



## The Peace Through Travel Program (Study Tours)

Designed specifically to help Americans promote intercultural understanding and goodwill, our study tours have four main components:

- Travel to an under-visited country, especially those in the Muslim world, as part of a diverse group of American students
- The trip will be designed by a PhD professor who is an expert on both cross-cultural communication and the culture of the destination country
- Before arriving in the host country, the professor will provide reading materials that introduce the culture that the students are about to visit
- While in the host country, a guide will share the cultural guidance necessary to build friendship and trust with locals

### Examples of Peace Through Travel Study Tours

Mosaic offers study tours throughout North Africa, Southern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. Examples of popular programs include:

- The Pillars of Civilization: Egypt & Greece
- Interfaith Dialogue in Andalusia: Southern Spain and Morocco
- A Journey through the Muslim World: Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey
- The Triangle of Art: Barcelona, Paris and Florence
- Spain in Latin America: Mexico and the Dominican Republic

### Our Philosophy

We live in a world plagued by conflict. Mistrust and misunderstanding have bred fear, hatred, and violence. Nations question others' motives, intentions, and basic humanity.

Yet hope still remains. When one person meets another, preconceptions vanish. A genuine connection forms in their place: not a connection between a Westerner and a Muslim or a New Yorker and a Madrileño, but between two human beings. Individual human connections tear down barriers and dissolve misunderstanding.

Through travel, Americans have a unique opportunity to promote goodwill. Through immersion in the culture of another country, they demonstrate an interest in and respect for the people of that nation. At the same time, they enable themselves to truly understand the values, outlook, and point of view of the host culture.



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While sharing a cup of tea with a shop owner in Cairo, students learn that he yearns only for a brighter future for his children. As they speak with a young man in Istanbul, students realize that he wants only to earn himself a college degree and a better life. All the while, these students provide proof that Americans long for many of the same things.

When interacting in this context of mutual respect, suspicion and mistrust give way to understanding and friendship.

### **Dates & Costs**

Peace Through Travel study tours are offered every spring break, winter break and summer. Prices vary by date and itinerary. Scheduled 2009-2010 programming includes:

<b>Spring Break 2009</b>	<b>Summer 2009</b>	<b>Winter Break 2010</b>
Interfaith Dialogue in Andalusia: Southern Spain and Morocco	The Pillars of Civilization: Egypt & Greece	A Journey through the Muslim World: Jordan, Egypt & Turkey

### **About Mosaic**

Founded by a group of academics in Madrid, Mosaic International Institute provides the opportunity to foster intercultural understanding, friendship, and peace through socially conscious, affordable international exchange programs. All programs are developed by PhD academics with at least two decades of experience in international education. Based in Madrid, Mosaic operates throughout Southern Europe, North Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America & North America.

### **For More Information**

Detailed curricula, schedules, resumes, and all other information are available upon request.

Conscious of the reality that schedules and academic requirements vary between universities, Mosaic is happy to customize programs to meet the needs of any U.S. institution of higher education.

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