

# ISC2 International Summer Camp

Live & Experience Daily Life in Palestine

**Explore** the land ... **Learn** Arabic ...  
**Enjoy** the culture ...

**You** are invited to the International Summer Camp "ISC2" in Palestine, a cultural immersion program taking place this Summer.

From the 6th of August 2013  
Until the 15th of August 2013

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# International Camp **2** Summer



You are invited to the International Summer Camp (2) in Hebron, Palestine, hosted by Excellence Center, a local educational institution. ISC is a cultural immersion program for internationals taking place this summer. As a participant and cultural ambassador in Palestine, you will have the opportunity to experience Palestinian daily life and familiarize yourself with the area's rich history. The program will provide participants with an entertaining, enriching, and dynamic stay. After completion of the camp in Palestine, participants have the opportunity to join a trip to Jordan for 8 days not included in the fees.

Visitors will have an authentic view of the West Bank led by Palestinian guides. and The camp includes staff from a variety of backgrounds regarding education such as intercultural communications and Palestinian studies. You will see the many traditions, cultures, foods and people of this vibrant land firsthand. Those who are interested in the political situation will also have the chance to get a first hand impression of the occupation.

In addition, this year's participants will arrive in the West Bank just in time to experience one of the five pillars of Islam, Ramadan! This is one of the holiest months for Muslims, filled with prayer, celebrations, family and food once the sun goes down and the fasting ends. Ramadan is an important and celebrated time in Muslim countries, and participants' arrival during the last two days of the holiday will provide a unique and wonderful glimpse into Islamic culture.

**Come experience Palestinian daily life!**

## ISC's Goal

The Excellence Center aims to achieve a diverse cultural exchange and social dialogue at ISC 2 by hosting people from around the world. These diverse perspectives will enrich the camp, the center and participants.

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You will see true Palestinian life and be introduced to new points of view. The ISC 2 Program promises a positive and enriching experience.

## ISC 2 provides the opportunity for internationals to:

- ❖ Live in Hebron, including trips to the old city, holy sites and local refugee camps
- ❖ Learn spoken Arabic from native speakers and embrace the opportunity to communicate with locals
- ❖ Travel to historical locations and nearby cities including Jerusalem, Jericho, Ramallah, Nablus and Bethlehem
- ❖ Spend time and live with a Palestinian host family, if desired
- ❖ Visit Palestinian universities, local institutions and organizations specializing in culture and education
- ❖ Eat local Palestinian foods and desserts
- ❖ Attend cultural nights featuring entertainment, activities and sports
- ❖ Listen to distinguished lecturers discussing Palestinian heritage and history

## Past Experience from International Camp Participants

The International Summer Camp (ISC) 2012 offered a unique opportunity for participants to explore today's Palestine. Visiting the old cities of Hebron, Nablus and Bethlehem evoked thoughts of earlier times, bringing history to life. Participants didn't simply tour refugee camps, they spent the day with families, enriching their understanding of the reality on the ground.



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"I gained a whole new perspective on the situation in Palestine – mostly through talking with a wide range of people whose attitudes affected me deeply, increasing my communication skills". –**Mira Buttinger Kreuzhuber from Austria**

"What struck me most was the great dignity and generosity of the people with whom we met." –**Mary Styliidi from Greece**



"The food is DELICIOUS!!! Don't fill up on the first dish, there will be many more to follow!" –**Emily Wischniowsky from Germany**

"Make sure to add extra days to your stay so that you can spend more time with your host family – you won't regret it!!!" –**Lisa Wischniowsky from Germany**



"After these 10 days, all I can say is – I WANT MORE!!!!!" –**Marvin Baudewig from Germany**

"Instead of meeting with bitterness and despair, I met with dignity, self-reserve and generosity – an amazing trip in a beautiful country!" –**Irene Stevenson from USA**



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## Eligibility for ISC 2

People who are 18 and older are eligible to participate in ISC 2. To apply, please read the enclosed information and submit your resume as well as a completed application to [apply@excellencecenter.org](mailto:apply@excellencecenter.org) by **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

## ISC's 2 Dates

Excellence Center will host the 2013 International Summer Camp 2 in Hebron from August 6<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Associated Fees

ISC fees amount to 660 € or 890 \$ . Accommodation, food, and traveling within Palestine during the week are included and will be arranged for the guests.

- ✓ Students will get a discount.
- ✓ Apply with a friend and receive an additional discount
- ✓ Coordinate a group (more than 3 people) and receive a larger discount

## Trip to Jordan

After completion of the camp in Palestine, participants have the opportunity to join a trip to Jordan for 8 days not included in the fees.

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## Selection Date

We will confirm your acceptance to participate in ISC 2 via email by June 23<sup>th</sup>. Following your selection we will arrange a meeting via Skype to discuss the details of your trip and travel arrangements.

## Accommodation

Travel arrangements and accommodation within the West Bank will be scheduled and coordinated by Excellence Center. Participants have the option of staying with a host family or in a rented apartment.

## Detailed Summer Camp program

A detailed summer camp program will be provided after the selection of the participants has taken place.

## Visa

A tourist visa valid for 90 days will be granted to you upon your arrival in Israel. There is no need to obtain a visa ahead of time.

## Traveling to and from Hebron

Travel instructions will be sent upon your enrollment in the International Summer Camp 2 (ISC) in Bethlehem- Palestine.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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International Summer Camp 2012 short film link:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=e6cwH9UdNo4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=e6cwH9UdNo4)

**Thank** you very much!

We are looking forward to meeting you in Palestine.

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