
Home Rebuild Programme in Palestine

REBUILDING HOME, REBUILDING HOPE

Sunday 07 to Thursday 18 April 2019

Amos Trust is committed to supporting non-violent campaigns that call for justice and equal rights for all who call Palestine and Israel home.

We help to rebuild demolished Palestinian homes to challenge the injustice of the Israeli government's use of home demolitions against Palestinian communities.

Home rebuilding is a practical act of solidarity and non-violent protest. It gives Palestinian families the chance to realise their dream of returning to their home and community.

Those involved will experience the reality of the situation on the ground, learn from Amos' local partners and will live & work alongside the local Palestinian community.

Watch a [short film](#) about our home rebuild in 2015.

Home rebuilding FAQ's

Who will be leading the Home Rebuild?

- The trip will be hosted by Holy Land Trust in Bethlehem, an Amos Trust partner organisation that promotes non-violence, community empowerment and international awareness.
- The build will be organised by Holy Land Trust alongside other local partners and the local community where the home is located. Holy Land Trust and local community leaders will support the family whose home will be rebuilt before, during and after the project.
- The UK volunteers will be led by a small team of experienced volunteers from Amos Trust's previous home rebuilds alongside an Amos Trust staff member.

What will the programme for the trip be?

The exact details of the trip have not yet been finalised. It will include:

- Working with the family, skilled local builders and the wider local community on the home rebuild.
- Spending time with the local Palestinian community.
- Meetings with Palestinian and Israeli organisations working for peace, human rights and justice.
- Time to relax and share social and cultural events with our hosts.
- The chance to visit historic and religious sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem and other places in the West Bank. There will also be opportunities to stop and reflect in the desert and elsewhere.

What are we fundraising for?

- All the costs of rebuilding the demolished home - building materials, paying the local builders etc.

What does the trip cost for volunteers?

- Bookings made before 07 September 2018 cost £1,000
- Bookings made on or after 07 September 2018 cost £1,200
- The trip cost is to cover each volunteer's flights, travel & living costs. We have to charge a little more for those booking later as the cost of flights increases substantially the later the flights are booked.

Fundraising

- All fundraising will go towards the cost of materials for the home rebuild. (We can reclaim the gift aid on this money, but gift aid does not count towards the £1000 fundraising minimum target.)
- This money will not cover the complete cost of this project. We hope that volunteers will raise as much money as possible, so we can achieve all our goals.
- Amos will help all participants with information, tips and material to maximise everyone's fundraising efforts. Amos will also be raising additional funds through other fundraising appeals and events.

Do I need building skills or experience?

- No – the skilled work will be done by the local Palestinian building team. We will be labouring and helping out where we can.

How fit do I need to be and what will the weather be like?

- A reasonable level of fitness is required as we will be labouring for 6-8 hours per day at some points during the rebuild. However, there will be a variety of tasks to do, some more physically demanding than others. Our previous building teams have been made up of volunteers from 18 to 80 years old and everyone has found plenty to do within their physical capabilities.
- April is spring in Palestine and the weather can be variable. There may be hot days but it may also be cooler and possibly wet.

How will the home to be rebuilt be chosen?

- Amos Trust and Holy Land Trust are very respected and trusted and we will work with in the local communities to help them to choose the right family to help and home to rebuild.

Will the rebuilt home be safe from future demolition?

- No, the home could be demolished again after the rebuilding work is completed or the work could be stopped by the Israeli authorities during the rebuilding.
- The family whose home is being rebuilt will be aware of this and will be supported before, during and after the rebuild by Holy Land Trust and their whole community.

What will we do if a confrontational situation arises?

- Holy Land Trust is at the forefront of training and equipping Palestinians in the philosophy and techniques of non-violence. They will give training and advice to the volunteer team at the start of the project in the ways to respond should confrontational situations arise.
- Whilst the trip is a non-violent action designed to confront injustice, we do not intend for any participants to be arrested or to be placed in dangerous situations.

*“It is not just a house, a house is concrete.
When you come, you help to rebuild the hope and the life of this
family, this whole community.”*

Marai, Community leader, Palestine

*“A life changing experience. What a privilege to be part of such a wonderful group of
people, both my fellow volunteers and the wonderful Palestinian team. Thank you for
making it all possible. I am ready to join any future build!”*

Amos home rebuild volunteer, 2015.

THE BOOKING PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in joining this trip. Please follow these three steps to book your place:

1/ Read the Home rebuilding FAQ's and the terms and conditions below. (You will be asked to confirm you have done this on the online booking form).

2/ Submit your trip booking form. Each participant needs to complete a separate form.

3/ Pay a £400 deposit. (You will receive a link to do this on the booking form submission receipt). The £400 deposit will enable us to book flights at the best possible price.

Once we have received the information from your form and your deposit payment, we will add your name to the list of trip volunteers. We will send you an email confirming the safe receipt of your form and payment (note: this may take up to 14 days).

We may contact you for a chat if we feel that this would be beneficial in the light of the information from your booking form.

Terms and conditions

Payment of trip fee

The due dates for making payments for the trip are as follows:

- Deposit of £400 per person – due on booking
- Payment of £300 per person – due by 16 November 2018
- Payment of £300 or £500 per person – due by 01 February 2019

Please make sure that your payments reach us on or before the due dates (we will send you email reminders beforehand with links to make payments online with credit or debit card).

You can also pay by cheque (Payable to Amos Trust and posted to Amos Trust, St Clement's Church, 1 St Clement's Court, London, EC4N 7HB) or phone the office (0207 5882638) during working hours to make a payment over the phone.

Fundraising

We expect each trip volunteer to raise at least £1,000 (before gift aid) towards the cost of rebuilding the home.

Cancellation by Amos Trust

If Amos Trust cancels the trip we will issue a full refund of all monies paid by all participants.

Cancellation by participant

If you need to cancel your place on the trip after your confirmation has been received, please let us know as soon as possible.

Cancellation by participant – Refunds

We will refund all money you have paid less any costs we have incurred that cannot be reclaimed (we will give you a breakdown of these).