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WORK CAMPS in Palestine- 2023

Camp Code	Dates	Place	Camp Name / World Heritage Site	Type
IPYL080	6-17/8/2023	Battir Village Bethlehem	Protecting world heritage sites through resilience and community participation and social awareness. Rehabilitation, Renovation, Construction and Cultural.	Rehabilitation, Renovation, Construction and Cultural
IPYL081	22/12/2023 02/01/2024	Hebron and Bethlehem	“Christmas in Palestine: Priceless Experience”	Renovation, Culture and Christmas Celebration

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Date:

06/08/2023 -

17/08/2023

Place: Bethlehem City and District.

Hosting Organization: IPYL-PCMRD- Battir landscape site manager, UNESCO office, and the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

Work type: Rehabilitation, Renovation, Construction and Cultural.

Number of Volunteers: 16 Internationals and 6 locals

Participation Fee: 300

Euros

Introduction:

This work camp will expose volunteers to daily life in the Occupied West Bank. Volunteers will conduct renovation at Battir town South West Jerusalem and west

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the city of Bethlehem at which is on the WHL This World Heritage Site is in danger due to the Israeli military occupation measures to destroy parts of the site to build a separation wall and expand the railway that passes through the site. The work in this location will include, renovation of old and restoration of very ancient water canals, preparing ground work to build tourism tracks and routes that leads to the attractive places within the site, planting trees and finally learning about how to use digital media to document world heritage sites through intensive training workshop conducted on the site. Finally, volunteers will learn about the daily challenges facing the Palestinians people from the occupation and the Jewish settlements militia.

The afternoons of the work camp will be dedicated to an educational, social and cultural program of activities. The aim is to expose volunteers to the reality of life in Palestine in the context of the ongoing Israeli occupation and the Palestinians people resilience. The program will educate volunteers on Palestinian culture and history, and the origins of conflict in the region. The program will introduce volunteers to various civil society entities who are working towards a future Palestinian state. Civil society plays a crucial role in Palestine, helping people to stay resilient in the face of the many challenges brought about by the occupation.

International Palestinian Youth League (IPYL)

IPYL is an organization that empowers Palestinian youth through educational programs, intercultural learning, training, media literacy and youth leadership activities. Since its inception, IPYL has implemented hundreds of projects in a range of fields. These include 79 international voluntary work camps in Palestine and 69

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in work camps in other Middle Eastern countries. The organization also carries out youth exchanges, geopolitical study trips (alternative tourism), media role in social empowerment, active citizenship and leadership, youth and women think tank groups and community meetings. For more info about IPYL, please visit

<https://www.ipyl.org>.

Project Description:

The work will include the following activities:

1. Assisting the renovation of the ancient (3000 years old) water canals and cleaning the water harvesting pool.
2. Rebuilding of a wall (using old stones from the location) that leads to an ancient water cistern at the edge of the village. This wall will help locals and internationals to reach the water cistern that is planned to become a touristic attraction.
3. Renovation work in several locations close to the railway line that was established during the Ottoman Empire era and that connected Turkey with Palestine. The railway (completely dominated by the occupation-Palestinians are not allowed to use it.

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4. Workshop on employing media as a tool to document historical and heritage sites that are in danger.

A detailed program will be sent out to volunteers prior to the start of the work camp.

Cultural, social and educational activities:

As mentioned above, the afternoon will be dedicated to educational and cultural activities that will expose volunteers to Palestinian culture and history, and that will help volunteers to understand the reality of life under occupation. The program will include lectures, display of documentaries, visits to refugee camps in the Bethlehem area and tours of other places of interest. The program will provide many opportunities for interaction with locals. Volunteers will have the opportunity to speak with Palestinian activists and to ask whatever questions they have about the situation in Palestine.

Food and Accommodation:

The volunteers will be hosted at either a local partner organization at Duheisheh camp near Bethlehem (Alfineeq organization) or at IPYL volunteers' dormitory in Hebron (20 KM south city of Bethlehem) men and women will stay in separate rooms. The accommodation includes hot water, kitchen and hangout space. The place has fast internet connection and presentations equipment (the media center of IPYL is beside the flat). The volunteers will cook breakfasts and dinners by themselves (daily cooking teams to be established). Lunch will be served during

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the work time. Tea and coffee will be available all the time at the dorm and the hangout space.

There might be curfew for the work camp, which would be around midnight, unless we have some activities around outside that night/evening.

The camp is alcohol and drugs free; volunteers can't drink alcohol during the camp duration. The camp leaders will designate some local bars (Bethlehem only) where volunteers can drink.

“Christmas in Palestine: Priceless Experience”

Renovation, Culture and Christmas Celebration.

Code: IPYL081

Date: 22/12/2023–

02/01/2024 Place: Hebron
& Bethlehem

Hosting Organization: IPYL-PCMRD-Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and Bethlehem Municipality.

Work type: Culture of Christmas Celebrations in the birthplace of Jesus.

Number of Volunteers: 18 Internationals and 6 locals

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**Participation Fee: 300
Euros**

Introduction:

The project seeks to bring young people from various cultures together to build cultural bridges of understanding, reconciliation and global peace. The long-term goal of project is to prepare youth to make positive contributions to society through the values of global understanding, helping, contributing tolerance, and respectful global coexistence and building on common grounds of cultural proximities and differences. These goals are achieved through education, informational, awareness raising, youth empowerment and voluntary work camps. The city of Bethlehem has global value to all mankind, since it reflects the common universal human values that should be the guiding light for all human beings.

Project Description:

The volunteers will work in different areas in Bethlehem city and surrounding areas. The work will include; participating in the Christmas celebrations, painting walls, renovation and restoration of some places, gardening and tree planting.

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A detailed program will be sent to the participants before their arrival.

Practical information:

Don't forget to bring: (Necessary)

- ✓ Warm clothes; Pullover, raincoat or light jacket in case of rain (it could get very cold at December workcamp)
- ✓ Working shoes, clothes and gloves
- ✓ **For the summer camps (August)**, please bring mosquito lotion, swimming suits and sun glasses
- ✓ Information about your country; musical instruments and/or anything which can create international theme parties, based on food, drinks, music, dance and games that are typical from your home country.

Additional notes:

- ✓ The participants have to pay **300 Euro** to IPYL, as participation fees for the camp upon arrival. The amount can be paid in Euro, US Dollars and New Israeli Shekels according to the official exchange rate of the day.
- ✓ The local currency is the New Israeli Shekel (the most common one). One Euro is around 3.7 Shekels 1 USD is about 3.5 Shekels.

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- ✓ IPYL camps are alcohol and drugs free. We expect volunteers to respect this rule. We will bring you to designated bars within the city of Bethlehem, where you can drink.
- ✓ The transportation to and from the borders/airports to the camp accommodation/borders is **NOT** covered by IPYL.

Info sheet and arrival not will be sent out one month before the camp starts

For more information and facts about Palestine:

Information about the wall and its negative impacts: www.stophthewall.org

Information about IPYL: www.ipyl.org

Information about the city of Bethlehem: www.bethlehem-city.org

Why Palestine is not on the map?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9r9ACkpFVk>

- Documentary on Palestine: **Occupation101** on YouTube.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18TRLG8Gwqs&feature=player_embedded#!

<http://www.passia.org/> or

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestine_Liberation_Organization

<http://www.nad-plo.org/>

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