and security in these cities is a major priority. In 46 years of family history in Israel-Palestine, Lapp-Jost families have been safe. Additionally we correspond about safety with numerous partners, a tour guide in-country, and other international partners for our planning. Trip plans can change.

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