



2009 Discover True Friendship Service Tour: Middle East Edition

- Building a Culture of Service and Peace -

July 8 – 20, 2009
Rasoun Village, Jordan

On past Service Tours, our groups built schools in needy communities of Zambia and Bangladesh, and a multi-purpose community center in Peru. Our participants have had life changing experiences while impacting the lives of others.



This year, IRFF is partnering with the [Friendship Ambassadors Foundation](#) and [YFWP](#) on a project in the village of Rasoun, Jordan. Join us as we renovate the local boys' and girls' primary schools and improve the quality of life of the community's children.

Join IRFF in Jordan on our *Discover True Friendship Service Tour: Middle East Edition* this summer!

In a world divided by religion, race, nationality and language, this is your opportunity to create understanding and friendships with our brothers and sisters of other countries and cultures in a way that will change your life, as well as theirs. Come share our blessings and bridge the divides that separate us.

You will change lives; maybe most of all your own. Join us.



"This trip has not only changed me as a person but it will change the rest of the decisions I make in my lifetime. I want to continue with this volunteer work and with helping others, for living for others. This experience has made me aware that I need to change the direction of my life, to dedicate my life to others."

- Ali Brundrett, 2008 Discover True Friendship Service Tour Peru

Applications due May 31, 2009

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Purpose of Discover True Friendship Service Tour:

The purpose of this Service Tour is twofold. Most obviously, it is an opportunity for young men and women living in affluent countries to serve our brothers and sisters who live without the many luxuries that we take for granted. More importantly, the Service Tour is a chance for people of different races, nationalities, religions and languages to break down the barriers of division and create “true friendships” of understanding and appreciation by working towards a common goal.

Components of the Discover True Friendship Service Tour:

- **Service Project:** Renovate two schools - one boys' and one girls' - in the village and fix up the local park and playground.
- **Educational Experience:** Learn about the challenges facing the people of Jordan, issues related to poverty and international development and practices of sustainable development.
- **Discover ‘True Friendships’:** Work with local villagers to improve their community and learn about their lives and culture.
- **Visit Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Non-Profits:** Meet with UNICEF, UNESCO and other organizations to learn about their work in Jordan; visit local schools and community organizations.
- **Visit Petra:** A once-in-a-lifetime chance to explore the magical city built into towering cliffs by the ancient Nabataean people, recently named one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.
 - One of the new wonders of the world, **Petra** is without doubt Jordan’s most valuable treasure and greatest tourist attraction. It is a vast, unique city, carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled here over 2000 years ago, turning it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome.
Entrance to the city is through the Siq, a narrow gorge, over a half mile in length, which is flanked on either side by soaring, 250 foot high cliffs. Just walking through the Siq is an experience in itself. The colors and formations of the rocks are dazzling.





As you reach the end of the Siq you will catch your first glimpse of Al-Khazneh (the Treasury – pictured to the left).

This is an awe-inspiring experience - a massive façade, 90 feet wide and 130 feet high, carved out of the sheer, dusky pink rock-face and dwarfing everything around it. It was carved in the early 1st century as the tomb of an important Nabataean king and represents the engineering genius of these ancient people.

- ***Other Sightseeing and Activities:***

Visit Jerash, a beautifully preserved and restored Greco-Roman city. See amphitheatres, Roman baths the Hippodrome and temples. Tour the capital city of Amman and the temple of Hercules as well as the 5,000 seat Roman theater at the foot of the Citadel.

Cost:

- The fee for this program is \$2,500, which includes the flight to and from Jordan from JFK airport in New York, all lodging, meals, excursions and ground transportation within Jordan, as well as the trip to Petra and any visa fees.
- The fee for participants who will arrange their own flight to Jordan is \$1,200, which includes all lodging meals, excursions and ground transportation within Jordan, as well as the trip to Petra and any visa fees.
 - **Please note: If you choose to pay by credit card on IRFF's website, a service charge of 3% will apply, bringing the total fee to \$2,575 for participants flying with the group from New York and \$1,236 for participants flying on their own.**

Participants Must:

- Complete the application and return it by **May 31, 2009**
- Be 16 years of age or older
- Agree to abide by the Participant Guidelines
- Participate in an interview if requested
- Pay all fees according to the schedule provided upon acceptance

Further Notes:

- We are looking for approximately 20 participants for this project.
- Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be selected from the information provided, including the essay, on a rolling basis – ***apply early!***
- Interviews by phone or in person may be requested at the discretion of the organizers of this project.
- All participants are responsible for all necessary documents such as passports and vaccinations.

For more information, visit www.irff.org

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