

# ISRAEL/PALESTINE

At Telos, we believe there can be no good future for any Israeli or Palestinian without a good reality for every Palestinian and Israeli. Yet today mutual flourishing for Palestinians and Israelis—equality, dignity, safety, justice and freedom for all—feels more distant than ever.

Join us on a courageous journey to the Holy Land, to commune with some of the most extraordinary peacemakers of our generation. Peacemakers fighting against the seemingly insurmountable current of despair, working defiantly to save human life and culture, and pointing us to a better world. Stand in solidarity with communities who need it most, while learning just how much we shape the realities—positive and negative—on the ground in Israel/Palestine, and how they shape us in the United States.

Through a wide variety of immersive experiences, conversations, peacemaking trainings, and encounters, you and your group will develop the necessary tools, relationships, and drive to stand up for a just peace, and to transform how our communities engage Palestine/Israel at home.



## STAND IN SOLIDARITY

Make connections, hear from peacemakers, and engage in experiences that will challenge what you know about Israel, Palestine, and the US.



## TRAIN

Participate in trainings in the Principles and Practices of Peacemaking, including listening to understand and holding competing perspectives in tension.



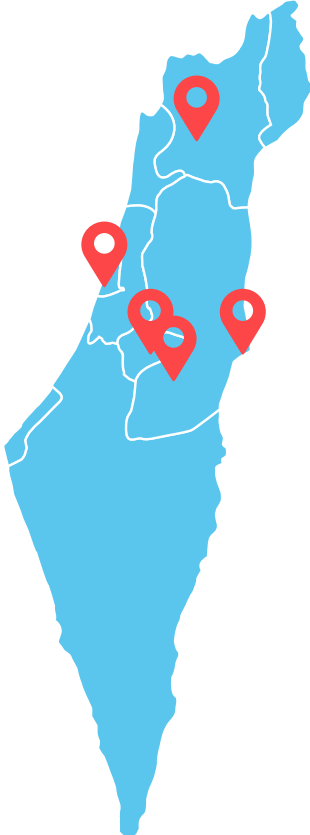
## ACT

Return home equipped to organize your community to advocate for justice, mutual flourishing, and an end to war and occupation in Palestine/Israel.



# VISIT SITES ACROSS:

- Jerusalem
- Bethlehem
- Tel Aviv
- Galilee
- And more



## Is it safe to visit the region?

The safety of our trip participants—as well as our Israeli and Palestinian partners on the ground—is our highest priority. Given the ongoing and often unpredictable nature of the conflict, we recognize that travel in the region carries a heightened level of risk. Our regional team continuously monitors the security situation and takes every precaution to ensure the well-being of our groups throughout the trip. We also remain deeply mindful of the challenges faced by our local partners, many of whom courageously advocate for peace at personal risk. We design every aspect of our trips to ensure the highest level of safety possible for the group participants and for all of our partners.

## What places will we be able to visit?

To provide a fuller picture of the realities in Israel/Palestine, Telos trips offer a unique mix of significant tourist and religious sites, alongside meetings with grassroots activists, everyday people, and visits to off-the-beaten-path areas. We will visit Jerusalem's Old City and major holy sites, Bethlehem's Nativity Church and Manger Square, Jaffa's famous flea market, the Yad Va'Shem Holocaust Memorial, and often Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. We will also visit sustainable farms, Palestinians towns in Area C, under-visited neighborhoods of Jerusalem, and more. What makes Telos trips most special, though, are the people we meet with in these locations, which provide important perspectives on even well-known sites.

## What perspectives will I get to hear from?

Our groups have the honor of being hosted by a variety of Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers committed to mutual flourishing. We will visit with Palestinian farmers, meet Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost loved ones in the conflict and now do the work of reconciliation, learn from Palestinian Christian theologians, spend Shabbat with an Israeli-Jewish family working for peace and justice for all in their community, and much more. In this exceptional moment, these encounters with community leaders, activists, peacemakers, religious figures, and more have the power to reframe our understanding of the conflict and challenge us to recognize our own part in the story. You will leave with a fuller, more human perspective—one shaped by empathy, complexity, and hope rooted in action.



## **Why should I choose to travel to the Holy Land with Telos, instead of another travel group?**

Telos is unique among the travel tours and pilgrimage programs to the Holy Land. As a nonprofit dedicated to mutual flourishing of Palestinians and Israelis, our trips engage with the historical, political, and religious realities head-on, and weave the critical perspectives of both Israelis and Palestinians into the trip experience. We firmly believe that this is the most honest way to travel in the region and can lead to deep transformation and a truly life-changing experience. And while we delve into difficult realities, Telos also places a high value on celebrating the beauty of the land and the mosaic of people and cultures there.

## **Will I still get the same quality of experience as before the war?**

Much has changed since October 2023 —both on the ground and in the United States—and our focus and itinerary has shifted accordingly to best reflect the current reality in Palestine/Israel. While some of the speakers, visits, and perspectives have changed, the quality of the trips that Telos is known for has remained the same. In this moment of heightened violence and oppression, we have a unique invitation to learn from and stand in solidarity with our partners on the ground who are doing the courageous work of peacemaking everyday. Our trips allow you to experience this unparalleled opportunity to join them in advocacy, listening, and action.

## **What happens if the trip has to be cancelled last minute?**

The safety of our trip participants is our number one concern. Due to the ever-evolving nature of the conflict in Israel/Palestine, there is a chance that a trip may need to be cancelled if the security situation shifts. We will do our best to give trip participants 2 months notice. In the event that we need to cancel a trip, we will issue a complete refund of the trip payment. We do encourage you to purchase refundable airline tickets, in case of last-minute changes.

## **What's included in the cost of the trip?**

The cost of the trip covers everything within the itinerary: all lodging, meals, ground transportation, museum/site admission, Telos facilitation, and guest speaker honorariums and tips. The expenses not included are: airfare to and from the trip location, travelers insurance, alcoholic beverages on the trip, and other personal expenses such as gifts, etc. If you have questions about what's included or the best way to book airfare to and from our trip locations, you can reach out to Eli Philip at [eli.philip@telosgroup.org](mailto:eli.philip@telosgroup.org)





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