



Press Release Olive Co-operative

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Olive Co-operative announces summer Israel/Palestine tour schedule

Olive Co-operative has released details of its summer tour schedule to Palestine and Israel. Highlights of this season include tours to the Jerusalem Festival of World Music and to a groundbreaking international conference of NGOs in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Tours later in the year will also include opportunities for travellers of all backgrounds to spend the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah with Jewish Israeli families who are committed to a just peace, and to witness the Palestinian olive harvest.

Olive Co-operative tours start at £525 for seven to ten days. Tour packages include itinerary arrangements, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, group transport and travel guidance. Tour prices exclude flights.

For more information on Olive Co-operative tours, please email sarah@olivecoop.com, call 0161 232 8177 or visit www.olivecoop.com.

Notes:

1. Olive Co-operative offers rewarding small-group tours to Palestine/Israel, promoting principles of respect and non-violence by all and to all. As a responsible tour operator, Olive Co-operative works to benefit the Palestinian economy by using local tour guides and partners such as the non-profit Alternative Tourism Group, based in Bethlehem.
2. The Jerusalem Festival takes place in East Jerusalem and features artists from all over the world, from South Africa to France to Chile. It is run by the non-profit organisation Yabous (www.yabous.org) which exists to promote Palestinian culture, including film and music.
3. The NGO conference in Nablus is arranged by Project Hope, a Palestinian-led organisation which aims to promote the sustainable development of Palestinian civil society.

Dates for Olive Co-operative summer tours are:

Jerusalem Music Festival 21st - 29th July @£595 and 24th - 31st July @£535;

Project Hope conference 17th - 28th August @£525;

regular Olive tours (Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Nablus)

22nd - 29th August and 28th August - 4th September @£575;

Rosh Hashanah 15th - 22nd September @£575;

Simchat Torah 3rd - 10th October @£575;

regular Olive tour 23rd - 30th October @£575.

Dates and details for olive harvest and Christmas period tours will be announced soon.