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The most amazing trip of my life!

Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Jericho, the oldest town in the world. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Taste new food, experience a fascinating culture, language and lifestyle. Develop links with communities and watch faith grow!



Stay in a peaceful retreat centre on the shores of Galilee where you can watch the sun rise over the lake or on a Kibbutz or in one of Bethlehem's wonderful Arab hotels. A visit to one of the Refugee camps and to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum gives a balanced insight into the culture and history of this troubled land. The first steps to peace do indeed come through understanding and our trips hope to open minds to the complexities and possibilities of the political situation.

"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to experience the marvellous culture and gain a little insight and knowledge into the situation which I hope in the future to make stronger. It is a place I would otherwise really have had absolutely no idea about."

All this - and more - is possible with a Pilgrimage People school pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our trips combine the opportunity to experience liturgies in the actual places mentioned in the bible with faith in action; your students will engage with and hopefully establish lasting relationships with Christian communities in the Holy Land. Whatever the final itinerary you choose for your trip, all pilgrims will return with their faith and spirituality enriched.

Not only does a pilgrimage to the Holy Land offer students the opportunity to bring RE alive, but also to gain an insight to the history, geography and politics of one of the most fascinating and complex areas of the world.

We would be happy to discuss a possible pilgrimage from your school. Staff and students who have been on one of our trips would be pleased to share with you their own experiences. www.pilgrimagepeople.org



We can arrange to visit your school and speak with staff, students and parents. We can also discuss with you ideas for fundraising and possible links with communities in the Holy Land.



“One week in the Holy Land is clearly not enough to fully understand the political situation however it is enough to realise that the coverage we see in the media does not adequately describe the ordinary lives of families like ours. This was illustrated by a conversation between my 16 year old daughter and a girl of the same age at school in Bethlehem. “Are you frightened living here under occupation?” “Not at all, I have my family and there is no crime in our community. It must be so much worse in the UK where we hear that all the children carry knives”.

Our tours are arranged on a half-board basis staying in reputable and trusted hotels. All transport is by air-conditioned coaches and accompanied by a professionally accredited tour guide. Departures are from London Heathrow, Luton or Manchester and the length of the tour is normally eight days.

Prayer liturgies or Masses can be arranged on a daily basis at some wonderful places. Your group can experience Mass in the early morning on the shores of Lake Galilee or in one of the underground caves in Bethlehem, close to the place of the Nativity. It is our normal practice to arrange for the group to join one of the local Christian communities for their Sunday celebration where they can meet with the Christians of the Holy Land.

The inter-faith element of a visit to the Holy Land can also be incorporated into your itinerary with visits to a Mosque and to a Synagogue. Students have the opportunity to encounter those whose belief differs from their own, but often the result is to appreciate that which is held in common.

Pilgrimage People is a not-for-profit company specialising in arranging tours to the Holy Land that interact with the local community. We are a Registered Company in England and operate under an ATOL licence (number 10262) we offer every trip a detailed Risk Assessment and have a detailed Safety Management Policy in place.

You said it would take a couple of weeks to let the dust settle on the Palestinian experience and you were right! I appreciate sharing what has been one of the key experiences of my life with you.

A school in Hertfordshire was so impressed with their trip, which included a visit to a school in Bethlehem that they booked a trip for the following year within three weeks of arriving home. They have maintained contact with the school, providing them with musical instruments and were able to welcome a group of students from one of the refugee camps in Bethlehem to visit their school in the UK. More details can be obtained from the Deputy Head: jane_goring@btinternet.com



A truly life-changing experience could await your school community. Pilgrimage People would be delighted to help that come about. info@pilgrimagepeople.org