

Join us to explore Israel, Palestine & Jordan, a region steeped in history, diversity, and local traditions. Examine the range of healthcare services and education provided in each country while experiencing the unique opportunity to connect with families and community members from a broad cross-section of multicultural backgrounds.

### **Program Highlights**

- 8 nights / 10-day journey through Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.
- Smaller group size and private guided journey will allow for a high level of interaction with your peers and time for networking with your travel companions and meeting hosts.
- Accompanying guest program alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings.
- The goal of the professional visits is to learn collectively and across cultures how health care and occupational therapy is similar and different from the US through **dialogue and exchange** with your counterparts.

#### Focus on healthcare

- Interact with **OT/PT professionals** from a variety of facilities and academic institutions in both Israel and Jordan.
- Focus on learning about **rehabilitation access and services** available in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Discuss similarities and differences among the US and Israel and Jordan based on influences of culture on care in each country.
- Visit a local **hospital or OT practice** in Amman and talk to staff to understand the different aspects of care and what is needed.

#### Focus on the community & culture

- Gain authentic cultural insight during an evening spent enjoying a **home-cooked meal with a local family** in Nazareth.
- Visit with Ghada Boulos at **Ghada's Corner** where the group can sit in the cozy coffee & handicraft shop, enjoy a cup of local tea or coffee with Ghada's special energy treat, and hear stories about local culture, folklore, and the community.
- Iraq Al Amir Women's Cooperative will host the group for ceramic and paper making lessons as well as a cooking class with the local women before lunch.

## Program Leader: Karen Jacobs, EdD, OT, OTR, CPE, FAOTA

Dr. Jacobs is a Clinical Professor of Occupational Therapy and the Program Director of the On-line Post-professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy Program at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a past president and vice president of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and was a 2005 recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Akureyri in Akuryeri, Iceland. She holds a Master of Science degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.



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