

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must work at it." —Eleanor Roosevelt



**JULY 3-12,
2020**

RAGFP MIDDLE EAST PEACE EDUCATION TRIP

**Led by Dr. Garbis Der Yeghian, RAGFP Middle East Peace Initiative Chair
Accompanied by Yuri Haasz and Reem Ghunaim, Israeli and Palestinian Rotary Peace Fellows**

Do you dream about visiting the Middle East? Want to experience the opportunities for peace and grassroots peacebuilding first hand?

Join the Rotarian Action Group for Peace on this once-in-a-lifetime educational experience. This second-annual trip serves as an opportunity for peacebuilders to reconnect with Rotary's Peace Area of focus by advancing goodwill, gaining mutual understanding, and collaborating with peace actors in Israel and Palestine.

RAGFP's educational mission is to establish a citizen diplomacy approach to conflict where we meet, interact, and converse with Israeli and Palestinian grassroots peacebuilders to understand the current opportunities and challenges to Peace in the region. The group will be immersed between both cultures to create a better understanding as to how Rotarian peacebuilders can assist the local communities to advance goodwill and peace on the ground.

The goal of this trip is for our participants to collaborate with local peacebuilders to establish strategic, effective peace projects eligible for Rotary Global Grants in the region.



Itinerary Highlights

A sneak peak of all the educational experiences that await you...

DAY 2

- *Breaking the Silence* - tour of South Hebron Hills led by former soldiers who revealed the human rights injustices and realities of the occupation.
- Walking tour of Palestinian Susya.

DAY 3

- Meet with Dr. Jeff Halper, of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions.
- Comparative walking tours of Jerusalem's Old City, East Jerusalem, and Greater Jerusalem with historical and cultural context.

DAY 4

- Meet with Machsom Watch - Women for human rights and against the occupation.
- Tour of the West Bank and witness daily life for Palestinians who wish for peace.

DAY 5

- Combatants for Peace parlor meetings.
- *Disturbing the Peace* movie screening telling the story of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

DAY 6

- Tour of Ramallah hosted by Rotaract Ramallah. Learn about what Rotaractors are doing for peace in conflict zones.

DAY 7

- Visit Mt of Olives and the Austa Victoria Hospital with the Rotaract East Jerusalem.
- Meet representatives from Burj Al Laqlaq.

DAY 8

- See Bethlehem and the Nativity Church.
- Visit the Banksy Hotel and the Separation Wall.
- Tour the Aida Refugee Camp.

DAY 9

- Grassroots Jerusalem tour.
- Round-table discussions with Rotaract East Jerusalem.
- Fundraising event for the orphanage in Bethlehem.

...and so much more!

With Palestinian and Israeli Rotary Peace Fellows as your guide, gain the full cultural, historical, and political context of conflict and peace in the Middle East.



Gain a rich cultural understanding of Israel and Palestine by walking through a perfect mixture of urban, rural, residential and historic landmarks.

Total Price \$3,600

Cost includes:

- Hotel Accommodations for 9 nights in Jerusalem.
- Bus transfer to and from airport.
- Entrance fees to all itinerary sites.
- Breakfast and dinner.
- Transportation to itinerary sites.
- English-speaking tour guide.

Only 30 spots available.
Reserve your spot with a \$1,080 deposit by April 1st.

Trip Dates: July 3-12, 2020

For more information on fees, itinerary, and to reserve your spot, please refer to our website or contact us at:

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